

WHY ALLIES HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD SALONIKA BASE

Its Evacuation Would Be Morally, Strategically and Politically Disastrous--It Might Throw Roumania Into the Hands of the Enemy.

London, Dec. 13.—The Chronicle gives prominence to an article "from a correspondent" discussing the question "Why the Allies will not abandon Salonika?" To realize why the Allies have decided to hold Salonika, it is only necessary to think out the consequences of evacuation. Those consequences would be disastrous—morally, strategically and politically. In the first place, it would admit openly the exhilaration in Germany and corresponding depression of feeling in the Allied countries. Secondly, the complete abandonment of the Balkans, for that is what it would mean, might decide Roumania against us. The throwing of a state, that really at heart is friendly toward us, into the ranks of our enemies, would be the most considerable disaster that could befall us. Thirdly, it would mean the abandonment of Serbia to her fate. Apart from the dishonor of such a course, it would have the very real drawback of leaving her in possession of the enemy as a game or hostage, of which important political use might be made hereafter. Fourthly, our withdrawal from the Balkan theatre would be, in fact, a guarantee of safety of a vital portion of the Greek flank. The enemy's communications now stretch in a long line from the Danube to the Persian Gulf. Roughly parallel to that line of communication, and at a relatively short distance from it, the whole way along, runs the sea which constitutes the Allies' chief communication. But it is in our power to deliver a lightning stroke at the long enemy flank at any point which we choose in the Balkans or elsewhere. Finally, to leave Salonika would certainly mean handing it over to the enemy for a submarine base. It would not be gross exaggeration to say that the Germans at Salonika might threaten the whole of our sea communications east of Malta.

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MAN CAN LIVE ANYWHERE

Human Organism's Adaptability Show By Researches. Two studies recently made by European scientists illustrate a range in nutritive conditions to which the human being can adapt himself. In one case an Eskimo on the island of Disco in Western Greenland consumed in one day nearly four pounds of boiled meat, corresponding to 85 grams of nitrogen and 218 grams of fat. This is said to be far below the record figure among these people, who eat very large meals at irregular and somewhat infrequent intervals. Indigestion and other nutritive disorders, however, are rare among them and their physical endurance and resistance to cold is very high. The way the above extraordinary meal was utilized by this Eskimo was found to be very satisfactory. The other study was of a man in Copenhagen who was able to maintain himself in excellent nutritive equilibrium and muscular efficiency through long periods of months, not merely days, on a diet essentially composed of potatoes and margarine. Four pounds of potatoes were eaten daily, yielding 3.62 grams of digestible nitrogen, which, with the margarine, amounted to 3,000 calories. When hard work had to be performed this man ate eight pounds of potatoes, with liberal additions of fat, so that the entire energy content was brought up to 5,000 calories with 10 grams of digestible nitrogen. No dilatation of the stomach was found to result from these monster meals. Such curiosities of the literature of nutrition simply show the great adaptability of the human organism which has enabled man to live in every region of the earth. It is needless to say that neither the maximum nor the minimum of any nutritive element is desirable. The normal individual lives in the safe medium.

WHY GOD ALLOWS WAR

And Why He Does Not Stop This Conflict.

FR. VAUGHAN'S SERMON

TO A LARGE CONGREGATION IN LONDON. Declares that the War Has Made England Turn From Odin Back Again To Christ. London, Dec. 13.—"Why does not God stop this war? If He were almighty and all loving He would have done so long ago," was a remark quoted by the Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan, yesterday in opening his sermon before a large congregation. He added that this was a sample of the blasphemous rant to him by post. His answer was that God did not stop the war because, being almighty, He could draw out of it, and, being all loving, he did so. "Personally," said Father Vaughan, "I feel that it would take eternity to thank God for not having stopped this war, as He might have done. If it has been deferred ten years' my beloved country would have been a Mongolian desert. Talk of Belgium, speak of Poland, of the Serbians, and the Armenians—that is child's play to what would have become of hated England. Our dear island home, with its cathedrals, ministers and abbots, would have been utterly destroyed. We should have had nothing left to us but our eyes. To keep what I said, being almighty, to add wise, and loving, spared us. "I have been asked this question: 'Can you deny that Christianity has been proven by this war to be a ghastly failure?' I answer in the Socratic method by putting another question: 'What is Christianity?' It is a body of doctrine and code of morality making for the salvation of peoples embracing it. Christianity has not failed because it has not been used. "It was fashionable to-day with those who kept borrowing their philosophy, theology and methods of mentality from Prussia, he said, to say there is no such thing as sin, but in these matters England had been tyrannized over by Germany, and he thanked God that this war had come about, because He had made England turn from Odin back again to Christ.

