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ALLIES PRESENT REQUEST TO GREEK PREMIER TODAY

No Demand Is Made That Greece Actively Participate In War, and King Constantine Intimates That Answer Will Be Favorable—Paris Officially States That Bulgarians Are Retreating Before Attacks of Tattered Serbian Army—Berlin Reports Continued Progress of Combined Forces of Invasion

Athens, Nov. 24.—The allies' ministers have handed Premier Skoulouhis an urgent request for definition of Greece's attitude toward the allies in the Balkan operations.

The request was couched in friendly terms and specified no definite period for a reply, but it emphasized, however the need for promptness.

It embodied terms which the allies request Greece to accept, as outlined officially in conversations between King Constantine, Eury Kitehever and Denys Cochin, French cabinet member.

There was no request that Greece participate in the war, but the note demanded assurances that the allies may cross Greece to attack the central allies; and that in event of a repulse of the entente allies into Greece, the latter will not attempt to disarm or intern them.

Whether demobilization of the Greek forces was asked, was not announced.

King Constantine intimated that these terms would make a favorable reply possible.

with favorable progress of the fighting elsewhere. The Germans were said to be only a half day's march from Pristina.

Italians In Albania.

London, Nov. 24.—Italian troops now landing in Albania will go directly to the aid of Serbia, according to Swiss advice today. They plan to strike at the Austro-German flank, and it is expected that the Montenegrins will co-operate.

To reach Serbia, the Italians have to cross only a stretch of from 40 to 50 miles, but this march is of extreme difficulty, owing to mountains and the absence of roads.

Bulgars Forced Back.

Paris, Nov. 24.—Defeated by the tattered Serbian army, the Bulgarians are retreating everywhere in the extreme southern part of Serbia, according to the Serbian official statement today. A victory 25 miles west of Nish was claimed.

The Bulgars are retiring upon Istep, east of Veleo and it is thought possible the Serbs may recapture Veleo.

GOLD CARGO ON TRAIL

BANDIT KILLED IN DARING CAFE RAID

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Following a daring raid on the Claremont cafe at the outskirts of town, and a running gun fight lasted for a score of blocks at 1 a. m., police today are scouring the city and adjacent country for three highwaymen.

One of the bandits, James Ross and Police Corporal Frederick Cook were seriously wounded in the exchange of shots.

The highwaymen entered the barroom of the cafe and after commanding Ed Schiff, one of the proprietors, and Tom Smith, bartender, to hold up their hands rifled the cash register of about \$200.

Forcing the men to hold their hands above their heads, they ordered them into the main room, where were four guests, Ben Schiff, the other proprietor, Arthur Cunningham and Frank Berg, entertainers. Backing the frightened people against the wall, they took about \$500 in money and jewelry.

While the attention of the bandits was attracted by the entrance of a man and a woman, Berg gave them the slip and summoned the police. As the woman sensed what was occurring she slipped her jewels into her mouth.

Noticing Berg's absence, the highwaymen dashed for their automobile, and were just leaving as the police raced up. Racing at a terrific speed, the police opened fire on the fleeing quartet attempting to hit the tires. Dashing around a curve, the bandits car crashed into a wall. Ross, who had been struck by a police bullet and was standing on the running board, was pitched to the ground. The trio leaped out of the car and disappeared in the darkness.

"For God's sake, let me die in peace," Ross pleaded when urged to give an ante-mortem statement. "I got what was coming to me. I was foolish, but I won't squeal on the rest of the gang."

Ross died today without revealing the names of his companions.

NET TIGHTENED ABOUT ACCUSED GERMAN OFFICER

It Is Believed Now That Trial Will Result In Naval Attache's Recall

Washington, Nov. 24.—The government net tightened today on Anastro-German officials involved in conspiracy charges. Activities of Naval Attache Boy-ed of the German embassy, as revealed in the trial of Hamburg-American line officials at New York for alleged customs violations in supplying German commerce raiders, were only the first sensational disclosures. Others are destined to follow, according to government authorities.

