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The Balkan Situation Again Looms Large on World War Horizon

Relations Between Greece and the Central Powers Are Keenly Watched in Allied Capitals—Bulgarian Attack on Kavala Likely to Bring Matters to a Head—Grand Duke Nicholas Has Renewed His Offensive in Armenia—Germans Attempt New Blow at French Positions in St. Mihiel Salient but Are Repulsed—London and Berlin Reports of Zeppelin Raid Confict Strongly

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The Balkan situation again looms large on the horizon of the world war with the official announcement from Paris that the Bulgarians have attacked Kavala and the seaport town of Kavala both of which are garrisoned by Greek troops. This announcement is corroborated by press despatches received from Greece during the last few days in which it is said fighting was in progress between the Greeks and Bulgarians. It is reported these attacks on Kavala threatens the situation between Greece and the Central Powers, which has been active ever since the First Balkan war. Sofia claimed Kavala was one of its rightful fruits of victory and its concession to Greece has been a source of much friction between the two countries. Apparently the French statement that the Allied troops do not plan an advance on the right wing as British cavalry detachments are reported to have destroyed the bridges over the Angista River on the left wing.

The hill in the Eastern front continues but a renewed offensive by Grand Duke Nicholas in Armenia still shows in extent. Recent fighting in the region of Lake Van is described by Petrograd as a crushing blow to the Turks. Russian military critics predict the resumption of the Grand Duke's march toward Asia Minor.

Usual inactivity has occurred on the Western front following the gains reported by Paris and London and partially confirmed by Berlin on Thursday. The Germans have attempted a new blow at the French at the point of the famous St. Mihiel salient. This salient juts far into the French line south-east of Verdun and has been the scene of the bloodiest fighting in France. The force of the German blow carried them into the French trenches, but according to Paris they were immediately ejected by a counter attack.

London has once again been the target for a Zeppelin raid and the usual accounts issued by Berlin and London conflict strongly. Berlin claims the British capital was heavily bombarded by several naval dirigibles and that batteries and vessels were struck. According to London only one attacking Zeppelin reached the outskirts of the city. Material damage caused by the attack was slight. 8 persons were killed and 38 injured, according to the British version.

Germans Repulsed by French at St. Mihiel

PARIS, Aug. 25.—The Germans have made a new assault on the French lines at the tip of the famous salient of St. Mihiel, but have been repulsed, after gaining a footing in the French trenches, according to an official tonight.

On the Somme Front

PARIS, Aug. 25.—The War Office tonight says:—On the Somme front we continued our artillery fire on the German organizations. We took 800 prisoners in yesterday's fighting. Eight new machine guns were found in a part of Maurepas, which we captured.

BRITAIN NOW LEADS WORLD IN AIR CRAFT

New Type of Aeroplane Now Used by Britain is Said to be the Fastest Thing in the World Except a Projectile From a Gun—Twenty Seven Fokkers Are Already Accounted For

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A new type of aeroplane, now being used by the British at the front, has already accounted for 27 Fokkers, according to a statement made by Baron Montagu C. G. Grey, editor of the "Aeroplane" gives the following description of this new aerial destroyer. These small fighting machines are a distinctly British production, first being introduced by the Sopwith firm a year or so before the war. From that first experiment they have been developed and fitted with more and more powerful engines until to-day the British scout biplane is the fastest thing in the world except a projectile from a gun. The German Fokker monoplane is a fast destroyer, but its success is limited to some extent. Mr. Grey concludes as follows: The improvement in English aeroplanes may eventually have a considerable effect on the air defences of this country, for improvement in aeroplanes must necessarily be more rapid than improvement in airships, and consequently it is quite probable that new types of destroyer aeroplanes may be produced which will make it almost impossible for airships to get away from this country, if they ever reach it.



