

BULGARIANS BEG SEPARATE PEACE, LONDON REPORT

Report Is Confirmed in Entente Circles, Says Athens Correspondent

RUMANIA NOW MOBILIZED

Bulgars in Albania Take Elbassan and Move Toward Valona

Dispatches to London from Athens state that definite political negotiations have been opened for a change of policy on the part of Bulgaria that will make it favor the Entente. One report has it that the Bulgarians have asked for a separate peace. The Sofia envoy to the United States discredits the report, but admits that no pact binds Bulgarian not to seek a separate peace.

Rumanian mobilization is now complete, said an official statement given out in Paris today. The Carpathian and Danubian defenses have been completed.

Bulgarian troops have occupied the Albanian city of Elbassan and are moving westward to join the Austrians in cutting off the Italian retreat from Durazzo. The Sofia War Office reported today that the people of Elbassan gave the Bulgarian troops a cordial welcome. The army is now headed for Valona, the Allies' base on the Adriatic.

Ex-Premier Venizelos, the Greek pro-ally statesman, who was ousted from office by King Constantine because of his anti-neutral policy, has entered politics again. His candidacy for the Chamber of Deputies is believed to foreshadow sensational activity for the Hellenic party.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—A dispatch from the Exchange Telegraph Company from its correspondent in Athens says that it is confirmed in Entente circles that Bulgaria has made overtures to the Entente Allies for a separate peace.

Belief that Rumania is drifting into the war on the side of the Allies was strengthened today by official dispatches from Paris, reporting the Rumanian mobilization completed.

Paris also reports that the construction of Rumanian works along the Danube and on the Hungarian frontier, to guard against possible invasions by the Bulgars or Austro-Hungarians, have been finished. Work on these fortifications, according to recent Home reports, has been in progress throughout the winter.

Thus far no word has reached London of an order for the mobilization of the entire Rumanian army. The Paris statement that mobilization has been completed is assumed to refer to the recent concentration on the Bulgarian and Danube lines.

A Daily News dispatch from Milan quotes the Aveduta, a Bulgarian paper, as stating that the Kaiser, in reply to a question by King Ferdinand on the subject of Rumania, said:

"If Rumania does not appreciate the fate of Belgium because that country is far away, I hope that she is not blinded by the spectacle of Serbia on her own front. But if this fails to awaken her from her dreams, we, the Kaiser, Austrians, Bulgars and Turks, have enough troops to throw across the Danube—and Bucharest is only 37 miles from the Danube."

MORE ALLIES AT SALONICA. Large additional French and British forces have been landed at Salonica, according to dispatches from Athens.

The French troops have been sent forward along the railway to the G-eco-Bulgar frontier.

The Journal of Paris by its Athens correspondent says that former Premier Venizelos has decided to return to active political life, becoming a candidate for a vacancy in the Chamber of Deputies from Mytilene.

M. Venizelos resigned the Premiership twice during the war owing to the opposition of King Constantine to his policy in favor of the entrance of Greece into the war on the side of the Entente Allies.

The former Premier has not been active politically since the recent general elections, when he urged his followers to refrain from voting, on the ground that the election, under existing conditions, would not be a fair representation of popular will. A parliamentary majority in favor of the neutrality policy of King Constantine was returned.

BULGARS MOVE IN ALBANIA. Bulgarian troops have advanced from Elbassan and are nearing Valona, the Albanian seaport occupied by Italian troops. Word reaches here today from Athens that the Bulgars, on Saturday evening, occupied the town of Fieri, 31 miles north of Valona, but halted there to await the arrival of artillery before attacking the defenses of Valona.

Bulgarian vanguards are now less than 20 miles from the Austrian army, approaching Durazzo from the country west of Tirana, and the two forces are in constant communication by marching westward 53 miles to the Adriatic seacoast, the Bulgarians will complete the envelopment of the Italian and Albanian forces at Durazzo unless they evacuate and retreat hurriedly to the southward.

An Austrian official statement Saturday night reported that the Italians had attacked Austrian positions west of Tirana, indicating they intend to make a stand at Durazzo.