While Boy-ed's immediate recall will not be asked, officials hinted that his withdrawal will be the ultimate outcome of the case, especially as he has been mentioned in connection with other activities embarrassing to the administration and to American institutions.

Meantime, the government is awaiting the conclusion of other investigations involving Military Attache Von Papen, Austrian Consul General Nuber, of New York, and others.

Testimony indicating that Boy-ed spent three quarters of a million dollars through a "dummy" in his effort to supply the German sea raiders was said to be only a hint of future developments.

The government, it is known, is determined to halt for all time the activities of German agents in this country, which have aimed at crippling allied munitions shipments and otherwise embarrassing the neutrality of the United States.

Government Proof.

New York, Nov. 24.—The defense having refused to concede the participation of Naval Attache Boy-ed of the German embassy in the alleged customs violations of the Hamburg-American line officials, the government promised today to corroborate the story told by Gustave B. Kutenkampff.

Kutenkampff's story claimed that Boy-ed was the director of a plan for

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

CRUISER SAN DIEGO ORDERED TO MEXICO

Washington, Nov. 25.—The navy department today ordered Admiral Winslow with his flagship the cruiser San Diego to proceed to Topolobampo on the west Mexican coast to protect Americans and other foreigners threatened by Yaqui Indians.

The San Diego, now lying off the San Francisco exposition at San Francisco, carries 275 marines and these are empowered to land, if necessary to protect Americans. Winslow is invested with discretionary authority to act as he sees fit after arrival. Under the department's orders, Winslow should arrive at Topolobampo in six days.

The cruisers Annapolis, Raleigh and New Orleans are already in that vicinity, but carry only a small complement of marines.

Orders for the San Diego sailing followed vigorous pleas of American objectors to Congressman Mann, who visited Secretary of State Lansing and Secretary of the Navy Daniels about the situation. Thus far no American lives have been lost, as far as is known through property raids have been reported.

HALF MILLION MEN LOST BY ITALY, AUSTRIA SAYS

Vienna Reports Are To Effect That Losses of Opponents In Killed, Wounded and Captured Have Been Very Heavy—Admit Goritz Badly Damaged By Italian Artillery—Rome Declares Austrians Have Asked Germany To Send Reinforcements To Isonzo Front—Capture 1000 Austrians

Vienna, Nov. 24.—Half a million Italians have been slaughtered or wounded along the Austro-Italian battle line to date, the war office claimed today.

Denying Italian claims of success, the official announcement declared that everywhere on the Isonzo, "our front is victoriously maintained."

Just a half year has passed since the two armies crashed.

"Since the beginning of the southwestern fighting," said the war office, "the enemy never once has succeeded in approaching the objectives which he hoped to attain in his first rush."

"Great fighting" for the Goritz bridgehead continues with undiminished violence and with sanguinary losses to the enemy.

While the Austrian losses between Thursday and Sunday were 20 killed, 30 wounded, the Italian shells, it was admitted, piled many buildings into ruins. Forty six were entirely wrecked, the war office admitted, while 258 were severely damaged and 600 were slightly damaged.

Hundreds of heavy bombs are still being hurled into the city by the Italians in their desperate efforts to capture it.

Temporary repulse of the Austrians on the Dobordo plateau between Monte San Michele and San Martino was admitted, but the official statement claimed that Hungarian and Carinthian forces in a night attack swept the Italians back and regained possession of the line. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy around Podgora, while the Austrians at Pevna and Osavia held firm.

Austrians Want Help.

The Austrian war council has decided to ask Germany to reinforce the Isonzo battle front, according to information reaching here today. Austrian evacuation of Rovereto and Mori were confirmed.

1000 Austrians Captured.

Geneva, Nov. 24.—One thousand Austrians were reported made prisoners when the Italians stormed two forts defending the Fodenora bridge on Isonzo line. Two other forts crumbled before the Italian artillery, and still the bombardment continues. Both sides have sustained heavy losses though the Austrians are less because they are on the defensive.

Final Struggle at Hand.

