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**Bulgars Quite Ready to Take Punishment Now**

ATHENS, Aug. 12.—An influential Greek merchant, who has just come from Bulgaria, says all enthusiasm regarding the war has completely died down throughout the country and any hope of a successful termination of the struggle is now practically non-existent, even in military and court circles. The Bulgarians fully realize the terrible error they committed last October and appear quite resigned to the prospect of severe and speedy punishment. One political leader, who is now contemplating joining the ever-growing ranks of the opposition, expressed himself to any informant:

"Last October, when for a long time the Entente had promised us the much disputed part of Macedonia, we yielded to German pressure to go and take it. Our military party made a far more extensive and serious move than our people would ever have agreed to. The people thought that once the territory promised us had been taken, matters would go no further. Very few people in the country would have consented even after the severest provocation to war against England and Russia.

"We now have our eyes open. We see that the fierce struggle of October and November, and the long, impoverishing period of armed inaction, have not brought us to a conclusion of the war, but led us to a point where we find ourselves faced with strong armies of British, French and Serbian, who make a combined army infinitely superior to anything we can possibly set up against it. Against such a combination we cannot hope to prevail. We know that what will happen will simply be that history will repeat itself. We shall do what we did in the second Balkan war; that is, recognize the inevitable and lay down our arms. It is, I am sure, highly improbable that when the Balkan offensive takes place there will be such serious fighting."

The Germans have still a firm hold on the Government, but a large number of the Germans have been recalled and the German uniform is not nearly so conspicuous in Sofia as was the case a few months ago. The police are still completely in German hands, but despite this fact demonstrations against a continuance of the war are frequent.

Premier Radoslavoff is finding his position becoming very insecure and has had many narrow escapes in the chamber. The Stambouloff party is now conducting a determined campaign against the war.

Czar Ferdinand is leading the life of a recluse. He receives no one except Premier Radoslavoff, never shows himself in public, and all the people see of him is when he rushes in a fast motor car from Sofia to his country palace near the capital or when he returns from that retreat to Sofia. A satirical journal recently published a picture, showing a cloud of dust, with a vague outline of the back part of an automobile. The picture was entitled "Latest Portrait of Our Czar."

I OFTEN WONDER WHY 'TIS SO.

Some find work where some find rest. And so the weary world goes on: I sometimes wonder which is best; The answer comes when life is gone.

Some eyes sleep when some eyes wake. And so the dreary night-hours go: Some hearts beat where some hearts break; I often wonder why 'tis so.

Some wills faint where some wills fight. Some love the tent, and some the field; I often wonder who are right— The ones who strive, or those who yield.

Some hands fold where other hands are lifted bravely in the strife; And so thro' ages and thro' lands Move on the two extremes of life.

Some feet halt where some feet tread. In tireless march, a thorny way: Some struggle on where some have fled; Some seek when others shun the fray.

Some swords rust where others clash. Some fall back where some move on; Some flags furl where others flash. Until the battle has been won.

Some sleep on while others keep. The vigils of the true and brave: They will not rest till roses creep Around their name above a grave.

—Rev. Abram J. Ryan.

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**BULGARIA MAY SHIFT HER ALLEGIANCE; OR WITHDRAW FROM TEUTONIC ALLIANCE**

LONDON, Aug. 12.—In the constant fighting with their Teutonic allies, daily struggle on both the eastern and western front the Balkan situation declared to have come from the War has apparently been overlooked, although it is today the one element in the war which is engaging the vital attention of the ministries.

"The elimination of Sazanoff from the Russian Ministry has taken away the last barrier to Roumania's decision to join the Allies. It is understood that the entire territory of Bessarabia from Leova at the Roumanian border east to the mouth of the Danube on the Roumanian border is to be ceded by Russia to Roumania and that Roumania will at once place 450,000 troops fully equipped at the service of the Allies for operations either against Bulgaria or in conjunction with Bulgaria if the latter comes into a clash with Bulgarian troops at this time. It is very possible, 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 the Roumania is heart and soul with the Allies and will come in at the moment they give the word, are the two outstanding developments of today which are causing more concern to all fighting power than the present military moves.

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**Sheets of Flame On All Sides**

Experience of One Man Who For Hours Fought Flames to Save His Family—Twenty-eight Relatives Were Buried in One Grave


A thrilling tale of the fire in the north country was told last night by Harry Ford, of Matheson, who arrived of Hamilton from that devastated region a few days ago.

"The fire came suddenly upon us from the north, driven by what seemed to me to be a 72-mile an hour wind," said Mr. Ford. "As soon as I saw it, I got my wife and four chil-

dren together and tried to get to the water. It was too late, however, as the fire had cut us off. The only thing left to do was to make for our clearing, which was about an acre in extent. The fire rushed along like lightning until it was about ten feet from us. The reason it stopped there was because green oats were growing in that spot. If there were anything else there we would have been surely burned to death. We have only God to thank for our safety. We were covered up with blankets and had to keep our hands close to the ground. Burning timber and sand were blown over our heads in such quantities that we could see nothing. Even with all our precautions, our little baby was burnt about the head. Now and then I would glance up, and I could see nothing but one sheet of blaze stretching for miles until I felt you, one look was enough to leave an impression which will last for a lifetime. After a time the fire in that neighbourhood burnt itself out, but not before practically everything I owned had been destroyed. My family and myself borrowed blankets, and wrapped only in these, we went to Halleybury. The blankets which had protected us when the fire was raging were used to wrap the dead in."

Mr. Ford then gave a graphic description of his ride down to Halleybury on the train. It was a question as to whether they would ever reach their destination, as the flames were burning almost right up to the tracks on both sides. Everything in the immediate neighborhood of Mathieson was burnt, he said, except one house. The flames passed right over it, but in some miraculous way did not destroy the structure. A hog which was standing on the veranda was killed by the intense heat. Mr. Ford's family was the only one saved in that district. Even those places which were cleared suffered as much as the others, as there were very heavy crops of hay, and these burnt very fast. One instance was mentioned of twenty-eight people, all relatives, being buried in one grave.

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**PROSPERO'S FISHERY REPORT.**  
 By the Prospero we learn that at Battle Hr and neighborhood there is fairly good fishing. The good reports we had yesterday from farther North on Labrador were foreshadowed the day the ship was at Battle Farther South there was a good improvement with hook and line.  
 Miss Jessie Long, of this City arrived to-day by the Prospero, having spent an enjoyable vacation with friends in Catalina.

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