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BULGARIA HAS TAKEN FIRST STEP TOWARD ATTACK IN CHAMPAGNE IS RENEWED BY FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CENTRAL POWERS

Accepts Terms Imposed by Allies For an Armistice in Token of Her Eagerness to Quit War---German Chancellor and Foreign Secretary are Reported to Have Resigned

By Courier Leased Wire.

During the period of Bulgar-

ian neutrality both the Entente

Alliance and the Central Powers

had made offers to Bulgaria and

Russia, who for years had pro-

tected Bulgarian interests sent

an ultimatum to Bulgaria early

in October, 1915. Bulgaria re-

that Bulgaria did not believe in

the promises of the Entente and that "Bulgaria must fight at

the victor's side.." It was report-

ed at that time and never denied

authoritatively that a secret treaty had been signed between

Bulgaria and Germany concern-

ing Bulgarian participation in the war on July 17, 1915.

Bulgarian troops invaded Ser-

bia on October 13, 1915.. Her

entrance into the war led to the over-running of Serbia, Monte-

negro and Albania by the armies

of the Central Powers. Bulgaria's joining the Central Powers

was one of the reasons that led

Roumania to enter the war on

the side of the Entente late in

was not unanimously in favor, of Bulgaria joining the Teutonic

alliance. The government took

harsh measures against those

opposed to the war and those

who were friendly to the En-

tente. Late in 1917 reports were

current that the military party

in Bulgaria was being faced by

POLITICIANS PARDONED.

inand of Bulgaria, at the suggestion

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Sep.

30 .- The baro

meter is high

part of the Do-

minion and the

weather is fine

and cool in all

the provinces.

Forecasts.

Light winds,

fair and cool to-

day and on Tues-

over the greater

Amsterdam, Sept. 30 .- King Ferd-

increasing opposition.

YES ZIMMIE, BUT.

YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE AN EQUAL

"Zimmie" day

The population of Bulgaria

August, 1916.

The Bulgarian manifesto said

fused the Russian demands.

PARIS, Sept. 30.—An armistice has been concluded between the Allies and Bulgaria on the Allies own This announcement was made officially today.

FERDY PLEDGES LOYALTY AMSTERDAM, Sept. 30. — King Ferdinand of

Bulgaria has telegraphed to Emperor Charles of Austria, assuring him of his loyalty to the quadruple alliance, according to The Neue Freie Presse, which is quoted in dispatches reaching here. AMERICAN PLAYED PART

LONDON, Sept. 30.—An American said to be the United States charge d' affaires at Sofia, accompanied the Bulgarian delegates to Saloniki to confer with the Allied command, relative to an armistice, according to a Berlin telegram here by way of Copenhagen. It is said by the telegram that "he apparently played a very important part in recent events." NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Negotiations are proceeding between the Bulgarian delegates and the Allied command at Saloniki regarding the terms of the armistice proposed by Bulgaria, according to a Reuter telegram from Saloniki.

It is pointed out that the fact that M. Radoff, former member of the Bulgarian cabinet and former Bulgarian minister at Berne, has been added to the

delegation, shows that the Bulgarian Covernment is in earnest in its offer. M. Radoff is one of Bulgaria's most skillful and experienced diplomats, and is an eminent writer and politician.

HERTLING AND HINTZE QUIT AMSTERDAM, Sept. 30.—(Bulletin.) — Chancellor von Hertling and Foreign Secretary von Hintze have tendered their resignation to the Emperor, The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says it understands.

Bulgarian representatives agreed to an armistice -probably the first step in Bulgaria's withdrawal from the Alliance with the Central Powers—a few days less than three years after she entered the war on the side of Germany. It was on October 3, 1915, that Bulgaria issued a manifesto announcing her decision to cast her lot against the Eenten Alliance.

She has been 15 months in deciding her course.

In the manifesto issued at the time of her cotrance into the ranks of the belligerents, the Bulgarian government declared that her trade interests and economic rights were inseparably bound up with Turkey, Germany and Austria. It was added that Germany had offered Bulgaria, in return for her neutrality the whole of Macedonia, including Uskub, Monastir and Ochrida. A still greater territorial expansion at the expense of Serbia was said to have been offered as a condition of active military assistance.

of the cabinet, has issued an ukase patch from Sofia. All their political tical rights and particularly the pardoning M. Stambuliwsky, leader friends, who were sent to prison with mandates of those who were deputies of the Bulgarian agrarian party, and their leaders when Bulgaria entered former Minister Ghenabieff, leader of the war also have been pardoned. the Stambeoffist party, says a des- The ukase restores all civil and poli-

in the Bulgarian parliament

APPEAL FOR CALMNESS.

