

WISER MASSES  
200,000 MEN FOR  
SALONICA DRIVE

Allies Move Up Toward  
Greek-Bulgar Frontier as  
Reinforcements Arrive

RUMANIA MUST DECIDE

LONDON, Feb. 15.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange... The Bulgarian army is reported to have occupied... The Austro-Hungarian vanguards in Albania have reached the lower Arzen... The enemy has retreated to the southern bank.

An Austrian official communication, issued last night in Vienna and received here, says: The Austro-Hungarian vanguards in Albania have reached the lower Arzen... The enemy has retreated to the southern bank.

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Official statement announced that on February 9 Austro-Hungarian troops occupied Tirana, which lies about 20 miles northwest of Elbasan.

The present announcement that the Bulgarians have occupied Fieri, which is about 37 miles to the southwest of Elbasan, may indicate that the Austrians and Bulgarians have started separate campaigns from that point, the former advancing on the important Albanian port of Durazzo, while the Bulgarians are aiming at Avlona, which is occupied in force by Italian troops.

There has been no confirmation of the report received yesterday from Athens that Bulgaria is seeking separate peace with the Allies. The Evening Standard has learned from its Athens correspondent that definite negotiations have been opened for a change of policy on the part of Bulgaria which will incline her to the side of the Allies.

The actual military situation in the two chief Balkan theatres of war, Macedonia and Albania, remains stationary.

According to confidential information available here, from Rome and other dispatches, Germany, prior to attacking Salonica and resuming the offensive on the western and eastern fronts, has decided to try to compel to keep Rumania neutral throughout the war. Hence, Turkish and Bulgarian troops are being secretly concentrated on the Rumanian frontier along the Danube, while Austrian and German forces are concentrated in Transylvania.

When this concentration is concluded, Germany is expected to demand formal assurances of Rumania's neutrality before insisting upon the demobilization of the Rumanian army. She may resort to the occupation of the Rumanian frontier provinces with the promise to restore them after the war.

Meanwhile Germany is said to be striving to provoke a Cabinet crisis in Rumania with the object of having the pro-German ex-Premier, Carp and Marichidan, replace the present Government, which is suspected of being favorable to the Allies.

Once Rumania's neutrality is assured, it is argued, Greece's intervention will be possible and the Austrians and Germans will be enabled to neglect Salonica and continue in their hold on the Balkans and exploit Rumania, as they do Bulgaria and Turkey.

FRENCH REGAIN LOST  
TRENCHES IN CHAMPAGNE

Obtained from Page One  
our barrier line and the fire of our infantry. On the plateau of Valenciennes our artillery fire proved effective against a salient in the German line.

In Champagne there were very lively artillery actions in the regions of Tachere, Massiges and the Navarin farm there were no infantry attacks.

In upper Alsace, east of Seppois, the enemy directed an intense bombardment against the advanced positions which we had taken from him during the night. We evacuated these emplacements after they had been completely destroyed. In the same region our aircraft were directed against enemy reinforcements, which endeavored to advance in small groups toward Niederlarn.

The following British headquarters report was issued last night: "A German wireless dispatch reports that 40 British prisoners were captured in the fighting near Pilckem. We have 11 men missing after this fighting, of whom eight are believed to have been killed. These men were lost while pursuing the Germans back to their trenches."

"There were 17 air fights yesterday. The result of one of these was that a large hostile double-engine machine was brought down within the enemy's lines. The enemy displayed very great mining activity south of the Basses Canal. Seven mines were exploded by him during the last 24 hours. South of Fosse 3 there were eight mine explosions, preceded by heavy bombardment and followed by a small infantry attack. A few men got into our front trench, but were immediately driven out by our hand grenades."

The following statement was issued by the Belgian War Office: "Our batteries dispersed a German company on the Dixmude-Keyen road."

"Whoo, Phoebe," Mask and Wig Play  
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War Developments Today

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The immediate objective of the Germans seems to be to regain control of the Chalange railway and by driving a wedge in the French lines bend back the entire front or break the French lines of communication.

So far as action goes, the only manifestations in the Balkans are the massing of German troops on the Rumanian frontier to force Bucharest into a declared policy of neutrality and the concentration of 200,000 Teutons on the Greek-Bulgar border in preparation for the drive on the Alikes' base at Salonica.

U-BOAT POLICY HOLDS  
COL. HOUSE IN LONDON

President's Envoy to Await Decision of Allies on Armed Liners

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Colonel Edward M. House, confidential envoy of President Wilson, will postpone his return to the United States. He had planned to leave London on February 20 and sail the next day, but it was announced today that he would change his plans owing to "pressing engagements."

When Colonel House arrived here from Paris he expected to have only a few conferences here and terminate his business in the British capital quickly, but it is understood that complications which have arisen owing to the Teuton Government's policy with reference to armed merchantmen may keep him here for some time.