Elbassan is a city of 15,000, the second largest in Albania. It is the seat of a Greek bishop, and was capital of a Sanjak of the Turkish Empire when under the rule of the Sultan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—M. Stephan Panaretou, the Bulgarian Minister in Washington, said last night that he knew nothing of reports, coming from Athens, to the effect that Bulgaria was seeking a separate peace. The Minister added, however, that he did not believe the report.

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20,000 YELL "AMEN" AS "BILLY" PREACHES

Continued from Page One. More than 100 other invitations in order to come here. The meeting was held under the auspices of the National Temperance Union, and twice as many applications were made for seats as the officials of the organization were able to distribute, thus indicating that "Billy" has not been forgotten by the thousands who heard him preach here and the 45,000 and more who took his hand as converts.

CHORUS OF 1000 SINGERS. It was a real tabernacle crowd and meeting, lacking only the tabernacle, the rough-board benches and the pleasant fragrance of pine from sawdust and shavings in the aisles to complete the setting. "Today," otherwise Homer Koderheaver, the "slip-horri" artist, who, "Ma" Sunday and her broad smile were there and so were most of the other members of the Sunday party and leaders in the Philadelphia campaign of last year. About 2000 women singers had been trained for the meeting by Harry Lincoln, and with "Rodey's" smile as their guide they made the building ring with the familiar revival hymns "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," "If Your Heart Keeps Right" and other popular melodies.

The doors were opened at about 12:30 o'clock, and thousands of the pleasant of the evangelist stamped about in the cold for an hour before that time, anxious to get inside the hall, as they feared they would be crowded out, although they held admission tickets. Hundreds of other persons stormed the doors on all sides of the building and tried to gain admittance without their force of reserve policemen held them back.

Mr. Sunday was welcomed by Joseph M. Steele, chairman of the Sunday Campaign Committee, at the time of his visit here last year. The Rev. Dr. Rufus W. Miller, chairman of the Revival Society, opened the service with a talk on a new aspect of temperance. The Rev. Dr. George T. Webb, vice president of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Society, followed with a talk on the work that young people's societies do for children. At the end of this speech Mr. Sunday appeared and there was a tremendous burst of cheering.

NEW SERMONS. Sunday preached a new sermon this afternoon, one he had written during his stay in Trenton, and he did not hesitate to slash right and left with his stinging and trenchant, active, well-dressed, and church members. The subject of the sermon was announced as "Militant Christianity." "Billy's" title for it is "The Fighting Spirit," but he deviated from the sermon to suit the occasion and used part of "God's Arrows," another new sermon. Tonight he will preach another new sermon, entitled "Samson and Delilah," and a chorus of 5000 persons will sing. Tickets are all gone for this meeting, for which the doors will open at 6:30 o'clock.

GETS WARM GREETING. "Billy" and his party were given a rousing reception when they arrived in the road Street Station from Trenton at 11 o'clock today. Many of the leaders of the Philadelphia campaign, as well as officials of the National Temperance Union, were there to greet them. Among those who shook the evangelist's hand was Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Immediately after their arrival the members of the Sunday party were driven to the Bellevue-Stratford in automobiles, where a suite of rooms had been engaged for them by W. Greer, of Germantown, one of Sunday's warmest admirers, whose guests Sunday and his party were at luncheon.

In his sermon this afternoon "Billy" said, in part: "Recently a man sent me a book written by my old friend, Doctor Gordon, of Winnipeg. It was that book which prompted this sermon. "Every generation has its prophets to produce new types of Christians. These we classify as we would animal and vegetable life. Each separate species has its name, like culture, well-to-do, amiable, well-dressed, educated, wealthy and worldly. The percentage, because of social, political and economic conditions, demands a new brand of Christian which I designate as the 'Fighting Spirit.'"

"I'm looking for a saint who will go on the warpath for purity, sobriety and for righteousness; a saint who will draw the sword and carry the war into Africa. We have championships in baseball, in tennis, in track and field sports, and in golf, even, and we ought to find a champion in progressive Christianity."

"We are hungry for a believer who will throw down the gauntlet and take up the cudgels for reforms in civic and social life."

