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## Roumania Enters War on Side of Allies

### Declaration Against Austria-Hungary Made On Sunday, Says Berlin Announcement

#### Army More Than Half Million; Can Mobilize as Many More

#### Special Importance in Opening Way for Russians to Get at Bulgars—German Federal Council Gets Rush Call For Meeting

Berlin, Aug. 28.—It is officially announced here that Roumania declared war on Austria-Hungary on Sunday evening. The announcement follows: "The Roumanian government yesterday evening declared war on Austria-Hungary. The federal council has been convoked for an immediate sitting."

Paris, Aug. 28.—Roumania declared war against Austria-Hungary, last night, says a Havas despatch from Bern, Switzerland, which declares that the Wolf Agency at Berlin made the official announcement. Roumania's decision to enter the war was reached at a meeting of the crown council held at Bucharest yesterday morning, says a Havas despatch from Geneva. The Wolf Agency announces that the German Federal Council was convoked immediately after the decision became known.

The motive which prompts Roumania to enter the war is the satisfaction of her national aspirations, described by Take Ionescu, the Roumanian Liberal leader, as the "policy of national independence."

Concisely, this means national expansion. In the southern half of Bessarabia, the Austro-Hungarian Roumanians are the dominant race. The mass of the people of Eastern Transylvania are of Slav origin, and Roumania also covets Bessarabia, the extreme southwestern province of Russia, on the Black Sea, which was taken from her by the Berlin treaty of 1878. Reports have been received from Bucharest that Roumania has consented to restore Bessarabia as a war prize, with its population of 2,000,000, mostly Roumanians, and an area of 20,000 square miles. This, however, Roumania would give Roumania a total population approaching 16,000,000, and should all her aspirations be satisfied, a territory as great in area as that of England, Scotland and Wales.

**Military Situation**  
Roumania has a border line as long as the whole Russian western war front on which to choose her point of military attack. In what direction her first blow might be aimed is indicated only by her desire to pour her troops through the passes of the Transylvania Alps, and the Carpathians into Transylvania. On the other hand, Austria has been accumulating military forces at Orsova prepared to attempt to force the iron gates, where the Danube river touches the western Roumanian border. Bulgaria is said to have stationed 100,000 or more troops along the southern bank of the Danube to protect her northern frontier from a Roumanian invasion.

**Open Gates to Russia**  
Apprehension in Germany that Roumania intends to permit a Russian army to march through her territory to attack the Bulgarians has been apparent for some time. Military authorities in Budapest assert that the chief factor in the consideration of the Central Powers is not the half million or more men of the Roumanian army, but the opportunity offered for a new Russian invasion of Hungary. Roumanian sympathies in Transylvania have been kept under military supervision. The Transylvanian Roumanian frontier defences have been strengthened by Roumania as a safeguard against Austrian invasion.

Recent reports from the Roumanian capital have stated that Roumania awaited only the beginning of the Anglo-French offensive in Macedonia before joining her fortunes with those of the Entente Allies.

Another reason for delay in her decision, it is said, has been lack of ammunition, according to recent reports, which now has been relieved by large supplies coming from Japan, by way of Vladivostok.

Roumania has a population of 6,800,000 and her army has been estimated at 280,000. Some advocates of Roumania's participation in the war have asserted that she could mobilize as many as 1,000,000 men. The mobilization of her army has been in progress for months and a few days ago was reported to be complete.

#### THUGS BEAT AND ROB P. E. ISLAND MINISTER

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#### Taking up The Proposed Increase in Milk Price

#### Some 75 Kings County Farmers, in Session Here, Stand Out For Advance—Joint Session This Afternoon

About seventy-five farmers from Kings county arrived in the city this morning to take up the milk price question with local dealers. After some discussion at the Union Depot, it was decided to hold a meeting in the Palmer building, Princess street, this afternoon at two o'clock. The farmers then proceeded to the waiting room in the station, where they held a meeting for the purpose of organizing their forces. F. E. Sharp, of Norton, was elected president, after which the following were selected to present the farmers' side of the question at the meeting this afternoon: N. W. Eveshig, Sussex; Robert Robinson, Apohaqui; W. H. Fitzgerald, Norton; M. Lawrence, Hampton; Robert Baxter, Lakeside, and John Raymond, Bloomfield. They unanimously agreed that they would hold out for 40c a can, not including the freight, this to be a rate for the year and not as formerly 30c for several months in the summer and 30c in the winter. They scoffed at the idea of being brought to the city from Prince Edward Island, saying that it would be utter nonsense by the time it arrived here. They would not credit the possibility of local dealers procuring milk from Carleton county. The chairman called upon every man to do his duty and all to stand together for the increase. The meeting was animated. The gathering broke up a little before twelve o'clock.

