

ENTENTE CHIEF TO CONFER WITH KING OF GREECE

Great Importance Attached to Sarraïl's Visit—Allies Threaten to Take Railroads

ALBANIANS WIN 3 TOWNS

LONDON, Feb. 21.—General Sarraïl, commander-in-chief of the Allied expeditionary forces in the Balkans, has left the camp at Salonica for Athens, where an audience with King Constantine has been arranged.

The Reuters dispatch from Salonica transmitting this news adds that "the greatest importance is attached to this visit, which, it is believed, will mark important developments in the relations between Greece and the Entente Allies."

A sharp engagement between patrols of Greeks and Bulgarians occurred on Thursday near Polira after the Bulgarian patrol had crossed the frontier. The Bulgarians were forced to retreat, leaving two men killed. One Greek soldier was wounded.

Constantinople reports printed in the Berlin newspapers state that, according to official telegrams from Athens, the ministers of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy announced to Premier Skoufoulis that the Entente council in Paris had ordered the military occupation of all the Greek railroads and telegraphic stations in Thessalonica and Macedonia by Entente troops.

A Greek military council, the reports add, was immediately convened for discussion of the new situation.

Austrian successes in the Durazzo-Avtona region are reported in an official statement issued in Vienna.

Morea is the ancient Peloponnese, the peninsula which forms the southern part of the Kingdom of Greece, separated from the Hellenic mainland by the Gulf of Patras, Corinth and Aegina. Thessalonica is one of the several names of Salonica, which has been an Allied base for many months, and in the region of which the Entente Powers have massed strong forces and erected extensive fortifications.

The last Serbian soldiers remaining in Albania have now been landed in Corfu, says a dispatch from Corfu, dated February 18. The entire Serbian army, it is added, is now out of danger.

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"An advanced Italian position," the communication reads, "has been taken by the Austro-Hungarians near Bazat-Slack (about 6 1/2 miles northeast of Durazzo). Further south the Austro-Hungarians have approached the enemy's lines southeast of Durazzo.

"The Albanians fighting on the Austro-Hungarian side formed a force of 421 miles northeast of Avlona) and Lybuna Pekiny and made prisoners there of more than 200 of Essad Pasha's gendarmes." Berat or Binstroli, situated on a high rock overlooking the Osmani River, is considered a point of strategic value. It consists of an upper town or citadel, which contains several Greek churches, and a lower town with numerous mosques. It is 50 miles southeast of Durazzo and has a population of about 15,000.

BERLIN'S U-BOAT ORDER MAY BRING BREAK

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still stands and is not affected as yet by the action of Germany and Austria. What action the State Department will take in the matter will depend upon the reply of the Allies, which is held up, it is said, in diplomatic circles, while the matter is being thrashed out by the foreign offices at London, Paris, Petrograd and Rome.

APPAN CASE INCLUDED

The Appan case also is troublesome. Germany is insisting on her rights under the Prussian treaty, and her representatives claim that the libeling of the liner by her former British owners is illegal. In this connection, however, it is suggested that no harm can be done by permitting the case to be carried through the courts to the Supreme Court for a decision as to the scope of the Prussian treaty. Such a legal proceeding would be lengthy and would leave the Appan where she is indefinitely, with her status practically unchanged. But officials fear that if the United States, after admitting that the former British liner is a prize of war, should then permit her to be retaken by legal process, Germany would consider such action as unfriendly and a distinct violation of her treaty rights.

BRITISH BELIEVE WILSON WILL PUNISH BERNSTORFF

Papers Say Critics Should Go Slow in Comment on President

LONDON, Feb. 21.—London newspapers generally agreed today that President Wilson is responsible for the reported estrangement between Secretary of State Lansing and Ambassador Bernstorff. Headlines over the Washington reports took the view that Lansing's new attitude toward Bernstorff has been dictated by Wilson because he feels he has been embarrassed by stories emanating from the German Embassy. All of the newspapers gave the reports the greatest prominence. The Observer

The War Today

The Grand Duke Nicholas apparently is making a clean sweep in Armenia. One of his armies is driving rapidly on Trebizond. The Czar's Duke Svin is operating by shelling the coast. Another army has conquered virtually all the vilayet of Mush. The capital, of the same name, has been taken and the Slavs are moving against Diabek, which controls the Bagdad railway.

Stress is laid in Entente capitals on the importance of a conference which has been arranged between King Constantine of Greece and General Sarraïl, commander of the Allies in the Balkans. It is reported the Allies have notified Greece that they must have control of all Hellenic railroads, for military purposes.

Activity in the Austrian drive to the Adriatic littoral is reported. Gains have been made on Durazzo and Valona. The Albanians are aiding the Teutons and have captured three towns.

Artillery duels are reported from the Dyina-Riza front.

expressed regret that the English press in the past has been very harsh in its criticism of President Wilson, remarking: "We do well, indeed, to restrain our tongues and to offer no premature judgment at President Wilson's expense," said the Observer, pointing out that the London papers heated criticism upon President Wilson when it was reported he would accept Germany's new armed merchant ship proposals. Afterward they were forced to withdraw this criticism.