CITIES LIKE CARBUNCLES. "The civilization of the future will center more and more in the cities. Many of our cities today are carbuncles on the neck of the body politic. They are like huge magnets, drawing all elements and conditions into their great crucibles to melt them up into new and terrible forms. What is enthroned in the cities will give tone to the country that surrounds them. Therefore, a city with the lid off, a city wide open, in a curse, and officials who permit such things are a disgrace to humanity and to the parties that have placed them in office."

"The banner of the church of Christ has two sides. Religion exists for a twofold purpose. The first is to enshrine righteousness. The second is to overthrow wrong. Jesus Christ intended His church to be militant as well as persuasive. It must fight as well as pray."

"Jesus said: 'I bring not peace but a sword.' Luther said: 'If you burn my books I will burn yours. I never speak so well, I never pray so well, as when I'm mad.' A man without a temper is a man without force. Men of genius without exception have been fiery spirits—fire eaters. Great souls of history, sacred and profane, were all fighters."

"Moses slew an Egyptian. Joshua left not one alive. Caleb said, 'We're able to do it.' In other words, he meant 'deliver the goods.'"

"David was a man of war."

AMERICAN WOMAN, UNPROTECTED, HELD BY BULGARS IN MONASTIR

Neutral Consuls Expelled, Leaving Mrs. Farwell, Society Leader and War Scribe, in Unpleasant Position



MRS. WALTER FARWELL

ATHEENS, Feb. 14. Mrs. Walter Farwell, prominent Chicago society woman, who is virtually held prisoner by the Bulgarians at Monastir, Serbia, is left entirely unprotected by the expulsion of all neutral consuls from the city.

M. Jossif, the Greek Consul, who was forced to leave Monastir on Saturday, reached Salonica last night with a report on Mrs. Farwell's detention, and is en route to Athens. The expulsion of the neutral consuls not only has aroused great anger in political circles here, but has caused the greatest indignation in the American colony. With Monastir entirely controlled by Bulgarian soldiers the position of the American woman is decidedly unpleasant, if not actually dangerous.

Anglo-French air squadrons are making frequent raids upon Monastir, raining bombs at Bulgarian camps and upon buildings housing army officers, increasing the danger of Mrs. Farwell's position. Mrs. Farwell, who was acting as correspondent for the Chicago newspaper, was caught in Monastir when the Bulgars occupied the city. Several weeks ago, according to reports brought to Salonica, she was rounded up by Bulgarian soldiers, who raided the American Red Cross headquarters and confiscated supplies of flour. Though permitted to move about freely she has not been allowed to leave the city, despite efforts in her behalf made by her husband.

Several Americans today appealed to the Greek Foreign Office to use its efforts to obtain Mrs. Farwell's release. Greek officials expressed willingness to co-operate in every way possible, but suggested that the American Minister, Garrett

"The prophets all carried the Big Stick. 'What is this fighting spirit that I think the church needs?' 'The trouble is she is falling in her well-learned contentment, conserving her doctrines and her membership. The church that spends all its time doing this may become an evangelical church, but not an evangelic church. A church that is merely evangelic is a church on ice. A church that is evangelic is a church on fire.'"

"It is an entirely good and Christian thing to give a down-and-out a bath and a job. The thing to be done is to get God in not by the bathtub nor by the university nor by the gymnasium, but by the blood-red road of the cross."

STAKE EVEN LIFE. "This fighting spirit is one that will stake everything, even life itself, for God. The only thing you really believe in is the thing you are willing to stand for, fight for and die for. I'm tired and disgusted hearing people say, 'I favor this,' or 'I favor that.' Of course you do. Everybody favors something. The chief and the anarchist. I have one question to ask every man and woman with their name on the church record."

"What are you willing to stand for?" "These are the rules of the battle. Have convictions, take a stand, get into the game."

"If you would explain every period in history and every great movement that has set the world going Godward, find the master mind of that period. There was Columbus and the New World; Galileo, who unveiled a new sky for the world to marvel; there was Lincoln, who saved a nation from the hands of the thief and all the world new eyes for beauty; and Todd of France, who has been able to see visions in stone and paint them in stone for the wonderment of all creation. "The splendid life of every nation has been a fighting period. Israel, emancipated from Egyptian bondage; Greece and the memory of Marathon; America and the revolution flame in the minds of the people of all generations as



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BRITISH DEFEATED AT ADEN; TROOPS RETIRE TO WARSHIPS

Turks in Southern Arabia Deliver Strong Attack

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 14.—Defeat of British forces by Turks near Aden, in southern Arabia, is reported in dispatches to the Agency Mill, the official news agency of the Turkish Government.

