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Premier Asquith Says Entente, United, Will Go On to a Finish.

PRAISES ROUMANIA

Looks to See Greece With Us—Enemy Channel Raid a Failure.

London Cable.—The banquet of the new Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Henry Dunn, was given at the Guildhail last night, and was attended by Cabinet Ministers, mem-A bers of the diplomatic corps, and men prominent in the military and naval world, among them Lord Fisher, chairman of the Invention Board: Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord | Allies Said to Have Proof of of the Admiralty, and Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the Imperial Staff at Army Headquarters.

The leading speech of the evening was delivered by Premier Asquith, who, in alluding to peace, declared that nobody had greater reason than Great Britain to desire peace but that It was desired on only one conditionthat the sacrifices of the war should not have been made in vain. A feature of the speeches was the warm tribute of admiration on the stand made by Roumania and the expression of the opinion that, although the attack on Roumania had not yet been defeated, it had been successfully

Mr. Asquith began his speech with a reference to Turkey, which country he described as a subservient agent of help afforded our enemies, to receive German interests and ambition. as Cyprus, a strip of Asia Minor opposite Was instanced, he said, by the fact Mitylene, the lip of Albania, and the that by lifting a finger Germany Doiran-Gheveli enclave in return for might have arrested the Armenian cession to Bulgaria of the Kahorrors, but instead, looked on unmoved, acquiescent, and possibly for belief in these rumors is afforded even complacent.

a significant sample of what a con- regarding recent events. The statetinuance of the rule of German Turkey in Europe will mean."

AWAITS OPPORTUNITY. Mr. Asquith said he would refrain from any detailed review of the naval and military situation. He dwelt, however, on the continued Entente allied success, and said the British navy was ready, and more than ready, whenever opportunity was offered to it.

With regard to the Greek situation, Mr. Asquith said he wished he could | ied army in that town. When offispeak with as much confidence as hope. The Entente allies went to Sahad been executed they found the lies really encircled. In another order Serbia, he said. Their sole desire was the Greek General Staff instructed the to prevent Greece from becoming enmeshed in the Germanic net, and to the Allied camp outside the town unsave her from internal strife. What- der the range of Greek artillery. ever apparently drastic measures had That order was also carried out. It been taken were dictated solely by the is also declared in the article that necessity of preventing Athens from when the Kaiser visited Nish he came becoming the centre of German propaganda and intrigue.

were in hearty sympathy with Eleu- make arrangements for the junction therios Venizelos, former premier, Mr. of German and Greek troops. Asquith asked how Greece could possibly stand aloof from a war for the emancipation of smaller states.

"first lit the torch of liberty in Eurone and withstood the inrush of Eastern barbarism and tyranny. May Greece rekindle her lamp and show herself worthy of her immortal past!"

A CHILDISH FICTION. Mr. Asquith said:

"Let there be no illusion about our enemies. They are great organizers and fine fighters in the field. They are also if not skilful yet indefatigable workers in the sphere of propaganda, where they have a double motive-to divide the allies and capture neutral opinion.

Entente Allies to combine against neutral countries and build up an impenetrable stone wall against their trade as childish fiction, which could only mean that the allies were bent upon economic suicide. He said it ought to I be unnecessary to affirm that when the time comes for peace that nothing will be more essential for the Entente allies from the standpoint of simple self-interest than to establish and maintain the best industrial and fin-

ancial relations with neutrals. Alluding to the different methods of propaganda which he said were employed at different places with a view to dividing the allies and influencing opinion in favor of a separate peace, Mr. Asquith said:

"I desire to decaire without hesitation or reserve that the allies are fighting in a common cause, that for the dismissal from Washington of the purposes of war their interests are identical and that a victory securing those interests is, in our judgment, the only condition of a lasting to Berlin.

This state, and the formal feeding of Mr. Gerard, American Ambassador of July 30-31 (1914). Russia. English to consider my last telegram as null our curtain of fire at their inception."

