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## ATTEMPT TO TRAP RUSSIAN ARMY AT VILNA COST GERMANS 250,000 MEN; NEW ALLIED ARMY REACHES THE DARDANELLES

### RUSSIANS A POWERFUL BARRIER BETWEEN ARMY OF VON HINDENBURG AND DVINSK

#### Germans Have Army of 800,000 to Invade Serbian Territory

Nish, Serbia, via Paris, Sept. 23.—The best information obtainable here indicates that there are 800,000 German troops available for an attempt to force a passage through Serbia. It is felt in Nish that this movement will be undertaken, although whether it is not known.

The operations thus far are still a character that indicates that the Teutons are feeling out the Serbian positions.

#### HALF BILLION MAY BE LIMIT OF ALLIES' LOAN

American Bankers Balk at Billion—Russia Likely to Float Independent Loan if Needed

New York, Sept. 23.—Troublesome details have yet to be adjusted and minor matters smoothed out, before Lord Reading, representing Great Britain and France, and J. P. Morgan and his associates, representing the financiers of America, sign articles of agreement consummating the long negotiations looking to the establishment of a big Anglo-French credit loan here.

Not the least of these details, it developed tonight, is the size of the loan.

The representatives of Great Britain and France, it was said on excellent authority, have been told that the maximum amount they can get is \$500,000,000. In reply, it is reported, they have told the American bankers that they need more, and that more should be expected.

In the absence of word from London as to Russia's possible participation, it seemed settled today that the negotiations would be conducted only for England and France, and that Russia would have to make independent arrangements, should any arrangements at all be necessary for establishing a credit here.

During the two weeks' stay of the commission here opposing the proposed credit loan have been far from idle. Well-defined opposition apparently has been increasing, it is said, in the west and middle west, and New York financiers are said to look to the eastern section of the country for their greatest aid in establishing the loan.

#### MORE DUMBAIZING IN UNITED STATES

Movement to have Austro-Hungarians quit work in Wheeling Vt. Plants.

Wheeling, West Va., Sept. 23.—A movement to have all Austro-Hungarians quit the plants where they are employed making war munitions for the enemies of Austria was inaugurated here today when it was announced that a speaker representing a Cleveland society would address such workmen at Bridgeport, Ohio, Saturday night. Mill managers, fearing the men would walk out, arranged to have their places taken by workmen of other nationalities.

Important contracts for shells are being filled by factories in the Wheeling district.

London, Sept. 23.—The riddle of the Balkans, as the London press terms the latest developments in the near eastern peninsula arising out of Bulgaria's order for mobilization, remains unchanged. The greatest uncertainty still exists, even in official quarters in London, as to the intentions of King Ferdinand and his advisers. In fact, it is not yet certain that the mobilization has begun, or that the date has been set for it. One report from Athens says that the mobilization has been postponed.

It is known, however, that the Entente representatives at Sofia and other Balkan capitals are still busy trying to re-construct the Balkan League and thus prevent Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia from fighting among themselves. As the Bulgarian government appears to have made up its mind, despite the opposition of some parties, it seems likely that these diplomatic efforts will give many difficulties to overcome.

The Central Powers have already commenced their attempt to make their way through Serbia and one of the intervening neutral countries to the Aegean Sea. With Russia more than holding her own against the Austro-Germans in Galicia and Volhynia, it is believed here that the Balkan powers would hesitate before going contrary to the wishes of their big neighbor and former professor.

The Russians also are doing better on the northern end of their line, and thus far have prevented Field Marshal Von Hindenburg from reaching the Dvina river, west of Lennawadom, where, for the second time, he has been joined, and are putting up a stubborn fight further down the river, west of Dvinsk, where the Germans claim to have penetrated their positions.

Southeast of Vilna the Russian rear guard, which made possible the escape of the main Vilna army from the German net, are now falling back, and in doing so, have left some prisoners in the hands of the Germans.

Prince Leopold of Bavaria has made a slight further advance, but Field Marshal Von Mackensen and his Austrian colleagues in the south are at a standstill, or are even being pushed back by the Russians under General Ivanoff.

The big guns continue to boom along the western front, and the men on both sides are finding plenty of employment in mining, bombing and air fights, which are now an almost hourly experience.

There has also been something happening in the North Sea, the correspondents at Ameland, a Dutch island off the coast of Friesland, reporting heavy firing to the north last night and again today.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—Sir Herbert Ames has made the suggestion that members of the inside Civil Service of Canada should contribute one day's pay each month to the patriotic fund. Owing to the heavy drain on the fund there is to be another general campaign for it. The N. W. M. P. are giving a day's pay each month.

