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## Is the Signal For Renewed Reports of Roumania's Attitude

Opening of Allied Offensive in Saloniki Opens Afresh the Question of Roumania's Entry Into the War on the Side of the Allies—Some German Sources Say Roumania Has Already Done So—With an Army of 600,000 Well Equipped and Trained Troops Roumania Would be Able to Deal Powerful Blows at Bulgaria

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The opening of the Allied offensive in 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. The comments of the German press indicate they are far from being devoid of any foundation. One Berlin newspaper goes so far as to declare that Roumania has already joined the Allies, and that plans are being laid for the march of the Russian Army through Roumanian territory.

Major Morahr, the famous German military critic, also believes that Roumania is negotiating with Russia, and hints at an ultimatum to Bulgaria from Germany and Austria. The entry of Roumania into the war on the side of the Entente would mean the forging another link in the chain of foes surrounding the Central Powers. The material aid which Roumania could give would be of a very great and important character. She has had between 500,000 and 600,000 troops mobilized for nearly a year. Her army is reputed to be one of the best equipped and trained in Europe. Apart from possible Russian reinforcements Roumania 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 Roumania has been willing to concede the province of Bessarabia, the population of which is largely Roumanian, in return for Roumania's cooperation in the war. Bessarabia is 15,000 sq. miles in extent, and has a population of nearly 2,000,000.

The great offensive launched by the Allies Sunday on Saloniki front is growing in fury, but so far no decisive action has been fought. The British and French advancing in a right line have crossed the Struma river pushing forward in a northerly direction towards the Bulgarian frontier. At the same time the Serbians have opened their drive for Monastir and attacked the first Bulgarian trenches on the extreme left. However, immediately south of Monastir they have suffered a reverse and have evacuated the Greek town of Banica. In the centre of the mouth of the great valley of the Vardar, the main highway through Serbia, a violent artillery action is in progress. It was down this valley the Teuton-Bulgarian forces made their victorious advance and according to military experts its possession is vital to whoever holds Serbia.

Unofficial reports from Saloniki say Italian troops have landed there and will join in the general offensive. This news, if corroborated, means that Italy has finally decided to declare war on Germany.

The Germans are admittedly directing the Bulgarian campaign at certain points of the front. Berlin reports the Bulgarians as been on the offensive, but London and Paris interpret this move as one for political purposes and not as a serious attack against Salonika. The desire to affect public opinion in Roumania and to influence the approaching Greek elections is the motive behind the Bulgarian aggressive action in the opinion of Allied capitals.

Fierce fighting continues in the region of Sokhod on the Eastern front, when the Russian advance menaces both Kokel and the German salient.

made at several points along the British lines, but according to London, were without any success. The Germans have also made powerful effort to recapture Fleury in Verdun sector, but Paris reports their complete repulse.

Repeated unofficial reports that Portugal is about to take an active part on the European battlefield are apparently confirmed by an announcement from Paris that a British-French Military Commission has been sent to Lisbon. News despatches from Portugal have described military preparations as being very extensive in character, but there has been nothing yet made known of the indicate number of men she has under arms.

### Portugal Coming In

PARIS, Aug. 21.—In preparation for Portugal's active participation in the war, a Franco-British military mission will leave this city in a few days for Portugal. These officers will cooperate with the Portuguese military authorities.

## WILSON STILL KEEPS RIGHT ON TO HIS TASK

Now Appeals to the Executives of the Principal Railroads on the Ground of Patriotism—Hope is Expressed Now That Some Satisfactory Counter Proposition May be Advanced

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—As one American citizen to another, Pres. Wilson to-day appealed to each of the executives of the principal railroads on the grounds of patriotism to accept his plan for averting the threatened disaster of a nationwide strike. He emphasized the necessity for keeping the railroads in service as a part of the national defence and make possible all preparations for meeting the conditions that will exist after the European war.

On leaving the White House, the railroad Presidents, argued during the day by new arrivals from the west, held a conference in which the sentiment was said to be against agreeing to the President's proposal in its present form.

