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## ROUMANIA TO HELP WITH THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

### The Causes Which Led the Former to Enter the War are Set Forth in a Lengthy Note—Had to Consider Her Own Future Safety

By Courier, Leased Wire  
London, Aug. 29.—The Times military correspondent discussing the probable next step by Roumania says:  
"The strategic situation points to a combination of Roumania with the present Russian offensive. This line of attack will lead the Roumanian army into Transylvania, where a majority of the population favor the invaders. At the same time the passage of the Danube, an advance on Sofia and the breaking down of the Bulgarian power in co-operation with allies forces at Saloniki, has its attractions."  
The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post says:  
"Roumania's task obviously will not be confined to the Bulgarian front where a decision will be merely of secondary consequence. Russia has already considerable forces for use in the Balkans, composed of former Austro-Hungarian subjects, fully armed and officered partly by Austro-Hungarians and partly by Serbians. These forces have taken the oath of allegiance to the Emperor of Russia and will fight under the Russian flag."

### The Reasons

Bucharest, Aug. 28, via Petrograd and London, Aug. 29.—The causes which led Roumania to declare war on Austria-Hungary are set forth in a note presented to Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian minister to Roumania, after a meeting of the Roumanian crown council, at which it was decided to declare war.  
The reasons given are:  
"The Triple Alliance to which it was a party was broken when Italy declared war against Austria-Hungary. "Austria-Hungary threatened the interests and national aspirations of Roumania."  
"Austria-Hungary assurances that it was not inspired by a spirit of conquest or territorial gains, in attacking Serbia have not been fulfilled."  
"Roumania was confronted with territorial and political changes menacing her future."  
"Roumanians in Hungary suffered

## KAISER

### Abandoned Visit When He Heard the News of Roumania's Declaration.

By Courier, Leased Wire  
London, Aug. 29.—(New York American cable)—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Cologne says the Kaiser first heard the news of the declarations of war by Italy and Roumania, while visiting Cracow.  
The visit was at once abandoned, the Kaiser motoring through the city and returning at top speed to the German headquarters in the east at Pless, Silesia. He is expected in Berlin this week.

## MILK PRODUCERS

### Decide to Raise the Rate in Brant Co.—Retail Price Likely to be 8c a Quart.

The Brant Dairy Producers Association held a meeting last evening at the New American Hotel. Mr. J. R. Alexander, (president) occupied the chair, and in an address said that they had been called together for the purpose of discussing the price for milk which the producer should now receive. The scarcity of feed, the increased cost of labor and the shortage of pasture, which necessitated

## President to Address Congress

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson will address Congress in joint session on the railway strike situation at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.  
The President reached his decision soon after a meeting of the brotherhood heads had come to a conclusion on the latest proposal of the committee of railway presidents to defer a strike pending an investigation. Their decision was not announced, but the president's action in deciding to address Congress was interpreted plainly as meaning they had rejected it.

## Killed at the Front

A despatch from Niagara Falls says: "A telegram received from the Record Office, Ottawa, announced that Lt. Deans Stanley Bartle, son of Inspector of Customs J. C. Bartle and Mrs. Bartle, had been killed in action on Aug. 24. Lieut. Bartle was killed two weeks after arriving in France. He went overseas with the 84th Battalion. He was only 24 years of age."  
The above refers to an officer who was with the 84th in Brantford last winter, a member of the same company as the late Lieut. Watts. His genial and courteous manner made for him a host of friends here, who will be sincerely sorry to hear of his demise.

