

British, French War Heads Meet and Form Unit Fierce Battle Rages in the Balkans

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PARIS, Nov. 17.—The French and British fighting forces are virtually one army tonight. Hitherto, although allied, they have fought more or less independently.

A Franco-British agreement has been reached tonight at a meeting of the British war council and the French cabinet. An inter-allies conference is to be formed as soon as possible, with Russia and Italy as the other members.

Henceforth, the British and French are to be guided from a single source. Subsequent meetings will be held to deal with fresh situations as they arise, and to form new policies as they become necessary.

ATHENS, Nov. 17.—According to local advice, General von Mackensen is to take command of the Turkish forces defending the Dardanelles, and he is reported on his way to Constantinople. The Turks are preparing a big reception for the Austro-German forces approaching from Bosnia.

If General von Hindenburg is relieved from command of German troops in Russia as reported, experts believe the kaiser will put him in charge of fresh operations in the southeast, possibly.

SALONIKA, Nov. 17.—A big battle is raging about Strumitza. Bulgarians in formidable strength have engaged a considerable body of French and British troops.

The outcome of this battle is much in doubt.

Latest advice are that the allies have been inside Bulgarian territory for a week, invading at the southwestern frontier. The country is difficult for military progress.

Using the big French artillery and

British infantry, the allies have occupied height after height in the curved front around Strumitza. Although attacked from the west, south and east, the Bulgars have reinforced and strengthened their defenses, making a hot fight.

A thousand Serbs from the Monastor region are fleeing before the Bulgarians and the town is emptied of all but soldiers. The women and girls are seeking refuge further away, as the country is terrorized by the stories of Bulgarian atrocities.

Monastor can hold out a day longer. If the allies do not arrive by that time, the city and its brave defenders are doomed.

ATHENS, Nov. 17.—Djemal Pasha's revolt against the Turkish government is believed formidable. Arabs are reported rallying to the support of the tribesmen of Syria, who Djemal is inciting to revolt.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—It is announced that the hospital ship Anglia struck a mine and sank last night in the British channel. About 100

British Commander in the Dardanelles



General Munro General Munro has been sent to the Dardanelles to take the place of General Ian Hamilton by the British. The virtual failure of the Dardanelles operations under General Hamilton made this change necessary.

wounded men were drowned, and about 300 were saved.

According to Copenhagen reports, there are frequent food riots in Berlin, and the authorities are said to have threatened to shoot the leaders if these continue. Looting of shops is said to be a daily occurrence.

The government has ordered the detention of Greek vessels in British ports. This is supposedly a hint of what may happen unless Greece meets the allies' terms.

New Submarines for Uncle Sam

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—

Radical changes in the type of new submarines to be built for Uncle Sam's navy are being worked out by the chief naval constructor.

Navy officials admitted today that some new wrinkles in submarines no doubt will be adopted when congress authorizes the proposed new fleet of undersea craft that will represent the latest thought in such construction. Especial attention is being given, Secretary Daniels states, to the question of submarine construction. A corps of experts, at home and abroad, are collecting information to be assimilated in the next new United States submarine.

Electric propulsion is the latest in submarines, according to the present determination of the naval constructors. It is probable that electric motors may be used exclusively in the future. Naval authorities also contemplate divesting the present fleet of submarines of gas engine and substituting electric power.

One difficulty in the way of U. S. naval progress in building submarines is the "patent monopoly" which confines this government to one type of submersible. This is the Lake type. While other types with some most desirable features are being built, Secretary Daniels says are government never has been able to reach satisfactory terms with patentees of other submersibles than the Lake variety. Negotiations are in progress, however, by which the government may be able to adopt some of the more desirable features of other patterns.

The government would not be barred from using the other submarine patents in case the U. S. became involved in war, however, according to Secretary Daniels. He admitted that the government would not hesitate to appropriate the submarine patents and use them in building its own submarines in time of war. Compensation would be given the patentees, of course, or they could resort to the courts—but after the government had received the benefit of submersible patents. The government, according to Secretary Daniels, would not hesitate to adopt such a policy, as a matter of defense in a time of national peril, without regard to the contract and patent rights of patentees.

