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MINISTERS OF ENTENTE POWERS LEAVE SOFIA

Bulgaria's Unsatisfactory Reply Has Caused No Surprise in Petrograd

PETROGRAD, Oct. 7.—In advance of direct word from the Russian Minister at Sofia, it is assumed by the Foreign Office and the Minister and his associates departed yesterday from the Bulgarian capital. The unsatisfactory nature of Bulgaria's reply caused no surprise here.

It is stated that the Foreign Office is without official information as to Italy's attitude, although it is unofficially announced here that the Italian, Belgian and Serbian Ministers at Sofia have also demanded their passports.

The British and French Ministers conferred to-day with the Russian Foreign Minister.

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BRITISH

(To The Governor of Newfoundland.) LONDON, Oct. 7.—In Champagne the French carried by assault the village and height of Tahure, the latter forming a point d'appui to the enemy's second line. Progress was also made at Navarin Farm, and over 1,000 prisoners were taken. Four enemy counter-attacks were repulsed in Artois.

Stubborn enemy attacks on the Tahure position collapsed with very heavy losses.

Russia has made progress at various points, and several villages have been recaptured.—BONAR LAW.

GREEK MINISTRY NOW FORMED

Contains Five Former Premiers—Cabinet Will Make Declaration of its Policy on Monday

PARIS, Oct. 8.—Five members of the new Greek Cabinet are former premiers, says a despatch from Athens. The fact that Premier Zaimis takes the portfolio of Foreign Affairs is significant, as he alone among former premiers is not opposed to the Entente Powers, and it is considered his ideas best represent absolute neutrality.

The Cabinet will appear in the Chamber next Monday to make public declarations of its general policy, avoiding all reference to the Greco-Serbian Alliance.

The attitude of the Venizelos Party will depend on the government's declarations. It is regarded as probable however, that the party will not refuse the Cabinet a provisional vote of confidence.

The ministry, as it is constituted, is considered as the best solution of the ministerial crisis.

Made in Berlin

BERLIN, Oct. 7.—During recent battles in France, the Overseas News Agency says, to-day, efforts were made by the British, French and Belgians to land soldiers in civilian garb from aircraft behind the German front. These men were ordered to destroy bridges and roads, in order to impede the movements of the German troops. A number of persons were sent by way of Holland to Belgium with the same orders.

These attempts were frustrated by the vigilance of the German authorities.

To Crush Serbia?

LONDON, Oct. 7.—An official despatch reached London to-day, stating that the Austro-German armies concentrated against Serbia comprise four hundred thousand men.

Russian Cruisers Getting Active

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 7.—The Cologne Gazette reports two Russian cruisers actively bombarding the Bulgarian port of Varna.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS CAUTIOUS

Declare Situation in Greece Great Blow to Entente Powers—Says Army is Devoted to King

LONDON, Oct. 7.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends the following:

"It is gleaned from German newspaper comment that developments in the Balkans and the drastic situation in Greece are widely, but for the most part cautiously commented on by the German Press.

Theodore Wolf, of the 'Tageblatt,' declares it to be the heaviest blow that could have been given the policy of the Entente Powers, and that it confronts them with extraordinary danger. Herr Wolf considers that King Constantine's action is somewhat daring, but argues that any revolutionary movement in Greece is improbable, as the army is devoted to the king.

"The same doubt is raised by the 'Frankfurter Zeitung,' which asks which is the stronger, the King or Venizelos? It considers it conceivable that, as was the case in Italy, external compulsion through street demonstrations in Athens might cause a reversion to the policy of the parliamentary majority, but only if M. Venizelos places himself at the head of the movement against the King, would it, in the opinion of this newspaper, have a chance of success.

Germany will gladly greet Greek neutrality, concludes the 'Frankfurter Zeitung,' but if Greece does not remain neutral, we and our friends are ready.

Austro-German Troops Invade Serbia

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"Birds of a Feather"

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 7.—A despatch to the Berlin 'Lokal Anzeiger' from Sofia says that after receiving the Russian ultimatum King Ferdinand and the Premier conferred with the Austrian, German and Turkish ministers in Bulgaria before making a reply.

Ex-Premier Forms Cabinet

ATHENS, Oct. 7.—Alexander Zaimis has accepted the premiership in succession to Venizelos, on the invitation of King Constantine. He completed his Cabinet to-day.

Venizelos is not a member of the new Ministry.

