

COLD NORWAY "COOL" TO FORD PEACE PARTY; SLEDDING IS ROUGH

Leaders Begin to Doubt the Success of the Plan to Hold a Congress of Neutrals

QUIT, URGES LINDSEY

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 20.—For the first time since the Oscar II set sail from New York leaders of the Ford peace party today began to doubt the success of plans for a peace congress of neutrals.

The expedition has reached its first neutral country and its reception has lacked warmth, it has not been hostile. The unfriendly attitude of the Norwegian press has convinced the peace chiefs that their plans to bring the boys out of the trenches will encounter rough sledding among European neutrals.

Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver, one of the most prominent figures aboard the ship, today advised Ford to abandon the mission altogether. Lindsey is convinced that peace efforts will be hopeless, and he begged Ford to change his plans and turn the enterprise into one for fitting homes for war orphans.

Ford refused to consider the suggestion. He is not at all discouraged by the reception the peace argosy received upon its arrival here or by the row that began in mid-Atlantic. He had his emissaries in Norway trying to arrange an audience with the King of Norway.

Rumors of important developments are current, however. Ford's lieutenants admit that the peace plans are no better developed than when the party left New York. The cost of the peace expedition so far is \$125,000, and Financial Manager Plaintiff estimates that the final total will reach half a million at least.

The attempt to send several newspaper correspondents from the party has failed. The Executive Committee first considered expelling the newspaper men, charging that they had sent out wireless messages giving unfavorable news regarding the peace voyage. Correspondents learned that the wireless dispatches they sent from the Oscar II while crossing were read by Ford's lieutenants. The Executive Committee finally agreed that the correspondents would end all further publicity for the peace enterprise and seriously impair the success of the expedition.

RABBI KRAUSKOPF PRAISES THE FORD PEACE VOYAGE

Praise for the peace trip of Henry Ford and party was uttered by Rabbi Krauskopf in his sermon in Kew-Forest Temple yesterday. He said he was convinced that the mission would fail, but praised the ideals and purposes which animated Mr. Ford in undertaking the trip.

STOLE TO FEED FAMILY

Young Man Took Watch to Buy Food for Wife and Child

Desperate to provide clothes and food for his ill-wife and seven-year-old child, Stewart Drake, 22 years old, was held under \$200 bail this morning in the Germantown police station accused of stealing a valuable gold watch from his mother, Mrs. Lydia Cloud, 35 years old, of the same address.

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BRITISH WITHDRAW FROM DARDANELLES

Continued from Page One Dardanelles has taken place on the fronts of Anzac and Suvla Bay, on the western side of Gallipoli Peninsula. Farther to the southwest, near Krithia and Sed-el-Bahr, the operations were confined chiefly to artillery dueling.

It was reported concurrently with the War Office announcement that part of the troops withdrawn from the Gallipoli Peninsula would be sent into the Balkans and others into Egypt.

It was decided some time ago by the British cabinet to transfer the troops from the Suvla Bay and Anzac fronts on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The premier, upon being interpellated about the withdrawal of troops from the Dardanelles, said:

"The transferring of troops from Suvla and the Anzac zones is in accordance with a cabinet decision arrived at some time ago."

LOSSES LIGHT IN TRANSFER. The transfer was accomplished "with insignificant casualties," the War Office added, indicated that the Turks launched a furious attack when the troops began re-embarking.

One of the objections against abandonment of the Dardanelles operations was the fear that the troops would be slaughtered by Turkish artillery while en route in small boats to the transports. It is assumed that British and French warships covered the retreat.

TEUTONS AIM AT EGYPT. Events are moving with great rapidity in the Eastern Mediterranean littoral, where the Germans and Turks are concentrating for an invasion of Egypt and a bid for control of the Suez Canal and the gateway to India.

Turkish-German troops are being gathered between Aleppo and Hama in great numbers, and great quantities of rolling stock—locomotives and cars—are going over the Orient Railway to move these troops. Krupp's and other big munition plants in Germany have been sending forward shipments of rifles and ammunition, and Field Marshal von der Goltz, for long the head of the German military commission charged with the task of reorganizing the Ottoman army, has been placed in supreme command, with his headquarters at Aleppo.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says:

It is reported that Field Marshal von der Goltz, commander-in-chief of the First Turkish army, is establishing his headquarters at Aleppo, Syria, where the Turkish and German troops under his command are being equipped for an invasion of Egypt.

If all the allied forces are withdrawn from the peninsula it will release a Turkish army of approximately 250,000 men for service in some other field of action.

The Anzac front mentioned in the official statement is that section of the Allied line held by the Australian and New Zealand army corps. The first letters of the words were taken to form the name. It is south of Avli Burnu, a place which has figured frequently in the British and Turkish War Office reports.

The withdrawal affects more than 100,000 British troops, who have been vainly attempting for several months to advance against the Turks in the Suvla Bay and Anzac regions on the west shore of Gallipoli Peninsula. No mention was made by the War Office of any withdrawals from Sed-el-Bahr region at the southern tip of Gallipoli, where French and British troops hold lines near Krithia. The withdrawal, however, may be the forerunner of abandonment of the whole Dardanelles campaign in favor of Balkan operations or to defend Egypt against the expected Turkish-German invasion.

More than 100,000 British troops, made up largely of Australians and New Zealanders, were landed on the shores of Suvla Bay and in the Anzac region several months after the first land operations against the Dardanelles were begun from the region of Sed-el-Bahr.

