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Roumania Declared War on Austria-Hungary Last Night.

Roumania Enters the War to Fulfill Cherished National Ambition

The Motive Which Prompted Roumania to Enter the War is Described by Take Jonecu, the Liberal Leader, as the Policy of National Instinct—Roumania Covets Bessarabia, the Extreme Southwestern Province of Russia on the Black Sea—Also Wants Expansion of Territory in Southern Half of Balkowina and Austrian Crown Land—Roumania's Decision Causes a Stir in German Official Quarters

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—Roumania declared war on Austria-Hungary on Sunday evening. It is announced here officially. The announcement is as follows: "The Roumanian Government yesterday evening declared war on Austria-Hungary. The Federal Council has been convened for an immediate sitting. The motive which prompts Roumania to enter the war is the satisfaction of her national aspiration described by Take Jonecu, the Roumanian Liberal leader, as the 'policy of national instinct.'"

Concretely this means national expansion in the southern half of Balkowina, the Austrian Crown Land. The Roumanians are a dominant race, the people of Eastern Transylvania, a part of Hungary, is Roumanian by race and language. It is said 4,000,000 Roumanians live in Transylvania. Roumania has been credited with long-cherished ambitions to annex these provinces and at the same time liberate the Roumanians now under Austrian domination. It was recently reported that Russia had offered Cernowitz to Roumania as her reward if she would unite with the Entente Allies. Roumania also covets Bessarabia, the extreme south-western province of Russia on the Black Sea, which was taken from her by the Berlin Treaty of 1878.

Roumania's decision to enter the war was reached at a meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Bucharest yesterday morning, says a Havas despatch from Tenoa.

The Wolff Agency announces that the German Federal Council was convened immediately after the decision became known.

William Witherall of Fortune Bay Burned To Death in Halifax

HALIFAX, Aug. 28.—William Witherall, 47, of Fortune Bay, was burned to death when a fire of unknown origin broke out on the Western Union Cable Steamer Minia this morning. The fire occurred in the petty officers' quarters and trying to reach the deck Witherall lost his way in the smoke and perished. Thomas Broderick, the cable ship keeper, was badly burned, and Captain Adams nearly lost his life trying to rescue Witherall. The damage to the ship is not yet estimated but is quite heavy.

Bulgars Capture Albanian Town

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—Bulgarian forces are invading Albania and have captured the town of Malik 10 miles west of the Greek border, an official issued yesterday at Sofia reports. The occupation of territory in North Eastern Greece continues further and Bulgarian detachments have reached the Aegean Sea. The repulse of a Serbian attack on Moglenica Valley on the western part of the front is announced.

Roumanian Crown Council Meets

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Roumanian Crown Council, which had been convened for ten o'clock Monday morning, has been postponed till five o'clock in the afternoon, according to a Bucharest despatch received in Amsterdam.

British Auxiliary Ship Torpedoed

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The torpedo in the North Sea of a British naval auxiliary with the loss of 23 men is announced officially: 87 men were saved. The torpedoed vessel was the armed boarding steamer "Duke of Albany." The announcement follows: "The British armed boarding steamer 'Duke of Albany' was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea on Thursday by an enemy submarine. The commander and 23 men were lost. 11 officers and 76 ratings saved." The Duke of Albany was 1,997 tons gross and built in 1907.

Public Opinion

LONDON, Aug. 27.—According to a Bucharest despatch, the King of Roumania has convened a conference of all representatives of all political parties, former premiers, former presidents of the executive chambers, ministers and government representatives with the idea of ascertaining the views of all sections of public opinion on the present situation.

Germans Attempt to Enter British Lines

LONDON, Aug. 27.—German troops have made two attempts to enter British lines in front of Bethune to the north of Arras, and German artillery shelled points near Ypres, says the British official. On the Somme front the Germans have bombarded Mametz Wood and then trenches north of Delville Wood. Fighting still continues in the region of Mouquet farm.