London, Nov. 24.—With Austrian capture of Mitrovitza and Bulgar capture of Pristina, officially reported today, the central powers' armies are now face to face with the Serbs northern army. The final fight is evidently at hand.

In the twenty mile gap, between the towns at the ends of the historically famous Plain of the Black Bird, are entrenched the indomitably courageous Serbians. Buffeted across their land since Nish fell, the Serbs up to the present have offered wild resistance to the invaders. They have lost many in dead and captured, but their spirit is still ferocious.

Whether the invaders are now in sufficient force to attack immediately is unknown, but at any rate, it is believed that a decisive battle on the bloody Plain of the Black Bird can be delayed only a few hours. Here history may be made again.

If the struggle continues long, the Serbs, it is believed, must inevitably be captured. The central allies by detouring can surround them, provided they have sufficient time, and then the Serbs may be crushed as were the French a Sedan in 1870.

At the best, the Serbs can hope for no more than to be forced over their border into Montenegro. Capture of their army on the Plain of the Black Bird or expulsion of the army from Serbia will mean that the Teuton-Bulgar conquest of old Serbia and the Sanjak of Novibazar is complete.

The Austro-Germans are now 150 miles south of the northern frontier, and less than 120 miles north of the southern.

Germans Skirt West Border.

Vienna, Nov. 24.—Teuton troops are skirting western Serbia near the Montenegrin border, driving for Pristina, according to the war office today.

No remarkable gains were recorded. The office was silent as to Serbian claims of victories.

Occupation of Prispoleje was claimed.

Report German Defeat.

Petrograd, Nov. 24.—Defeat of a German attempt to assume the offensive in the Dvinsk district was claimed by the war office today along with capture of a German first line trench in the Dvinsk district. In the Sibir section, many Teutons were bayoneted, while on the Styr the Russians broke the Austrian offensive with fire at one point.

Russians Gain Ground.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—The war office admitted today the Russians had gained some ground north of Illuxt, but claimed the Germans counter attacks reclaimed the lost ground. One repulse of the Russians southeast of Riga, and three in the Czartorysk region were claimed.

Capture More Towns.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—Mitrovitza, in western Serbia, between Novibazar and Pristina, has fallen into the Austrians' hands while the Bulgars have taken Pristina. These points mark the ends of the main Serbian northern position and are about 25 miles east of the Montenegrin line.

German Post Blown Up.

Paris, Nov. 24.—Destruction of a German post in the vicinity of Bolante by French mines was reported in today's official statement which also noted repulse of a German attempt to capture a French post near Calles-Sur-Plains.

Russians Progressing.

Amsterdam, Nov. 24.—The Cologne Gazette admitted today that the Russians are progressing toward Teheran and the American minister is in charge of the abandoned central powers legations.

Pristina Occupied.

Athens, Nov. 24.—The Bulgarians have occupied Pristina in western Serbia, not far from the Montenegrin border, it was officially announced today.

DOCTOR IS INDICTED.

Portland, Or., Nov. 24.—Alleged to have performed an illegal operation on Miss Anna Anderson, who died in his office several weeks ago Dr. A. A. Aupland is charged with manslaughter in a grand jury indictment.

The entente powers want China to join their alliance, but China's experience should teach her to beware of foreign entanglements.

FEAR BOMB PLOT

Washington, Nov. 24.—Fully armed guards are patrolling the public buildings, especially the White House, state, war and navy buildings. All persons carrying parcels or who look suspicious are stopped before they enter. It is reported that the government has been warned of plots to destroy the buildings.

VILLA UNDEFEATED AMERICANS REPORT

Refugees From Sonora Believe Rebel Leader Will Yet Be Victorious

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 24.—General Francisco Villa is not at the end of his tether, by any means, according to Americans who reached this city today from Sonora. They declare the rebel chieftain is playing a deep game. He intends, they assert, to lure General Obregon and his Carranzistas into the open in front of Nogales and "while the tin is hot of them," as one of them expressed it.

"Watch out for something to drop around Nogales," was their advice.

