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RUSSIA GIVES BULGARIA TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO MAKE DEFINITE DECISION---PRUSSIAN CASUALTIES TO SEPT. 28, 1,916,148---KING GEORGE AND KITCHENER SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO SIR JOHN FRENCH

BULGARIA MUST EXPLAIN HER LINE OF POLICY

Other Entente Powers Back Up Russia in this Demand

ROUMANIA UNCERTAIN

Allies Hold All Ground Gained in Last Week's Fighting

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The Russian Minister at Sofia has been ordered by the Government to leave the Bulgarian capital if, within 24 hours, Bulgaria does not openly break with the Central Powers and disposes the Austro-German officers recently arrived in the country to direct operations in King Ferdinand's Army. The other powers of the Quadruple Entente are backing up Russia in this demand, and so Bulgaria must, within a few hours, decide on continued neutrality, or be considered definitely committed to the Central Powers.

London Papers On Balkan Crisis

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Sir Edward Grey's statement on the Balkan situation, indicating, as it does, that Bulgaria had decided to throw in her lot with Germany, is the leading subject of editorial comment in the newspapers this morning.

Rain and consequent mud prevented the Allies from continuing their full offensive at Artois. Fighting of a stubborn nature, however, is still going on in that region, both sides endeavouring to secure vantage points. Success here, as in Champagne, is apparently varying although the Allies are holding virtually all the ground they gained in the last week's blow. That other, similar blows will take place before long is the settled conviction of military writers, who see in the repeated bombardments of German position on the Belgian coast by British ships, and big French guns, and air raids over the German lines, evidence that another storm is brewing.

The air-raid in Chatterange yesterday by sixty-five French aeroplanes is the biggest enterprise of the kind ever undertaken. The French, according to a German report, lost an airship in Alsace, which was mentioned a few days ago in an official communication as doing valuable work. Although fighting continues, there is little or no change in the situation along the Eastern front. The Russians, while being forced back at one or two points, are themselves pressing the Germans on other points, particularly east of Vilna, where Field-Marshal von Hindenburg's drive towards Minsk has been checked.

Berlin Celebrates Hindenburg's Birthday

BERLIN, Oct. 3.—Field-Marshal von Hindenburg's sixty-eighth birthday to-day was celebrated here in a notable way. The feature of the celebration was driving nails by one thousand children into Hindenburg. A colossal wooden statue of the Field-Marshal was recently erected, which is being sheathed with gold, silver and iron nails, bought in the interest of a fund for rehabilitating East Prussia. The address was delivered by Count von Reventlow.

Sir John French Congratulated by King George

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The following Orders of the Day have been issued by Field Marshal Sir John French. The Field-Marshal and Commander in Chief received the following message from the King, dated 30th September, 1915:

"I heartily congratulate you and all ranks of my army under your command upon the success which attended their gallant efforts since the commencement of their combined attack. I recognize this strenuous and determined fighting is but a prelude to greater deeds and further victories. I trust that the wounded and sick are doing well."

GEORGE R AND I."

Entente Powers Question Bulgaria

PETROGRAD, Oct. 4.—The Russian Minister is to leave Sofia. A news agency gives out the following Note which the Russian Minister at Sofia has been ordered to hand to M. Radoslawoff, the Bulgarian Premier:

"Events which are taking place in Bulgaria at this moment give evidence of a definite decision of King Ferdinand's Government to place the fate of its country in the hands of Germany."

OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, Oct. 2.—General French reports fighting on the 29th and 30th as insignificant. German gains were made at two points. Our new positions are now consolidated. Our air-men damaged the enemy main railways at fifteen points last week, partially wrecking five trains, and causing fire at the locomotive sheds at Valenciennes.

The French made slight progress at Givenchy. No special news from Champagne.

Russia reports some enemy progress west of Dvinsk. The Russians were successful at several other points.

Later news tells of some progress on the Heights of LaFolle, an important feature of the enemy line, north of Mesnil, has been captured.

BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The British delivered a counter-attack on Friday night, south-west of Fosse, in France, and according to a report received according to a report received from Field Marshal French:

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Field Marshal French's communication says: "We delivered a counter-attack last night, and achieved our objective, which was two German trenches south-west of Foss, which the enemy had recovered in his counter-attack of the 26th. There have been no other events on our front."

