

GREECE PREPARES TO CAST LOT WITH ALLIES

Recalls Representatives to Central Powers and Summons All Army Chiefs for Conference at Athens—Expects German Will Respond With Declaration of War—Has 300,000 Seasoned Soldiers Mobilized—British Tighten Grip on Lens

Athens, June 20.—Greece moved rapidly today in action against Germany. All Greek diplomatic representatives in the Central Powers capitals were formally recalled and all Greek army chiefs were summoned to Athens for conference as to best utilization of the army. In the capital it was confidently expected that Germany would respond immediately with a declaration of war against King Alexander.

The full war strength of Greece is somewhere around 300,000 men, according to best available data. Practically all of this force has been mobilized for nearly two years. The army is formed under the compulsory service law and is generally regarded as well disciplined, although not as well equipped as necessary for effective service. When Elutherios Venizelos resigned as premier under former King Constantine and established his provisional government at Salonika, a large force of soldiers attached themselves to his standard. The Greek military and royalist party, however, continued to control a majority of the armed forces.

It will probably be several months before these two factions in the army can be united and made ready for effective service. The personnel of the Greek army, however, is of the highest, many of the soldiers being veterans of the Balkan wars.

It appears likely that Greece will throw her forces into the Macedonian campaign, releasing several hundred thousand French, British, Russian and Italian soldiers now there, for service on the western front. Many of the Greek soldiers are veterans of the Balkan wars. Such a campaign would arouse enthusiasm in Greece, as one of the main causes of unrest was former King Constantine's failure to keep his pledges to aid Serbia.

British Bite in Deep.

LONDON, June 30.—With irresistible force, British troops swept on closer around Lens today. Gain of a mile over a total front of four miles was reported by Field Marshal Haig.

"As the result of four attacks," he said, "strongly organized defensive systems on both banks of the Souchez river governing Lens were captured."

"Our whole objectives were gained with slight loss and with considerable enemy casualties."

"Positions of great strength, as well as tactical and strategic importance, are ours."

"Additional information confirms the success of the Lens operations. The sides captures in prisoners and machine guns, an important advance was made over a total front of four miles to the depth of one mile."

German Make Savage Attack.

PARIS, June 30.—Picket troops, driven forward in perhaps the most savage attack the German crown prince has attempted in six months, succeeded in penetrating the French first line trenches near Verdun over a front of nearly a mile and a half last night, but were immediately driven out. Fearful losses were inflicted on the attackers and the net gain was a small bit of ground held on the west slope of Dead Man's Hill, according to the official report today.

Fighting Near Verdun.

"Northwest of Cerny the enemy renewed his attacks at night. Two against Labouville were accompanied by liquid fire. In very lively fighting these attackers obtained a footing on a battered salient there."

Around Avoncourt and Dead Man's Hill Today the Artillery was of Extreme Violence.

"West of Hill 304, a French counter attack retook trenches last yesterday."

In the Champagne, west of Navarin farm, a strong German raid was repulsed.

The fighting around Verdun is in the same sector where the German crown prince yesterday tried to break through a violent general offensive move. Dead Man's Hill and Hill 304 are two prominent ones over which the tide of battle has ceaselessly swung to and fro ever since the Germans began their battering against Verdun. They are northwest of Verdun, about 10 miles distant from that city.

Labouville is just north of Cerny and

I suppose there's a lot o' good fer nothin' folks in ever' business, but they don't show up like a shiftless farmer. Newspapers are all right fer some things, but ever' time they boost the food value o' somethin' it doubles in price.

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POOR OLD NICHOLAS

Petrograd, June 30.—Nicholas Romanoff is experiencing complications as a result of his debilitation. The cooks of the Romanoff palaces have formed a union, hired a lawyer and are suing the former czar for loss of employment and non-fulfillment of contract, it became known today.

RUSSIAN BANDITS HOLD UP WHOLE TOWN

Several Citizens Killed and Bank Robbed of Papers and Coin

By William G. Shepherd
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Petrograd, June 30.—Ten masked bandits in the most approved Jesse James style held up the Oceanic bank of Ust, terrifying the town, stealing 100,000 rubles (about \$54,100) and a number of valuable documents. Several townspeople were killed and wounded when the bandits went through the streets demanding everybody's valuables. The tea got safely away.

The incident led to strongly repressive measures by the government today to put down crime. All court procedure was practically made to conform to martial law. Under the new plans, a jury may consist of three soldiers and even the prosecutor may be a member of the army, although preference is expressed for a civilian.

"This is the happiest of the busy days I have spent in France, preparing for the arrival of our first contingent," the commander in chief of the American forces declared.

"Today I have seen our troops safe from French soil on transports safeguarded in their passage by the resolute vigilance of our navy."

French Port Goes Wild with Joy As Big Gray Transports Dock

Washington, June 30.—For the first time in history two American generals on a belligerent mission, have met, saluted and clasped hands on French soil.

It was the meeting of Major General John J. Pershing and Major General William L. Sibert here, whose American expeditionary army is waiting restlessly to get into action, safe and sound after a journey over perilous waters.

"Black Jack" Pershing arrived to meet with his men two days after every last "Sammy" had been disembarked, luggage and all from the great American transport.

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STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION DISTRIBUTES FUNDS FOR YEAR; TOURIST ROADS ARE FAVORED

The state highway commission, at an important meeting in Portland Thursday, allotted funds for road construction work and hard surfacing in various parts of the state, as follows:

For work on post road from Fort Rock to Lakeview, \$15,000, and from Bend to La Pine, on same road, \$17,000. This money will come from the quarter mill state highway tax levy and will be matched with an equal amount by the government.

ASTORIA PAVING AUTHORIZED

On the Columbia River highway the hard surfacing of the road from Astoria to Swanson, nine or 10 miles, was authorized. No definite amount was fixed on this work, but its approximate cost is to be about \$100,000.

GRADING TO BE COMPLETED

For grading wherever necessary to complete the Columbia River Highway between the Dalles and Astoria, the commission allotted \$200,000 from the \$6,000,000 road bond issue. This money is to be expended this year and next year, on a two year program basis. Work is now under way on portions of the highway.

ROADS TO BE MACADAMIZED

For macadamizing the Pacific highway between Cottage Grove and the southern boundary line of the county, Lane county was awarded \$5000 from the quarter mill tax levy. The county preferred macadam to hard surface.

STORY IS TOLD OF PERSHING'S ARMY REACHING FRANCE

Washington, June 30.—The story is told of Pershing's army reaching France. The general and his staff were met at the port of Brest by French officials. The American troops were greeted with enthusiasm and provided with food and shelter. The general expressed his confidence in the French people and their support of the American cause.

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Must Strike Balance Between Military and Industrial Needs of Law

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Burden of War Business Is Not Found to Be Excessive of Over Costly

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LAO ALTO IS CAMP-SITE

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