Lead, France, the whole world knew and void. Explanation follows.' ment, the only condition of a lasting

Continuing, Mr. Asquith said he desired to mention that hitherto no German propagandist had ever suggested that Germany was prepared to concede anything to the demand of the allies for the reconstitution and independence of Serbia.

PROPAGANDA 'N RUSSIA. Alluding to what he termed the propaganda conducted in Russia, to the submarine warfare is renewed. effect that Great Britain's only desire to prolong the war and prevent any sort of peace was because she is making huge profits by exploiting her al-

lies unscrupulously, the Premier said: "For us, who know what terrible sacrifices we are paying in precious | zor when he turned to his eldest son lives, in the unceasing, pitiless, drain and said: upon our reservoir of potential promise and vitality-who have greater reason than we to long and pray for peace? Peace, yes, but on one condi"Very well, father," said Tom, "but tion only—that the war with its vast where will you get the shilling?"

waste, its sacrifices, its untold sufferings, its glorious and undying example of courage and unselfishness

shall not have been in vain. "There should be a question of a separate peace. And peace, when it comes, be it soon or late—and I will not disguise from you for a moment my conviction that the struggle will tax our resources and cur whole stock of patience and resolve—the peace must be such as will build up on sure and stable foundations the security of the weak, the liberties of Europe and a free future for the world."

Mr. Balfour briefly denied the statements that the British navy had accepted a passive role in the war, saying the Germans had refused to allow their ships to meet the British. Referring to the resent raid by German toredo craft in the English Channel, Mr. Balfour said:

"It did not disturb our transport service for a moment." The First Lord of the Admiralty said he would not say that such a raid could not be repeated, but that if it were the Germans would not be able

to get out of the Channel again with-

out heavy losses.

GREEK-GERMAN SECRET PACT

the Plans.

Royalist Armies to Encircle Entente Forces.

Athens. Cable.-For a long time statements have been current regarding a secret treaty between the Central Empires and Grece. Its terms are declared to be dependent on the success of the German submarine campaign in the Mediterranean Sea and the Aegean. In that case Greece was, in return for naval and military valla region. Some further ground by a long article in The Eleftherois "The attack," said the Premier. "is Typos, which has been well-informed ment is given on the authority of a high French officer apparently belonging to the intelligence service. The document stipulates, he says, that in certain circumstances, all the Greek naval and military forces are to co-

operate with the Central Powers. The officer goes on to say that the Allies have in their possession orders sent by the Greek General Staff in November last ordering the Greek forces at Saloniki to surround the Alwere sent to find out if the orders lies really encircled. In another order Greek Commander at Saloniki to place south to Sorovitch and met high Greek officials, and that Prince von Declaring that the Entente allies Lippe went to eastern Macedonia to

"Greece," Mr. Asquith continued,

Dealing with the general situation. Submarine Issue Nears Acute Stage at Washington.

> Washington Report. --- With the elections over, it seems probable that

in their submarine policy and have the war was incorrect, and that the true. decided to adhere no longer to the war was not forced upon Germany, rules of international warfar ein the but was forced by Germany upon conduct of their submarines, regard-less of promises to the United States. The in violation of the laws of cruiser the crigin of the war. warfare and of the Prossian promise Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, and the formal recall sian mobilization, ordered on the night telegram, not in cipher: 'I beg you almost without exception stifled by

President Wilson informed Contact that this step made it impossible for us to wait any longer, and that this Ambassalor sent a third telegram in the midst of the last submarine crisis that unless the Prussian step was synonymous with a declara- cipher, which, according to the Rusubmarines conformed to the laws tier of war. The whole world-even sian orange book, stated that the Forof the nations and of humanity he England, too now begins to compre- eign Minister at that moment had telewould feel compelled to sever diplo-matic relations with the German Gov-Russian mobilization. Truth makes ernment entirely. Mr. Wlison has headway. An English scholar of worldnever for a minute lost sight of this fame recently said: 'Many people never for a minute lost sight of this lame recently said: 'Many people confiscated. The quick action of Secpossibility and his mind is fully made would think differently about the end retary von Jagow, which is confirmed up to act in this regard if unlawful of the war if they were better in-

Filial Repartee.