BRITISH ARE TOO MUCH FOR THE PRUSSIAN

Heavy Attacks by Prussian Guard Against British Positions Near Thiepval Are Repulsed by Worcestershire and Wiltshire Regiments—British Make Further Progress in Their Attacks

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Heavy attacks made by the Prussian Guard against the British positions near Thiepval on the Somme front were repulsed by the Worcestershire and Wiltshire Regiments. It was officially announced this afternoon. Further progress by the British in their attacks on Thiepval was also reported, ground being gained on both sides of Mouquet Farm, notably to the south-west where four hundred yards of German trenches along the Courcellette-Thiepval Road were captured. The official statement was as follows: "The enemy bombarded our first line of trenches along the greater portion of our front, south of the Ancre at various times from seven o'clock last night until early this morning. Covered by artillery fire he attacked our positions about Guillemont between the Quarrus and Montauban-Guillemont road. He did not reach our lines at any point and was repulsed with loss. Near Mouquet farm we made further progress, both on the east side of the farmstead and also on the south-west where we have taken another 400 yards of the enemy's trenches along the Courcellette-Thiepval road."

At Last

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—Italy has declared war on Germany it was announced officially to-day. The announcement follows—The Italian government has declared that from Aug. 28 it considered itself at war with Germany.



RUSSIA WAKING UP
BEAR: "It can be said that I was tied up; but I was not tied up well."
From L'Esquella de la Tortaxa (Barcelona)

Gloom Overcasts Greece; Thousands of Refugees Pour Into Athens

Landing of Italian Troops at Chimo Causes Great Gloom Throughout Greece—With Eastern Macedonia in Hands of Bulgarians and Northern Spiras in Hands of Italians the Greeks See Something to Worry Over—Fifty Thousand Greeks Join in Big Demonstration For Ex-Premier Venizelos Who Urged Populace to Get Constantine to Support Government and Prepare Army For Rupture of Existing Conditions

ATHENS, Aug. 28.—The landing of the first contingent of Italian troops at Chimo, a small seaport of Albania on the Strait of Otranto, causes gloom throughout all Greece. Greeks now see not only eastern Macedonia in the hands of the Bulgarians whom they expelled from there three years ago, but Northern Spiras in the hands of the Italians. Following the landing of the Italian troops the Greek civil officers were temporarily relieved of their functions and telegraph wires were cut, but this damage was soon repaired. The effects of the Bulgarian occupation of Doxato, the scene of the alleged atrocities of which the Greeks accused the Bulgarians in the last Balkan war is prodigious. Kavala is the theatre of amazing scenes of disorder. Thousands of refugees are pouring into this port from the hinterland and crowding the steep narrow streets.

Died Facing the Enemy

The special correspondent of The London Times at British Headquarters in France writes: "I have heard the story of a stretcher-bearer of the Lincolns who crept out some 400 yards at night right up to the German wire at a point where another regiment had been attacking, and there picked up a wounded captain of that other regiment and brought him safely back, though the ground was swept with rifle and machine-gun fire. Certain men of one of our regiments had pushed out and held a desperate and a most hopeless advanced position. Some men of the Royal Engineers crawled out to them literally on their stomachs, and there, working in the dark, put up wire around our little outpost. The Sappers brought back word that the men certainly could not live. But they did, and it was the wire that saved them."

It was a captain of the Lincolns again (Captain) who was wounded in the heel and went on. Then he was wounded in the thigh, and he still went on. He was wounded in the arm, and not even that stopped him. It was a fourth bullet in the head that killed him, and he died instantaneously, lying with his arm raised still waving his men on. That, indeed, is one of the heart-rending and splendid things that one sees everywhere. Our dead lie all ways, it seems, with their heads forward towards the enemy. I have not heard of any man who has seen a place where they lie as if they had turned.

