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Germans and Austrians Invading Serbia
Venizelos Was Determined to Help Serbia

GREECE HAS FORMED NEW CABINET; BULGARIA EXPECTED IN WAR ANY TIME; GERMANS ARE RUSHING MEN TO SERBIA

Though Greece Must Ultimately Line Up With Entente, For the Time Being Its Policy is Obscure.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

BERLIN, Oct. 7, via London, 4.05 p.m.—Large German and Austrian forces have invaded Serbia.

The Teutonic troops have crossed the Drina, Save and Danube Rivers at many places, the War Office announced to-day. It is stated that the invading troops have established firm footholds on the other banks of the rivers.

The German announcement indicates that the invading movement is in progress along a large part of the boundary between Austria and Serbia. The Danube forms the border from the Roumanian frontier to Belgrade, the Save from Belgrade to the northwestern corner of the country, and the Drina runs along the western boundary to a point not far north of the Montenegrin line.

NEW PREMIER

Athens, Oct. 7.—via London.—Alexander Zaimis has accepted the premiership in succession to M. Venizelos, at the invitation of King Constantine. He completed his cabinet to-day. M. Zaimis will serve as foreign minister as well as premier.

London, Oct. 7.—Alexander Zaimis has accepted King Constantine's invitation to form a new cabinet, according to a Reuter despatch from Athens. He has assured leaders of the opposition that they will be allowed representation. The list of new ministers probably will be presented for the King's approval within a few hours. M. Zaimis will combine the duties of foreign minister with those of Premier, and it is expected his associates will include former premiers, Gounaris, Rhallis, Dragoumis and Theolokis.

Paris, Oct. 7.—A special to the Petit Journal from Athens says the rupture between King Constntine and M. Venizelos followed a visit of the German minister to the king immediately after the session of the chamber, at which Venizelos outlined the policy he expected Greece to follow.

POLICY NOW OBSCURE

London, Oct. 7.—The allies having broken off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria, news is momentarily expected of that nation's active participation in the war on the side of the central powers. Her king and the late leader of the government being at odds, Greece is forming a coalition cabinet, pending the construction of which her policy will be obscure. There are no misgivings in England, however, that she will co-operate in any way with Bulgaria. The cabinet crisis has in no manner impeded the landing of allied troops at Saloniki, and the fact that these forces are on Greek soil is considered the best guarantee that Greece ultimately must align herself with the entente powers with which Premier Zaimis is in sympathy.

REINFORCEMENTS

Paris, Oct. 7.—A Havas despatch from Zurich says reports received there indicate that considerable forces of German and Austrian troops have been withdrawn from the Russian and Galician front and sent to Southern Hungary, across Transylvania to take part in the offensive against Serbia.

World's Series

The Courier will receive full returns of the series of baseball matches for the world's championship over its own leased wire.

A complete bulletin service will be maintained and the progress of the play can be watched with almost as much promptness as by those at the games.

Canadians Safe.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct 7 (official)-- The troopship "Corsican" which sailed from Canada on Sept. 25th, has arrived safely in England. The troops on board consisted of infantry drafts from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, 10 officers and 500 men from each province, a total of 30 officers and 1,500 men. For the medical corps there were one officer, 30 men and 25 nurses.

Imports Increasing.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Oct. 7—The Board of Trade figures for September show a large increase in imports amounting to £25,286,000 ($126,430,000) of this amount £10,000,000 was in food, £5,000,000 in raw materials and the remainder in manufactured articles. Exports increased £5,634,000 of which £1,250,000 was in coal and the remainder in cotton and textiles.

Holland is Happy.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

The Hague, Oct. 7.—Extraordinary rejoicing on the part of the Dutch Government and the press is evidenced over the successful ending of the negotiations between the American and German governments respecting the Arabic incident. According to the Nieuwe Courant, it is believed that the American success will aid materially in forcing submarine warfare within the limits of international law.

James E. Barnett, a well-known lumberman and sportsman of Renfrew is dead.

VILLAGE OF TAHURE TAKEN BY FRENCH

Have Now Inserted Wedge Into the Second German Line of Defence.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris Oct. 7—The capture of Tahure apparently has silenced the critical and captious of the public which was beginning to declare the advantages won in the battles of Sept. 25 were not being followed up fast enough. The latest news seems to satisfy all and elates most military commentators. It is pointed out that while the capture of the village was a fine feat the storming of a height near the famous Hill 199, gives a great strategical advantage.

This hillock was fortified in every imaginable way and bristled with cannon whose "barrier" fire blocked the way to any permanent advance of the French. It was considered one of the principal pillars of the German second line of defence not only by the French, but by the Germans.