ROSEBERRY SARCASTIC AT FORD'S EXPENSE

Peace Ship Propelled By "Maker of, I Think, Perambulators" Sixty Passengers Given a Free Trip.

London, Dec. 14.—Lord Rosebery, speaking at Edinburgh at the opening of the New Colonial Club, referred to Henry Ford as a manufacturer of perambulators, and said that he is convinced that the Ford peace mission will be a failure. Lord Rosebery spoke of two surprises of the war. "The first surprise was to ourselves, that we could not conceive it to be possible that a civilized country—with its genial smiles and Judas' kisses, and with their Emperor visiting England amid the acclamations of a simple-hearted people—could have been plotting a war. The limitations of which a human being could see. The other surprise was for the enemy; that, despite their plots and attempts of spies to spread disaffection, every part of the Empire rushed to the assistance of the Mother Country. Henceforth, come weal, come woe, the British Empire is worldwide, a fact with which all of the universe has to deal. The men overseas have not failed us, and we will not fall them. "At this moment there is coming over a vessel fraught with peace and propelled apparently by a gentleman named Ford, said to be a manufacturer of perambulators. Ford is coming over to pour oil on the troubled waters at the inspiration of a doctor named Aked, of whom we know something here, and who, by voice more potent than that of any other mortal heard in this world, is going to call the soldiers from the trenches and bid the waves be still." He said he was convinced that the expedition would fail, but that sixty passengers receiving free passage might enjoy themselves and do no harm.

CHURCH UNION IS DEAD, SAYS PROF. A. B. BAIRD.

Winnipeg Divine Who is Likely To Be Next Presbyterian Moderator.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—The Rev. Dr. A. B. Baird, Principal of Manitoba College, who in all probability will be the moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church when it meets in Winnipeg next June, said to-day that the church union cause is lost. Dr. Baird said that so far as Manitoba was concerned there was not much difference of opinion. So far as the vote has been taken in the presbytery of Winnipeg the result has been ten to one in favor of the movement. In certain congregations in this city the vote is still being taken, and the returns are not in Dr. Baird's hands, he being clerk of the presbytery. But he has no doubt about its character. Some arrangement might be made whereby a large measure of co-operation might be undertaken in the west, but union, he said, was out of the question. "The vote in the Maritime Provinces and in Ontario was, so far as it had been taken, much less favorable than on the previous occasion, when 70 per cent. was favorable. He believed that unquestionably there would be a majority for union at the present time, but it would be small, and under the circumstances no doubt the entire project would be given up. 25,000 Austrians Freed. Berlin, Dec. 14.—Twenty-five thousand Austro-Hungarians, who had been made prisoners by the Serbians, were set free by the Teutonic forces during their drive through Serbia, a statement issued by the Overseas News Agency to-day says. Many others died during epidemics and the fate of still others is unknown. When a girl marries she merely exchanges a lover for a husband.

Purely Personal

As regards habits of living, that, of course, is purely a personal matter with each of us. But some folks go on for years wondering what causes their nervousness, heart flutter, biliousness, headache and various other ailments. A frequent, though often unsuspected cause, is tea or coffee drinking. This, because both tea and coffee contain a powerful, habit-forming drug, caffeine, (from 1-1/2 to 3 grains to the average cup) which, taken regularly, finally drifts many into ill health. Think it over. Of course, it's your own affair. If you can go on drinking tea or coffee and feel no evil effects, why—bless your heart, keep it up—but there are hundreds of thousands who have quit tea and coffee and now use

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PLOTTER ON BRITISH CRUISER.

Man Believed To Have Started Bethlehem Fire Caught. New York, Dec. 14.—One of the men believed to have taken part in the conspiracy to destroy the Bethlehem Steel plant by fire, is reported to have been taken on the Lampport and Holt steamer Vauban within the last week in the Atlantic Ocean south of Rio de Janeiro, and made a prisoner on a British cruiser. The Vauban sailed from this port on November 13th, three days after the \$4,000,000 blaze in the machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Since the ship left here private detectives and agents of the Department of Justice traced a man from Bethlehem to Philadelphia, where he booked a passage on the Vauban. The trail led to this city, and then to the liner. While Federal officials here declined to make any statement concerning the affair, there seems no doubt that communication was made with the British Embassy, with the result that a British cruiser was ordered to hurry after the Vauban and make a search of the ship. A few days ago a report was received from South America, saying that a cruiser had stopped the Vauban and taken off a man who was believed to be a German officer. The rumors to-day were that the man in question was one of the chief conspirators in the plots against munition and arms factories.