Around Saloniki

LONDON, Aug. 28.—An official statement issued by the War Office tonight concerning operations around Saloniki says: "There was only artillery activity on the Struma and Doinan front. Our aeroplanes bombed enemy camps at Kala, Topolca and Prosenik, about six miles south of Demir Hissar."

ROUMANIA JOINS ALLIES

PARIS, Aug. 28.—Roumania declared war against Austria-Hungary last night, says a despatch from Berne, Switzerland, which declares that the Wolff Agency at Berlin made the official announcement.

OFFICIAL

BRITISH

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The following official statement has been issued: "During the past 24 hours bad weather to some extent interfered with our operations. We have gained ground northwest of Ghinchi. In the afternoon there was considerable artillery activity by both sides, the enemy fire being directed mainly against our support trenches, more especially toward the north of Longueval. Our guns blew up some enemy bomb stores. Between Neuve-Chapelle and Armentieres we exploded mines. The enemy blew up two small mines south west of Auchy to the south of Ypres salient. There were no casualties in either case. Four German officers and 50 men of other ranks were captured south of Ancre last night and this morning."

ITALIAN

ROME, Aug. 27.—Italian troops have won additional successes in the Alpine regions along the northern part of the Austro-Italian front, the War Office has announced. The advance was made in the Fassa Alps and in the Thavignolo and Rienz Valleys. No special activity in the Gorizia sector is reported.

BULGARIAN

SOFIA, Aug. 26.—The defeat of the Serbians with very heavy losses, is claimed officially by the Bulgarian War Office. The Bulgars claim to have reached the great Aegean Coast.

British Offensive On Somme Front

LONDON, Aug. 27.—British troops took the offensive last night on the Somme front, north of Bazentin-le-Petit, the War Office announcement says, and captured 200 yards of German trenches, taking one machine gun. During the night enemy artillery was active between the Somme and the Ancre. Near Hill 60 the enemy exploded a mine, which caused no damage. There is nothing to report from the rest of the front.

Serbians and Bulgars

PARIS, Aug. 27.—Violent fighting between Bulgarian and Serbian troops continues on the Macedonian front in the region of Lake Ostrovo, the War Office announced to-day. The Serbians making counter-attacks have pushed back the Bulgars. All but one of the forts without the Greek port of Kavala have been occupied by the Bulgarians. Two British monitors and one cruiser bombarded these positions on Friday.

Sailed on Saturday For Third Attempt

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 28.—Sir Ernest Shackleton left Punta Arenas, Chili, on Saturday on board the ship Yelcho to make the third attempt to rescue the members of his expedition marooned on Elephant Island.

Hun Attacks Repulsed

PARIS, Aug. 27.—Three attacks against the French positions in Vaux-Chapitre wood; to the north east of Verdun, and in Apremont forest, were repulsed.

The Russians have struck the Austrians a terrible blow on the Upper Lipa, which has caused them to abandon a large Stripa territory.

Macedonia Scene of Heavy Fighting Between Allies and Teutons

Execution of French Prisoners Postponed

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—The following official statement was issued to-day: "The German Emperor has ordered the postponement until after the war of the execution of all sentences imposed for punishment on French prisoners, both civilian and military, on account of acts committed to Sept. 1 this year."

Canadians Across

OTTAWA, Aug. 27.—The following troops have arrived safely in England, it has been officially announced through the Chief Censor's Office: The 117th Battalion from Valcartier Camp, the 120th Battalion from Windsor, N.S., the 121st Battalion from Vernon, B.C., the 126th Battalion from Camp Borden, and the 128th Battalion from Winnipeg.

Russians Progressing In the Carpathians

PETROGRAD, Aug. 27.—Russian troops in the Carpathians have made further advance in the vicinity of the Hungarian border, the War Office to-day announced, and have captured positions three miles north-east of Koverla mountain on the frontier.

Enemy Attacks On French At Fleury Repulsed

PARIS, Aug. 28.—The Germans made several attacks on French positions at Fleury last night, but were repulsed, says to-day's announcement of the War Office.