AUSTRO-GERMAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST SERBIA BEGUN IN EARNEST

400,000 Men With Heavy Artillery Attacks Serbia from North West

London, Oct. 8.—The long threatened Austro-German offensive in the Balkans with the added menace of Bulgaria, has begun in earnest. Almost simultaneously with the rupture of diplomatic relations between Sofia and Entente Powers, an Austro-German army, estimated at 400,000 men, with an enormous weight of heavy artillery, has started to attack Serbia from Northwest, according to a Berlin official report, and has crossed the Drina, Danube and Save Rivers at many points, firmly establishing itself on the Serbian side.

Anglo-French troops, which were landed at Salonika, with the tacit consent of the Greek Government, are being hurried northward to assist Serbia, and if possible, keep Bulgarians from capturing Salonika. The Nish railways is the only source by which the Serbians can be fed with munitions of war. The hoped-for support from Greece has not been forthcoming, King Constantine, by his dismissal Premier Venizelos, having shown that while his country sympathizes with cause of the Allies, he is not prepared to go against the Central Powers or fulfill the obligations of the Greco-Serbian treaty, an alliance which provides that one Ally must go to the assistance of the other in case of the attack.

A Greek cabinet, composed of men with pro-German and pro-Ally sympathies, has been appointed. The expectation now is, unless public opinion forces the hand of government and insists on action on side of the Allies, that Greece will remain neutral.

It is hardly conceivable by Entente diplomats that Greece will go over to Central Powers, for they point out that Bulgaria is known to covet some of her territory, and the treatment of Greek nationals in Turkey makes it virtually impossible for her to become an Ally of that country. As in Greece public opinion in Bulgaria is not entirely unanimous in support of King Ferdinand. Reports indicate that Bulgarian mobilization is not being carried out without difficulty. King Ferdinand and Premier Radelev, however, have finally thrown in their lot with Austria, Germany and Turkey having after consultation with Ministers of their countries rejected the demands of Russia for the dismissal of Austro-German officers, who it was alleged had been engaged in command of the Bulgarian army. Bulgaria, in fact, denied the presence of such officers. Russian, British, French, and Italian Ministers have either left or are leaving Sofia. Italy has taken action also by giving the Bulgarian minister at Rome his passports. It is possible Bulgaria may avoid rousing the Greek people by refraining from attacking Serbia, but simply keeping her troops on the border. This would have the effect of preventing Serbia from bringing her full strength to bear against Austro-German attacks. Rumanian and other Balkan States are still neu-

CONTRACT READY FOR NEW LOAN THIS WEEK

Commission Pay Visit to J. P. Morgan & Co., Agents For the Syndicate of Underwriters

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Minor details in connection with the closing of the five hundred million credit loan to Britain and France occupied the attention to-day of the Anglo-French financial commission, who were also the luncheon guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

Lord Reading and several members of the Commission paid a visit during the afternoon to the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York. When they departed it was said that the contract for the loan probably would be signed this week.

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It Will Take Time

LONDON, Oct. 7.—During the past month's fighting in the Dardanelles the British gained on an average of something more than 300 yards all along the centre of the four mile Suva front, according to an official statement given out to-night.

JAPS MAY BE ASKED TO AID ALLIES AT CONSTANTINOPLE

Mikado May be Requested to Send Troops to Dardanelles

JAPAN'S POLICY UNCHANGED

Jap Government Plants Now Extended to Aid Western Allies in War Material

Tokio, Oct. 1st.—The allies are reported to be preparing to call upon Japan to send troops to help back the threatened Austro-German drive on Constantinople. No official confirmation is obtainable, but the report attracted considerable comment to-day in view of dispatches indicating that Bulgaria may soon cast her lot with the central empires. If the allied diplomats make such representations, their efforts almost certainly will result in failure.

Assistance of Japan's armies is known to have been desired for some time by certain French leaders among them Stephen Pichon, former foreign minister. It was suggested that Japan send troops to the Dardanelles to aid in a quick dash on Constantinople, or send enough divisions to the Russian front to make it impossible for Germany to divert troops for a Balkan campaign.

Japan's Policy Unchanged. The policy of the government, however, remains unchanged. Japan feels that the difficulty of transporting troops to her war theatre would be almost insuperable. Furthermore Japan is not willing to risk her military prestige in a campaign of such a character as that being waged at the Dardanelles. Early in the war the government even frowned on a movement to enlist volunteers here for service in France.

