

DIGEST OF LATEST WAR NEWS

Allies Still Gaining Ground. London, Aug 22—The opening of the allied offensive at Saloniki has been the signal for renewed reports that Roumania is at last about to throw in her lot with the entente. These reports are more circumstantial than ever before, and the comments of the German press indicate that they are far from being devoid of foundation. One Berlin newspaper goes so far as to declare that Rumania has already joined the allies, and that plans are being laid for the march of the Russian army through Rumanian territory. Major Morah, the famous German military critic, also believes that Rumania is negotiating with Russia and hints at an ultimatum to Bucharest from Germany and Austria.

The entry of Rumania into the war on the side of the entente would mean the forging of another link in the chain of foes surrounding the central powers. The material aid which Rumania could give would be of a very important character. She has had between 500,000 and 600,000 troops mobilized for nearly a year, and her army is reported to be one of the best equipped and trained in Europe. Apart from possible Russian reinforcements Rumania would be in a position to deal a powerful blow at Bulgaria from the north, in conjunction with the allies drive from the south. It has been generally understood that Russia has been willing to concede the Province of Bessarabia, the population of which is largely Rumanian, in return for Rumanian co-operation in the war. Bessarabia is 18,000 square miles in extent, and has a population of nearly 2,000,000.

The great offensive launched by the allies on Sunday on the Saloniki front, is growing in fury, but so far no decisive action has been fought. The British and French are advancing on the right of the line and have crossed the Struma, pushing forward in a northeasterly direction toward the Bulgarian frontier. At the same time the Serbians have opened a drive for Monastir, and report the capture of first line Bulgarian trenches. On the extreme left, however, the situation is not so favorable.

tacks have been made at several points along the British lines, but according to London, without success. The Germans have also made a powerful effort to re-capture Fleury, in the Verdun sector, but Paris reports their complete repulse. The repeated unofficial reports that Portugal was about to take an active share on the European battlefield are apparently confirmed by an announcement from Paris that a British-French military commission has been sent to Lisbon. News dispatches from Portugal have described military preparations of a very extensive character, but there has been nothing yet to indicate the number of men she has under arms.

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- 1.—"Familiar" lost its trouble for me when I noticed the "liar" in it.
2.—I remember "stationary" by the "a" in "stand;" "stationery" by the "e" in "pen;" "beach," a shore, and "beech tree" are remembered by the "ea" in "sea" and the "ee" in "tree."
3.—"Principal" and "principle" are distinguished by associating the latter with its synonym "rule."
4.—"Philippine." Spell "Phillip," then "pine."
5.—"Grammar" has a rhyme: "Two a's, two m's, two r's, one g. Put them together and spell it for me."
6.—"Separate." Remember that the first and second vowels are not alike.
7.—Three persons spell "business" correctly by remembering that it has "sin" in the middle of it.
8.—Four say that "niece" comes to them correctly when they think of "nice niece."
9.—The confusing "ie" and "ei" in words like "believe" and "receive" are simplified for fourteen teachers by the "li" and "ce" in the word "Alice."
10.—The writer used to stumble at "oratorio" until she heard of the child who called it "o-rat-o-ri-o" with stress on the second and fourth syllables.

The best mnemonics are those we invent for ourselves, but simple ones like the foregoing may be successfully borrowed. Give one spelling period early in the year to find out what devices your pupils use in spelling, and stimulate them to find new ones for difficult words.

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