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BRITISH

London, Sept. 22.—General French reports increased artillery activity. The French government reports footing gained at certain points on the right bank of the Aisne-Marne canal, with elsewhere, violent artillery fighting.

Germany Prepares Final Reckoning With the Serbs

Berlin, Sept. 22.—The morning newspapers interpret the news from the Serbian frontier as the beginning on a large scale of an offensive movement against Serbia, and the final reckoning with that State, which is regarded here as having been responsible for bringing the world to war.

In this connection there are recalled the words of Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, in his speech in the Reichstag:—"We have strong armies, ready for new blows."

Military critics give warning against under-estimating the strength of the Serbian resistance, but are convinced that the Austro-German force is adequate for the work in view.

Austro-Germans Still Bombard Serbian Positions

Paris, Sept. 22.—The new Austro-German army on the Serbian front is continuing the bombardment of positions across the river which forms the boundary line. So far as is known they have not yet attempted an invasion of Serbian territory.

Latest official communication from Nish dated yesterday telegraphed by the Havas agency sums up these operations as follows: The enemy threw eight hundred shells from field artillery mortars across the Danube directing them at our works. At the same time the enemy kept up a violent fire with rifles and machine guns from 2 to 6 p.m., accomplishing nothing from a military point of view. We made only slight reply.

Bulgaria Intends Remain Neutral

London, Sept. 22.—The Bulgarian Minister here was advised by telegraph to-day of his government's mobilization order to maintain neutrality, but that it would be armed neutrality. On being asked whether Bulgaria intended to join with the Central Powers, he replied "Certainly not."

He said he had no further information and reiterated the assertion that the new move implied nothing more than that Bulgaria was adopting the same precautionary measures that had already been taken by Switzerland and Holland.

Private Reports Say Bank of England Damaged in Raids

New York, Sept. 22.—An illustration of the absurd stories coming from Berlin, via wireless, is seen in the following despatch to the Associated Press:—

"Berlin, via wireless to Tucker-ton, N.J.—According to a private report brought by travellers who have reached Amsterdam from England, says the Overseas News Agency to-day, the Bank of England was hit by Zeppelin bombs during the last raid on London, and the damage done was much larger than reported."

China Years For the Monarchy

Pekin, Sept. 22.—The Council of State advised the President to-day to call a citizens' convention before the end of the present year to act on a new constitution, which will settle the question whether China is to be a Republic or a Monarchy.

Capt. Von Papen Thinks 'Idiotic' Yanks Should Keep Silent

London, Sept. 22.—The place of prominence is given by the papers to the Archibald correspondence. Nothing, says the Chronicle, can wipe out the stain or explain away the insults to the American people, "those idiotic Yankies," as Capt. von Papen describes them.

The Standard says, "The Yankies are not so idiotic as the superior Capt. von Papen thinks, and are less impressed than he expects with the 'heroic' deeds of the Germans, which have presented themselves to the people of the United States, chiefly in the form of killing non-combatants."

Document No. 11 in the Archibald correspondence, is a letter from Capt. von Papen to his wife, dated New York, Aug. 20th, in which the German military attaché says:—"We are in great need of being backed up, as they say here. Since Sunday a new storm has been raging against us. I am sending you a few cuttings from newspapers that will amuse you. Unfortunately they stole a fat portfolio from our good Albert in the elevated English Secret Service of course. Unfortunately there were some very important things from my report among them, such as buying up liquid chlorine, and about the Bridgeport projectile Company, as well as documents regarding the documents regarding the buying of phenol and the acquisition of the Wright aeroplane patent, but things like that must occur. I send you Albert's reply for you see how we prove to ourselves. We composed the documents to-day. It seems quite likely that we shall meet again soon. The sinking of the Arabic will well be the last straw. I hope in your interests that the danger will blow over."

How the British Board of Trade Handled Meat Supply

London, Sept. 22.—Steps had been taken by the British government, Runciman said, to secure meat in Argentina. Australia had assured a good supply. If these measures had not been taken a shortage would have really been dangerous to the countries.

During the next twelve months Runciman said, the operations of the Board of Trade would amount to about \$250,000,000.

He added that the French government had such confidence in the Board of Trade that they had placed the whole business of supplying the French meat requirements. Circumstances, he said, necessitated the Board entering into contest with a small number of commercial houses controlling the beef trade. The Argentina supply he said, is in the hands of half a dozen very powerful firms, mainly controlled by America. When the government tried to make contracts it found the prices excessive. The only way in which the government was able to deal with the situation was by requisitioning the whole tonnage that carried beef from South America to this country.

Great Britain, he pointed out, was thus supplying her own army and the French army, and had a considerable surplus, which was being sold for the benefit of the civil population. Operations had been on a gigantic scale. Probably in the course of the next twelve months beef to the value of \$250,000,000 would be bought, sold and distributed by the Board of Trade.

French Aeronaut Escapes Capture

Basel, Sept. 22.—A French aeroplane becoming disabled came down at Lammeringer, near Metz. The two occupants set the machine on fire and escaped into the woods. Nothing is more painful than the antics of a fat woman trying to act kittenish.