Richard Brinsley Sheridan, who was sian mobilization unmentioned. always distressed for money, was one day hacking his face with a dull ra-

"Tom, if you open any more oysters with my razor I'll cut you off with a Lord Grey could not help referring to

Berlin Cable.—The attitude of ordered mobilization. Lord Grey Germany in regard to the proposal added that Germany had played a trick in order to provoke the other for an international union to enforce country into a defensive measure to peace was made known before the which Germany could reply with an main committee of the Reichstag to Litimatum. day by Chancellor von Bethmann-

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A DECLARATION OF WAR.

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It was two years and three months Hollweg. The semi-official Overseas before this version of the cause of News Agency gave out the following the war occurred to Lord Grey, said account of the Chancellor's address: the Chancellor, and he characterized it as a version which was as incorrect The Enemy Violently Shell back the Germans, capturing one machine cure and 100 prisoners. "The Chancellor made to-day be- as it was new. The event at which fore the Reichstag main committee a Lord Grey hinted was known. The most important speech about the document on which he based his arguquestion of an international union for ment, the Chancellor said, was a specpeace, and connected with it the Lekal Anzeiger. problem as to the origin of the pres- The Chancellor recalled the fact that

ent war. In doing so the Chancellor on Thursday, July 30, 1914, the Lekal the American nation in a few days replied to the speech made by Lord Anzeiger early in the afternoon iswill awaken to the fact that the sub- Grey (British Foreign Secretary) to sued a special edition with the untrue my's trench line. Elsewhere there were 5,522. The Roumanians also In this connection Mr. Asquith marine, issue with Germany has foreign newspapermen, in which he report that the German Emperor had In this connection Mr. Asquith marine, issue with Germany has loreign newspapermen, in which he characterized the German suggestion reached its most acute and perhaps said that the origin of the present ordered mobilization. The Chancellor to-night reads: its final stage. Two important facts stand out prominently to-night, namely:—

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The Department facts are provided to ask for guarantees against future attacks if the present war really were attacks if the prese war must influence peace conditions, added that everyone in the Reichstag ed information indicating that the Lord Grey at once added that Ger- ly informed the Russian Ambassador Prussians have inaugurated a change many's interpretation of the origin of by telephone that this news was un-

RUSSIA NOTIFIED.

From a high authority it is learned Grey, by giving these explanations, sador, indeed, has some a cipher too- our artillery reading. On the re- tinues south of The land the ovitage, but there is a cipher toothat President Wilson has made up now holds the same opinion as Gerhis mind not to send any more notes many always has done in regard to to Cermany on the submarine issue to the front there was great to the following the same opinion as Gernow holds the sam to Germany on the submarine issue. the importance of the origin of the the telegram, according to the Russian that the importance of the origin of the the telegram, according to the Russian that lating to the fighting on the western enemy artillery activity, especially along the Danube River." recent coses, such as the torpedoing Chancellor declaration was necessary an order for mobilization of the Gerof the Arabia without warning, are once more to discuss the question of man army and the German navy has been proclaimed at this moment. Af- Rupprecht-British and French atter the explanation given by Secretary | tempts to attack between Le Sars and "The action which made the war von Jagow over the telephone, this

tion of the army and navy was untrue and that the special edition had been by the official Russian orange book, giving Ambassador Sverbeew's teleceive Russia in order to gause her to been "the usual artillery exchange."

mitted that the Russian mobilization mobilize." The Chancellor added that the Germobilized its army only after it re- ceived a report that Germany had ed to fate."-Judge.

at about the same time. He con-

"At all events the incorrect report had been set right before the Russian Government ordered a general mobil-

"Gentlemen, we do not fear any tribunal I can state further that this new version has been brought forward entirely by Lord Grey. To the Russian Government itself, which ought to be the best informed about the cause of mobilization, it never occurred that it could refer to a special edition of the Lokal Anzeiger as an explanation of its fateful step.'