FRENCH

PARIS, Oct. 3.—A squadron of sixty-five French aeroplanes to-day bombarded the railway station at Vouziers, and aviation groups near Chatterange, according to an official statement, issued by the French War Office. No additional progress is recorded for the day.

RUSSIAN.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 3.—The Russian War Office gave out the following official statement:—"German attacks have continued in the region of Goss Ekau, but have been unsuccessful. Between Lake Demmen, situated south of Dvinsk and Lake Dristia, there was an artillery duel. East of Swenton our cavalry repulsed the Germans and seized the village of Saluji on the Upper Char. South of Liachovitch one of our battalions dislodged the enemy from heights, with the loss of only nine men, capturing two German officers and 100 men."

Greek Minister Talks Straight

SOFIA, Oct. 3.—The Greek Minister to Bulgaria said to-day that Greece did not covet Bulgarian territory, and that the object of Greek mobilization was merely to protect the frontier. Regarding the treaty between Greece and Serbia, he said like every treaty it consists of words. It is circumstances which give meaning to words, that is to say, words have the sense you give them, according to circumstances.

does not at once proceed to send away all officers belonging to armies of the States now at war with the Powers of the Entente.

Bulgaria Mobilize For National Purpose Says Sofia Despatch

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Bulgaria is threatening none of her neighbours and still hopes for a pacific settlement, which will take her interests into account, says a semi-official statement issued to-day at Sofia. This statement was issued because of the attitude taken by the French and Russian Press. It declared that Bulgaria mobilized in order to face the new situation and to assure her national existence as well as her future.

The new Austro-German in Hungary is concentrated between Pancova, Weisskerchen and Verseez. Two-thirds of this army is said to be composed of Germans. It is estimated that the artillery number 1200 guns between Pancova and Weisskerchen alone; the greater part of these forces are newly-formed regiments with the best troops from the Belgian front.

French Worry Germans Around La Foile

PARIS, Oct. 2.—There has been heavy German bombardment in the Artois, according to an announcement made by the French War Office. French forces have made perceptible progress in this district and on the heights of La Foile. French aeroplanes have been active behind the German front and during the night aircraft guns bombarded the German lines.

Anglo-French Forces Land at Saloniki

PARIS, Oct. 4.—A landing of an Anglo-French expedition at Saloniki, preparatory to meeting possible eventualities in the Balkans is about to take place, according to the usually well informed "Temps" which adds that Greece gave her approval last April to use this port, although it was not expected then that the present contingency would arise. The "Temps" states also that the Quadruple Powers have notified Greece that their joint proposals recently submitted to Bulgaria have been withdrawn. These proposals detailed concessions that Serbia was willing to make in Macedonia. Bulgaria was asked if these concessions would assure her co-operation with the other Balkan States. Without replying, the "Temps" says, Bulgaria mobilized and the Allies now have withdrawn the proffered concessions in Macedonian territory.

Vouziers Bombarded By French Aeroplanes

PARIS, Oct. 3.—A squadron of 65 French aeroplanes today bombarded the railway station at Vouziers and the aviation ground near the town, also the station at Chatterange. More than three hundred shells were dropped at the objects aimed at, which were struck. Another bombardment cut in two a moving train near the station at Laon.

Nelson Liner Ashore

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The Nelson liner Highland Warrior, 7,485 tons, from London for Buenos Aires, is ashore at Cape Prior, near Corunna, Spain. Another vessel is said to be proceeding to her assistance.

BIG GAINS MADE BY ALLIES REPORTED BY SIR JOHN FRENCH

Important Successes Achieved by Our Brave Troops at Vimy Ridge

GOOD WORK OF FLEET

Enemy's Second Line Taken—Third Line Now in Danger of Capture

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS in France, October 3.—Special Order of the day issued by Field Marshal Sir John French:

"We have now reached a definite state in the great battle which commenced on the 25th ult. Our Allies to the south have pierced the enemy's last line of entrenchments and effected large captures of prisoners, guns and tents. The French army on our immediate right has been heavily opposed, but has brilliantly succeeded in securing an important position, known as the Vimy Ridge. Operations of the British forces have been most successful and have had great and important results."

