

**RESIGNED FROM BRITISH
MINISTRY IN CRISIS**



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**A GENERAL SURVEY OF
THE WAR**

Large new reinforcements including a great number of Caucasian troops are being massed by the czar on the Bessarabian frontier to renew the attacks on the long battle line from Chortoryak in Volhynia to Brenche, northeast of Czernowitz, the Bukovina capital.

Despatches from Berlin quote Russian officers captured in the recent fighting as asserting that on the eve of the new offensive the czar visited Trebnowitz and issued the orders to his officers "not to break through the Teuton lines at any cost." The Russian press is said to have guaranteed his generals sufficient troops for this purpose.

The British conscription bill has passed its first reading in the house of commons, 403 to 105. The labor congress, representing the unions, has passed resolutions condemning the bill. Three labor members of the cabinet have resigned, one saying he will not accept dictation of the unions, but will support the bill.

The German government has assured the United States that her submarine operations will be conducted in strict conformity with international law, guaranteeing the safety at sea of noncombatants of either belligerent or neutral nations.

General Sir Ian Hamilton reported to the house of commons that the Dardanelles expedition was lost when in sight of victory through failure of the war office to supply more men.

A great battle has been raging for over two weeks in Bukovina, with the Russians, 800,000 strong, at last reports driving in the Teutons' first line over a long front. The objective seems to be to relieve pressure on the allies at Salonika and to postpone or prevent the drive into Egypt.

A dispatch from Houlton tells of the internment of the central powers' consuls arrested at Salonika on board the French auxiliary cruiser Savaris, formerly in the New York-Havre service. This would indicate that the consuls had not yet been released as was reported from various sources late last week.

The British battleship King Edward VII has been sunk after striking a mine. The entire crew was saved.

It is officially announced that the complete evacuation of the Gallipoli peninsula has been successfully carried out.

German forces have recaptured the trenches near Hirszteln, south of Hartmannswierkopf, in upper Alsace, that were taken by the French on Dec. 21. Twenty officers, 1,033 chausseurs and 15 machine guns were captured from the French.

Greece has again entered protest against measures taken by the entente powers, which, it declares, render difficult the supplying of Greece with food from Bulgaria, according to an announcement by the Overseas News agency.

The Turco-German expedition against Egypt is held in abeyance owing to the refusal of Djemal Pasha to attack the Suez canal without a German vanguard of 25,000 picked troops.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that in reprisal for the arrests by the allied staffs in Salonika of the Turkish consul and other Ottomans in the Greek port, the Turkish government has arrested ten British and French citizens, including the remaining embassy officials. Altogether 1,000 subjects of the entente governments have been interned, the dispatch says.

It is learned from a diplomatic source that an effort is now being made by Austria and Germany to limit the purchases of foodstuffs. This is said to be the main cause for the low exchange. The only possible remedy consists in the wholesale requisitioning of foodstuffs in Bulgaria, the payment for these shipments being made in paper money.

There are now in Italy 53,000 Austrian prisoners besides 62,000 which have been transferred from Servia.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE
LOSING IN HOUSE**

Congress Apathetic on Increases for Army and Navy

REPUBLICAN VOTES NEEDED

If Bill is to Pass House It Will Have to Be With Large Republican Support—Opposition Exceedingly Active.

It is time the country awoke to a realization of the fact that President Wilson's preparedness program is threatened with defeat.

Persons who expect that the appropriations for a larger navy and greater army are to be carried through easily on the wave of sentiment caused by the European war are headed toward a disappointment. The president and his advisers are now alive to the fact that it will require all the power of the administration, supplemented by Republican support, to push the program through, and there is grave danger of failure in regard to the army even then.

The foreign complications involving the United States have tended to obscure the developments in the preparedness issue, but administration leaders have decided that a new, strong public campaign must be undertaken and no time lost in combating the attacks that are being made on the president's program.

This congress came into being Dec. 6, yet no substantial progress has been made on the defense bills. Also no consideration has been given to measures to raise revenues to defray the cost of the army and navy expansion that the president insists is imperative.

It is rather significant that all speeches on the subject of defense delivered thus far this session by house Democrats have been harshly critical of the president's program. Significance also is attached to the fact that up to date no administration leader in house or senate has taken the pains to make a speech in support of the program or to reply to the party critics who have assailed it.

It is now known by everybody in the house, where defense bills are to be originated, that the president will have to depend on Republican votes to put his program through that body. Prediction is made that approximately sixty Democrats will desert the administration on this proposition. As the Democrats now only have a majority of twenty-five in the house it will thus be seen that the administration will be compelled to steer a course that will assure the support of a considerable number of Republicans.

The Democratic opponents of the defense bills have been active and alert from the beginning of the session, whereas the supposed supporters of the administration's program have been singularly passive.

The "little navy" members have perfected a good working organization and they are playing for delay. In furthering the campaign of delay they have the support of Representative Kitchin, the Democratic house leader, and are being openly encouraged to fight the administration by William J. Bryan, former secretary of state.

In its endeavors to push the defense bills through congress the administration has undoubtedly been handicapped by the attitude of the responsible Democratic leaders in the two houses. Mr. Kitchin is an out and out opponent of preparedness as advocated by the president, while Senator Kert, the senate leader, is a critic of the policy and will lend no help to the administration in this emergency.