Secretary Daniels hopes that congress will eventually authorize construction by the government itself of all of its submersibles. It is now building some on the Pacific Coast, the only government plant at the present time equipped for submarine construction. These are of the oil burning type.

"Speeding up" private contractors on government submarine contracts is another innovation promised by the secretary. He will insist that contracts given private concerns stipulate quicker delivery. The secretary believes that in the past contractors have been slow about completing the government craft. He cites the instance of the ill-fated F-4, which sank last March outside Honolulu harbor. This boat was only two years old, having been commissioned in 1912, but five years elapsed before congress authorized her construction and the date, in 1913, when she was delivered to the navy.

On the other hand, the Fore River Construction company, of Massachusetts has just completed the electric submersibles for one of the allies in the record time of eight months. They were ordered in January and are now lying, finished, in the shipyards of Quincy, Mass. By agreement with Charles M. Schwab, who took the order for one of the allies, the boats will be held in American waters until after the war.

Back on the job. W. O. Smith of the Herald, who has been under the weather for several days, has finally conquered his gripe sufficiently to be up and about again.

Mother of Nurse Shot in Belgium



MRS. CAVELL.

Mrs. Cavell is the mother of Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was shot to death in Belgium. The British are now trying to raise a Cavell memorial fund, which may be devoted to the mother of the woman who said she faced the German firing squad: "I am happy to die for my country."

ANTI-AMERICAN PLOTTERS WILL BE PROSECUTED

GORICAR PROMISES FURTHER NAMES

Revelations Made Since Recent Statement of Former Austrian Consul Show a Serious Attempt to Spread Pro-Turkish and Anti-American Propaganda Throughout the United States—Pay Now Very Small.

United Press Service

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The United States secret service is taking determined action to prevent the spread of anti-American propaganda throughout the country, and every bit of information is received leading to fresh investigations.

Josef Goricar, former Austrian consul general at San Francisco, who recently gave out a statement regarding the anti-American plots, is in conference today with Chief Flynn of the federal secret service. It is reported that at this meeting he promised to furnish officials with a list of 200 people whom he alleges have extended aid to spies of the Turkish government.

Karl Euent, general manager of the Hamburg-American Steamship company, and other officials of the company who were arrested yesterday charged with making false manifests of supplies destined to Germany, and otherwise violating American neutrality, will be held in hearing Monday.

Lieutenant Fay, who claims to be of the German army, and who was arrested after his statement that he was one member of an organization for placing dynamite bombs aboard vessels clearing New York harbor with munitions for the allies, has suffered a change of demeanor. He refuses to discuss the affair further, and it is believed that he will attempt to take the entire blame for the conspiracy, thus shielding the others.

United Press Service

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—It is announced today that over 100 witnesses are ready to testify in federal court that the Hamburg-American Steamship company has acted as a clearing house for the distribution of huge sums to German consuls throughout the United States to be used in spreading anti-American propaganda.

The directors of the company are to be arraigned late today on the charge.

Railway Man Sees Some Business Improvement

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—Business conditions throughout the country are improving, according to Passenger Traffic Manager Chas. S. Fee of the Southern Pacific company, just returned to San Francisco after an extended trip throughout the East and Middle West. Mr. Fee said:

"I have visited many points of the principal cities in thirty-two states since I left California last September. My route was east over the Sunset line to El Paso and through the South, with a detour via Phoenix and the 'Apache Trail' to Roosevelt dam and the copper cities of Miami and Globe.

"Conditions in the South appear to be steadily improving. Cotton prices are gradually growing better, but the most hopeful sign is in the evidence that the one crop plan will soon be thrown into the discard.

"The severe lesson of the past year or two has not been in vain, as evidenced in many sections of the South. Cotton may remain king for years to come, but his subjects will be far more cosmopolitan than ever known before south of the Mason and Dixon line, all of which will spell a steeper and more rapidly growing prosperity.

"Business conditions in the Central and Eastern states are certainly better than when I was in the West last May. At that time there did not seem to be a silver lining to any of the clouds that shut out the view in all directions, as far as I could judge.

"There is no boom present or in sight, so far as I could judge, although in certain directions it has this appearance, but even in these lines the fact is being brought home that European conditions may not and it is hoped will not continue another twelve months. Back of all this, however, there is a far better feeling and while in certain times and in certain sections business, railroad, and otherwise, is picking up slowly, the general opinion seems to be that the worst is over and an upward turn fairly on the way.