Though Japan several weeks ago refused to sell to Russia her own reserves of ammunition, the govern-

NORWEGIAN COLLIER UNREPORTED

All Hope Abandoned For "Kron Priz Olaf"—Long Overdue From Sydney to Montreal—Believed to be Lost in Storm Week Ago

MONTREAL, Oct. 8.—There is still no word from the Norwegian steamer Kronprinz Olaf, chartered by the Dominion Coal Co. to carry coal from Sydney to Montreal. It is believed she went down during a storm in the Gulf a week ago Sunday, while on her way to this port. The steamer left Sydney on September 24.

Captain Jensen was in command, with his son, chief officer and crew of twenty-three men, chiefly Norwegians.

Roumania has not been heard from lately, but like Greece for the moment, is bent on continuing friendly relations with all belligerents. Doubtless to influence her and the other Balkan States, Russia is reported to have commenced an energetic offensive in Bukovina, and to have attacked Austrian positions Northeast of Czernowitz.

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

French Inflict Heavy Losses On Enemy—Serious Damage Done to German Works at Eparges

PARIS, Oct. 7.—The Germans bombarded violently, last night, all the French front to the north of Laiscarpe, and at the same time, delivered four counter attacks against positions recently conquered by the French near Souchez. They were repulsed at all points.

Information was given out by the French War Office this afternoon that there was further more intense artillery exchanges at other points on the front. In the Champagne district, last evening, the Germans delivered a series of stubborn attacks against positions lost by them to the French, north of Tahure. These attacks everywhere failed, and the Germans suffered heavy losses. At Eparges, the French exploded two mines, causing serious damage to German works.

Casualties Of British Officers

LONDON, Oct. 7.—The total casualties among officers of the British army from the beginning of the war up to Sept. 27 number 17,074; of which 5,176 officers were killed or had died; while 10,469 are wounded; 1,429 are missing.

In the fortnight ended Sept. 27, the lists showed 131 officers killed, 290 wounded, 111 missing; total 432.

The casualties indicating a comparative lull of operations. In the Indian contingent are 20 killed, 39 wounded; Australians 8 killed, 12 wounded; Royal Field Artillery 8 killed, 15 wounded. Apart from these the losses in individual regiments do not exceed fifteen. During the fortnight two Brigadier-Generals were wounded.

Bulgarians Fight Among Themselves

London, Oct. 7.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Budapest states that the newspaper 'Azest' says it learns from Sofia that wholesale arrests of leaders of the Agrarian Party are taking place, and the government is prepared to take stern measures to crush all domestic attempts to impair Bulgarian unity.

Bulgar Minister Given His Ticket

LONDON, Oct. 7.—The Bulgarian Minister to Italy was, to-day, handed his passports.

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The audacity of the Turks knows no bounds now that they feel a German attack on Serbia is imminent. Greek, Russian and British are being severely maltreated, the representations of the American Ambassador proving ineffectual.

The disembarkation of the Allies at Salonika continues. It is understood that Premier Zaimis has informed former Premier Venizelos that a vote of confidence in the Government by the Chamber of Deputies is absolutely essential, as a mere vote of tolerance would not give the Government the requisite authority to deal with the grave problems of the present hour.

NISH, Oct. 8.—An aeroplane coming from Bulgaria yesterday, dropped numerous bombs on Nish, killing five persons and wounding two. It then returned to Bulgaria.

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Grain Cargoes For Europe

PORTLAND, Oct. 7.—Six large steamers will load more than one million five hundred thousand bushels of grain at this port during the next six weeks, for Europe.

BIG BOOM AT NEW GLASGOW

Munition Plants Working Overtime—Newfoundlanders There Doing Well

In a letter recently received by Mr. Geo. Grimes from Mr. E. Cruikshanks, of New Glasgow, who holds a responsible position in the Nova Scotia Steel Works, some interesting information was given as to the quantity of munitions now being turned out by that company alone. Upward 65,000 shell forgings are being put out very week, making 15 and 18 in. shrapnel, and four and five-inch high explosives, also turning out 600 weekly ready for use.

All the Newfoundland boys who went there in search of employment in the munition factories were successful, and they are now earning good wages, particularly those working overtime. Business in New Glasgow is on the hustling stage and every munition factory is working at its full capacity night and day.

The cruiser Flona has arrived at Conche and is bound to Englee.