

BULGARIA MAY JOIN THE ALLIED FORCES BEFORE LONG

One Explanation of Inactivity of Entente Army at Saloniki is That the British and French are Simply Waiting the Course of Events When Bulgaria Will Change its Allegiance

Providence, R.I., Aug. 8.—The Providence Journal will print the following cable to-day from London: In the constant daily struggle on both the eastern and western fronts the Balkan situation has apparently been overlooked, although it is today the one element in the war which is engaging the vital attention of the Ministries of Great Britain and every country of Europe. The following statement is the essential part of a declaration made to me yesterday by a prominent official of the British War Office:

Rightly Per Cent. Veterans. "There is now collected in and about the district of Saloniki a splendidly equipped army of 680,000 British, French and Serbian troops. Fully eighty per cent. of these troops are seasoned veterans. There have been some alleged explanations of the reason why this large and powerful fighting force has not taken part in the combined drive that has been in progress along the various fronts continuously for the past month. The reason is that Great Britain and France want to make no move that will bring them into a clash with Bulgarian troops at this time. It is very probable, indeed, that within the next few weeks Bulgaria will again shift her allegiance and declare her affiliation with Russia or withdraw from the Teutonic alliance.

"This vitally important fact, coupled with the exact knowledge now held by the British Government that Roumania is heart and soul with the allies, and will come in at the moment when they give the word, are the two outstanding developments of to-day which are causing more concern to all the fighting powers than the present military moves.

Bulgars Ignore Their King. "Bulgarian troops, as far as can be ascertained, have been withdrawn from every line where they have been fighting with their Teutonic allies. The orders for the withdrawals are declared to have come from the War Office at Sofia, without any attempt to confer with King Ferdinand in advance.

"The elimination of Sazonoff from the Russian Ministry has taken away the last barrier to Roumania's decision to join the Allies. It is understood on authority which I am not able to quote, but which is indisputable, that the entire territory of Besarabia from Leovia at the Roumanian border east to the mouth of the Dniester on the Black Sea and along fifty miles of the Black Sea coast lies back to the mouth of the Danube on the Roumanian border is to be ceded by the Russians to Roumania, and that Roumania will at once place 450,000 troops fully equipped at the service of the allies

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Oak Hill. The Oak Hill Women's Institute held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Phillip S. Fairlie. The president in the chair. The secretary being absent, Miss Mary Jennings then read the minutes, which were approved and signed. Red Cross work was then discussed once more. It was decided to send more parcels to boys at the front and also to buy more yard to knit socks for Red Cross work. A quilt is also being made to raise money for the work.

Miss Ida Rymant gave a splendid paper on the Twentieth Century Girl. She brought out some very fine points and the reading was certainly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. and Miss Farlie then served lunch and a social half hour was spent most enjoyably. The meeting closed in the usual way after giving Mrs. and Miss Farlie a hearty vote of thanks on their hospitality in lending their home for the meeting.

Strawberries sold by the crate in Fredericton, at five cents a box—the lowest price in twenty-five years. The widow of Harry Beckwith, the former Mayor of Fredericton, is dead. She was an aunt of Hon. J. D. Hazen.

The Oddfellows of Grace Bay observed Memorial Day last Sunday, and decorated the graves of deceased members.

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HAM AND NOTTS HELD OUTING

Employees Went to Grimsby and Held Enjoyable Picnic.

MANY GAMES AND CONTESTS.

All Sorts and Kinds of Races Helped to Pass the Time Quickly.

What promises to be an annual event of unusual interest, was the first Ham and Notts employees' picnic to Grimsby last Friday. Nearly 300 employees, their families and friends took in the trip.

Exactly at 10 o'clock a.m., four cars chartered by the employees, left the Brantford radial station for Grimsby, arriving there at 12.30. Lunch was at once partaken of, free milk, tea and lemonade being secured by the refreshment committee.

At 2 p.m. sharp the sports started with a grand peanut scramble. The races all had large entries, the most interesting being blind man's race, smoking race, couple's coat, and needle and thread race.