#### MORE MONEY IS NEEDED FOR PATRIOTIC FUND

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#### New Army of 110,000 to Reinforce Allies at The Dardanelles

Berlin, Sept. 23, via Wireless to Saville.—A new army of 110,000 men has been sent to the assistance of the Allied forces at the Dardanelles, according to the Overseas News Agency.

This information was contained in a despatch from Athens. The reinforcements for the French and British forces are said to have landed at Mudros, on Lemnos Island, in the Aegean Sea.

#### RUSSIAN GOVT AGENT ON VISIT TO CANADA

Head of Purchase Commission Not Here to Place Orders for Shells—Will Visit Petawawa

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—General Sapajnikoff, head of the Russian commission in charge of the purchase in America of war supplies, including shells, will pass through Ottawa tomorrow enroute from New York to Petawawa. When he arrives here the railway commission will place a private car at his disposal until he returns from Petawawa. No orders for shells has been placed in Canada by Russia and his trip here is for another purpose.

#### MISSING BLASTER SURRENDERS TO POLICE

New York, Sept. 23.—The missing blaster, Augusto Mezanotte, who suddenly disappeared after the subway wreck yesterday and for whom the police have been searching, surrendered himself to the district attorney this afternoon. He was at once placed under examination.

#### ITALIAN ARTILLERY IN POSITION BEHIND A BREASTWORK



ITALIAN BIG ARTILLERY PIECES IN POSITION

One of Italy's great guns is shown in the above illustration. This gun is set up in position behind a sandbag breastwork. The shell, too heavy to be lifted by the gunners, is loaded on to a hand truck behind the earthwork by means of the crane seen in the view; it is then brought up and placed in position. The operation is not unlike that performed by the Austrians for the Skoda gun. Great engineering feats are performed by the Italian soldiers when it becomes necessary to move one of these big guns. As they are of enormous weight and have to be moved over very rough ground it sometimes takes the skill of these soldiers.

#### NEW PROMISES NOT LIKELY TO SATISFY U. S.

Berlin Gives Assurance Ships Carrying Conditional Contraband Will be Immune.

U. S. LIKELY TO INSIST ON THE TREATY OF 1828.

New Order Means Right of Visit and Search of American Vessels Must be Exercised.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Germany, in a note on the case of the ship William P. Fry, has given the United States formal assurance that American vessels carrying conditional contraband will, under no circumstances, be destroyed, even though deemed lawful prizes. The right to destroy American merchantmen, if carrying absolute contraband, is reserved, but the promise is given that this will be done only in case of extreme necessity as provided by the Declaration of London.

These assurances, together with the acceptance by Germany of the two proposals of the United States—the one to name a joint commission of experts to fix the indemnity for the loss of the Fry, and the other to submit to The Hague the dispute which the case produced over the meaning of the treaty of 1828—produced a favorable effect in official quarters.

Just what the practical operation of the new assurances will be officials were keenly interested to learn, for under the lists of contraband proclaimed by Germany, in retaliation for acts of Great Britain, nearly everything previously known as conditional contraband has now been made absolute. It is not known, as yet, what attitude the United States will take in its next note, but it is understood that it may reiterate its insistence that the treaty of 1828, and not existing international law, make American vessels immune from destruction, irrespective of their cargoes. Germany, however, is anxious to submit to arbitration what the meaning of the treaty is on this point, and it is possible that if no further cases of damage occur during the pendency of the arbitration proceedings, the American government will be disposed to await the decision of the arbitral tribunal.

One thing which attracted attention in connection with the German note was the evident necessity of submarine commanders, under their new orders, to exercise the right of visit and search with respect to all American vessels, to determine the nature of their cargoes.

The fact that Germany referred to its desire to demonstrate "its conciliatory attitude" toward the United States, was regarded by many officials as evidence that the Berlin foreign office was disposed "to avail itself of every opportunity to remove causes that have led to the strained relations between the two governments."

#### COMPLETE OVERHAULING OF RUSSIAN WAR MACHINE NOT YET AWAKE TO BELGIAN TRAGEDY

Million and a Half Utterly Destitute, Lord Mayor of London Says, in Appeal for Unfortunate People of Little Kingdom.

London, Sept. 24, (2.10 a. m.)—The Lord Mayor of London today appeals to the British people to come to the aid of the starving people in Belgium, of whom, he says, a million and a half are utterly destitute.

"We are not yet half awake to the tragedy of Belgium," said the appeal. "Even Mr. Hoover's wonderfully efficient neutral committee cannot feed one and a half million destitute people on less than five pence per head per day, which amounts to no less than 218,570 pounds (\$1,092,850) per week."

