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THE GREEK SOCIALISTS DECLARE FOR THE ALLIES

Issue Manifesto Declaring That Neutrality Should be Abandoned And That Greek Troops Should be Placed at Disposal of Allies.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Dec. 15.—The role of Greece in the present Balkan situation is now the paramount issue, and the general opinion here is that the Hellenic Government will before many days have to take sides with either the Entente powers or the Germans and Bulgarians. Threatened from the sea by the Allied fleets and from the north by a Bulgar-German invasion, Greece is to-day in a dilemma surpassing in seriousness all she has gone through since the Balkan operations began. Pressure from both sides continues with increased vigor.

All advice from Athens indicate that the further maintenance of Greek neutrality depends on whether the Germans and Austrians or the Bulgarians carry the pursuit of the Allies into Greek territory. For the armies of the Central Powers, Greece is expected to allow leeway. Should, however, the Bulgarians, her traditional foes, cross the frontier, a Greek-Bulgarian embroilment is believed inevitable. On the other hand, the guiding factors of Germany's diplomacy and her general staff are presumed to be fully realizing these facts and to have devised their plans accordingly.

Unofficial Athens despatches say that Germany has asked Greece "whether the new facilities afforded the Allies compromise Greek neutrality in any way."

The German diplomats in the Greek capital are known to be desirous of avoiding friction with King Constantine's Government, but to be equally determined not to allow further Greek "accommodation" of the Allied forces to offset the German and Bulgarian victories in Serbia.

Socialists For the Allies.

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, Dec. 15.—The Greek Socialist party has issued a manifesto declaring that neutrality should be discontinued and that the Greek troops be at once placed at the disposal of the Allies to fight the Germanic invaders.

JASPER PARK TO BE NEW INTERNMENT CAMP Hard to Get Boots, Socks and Underwear For War Prisoners.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—One of the biggest difficulties that General Sir William Otter has had to deal with in looking after his 7,200 interned aliens has been that of securing sufficient winter clothing.

The Canadian and British Governments and the governments of the Allies have been so busy purchasing clothing for their troops that the Canadian manufacturers have been scarcely able to meet the demand.

General Otter has had a good deal of trouble, therefore, in securing boots, socks and underwear for his prisoners of war. There was no difficulty in obtaining the other clothing.

In one western camp the work had to be suspended when winter came on because the men were literally "on their nippers."

A new camp is being established in Jasper Park, near the Yellowhead Pass. This makes eight working camps in Alberta and British Columbia.

MUST WIDEN SCOPE.

Of the Soldiers' Aid Commission of Ontario.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Soldiers' Aid Commission is becoming convinced that if it is to deal effectively with the varied cases coming under its notice it will require its scope widened. W. F. Nickle, M. P. for Kingston, at the fortnightly meeting of the Commission at Parliament buildings yesterday, moved that representations be made to the Government that the scope of the Commission as at present defined does not enable it to take into consideration men who have enlisted with the overseas battalions and are injured on this side of the Atlantic.

10,000 Aeroplane Guns Ordered.
New York, Dec. 15.—It was announced that J. P. Morgan and Co. have placed an order for 10,000 aeroplane guns for the British Government with the Briggs-Seabury Ordnance Company. A contract has also been closed for the manufacture of 200 large cannon and another for a large number of six-inch explosive shells.

Kills Four Thousand.

London, Dec. 15.—The Melbourne correspondent of the Times telegraphs: "Advises from the Santa Cruz and Solomon Islands report that a drought has caused the death of four thousand natives. Some villages have been depopulated. Some villages are left to bury the dead."

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CROOKS' POOR SEASON.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 15.—War and hard times have sent the crooks of Montreal to jail. As a result the Recorder's Court receipts for 1915, will show a decrease of \$20,000 at least. In the old days, when coin was flush, drunks, disorderlies, etc., paid the fine and missed the jail. Now the cash is missing and the jail gets them. So the city has to keep them. The Recorder's Court cases are far fewer than in previous years as many of the "regulars" are at the front where they are doing fine work in the trenches.

PLANNED TO FOMENT PLOTS IN THE U.S.

As Far Back As 1906—What New York Banker Says About Germany.

New York, Dec. 15.—Germany's disavowal of the acts of Captain Franz von Rintelen, the propagandist who is accused of seeking to foment strikes in munitions plants in this country, called forth a statement from a prominent banker in this city, who said of having met von Rintelen at a reception in the home of a wealthy brewer on Fifth avenue in 1906. The banker said that von Rintelen came here in 1906 to prepare to protect Germany's interests on the presumption that a European war was imminent. He had an office at 52 William street, he said, and was associated with the Deutsche Bank.

He asked me what I thought of the Panther affair. I told him I did not think it was anything to become alarmed over, whereupon he said: "I tell you that this affair is likely to come up at any moment into a general European war. It is bound to come in a few years anyhow, and why not now?"

PITH OF NEWS.

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.
The Oscar II is at Kirkwall, Eng. King Constantine of Greece has influenza.
The Manitoba Legislature will open on January 6th.
The police will take a census of Toronto men of military age.
The Soldier's Aid Commission of Ontario will ask to have its scope widened.
Alien enemies interned in England total 45,749; prisoners of war in England, 21,205.

DETAINED AS SPY.

Pennsylvania Man Enlisted in American Navy.
Allentown, Pa., Dec. 15.—According to a cablegram received by the county commissioners here to-day from the American consul in Liverpool, George Pharon Hebriger, aged 18, a native of Lehigh County, is being detained in England under the suspicion of being a German spy. Hebriger two years ago enlisted in the American navy. Since then he had not been heard from.

