

THE SERBIAN RETREAT.

ENEMY ADVANCE ON MITROVITZA.

SIR J. FRENCH'S REPORT.

*See article below for submarines marked with a **

SUBMARINES FOR THE BALTIC.

Note year and number of days the war has been going on

War: 2nd Year: 112th Day.

The grip of the enemy forces around the main Serbian Army retiring on the Kosovo plateau is tightening. The severest pressure is from the Austrian and German forces on the north towards Mitrovitza along the Novi Bazar and Rashka roads, and towards Prishtina on the Kurshumlia road.

The news from Macedonia is more reassuring. Our Special Correspondent at Voden, on the railway between Salonika and Monastir, says that the Bulgarians are apparently hesitating to follow up their threat at Monastir. The operations at the French front, on the Verdun and the Tchernia, are explained to-day in a graphic message from Mr. Ward Price.

No further news has arrived from Athens as to the British measures against Greek shipping.

The Council of Ministers met on Sunday night and discussed the situation. No result of their deliberations has been published, but, says our Athens Correspondent, it is certain that the basis of an agreement, satisfactory to all parties, has been already established.

The Western front continues to be comparatively quiet. The French report mentions grenade fighting in Artois and patrol engagements in Lorraine.

Sir John French reports organized bombardments on many portions of the hostile lines during the past four days, the capture of a German airplane, and two air raids on Poperinghe, by which the enemy did no damage to the railway or buildings, but caused some casualties. He also contradicts some enemy reports, particularly as to the German casualties in their counter-attack at Loos on October 8.

Two British airplanes successfully attacked the railway station at Ferejik, near Enos, on November 19. One machine was brought down, but the other airman planed down and rescued the pilot of the maimed machine before the enemy could capture him.

Strong action has been taken by Prince Firman Pasha, the Persian Minister of the Interior, towards restoring order in Teheran and putting an end to German plots.

Note British submarines
A message from Copenhagen states that British submarines recently made their way into the Baltic through the Sound, the number being variously given as 10 to 25. They were conveyed to the Skaw by a British squadron.

Germany has offered to America for the 125 American citizens lost in the Lusitania an indemnity at the rate of £1,000 a head. The offer is said to have been rejected because Germany refuses to disavow the perpetrators of the crime.

Note compensation offered from guilt fund for those lost of Lusitania
A central tribunal of five members has been appointed to deal with cases referred to them from the local tribunals, established in connexion with the new recruiting arrangements. Lord Sydenham is chairman.

Note conscientious objectors tribunals
The new drink regulations, which are to come into operation in the London district on Monday next, have been strongly criticized as too rigorous by some trade union organizations. In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Lloyd George made it clear that the order will not be modified.

Note 1915 UK prohibition and that men NOT at war objecting to it!
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons yesterday, outlined a new scheme for attracting to the service of the State the savings of working men.

The names of 28 officers and 923 men appear in the casualty lists published to-day, which will be found on page 12.

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