

BIG OFFENSIVE WILL START SOON

Activities in Macedonia Are Anticipated Toward End of This Month.

SERB ARMY IN POOR CONDITION

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
Saloniki, June 19.—The allied offensive in Macedonia, originally scheduled for mid-May and postponed on account of the condition of the Serbian army on its arrival in Corfu, is now confidently anticipated towards the end of June, or at the latest, early in July.

The activities of the Bulgarians east of the Struma the last week and a gradually increasing extension of artillery operations have led to the assumption from time to time that General Sarraile's plans might be hastened, and the allied attack begun at once. This is possible, but the general opinion is that the activities of the Bulgarians are merely in the nature of taking up the slack in their line and that they will not precipitate an attack.

The outbreak of cholera among the Serbians on their arrival on Corfu proved a mixed disadvantage. It made their transport to Saloniki in time to participate in an offensive in May impossible. Moreover, it reduced their numbers very materially; a great many more Serbs died than will ever be known, not simply of cholera, but from enterogastritis, malnutrition and sheer exhaustion.

Serbs in a Bad Way

The Serbian army was in far worse shape after its retreat through Albania than had been supposed. The entire force needed full re-equipment and the recruits from Serbia and the volunteers from America required drilling. Marshall Putnik was no longer physically able to command and many of the leading officers were dead or too worn by their last hardships to continue active service and a new set of officers had to be chosen. All of this demanded time. The ideal of any offensive from Saloniki in May was therefore given up and the work of re-making the Serbian army was pushed as rapidly as possible.

This decision, however, entailed an alteration in the general plans of the allies. Instead of striking a first blow in the Balkans to draw off the German reserves from the west front while a decisive action was being planned in France, it was decided to make the Macedonian offensive of the allies coincide with instead of precede the general allied offensive on all fronts, generally supposed to be scheduled for mid-summer.

There are now 130,000 first class Serbian troops in Macedonia. Already they have begun to take up their positions on the frontiers of their native land; from the Vardar west to Lake Prespa. Some objection was at first raised to the occupation of the first line trenches by the Serbs. It was said that the Serbs had suffered enough and that every Serb in good physical condition was needed to re-establish the Serbian race, so nearly annihilated by the present and the two previous wars.

Only as Conquerors.
On this point Prince Regent Alexander was firm. "How can we re-enter our fatherland?" he said to the Associated Press correspondent, "save as conquerors! Of what avail would it be to perpetrate a race content to let others do their fighting? The offspring of one Serb who has been a hero is worth a hundred of those who being able to fight have stopped at home."

What is left of the Serbian army is tried and capable. All the old and unfit have been weeded out. Roughly there are some 350,000 British and French in Saloniki today. The major portion are British. Now that the transportation of the Serbs has been completed transports are beginning to arrive every day with new contingents of French troops—despite Verdun. General Mahon has gone to Egypt to superintend the selection and embarkment of the larger part of the British armies concentrated there, when a German attack on Egypt was regarded as possible. According to expert estimates, 200,000 men will be available from this quarter. Their transportation has already begun.

By mid-June, therefore, there will be some 680,000 men on the ground here ready for the Macedonian offensive. Expert estimates hold 500,000 to be more than sufficient for every purpose of attack.

Turks Busy at Home

Since that time the Turks have accumulated troubles of their own at home, and it is doubtful how many troops they will have to assist the Bulgars. The Austrians need every possible man for the offensive against the Italians; there are no Austrians in front of Saloniki. The Germans, little by little, have withdrawn their forces from Macedonia to fill up the holes in the home lines made by the losses before Verdun. Only four German divisions remain in the neighborhood of Saloniki. Even the Bulgars cannot give their entire attention to General Sarraile's army, as they have to keep a watchful eye on Roumania. They have, therefore, according to belief here only some 300,000 men at most to be counted on to repel an attack from the south.

The Greeks at present writing are still what they are pleased to call neutral. Ex-Premier Venizelos knows more about the Greeks than any one else, and he said recently in a private conversation: "One decided allies victory anywhere and no power on earth can hold the Greeks back from joining the entente."

SOUTH DAKOTA PREPARES TO ORDER MEN TOGETHER

Pierre, S. D., June 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Adjutant General Morris arrived here this evening and is in conference with Governor Byrne in regard to the mobilization of the state troops under the order of President Wilson. Up to this time nothing definite has been decided upon as to details, but it is expected that definite arrangements will be made early tonight. The order calling the companies together to prepare for immediate meeting at the mobilization point will likely go out tomorrow morning. The probabilities are that the point of mobilization will be at Redfield, but different towns over the state are making strong representations for the favor.

Hail to the Song Birds



OMAHA SOLDIERS READY FOR FRAY

Gather at Their Armory and Immediately Commence Packing Their Kits.

READY FOR FUN OR A FIGHT

"We are ready to obey the call and start for Mexico," was the unanimous sentiment that prevailed at the Omaha armory of the Nebraska National Guard last night and some of the citizen soldiers were so enthusiastic over the prospect of going that they commenced packing their kits that they might be in readiness to start on the hike if the order comes.