Herr Bernhard asserts that the happenings in Bulgaria could not have come as a complete surprise to the leaders of the German policy. He believes they were, at least, aware of the feeling prevailing in Bulgaria for the last few months.

flank Lille; the Siegfried line is going to pieces at two vital points, namely Cambrai and St. Quentin, the fall of which places is considered a question of hours. Le Catalat, the central pillar of the Hindenburg system, is outflanked; General Mangin is driving the enemy north of the Chemin des Darror Gouraud is at the gates of Challerange on his way to Vouzieres, 'he key to the latteral railroad com-munications of the Germans. Moreover, during the last week the Allies on the western front have taken more than 50,000

DISCUSSION PROPOSED ion that the president and vice pres dents of the parliaments of belliger ent and neutral states shall be invited to meet for an unbinding discussion of the basis of peace has been intro-

trian parliament.

Battle Begun Again at Day break — Gouraud Crosses Alin Brook and Captures Heights Above

By Courier Leased Wire Paris, Sept. 30.—General Gourand's army attacked this morning on the western slopes of Bellevue Heights, Mont Cuvelet and Bouconville.

Alin Brook, which flows northeast toward Challerange, has been crossed and heights dominating the village of Manre, on the west side of the Brook, have been taken.

ATTACK RESUMED. Paris, Sept. 30.—French troops in the Champagne resumed their attack at daybreak to-day, the War Office announces. The Germans violently counter-attacked last night south of St. Quentin, the Urvillers region, in an attempt to recapture Hill 88. All these efforts were broken up by French

The text of the statement "In the course of the night the Germans delivered a violent counter-attack in the region of

Urvillers (south of St. Quentin).

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Hill 88 were broken up by the

Athens Sent. 29.—General Fran-

chet De Esperey, the commander of

the Allied forces in the Macedonian

campaign, has sent the following

telegram to the Greek Government

By Courier Leased Wire

"Rather violent artillery fighting occurred between the Ailette and the Aisne.

"In the Champagne there was no infantry action during the night. The battle began again at daybreak." RESISTING DESPERATELY.

With the French Army on the Champagne Front, Sept. 29.— (Reuter's).—German forces are resisting with desperate energy the further advance of General Gouraud's army. Yesterday's fighting was of the bitterest character, the Germans clinging with determination to the ridge north of the Py. River and the village of Hormoise. Furious counter-attacks were made at every opportunity, the enemy command bringing reinforce ments into the fight recklessly.

Ten fresh enemy divisions were identified in the fighting and defended their positions with undeniable bravery and tenacity. General Gouraud's soldiers, however, proved to be more than a match for the Germans, whose counter-attacks failed to regain an inch of

The British and American **Troops Assailed Strongest** Point in the Line

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

Forty-Eight Hours of Artillery Fire Preceded the Infantry Drive

British Headquarters in France. Sep. 29—Striking at the strongest point of the Hindenburg line beween St. Quentin and Le Catelet, en a terrific attack at six o'clock this morning. Forty eight hours before the infantry advanced against the German lines, the British artillery had maintained a terrific fire against the enemy positions. For the last ten hours of this bombardwere hurled against the Germans causing a comparative silence to fall

During the night a preliminary infantry attack developed between Marcoing and Musnieres against the sault was launched. A large force of merican troops shouting "Lusitan. BY FRENCH COMMANDER splendid dash, their war cry being a ringing slogan. A large number of tanks went out with the first wave difficult. It covered itself with new being directed against a front of were extremely formidable - and when the St. Quentin canal passed

sharply defended, capturing a large through a tunnel. with a light frosty mist that served "Certain of the Greek units have "At the moment of the success of added materially to the magnitude to hide the Allies movements from he ffensive movement on the Mace- of the victory. One of these, the the enemy. It has been learned from donian front I wish to express to you recently arrived 35th Regiment of prisoners that the enemy had nine divisions in close reserve as the prothe entire satisfaction with the bril- infantry, united with the French in liant conduct which has marked the capturing the important Massif of Greek participation in the battle. I Preslap and the village of Zborsko.

Allies anticipated stiff resistance. wish particularly to mention a divi- All of the Greek troops engaged have sion which attacked west of Lake rivalled in endurance and spirit and a bridge, the Americans stormed forward deploying fan-wise as they went. One British division swam across the canal. The men shaking themselves and laughing as they reformed their line on the eastern Then under steady machine

gun fire advanced forward into the village of Bellenglise. At 9 o clock the prisoners were streaming back in droves. By this time the first phase of the attack had ended and after a pause the advance ras resumed.

Then one of the most dramatic incidents of the battle occurred. The Americans, tired and besplashed, but Americans, tired and besplashed, but in hearty spirits, opened their ranks and Australian units, moving up in support, swept through them and became the first wave of the renewed attack. The storm of cheering that greeted this manoeuvre rose high

above the roar of the conflict.

There was hard fighting at many places where the Germans had established redoubts of extraordinary strength. American battalions which advanced so rapidly at first that some were checked by their own barrage fire, met with some resistance. An immensely strong machine gun position at the entrance of the subterranean canal; gave much trouble but was subdued by the aid of tanks. New Zealand regiments drove a deep dent into the enemys line at a point directly such of Cambrai

a deep dent into the enemy's line at a point directly south of Cambrai, and took 1,000 prisoners.