Venezelos Says Greek Situation Now Enters New and Critical Stage

Greek Commander at Seres Gives His Reasons For Resisting Bulgarian Advance—Greek Regiment at Hessa Were Taken Prisoners of War—Venezelos Says the Freedom Given Greece by the Allies Should be Used to Bring Those Responsible For Present Deporable Situation to a Sense of their Responsibilities

ATHENS, Aug. 25.—Col. Christodoulas has issued explanation of his action in resisting the Bulgarians, and says that the Bulgars, owing it would appear to resistance offered by the Greek forces at Pheia Petra and Storchesta took the Eighteenth Greek Regiment, station at Domir Hissar, prisoners of war. Subsequent to this the Colonel was surprised to receive, on Friday night at Seres a visit from the Bulgarian officer representing the commander of the Bulgarian forces advancing toward the town. The Colonel received from this officer a request to deliver over the railway station and barracks of Seres, both of which are situated outside of the town. Christodoulas replied that before he could discuss any such matter the question of the imprisoned Eighteenth Regiment must be solved. The Colonel said he had no choice but to offer armed resistance. Despite reports to the contrary the Sixth Division still continues to oppose the invaders and no orders have been issued to it to desist.

Ex-Premier Venezelos interviewed today said the situation had entered a critical and new stage this morning. The chief of the Liberal party received a deputation representing the popular organization in Athens and Piraeus. The spokesman dwelt on the misfortunes which menaced Greece and Venezelos replying said he was not against the expression of popular feeling by means of demonstrations of thought, but at the same time advising calm and orderliness. He said the Allies have given back freedom to Greece and that liberty should be used to bring home to a sense of their responsibilities those who had brought about the present deplorable situation. It is likely there will be a great popular demonstration here Monday.

New World's Record For Flying Machine

NEWPORT NEWS, Aug. 26.—A new world's record for a distance covered in ten hours and carrying passengers was made today by Victor Carlstrom, of the Atlantic Coast Aeronautics Association who made 661 miles flying a Curtiss twin motor land and water machine. The actual flying time was eight hours and forty minutes.

Violation of Dutch Territory by the Germans Still Continues

Serb Successes Against Bulgars

Serbian Official Statement Tells of Success for Serb. Forces Against Bulgars all Along Serbian Front in Macedonia—All Positions Held.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Successes against the Bulgarians all along the line of the Serbian front in Macedonia are reported in the Serbian official statement of August 22nd. The statement declares that the positions previously designated for Serbian occupation were seized and held by Serbian troops. On the right wing there has been an artillery duel. Our offensive is developing successfully in the centre and the Bulgarians are being pushed back gradually towards the frontier. We captured 208 men of the third Bulgarian division. All enemy counter attacks in the vicinity of the frontier and on our left wing were repulsed. The positions chosen by our headquarters are being occupied and held.

British Airmen Dash Over Belgium

LONDON, Aug. 26.—British aeroplanes have made another dash over Belgium on this occasion penetrating to the vicinity of Namur, 36 miles southeast of Brussels and bombarding German airship sheds. One aeroplane is missing.

GREEK PEOPLE PROTEST OVER BULGAR DOINGS

Big Public Meeting is Held in Saloniki—Populace Sing the Marseillaise and Call Upon General Sarraïl—Feeling is Very Bitter Among Greeks Over Bulgarian Occupation of Greek Territory—Demonstration For Venezelos

SALONIKI, Aug. 25.—A large popular meeting was held here last night to protest against the occupation of Greek territory by the Bulgarians. The meeting was followed by a demonstration for Venezelos and the singing of the National Hymn. The crowd then marched to the headquarters of General Sarraïl, the Entente Commander, and sang the Marseillaise. A formal protest against the Bulgarian occupation was drawn up and left with the Prefect of Police.

ATHENS, Aug. 25.—The present political and military situation, says the "Patrias," has resulted in an exchange of views among the Entente Powers regarding the attitude to be taken towards Greece. It is questioned by the Entente Diplomats, the newspaper states, whether the measures agreed to by Greece in response to the demands of the Allies, including the demobilization of the army and a Government offering all necessary guarantees for benevolent neutrality are now sufficient in view of the new situation.

All German Attempts Repulsed

PARIS, Aug. 26.—After an intense bombardment last night the Germans launched an infantry attack west of Téhure in the Champagne. They penetrated the French position, the War Office announced to-day, but subsequently were expelled. All German attacks on the Somme and the Verdun fronts were also repulsed.

Sir G. M. O'Rorke Dead

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Aug. 26.—Sir Geo. Maurice O'Rorke, speaker in the New Zealand House of Representatives is dead.

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