The cause of the unusual stir around the armory was due to the fact that the members of the Omaha companies had been apprised of the fact that President Wilson and the secretary of war had ordered the mobilization of the militia of the United States. Soon after the news had been received in Omaha it filtered out through the city and within a remarkably short time the members of the Omaha companies gathered at the armory, or telephoned in asking for information as to when they would be called upon to start south.

Great Night for the Guards

It was a great night for the guards and while they gathered about the big room and in little groups, they discussed what they would do to the Mexicans in the event they get a chance at them.

Nearly all night long a squad of the men remained on duty in the armory answering telephone calls, polishing guns and side arms and affectionately caring them, between times discussing what camp life among the sand dunes and cactus might mean to men from the north.

All of the Omaha men are ready to move on a few hours' notice if the call comes.

One of the most enthusiastic Omaha citizen soldiers was Adjutant Foucher, pastor of Trinity Methodist church. The news of the order for the mobilization of the militia came to him just after he had concluded his evening services and while he is not a rampant militant, he asserted that he is ready to go to the front if called upon, adding, "You bet I am ready to go."

Omaha Companies in Fourth

The strength of the Omaha companies of the Nebraska National Guard is about 400 men. They make up a portion of the Fourth regiment, under command of Colonel George Eberly of Stanton. They are all young men and a husky lot, ready at any time for a fight, fun or a frolic.

State Commission To Standardize the Different Highways

The State Advisory Highway commission is receiving a large number of requests from officers of different highways asking that the ensignia and routes be accepted. Quite a number of these highways, prior to the creation of the commission, have not been passed upon. It is therefore important that all of these routes be considered as soon as possible. The purpose is to standardize the ensignia, including the color scheme, method of marking, etc., so that the different auto routes may be officially passed upon by the commission. Once decided upon, the ensignia and the route are protected under the law of the state.

MEXICAN BOYS TWELVE YEARS OLD IN ARMS

Tucson, Ariz., June 19.—Sonora military authorities have seized the Southern Pacific of Mexico system and cut all telegraph wires at the border, according to private advices here late today.

WILSON REJECTS DEMANDS MADE BY MEXICAN CHIEF

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in Mexico, Secretary Lansing allowed it to become known that dispatches to the State department showed increasing excitement and irritation in many sections below the border. The texts of the dispatches were withheld.

The embassy's communications brought the Washington government its first news of trouble at Mazatlan. According to the Mexican version confusion followed an attempt to land marines from a warship. The embassy presented a report from the military commander at Mazatlan, General Mestizo, telling of the incident, accompanied by instructions from the Mexico City foreign office urging that the Americans be kept aboard their ships.

Mexican Report on Clash

General Mestizo's report said the men landed at Mazatlan were marines, but as the gunboat Annapolis, the only ship known to be there, has no marines aboard, it is presumed that bluejackets were involved. The Mexican report told this story:

"A boat from the warship approached a Mazatlan wharf and was warned to keep off until permission to land could be obtained from the military quarters. It went back to the ship and several hours later returned with its crew armed. The officer in command was told permission for landing had not been given and an argument ensued. A crowd of soldiers and civilians had gathered on the wharf and in the midst of the discussion a drunken Japanese fired a shot at the Americans, who promptly replied with a volley into the crowd. Carranza soldiers returned the fire and the boat withdrew, leaving behind two officers, who were arrested. Explanations then were exchanged by the commander of the warship and the Carranza general, and the American officers were released.

The report makes no mention of American casualties, but says two Mexican soldiers and one civilian were wounded.

Lower California Will Be Neutral

San Diego, Cal., June 19.—Lower California will remain neutral in the event of hostilities between the United States and Mexico, according to advices received here today from Colonel Esteban Cantu, military governor of the territory.

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ORDERS AMERICANS TO LEAVE YUCATAN

Proclamation of Governor Says State of War Exists Between United States and Mexico.

STORY COMES FROM PROGRESO

Galveston, Tex., June 19.—The Mexican government in Yucatan has issued a proclamation ordering all Americans out of Mexico and declaring a state of war existing between the two countries, according to passengers arriving here this morning from the Norwegian steamer Nils from Progreso. American and other foreigners are being taken on board an American gunboat at Progreso. Great excitement is said to prevail.

Nuevo Laredo Garrison Increased

Laredo, Tex., June 19.—Sixteen pieces of field artillery and upwards of fifty additional soldiers arrived during the night at the Carranza garrison at Nuevo Laredo, opposite here, bringing the total strength there to between 800 and 900 soldiers. The artillery was in command of Manuel Garcia Vigil, former Mexican editor of El Progreso, the Carranza organ here.

Reliable reports here today said about 6,000 Carranza soldiers had been stationed between Nuevo Laredo and Lampazos, south a distance of less than thirty miles.

Military censorship on the movements of United States troops was imposed today.

Although a half dozen American refugees arrived from the interior of Mexico here this morning, John R. Silliman, American consul, who has been stationed at Saltillo and ordered out last week, was not among the number. His arrival has been expected for the last four days.

Call It Defeat for Gringos.