CALLS ITALY'S ACTION ONLY AN EMPTY GESTURE

All Berlin Morning Papers With One Exception Comment on Italy's Declaration of War Against Germany—Kruz Zeitung Says Italy Has Finally Given Way to Pressure of its Master

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—Virtually all the morning papers with the notable exception of the Vorwaerts, comment on Italy's declaration of war against the Germans. The Deutsches Zeitung declared that interest in such a declaration always has been exceptionally small in Germany and without question will continue so. The 'Morgen Post' calls Italy's action an empty gesture intended to appear heroic, but actually tragico-comical, to be received with an indifferent shrug of the shoulders. The 'Kruz Zeitung' says Italy has given way to the pressure of its master. The 'Post' sees only another evidence of Italy's blackmail policy.

BIG SNOW STORM IN WEST CANADA

CALGARY, Aug. 21.—A north-east storm accompanied by heavy rain and low temperatures, which swept over Southern Alberta today, moderated tonight. The temperature averages 43 degrees, which is a rise of three degrees since noon. Reports from Banff and points west say that considerable snow has fallen. Snow flurries were reported from many other points in the district.

When we hear what some men say while chopping kindling wood we can't help wondering who some missionary don't go down town and buy them a gas stove.

Berlin Reports Several Successes For Bulgarians Who Have Captured Town of Malik in Albania

Paris While Admitting Bulgars Have Taken all but One Fort at Kavala Says Their New Positions Are Now Under Fire of British Warships—Russians Again Active in Riga Region Where They Have Again Started Their Operations Against the Germans—Russians Successful Over Turks Along Maladarsia River

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Germany and Italy are at last at war. Italy having finally ended the situation that existed for months by declaring that from Monday Italy considered herself an enemy of her former Teutonic Ally.

Heavy fighting is still in progress between the Entente and Teutonic Allies in the Macedonian theatre from the region of Lake Ochrida eastward to Kavala on the Aegean Sea, but with results brooded by variant statements of both Berlin and Paris War Offices.

Berlin reports that Bulgarian forces operating west of Lake Ochrida have captured the town of Malik, in Albania and that along the Struma King Ferdinand's men are approaching the mouth of the River.

Paris admits the Bulgarians have taken all but one fort at Kavala, but says their newly acquired positions have come under the fire of British warships. Paris says along the Struma French artillery are bombarding their adversaries, while west of the Vardar, near Lake Ostrovo, the Serbs have put down vigorous attacks by the Bulgars.

Berlin says the attacks of the British on Saturday south of Thiepval and north-west of Pozieres and north of Bazentin-le-Petit were without success. The Paris War Office records only the repulse of German attacks along this line.

The Russians, who for some time remained quiescent in the Riga region, have again started their offensive against the Germans. Their efforts made to cross the Dvina River, south of Friedrichstadt have failed, according to Berlin. On the remainder of the Russian front no fighting of importance is reported.

In the Carpathian region Petrograd says a fresh advance has been made by the Russians on Koverla Mountain, near the Hungarian border.

In the Caucasus region Petrograd reports success for the Russians over the Turks along the Maladarsia River. Hard fighting is in progress near Diarbekr between the Russians and Ottomans.

Box of Cigars Meant a Girl

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—A girl was "a box of cigars" in the code language used by the New York Vice Trust in white slave operations, Assistant District Attorney Smith, directing the grand jury investigation of white slavery, learned from Yushe Botwin, "White Slave King." When the proprietor of a disorderly resort bought a new girl she asked Botwin to send her "a box of cigars." This code expression was used, Botwin explained, to guard against detection.

The grand jury will return at last one indictment, the assistant district attorney said. Meanwhile investigators are busy searching for white slave witnesses who went under cover when the investigation began.

Strong Point

"Why have you never married, colonel?" "Because I feel that a man cannot be a good husband and at the same time a good warrior."

"You overlook the advantage of being always in training."