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BULGARIAN ARMY ON THE MOVE, BUT ARMED NEUTRALITY SEEMS THE DECISION FOR PRESENT

QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR LOSS BY FIRE WHICH THREATENED BATHURST VILLAGE

Spectacular Fire Which Broke Out Yesterday Afternoon Destroys 15,000,000 ft. Lumber Owned by Bathurst Lumber Co.—New Docks Wiped Out, Vessels at Wharf Move to Safety in Harbor—High Wind Blowing and Village in Danger—Still Burning Fiercely at Early Hour This Morning, but Believed Flames are Under Control.

Bathurst, Sept. 22.—At midnight tonight fifteen million feet of lumber in flames is making night as day. At least a quarter of million dollars worth of property has gone up in smoke, and there is danger that Bathurst Village may be wiped out of existence. Although the gale which has prevailed all day has moderated to some extent, the conflagration which developed here this afternoon is still far from under control, and in fact is as fierce as at any time since it started. Every man in the three villages is worn out with the self imposed task of fighting the flames, yet the grandeur of the spectacle compels attention though weary limbs refuse to work any longer.

Bathurst has suffered in that its principal industry has been made to suffer through the loss by fire to an extent unknown in the history of the triple towns. Practically all the lumber piled for shipment along the water front of the village, the new docks, and other properties have been wiped out of existence in a very few hours, at a loss estimated at midnight at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Nor is there any surety that before morning the damage will not be much greater and will not include numerous private homes now in the track of the flames.

Halifax, Sept. 22.—According to information received by Douglas, Rogers & Company, of Amherst, N. S., who placed between \$600,000 and \$700,000 insurance on the Bathurst Lumber Company's property, the insurance loss on the fire there will be not more than twenty-five per cent. of that total, in other words, something under \$150,000. Mr. Douglas said tonight that the insurance was divided among practically all the standard companies.

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MORE LIFE NEEDED FOR RECRUITING

Ten Men the Result of Yesterday's Campaign—Cold and High Winds Interfered with Attendance at Last Evening's Meeting, but Those who Were Present Heard Spirited Addresses—Judge Forbes and Corporal Burris the Speakers—List of Those Who Signed.

YESTERDAY'S HONOR ROLL.
Alexander Longon, St. John.
J. E. Watters, St. John.
Charles Hughes, St. John.
John J. Young, St. John.
Ernest C. Coates, St. John.
Samuel H. Bell, Birmingham, Eng.
William Knox, St. John.
James J. Lavigne, St. John.
John R. Irvine, St. John.
Arvo Haronen, Finland.

Because of the comparatively cold weather and high winds last night's recruiting meeting was held in St. Andrew's rink instead of on King Square. About 600 people were present in the rink, the chilly atmosphere and weather conditions generally being, no doubt, responsible, in a great measure, for the slim attendance. There was, however, a noticeable lack of enthusiasm amongst those who were present, and although interest in the recruiting cause is still keen, as was evidenced by the careful attention given to the remarks of the speakers at the evening, it is thought by many present that more life in the movement is desirable.

Ten recruits were signed on during the day. There were only two speakers last evening besides the chairman, Col. E. T. Sturdee, His Honor Judge Forbes and Corporal Burris, of Truro, N. S. The Carleton Cornet Band was in attendance and played patriotic selections in fine form.

Col. Sturdee.
After the National Anthem had been played by the band the chairman said: "Recruits are not coming in quick enough. Up to now only a little more than 200 men have been recruit-

ed in St. John. Halifax has done better; let St. John do better than Halifax." He then asked His Honor Judge Forbes to speak.

Hon. J. G. Forbes.
Judge Forbes said in part: "Great Britain has today about three million men in military service, but the cry is for more. This cry is justified by reason of the conditions abroad conditions vitally affecting the interests of the British Empire. There is an attempt to crush the Empire, but the people I see before me will be able to determine how far this may be possible.