Dr. George Wegener, the Cologne Zeitung's war correspondent, writing on September 27, summed up the situation from the German point of view by saying:

"A definite setback? Impossible. Our artillery is there again and we are going to drive the French out of our trenches. We just met the commander-in-chief of the army leaving headquarters and he shouted to us: 'Hill 199 is strongly held by us.' "

London, Oct. 7—The most important advance yet scored by the French in their present offensive in Champagne was made at the point of the bayonet yesterday. when they carried by infantry assault the village of Tahure and the summit of Tahure Hill, making more than one thousand Germans prisoners.

By this advance the French have cut the second line of defence of the Germans and have established themselves at a point of vantage where their heavy artillery will have a commanding sweep of the Challe-range-Bazancourt Railway liine one of the most vital arteries of supplies for the German army on this front. Not only are important lines of German communication threatened, but the French, by this finally successful effort, have inserted a wedge between the army of the Crown Prince and the supporting forces on his right.

BIG GUN PREPARATION.

First news of the gathering force of the French drive in this section came in the official report from Berlin yesterday. According to this statement the heavy French artillery opened the preparatory bombardment Tuesday morning. The cannonade increased in intensity against the German defences during the afternoon, indicating to the beleaguered Germans that the French were paving the way for a general attack by storm.

When the attack by infantry came the Germans desperately and for a while effectively opposed the onrush, the French being driven back time after time with heavy losses. Finally the concentrated shell fire and the fury of the infantry assault that followed carried the charging Frenchmen past the shattered barrier and on to their goal.

SMASH SOISSONS SALIENT.

In General Joffre's plan to crush the Soissons salient, the target of the French in Champagne from the first has been the network of railways and highways north and northwest of St. Menehould. On this plain west of the Argonen Forest there are several lateral lines of communication which bear heavily on the security of the German lines to the west. The road from Sedan passes through Vouziers, about fifteen miles north of St. Menehould, and this is the main feeder of the German supply system. Upon it and its spreading branches the German troops from Rheims to Soissons depend for food and ammunition. Six miles suth of Vouziers this road branches off at Challerange and runs westward, paralleling the Germans defence lines to Bazancourt, where it joins with the Rheims-Charleville railway.

The object of the French attacks was either to capture or destroy this Challerange-Bazancourt branch or to control it by their artillery fire.

This prize was the incentive for

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BRITISH TROOPS EFFECT LANDING AT SALONIKI

French Troops Landed There Rushed to Serbian Frontier—Serpia Wild With Joy Over Allied Reinforcements.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Athens, Oct. 6 via Paris Oct. 7—British troops began to land yesterday at Saloniki. French troops are disembarking a mile and a half from the town and are being concentrated in a camp located on ground conceded to Serbia after 1913 upon which to build warehouses. From this point they are entrained as quickly as possible for Givegeti on the Serbian frontier.

Bulgarians have evacuated all buildings on the coast near Dedeagatch, while the forts in that city are being armed with long range guns and mine layers are placing a double line of mines across the port. Dedeaghatch is reported to be full of troops, officered by Germans from Constantinople

SERBIA JOYFUL.

Nish, Serbia, Oct. 5, via Paris, Oct 7, (delayed in transmission)— News of the landing of French troops at Saloniki spread throughout the country with great rapidity and caused intense enthusiasm. It is considered to have dissipated the grim shadow of Germany which was falling across the frontier.

These French troops, which already have passed into Serbian territory, are received at every station with the plaudits of the people. Women and children offer to the soldiers flowers, grapes and every sort of present. Macedonian notables presented the French officers with addresses affirming their Serbian nationality.

LONDON PRESS ON SITUATION IN BALKANS

Think German Design is to Make Greece Helpless by Disunion.

NO TIME NOW FOR FINE DISTINCTIONS

King of Greece Can Recall Venizelos or Risk the Gravest Disaster.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Oct. 7.—In an editorial this morning on the Balkan situation, the Morning Post says:

"The German design is probably to make Greece helpless by delay and disunion, while Bulgaria is being pushed forward to the betrayal of the Balkan cause. But it remains to be seen whether Greece and Bulgaria will submit, one to betray and the other to acquiesce in the betrayal of their national interests and sentiments. These are forces which the Germans omit in their reckoning, but they may, nevertheless, prove more formidable than the court intrigues and the ministerial cabals."

TAKE A BOLD STAND

The Morning Post demands that the British government take a bold stand, and realize that it is not sufficient to have lofty views and a righteous cause, but to strike for them, and that an intelligent use of force is the whole art of diplomacy in war.

ANOTHER BELGIUM

"Let us not look on and see the Balkan cause betrayed as the Belgium national cause was destroyed," says the newspaper. It then contends that if Great Britain uses her land and sea forces with intelligence she might re-create the Balkan League and defeat the German attempts to reach Constantinople.

FREE GREECE FROM FACTION

"In these times," the Morning Post adds, "we must not stand upon the order of our going. We have a right to demand of the countries concerned that they declare themselves either as friends or foes. If Greece is helpless in the hands of a faction let us use our navy and army to free her from that faction.