The Observer added that the Foreign Office sent a distinguished envoy, preferably James Bryce or Lord Derby, to America to acquaint the Wilson Administration, the American press and the people more fully with the viewpoint of the Allies.

GERMANS INDIGNANT AT ATTITUDE OF U. S.

Believed Washington Should Support Ruling on Armed Liners

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—Lacking confirmation from the Foreign Office, reports that the United States is opposed to Germany's new policy regarding armed merchantmen have caused surprise and indignation here. The Observer pointed out that the negotiations closely, but it was understood that Secretary of State Lansing had indicated in advance that the United States would approve the new German program. It was reported unofficially that Lansing had told Ambassador Bernstorff that a month's notice of Germany's intention to treat armed merchantmen as warships would be sufficient to safeguard neutral interests.

The news from Washington has served to renew the doubt in the minds of German people as to the attitude of the American Government. The public had been led to believe that all submarine controversies were about to be settled, but most Berliners interviewed today expressed the deep belief that America is trying to take out of Germany's hands an effective weapon by limiting the operations of submarines. In practically every instance discussion of the Washington reports led Germans to recall the fate of Otto Weddigen, German U-boat hero, and the crew of the submarine U-20, which was sunk by a British armed merchantman. In the popular mind Weddigen and his men would be alive today had they not followed the same "humane methods" now advocated by the United States.

Vera Cruz Fighter Hurt by Auto
Sergeant Edward Maher, of the United States marine corps, who lost a leg in the fighting at Vera Cruz, is in St. Joseph's Hospital today with injuries to the head, the result of being knocked down by an automobile at 12th street and Columbia avenue last night. Maher, who has been a patient at the Marine Hospital, 24th street and Gray's Ferry road, since his return from Vera Cruz, was hobbling toward a trolley car when an automobile driven by William Gings, 1424 North Park avenue, struck him.

U. S. INSISTS BRITISH ANSWER PROTESTS

Lansing Sends Note Demanding Reason for Delay in Mail Seizure Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.

Secretary of State Lansing announced today that he has demanded an explanation of Great Britain for its delay in responding to the notes of this Government protesting against the "trading with the enemy act" and interference with American mail.

Preparatory to making protest to Great Britain, the State Department also today directed Consul General Sanmoua at Shanghai, China, to forward all available information about the stoppage of the American steamer China by a British war ship, which took off 28 of her passengers. The China was stopped not far from Shanghai.

The most serious of the three cases now pending against Great Britain is recognized as the protest against the interference with American mails. Secretary Lansing made it plain today that this Government considers Great Britain's delay in replying to the protest of the United States as an affront. The terms of the American demand for an immediate reply are declared to be stronger than those previously used.

The United States protested against Great Britain's "trading with the enemy act" because it held that discrimination was shown against certain American firms under that law.

TURKS ABANDON BITLIS: TWO SLAV ARMIES GAIN

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chiefs of the Turkish army, that the advance of the Russians must be stopped at any cost.

The Turkish forces are suffering from lack of food and ammunition. It is reported on excellent authority that a big German force is being massed east of Constantinople for the protection of the Turkish capital.

The menace of the Russian invasion of Turkey is more dangerous than at any other time during the course of the war. Approximately 250,000 Russians have been poured through the passes of the Caucasian Mountains, supported by enormous quantities of artillery.

Grand Duke Nicholas will probably move the Russian headquarters from Tiflis to Erzerum. It is expected that the present campaign will see the conquest of virtually all of Armenia by the Russians. The next step in the campaign will be a decisive co-operative campaign with the British forces in Mesopotamia, to cut off the Turkish soldiers in the Persian Gulf sphere of operations.

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GLI AUSTRIACI A BERAT

ROMA, 21 Febbraio.

Poco di nuovo vi e' sulla fronte italo-austriaca. Il Ministero della guerra annunzia ieri sera nel rapporto del generale Cadorna:

"E' stato avvistato il fuoco di artiglieria austriaca in fronte con bombardamenti occasionali di paesi abitati. In risposta ad innumerevoli casi di violazione delle leggi internazionali da parte degli austriaci sin dal principio della guerra, una delle nostre squadriglie di aeroplani ha bombardato la citta' di Laibach, dove e' il quartiere generale nemico. Nonostante il fuoco di numerose batterie ed i vari attacchi da parte di squadriglie di aeroplanti nemici, la nostra squadriglia ragunata Laibach e' insicurezza nulla citta' parecchie dozzine di bombe. Una delle nostre macchine (tipo Caproni) fu attaccata e circondata da sei aeroplanti nemici e fu catturata, ma le altre macchine ritornarono senza incidenti.

"Piccole avanzate delle nostre truppe di fanteria, che fanno anche prigionieri, continuano nella Val Sugana (Valle del Brenta). Sul resto della fronte continuano le azioni di artiglieria. Nel abbiato bombardato Uggowitz, dove i nostri esploratori avevano osservato movimenti di truppe e di colonne di rifornimento, Uggowitz e' nella valle del Fella, a circa un miglio e mezzo da Malborghetto.