"The great bulk of exposition travel has come and gone, but with it our visitors have taken back a knowledge

TRIP TO BEND IS ABANDONED

SNOW OF CONSIDERABLE DEPTH ENCOUNTERED NORTH OF THE PORT, AND PARTY TURNED BACK—WIRE SENT STRAIGHT

Klamath county was not represented at the reorganization of the Central Oregon Development League at Bend today. The delegation of bundlers who left for Bend Monday night returned late yesterday afternoon, stating they found it impossible to travel north of Fort Klamath because of the depth of the snow in the hills.

The party left the Bend hotel yesterday morning, and after hours of trail breaking, made about six miles beyond the Bend horseman from the other side of the mountains passing by Bend, where it would be useless to attempt to travel in deeper in the hills. "Right about" was the only word that was used. Telegrams were sent today, telling of the situation, and the date of the trip was postponed.

Imbergs some times last as long as 200 years before they melt entirely away.

SMALL DRAINS TO BE CONTRACT JOB

LOCAL MEN WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE ON THE GOVERNMENT WORK IN FIRST UNIT—BIDS TO BE OPENED SOON

Finding that it is as cheap or cheaper to have the small drains of the first unit dug by private parties than to have the big excavators engaged in this work, the reclamation service has decided to subdivide a lot of drain work and let it to contractors. These will be small drains, which are the feeders of the main drains.

The work has been divided into small schedules in order to enable farmers who are not busy at this time of year to bid and do some of the work. The bids are to be opened at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the service headquarters here.

Further information regarding the work can be obtained at the reclamation service buildings.

Cooked Food Sale The Altar Society of Sacred Heart church will hold a cooked food sale Saturday afternoon at the McDonald building, Main and Main streets.

Klamath Invention to Be Made at a Worden Plant

Klamath county's latest industry is to be the manufacturing of a Klamath county man's invention. This is the Perfection poison distributor, the invention of D. P. Daugherty of Worden, and already a plant for the manufacture of the distributor has been erected and machinery is being installed.

The plant is at Worden, and will be in operation in a couple of weeks, according to H. L. Velt, who is interested with Daugherty in the Worden Manufacturing company. Mr. Velt is here to purchase machinery for the plant.

The distributor is the only article of its kind on the market, and a patent has been granted. It is for use in the extermination of squirrels, obnoxious weeds, etc., acting as a safe distributor of the poison or poisoned meal, and preventing waste of poison material.

The device is shaped to a cane and can be carried like a cane. The body is a hollow tin tube, which is an airtight container for the poison, and the tip is a wooden distributing device, operated by a small lever under the crook of the handle. This makes it possible to place the tip of the cane in a squirrel hole and deposit poisoned meal there without the necessity of bending over, and without the danger of poison being dropped where it will be eaten by songbirds. The device is compact, practical and easy to manipulate, and all who have looked it over declare the plan splendid.

The formation of the company and the opening of the plant is to be pushed, as the concern hopes to place at least 10,000 distributors on the market in the spring. This will be through jobbers and the parcel post. In the manufacture of this Klamath county invention the company will use Klamath products as much as possible. A lathe for turning some of the wooden parts was made for the

BOXING SMOKER MAKES BIG HIT

WORK OF AMATEURS IN SHORT BOUTS PROVES KEENLY ENJOYABLE FOR BIG AUDIENCE OF REPRESENTATIVE MEN

That the manly art of self defense, when given in practical demonstration by amateurs who participate for the sport, rather than for gain, receipts, is about as exciting and interesting a program as the average man wishes to see, was forcibly demonstrated at the Athletic Club's smoker last night. There were three boxing bouts and a wrestling contest between non-professionals, and all brought storms of applause from an audience composed of men prominent in every business and profession practiced in Klamath Falls.

It may be that the twenty-round contest, which requires the skill and endurance of a trained fighter, may be stamped out for all time in Oregon, but we are all thankful that we have the short goes between amateurs, for in these there is action every minute, and there is no occasion to accuse either man of "stalling." The dirty

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