President Wilson's envoy has already conferred with one or more of the British Cabinet Ministers. The matters discussed probably will not be made known until he has had a chance to report in full to the head of the American Government. It is reported that Colonel House cabled President Wilson that developments required a longer stay in London than he had anticipated, and that the President authorized him to do as he saw fit about changing his plans.

Owing to the growing belief that the United States Government will accept the views of Germany as to the arming of merchantmen, there is an increasing public opinion that a complete blockade of Germany will be decreed by England. The fear that a blockade would alienate sympathy in the United States undoubtedly had its bearing upon the recent decision of the Government not to take such action, but if America condones the sinking of merchantmen without warning of submarines, the situation may immediately change.

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Violenti Duelli di Artiglieria sull'Alto Isonzo — L'Italia Dichiarera' Guerra alla Germania nel Marzo

L'ATTACCO SU VALONA

ROMA, 15 Febbraio. Il Ministero della Guerra ha pubblicato ieri sera un comunicato ufficiale in base al rapporto del generale Cadorna, nel quale si legge:

"Lei si ebbero violenti duelli di artiglieria che furono specialmente intensi nella zona dell'alto Isonzo, dove avevamo osservato importanti movimenti di truppe nemiche ed una grande attivita' nei lavori di difesa e di costruzione di strade."

I ministri francesi Briand e Thomas sono ritornati in Francia dopo una visita alla fronte di battaglia dell'Isonzo, dove furono ricevuti e trattenuti a colazione dal re e dal generale Cadorna. Una squadra di aviatori austriaci tento' di far saltare il treno nel quale si trovavano i ministri ma non e' possibile sapere altro a causa della severita' della censura. Si sa solo che, oltre Milano, anche Bergamo e Brescia furono visitate dalla squadrista aerea nemica e che la capella imperiale di Monza, eretta in memoria di re Umberto, fu colpita da una bomba.

GLI ATTACCHI AEREI

L'attacco degli aeroplani austriaci su Milano e' stato solo uno di una serie di attacchi aerei contro citta' dell'Alta Italia. Notizie giunte qui oggi dicono che dieci persone furono uccise e che gravi danni furono causati da bombe incendiarie. Tra gli aeroplani che operano gli attacchi erano due grossi velivoli corazzati, da battaglia, che evidentemente erano stati forniti al governo austriaco dallo Stato Maggiore tedesco.

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LA GUERRA ALLA GERMANIA.

In questi circoli politici romani corre voce che l'Italia dichiarera' nel marzo prossimo la guerra alla Germania. Si crede che l'effetto morale di questa dichiarazione di guerra sulla Grecia e sulla Rumania sara' considerevole e risolvera' certe questioni e certe difficolta' che esistono tuttora tra l'Italia e gli alleati. Nel circolo militare romano si ha piena fiducia che l'unita' di azione e la simultaneita' dello sforzo degli alleati daranno a questi risultati decisivi. Le potenze centrali non potranno resistere alla simultanea offensiva su tutte le fronti, non solo ma non sara' piu' possibile una grande offensiva della forza teutoniche. Si dice che fra breve gli alleati saranno capaci di prendere l'offensiva su tutte le fronti.

Si apprende che le forze bulgare marciarono su Valona. Questo affermazione dispiace giunti qui da Atene che dicono pure che gli austriaci useranno Fieri, che e' sta' nelle mani dei bulgari, come loro base. Per ora gli austriaci sono appena alle porte di Durazzo. Ad ogni modo qui si attende con fiducia l'attacco su Valona, giacche' la citta' e' stata trasformata in un fortissimo campo trincerato e non sara' tanto facilmente presa dalle forze austro-bulgare.

Rotarians to Debate Suffrage

A debate on woman suffrage will be one of the features of the regular monthly meeting of the Rotary Club, which will be held tonight at the Hotel Adelphi. Miss Jane Thompson, of Chicago, will take the affirmative, while the negative side will be presented by Mrs. O. D. Oliphant, of Trenton. Miss Elizabeth Harrison will render vocal selections.

BRITISH LOST 2 SHIPS  
IN FIGHT, SAYS BERLIN

Reports Second Vessel Sunk in Naval Battle Off Dogger Bank

BERLIN, Feb. 15. The Admiralty announced today that, in addition to sinking the British cruiser Arabis in the Dogger Bank engagement, German torpedobombs also sent another British warship to the bottom with a torpedo.

The Admiralty statement giving additional details of the Dogger Bank battle speaks of British vessels of a new type now in service, saying: "New English ships took part in the Dogger Bank naval battle. They are constructed for mining and air defense service, being built on the lines of a small cruiser."

"They have a speed of 15 knots and carry crews of 75 men. They were taken into active service only in January."

The British Admiralty announced yesterday that the cruiser Arctura had been blown up by a mine. This may be the vessel referred to in the Berlin Government's announcement.

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