DEMONSTRATE FOR WAR.

No Peace Before Victory, Say French Women. Paris, Dec. 14.—The National Council of French Women, after deciding not to take part in any international political congress during the duration of the war, issued the following manifesto: "The German women are making demonstrations for peace. We mothers, wives, daughters and sisters, who have not lost but have given up all that is most precious to us, must make demonstrations for war. We must not let a word of peace be heard until our dear dead are avenged, our country liberated and a great victory achieved. We do not want war for war's sake; we want war for the sake of peace. "French women, love and be worthy of your country. If we cannot give our blood let us give our hearts and souls."

STARTED PEACE GOSSIP

International Financial Interests Said To Be Behind It. London, Dec. 13.—Information from a responsible quarter indicates the possibility of an attempt to patch up an unsatisfactory peace at an early date. International financial interests are at work with the object of bringing the war to a finish, and is largely owing to their activity that there has been so much peace gossip in the newspapers of late. The interests seek to bring about peace on a basis of status quo, but the people of this country in their present mood are unlikely to consider the question of peace at all until Germany is beaten to her knees.

MUST GIVE UP GOLD.

Germany Putting Pressure On Private Citizens. Berlin, via London, Dec. 14.—The Reichsbank is taking measures to secure all gold deposited in safety deposit vaults since the war began. Circulars have been sent to all banks throughout the Empire urging them to serve notice on the renters of space in safety deposit vaults since the outbreak of the war that rent arrangements will be discontinued with the present terms unless the patrons sign a declaration that the vault drawers contain no gold. Banks are now sending out notifications to customers, and enclosing forms for making declarations of the gold contained in their vault drawers. "What people don't know about religion causes the fool arguments."

R. J. MACKENZIE IN BIG POST

Said To Be New Head Of C. N. R. In The West. Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—R. J. Mackenzie, who left for San Francisco, accompanied by his mother, Lady Mackenzie, on Saturday, practically admitted that he was now head of the Canadian Northern Railway Company in the West, but would not state what his title will be when official announcement is made early in the year. He has proven himself to be an astute business man, having accumulated an immense fortune by shrewd investments independent of his railway and other enterprises in which he is interested with his father; and now that Canadian Northern business has become so extensive east and west it has been deemed desirable to have a member of the company in executive charge here in order to keep in close touch with all matters affecting it.

GERMANS ARE WITHDRAWING

Their Centre To The Bug River Line. London, Dec. 13.—Despatches from Petrograd indicate that the Germans are withdrawing their centre to what is known as the Bug river line, which, however, is many miles to the north-east of that river. This withdrawal is due to their inability to secure complete control of the Lida-Baronvitchi-Rovno Railway, which was necessary for the consolidation of the advanced position which they reached after their great drive last summer. They have evacuated Slonim, lying to the west, and Baronvitchi and Kobrin, just to the east of Brest-Litovsk, which they are making the centre of their new lines. These are being very strongly fortified.

BEAUTY IN COMMON THINGS

Sermons Can Be Found In All Places About Us. The Christian Herald. No, it isn't hard to brighten up your life if you try to see beauty in commonplace things. I fancy there's very little that couldn't seem beautiful, if you pick out the best points and ignore the disagreeable ones. There isn't a swamp that hasn't some beautiful flowers growing in it, and there are mighty few unpainted weather-stained barns that haven't got a swallow or two peeping house under the eaves. If you open up the duldest gray oyster you may find a pearl in it, and if you look at a buzzing, biting mosquito in the right kind of a light you will see what gauzy, chifony things its wings are.

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- FIRST—We selected the British Whig as our "Winning Daily" in Kingston because of the general excellence of the Whig in news and editorial make-up and efficiency. SECOND—Because it is the only paper in Kingston affiliated with the Audit Bureau of Circulations of Chicago. THIRD—Because it has the largest circulation and is supreme in advertising. Being an evening newspaper in a field where an evening paper is widely demanded, its circulation must necessarily represent the purchasing power of the people of Kingston and the territory of which the city is essentially the ready market place. FOURTH—Because of the typographical appearance of the advertisements and the care which is evidently given in the matter of make-up and position. FIFTH—Because of the carefully planned and maintained circulation distribution facilities and continuous effort to have the British Whig placed in the hands of its readers at the earliest possible moment, and yet carrying the latest and most important news. SIXTH—Because the British Whig is in all intents and purposes a real "home" newspaper, appealing directly not only to men but to the women of the household, who do eighty per cent. of the purchasing of family requirements. SEVENTH—Because the British Whig is recognized by men and women in all paths of life as the standard, competent newspaper of its field.

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