"I am convinced that the City of London will not rest content until it has taken the place is usually occupied in every really great benevolent movement."

The Lord Mayor then announces the formation of a strong committee, including Viscount Bryce and a host of other prominent men, to manage the fund and appeal to "people of every class to subscribe."

"There is no doubt if food is not sent," the Lord Mayor adds, "the Germans will allow the Belgians to starve or will shoot them down if hungry riots occur."

#### CHILDREN DIE TRAPPED IN BURNING HOUSE

Four little ones burned to death while mother was visiting a neighbor.

Large, Penna., Sept. 23.—Trapped by flames which enveloped their home while their mother was calling on a neighbor, four children of Daniel Kish were burned to death here today. The mother returned in time to find entrance to the dwelling cut off by the fire and was seriously injured while trying to force her way through a window. The bodies of the children, who ranged in age from two to six years, were found near the beds from which they had been roused by the fire.

#### TORONTO BULGARIANS REFUSE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ALLIES

Declare England and Russia Responsible for the Liberty Bulgarian People Now Enjoy

Toronto, Sept. 23.—Toronto Bulgarians have declared that they will not go back to Bulgaria to fight for that country if they declare war on Serbia. They take the stand that Great Britain and Russia are responsible for the liberty they now enjoy and they will not go against the Allies.

"They liberated us and we won't fight against them. If Bulgaria fights our enemy, then we will go back and fight," they declare.

#### YESTERDAY WITH CHURCH OF ENGLAND GENERAL SYNOD

Toronto, Sept. 23.—The General Synod of the Church of England in Canada this morning in joint session adopted the recommendations of the prayer book revision committee, covering the communion service practically complete. The changes are very few and not of a contentious nature.

The change of the rubric governing the admission to congregations to bring children at the earliest possible moment for baptism was subject of an effort to lengthen the period before it is necessary.

Dr. Speechly, Pilot Mound, made a plea on behalf of the mothers who, he claimed, could not in the rigorous climate of the northwest with safety take their children to baptismal service for many weeks after birth.

Prior to taking up the discussion where it was left off yesterday, the Bishop of Ottawa presented the report of a special committee appointed to draw up a footnote for use with the Athanasian Creed in which the following wording was suggested:

"In harmony with ancient usages as to form of the Nicene Creed adopted for use in the liturgy was the form without anathema."

The Bishop of Kingston objected strongly to the use of the word "anathema" and pointed out that it raised once more the question of the sense in which the minority clauses were to be understood.

The Bishop of Ottawa and the members of the committee rather than once more open discussion consented to the withdrawal of the report.

#### CZAR ONLY NOMINAL HEAD OF ARMY, WAR MINISTER AND GEN. KUROPATKIN BEING REAL LEADERS—RADICAL CHANGES AFFECTING HIGHEST MILITARY OFFICERS EXPECTED SOON.

Berlin, Sept. 23, by wireless to Saville.—The report reached Berlin today from Petrograd by way of Stockholm that radical changes in the leadership of the Russian army, affecting the highest military officials, were soon to be made.

This report was contained in a despatch from the Stockholm correspondent of the Lokai Anzeiger, as given out here today by the Overseas News Agency. Quoting from this despatch the news agency says:

"The well informed Russian press reports that Emperor Nicholas is commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in name only. The actual power is in the hands of the experienced leaders, Gen. Polivanoff, Minister of War, and Gen. Kuropatkin. Plans will soon be consummated for radical reforms, including reorganization of the highest military officers."

#### VILNA OPERATIONS COSTLY FAILURE FOR ENEMY

Petrograd, Sept. 23, via London.—The Russian military authorities regard the withdrawal from the very difficult position near Vilna, which for a time seriously menaced a large army, as virtually completed. They assert the Germans have lost 250,000 men in their recent operations in this region.

According to the latest information received here, the line now runs from Osmiana to Smorcon, which is on the left bank of the Vilia, west of Vilna.

Russian officers admit that the new front in the Vilia region is warped, and interrupted in places.

The region to the east of Lida and south of Molodechno is intersected by a multitude of rivulets. These are embarrassing the German advance, necessitating a detour northward, and consequently cooperation between the German groups in the vicinity of Vilna and that near Lida will be difficult.

The Russians expect that the Germans contemplate a race for crossings of the Beresina river, particularly at Borissov, 38 miles northeast of Minsk, where Napoleon came to grief in 1812.

The Red Cross hospitals evacuated Vilna in good order. Two local hospitals with 300 wounded, remained in the city, it being impossible to remove them.