"Lord Grey, I take it, will not refuse the Russian Emperor as a witness. and the Emperor at 2 p. m. on Friday, July 31, when the order for mobilization had already been issued to Russian forces, telegraphed to the German Emperor as an answer to his last appeal for peace. 'Technically impossible to stop our present military preparations, made necessary by Austro-Hungarian mobilization.' There was no word about the Lokal Anzeiger, no word about German mebiliza-

MOBILIZATION OF TROOPS. The Chancellor then recalled that

the Russian Emperor's resistance to

Austro-Hungarian mobilization could be no excuse for a general Russian mobilization, since Austria-Hungary then had mobilized only eight army corps against Serbia, to which Russia on July 29 already had replied by mobilizing 13 army corps. Only after the general Russian mobilization did Austria-Hungary, on the morning of July 31 order a general mobilization. As to Germany, after the news of the general Russian mobilization, it did not mobilize at once, but at first only proclaimed a state of threatened damage of war, which was by no means mobilization. This was communicated to the Russian Government, and it was added that mobilization must follow if Russia did not stop all war measures against Germany and Austria-Hungary within twelve hours, and if it did not inform Germany in Thus Russia once more was given a delay, even when as a result of Russia's guilt war already seemed un-

Likewise, Russia's allies and friends were given the possibility of still using their influence with Russia in the same direction as Germany with her ally. Austria-Hungary. ENCOURAGEMENT BY BRITAIN.

Russia gave no answer. England remained silent to Russia. France. through her Prime Minister, on the evening of July 31, merely declared to the German Ambassador that Russia had not mobilized, and ordered its own mobilization some hours before Germany did. The Chancellor con-

"As to the so-called defensive character of the Russian general mobilization, I may state here, in the most explicit fashion, that the outbreak of the war in 1914 there was still valid a general order of the Russian Government, issued in the year 1912, in verbatim:

"'From the highest place it is dered that a proclamation of mobilization is at the same time a proclamation of war against Germany.' Against Germany, gentlemen, against Ger-

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg contin-"Russia never would have decided upon this fateful step if it had not been encouraged to do so from the Thames by actions and by failures to take action."

QUIET ALONG SOMME FRONT

Near Armentieres.

French Near Vaux.

tary operations on the battlefront in the Roumanians between October 1 northern France, the British official and October 21, are exaggerated. In statement issued this evening says: | comparison it is claimed that the ex-"This morning we discharged gas east act figures of Austro-Germans taken of Armentieres and bombed the ene- by the Roumanians in the same period was nothing to report."

The text of the French statement guns, as well as much booty.

cleared several positions and captured prisoners. Prisoners confirm that the los and in the Phalhova Valley fightenemy suffered heavy losses at Sail- ing continues.

front issued to-day follows:

"Army Group of the Prince Bouchavesnes, as well as to the south unavoidable," he said, "was the Rus- telegram was followed by a second of the Somme near Prescoire, were

Lendon Cable.—Twenty-two tons connected by a community headquarters." of explosives were found in a derman There are a stretcher bearens' dag-out, dugout captured by Canadian forces, a dug-out and kitchen for officers' gram, set right the wrong news, and the War Office announced to-day. Conin itself refutes Lord Grey's assertion tinued bad weather has prevented nished and decorated according to the that we intentionally desired to de- active operations, although there has

Hungarian mobilizations. But, since man postal administration had made politics?" "Same as most other peofrom the business-like trench catapult he desired to clear the Entente of guilt, cedtain that, judging from the times at ple in my line of activity," answered for tossing bombs and grenades, the which they were despatched, the three the robust alderman. "Harmony con- sight of which carries one tack to the Russian mobilization as Germany's telegrams of the Russian Ambassador sists in having your own way, and per- the days of the siege of Jerusalem, to work. Lord Grey said that Russia must have reached St. Petersburg suading the other people to be resign- the modern terror of the machine gun

HUNS RETIRE ON FULL FRONT IN DOBRUDJA

Mackensen's Bulgars Are Burning Towns as They Retire.