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L'Italia Ha Ora sul Fronte di Battaglia Un Milione di Uomini ed Un Altro in Riserva

AMEGLIO IN ALBANIA

ROMA, 20 Dicembre. Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente comunicato ufficiale basato sul rapporto del generale Cadorna:

"La neve sulle montagne e la pioggia e la nebbia sulla pianura ostacolano le operazioni di guerra, ma nonostante tutto l'attività delle nostre truppe continua senza posa."

"Sulle pendici settentrionali del Monte San Michele, a sud di Gorizia, la nostra fanteria circondò e conquistò di sorpresa un trinceramento nemico confinato con le nostre linee e vi fece 115 prigionieri, tra cui due ufficiali."

DUE MILIONI IN SOLDATI. L'Italia ha ora sotto le armi ben due milioni di soldati e sta preparando un altro milione. Circa un milione sono sul fronte di battaglia che si attende dal Trentino a Montebelluna, mentre l'altro milione è tenuto in riserva sia per riempire i vuoti a sta per avere sotto mano le riserve strategiche necessarie per future operazioni. Anche il terzo milione, che sta ora completando la sua istruttoria, sarà tenuto in riserva per le operazioni che sarà necessario iniziare nell'avvenire.

Si calcola che da 50 a 500,000 uomini siano impegnati nelle operazioni di guerra

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che si svolgono nel Trentino, mentre tra 600,000 a 700,000 sono schierati sul fronte di battaglia che si attende dalla strada di Montebelluna a Montebelluna. I critici militari sostengono che l'Austria è costretta a tenere sul fronte dell'Isone e del Trentino almeno 700,000 uomini, che essa avrebbe altrimenti potuto impiegare altrove, in Russia o nei Balcani.

Il generale Ameglio è stato nominato comandante della spedizione italiana in Albania, che, come non abbiamo previsto, si propone semplicemente per ora l'obiettivo di difendere l'Albania e di riorganizzare le forze della Serbia.

Fino al 20 Novembre il s. in Stato Maggiore italiano così stimava le perdite subite dagli austriaci e dagli italiani: Morti e feriti italiani, 15,000; austriaci, 50,000; prigionieri austriaci in Italia, 25,000; prigionieri italiani in Austria, 12,000.

NEI BALCANI. E' nota che gli austro-italiani, ritiratisi dalla Serbia meridionale, si sono concentrati a Salonicco ed ivi hanno iniziato lavori di fortificazione per difendere quella loro base contro attacchi da parte dei teutonici e dei bulgari. I governi di Germania e Austria avevano protestato contro la costruzione di nuovi forti da parte degli alleati a Salonicco, e la loro protesta era stata presentata al governo greco.

Si apprende ora che il governo greco ha risposto a questi atti di protesta, annunciando che esso non può in alcun modo impedire la costruzione di nuovi forti da parte degli alleati che desiderano essere sicuri contro possibili attacchi da parte degli austro-tedeschi.

SULLO SBARCO IN ALBANIA. Si ha qualche nuovo particolare sullo sbarco delle forze italiane nell'Albania. Il governo greco ha così rifiutato di impedire che gli alleati si fortifichino a Salonicco ed anche solamente di pro-

testare, perché la sicurezza degli alleati a Salonicco è stata formalmente garantita dalla Grecia che è tuttora l'alleata della Serbia.

Mentre le navi da guerra italiane proteggevano lo sbarco, un sottomarino italiano ebbe uno scontro con tre cacciatorpediniere austriaci. Questi erano da due giorni a guardia della costa albanese. Quando il sottomarino vide le tre siluranti, nemiche venire verso di esso a tutta velocità, si preparò ad affrontarle. Ma subito una delle siluranti si staccò dalla linea, evidentemente per investire il sottomarino che, visto il pericolo, si impresse e lasciò passare la silurante.

Saluto dopo il sottomarino ritorno a galla per attaccare un altro cacciatorpediniere, ma anche questa volta fu costretto ad immergersi, e dovette ripetere l'operazione per una terza volta. Il sottomarino allora emerse ancora a cinquanta metri da una silurante e lanciò contro di essa un siluro e si preparò ad attaccare la seconda. Il siluro andò a vuoto, ed anche il secondo fu evitato dal cacciatorpediniere.

A questo punto il sottomarino era stato quasi investito dal primo cacciatorpediniere, ma si salvò immergendosi ancora. Le tre navi nemiche allora circondarono il sottomarino, che si immerse ad oltre venti metri e uscì fuori del cerchio nemico. Ma a questo punto, mentre stava per ritornare a galla esso urtò contro una mina o fu colpito, e dovette immergersi

per eseguire le riparazioni che, fortunatamente, non erano gran cosa. Le riparazioni furono completate poi durante la notte, quando il sottomarino poté con sicurezza tornare a galla.

Si apprende che 30,000 prigionieri austriaci che sono nelle mani dei serbi saranno condotti in Albania e quindi trasferiti in Italia perché non siano liberati da un possibile successo teutonico contro i serbi.

"SHOT UP" BOARDING HOUSE; ONE MAN DIES OF WOUND

Alfonso Barrono Succumbs in Hospital at Pottsville

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Alfonso Barrono, 28 years old, died during the night in the Pottsville Hospital of a gunshot wound in his head. The wound was received on Wednesday night at a boarding house in this city at the hand of Salvatore Constantino, who was committed to county prison subsequent to the shooting.

The shooting, according to eyewitnesses, was without provocation. The prisoner and other boarders had been notified by the proprietor that they had to seek other quarters because he would remove to New York city on the following day. Constantino then got his revolver and "shot up" the boarding house, killing Barrono, according to the witness.

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