KING HAS CHOICE

"The King of Greece has the choice of recalling Venizelos on his own terms, or risking the gravest disaster to his country and throne." says the Daily News.

"The duty of the allies meanwhile is to do everything possible to end an intolerable situation and the obvious method is to increase to the maximum with all rapidity the army already landed at Saloniki."

The Times says editorially to-day:

"By over-riding the policy of his advisors, the King of Greece has added materially to the gravity of the situation in Europe. That much is certain, although the character and consequence of the new position he has created, cannot yet be foreseen."

The Daily Mail says:

ANOTHER FOR GERMANY.

"The dismissal of Premier Venizelos is another important success for Germany. Once more British diplomacy has been at fault. It has neither foreseen nor prepared. It has been outwitted by King Ferdinand, and its prestige has suffered grievously as a result of its errors, the remissness of the British ministers. The situation has to be faced that 400,000 Bulgarian troops are ready to operate probably with the aid of 250,000 Turkish troops not required at the Dardanelles and perhaps neutral Greece and Serbia fully occupied with meeting the German attack.

SITUATION GRAVE.

"The situation is as grave as well could be. The hour has come for the British Government to break its implacable silence and tell the nation how vast and imperious are its needs in men."

Oil Advanced.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Pittsburg, Oct. 7—Another advance in the price of crude oil was announced at the opening of the market to-day. Five cents was added to Pennsylvania, bringing it up to $1.77. This latest advance adds 35 cents a barrel to the price of Pennsylvania crude over the qquotation of three months ago.

Von Sanders to Bulgaria.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Amsterdam, Oct. 7.—Field Marshal Liman Von Sanders, who has been the German commander of the Turkish forces in Europe, has arrived at Philippipolis, Bulgaria, midway between Adrianople and Sofia, where he was met by King Ferdinand, according to a telegram to the Vaz Dias Nes Agency.

"THE HONOR OF GREECE IS AT STAKE--- YOU MAY BE CERTAIN IT WILL NOT BE BETRAYED"---PREMIER VENIZELOS

Greek Leader's Interview Given to Associated Press Says That He Was Insistent Greece Support Serbia.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

The following statement was made to the Associated Press correspondent at Athens Tuesday, by M. Venizelos before his resignation as Premier, and was filed at the Greek capital a short time before the unexpected change in the situation took place:

Athens, Oct. 5.—1 p.m.—Bia Paris, Oct. 6., 7.15—At the close of a decisive meeting of the Greek chamber last evening and early this morning Premier Venizelos gave the Associated Press a statement of the policy Greece would pursue in the impending Balkan conflict.

WILL ABIDE BY THE TERMS

"One thing is absolutely certain," said M. Venizelos, "Greece will abide by the terms of her alliance with Serbia not only in letter, but in spirit to the last man and the last drachma. More, the Greco-Serbian treaty foresaw only the possibility of a Balkan war. When it was made none could predict the present European conflict with all its widespread complications. But the spirit of alliance was one of mutual defense and because the dangers threatening our ally increased with unforeseen conditions there is no excuse for hiding behind the verbiage of the treaty to escape the responsibility of our pledge.

"Though the entire available forces of the Central empires be added to those of Bulgaria in an attempt to crush Serbia, Greece will unflinchingly remain true to her passed work. The honor of Greece is at stake. You may be certain it will not be betrayed.

THE PEOPLE ARE WITH THE ALLIANCE

"Nor, indeed, has there ever been at bottom the slightest wavering about the Greek people respecting their responsibility to enter the war in defense of their ally under the terms of alliance although every desperate effort has been made to be-cloud the issue. The spectacle of part of her press subservient to foreign influences has shamed and humiliated Greece. A people so eager to read—so much so that every bootblack while he shines your shoes is reading a book or newspaper—has been temporarily confused by an inspired and venal propaganda. But the feeling of loyalty to our national obligations never for a moment has been really affected. What Greece has said she will do, she will do. She is ready to fight and if Serbia needs her she will fight.

NO GREEK CAN FORGET FRANCE.

"Respecting the landing of French troops at Saloniki, there is but one thing to be said, we have protested of course, for we have wished to remain neutral in this European struggle and we wish it now if it were consistent with our rights and duties. But the Greek people cannot war on France and wouldn't if they could. What France has done for Greece,no Greek can forget. Comes now France, asking nothing of Greece, declaring her sole intention to be to support Greece's ally in the case of a need wherein Greece herself would be bound to support her neighbor. It is something offered, not something asked. Indeed, since I have been premier, I may say quite frankly, the entente has asked not one concession of Greece. Therefore when France gives every guarantee respecting the integrity of Greece, when France's motives for landing troops on Greek soil are explained as in the nature of accomplishing the very purpose of Greece's treaty of alliance with Serbia, we can see no reason why Greece should resist what she cannot help and what ultimately cannot fail to be to her advantage.