**MATTERS IN DISPUTE BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES**  
Washington, Aug. 28.—(Toronto Globe)—Sir Joseph Pope, under secretary for external affairs in the Canadian government, has arrived in Washington to discuss with Secretary Lansing, the alleged refusal of the Canadian government to grant the right to American fishing vessels to get supplies at dominion points. It is understood that before the end of the week, W. A. Fould, Canadian superintendent of fisheries, will also come here to help settle the dispute. Reports so far are that the Canadian fisheries department has refused to allow fishing vessels which take their catch to any port where it cannot be shipped over Canadian railroad lines. The object of the Canadian government is apparently to divert the whole fishing trade to the North Pacific into the hands of agents of the British government. At the British embassy it is said Sir Joseph Pope's mission is to take up several points with the American government, but what these are, other than the fishing dispute, is not yet disclosed.

**WHEAT DROPS AS ROUMANIA GOES INTO THE WAR**  
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 28.—September wheat dropped 3 1/2 cents in the local grain market today, on declaration of war by Italy and Roumania. December and May dropped two and one cent respectively. The market theory is that this means the opening of the Dardanelles at no distant date, letting Russian wheat into the world's markets.

**GERMANY HAS MADE ONE MORE BLUNDER**  
London, Aug. 27.—A Renter despatch from Stockholm says that a German prize crew which early this month took the Swedish steamship Temp, captured by German warships, into the Swedish port of Golland, owing to shortage of coal, has been ordered to quit the vessel. After long negotiations, the decision has been reached that the steamer and her cargo were not legitimate prizes.

**THIRD EFFORT TO RESCUE MAROONED EXPLORERS**  
Buenos Ayres, Aug. 28.—Lieut. Ernest H. Shackleton, Antarctic explorer, left Punta Arenas, Chile, on Saturday on board the ship Yelcho to make a third attempt to rescue his expedition marooned on Elephant Island.

**MISS MABEL FINN IN WAR WORK**  
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#### Further Effort to Settle Irish Question; Suggest Queen Mother as Vicereine

London, Aug. 28.—Strong efforts are to be made during the parliamentary recess for resumption of negotiations for settlement of the Irish question, according to reports in Irish political circles. It is understood that both the Unionists and Nationalist parties are inclined to regard these efforts sympathetically. The Illustrated Weekly Graphic puts forward an ingenious proposal that Queen Alexandra become Vicereine of Ireland, with a suitable residence in, or near, Dublin, a ring that she would direct more in a month than the politicians have done in years toward a solution of the Irish question.

The only daily which has taken up the suggestion, is the Star, which says: "There is a formal and ceremonial difficulties in the way, but in great emergencies, forms and ceremonies ought to be swept away."

#### BACK TO THE OLD TIME ON SEPT. 3

Resolution of Common Council at Meeting Today  
Requests Presented  
Feeling Today That Schools Should Not Re-open Until Labor Day—More Stringent Traffic Laws—The Misses Dan

If a resolution adopted by the common council in connection with the school opening on Sept. 3, is carried, it would mean that the schools would be closed on Sept. 3, and that the opening would be on Sept. 4, instead of on the last Sunday of September, as provided by the by-law adopted this spring. Two communications, asking that the change be made on September 4 and another, urging September 4 as the date, were presented to the council, after consideration, the earlier date was selected, this decision depending upon the possibility of securing the co-operation of the railways in the necessary changes in the suburban timetables upon such short notice.

General satisfaction with the working of the daylight plan during the summer was expressed by the members of the city commission, the change being waited merely because of the shortening of the school year.

Plans for the Misses Dan were discussed informally and the confidence was expressed in the great possibilities of developing hydro-electric power there. It was decided that it would be unwise to tamper with the dam in an effort to cope with the city's falling water. Commissioner McLellan promised to bring in a revised draft of the traffic by-laws at a meeting of the council tomorrow. The chief changes will be the provision of more stringent regulations regarding motor vehicles. The commissioner promised to use every effort to see that the new laws were enforced and that the commissioner were present and Mayor Hayes presided.

The recommendation of Commissioner Fisher, that the N. B. Telephone Company be given permission to erect an electric sign on their building in Prince William street, was approved. Accounts for repairs to west side wharves totalling \$22,400 to be paid for (Continued on page 2, fourth column)

**STILL TROUBLE IN GETTING MEN**  
Thomas Cosolino, president of the Nova Scotia Construction Company, spent the week-end in the city and left again this morning to return to the scene of operations along the lower section of the Valley railway. The chief difficulty with which the sub-contractors are contending continues to be the shortage of men, and they are finding it impossible to secure enough labor or to keep the men after they get them. As an illustration of this, it is said that one contractor secured a party of fifty men in the New England States and brought them to the province at an expense of about \$1,000, and at the end of a month not one of the fifty was still on the job. In another case a batch of men were brought from New York to work on the road and, when they arrived in St. John, two of them approached the contractor and one of them remarked: "Well, boss, I guess we'll quit you now; we just wanted the chance to get back here without paying our own fares." Then they quit.