One American, who has lived many years on the border, said Villa was forced to abandon his attack on Agua Prieta because he refused to believe up to the last minute, that America had recognized Carranza and permitted Carranza reinforcements to Agua Prieta over United States soil.

At the present moment, it is said, Villa has plenty of munitions, many cannons and hundreds of expert artillerymen and the best trained body of horses and foot fighting men in Mexico. His apparent desperation, and his plea of famine and no munitions, are declared to be merely "stalls."

Pressure On President To Call Conference To Discuss Peace Terms

New York, Nov. 24.—New pressure will be brought on President Wilson Friday to call a conference of neutral nations to discuss peace proposals.

Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, Hungarian peace advocate, who has previously seen the president, will accompany Henry Ford and Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of a British parliament member, to the White House to present resolutions adopted by the recent women's peace congress at The Hague and ask for the calling of the conference.

"The time is now ripe," said Mme. Schwimmer today, for neutral nations to end the war. We women peace leaders have instilled thought it is needless that both sides are ready to stop the war."

The peace advocates, however, have no definite terms to suggest.

"Once we get the machinery for peace going the terms will develop automatically," she concluded.

Ford Charters Ship.

New York, Nov. 24.—Henry Ford announced today he had chartered the liner Oscar II as a peace ship to carry from New York, December 4, the American delegates to a peace conference in Europe.

Ford admitted that plans for the conference are very indefinite, the session he believes, will attract support from peace advocates in other neutral nations.

"I have chartered the Oscar to call into life a neutral nations' conference," Ford said. "How to accomplish this I will announce later. We are going to see if we can do any good. We hope to get the men out of trenches by Christmas."

"I hope we will have the support of every mother in the world in this great effort to stop the war, crush militarism and wipe out forever the talk of military preparedness."

While the Oscar is a 10,000 ton vessel, capable of carrying 200 passengers, Ford admitted that possibly only a few delegates will go. Any reluctance of peace advocates, however, will not deter Ford in his mission.

Some authorities raised the question of whether such a conference, branded with Ford's leadership, would be acceptable to England even if it were otherwise successful. This view arose from the fact that English papers have recently refused to accept Ford ads on the ground that he was inimical to the recent allied loan.

Ford recently urged the president to call a peace conference, and will go there again Friday to follow up this request. The president has indicated he would be willing to make a peace move, only when there were indications that the time is ripe without offending any of the belligerents.

Whether he received any encouragement for his expedition in his visit to the president is not known.

DEFINITE PROGRAM NOT AGREED UPON

Allied Operations In Balkans Are Still of Uncertain Character

By J. W. T. Mason.
(Written for the United Press.)

New York, Nov. 24.—Uncertainty and confusion continue to dominate the allies' policy in the Balkans. They have not attained thus far a concerted effort and it is, moreover, apparent that divergent views prevail among the allied statesmen as to what course should be pursued.

Great Britain's retraction of the Greek blockade order is strong evidence that serious divisions of opinion exist among the allies, and that counsel for milder urgings to influence Greece's course finally prevailed.

Further, it is known that General Joffre, of France, and the British staff, did not agree over military procedure in the Balkans, long the graveyard of military reputations. Joffre urged that Salonika, the Grecian port, be the base for the allies' operations in the aid of distressed Serbia. On the other hand, the British advocated establishing the base elsewhere, presumably on the Bulgarian or Turkish coast. In the subsequent discussions, the victory went to Joffre.

Karl Kitehever's wanderings in the southeast have not served to clarify the situation. If the result of two minor offensives tell him anything it must be that reaching Constantinople by the way of Gallipoli peninsula is perhaps impossible.

STATE CLAIM AGENT THREATENS CONFESSION

John F. Gillies, Suspended for Graft, May Implicate Many Others

Olympia, Wash., Nov. 24.—John F. Gillies, suspended claim agent of the state industrial insurance commission, is the central figure today in the \$15,000 graft investigation. Gillies was removed from office Monday after it had been discovered that huge sums had been looted from the department by means of false accident claims and forged warrants.