MAY REALIZE THE DREAM OF AGES.

"It must not be forgotten that while no sacrifice has been asked of Greece to which her international obligations

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ITALY WILL BACK ALLIES IN BALKANS

So Says Premier Salandra at an Important Cabinet Council.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Turin, Italy, Oct. 6, via Paris, Oct. 7—Premier Salandra announced at an important cabinet council, according to The Stampa's Rome correspondent that the Italian diplomatic policy in dealing with Bulgara had been all along in line with that of the allies and would continue to be. He declared that any diplomatic action taken by Italy's allies would be taken also by Italy and that such action was imminent.

The premier is reported to have asserted that his government viewed the Balkan situation calmly, believing it mght have the advantage of shortening the war and bringing about the final success of the allies. He announced that all military preparations had been taken both for the war now in progress on Italy's frontiers and that impending in the Balkans.

ALLIES COULD HAVE TREATED WITH BULGARS

A Year Ago Bulgaria Would Have Joined the Entente.

London, Oct. 7.—A twelve-month ago it would have been a relatively easy matter to draw Bulgaria within the orbit of the Entente if the members of that international concern had but exerted themselves proportionately to their influence and congruously with the hugeness of the interests potentially involved. But it is worse than useless to cry over spilt milk.

Bulgaria's demands turned upon territory inhabited by people of her own race in the west, in the southeast and in the southwest of her present boundaries. The districts in question became hers by right of conquest in the year 1912, and were forfeited to her ex-allies at the conference of Bucharest through her own fault and the unconcern of the great powers.

HER SEQUESTERED LANDS

According to statistics which have been received from Sofia, Serbia then annexed a Bulgarian population of 604,344 souls and 596 schools, Greece incorporated 428,744 and 340 schools, Roumania 147,000 and 189 schools, while the Turks retained 135,656 Bulgarians and 59 schools. And all the schools, with the exception of those in Turkey, have since, it is alleged, been suppressed by the new masters.

The sequestered lands have a value for Bulgaria which they cannot possess for any other Balkan state. Not only are they inhabited by people of Bulgarian speech, but they constitute the only directions in which the frontiers of the Bulgarian kingdom can be extended in virtue of the principles recognized by the allied powers. On the east the Black Sea, to the south the Aegean render expansion impossible.

The other Balkan States are much better off, for they have grounded hopes that huge territories now under foreign domination will one day be theirs. Roumania expects Transylvania, Bukowina, the Banat; Serbia looks confidently forward to the possession of Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia, and part of Albania; the Hellenic Kingdom hopes for the islands, a portion of Albania, and a large slice of Asia Minor.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

The circumstance that Bulgaria's negotiations with Turkey have come to a head, and that a treaty was signed, is significant. So, too, is the sudden dismissal of General Fitcheff from the post of War Minister.

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TORONTO AFTER 84TH; MAYOR AND MR. FISHER SEND WIRES TO OTTAWA

Toronto, the greatest "grab-all" place on this continent, is trying to have the 84th Battalion located for the winter in that city instead of at Brantford and Oshawa. In this regard the Toronto Star of last evening had the following:

"Mayor Church and the Toronto members of the Federal Legislature are taking up with the Minister of Militia the question of trying to arrange to have the 84th Battalion brought to Toronto for the winter. At present they are assigned to Brantford and Oshawa.

"The Mayor has received many complaints from members of this battalion who have families in Toronto. They declare that they enlisted on the understanding that they would winter in Toronto. It is pointed out that the battalion is entirely a Toronto unit.

"'Accommodation can be found for these men at the Exhibition,' said the Mayor this afternoon. 'It will certainly hurt recruiting to take these men to outside places where there is not sufficient accommodation for them.'"

The statement that the battalion "is entirely a Toronto unit" is absolutely untrue. There are a large number of both Brantford and Paris men in it.

GOT BUSY

The local authorities, on seeing the item, immediately got busy, and Mayor Spence sent the following telegram to Sir Sam Hughes Minister of Militia:

"Brantford would appreciate very much, in the sending of the half battalion of the 84th to this city, if it could be arranged to send the half which contains 350 or more Brantford and Paris men.

"J. SPENCE, Mayor."

Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., on behalf of the Paris end of it, also sent this message to Sir Sam:

"Yesterday's Toronto Sar stated that Mayor Church is endeavoring to have the 84th Battalion stationed at Toronto instead of being divided, half going to Brantford and the other half to Oshawa, on the claim that it is entirely a Toronto unit. This is not correct, as it contains many Brantford and Paris men. Hoping that you will carry out the original intention of sending the half of the regiment here with the Brantford and Paris men in it.

"J. H. FISHER."