## THE STRIKE SITUATION

### Has Become Very Acute in the United States.

### President Wilson to Take the Matter to Congress.

### It Looks as If the Railways Would Soon Be Tied Up.

By Courier, Leased Wire  
Washington, Aug. 29.—While the president's decision to go before Congress was being announced, the brotherhood leaders changed their tentative order for a strike on Labor Day, to actually order the strike at that time unless it is called off by a satisfactory settlement.  
Shortly after 10.30 o'clock a telephone call came to the White House from the railroad executives to the effect that the committee of eight would like to see President Wilson. He had engagements up until 1 o'clock, but informed the executives that he would see them if possible.  
Washington, Aug. 29.—While President Wilson was announcing that he would lay the railway strike situation before Congress at 2.30 o'clock to-day, the brotherhood leaders rejected the latest proposition of the committee of railway presidents and actually ordered the strike to begin at 7 a.m. Labor Day, unless a settlement satisfactory to them is reached by the meantime. Their previous order for the strike was tentative and required a secret signal to put it into effect. Unless a settlement satisfactory to the labor leaders is reached before that time or unless President Wilson and Congress find some way to prevent it, the strike would start Labor Day without further notice.  
After his conference with President Wilson, Senator Newlands, said definitely that the following measures were under consideration:  
"An eight-hour day for railroad employees.  
A measure creating a commission for the investigation of the workability of the eight-hour day and wage questions involved in the present controversy.  
An act similar to the Canadian Industrial Disputes Act for the investigation of disputes on railroads between employers and employees and prohibiting strikes or lockouts during the investigation.  
A resolution authorizing the interstate commerce commission to take wage standards into consideration in fixing freight rates.  
Authorization for the President to draft men into the federal service for the operation of railroads in case of a strike.  
The labor leaders admittedly took their action the first thing to-day in the belief that some means was being sought to prevent the strike actually being called. By their action they think they have anticipated any legal process which might be brought against them."

## OUR NEW ALLIES—THE ROYAL FAMILY OF ROUMANIA.



Above pictures show the Royal Family of Roumania and the three leading statesmen: Premier Bratianu, Conservative Leader Filipesco, and Liberal Leader Ionescu, the friend of the Allies. Besides the members of the Royal Family pictured here, there is a son, Prince Nicholas, and a daughter, Princess Marie. The King's wife, known as Queen Ferdinand, is a granddaughter of the late Queen Victoria, of Great Britain, being the eldest daughter of King Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh. Queen Ferdinand is a first cousin of King George, of Emperor William, of Queen Maud of Norway, of the Czarina of Russia, and Queen Sophia of Greece, of Queen Victoria of Spain, and the Princess Patricia of Connaught.

## ITEMS OF WAR FROM THE VARIOUS BATTLE FRONTS

### French Make Further Progress at Verdun—Desperate Fighting is Reported on the Border Between Hungarians and Roumanians—King Ferdinand to Command Army in Person

By Courier, Leased Wire  
Paris, Aug. 29, 11.50 a.m.—On the Verdun front last night French troops made progress. Actions, which the War Office announced to-day, German attacks in the vicinity of Fleury and Vaux fort were repulsed.

### What Bulgaria Decides

Paris, Aug. 29.—The Bucharest correspondent of the Petit Journal writes that it is informed that Bulgaria has decided not to declare war on Roumania, even though that country permits the passage through it of Russian troops.

### French Lead in Offensive

Paris, Aug. 29.—"On the Somme, as at Verdun, we are leading in the offensive and dominating the adversary," says an official note reviewing last week's operations on the French front. "There is not a point in the general treaté of operations where the enemy is not actually reduced to the defensive," continues the note. "Actions, which we have undertaken since the beginning of the resistance or reaction of the enemy."

### Moving Rapidly

London, Aug. 29.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to the Daily News, from Lausanne, Switzerland, says:  
"I learn from a high diplomatic source in Bern that almost the entire Roumanian army is moving rapidly."  
"The Swiss frontier is closed."  
"The closing of the Swiss frontier obviously indicates that movements of German troops are now in progress to meet the new situation created by the entry of Roumania into the war."

### Aeroplanes Blessed

Bucharest, Monday, Aug. 28.—(By wireless to Paris, Aug. 29.)—One of the acts of hostilities preceding the outbreak of hostilities between Roumania and Austria-Hungary was the blessing of aeroplanes by the Russian army in the presence of enormous crowds. The Archimandrite in sacerdotal vestments

blessed the machines and their pilots.  
General Iliesco is busily engaged in organizing the mobilization, with the aid of General Cotesco, the director of state railways.  
The official Monitor has published a decree forbidding exportation of copper to Germany.

### Is Imminent

Paris, Aug. 29.—The invasion of Hungary by Russians and Roumanians is not only possible, says Lieutenant-Colonel Rousset, the military critic of La Liberté, but it is imminent.  
General Letchitzky, the Russian commander in Galicia, the writer adds, "holds nearly 100 kilometres (60 miles) of ridges from the source of the Bystritzas towards Rajajlow as far as Kiribaha. He will easily aid the Roumanians who hardly on entering Transylvania will certainly envelop the army of General Koevess, if the latter does retreat quickly. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg will be unable to help as from the Dniester River to the Stokhod, General Brussiloff is holding Von Hindenburg solidly."

### No Developments

London, Aug. 29.—A British official statement regarding the operations in Greece, issued this afternoon says:  
"There were no developments on the Struma or Doiran fronts."

### In Person

Rome, via London, Aug. 29.—King Ferdinand of Roumania to-day left Bucharest for the front to take command of the army, according to information received here to-day from the Roumanian capital.