"Now I want to speak of the call of the boys from the trenches. Some of their comrades have been killed, some wounded, some are disabled, and the others call for help. Can't you hear their call?
"I appeal to you for support in the great struggle. We must not sit in our armchairs in the circumstances now confronting us. Where would liberty be here if Germany had sway? Your wife, your children will be provided for by means of the Patriotic Fund and the government's allowance.
"Decide this evening that you will respond to the call, that you will do or die for this country. If you fail to do all in your power to aid in this conflict, to fight if you are able, then I say you are not worthy of your forefathers."

Corporal Burris.
After a short selection by the band the chairman spoke a few words of appreciation of the noble part that the women of the province had taken in the recruiting campaign and in other respects. He then introduced Corporal Burris.

Corporal Burris said in part: "If you boys don't hurry up you will have

someone after you. You have as good blood in your veins as I have. If you don't know how to handle a rifle we'll soon teach you how to do so. This war, as you know, is not being fought because we like it. It has been brought on us. So we must go through with it; we must fill up the gaps caused by those who have fallen or have been disabled. You would not hang back if you had seen what I have seen. I have seen the body of a soldier who had been crucified by the Germans. I have seen in Belgium some of those things that if you had yourselves seen would make you feel as do.

"I see some of the young men around here that I feel ashamed of. You men here tonight, if you are fit, if you are men, will go over there and sign your names on the recruiting list. Go there and then go and get the Germans before they get you."

The speaker then referred to some of his experiences in the trenches, and of conditions of soldiering generally during active service.

The chairman at the conclusion of Corporal Burris' address, introduced the speaker appreciatively of the Carleton Cornet band which had so willingly provided music during the evening. He remarked that he hoped that the offer of the members to enlist as a body would be accepted, albeit everybody would be sorry to lose them. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

WILSON AND BRYAN CONFER

First meeting since former Secretary resigned from the Cabinet.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Former Secretary of State W. J. Bryan conferred with President Wilson for more than an hour following the meeting of the first between the President and former secretary since the latter resigned from the cabinet, neither would discuss the conference. When he left the White House Mr. Bryan absolutely refused to comment on his visit or to discuss any public questions.

EQUIPPING MEN IN TRENCHES FOR THE WINTER CAMPAIGN

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—The militia department is now so well equipped with clothing and supplies for the men at the front that two pairs of boots for each of the 50,000 soldiers in France and the 30,000 at Shorncliffe have been sent forward. Last winter at Salisbury Plain there was a good deal of inconvenience, and even suffering, because the troops had been supplied with only one pair of boots. Heavy rains prevailed and there was no opportunity for the men to dry their boots. The new boots are regarded as a vast improvement. They are watertight and with two pairs there will be much more comfort this winter for the men in the trenches. Besides boots a great quantity of warm winter clothing has been forwarded for the use of Canada's soldiers.

FREDERICTON MAN IN THE CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—The casualty list tonight contains the name of George MacDonald of Fredericton, N. B., who reported seriously ill.

HOW GERMAN PRESS AGENT FOOLS PUBLIC

Report sent out from Berlin says Bank of England badly damaged in recent Air Raid.

New York Sept. 22.—An illustration of the absurd stories emanating from Berlin via wireless is seen in the following despatch to the Associated Press:
"Berlin, Sept. 22, via wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—According to private reports brought by a traveller who has reached Amsterdam from England, says the Overseas News Agency today, 'The Bank of England was hit by Zeppelin bombs during the last air raid on London. The damage done was much larger than had been reported.'

SIX KILLED IN NEW YORK STREET CAR ACCIDENT

New York, Sept. 22.—In the wreck of the partially constructed Seventh Ave subway by a dynamite blast today the death list late tonight remained at six.
Two of the dead were passengers on a trolley car which plunged into the excavation when the blast tore up the street for a block between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Sts. They were Louis Krugman, 22, and Mrs. Martin V. Newton, 65 years old. A woman who watched the removal of the injured to an impoverished hospital died later of shock and hysteria. The four other dead were laborers engaged in a subway work. Compactly packed today the one hundred passengers who went down with the car sustained serious injuries.
How the accident happened has not been officially determined. In an effort to fix responsibility the police search turned to Augusto Newarotte, the blaster, who is missing. He is wanted on a charge of homicide.

