

ALL PLANS BIG SPRING OFFENSIVE

Will Try to Break Through German-Bulgar Lines, Plans Show NEEDS 150,000 MORE MEN

Italians and French Unite and Cut Enemy's Wire Communications

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A Reuter dispatch from Salonica says that the Allies succeeded in cutting postal communication between Athens and the Central Powers when they established contact between the French and Italian troops and cleared the enemy forces from the road between Gorizia, in south-east Albania, and Leskovice.

SALONICA, Jan. 23.—New troops, especially large Italian contingents, are arriving every few days in Salonica to re-enforce the Entente allied armies.

No well-informed allied officer in the Macedonian theatre of war expects any serious attack upon Salonica by the Germans. Danger of attack from the south by the Greeks was never taken very seriously by the military experts.

In Macedonia today there are roughly about 50,000 French, 100,000 British, 10,000 Russians, some 80,000 Serbians and perhaps 80,000 Italians, counting the latest arrivals.

General Sarrail has frequently stated that he could not expect to be required before active operations can begin in Macedonia. There are, therefore, 150,000 bayonets still to come before an offensive can be undertaken with full prospects of success.

Of the original French and English contingents accumulated in Salonica for a spring offensive a year ago, between twenty and thirty per cent had to be invalided home, mostly suffering from the malaria which ravages the swamp lands around the mouth of the Vardar.

Much is expected of the new Italian troops, with their Alpine training and their knowledge of mountain warfare. Not only are large contingents being landed in Salonica, but the forces accumulating in Avlona and Greek Epirus are advancing eastward to effect a junction with General Sarrail's lines before any offensive is undertaken.

21 STOLEN PIGEONS RETURN HOME; THREE BOYS HELD

Birds Valued at \$400 Come Back to Germantown Fancier After Several Days' Absence

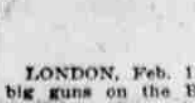
Ben W. Greer, clubman and pigeon fancier, whose loft on East Wister street, Germantown, contains many prize-winning birds, is rejoicing today at the return of twenty-one homing pigeons, valued at \$400, which were stolen several days ago.

District Detectives Corry and McFarland, of the Germantown police, located the missing pigeons in the poultry establishment of Samuel Fisher, 155 East Chelten avenue. Fisher told the policemen he had purchased the pigeons from three small boys.

Guard Officer Resigns HARRISBURG, Feb. 23.—Adjutant General Stewart announced acceptance of the resignation of Lieutenant Samuel D. Foster, Company C, First Infantry.

"BATH OF BLOOD" AND "WAR'S INFERNO" GERMANS' NAMES FOR SOMME FIELD

Soldiers on Both Sides Declare Battleground the Most Terrible in Europe's Armageddon—Big Guns of British and French Match Teutons' Monster Artillery



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LONDON, Feb. 11.—The arrival of the big guns on the British front has done much to alarm the enemy. For years Germany has relied on "big guns. And now the British and the French have bigger ones! Something has dawned on the horizon quite outside the German calculation.

A German lieutenant of the 17th regiment has written the following letter to a relative: "You are still in Champagne and in the witches' cauldron on the edge of which we are sitting, always waiting.

There is terrific hand-to-hand fighting in one of the German dugouts. The officers put up a big struggle, and the bayonet of one man slashes the hand of a British corporal until he drops his rifle.

There is a hum of aeroplanes in the air. One of the first things that struck me on getting into sight of the actual battlefield was the way aeroplanes lord it in the air. It was just clearing up in the evening after an awful day of rain.

"THE BATH OF BLOOD" The one district which all Germans fear and detest is "the terrible Somme." It bears various names, and none of them complimentary.

Meanwhile the sky is black with captive balloons and hostile aeroplanes—but of that I will say nothing. It would be merely pouring water into the Rhine. Solely the English artillery, the English flying corps and their balloon observation have given them the success they have attained.

Here a soldier kicks against an empty can, and the raiders crouch down for their safety. One of them pulls out the safety-pin of his bomb to be ready for immediate action.

Here and there are great gaps where the heavy guns and the trench mortars have been working, and the bodies of long-dead men lie swaying on the wire.

Whizz! comes a spatter of bullets from a German machine gun, and one of the British soldiers gives a sigh and rolls over into a shell hole. He is brave and makes no sound.