British troops entrenched in the neighborhood of Aden were attacked by strong Turkish forces. At some points the British lines gave way, the troops retiring to the protection of warships, which were anchored in shore.

AUSTRIAN AIRMEN SHELL MILAN AND RAVENNA

Continued from Page One. Astico Valley, and against the Coldonazzo Station, in the Sugana Valley. In the sixteen Valley our bombardment set fire to the Dolomites Hotel.

ITALIANS DEMAND REPRISALS FOR RAID ON RAVENNA

Say Bombs Were Dropped on Town to Destroy Art Works

ROME, Feb. 14.—Strong demands for reprisals for the Austrian air raid over Ravenna were printed today by the Italian newspapers. It is indignantly declared that the attack against Ravenna was merely an attempt at wanton destruction, since there are no military works there.

Signor Corrado Ricci, director general of the Fine Arts Department, said that it was only by a miracle that the church of Sant' Apollinare was saved. Had the bombs fallen 20 feet further to the west the structure would have collapsed.

TEUTONS SMASH FRENCH LINES IN CHAMPAGNE

Continued from Page One. pelling us to give up a surrounding attack against outpost trenches of the enemy.

"In Champagne counter attacks by the enemy south of Ste. Marie were repulsed. Northwest of Tahure we wrested from the French a position extending over a front 700 yards wide by means of a storm attack. The enemy left seven officers and 300 of the rank and file in our hands as prisoners. We also captured three machine guns and five mine throwers. "The hand grenade fighting east of Meuse's O'champagne has come to a standstill.

South of Lusse and east of St. Die (in the Vosges), we destroyed a portion of the enemy's position with a mine. "Near Sept le Haut our troops captured French trenches over a front of 100 yards. Counter attacks by the French were repulsed and we captured a few dozen prisoners, two machine guns and three mine throwers.

"One of our aeroplane squadrons attacked railway establishments and military encampments of the enemy along the northern end of the battle line.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The capture of German trenches south of Fries is announced by the French War Office in an official communique today. One hundred prisoners were made.

The text of the communique follows: "In Artois we blew up a mine south of the road from Neuville to La Folle. South of the Somme an attack by our troops late yesterday against German works to the south of Fries enabled us to occupy some trench elements. A counter attack by the enemy was shattered by our rifle fire. A German company surrounded by our men was decimated. The captain and 48 men were the only ones surviving. The number of prisoners taken by us was 100. Several machine guns also remained in our hands.

"According to the prisoners who were questioned and judging from the number of German dead lying on the ground, the enemy's losses were considerable.

"In Champagne in the course of an attack executed by the enemy yesterday to the east of the road from Tahure to Saunoy we exploded three mine blasts, previously prepared, under advance trenches, which he had succeeded in penetrating. Efforts to reach our supporting trenches were completely checked. Devastating losses caused by the explosions of our mine and by our artillery fire, the enemy is holding on in the advance trenches.

RUSSIANS HOLD AT DVINSK; FOR GAINS ON CENTRE

Germans Dent Slav Front on Minsk-Pinsk Line by Sharp Operation

LAUNCH NEW CAMPAIGN

VIENNA, Feb. 14.—The claim of the Russian War Office that Ustretin in Galicia, has been captured from the Austro-Hungarians, and that a passage of the Dniester River has been forced there by the Russians was officially denied by the Austrian War Office today.

(Official dispatches from Petrograd on Thursday last reported that Ustretin had been captured after a series of siege attacks and that the Russians had crossed to the western bank of the Dniester at that point.)

LONDON, Feb. 14. Both on the Dvinsk front, where the Russian front (the Slav centre), where the Germans have made an impression, military activity has been briskly renewed. "The fighting which is progressing practically over the whole extent of the Eastern European front is mainly directed to curing tactical advantages for the development of future plans," says the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post.

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