LONGSHOREMEN TO STRIKE

Tie-Up Threatened at Baltimore; Will hinder Grain and Munition Shipments.

What is said to be the beginning of a movement which is expected to tie up all shipping on the Atlantic coast started at Baltimore Sunday with the announcement of the longshoremen that a strike is imminent.

They refused to load the ship Swamore. There are 4,000 members of the local union. President Ferguson of the federation of labor addressed the men and urged them to agree to arbitration, but they voted him down and decided to strike. The matter was then taken up by the executive committee which is considering the matters.

The men are demanding an increase of eight cents an hour and time and a half for overtime. They also ask for a change in the gang rules.

Should the men strike it will be impossible to handle the grain and munitions awaiting shipment.

PASSENGERS ON SHORT RATIONS FOR DAYS

Thessaloniki Had Only Half Cup of Water Daily For Voyagers.

The 177 passengers of the abandoned steamship Thessaloniki, of the Greek line, had been living on a half cup of water each day for three days, and had insufficient meat for a longer period, when they were transferred in a gale-swept sea to the Thessaloniki's sister ship, the Patrie, aboard which they arrived in New York.

The supply of bread and vegetables on the voyage was sufficient. Coal was plentiful and the passengers did not suffer from the cold which accompanied the gales.

CONSOLIDATION COMPANY EXPECTS GREAT YEAR

That 1916 will probably be an unprecedented year for the Consolidation Coal Company, from the standpoint of coal production, is indicated by the contracts which have been placed calling for delivery of 8,000,000 tons of coal during the next 12 months from the Elkhorn valley of Kentucky alone. This means that this rich coal section of the Blue Grass state, which contains many hundred thousand acres of valuable coal land, will produce more fuel products in 1916 than it has in its whole past history.

The names of the consumers who have placed the huge orders for Elkhorn coal are not divulged at this time, but it is intimated that they represent some of the largest manufacturing plants in the United States.

The Consolidation is making every provision to handle all deliveries promptly. Necessary improvements have been made to increase mining operations in the Elkhorn valley, and the Consolidation is also opening up new mines on its other properties to take care of the enormous business which it expects in 1916.

The current year will be probably the best in the history of the Consolidation to date. No tonnage figures are being made public at this time, but they will be forthcoming shortly. They will show that the earnings of the corporation far exceeded those for the previous fiscal year.

At the present time the Consolidation is pushing work on its new mines in the Heiler's Run district of West Virginia. These mines will be reached by the Western Maryland Company, which is now building an extension in these regions at a cost of over half a million dollars.

The Western Maryland expects that the tonnage from the mines will be at least 5,000,000 tons annually within the next three or four years.

KEYSTONE PARAGRAPHS

Discovering two men engaged in breaking into the postoffice at Summerville, near Piquette, Pa., W. Haven was held up at the point of a revolver, bound and gagged and forced to stand by and watch while the two men dynamited the postoffice safe, robbed it of \$50 in money and a like amount in stamps, and escaped, after walking Haven several blocks away from the scene and freeing him.

John Cittash, aged twenty-six, of Piquette, Allegheny county, Pa., was successful in his third attempt to end his life when he fired a bullet into his temple. A year ago Cittash was prevented from throwing himself from the Point bridge into the Ohio river. About six months later he was arrested after trying to throw himself in front of a swiftly moving Coraopolis street car.

Death interrupted the installation of newly-elected officers of the lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Liberty at Monaca. George Becker, aged fifty-five, of Pittsburgh, district deputy councillor of the lodge, dropped dead a few minutes after entering the hall where he was to give the oath to the officers of the lodge.

Manufacture of 2,500 freight cars for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad is to be started at once at the plant of the Standard Steel Car company at New Castle, Pa. Settlement of the strike of the laborers has made it possible for the work to be started. Seven hundred men will be given steady employment.

An immediate heavy demand for seamless tubes is causing immense shipments by express of this product of the Pittsburgh Steel Products company in Charleroi to plants in Harrison, N. J., and Canton, O. The tubes are to be used for roller bearings in automobile and motor truck manufacture.

Judge Marshall Brown of Pittsburgh ordered the jury sitting in the case of W. L. Butts of Chicago, on trial charged with corrupt solicitation in trying to procure gambling privileges from former Magistrate William H. Robertson, now a member of the city council, to return a verdict of not guilty.

Mrs. Frank Batch, thirty years old, of Salemville, about six miles from Greensburg, is dead and her two children, Nettie, three months old, and Anna, two years old, are in the Westmoreland hospital in a serious condition as the result of the explosion of an oil lamp in their home.

Their skull smashed by a huge log while they were crossing the Conemaugh river at Sand Patch, near Latrobe, three men, all Italians, were drowned before they could be rescued. Anthony Coco, boarding boss, and two of his boarders, unidentified, were the victims.

A bakery wagon of West Homestead was demolished by a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train at the Thirteenth street crossing, Braddock. Bugdon Zastiroff, aged thirty-five, of West Homestead, driver, was hurled from his seat and painfully injured.

Frank Miller, aged thirty-eight, of Greenville, while on a visit to relatives at Hastings, was run down and killed on the railroad there.



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