HAVOC IN PEERAGE.

Eight Hundred Holders of Titles Killed in the War.
London, Dec. 15.—The issue of "Debrett's Peerage," the official annual record of British titles, strikingly illustrates how the aristocracy has suffered through the war. A roll of honor of some 800 names is given of those killed in battle or who have died of wounds, being twelve pages.

NO CONSCRIPTION TILL NEXT MARCH.

London, Dec. 15.—The Manchester Guardian, while noting the higher estimates of the results of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign, declares that the most authoritative estimate it has received is 1,250,000 enlistments, including over 300,000 single men. It is estimated that 10 per cent. of the single men stood out.

LONDON'S AID DEFENCE

Now Under Sole Control Of The War Office.
London, Dec. 15.—The anti-aircraft corps in London is under the sole control of the War Office, and Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott is no longer in charge. This announcement was made in the House of Commons by Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for War.

LULL IN THE BATTLE ON SERBIAN BORDER.

Bulgarians Withdrew From Greek Territory When They Found They Were On It.
Athens, Dec. 15.—Official despatches to the War Office to-day reported a lull in the battle along the Serbo-Greek border and declared that no large force of Bulgars has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Small scouting parties that advanced over the border in pursuit of the Allies immediately withdrew. It was stated, upon discovering their mis-take.

ACCEPTS QUEEN'S GRADUATES.

A London despatches says the Royal College of Surgeons has decided to permit Queen's University graduates to fellowship and practise without first becoming members.



HEROES OF FRANCE.
Two French soldiers—the man in the chair lost both legs—were decorated with the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery at Les Eparges.

CARSON LEADER OF CABAL TO WRECK THE GOVERNMENT

New York, Dec. 15.—A cable to the Herald from London says: "The Daily News asserts that Sir Edward Carson is the leader of a cabal which is plotting to wreck the Government, no matter what the consequences may be, while the Northcliffe press, backed by the Morning Post, is giving aid and encouragement to the new party; the latter denouncing as a national scandal the fact that the Government refuses to pledge itself to a drastic reduction in the salaries of members of the cabinet and the cessation of the payment of salaries to members of Parliament, which would do away with some of the troublesome Labor and Irish Nationalist members. The Daily Mail continues its policy of stirring up trouble by an embarrassing demand that all the facts connected with the recent trade treaty between Great Britain and Denmark be made public."

WEALTHY WIDOW SLAIN. HER HOUSE ROBBED.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 15.—Mystery today surrounded the death of Mrs. Caroline Flaccus Viehman, aged seventy-one, a wealthy widow and member of a prominent Pittsburgh family, who was found murdered in her home ten miles north of here. The woman's body, bound hand and foot and with a gag in the mouth, was discovered yesterday by a farm hand. The house had been ransacked and telephone connections severed.

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SHELLS BRITISH BASE.

In Mesopotamia But Turkish Attacks Failed.
London, Dec. 15.—Turkish forces in the Mesopotamia shelled the British base at Kut El Amara for three days and then delivered two attacks, both of which were repulsed. Gen. Townshend reported to-day.

SAYS RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH ALLIES

For the Continuance of War—Statement Made in the German Reichstag.
Berlin, via wireless, Dec. 15.—"Responsibility for the continuance of the war must rest with the Allies," Dr. Karl Helfferich, Imperial Secretary of the Treasury, told the Reichstag in discussing Germany's finances to-day.

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DIED TO SAVE ENTIRE BRITISH DIVISION

Hardly a Man of the Inniskillings Escaped—But They Gave Time For the Retreat to a Strong Line Where Bulgars Were Held Up For Four Days.

London, Dec. 15.—How two companies of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and another of the Irish regiment forming the British divisions which are making a fighting retreat from Serbia, sacrificed themselves to cover the retreat of their comrades is told by the wounded who have reached British headquarters in Macedonia. The British according to the correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company, in a despatch from the British headquarters, were outnumbered ten to one by the Bulgarians, who were well supplied with guns and machine guns. Last Monday morning they were awakened by a heavy bombardment by the Bulgarians, who poured a hail of shot and shell on them. Splintering rocks intensified the effect of their fire.

POLICY OF CONSCRIPTION FOR MILITARY TRAINING.

Chairman of Senate Military Committee Introduces Bill.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A policy of conscription for the United States citizen army is proposed in a bill introduced by Chairman Chamberlain, of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. All but those especially excused for physical, religious or other specifically named reasons would be obliged to serve in this army, between the ages of twelve and twenty-three years. The penalty for failing to do so would be \$500 fine.

USE RUSS PRISONERS TO DIG TRENCHES.

Some of Them Escape and Crawl Over to the British Trenches.

London, Dec. 15.—A British officer writing from Northern France, says: "Two Russian prisoners who were captured by Germans, were employed in strengthening the German line on our front, but they escaped and crawled to our lines last night. They said that over 500 Russian prisoners are being used to do work of that kind."

AUSTRIA TO YIELD

To Demands Made in the United States Note.
(Special to the Whig.)
London, Dec. 15.—That Austria will yield to the demand of the United States made in the Ancona note was reported in despatches from Swiss points. It was stated that a meeting of the Austrian Cabinet was held yesterday to consider the American note.

PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL

Of Greek Troops From Salonika Begins Wednesday.
(Special to the Whig.)
Salonika, Dec. 15.—Partial withdrawal of Greek troops from the vicinity of Salonika, under the agreement with the Anglo-French authorities, will begin to-day. Twelve thousand Greek troops will remain here.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Band at Palace Here to-night. See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities.

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