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BRITAIN FORMALLY DECLARES WAR ON BULGARIA
French Artillery Achieves Notable Success in Vosges
BRITISH HOLD ALL GROUND GAINED AND STRENGTHEN POSITIONS

SECRET ALLIED BODY CONTROLS BUYING ABROAD

Every Dollar Spent in U. S. Approved by British Government.
SESSIONS IN LONDON
Russia's Disregard of This Committee Upset Exchange Situation.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Of the millions of dollars spent daily in this country by the allies for war supplies, not a dollar, it was learned authoritatively today, can be spent without first obtaining the official sanction of the British Government.

This sanction is obtained from a committee sitting in London and holding frequent sessions. Although the commission has been in operation for many months, its existence has not heretofore been generally known outside of government circles.

The personnel of this committee has never been published and probably never will be. It consists, however, of representatives of each of the allied nations, from Great Britain to Montenegro, controls absolutely the purchase of all war supplies in what ever section, acts as a financial check and supervisor over all the war chests of all the allies, and seeks to eliminate positively competitive bidding on the part of the allies for war supplies in the few open markets of the world.

Under its guidance, Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy, in seeking munitions of war in the U. S. and other supplies, refrain from competition in bidding. Such competition, if permitted, the committee realized early in its career, would result in sending prices of munitions and other supplies to prohibitive levels and would consequently swell the cost of conducting the war proportionately.

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BUCHAREST, Oct. 15.—(Via Paris, 11 p.m.)—The military critic of The French troops landed at Saloniki will not go to the aid of the Serbians at Nish, which is 250 miles from their base, but will make a direct attack on Sofia from the Serbian frontier, thus cutting Bulgaria in two, and also stopping the Austro-German advance by one of the principal railroads to Constantinople.

WAR UPON BULGARIA DECLARED BY BRITAIN

State of War Began at Ten o'Clock Last Night Is Official Announcement.
LONDON, Oct. 15.—Great Britain has declared war on Bulgaria. The British Foreign Office announces that, in view of the fact that Bulgaria has announced she is at war with Serbia and is an ally of the central powers, his majesty's government has informed the Bulgarian Government, thru the Swedish ministry at London, who is in charge of Bulgarian interests, that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Bulgaria from 10 p.m.

TWO GERMAN TORPEDO BOATS SUNK IN FIGHT IN BALTIC SEA

Enemy's Flotilla Returned With Reinforcements After Loss on Wednesday, and British Submarine Scored Again.
COPENHAGEN, Oct. 15.—(Via London.)—Despatches to the evening newspapers here say that a second German torpedo boat was sunk by the British submarine E-19 near Faxø. According to these telegrams, a German flotilla, one boat of which was sunk Wednesday, returned yesterday with reinforcements, and fishermen heard another explosion and saw a torpedo boat disappear. Thereupon the flotilla hurried away.

SERBIAN CAPITAL TRANSFERRED

MILAN, Oct. 15.—(Via Paris.)—The seat of the Serbian Government has been transferred to Mitrovica, near the Montenegrin frontier, according to a despatch to The Secolo from Bucharest.

IRELAND PLANS TO ENLIST MEN

Special Department for Recruiting Will Be Formed at Dublin.
PRAISE BY KITCHENER
Confident Irishmen Will Never Leave Army Without Recruits.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—At a recruiting meeting in the Vice-regal Lodge at Dublin, which was attended by Baron Wimborne, lord lieutenant of Ireland, and John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, it was decided that the lord lieutenant should form a department for recruiting for Ireland, and he himself take the position of director, a chief organizer being appointed to work in co-operation with the military.

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C. N. R. PARTY AT WINNIPEG GIVEN BIG RECEPTION

Each Senator and M.P. Should Visit West Every Two Years.
ADDRESS BY MAYOR
Sir William Mackenzie Thanked for Services to Prairie Provinces.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 15.—That every senator and member of the house of commons who failed to visit the west at least once in every two years should be disqualified was the somewhat startling statement made by his Worship Mayor Waugh at the Canadian Club luncheon today, in honor of the parliamentary delegation going thru to the Pacific coast on the special train, which inaugurates the transcontinental line of the Canadian Northern Railway system.