### To Report

Vienna, Aug. 28, via Berlin and London, Aug. 29.—All Roumanian citizens here have been called upon by the authorities to report within 48 hours at the police headquarters in their precincts, and to furnish documents establishing their identity.

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## THE QUEEN OF ROUMANIA IS IN FAVOR OF THE ALLIES

### And Her Influence is Stated to Have Had Much Effect in the Course Taken

By Courier, Leased Wire  
New York, Aug. 29.—An officer of the medical corps of the British army who has been in Russia and Roumania as a member of the British Red Cross commission in those countries, and who left Roumania only a few weeks ago, told last night of the part that the Roumanian queen has played in swinging her country in line as an ally of the Entente powers. Owing to his official position, this officer asked that his name be not used.

"If a woman," he said, "has had a powerful influence with respect to the position of Greece in the war, it may also be said that a woman has exercised not a little influence as regards the Roumanian position. The queen of Roumania is enthusiastic in her sympathies, which she has been at no pains to conceal, for she is of a very outspoken disposition. While her husband is a Hohenzollern prince, he is far from sharing the strongly militaristic tendencies of the head of his family, and the queen is the daughter of an

## KING CONSTANTINE OF GREECE

### Unable Yesterday to Receive Any Deputation.

By Courier, Leased Wire  
Paris, Aug. 29.—A Havas despatch from Athens says:  
King Constantine was unable to receive yesterday a delegation of the Greek Liberal party which had asked for an audience, as the king still was suffering from a slight operation which he underwent on Sunday.

King Constantine is suffering the effects of the removal in June last of a portion of his tenth rib, made necessary by an attack of pleurisy. "Told You So," says Venizelos.  
Athens, Aug. 28.—Via London, 29.—Commenting on the Bulgarian occupation of Kavala, former Premier Venizelos said to The Associated Press correspondent:  
"I predicted that the Bulgarian assurances that they would not occupy Kavala, would not hold good five days. They lasted just four days."  
"Can you conceive anything more criminal in a military sense, than the action of the Greek general staff in demobilizing three army corps and leaving the entire artillery and other supplies behind to fall into the hands of the Bulgarians?"

The French official announcement of Saturday, August 26, stated that the Bulgarians had occupied all the forts at Kavala, except one.

## ONE FOE MORE OR LESS

### Makes No Difference Now to the German Feeling.

By Courier, Leased Wire  
Berlin, Aug. 29.—midnight—London.—The people of Berlin received with remarkable calmness and resignation the announcement of Roumania's declaration of war against Austria-Hungary, and the German government's step in recalling its minister to Bucharest and declaring that a state of war existed between the two countries. The situation was discussed to-night in all the cafes with the feeling that one more or less makes no difference. The announcement in the German official report that Roumanians had been taken prisoner, was greeted with general satisfaction, some of the evening papers pointing out that the Central powers were not sleeping, as the public might have thought.

Meanwhile, Berlin has a little Roumanian mystery of its own. Thus far it has been impossible to locate Dr. Bratianu, the Roumanian minister. It was stated yesterday that he was at his home in a watering place, but inquiry showed that he was not there and had not been there. At the Roumanian legation to-night it was stated that the minister would be in evidence to-morrow morning.

Practically Closed.  
Washington, Aug. 29.—Direct negotiations between the railway executives and the employees, through President Wilson were practically closed to-day when the executives refused to accede to a proposal made to them yesterday by Mr. Wilson and presented to him a statement of their position containing another argument for arbitration.  
Statement.  
Washington, Aug. 29.—After a 30 minute conference with President Wilson, the committee of eight railroad executives announced that they would issue a statement later. They said that the statement would make their position in the controversy clear.  
The statement presented to the President by the committee of eight denies that the judgment of society favors an eight hour, and declared that arbitration is the only proper way of settling industrial disputes.  
The suggestion of President Wilson for a proposal including the principle of the eight hour day, but postponing its effectiveness for a year pending investigation, was rejected by the railroad executives at the conference this morning.  
The action of the railroad presidents taken in connection with the strike order of the employees, left President Wilson no alternative, but to go to Congress in a final effort to avert the strike by legislation.  
Mrs. Norman D. Foulds, of Chatham, spent a few days with Mrs. John A. Houlding, Aspley Farm.

**WAS KILLED.**  
Quebec, Aug. 29.—Albert Magon, an electrician, was instantly killed at noon to-day, by an electric shock while at work on the exhibition grounds here.