DUMBA TAKES HIS DEPARTURE NEXT WEEK

Washington, Sept. 22.—The American government will make no effort to secure safe conduct from the United States of Dr. Constantine Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador, until the Vienna government has replied to the request that the ambassador be recalled. This was stated on high official authority tonight.

Dr. Dumba himself telegraphed Assistant Secretary Phillips of the State Department, from Lenox, Mass., today, giving notice that his government had recalled him home on leave and asking that the American government arrange for his safe conduct to Vienna. He added that he planned to sail on Sept. 28. The message was addressed to Mr. Phillips, without of ficial title, the ambassador apparently treating his official status as ended.

EIGHT BIPLANES FOR BRITISH AIR FLEET FROM THE OVERSEAS CLUBS

London, Sept. 22.—Eight biplanes have been presented to the British government by overseas clubs. Three of them are from Montreal, St. Catharines, Ont., and Nova Scotia.

TEUTONS' ATTEMPT TO TRAP RUSSIAN ARMY AT VILNA SEEMS TO HAVE FAILED

ARMED NEUTRALITY, SAYS PREMIER OF BULGARIA



WHAT BULGARIA GAINS BY NEUTRALITY.
TURKEY cedes to Bulgaria the line of the Adrianople-Dezagatch Railway, including the station of Karagatch, a suburb of Adrianople, on the right bank of the Maritsa, which the Bulgarians have long desired. They also cede all the territory between the railroad and the old frontier and a strip of land ten kilometres (6.1-4 miles) wide on the left bank of the Maritsa from a point just south of Adrianople to the mouth of the river, and a similar strip north of Adrianople on the left bank of the Tundza River as far as the frontier.

Sofia, Sept. 21, via London, Sept. 22.—Vassil Radoslavoff, the Bulgarian premier, announced yesterday that the Austro-German offensive against Serbia was initiated Sept. 19.
So far there has been no general Bulgarian mobilization, but the troops are leaving their stations throughout the country.
The capital and the country are quiet. Public opinion, which was somewhat divided a few days ago, is now settling in support of Premier Radoslavoff. There are indications that within a few days comparative unanimity concerning the government's action will prevail.
Referring to the concentration of certain Bulgarian troops, the premier yesterday informed the governmental members in parliament that the war danger in the Balkans had decreased, but that the Bulgarian government was obliged to resort to an armed neutrality.
Most of the troops stationed in Sofia left the capital last night and this morning.

London, Sept. 22.—The Bulgarian minister here, M. Mischeff, was advised by telegraph today of his government's mobilization order. He stated that Premier Bulgaria would maintain her neutrality, but that it would be an armed neutrality.
On being asked whether Bulgaria intended to join the Central Powers, M. Mischeff replied emphatically: "Certainly not."
He said he had not further information and reiterated the assertion that the new move implied nothing more than that Bulgaria was adopting the same precautionary measures as already had been taken by Switzerland and Holland.
On Way To Sign Agreement With Turks
London, Sept. 22.—Reuters correspondent at Sofia sends the following: "The commission appointed to sign with the Turks the cession of the new territory to Bulgaria started on Tuesday evening for Demotica of the new territory, which will be assumed within a fortnight. It has been arranged that in the case of a divergence of opinion regarding the new frontier the dispute shall be submitted to a mixed commission.
"Premier Radoslavoff at a meeting with his followers fully explained the political situation to them."