MORE ALLY GAINS

In Transylvania Also the Roumanians Are Progressing.

London Cable.—Continuing their offensive in Dobrudja, the Russo-Roumanians have driven back advanced detachments of Field Marshal von Mackensen's Turco-Bulgar - German forces and progressed southward. The town of Hirsova, on the Danube, 45 miles north of Tchernavoda, has been reoccupied, although the place was partially destroyed, the enemy having set fire to the houses before retreating. According to Bucharest semi-official advices, the Bulgarian forces are retreating along their whole front. As the Eulgarians withdraw, the statement says, they are systematically

burning the Roumanian villages. To-day's Roumanian statement shows that the Dobrudia has not ceased to be an avenue for Russian help to reach Roumania because of the loss of Constanza and the Carol Bridge at Cernavoda. The Russians clear fashion that this had been done. are now sending to Julina, at the mouth of the middle, estuary of the Danube, supplies which go thence through the Sulina Canal and the Danube to Galatz and are distributed over Roumania by railroad. The route is longer and slower than the all-rail route of which von Mackensen deprived Roumania.

The text of the Bucharest War Office report follows:

"Dobrudja: Hirsova has been re occupied with the assistance of Danube naval forces. Before retiring the enemy set fire to Hirsova, and also to the village of Topal (12 miles south of Hirsova)." The German report puts it this

"Front of Field Marshal von Mackensen: Advanced reconnoitring detachments avoided an engagement with hostile infantry, as they had been ordered to do."

PUSHED BACK IN TRANSYLVANIA As a result of the new invasion of which was the following paragraph, Transylvania in the Carpathian region by troops of Gen. Lethitsky reported yesterday, the Teutens have been pushed out of positions in the Bistricedra Valley from Belbor to Hollo, the Russian War Office announces. The German and Austrian statements today admit that the Teutons have been unable to stop the Russian drive.

At Belbor and Hollo the Russians are only 10 miles east of the Maros River, the principal strategic river of Transylvania. Along it runs one of the railroads that supply the Teuton armies and enable them to move reinforcements to threatened points. From Hollo to Olah Toplitza, on the railroad, is rather less than 10 miles. If the Russians can take it, cutting the railroad, an important advantage will have been gained.

In Transylvania the Roumanians have pushed back the German forces British Used Gas On Huns in the region east of Buzeu Valley, says the Russian official announcement which reads:

"Transylvanian front: East of the chine gun and 100 prisoners. "In the Jiul Valley enemy attacks

were repelled." London Cable.—Concerning mili- German claims of captures from captured 25 cannon and 88 machine

"At Table Buizi, Bratee and Prede-"In the region of Dragceavela an

The Chanceller stated that Lord Chanceller, "that the Russian Ambas-

along the Danube River.

A Model Battleground.

Lendon's popular postime to-day is a personally conducted tour of the trenches at Knightsbridge Hall, the annex to the Active Service Exhibition. Of all the attractions, adventuring in trenches - waich are no "pasteboard imitations" of mcdern warfare, but the real thing, fashioned by men of the Greatdier Guards under the personal supervision of officers from the front pernaps most appeals to the public. Realism is the keynote of the whole show. The trenches consist of a first and a seegnd line, connected by a communication trench servants, a telephone dug oct, and the very latest Flanders fashions. Allor nearly all-the weird conjuring "What is your idea of harmony in this amazing war are to be seen here, tricks which form part and parcel of and the demoralizing "whize bang."