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#### FRENCH AND BRITISH AGAIN PUT QUESTION BEFORE GREEK POWERS

#### Government's Embarrassment Grows Hourly in Face of Bulgarian Invasion—Germans Hurlled Back Again By French

Athens, Aug. 24 (via London) (delayed)—Bulgarian cavalry has passed through Kastoria in the direction of Coriza, where up to the present the Serbs have arrested their retirement, and are continuing their broad sweeping movement, which evidently intended to crumple up the Serbs on Saloniki. The French and British ministers this evening asked Premier Zaimis how far the Greek government proposed to countenance the Bulgarian advance without resistance, pointing out that it would be of an military interest to the Entente Powers to defend Thessaly from invasion, as Saloniki was supplied from the sea and could not be cut off by land. The embarrassment of the Greek government grows hourly in the face of popular resentment against the Bulgarian invasion.

**BRITISH FIRE ON PORTS AT KAVALA**  
London, Aug. 28.—Despite German assurances to Greece that Sessa, Drama and Kavala would not be occupied by the Bulgars, says Renter's Saloniki correspondent, "an order" sent on last Tuesday to the commander of the forts at Kavala, said if the Bulgars advanced, the forts were to be handed to them. On Friday the Bulgars entered the town and took possession of the forts. British warships opened fire on the forts, but details of the results of the fighting are not permitted to be made.

**ON MACEDONIAN FRONT**  
London, Aug. 28.—Artillery fighting is in progress along the Macedonian front, but no infantry actions of importance are under way, so far as is indicated by today's official account of the operations on this front.

**BRITISH CASUALTIES**  
London, Aug. 28.—The war office has announced the British casualties for the week just finished, totalling 31,272. Of these, 1,047 were officers, of whom 278 were killed. The casualties among enlisted men were 30,225, of whom 4,891 were killed.

**DRIVEN BACK AGAIN**  
Paris, Aug. 28.—The Germans made several attacks on the French positions at Fleury last night but were repulsed, says today's announcement of the war office.

**DEMAND FOR REGULATION OF FOOD PRICES**  
Expression of Popular Feeling in London Labor Meeting  
Speech by Ben Tillet  
Prices up 70 Per Cent, He Says, and Charges it to "Rapacity of Food Rings"—Resolutions to be Sent to Government

**ITALIAN LAND TROOPS**  
Athens, Aug. 27.—The landing of the first contingent of Italian troops at Chimara (a small sea port of Albania, on the Strait of Otranto), causes gloom throughout all Greece. The Greeks now see not only Eastern Macedonia in the hands of the Bulgars, whom they expelled three years ago, but Northern Spira in the hands of the Italians.

Following the landing of the Italian troops, the Greek civil officers were temporarily relieved of their functions and the telegraph wires were cut, but this damage was soon repaired. M. Pachtich, former Serbian premier, has gone to Chalk to pay his respects to King Peter.

**GERMAN COMMENT ON ITALY'S DECLARATION**  
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 Deutsche Zeitung declared that interest in such a declaration always has been exceptionally small in Germany, and now without question will continue so. The Morgen Post calls Italy's action an empty gesture intended to appear heroic, but actually tragic-comical and to be received with an indifferant shrug of the shoulders.

The Krus Zeitung says Italy finally has given way to the pressure of "its masters." The Post sees only another evidence of Italy's "blackmail politics."

**Another Bremen Report**  
Berlin, Aug. 27.—According to the Cologne Gazette, as quoted by the Overseas News Agency, the German merchant submarine Bremen is now on her way to the United States with a cargo of dyes.

#### SIR SAM THIS WEEK AT CAMPS OF CANADIANS

Lord Dunsdon With Him at Bramshott and Shorncliffe—A Re-organization

London, Aug. 27.—Consequent upon his recent visit to the headquarters of the Canadian minister of militia will spend this week at the Canadian camps at Bramshott and Shorncliffe. He will be accompanied by Lord Dunsdon, formerly G. O. C. the Canadian militia. Several new appointments will be made at the camps. In fact, a thorough re-organization will be the result of the minister's visit.

The Duke of Devonshire and Sir Sam Hughes will be guests at a dinner to be given on Wednesday, by members of the Anglo-Canadian colony in London.

**TODAY'S BALL GAMES**  
American League—Chicago at Philadelphia, clear, 8:30 p. m.; Detroit at New York, rain, 8:30 p. m.; Cleveland at Washington, clear, 8:30 p. m.; St. Louis at Boston, clear, 8:15 p. m.  
National League—Boston at Pittsburgh, two games, rain, first at 2 p. m., New York at Cincinnati, clear, 8 p. m., Brooklyn at St. Louis, clear, 8:30 p. m., Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p. m.  
International League—Newark at Buffalo, cloudy, 8:45 p. m.; Richmond at Toronto, clear, two games, 2 and 4 p. m.; Baltimore at Montreal, clear, 3 games, 2 and 4 p. m.; Providence at Rochester, cloudy, 2 games, 2 and 4 p. m.

**WEATHER REPORT**  
Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The weather is showery in the maritime provinces and fine in all other parts of the dominion. A moderate rain fall occurred during Saturday night in Western Ontario and yesterday in the Province of Quebec.

Fair and Warm  
Maritime—Moderate south to westly fair, local showers, but mostly fair. Tuesday, fair and warm.  
New England—Showers this afternoon and tonight. Thursday, fair, light northwest winds.