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BULGARIA'S ATTITUDE CREATES SENSATION

Retreat of Russian Armies Forgotten In the Face of the Balkan Situation.

London Papers Make No Comment Readers Left to Their Own Conclusions--Bulgarian Army Is on the Move But Her Intentions Locked in Mystery.

London, Sept. 23.—The war move that may solve the riddle of the Balkans—Bulgaria's mobilization—struck London with dramatic suddenness. Afternoon papers, however, refrained from editorial comment. Neutral readers of these publications, except through drawing their own conclusions from large type heads and such captions as "Balkan sensation" would be none the wiser as to whether Britain regarded the development as a preliminary to victory for the Central Powers or merely another overnight turn in the Greco-Serbian-Bulgarian negotiations. The consensus of opinion is that although the Bulgarian army is now on the move Bulgaria has not yet cast in her lot with one side or the other, but is, as her Minister here expressed it, still neutral, still waiting, but armed.

There is general activity among the Austro-German forces along the Serbian frontier. A semi-official despatch from Nish repudiates the reports that Serbia has been asked in effect to remain quiescent while the Austro-Germans conducted their campaign southwards. 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 Friedrichstadt, 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 the attempt to throw complete coils around the retreating Russian proved unsuccessful.

Allies Proceed In Methodical Way To Route Germans

Paris, Sept. 22.—Joffre and the Allied Commanders on this front are developing a new plan of campaign that involves the almost continuous use of artillery on a vast scale along the whole line. Masses of artillery have been employed by both sides since the beginning of the operations in preparing for infantry attacks; pounding their adversaries' works for an hour or two, then suddenly suspending fire and assaulting with infantry.

The Allies are now methodically maintaining their shell fire for days at a time without infantry attacks, dropping projectiles upon the charred front into every fifty yards square and repeating the process. A deadly automatic unceasing pounding of heavy calibre guns send their storm of shells upon encampments of the first reserves, behind the lines and upon the bridges and provision trains.

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Home Secretary Explains Necessity Strict Censorship

London, Sept. 23.—Sir John A. Simon, Home Secretary, replying to-day in the Commons to criticisms of the censorship said Germany had sought to use the Press Bureau as a medium for advertising the German Government in every neutral country, but this mission he said he refused to perform. He added the necessity for a censorship of certain parts of the German official communications had been confirmed both by the Cabinet and the Admiralty.

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Board of Trade Puts Restrictions Am. Meat Trust

London, Sept. 23.—The Board of Trade does not allow the American Meat Trust to get all they ask for, for shipowners to get all they want, Walter Runciman, President of the British Board of Trade stated in the Commons this afternoon in the course of a debate on financial matters, in which the high prices of food were commented upon.

Ambassador Dumba Gets Leave Absence

Washington, Sept. 22.—Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador notified the State Department to-day that his government had called him home on leave. He said he expected to sail on September 26, on the Rotterdam.

Unanimous Support Premier Radoslavoff By Bulgarians

Sofia, Sept. 23.—Radoslavoff, the Bulgarian Premier announced yesterday that the Austro-German offensive against Serbia was initiated September 19. So far, there has been no general Bulgarian mobilization, but troops are leaving stations throughout the country. The capital of the country is quiet.

Public opinion, which was divided some days ago, is now stiffening in support of Premier Radoslavoff. There are indications within the past few days of comparative unanimity concerning the Government's action.

Referring to the concentration of certain Bulgarian troops, the Premier yesterday informed the Government members of Parliament that the war danger in the Balkans had decreased, but that the Bulgarian Government was obliged to resort to armed neutrality. Most of the troops stationed at Sofia left the capital last night and this morning.

Allies' Airmen Mark Machines Look Like German

Berlin (official), Sept. 23.—Enemy airmen, with German marks on their aeroplanes appeared this morning over Stuttgart, dropping bombs on the town, killing four persons and wounding a number of soldiers and civilians. The material damage is unimportant. The airmen were fired at by our anti-aircraft troops and disappeared in a southern direction.

Mobilization Effects 250,000 Bulgarian Troops

London, Sept. 23.—A Bulgarian reserve officer, preparing to leave London to join the colors, said tonight that a general mobilization includes ten divisions of the Bulgarian army, one division having been added since the Balkan war. It now affects 250,000—the previous number. The strength of the artillery has been increased by approximately a third and stores lately have been replenished. Reservists called to the colors will be better equipped than during the Balkan War.

Walsh Nominated For Third Term As Governor, Mass.

Boston, Sept. 22.—Governor Walsh has been nominated for a third term for the Democrats. Former Congressman McCall was chosen as his republican opponent at the joint State election primaries.

Eight Aeroplanes Have Been Presented

London, Sept. 22.—Eight biplanes have been presented to the British Government by Overseas Clubs, three of them from Montreal, St. Catharines and Nova Scotia.

Dumba Seeks Safe Conduct

Washington, Sept. 23.—The American Government will make no effort to secure safe conduct for the United States of Dr. Dumba, Austro-Hungarian Ambassador here, until the Vienna Government has replied to the request that the Ambassador be recalled. This was stated on high official authority to-night.