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PER L'OFFENSIVA DEGLI ALLEATI IN MACEDONIA

Due Corpi d'Armata Italiani, 80,000 Uomini, Con le Forze del Generale Sarrail

NELLA ZONA DI ASIAGO Attacchi Ausriaci Respinti a Zebio e nel Settore ad Est di Gorizia

ROMA, 23 Febbraio.

Telegrammi da Salonicco dicono che gli alleati dell'Intesa sono riusciti a tagliare le comunicazioni postali tra la Grecia e le potenze centrali, avendo le truppe italiane dell'Epiro operato l'altro il collegamento con le truppe francesi dell'ala sinistra del generale Sarrail, cacciando il nemico dalla strada tra Gorizia, albania meridionale, e Leskovice.

Da Salonicco mandano che nuove truppe, specialmente italiane, arrivano ogni pochi giorni a rinforzare l'esercito del generale Sarrail. Questo continuo arrivo di truppe fa credere che gli alleati inizieranno in questa primavera l'offensiva che dovevano iniziare nella primavera scorsa.

Secondo i calcoli più attendibili vi sarebbero oggi nella Macedonia circa 50,000 francesi, 100,000 inglesi, 10,000 russi, circa 80,000 serbi e forse 80,000 italiani. Sarrail avrebbe dunque sotto i suoi ordini un esercito di circa 350,000 uomini.

Il generale Sarrail, si dice, avrebbe sempre pensato essere necessario mezzo milione di uomini per le operazioni attive in Macedonia, e sembra che egli li avrà nello spazio di sei settimane.

Gli alleati dell'Intesa speravano, nonostante lo scetticismo del governo italiano, che Venizelos sarebbe riuscito a mettere insieme tante truppe da completare il mezzo milione richiesto da Sarrail. Oggi però Venizelos non è riuscito a raccogliere che tre reggimenti, meno di diecimila uomini.

Da Salonicco si attende molto dalle truppe italiane che sono rette alla guerra di montagna avendola combattuta sulle Alpi contro gli austriaci. Ora non soltanto arrivano a Salonicco continuamente truppe italiane ma quelle che erano state concentrate a Valona avanzano gradatamente verso est collegandosi all'esercito di Sarrail.

Leri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale

BETSY ROSS KINSMAN SAVES FLAG; RISKS LIFE

Fireman Rescues "Old Glory" When Banner Is About to Fall to Street

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—An unusual and spontaneous demonstration of patriotism, fitting for the close of Washington's Birthday, happened in Fifth avenue, near Forty-second street, last night when firemen and policemen, cheered by a crowd of more than three thousand, rescued a large American flag from a broken staff on top of a building.

As the flag was carried down safely the crowd uncovered and sang "The Star Spangled Banner," all except one, who was attacked as he fled through the streets.

A woman telephoned to the police that the flag pole on top of the five-story phonograph shop of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, 473 Fifth avenue, was broken and that the flag was dangling down in front of the building and likely to fall.

The doors were locked, and the policemen could not reach the roof. They telephoned to the fire department, and hook and ladder truck No. 2 was sent to the scene, and it happened that it was manned by Battalion Chief George Ross, descendant of Betsy Ross, who made the first American flag.

While firemen raised an extension ladder against the front of the building the crowd gathered, soon filling the plaza in front of the Public Library. Firemen and policemen went up the ladder to the fifth floor window sill, against which the flag was flapping, and when it filled with the wind like a sail it nearly carried two men off the swaying ladder.

Home for Bethlehem Junior School BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 23.—During the junior oratorical contest at the Bethlehem Prep School it was announced by Headmaster J. Mitchell Tuguey that plans had been perfected for the building of a structure to house the junior prep school.

MONEY TO LOAN LOWEST RATES ON DIAMONDS AND FURS FRIDENBERG 37 N. 11th St. (Bet. Filbert & Arch) AND Cor. 9th & Buttonwood Sts.

SALEM, N. J., Feb. 23.—The Garfield Club of Salem, one of the oldest Republican organizations in the State, celebrated its thirty-fourth anniversary with a banquet at the Nelson House. Covers were spread for fifty guests, who included many of the officials of the city and the county.

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