The department tug of wars were all well contested. The following were the prize winners: Girls' race, 5 to 8 years, Annie Legacy, Dorothy Ingram, Bertha Warburn.

Boys race, 5 to 8 years—G. Sisson, J. Thomas, G. Ingram.

Wheelbarrow race—G. Nash, T. Symons.

Girls' race, 8 to 12 years—T. Patterson, N. Patterson, M. Whitmore.

Boys race 6 to 12 years—G. Lawton, C. Wiles, G. Sisson.

Single ladies' race—E. Sisson, M. Harradine.

Pat Man's Race—B. Harburn, F. Mears.

Three legged race—A. Johnson, F. Mears.

Tug of war—Machine shop vs. lumber yard—won by machine shop. Lattress department vs. finishing department; bed department vs. sheet metal department—won by bed department.

Screen department vs. bed machine shop—won by screen department.

Semi-finals—Finishing department won from machine shop; screen department won from bed department.

Final—Finishing department won from screen department.

Blind man's race—Frank Mears.

Girls' race, 12 to 16 years—E. Anderson, G. Craig, B. Clark.

Single men's race—L. Kaufman, G. Anderson.

Ladies' ball throwing contest—1, G. Aitkins, 2, E. Sisson.

Smoking Race—1, W. McCurtis.

Couples needle and thread race—1, Mrs. R. Anderson, 2, Symons.

Boys' race, 12 to 16 years—1, G. Newstead, 2, C. Bowman; 3, J. Legacy.

Married Ladies' Race—1, Mrs. R. Anderson, 2, Mrs. G. Wright.

Couples Coat Race—1, Miss Robinson, Bert Wright.

First prize for employee having largest family on ground, Mr and Mrs. Legacy, six children.

Second prize for employee having five children, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas. Three hearty cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Legacy and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

Baby show—1st prize, six months and under, won by Marguerite Smith.

1st prize, 6 to 12 months, won by Gerald Lifebore.

1st prize, 12 to 18 months, won by Philip Thomas.

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Soft ball game, between married and single men, won by single men, 5 to 5.

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WHERE ARE THE KUT PRISONERS?

Had to Cross Desert at Worst Time of Year and May be Lost.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Aug. 8.—3.55 p.m.—Apprehension exists as to the fate of the British prisoners taken at the time of the surrender of Kut-el-Amara to the Turks. Lord Robert Cecil said in the House of Commons yesterday that repeated inquiries had been made through the American embassy at Constantinople to ascertain the whereabouts of these prisoners, but that no reply had been received from the Porte. This, he said, inspired considerable misgivings, as the prisoners were compelled, after the fall of Kut-el-Amara, to cross the desert at the worst season of the year.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



New Prices August 1, 1916

The following prices for Ford cars will be effective on and after August 1st, 1916.

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RUSSIA'S BIG CITIZEN ARMY SUPPLIES ALL WAR NEEDS

Zemstvo Union a Marvel of Organization—Supplies Everything From Boots to Bridges—Clothing Orders by the Million Executed Almost Miraculously

Petrograd, Aug. 8.—There are two mighty armies in Russia. One works in the front line trenches, shoots and charges bayonets. The other works back of the line and furnishes the front line what it needs.

One is an army of soldiers. The other is an army of citizens. But both are under the orders of the General Staff. The situation is unique in history.

The main corps of this citizen army is known as the "All-Russian Zemstvo Union," and no other nation in the world boasts anything like it. If the troops need no fur coats, the General Staff tells the Zemstvo Union provides them. Or maybe the Staff asks for socks, and underwear, or boots or bridges, or daggers, or bath-tubs, or tannin, or chop-axes. Whatever in reason it asks for it gets.

Soldiers and citizenry are working hand in hand. This statement is literal, not merely a figure of speech.

The Zemstvo—pronounced "Zemstervo"—came into being in 1864, or three years after the serfs were freed and the land divided. It began very modestly and developed, very slowly, members being elected from three classes; Peasants, the landed gentry, and the urbanites owning shops, factories or other property.