Early in the morning Canadians approached Ramillies, morth of Cambrai, and at some points were astride the more important lines of communications there. As morning advanced it became clear that the battle was developing into a victory. Progress through the Zigfried network of trenches was naturally slow, but the Allied troops succeeded almost everywhere. East of the canal, the German opposition seemed unable to arrest their advance. The enemy artillery fire was for the most enemy artillery fire was for the most part desultory and then from long range. Much personal equipment abandoned by the enemy appears to

be quite new.

Le Catalet, the key position to the whole sector between Bellicourt and Banteux was unofficially reported in Allied hands by moon. Good news came in all day. The Allies appear

Doiran over ground that was very all have won new laurels." their readers to remain calm in the FOCH FIGHTING FIVE uation. They admit that the situation is serious, but declare that the German nation will show itself capable of meeting this new contingency. Georg Bernhard in The Vossische Zeitung declares that it is necessary BATTLES AT ONE TIME that the chancellor, who no longer possesses the confidence of millions of German men, must leave office "Germany." he says, "needs leaderships and the chancellor is no

Unparelled Feat in History of War Now in Progress; Five Armies Supporting one Another in Joint Effort

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, Sept. 30.—Marshal Foch is fighting five battles simultaneously and successfully -a feat unparalleled in the history of the war. Each battle is so timed and placed that each army supports another, all forming an indispensable part of the whole effort. There are five battles to-day;

there may be more to-morrow, all inter-related and working as smoothly as the cylinders of a well adjusted automobile engine. All are directed to the same end —to wear down the enemy's strength. Marshal Foch alone knows when the Allies will strike the decisive blow. The enemy is still fighting well. He is still offering splendid resist-ance west of Argonne, but how

long can he keep it up? Expert commentators agree that the enemy's withdrawal to a shorter line, probably that of Antwerp, Brussels, Mezieres and Metz, is imminent. Some believe he has hung on too long and that he will have great difficulty in preventing his retreat from degenerating into a rout. "For Foch as for Napoleon," says Major De Civrieux in The push back an enemy behind the lines previously fixed upon, but gripping him everywhere, to break the integrity of his forces and then hurl him disjointed and destroyed on the road to irreparable defeat. Like all great dramas which have changed the face of the world, the one which is being played during these fateful hours will bring

triumph. Victory is in sight." An examination of one section of 22-mile front on which General Gourand is attacking in the Champagne will give an idea of the German wastage. On the eve of the attack General Indendorff, feeling uneasy, reinforced the defenders with two or three divisions. After two days fighting he threw in ten more divisions. Thus twelve or thir-teen divisions have been used up on a front of 22 miles only. From this the speed at which the Germans strength is being whittled away may easily be

The soberest and most con-servative observers here consid-ered that yesterday marked the first step in the decisive phase of the war. The Belgians are close to Roulers, the British marching up the Lys, will out-

Berne, Sept. 29 .- Ail the German newspapers, according to a special from Berlin, are united in warning

duced i nthe lower house of the Aus-

The motion, says a Vienna message, was introduced by Herr Neumann, a Liberal deputy. It would empower the president of the Chamber of Deputies to convey the invitation to the parliaments of the belligerents and neutral states. The meeting would be held at a place agreed

CONGRATULATIONS SENT

TO GREEK GOVERNMENT

number of prisoners.

Progress Continued Last Night by the British, American and Australian Troops; Four Thousand Prisoners Taken Yesterday

By Courier Leased Wire-London, Sept. 30. — British, American and Australian forces pushed forward last night on the front between Bellicourt and Gonnelieu in the face of severe oppo-sition, Field Marshal Haig announced today.

Four thousand prisoners were taken by the Allied forces yester-day to the north of St. Quentin and forty guns were captured

British forces have entered the northern suburbs of Cambrai, On the front northwest of Le On the front northwest of Le Catelet, German counter-attacks pressed the British back to the outskirts of Villers-Guislain, while to the southwest of Le Catelet similar pressure sent Field Marshal Haig's troops back to the edge of the Village of Bony.

On the front southeast of Douai the British have withdrawn from Arleux and Aubencheuil-au-Bac.

The text of the statement reads:

"In the operations yesterday north of St. Quentin the Midland division alone took 4,000 prisoners and 40 guns.

"Between Bellicourt and Gonnelieu the enemy resistance yes-terday was obstinate. American, Australia and English troops had heavy fighting until late evening. In spite of strong opposition they gained ground and took many

"Heavy fighting also occurred yesterday afternoon on the left of the battle front. Our advanced troops who had taken Aubencheuil-au-Bac and had entered Arleux were compelled to withdraw from these villages.

"West and northwest of Cam-"West and northwest of Cambrai the enemy was unable to prevent the progress of our troops whose advanced detachments reached the junction of the Arras-Cambrai and Bapaume-Cambrai roads and entered the northern suburbs of the town.

"Heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy in the repulse of determined counter-attacks that were launched in this sector.

"Heavy rain has fallen during the night and the weather is still stormy."

stormy."
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