SERBIANS CEDE LITTLE GROUND

Invaders Are Making Some Headway, But at Heavy Cost.
West Complimented.
Senator Edwards, who replied in behalf of the upper chamber, admitted that the criticism was justified. He complimented the western provinces, not only upon the great number of men they were contributing to the war, but also upon their marvelous production of wheat. The wheat crop, he said, would amount to this year 200,000,000 bushels. In short, the western provinces had practically produced two crops in one harvest, and he hoped they would do as well next year.

BULGARS' TREACHERY

Serbians Denounce Manner in Which Enemy Launched Attack.
LONDON, Oct. 15.—The Austrians, Germans and Bulgarians are proceeding methodically with their invasion of Serbia, which, according to neutral reports, is costing them a very heavy price in the lives of their soldiers. The Germans, however, have been able to occupy Posavac, southeast of Semern, and claim that their campaign is proceeding according to their plans. An official communication issued by the Serbian war office today says:

NO RUSSIAN CRUISER WAS SUNK IN BALTIC

PETROGRAD, Oct. 15.—An official denial was issued today of the statement in German newspapers that a Russian cruiser has been attacked and sunk in the Baltic by German vessels. It was stated that no Russian warships have recently been either sunk or attacked.

BRITISH TIGHTEN HOLD ON FAMOUS REDOUBT

Positions Have Been Further Improved and All Ground Gained is Firmly Held.
LONDON, Oct. 15.—(11.45 p.m.)—A British official report received under date of 9.45 o'clock tonight from Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British army in the field, says with reference to the German official statement of today: "The only change in the situation south of La Basse Canal is that we have further improved our positions in the Hohenzollern redoubt. We hold all the ground gained on the 13th."

GERMAN SHIPS SWEEP FROM BALTIC AND GULF OF BOTHNIA

Enemy's Merchantmen Have Been Either Sunk or Run Ashore—Thirty-Five Ore Carriers Are Interned in Swedish Ports.
LONDON, Oct. 15.—British submarines have now cleared the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Bothnia entirely of German merchant ships, says a despatch to The Star from Copenhagen. Every German ship which was either sunk or run ashore, it adds, has been either sunk or run ashore. Of 50 German ore carriers, 35 are virtually interned in Swedish ports, the correspondent declares.

CANADIAN CAMP HIT BY ENEMY ZEPPELIN

Casualty List Indicates Several Men of Artillery Brigade Killed in Raid.
OTTAWA, Oct. 15.—That the camp of the artillery brigades of the second Canadian division at Otterpool, Kent, England, was shelled by a German Zeppelin on the evening of Wednesday, October 13, is indicated in tonight's casualty list, which records a number of men killed in the 5th Artillery Brigade and one in the 28th Battery, C.F.A. Thursday's list gave the names of seven men of the 5th Brigade killed by bombs and shells.

CIVILIANS WILL SEEK RECRUITS

Enlistment Work Will Be Taken Entirely From Military Authorities.
LONDON, Oct. 15.—That the scheme by which the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting for the army, hopes to secure a sufficient number of voluntary enlistments to render recourse to conscription unnecessary, is being discussed at a private conference with the parliamentary recruiting committee and the joint labor recruiting board this afternoon.

LORD DERBY'S PLANS

Sufficient Number of Volunteers Expected Without Conscription.
LONDON, Oct. 15, 10.20 p.m.—Recruiting is to be taken entirely out of the hands of the military authorities and entrusted exclusively to civilian organizations. This is the scheme by which the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting for the army, hopes to secure a sufficient number of voluntary enlistments to render recourse to conscription unnecessary.

FOR TODAY'S RUGBY GAME

You'll enjoy the game infinitely more if you know that your overcoat and hat are the very newest in the city. Your lady friend will feel proud of you, too, if you are wearing a Dineen coat and a snappy Dunlop, or Heaton, or Stetson hat. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, is the store where you can get the new duds you need in time to go to the game—or in plenty of time for Sunday. Score open until 10 o'clock tonight.