Dumba himself telegraphed Assistant Secy. Phillips of State Department from Lennox, Mass. to-day, giving notice that his Government had recalled him home on leave, and asking the American Government to arrange for his safe conduct to Vienna.

Serbia Prepared For Any Attack

London, Sept. 23.—A despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Nish says:—"The Serbian Government denies the rumors that Germany advised Serbia not to oppose the attack which the Central powers are planning to launch, with the stipulation that such attack will not be aimed primarily at Serbia, but will be made for higher reasons."

A statement on behalf of the Government says Serbia not only has been advised of such attack, but that she would indignantly refuse any such compact, being ready to meet any attack from any quarter.

Dynamite Blast in New Subway Kills Six

New York, Sept. 23.—In the wreck of the partially constructed Seventh Avenue subway by a dynamite blast today the death list rate 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 Streets.

Fire Destroys New Brunswick Lumber Yard

Bathurst, N.B., Sept. 23.—A spark from an open burner is supposed to have been the cause of a tremendous fire that swept the dock and lumber yard of the Bathurst, N.B. Lumber Company here this afternoon, destroying a splendid new dock and fifteen million feet of lumber valued at \$250,000.

Count Bobrinski Is Insane

Berlin, Sept. 23.—Count Bobrinski, who was Governor-General of Galicia during the Russian occupation and who welcomed Emperor Nicholas to Lemberg, is declared insane by an edical commission and taken to Kiev.

Danish Steamer Goes To Bottom

London, Sept. 23.—The Danish steamer Thorvalsen, 1217 tons gross, has been sunk. The crew have been saved.

Arresting For Revolting Crime

Last night the police placed under arrest a resident of Holloway Street, aged 43 years, who is charged with a revolting crime. Information was laid against him by a young man aged 19 and the disclosures in the case show it to be of a shocking character and committed on different occasions during the past 6 months. The man after a preliminary hearing in camera to-day was remanded for 8 days by Judge Hutchings and will be held in the lockup to-night. If all we hear is true brutality of this kind is not confined to this one particular person or section. There are others but we refrain from saying more at present.

Reports to the Fisheries Dept. from Labrador to-day say that no fish is being caught there.

For shaving soap for laundry work there has been invented a perforated plate to be placed over a wash boiler.

SHIPPING

The Portia left Trepassey at 9.50 a.m. to-day going west.

The Fogota left Tilting at 11.10 a.m. to-day.

The Devon left Baie Verte at 10.30 last night.

The schr. E. N. Nellie arrived at Herring Neck from Labrador to-day with 30 qtls cod.

The Dictator left St. Jacques to-day for Oporto to-day with 2905 qtls cod, shipped by the Smith Co.

The S.S. Elmgarth has arrived at Rattling Brook from Barry for pit props.

The Prospero left Fortune Hr. at 9.30 a.m. to-day and is due here Sunday.

The Danish schooner "Active" arrived here to-day from Cadiz, salt laden, after a fairly good run.

The schr. Nellie M. is loading fish at the Monroe Export Co's premises for Brazil.

The Beothic is to-day 12 days out from this port to Malaga. Her arrival there should be reported to-day or to-morrow.

Schr. Ethel B. Clarke, Capt. Wells, arrived yesterday from Springdale with a load of lumber, which is now landing at George Neal's wharf.

The Neptune owing to the storm last night had to leave Job Bros & Co's premises and swing into the stream. A very heavy undertow ran in the harbor and the ship pounded with such force that the pin rail and stanchions were broken and some other slight damage done. She sails for Europe to-night, fish laden.

Getting Extensive Repairs on Dry Dock

To-day on the dry dock the barque Ravenscourt was surveyed by Lloyds' Surveyor McFarlane, Capt. Lange and Mr. Jas. Kelt. The ship must get a new stem and cut water, fore-castle deck repairs, wood work restored on the top gallant, rigging and gunds which were carried away, foretopmast and yards. Most of the bow plates must be taken off and rolled and repaired and the work will occupy fully a month in the performance.

In Days Gone By

SEPTEMBER 23. Scotch Fusiliers landed at St. John's from steamer Argent. They marched to Logy Bay and back again 1864.

Fire at Holy Cross Schools, Patrick St., 1899.

First Municipal Election held, ballot voting first time, 1888.

New fire alarm system installed throughout city 1895.

Patrick Ford, Irish patriot, died to-day, 1913.

Police Court News

To-day a disorderly was fined \$5 or 14 days.

Two drunks were discharged and a drunk and disorderly in his father's house was remanded.

A man was summoned for two infractions of the law relating to motor cars and was fined in one instance \$1 or 3 days and in the other \$2 or 7 days.

Terrorizing Women Berry Pickers

This forenoon the police were apprised that a man was roaming the South Side Hills yesterday and to-day and terrorizing females berry picking there. He wore a handkerchief tied around part of his face. A posse of police were to-day sent, after him and will round him up.

Mrs. Ben Basha, a Syrian lady and well known resident of Bell Island, died there yesterday after a short illness.