Brownsville, Tex., June 19.—There is rejoicing in Matamoros in the belief that a small band of Mexicans compelled a force of about 300 American soldiers to retreat from Mexican territory into the United States early yesterday, according to reports.

General James Parker, who commanded the American forces of the fourth punitive expedition, announced his confidence today in the statement of General Ricaut that he would use his forces to exterminate bandits, and proceeded on the supposition that the rear guard attack was made by bandits.

All was quiet in this vicinity of the border today.

Columbus, N. M., June 19.—More than 100 Mexicans employed by the United States army in rebuilding the motor road from Columbus to the American field bases in Mexico quit work today and left camp at Palomas, eight miles south of the border, for interior points in Mexico. They explained that they feared the vengeance of Carranza followers.

New County Attorney.

Tecumseh, Neb., June 19.—(Special.)—The board of county commissioners of Johnson county has appointed Jay C. Moore of Tecumseh to the position of county attorney to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Michael E. Cowan. Mr. Moore is the republican nominee for the place. He has served this county in the law department.

ELLIOTT LOWE.

Elliott Lowe was one of the early policyholders in THE MIDWEST LIFE. For a short time he was likewise a stockholder. His first policy was taken on the 16th day of February, 1907, and the second on the 22nd day of March, 1909. Both were Twenty-year Endowment policies and each one was for \$2,500. He had paid the company \$2,327.89 in premiums.

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BROKAW HELD ON WIFE'S COMPLAINT

Investigation of Woman Sleuth Results in His Arrest on Statutory Charge.

WOMAN IS ALSO IN CUSTODY

Charles J. Brokaw, auto salesman, was arrested Sunday on a statutory charge sworn to by his wife and is held in jail. He was arrested at his residence, 2719 Dewey avenue, by police Officers Brinkman and Walker. A woman, Sue Hoffer of Detroit, was arrested with Brokaw and is held in jail on the same charge. The arrests are the result of an investigation by a woman detective of Detroit, who refused to give her name to newspaper men.

According to statements made by Mrs. Brokaw, who came here yesterday from Detroit in response to a telegram by her detective, her husband left Detroit several months ago after they had disagreed concerning domestic matters and had come to Omaha, leaving her, she charged, without means of support. After his arrival here he agreed, she stated, to pay her \$100 a month alimony, which, she says, he failed to do after the first month. Brokaw's wife charges he has continued to stay in Omaha, changing his address several times in an effort to throw her detective off his trail.

Determined to locate her husband, Mrs. Brokaw hired a private woman detective in Detroit and sent her to the city to report her husband's movements. Upon her arrival in Omaha the detective rented rooms in the vicinity of those occupied by

Brokaw. After entering the residence the detective, she asserts, found that Brokaw was living with the woman, Sue Hoffer. It was then that she wired Mrs. Brokaw to come to Omaha.

Mrs. Brokaw secured a warrant for Brokaw's arrest from County Attorney Magney. This warrant was later signed by Police Judge Foster. Mrs.

Brokaw and the woman detective, accompanied by Detectives Brinkman and Walker, went to the Brokaw place shortly after midnight. Here, the police say, they found Brokaw and the woman.

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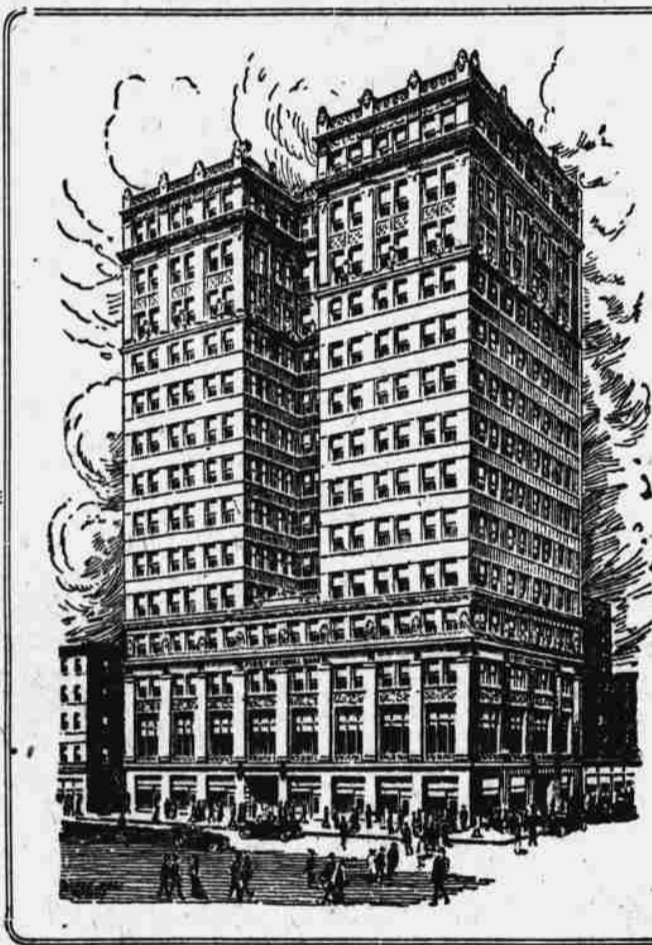
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