GERMAN WORKS DEMOLISHED BY ALLIED CANNON

French Destroy Two Blockhouses and Trenches at Violi in Vosges.
PARIS, Oct. 15.—Two German blockhouses were torn up and their trenches demolished by French artillery operating at the Violi, in the Vosges, between the Sainte Marie and the Eschamps passes. The French captured some trenches in Lorraine, which the Germans had taken on Oct. 9. In Champagne, the Germans, under cover of a heavy artillery fire, were again able to secure a footing in some trenches forming a salient at the extreme left of the French line of advance east of Amberley. In the Vosges, the Germans launched a heavy attack on a 5000 yards front between Rehfelsen and the Sudelkopf. They were repulsed everywhere except at Hartmann-Wellerkopf, where they again occupied some trenches at the summit. The fighting on the British front east of Loos was confined to a fierce artillery duel.

POSITIONS RETAKEN

Teutons Regain Some in Champagne—French Regain Some in Lorraine.
The official statement of the French war office tonight follows: "Bombardments were again violent on both sides during the night of the 15th before Loos, at Soissons, and in the vicinity of Verdun. In Champagne, under the cover of a bombardment reported this morning, the enemy was able to secure a footing on a certain point. In the former trenches in the form of a salient in the extreme left wing of the positions carried by our recent attacks. In the Argonne the explosion of one of our mines has shattered some enemy positions. On the front of Lorraine we have recaptured some elements of trenches which the enemy had been holding since Oct. 9 to the north of Reillon. We have repulsed several counterattacks. Fifty prisoners remained in our hands. In the Vosges the Germans this morning made a very strong attack on a five-kilometre (3.1 mile) front between Rehfelsen, to the south of the Hartmann-Wellerkopf, and the Sudelkopf. This attack had been preceded by violent showers of shells of various calibres and big bombs, which was accompanied by the projection of blazing petroleum. The Germans were repulsed almost everywhere. (Continued on Page 7, Column 4.)

PRYCE-JONES COMPANY GOES INTO LIQUIDATION

Big Departmental Store in Calgary to Give Up Business.
Canadian Associated Press Cable.
LONDON, Oct. 15.—The Pryce-Jones Company (Canada) has decided to go into voluntary liquidation and has called a meeting of creditors for Thursday next. A resolution states that by reason of its liabilities the company cannot longer continue in business.

ANOTHER BRITISH SHIP VICTIM OF TORPEDO

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The British steamer Salerno has been sunk. The crew was saved.
The Salerno was a Wilson liner, built at Glasgow in 1912. She was of 20,171 tons gross register.

BIG ALLIED LOAN CONTRACT SIGNED BY ALL CONCERNED

Lord Reading Thanks Syndicate for Co-Operation in Accomplishing Task—Advice Given Was in Best Interests of Great Britain as Well as of U.S.
NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The \$500,000,000 Anglo-French credit loan contract was signed late today. Three words "Reading of Eriagh" from a pen in the hand of Lord Reading, chairman of the Anglo-French commission, bound the British Empire to its terms.

France was bound by the signatures of Octave Homberg and Ernest Mallet. J. P. Morgan affixed his name in behalf of the American syndicate of underwriters. Four witnesses attested the signatures, one of them being Basil B. Blackett, secretary of the Anglo-French commission, bound the British Empire to its terms. Lord Reading thanked the syndicate for their co-operation in accomplishing his task. "We realized from the first," he said, "that it was only possible to carry out a transaction of this magnitude if there was loyal and devoted co-operation by all concerned, from Morgan & Co. and from all their associates in the syndicate. From them we have had nothing but the greatest assistance and conscientious and sincere advice, and it is for that reason I desire to express our sincere gratitude. This has not been an easy task and on the whole, taking into account the magnitude of the transactions, the result has been very creditable, especially as we have carried it thru by the date originally fixed for the first payment on the bonds. "It may not have been the exact date we intended, but we have got there. I feel on behalf of the English Government that it is incumbent upon us to say that we are very much indebted to all who have aided. "I should like to add that after we had given a close study to conditions here, after making ourselves acquainted with the difficulties of a transaction in this country where the people were unacquainted with external loans, we sought advice and it was given to us honestly and conscientiously, not only in the best interests of our own country, but, we believe, in the best interests of the United States."