### Will Launch Big Attack on Allies

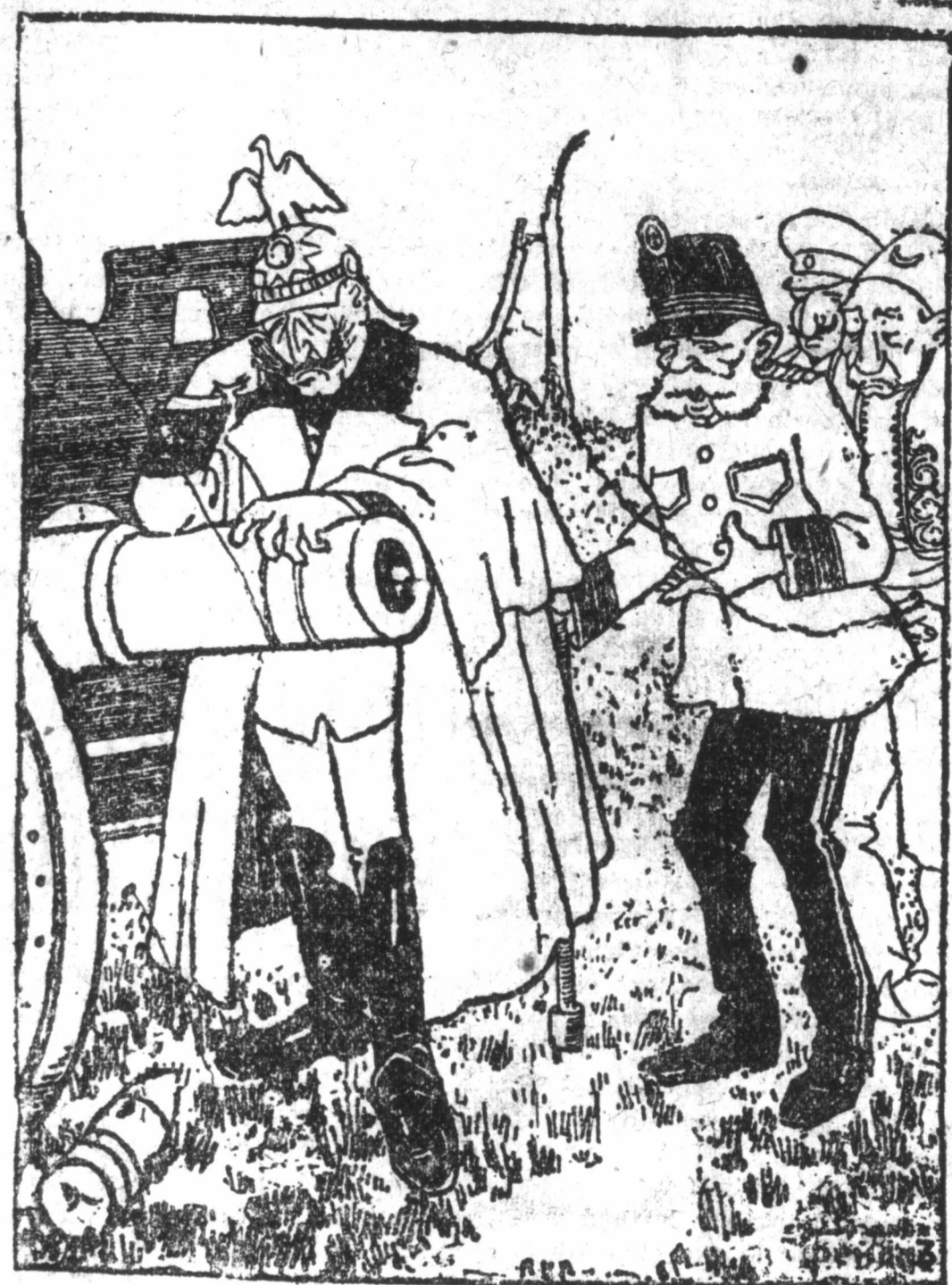
Bulgar's Inform Greek Premier They Intend a General Offensive Against Allied Forces on Greek Soil.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—That it is the intention of Bulgaria to launch a general attack on Greek soil is the information conveyed to Premier Zaimis, of Greece, by the Bulgarian Minister at Athens, M. Passaroff, according to a despatch from the Greek capital. Another despatch received by way of Copenhagen quotes the official Bulgarian newspaper as saying that Bulgaria expects the same treatment at the hands of Greece as that accorded the Entente Allies.

### Germany Calls Up Youths of Seventeen

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The intransigent publishes under reserve a despatch from Lausanne, to the effect that Germany has ordered all youths of seventeen to report immediately to the recruiting bureaus. This class in normal years would be called to the colors in 1919.

