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GREEKS RESTING AFTER BATTLES

Armies Facing Each Other Are Strongly Entrenched Near Angora.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(By Associated Press)—Greeks and Turks are facing each other on a 120-mile front of trenches and earthworks in Asia Minor. These positions are likely to remain stationary until the spring, according to Brigadier-General Xenophon Stratigos of the Greek general staff.

The general, who has come to London with Premier Gounaris and Foreign Minister Baltazzi, described the present Greek position as a purely defensive one. Twelve divisions of 9000 combatants each are holding a line almost due north to south between Eskishehr and Afium Karahissar, at a distance of about 20 miles east of the railway connecting these two strategic points, with adequate protection on both ends.

"Although no big fighting has occurred for about a month, it must not be imagined that military activity has entirely ceased," said the general. "Skirmishes and minor raids are of daily occurrence."

Close to City.

General Stratigos then described the Greek dash for Angora by nine divisions last August. The river Sangaria, often mentioned in despatches, first runs west to east, then turns northward and then flows again westward, forming a kind of hollow square. It is in this bend that the last big operations took place.

The Greek forces launched their attack, crossing the upper course of the Sangaria southward, and then made a semi-circular sweep northward in the direction of Angora through the salt desert, driving back the Turks from position to position, on most difficult terrain.

"Although the capture of the enemy capital was not our immediate object, we would have taken Angora if we had had another month of summer," the general explained. "But after 24 days of hard fighting and marching, the troops were very much in need of a rest. We were then only some 10 miles from Angora; but if we had pushed on after the necessary period of rest, it would have meant starting a fresh offensive about the end of September, when the bad season sets in. Our forces therefore recrossed the Sangaria, this time on the south to north bend, in perfect order and not in flight, as had been erroneously reported. The Turks, thinking that they had us beaten, crossed after us, but we threw them back across the river. That was between September 15 and 20."

Broke Up Railway.

"Meanwhile we broke up the railway running eastward from Eskishehr to Angora. We tore it up rail by rail. This again proves that we were not in flight. No fleeing army could do that. We did the job thoroughly; there is practically nothing left of the railway now."

"We next set about to raze the hollow square, with a view to making our position quite secure. On one occasion, September 23, the Kemalists cavalry made a dash across the Sangaria and got as far as Sivrihisar, but we beat them back again."

The general paid a generous tribute to the fighting qualities of his adversaries in the defense of positions, but he considered them inferior to the Greeks in open warfare. The reason, he thought, was that the Kemalists are hostile to Turkish rule. Captures of war material, he said, revealed the fact that most Kemalists rifles were of Russian manufacture, and some captured field guns bore the mark of the Putiloff Works of Petrograd, showing that they were made as recently as last year.

LABOR LORD MAYOR GETS YEAR'S SALARY

BRADFORD, Eng., Dec. 15.—Councillor T. Blythe, the Labor lord mayor here, has been granted a year's leave with full pay by his employer, who in politics is a Conservative. Blythe has been associated with the firm for 58 years and his employer told him to call round for his wages whenever he found it convenient.

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SERBIA HAS COME BACK

No Unemployment or Outside Assistance Needed by That Country.

BELGRADE, Jugoslavia, Dec. 14.—(Associated Press)—Serbia has "come back." This is perhaps the most incisive way of saying that the little Slav kingdom has recovered in the most spectacular way from the effects of the war. For the first time in 10 years the country is standing on its own feet and is in no need of outside assistance. The peasantry of Jugoslavia, which form the backbone and sinew of the country, are enjoying a degree of prosperity and material contentment unknown before.

Other countries may have their unemployment problems, but Jugoslavia has none. Indeed, she has abundant work for thousands of aliens who are honest, have the will to work and are free from Bolshevism. Two hundred thousand good Russians, who were without employment since the Petrograd revolution of 1917 have come to hospitable Jugoslavia and found useful and profitable pursuits among people of their own tongue. Every Serbian soldier, too, has found remunerative work upon leaving the army. Soldiers' unions, legions, or employment bureaus do not exist in this country.

The most impressive evidence of Serbia's rejuvenation is the extraordinary building boom which is sweeping the country. In Belgrade alone 4000 buildings are in course of construction. In every corner of the kingdom business buildings, schoolhouses and private dwellings are springing up with a rapidity that reminds one of the building boom in the Western towns of the United States when gold was discovered, or of the home-building craze that seized the suburban centers of that country a decade ago.

Every square foot of the 1,000 buildings now in erection in the Serbian capital is taken, and it will require thousands of additional structures to accommodate the business firms and individuals who are flocking to the Jugoslavian metropolis in ever-increasing numbers. Once called "an overgrown village," Belgrade is now for the first time assuming the proportions, importance and dignity of a real capital. Soon the city will have a splendid Parliament building, a royal residence, and an Opera House of which more prosperous and ostentatious countries might feel proud.

Officer, showing young lady over a warship—"A man never realizes what a dreadful thing war is until he gets behind one of these great guns."

Young Lady—"Mercy! I should think it would be a million times worse to be in front of one of them!"

In the Letter Box

OBJECTS TO REPORT.

Editor Daily News:

With reference to the report of a meeting of the Independent Political Association in your issue of the 13th inst. (From page) headed "Independents to get behind Fred Stork for good of District."

The matter referred to was not discussed at the meeting in question, the business of that meeting having been in connection with the final count of the recent election. I have been instructed by the Association, to advise you accordingly, in the hope that you will correct the impression that your news item must give, namely that the Independent Association has taken action, which must be considered very premature, owing to the fact that Mr. Stork has not yet been officially declared elected and that the Association are to certain extent in the dark as to what his program may be.

In correcting this rumor, the Association wish it to be emphatically understood that the chief plank in their platform is to get behind any individual or association, who may be working for the good of the district, and that they can always be counted as active friends of progress.

Trusting you can find space for this correction.

F. S. WRIGHT.

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"Sure," said the native.

"Why, you let pigs run in the streets."

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