AUSTRO-GERMAN GUNS HAMMER SERBIAN FRONT

Paris, Sept. 22.—The new Austro-German army on the Serbian front is continuing the heavy bombardment of the positions across the rivers which form the boundary line, but so far as is known have not yet attempted an invasion of Serbian territory. The latest official communication from Nish, issued yesterday and telegraphed to the Havas Agency brings up these operations to Sunday. It follows:
"The enemy threw 800 shells from field artillery and mortars across the Danube and Save on the 19th, directing them at our works. At the same time the enemy kept up a violent fire with rifles and machine guns from two to six p.m. accomplishing nothing from a military standpoint. We made only a slight reply."
Serb Government Denies Rumor
London, Sept. 22.—A despatch to the Reuters Telegram Company from Nish says:
"The Serbian government denies rumors that Germany advised Serbia not to oppose the attack the Central Powers are planning to launch, with the stipulation that such an attack will not be aimed primarily at Serbia, but will be made for 'higher reasons.' A statement on behalf of the government says that Serbia not only has not been advised of such an attack, but that she would indignantly refuse any such compact, being ready to meet any attack from any quarter."
Austro-Hungarian headquarters, via London, Sept. 22.—German and Austrian artillery is now bombarding the Serbian positions along the Marva frontier, which lies in the northwest corner of Serbia, and which was the scene of heavy fighting last autumn. The Austro-German bombardment, therefore, extends virtually along the entire northern frontier of Serbia.

London, Sept. 22. (10.20 p. m.)—A war move that may solve the riddle of the Balkans—Bulgaria's mobilization—has struck London with dramatic suddenness. The afternoon newspapers, however, refrained from editorial comment, and neutral readers of these publications, except for drawing their own conclusions from large type heads and such captions as "Balkan Sensation," would be none the wiser as to whether England regarded the developments as a preliminary victory for the Central Powers, or merely another overnight turn of the Greco-Bulgarian negotiations.

The consensus of opinion was that although the Bulgarian army is now on the move, Bulgaria has not yet cast her lot with one side or the other, but is, as her minister here expressed it, still neutral, still waiting, but armed.
The first bulletin announcing Bulgaria's mobilization reached London by way of New York. It was quickly followed by a stream of telegrams from the European capitals to the effect that mobilization, partial or general, had been ordered at Sofia, that Bulgarian cavalry had taken the field, and that Bulgarians of fighting age were hurrying home. Subsequently came the news of excitement at Athens and of the conference of the King with the political leaders. But from Sofia itself the British press received no details.

There is general activity of the Austro-German forces along the Serbian frontier. A semi-official despatch from Nish repudiates reports that Serbia has been asked, in effect, to remain quiescent while the Austro-Germans continued their campaign southwards.
The developments in Bulgaria threw into comparative obscurity the continued Russian retreat from Vilna, but, with the exception of the northern tip of the Polish front, where the Russians are on the offensive near Friedland, the Germans claim progress throughout mid-Poland as far south as Ostrow, which they have captured. The greatest number of prisoners taken at any point, however did not exceed 2,000, which would seem to indicate that the attempt to complete the coils around the retreating Russians has proved unsuccessful.

CUPID BUSY IN SUSSEX; FIVE WEDDINGS YESTERDAY

Special to The Standard.
Sussex, Sept. 22.—A number of interesting weddings took place here today. At 9.30 a. m. Miss Mary Margaret Barrett and John McHuzar were united in marriage, as was also Miss Rosella Whalen of Sussex and Joseph Kane of St. John at St. Francis Xavier church by the Rev. Father McDermott.
At high noon a pretty home wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mosher, when their daughter, Nell Irene, was joined in matrimony to Herbert Ainsley Alton, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Thomas Mitchell.
At 3 o'clock Trinity church was the scene of a particularly pretty marriage, the contracting parties being Samuel A. Preece and Miss Rose Parks, the nuptial knot being tied by the rector, Rev. Mansell Shewen.
A pretty wedding took place at 4 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Hayes, when their eldest daughter, Alice May, was united in marriage to Edward O'Neil of Belleisle. Rev. H. C. Rice performed the ceremony.

FRENCH AIRMEN DROP BOMBS ON ROYAL PALACE

Paris, Sept. 22.—French aviators have bombarded Stuttgart, capital of the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, according to the French official communication issue tonight. They dropped about a hundred shells on the Royal Palace and the station. They also dropped bombs at different points along the way.