"Un aeroplano nemico ha bombardato Ala, senza però causare danni. L'Agencia Stefani ha pubblicato un comunicato del governo che smentisce, chi amandole semplici invenzioni, l'affermazione austriaca che un aviatore nemico aveva velato al Venezia ed era stato attaccato da mitragliatrici poste sul campanile di San Marco. L'autorita' ecclesiastiche di San Marco affermano che niente di carattere militare vi e' sul campanile e che non le finestre del campanile

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Il sindaco di Venezia ha chiesto al Ministro degli Esteri che inviti rappresentanti diplomatici dei paesi neutrali a visitare la cattedrale di San Marco per accertarsi che essa non ha nulla di militare.

BERAT CADUTA.

Notizie dall'Albania dicono che gli albanesi che combattono con le forze austro-bulgare hanno preso possesso del paese di Berat, Symona e Peking. Berat e' ad appena 21 miglia a nord-est di Valona che e' occupata da truppe italiane. Il comunicato austriaco che annuncia questo dice che 200 uomini della forza di Essad pascha sono stati fatti prigionieri.

Diapetti da Corfu dicono che gli ultimi contingenti di truppe serbe che erano in Albania sono state sbarcate a Corfu.

Un telegramma da Salonicco dice che si e' avuto un violento combattimento fra truppe greche e bulgare nelle vicinanze di Dorian. I bulgari avevano presentato la frontiera ma furono respinti. Si dice pero' che i bulgari avrebbero abbandonato ogni idea di combattere per espugnare Salonicco, e che questa loro decisione sarebbe venuta in seguito alla convinzione che essi non potranno mai avere per loro la citta' di Salonicco. Oltre a questa citta' i bulgari volevano anche Kavala e tutto l'Albania meridionale della Macedonia greca.

I greci continuano a mostrarci ostilità all'Italia, e qui destano insieme indignazione e commiserazione. Una gran parte degli Italiani sono favorevoli alla Grecia e desiderano di mantenerla con essa in ottimi rapporti, ma non possono certamente approvare la condotta dei greci di fronte all'Italia e l'affermazione della stampa greca che l'Italia e' principalmente responsabile della violazione della neutralita' greca.

Il governo rumeno ha presentato al Parlamento un progetto di legge proibente l'esportazione di grano e di cereali allo

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LE VITTORIE RUSSE

Notizie da Petrograd dicono che le forze russe che espugnarono Erzerum continuano le loro operazioni verso due diversi obiettivi. Sulla loro destra esse marciarono verso Trebizond, prendendo una dopo l'altra tutte le posizioni tenute dai turchi e la flotta russa espugno' a queste operazioni, distruggendo sulla costa dell'Ania Minore tutte le batterie turche che possono essere di ausilio alla difesa. Si disse anche che forze russe marciarono da Batum lungo la costa verso Trebizonda, le cui fortificazioni sono molto inferiori a quelle di Erzerum.

Ma importanti operazioni vengono pure compiute dall'ala sinistra russa. Queste forze, muovendo da Erzerum al diressero su Keph e quindi su Mush, nella regione del Lago di Van, e marciarono ora su Bitlis, importante citta' di quella regione, obiettivo dell'ala sinistra russa e' quello di tagliare la ferrovia di Bagdad, così da tagliare fuori della loro base le forze turche operanti nella valle del Tigri e quelle che si trovano nell'Arabia e nella Siria e che si proponevano di attaccare il Canale di Suez. Da Bitlis alla ferrovia di Bagdad corre in linea d'aria una distanza di circa 120 miglia, tanta quanto non corre tra Erzerum e Bitlis. Intante i russi continuano a fare prigionieri ed a catturare cannoni al nemico. Un'altra infera divisione fu presa dai russi mentre marciava verso Erzerum senza sapere che la fortezza stava per capitolare.

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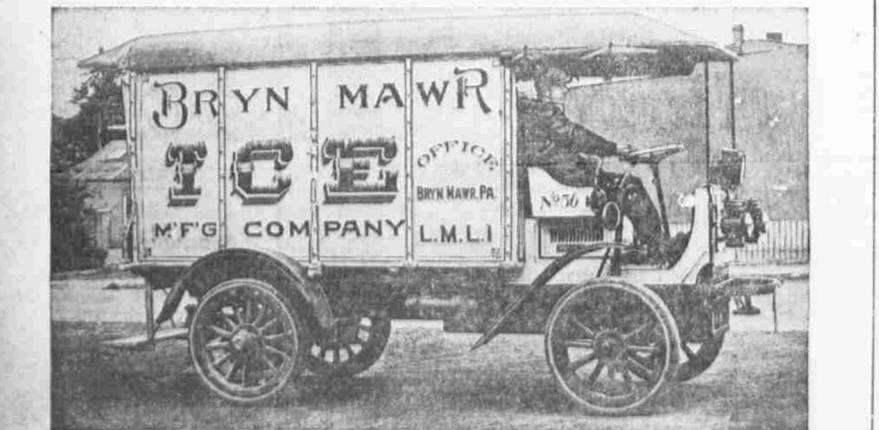
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