### LATEST WAR MESSAGES ON PAGE THREE



TORTURING THOUGHTS  
KAISER WILHELM: "Are the Allies going to offer me peace, terms or not?"  
FRANZ JOSEF: "Don't break your head over that! They'll break it for you, when the time comes."  
From Odesski Listok (Odessa, Russia)

### Breaks World's Swimming Record

HONOLULU, Aug. 20.—Duke Kahanamok broke the world's swimming record last night by swimming eighty yards in forty-two and one-fifth seconds.

## VON BISSING REMITS FINE HE IMPOSED

£50,000 Fine Imposed Upon City of Brussels For the Celebration of Belgian National Fete Day is Remitted by German Governor-General—Fine Was an Illegal One

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 22.—The "Echo Belge" says it learns that General Von Bissing, Governor-General of the occupied portions of Belgium territory, has remitted the fine of 50,000 pounds imposed upon the city of Brussels for the celebration of the Belgian national fete day on June 21, which the municipality had refused to pay on the ground that it was illegal.

### Important Gains Made by British

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Not only have the British held all the gains made in Saturday's attack through the critical second day and night following it, but they made another important gain this morning. They are now within five hundred yards of Martinpuich as a result of taking a trench which had held them up between Pozieres and Highwood.

### Big Loss of Life in the Yorkshire Muniton Plant

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Serious loss of life is feared as a result of an explosion in a muniton plant at Yorkshire this afternoon, says an official statement issued this afternoon. No figures of the casualties are given. The explosion took place this evening. The statement adds that no particulars are yet at hand, but the loss of life appears to be serious. Assistance has been sent from neighbouring towns. A further statement will be issued.

### BOWLING PARK

There will be a band concert to-morrow evening at Bowling Park. Trains will leave there at 10.45, 11 and 12 p.m. for the city.

### Fighting Continues Along the Whole Saloniki Front

PARIS, Aug. 21.—No further details of the operations on the Saloniki front are given in the report to-day from the French army of the east beyond the statement that fighting is still in progress along the whole line.

### Italians Advance And Hold Ground

ROME, Aug. 21.—The Italians who have advanced in the region east of Gorizia and on the Carso plateau are holding fast to the ground won, and occupying themselves with consolidating the recently captured positions.

## HUNS UNABLE LAUNCH ANY BIG ATTACKS

British Artillery Presents Germans From Making Any Determined Effort to Attack British Lines Near Thiepval—An Attack Made on a Small Scale Was Immediately Repulsed

LONDON, Aug. 21.—A War Office communication issued this evening says:—Near Maunquet farm near Thiepval, the enemy attempted to make an attack on a small scale, which was immediately repulsed. Otherwise there is little to report, except artillery activity by both sides, which at times is very violent. Our artillery fire was very effective. Southward of Thiepval the enemy's trenches were severely damaged. A conflagration was caused one of the enemy's batteries which burned fiercely for some time. A hostile balloon was forced to descend by our gun fire. Southward of Loos, as a result of a successful mine, we have much improved our local position. Our aeroplanes continue to bomb enemy billets with success. In addition to their work with our artillery, yesterday one of our machines did not return. To-day hostile aeroplanes showed a little more enterprise than usual, and some ventured over our lines.

Miss Emma Bishop, daughter of Joseph Bishop of Port de Grave died while under an operation at the Gen. Hospital yesterday. She is their only child and her parents are heartbroken over the demise of their daughter. Her body will likely be sent out to Port de Grave by this evening's train.

## OFFICIAL

RUSSIAN.  
PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—An official communication issued by the War Office this afternoon says there is no change in the situation.

FRENCH  
PARIS, Aug. 21.—There has been fighting on the French Somme front, according to an official statement issued by the French war office to-day. On the remainder of the front here was usual cannonading.

BRITISH  
LONDON, Aug. 21.—British forces in German East Africa have forced a passage up the Wami river, approaching the important town of Killossa, according to an official statement issued by the War Office this evening.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—In general order issued on return from France King praiseful cheerful confidence splendid condition all ranks. Says Allies will never lay down arms till our cause has triumphed.

We and French have made important progress at numerous points between Thiepval and Somme. Our prisoners since Friday number eight hundred.

Verdun. French have captured whole village Fleury and made progress near Thiaumont. Russian offensive continues Russians within ten miles Halicz enemy forces including Turks driven back with enormous losses Zlotilpa front.

Italians after further progress now consolidating Carso positions.

German fleet came out Saturday but avoided engaging. One enemy submarine destroyed another rammed. In searching for enemy we lost light cruisers North Ingham and Falmouth. All officers, all crews, except about forty saved.