Originally a Zemstvo, composed of say sixty members, averaged about twenty peasants, twenty gentry and twenty town property owners, but in 1890 the gentry were given by law what by the very nature of things they had had from the start—a preponderant voice.

Provincial Meeting Yearly. Russia is divided into fifty-one provinces, these into districts averaging about ten districts to the province. At present thirty-nine provinces and about 350 districts have Zemstvo organizations.

The district institution once a year send delegates to a 10-day provincial Zemstvo, at which the work of the past year is reviewed and the work for the coming year co-ordinated. Further, a provincial board of four men is named, these to devote their entire time to this work. The ordinary member of the Zemstvo receives no pay. The four board members are on salary, as are the four members of a similar district board who do nothing else but supervise district work.

The Zemstvo has but slight legislative functions—levying local taxes, etc., and until the war its activities were confined to four spheres—the schools, aiding farmers with advice and looking after the hospitals—the primary needs of country districts.

Restricted in scope though the Zemstvo was, it was nevertheless the apprenticeship of the people. It first means of participating in public work. Side by side with their former masters, these farmers, newly out of serfdom, elected their Zemstvo representatives and labored for the community and for Russia.

United For War Work. Such was the Zemstvo at the beginning of the war.

On August 12, 1914, less than two weeks from the commencement of hostilities, a general meeting of delegates elected by the Provincial Zemstvos was held in Moscow. It was then and there decided to form

Germans No More

When Great Muscovite Spring, Russian Infantry and Very Indo

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Mr. Hamilton Pye, an author on Russian politics, and a friend of the present Minister for Foreign Affairs, has been revealing his fraternal feelings in that grand Empire. For the time since the war began he has poured the main loss began to fold the ghastly truth about the failure of the Russian to make their armies in the field with clean, manly. It is generally posed that the main loss began the blowing up of a great factory at Petrograd. While that extent was true it was not all truth.

This is how the situation twelve months ago:—"Russia was in a desperate case. I shall never forget the atmosphere of gloom in which we lived for a while after we thought the armies were retreating cause they had next to no ammunition. Many felt despair. Happiness there were stout hearts and heads among Russia's leaders, only among soldiers and officers, but among manufacturers, businessmen, engineers, among the representatives on town and county councils. Very quickly heads put together. Changes began to be made.

And this is how the unprepared, long-suffering Russians:—"They Will Not Come Back. "One of the factories I visited before the war was under German management. It remained under management fastidiously by German sympathizers for some time after the war had begun. Then the direction was changed, became entirely Russian, then the production has increased and the workpeople are better treated and therefore content. In every

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Aug. 8.—To-day marked the beginning of the sixth week of the epidemic of infantile paralysis and the daily bulletin issued by the health department this morning showed that the plague continued unabated. During the 24 hours ending 10 o'clock yesterday morning children died of the disease in five boroughs of New York city, 145 new cases were reported, the inception of the epidemic have been 5,161 cases, of which 1,142 proved fatal.

PLAGUE SHOWS NO SIGNS OF LETTING UP

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Toilet Water, regular 25c, Special	19c
English Glycerine Soap, regular 15c a cake, Special, a cake	10c
Toilet Soap, large round cakes, regular 15c, Special	10c
Bath Soap and Rubber Sponge, regular 40c, Special	25c
Florida Water, regular 50c, Special	38c
Dandierine, regular 25c, Special	18c
Mennen's Talcum Powders, regular 25c, Special	15c
Taylor's Talcum Powder, regular 25c, Special	15c
Emulsified Coconut Oil regular 50c, Special	29c
Talcum Powder, 1 lb. tins, regular 15c, Special	15c
Parisian Sage, hair tonic, regular 50c, Special	35c
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Hot Water Bottles, guaranteed, regular \$1.50, Special	98c
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Tooth Brushes, regular 15c and 20c, Special	10c
Water Glass, preserver, regular 15c, Special	10c
Baking Powder, regular 25c, Special	15c
Toilet Paper, large rolls, regular 10c, Special	25c
Soap Boxes, regular 15c, Special	10c
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