"On the 25th the first Fourth Corps attacked and carried the enemy's first and most powerful line of entrenchments, extending from our extreme right flank at Grenay to a point north of the Hohenzollern Redoubt, a distance of six thousand yards. This position is exceptionally strong, consisting of a double line, which included some large redoubts, net work of trenches, bomb-proof shelters and dug-outs, constructed at short intervals all along the line some of them being large caves, thirty feet below the ground.

The 11th Corps, general and reserve and the Third Cavalry Divisions subsequently were thrown into the fight and finally the 28th Division, after vicissitudes attendant upon every great fight. The enemy's line and second posts were taken and a com-

As They Did on Belgium German Losses

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4.—Protesting against Sir Edward Grey's warning to Bulgaria that she would be held strictly accountable for any aggressive action against the Allies' friends in the Balkans, the "Hamburg Nachrichten" professes not to understand the excitement which has been caused in the Entente nations. The paper declares Germany and Austria have no purpose except the temporary occupation of the Serbian bank of the Danube in order to assure the necessary supplies for Turkey, since Roumania refuses to permit the transit through its territory of such war material. If, therefore, Serbia is prudent the "Nachrichten" explains, she will save blood and powder by withdrawing her troops somewhat east, as goods destined for Turkey never will harm Serbia and meanwhile she will rectify wrongs she did to Bulgaria in the summer of 1912.

Austro-German Attack On Serbia Set For October 6

LONDON, Oct. 4.—An Athens despatch to Reuter's Telegram company says the Austro-German attack on Serbia will begin on October 6 and 7, according to a report from Vienna.

Another Denial From Bulgaria

SOFIA, Oct. 4.—A formal denial that German officers have taken control of military affairs of Bulgaria and that Germany is supplying that country with funds, are contained in an official statement, issued to-day through a Bulgarian news agency.

manding position known as Hill 70 in advance at Loos was finally captured.

This strong line has been established and consolidated in close proximity to the German third and last line. The man operations south of the LaBasse Canal have been much facilitated and assisted by subsidiary attacks delivered by the 3rd and Indian Corps of the Second Army. Great help has also been rendered operations by the Fifth Corps, east of Ypres during which some important captures were made. We also are much indebted to Vice-Admiral Bacoax and our naval comrades for valuable co-operation of the fleet.

"Our captures amounted to over three thousand prisoners and some 25 guns, besides many machine guns and a quantity of war material. The enemy suffered heavy losses, particularly the many counter-attacks by which he vainly endeavored to wrest back captured positions, but which have all been gallantly repulsed by our army troops."

"I desire to express to the army under my command my deep appreciation of the splendid work they have accomplished and my heartfelt thanks for the brilliant leadership displayed by General Haig and the Corps Divisional Commanders who acted under his orders in the main attack. In the same spirit of admiration and gratitude I wish particularly to comment upon the magnificent spirit and indomitable courage and dogged tenacity displayed by our troops of old and new army and Territorials who have vied with one another in heroic conduct displayed throughout the battle, and by officers and non-commissioned officers."

"I feel the utmost confidence and assurance that the same glorious spirit which has been so marked a feature throughout the first phase of the great battle, will continue until our efforts are crowned by final and complete victory."

Bulgaria Active

PARIS, Oct. 4.—The concentration of the Bulgarian army has begun, according to a despatch from Athens, under the date of yesterday, to the Havas Agency. The correspondent asserts he has authoritative information to this effect. The total effectiveness of the Bulgarian army engaged in this movement are estimated at 350,000.

Joint Note To Bulgaria

ROME, Oct. 4.—The belief prevails in Italian official circles says the "Tribune" that the Quadruple Entente Powers will soon present a joint Note to Bulgaria demanding an explanation of her attitude.

Russia and Bulgaria Near Parting Point

PETROGRAD, Oct. 3.—A semi-official news agency says that the Russian Minister has been ordered to leave Sofia, unless within twenty-four hours the Bulgarian Government openly breaks with Austria-Germany and sends away the Austrian and German military officers now in Bulgaria.

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