Gillies is declaring that he is prepared to make disclosures concerning certain state officials which will prove one of the biggest sensations in the state's history. He adds to this story that last Friday night prior to the public disclosures of the frauds, an attempt was made to kidnap him.

He declares he and A. B. Ernst, member of the commission, formerly were partners in British Columbia mines. He also says he has from time to time loaned money to the commissioners.

Concerning the kidnapping Gillies says that as he was walking home Friday night an automobile overtook him. A man asked him if he wanted to find a certain one-armed man supposed to have taken part in a graft scheme. Gillies said he did, and got into the automobile. He was driven to a house in the country where he was confronted by a third man who pulled a gun and told Gillies that if he did not have the investigation stopped he would be killed. Gillies does not explain how he escaped.

Abe Martin



We can't recall the time when the straw hat was as reluctant to drop out of the game as it was this fall. Noting makes a feller hustle like a lot of enemies.

GIVES LIE DIRECT TO ENGLISH LORD IN HEATED SPEECH

London, Nov. 24.—Announcing he could give the lie direct to Lord St. David, and intimating Lord Ribblesdale should be classed as a spy or traitor, Lord Derby in charge of recruiting today advocated a censorship of the house of lords and hinted at conscription.

Derby's utterances were made during a recruiting speech.

"I can give the direct lie to Lord St. David," he thundered, referring to the latter's recent arraignment of Sir John French's staff as incompetent, his complaint that women were present at headquarters and that officers failed to be up early morning because they were tired with bridge playing the previous night.

"I am in a position to do so for I visited the staff personally and frequently. No gentleman would have said what St. David said and no gentleman will believe him."

Then he turned his attack upon Lord Ribblesdale for the latter's recent criticism of the government's war policies.

"The man who gives the enemy information goes by an ugly name," he said significantly, "and this applies as much to the man giving information to the enemy through a speech in the house of lords."

Appropos of Ribblesdale's and St. David's speeches, he suggested the censorship on the house of lords.

The conscription forest came in an announcement that there must be a big increase in enlistments in the next three weeks if this strong measure is to be avoided.

The "lie" implication, and the "spy" and "traitor" suggestion caused a wild sensation; and it is believed that they will draw from the two men attacked, savage answers.

St. David in the house of lords disavowed much of that had been quoted as saying in his previous speech.

"Regarding my reference to women's visits to headquarters, a great deal has been read into my remarks, which I never meant," he said.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Thursday fair, colder east portion tonight, occasional rain west portion; south to west winds.

TOMORROW IS A HOLIDAY



CARNEGIE IS POOR

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 24.—Andrew Carnegie has given away the bulk of his \$400,000,000 and is now a "man of moderate fortune," President Pritchett of the Carnegie Foundation said today.

TRAIN IS WRECKED.

Glendale, Mont., Nov. 24.—The Northern Pacific train No. 2, Coast Limited, was derailed and wrecked in the west end of the local yards today. Two persons were badly injured and traffic was tied up for five hours.

RESCUION OF SCHMIDT.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 24.—The court of appeals set the week of January 10 for the execution of Hans Schmidt, unfrocked priest, who killed his sweetheart, Anna Amuller.

AUTHOR SUICIDED FOR PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING BOOK

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 24.—Hermann Henseo, the author of a book he called "Christianity," is dead here today by his own hand. He methodically planned his suicide as a means of bringing attention to his as yet unpublished book.

Wednesday the Seattle newspapers received letters from Henseo.

He explained that he intended to end his life. He had deposited, he said, in the vaults of the Peoples' Savings Bank triplicate copies of his manuscript, which the chief of police was directed to deliver to each Seattle daily newspaper.

At 9 o'clock last night Henseo blew out his brains with a revolver at Occidental avenue and Washington street, in the presence of crowds of passers-by.

His letter is dated Glendale, Washington, November 18. With it is an introductory review of his book in which he states he began the work in prison.

"I have done all I can," his letter closes, "and leave this world confident that all of you to whom has fallen this sacred duty will fulfill it to the best of your ability."