### ROUMANIA AGAIN

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The World this morning publishes the following despatch from a staff correspondent at Berlin under yesterday's date: "Roumania will not enter the war against the Central Powers now nor in the immediate future, notwithstanding the more or less alarming reports that Roumania is about ready to march against Austria-Hungary, which in fact, are becoming an old story. The above is very confidential information I have from a source in Bucharest which ought to be in a position to know."

From people who visit the city from the north side of Conception Bay we learn that fish is plentiful in that locality now but bait is scarce.

## ALLIES START BIG OFFENSIVE SALONIKI FRONT

British Balkan Headquarters Report Occupation of More Than a Mile of Ground in Region of Lake Doiran as Result of Offensive Launched on Sunday by Allies

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The Journal to-day has the following from Saloniki:—The occupation of more than a mile of ground along a front of nearly three miles in the region of Lake Doiran and the capture of a fortified work at Feracheval, south of Doidzeil, was announced in an official report issued to-day by the British Balkan headquarters.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—A general offensive along the entire Saloniki front was started on Sunday by the Allies, according to an official statement issued by the French War Office. The Serbs captured the first line of the Bulgarians trenches on the left of our battlefield, but have lost the town of Banica. South of Florina on the centre and right wings, heavy fighting is in progress. The British and French forces have crossed the Struma and are attacking the Bulgarian positions north-west of Serez.

## Sally of Hun Fleet On Saturday Causes No Surprise

### Murderers Caught By Mounted Police

OTTAWA, Aug. 21.—News has been received from Nome that the two Eskimos who in November, 1913, in the copper mine country, in the Arctic region, murdered the Rev. Fathers Laroux and Rouviere, have been captured by the mounted police patrol that was sent after them. They are now at Herschell Island and will be brought out for trial.

### Woodrow Gets After The "Big Fellows"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—President Wilson to-day reiterated to the railway executives, including new arrivals from the West, his demand that they accept his plan for settlement of the threatened railroad strike. The executives then began their first series of meetings at which they will frame their reply.

To-morrow being a general holiday quite a number of folks are preparing for a trip to the country and it is hoped that the day will prove fine as we have had a bountiful supply of rain almost every holiday during the season.

## Nothing Doing In Peace Line

Premier Asquith Says Only Peace Terms He Has Heard of Are Those Appearing in the Press.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The German Government has as yet shown no disposition to agree to peace except on terms that would be intolerable or humiliating to some of the Allies, said Premier Asquith replying in the House of Commons to-day to Sir William Pollard Boyles, one of a little group of peace advocates. The suggestion of Dr. Zimmerman, German Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, that the Entente is influenced by any pressure from Britain, is quite untrue, added the Premier. Asked a further question as to whether terms of any kind had been suggested the former replied only what had been seen in the press, nothing official.

The London Times Naval Expert in Reviewing Late Sally on German High Sea Fleet Says its Appearance so Soon as Battle of Jutland Causes No Surprise as Wars Experience Has Proven That Ships Can be Quickly Repaired Provided They Are Not Viciously Injured—Late Advance Was More to Southward Than in May

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The Times naval expert discussing the sally of the German fleet into the North Sea on Saturday last says:

"News that the German fleet has already been able to put to sea after the severe damage suffered on May 31st is no surprise. War experience has proven that ships can be repaired very quickly provided they are not vitally injured. This is especially true when there are such resources available as are in the British or German yards.

"The Germans do not sing without a purpose. Saturday's naval movements had a political origin and to keep up the fable of the success of May 31st.

"The German commander must show that his fleet is not confined to the Kiel Canal. It may be assumed that every class of ship was present in the German fleet on Saturday. The advance was made more to the southward than it was in May. The retreat of the Germans after their abortive raid was a necessary part of their tactics justifiable in circumstances."

### MAGISTRATE'S COURT

Mr. Hutchings presided at the Police Court to-day. Three offenders presented themselves at the bar charged with being drunk. One was discharged, another fined \$1.00 or 3 days and the third, who was charged with the additional offence of breaking furniture in his own house, was also fined \$1.00 or 3 days under lock.

Three assault cases were heard as follows:—William Martin vs. James Martin, both of Torbay. The defendant was asked to furnish bonds for \$100.00 for his future behaviour.

Ann Martin also appeared against James Martin for a similar offence. The defendant was asked to furnish bonds for \$100.00 in this case also.

John Squires vs. A. Blackler for assault was withdrawn.

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