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Balkan Situation May Reach Crisis Within The Next Twenty-Four Hours Decision Still Rests on Attitude of Bulgaria

Special Meetings of Roumanian Cabinet and Serbian and Grecian Parliaments—Bulgaria Recalls Envoy to Turkey—Roumania May Solve Deadlock by Sudden Move

London, Aug. 16.—The importance of the Balkan situation, is emphasized by the morning papers, which point out particularly that events there may reach a crisis, within twenty-four hours. King Charles of Roumania called a special meeting of the cabinet at Bucharest yesterday to meet the leaders of all political parties, as well as influential members of the chambers, were summoned.

The Serbian Skupstina (National Assembly), will reassemble at Nish today, to receive a statement from Premier Pachtich, on the Bulgarian negotiations. Simultaneously the Greek parliament will meet at Athens to oust the present cabinet, with the supporters of former Premier Venizelos, as powerful as ever.

The analysts of the morning papers, point out that Austria meanwhile is gathering troops on the Danube and that German writers are advocating openly, an advance to the Aegean Sea.

The Daily News says editorially, that Roumania may make a sudden move which will solve the Balkan deadlock.

MAY CUT THE KNOT
"The force of events," the paper says, "may cut the knots at which diplomatic fingers have been picking in vain. Decisive action by Roumania would mean that she had obtained assurances from Bulgaria's attitude which is the greater danger point. Thus we are driven back always to a rift between the Bulgars and Serbs."

"The article closes with an impassioned appeal to Bulgaria to yield concessions sought by Serbia.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKEY OFF
London, Aug. 16.—So much importance is attached to the results expected of the proposals made by the entente powers, to Serbia and Greece regarding concessions to Bulgaria, that Bulgaria has recalled from Constantinople a delegate who went there to negotiate with Turkey, says a despatch from Sofia, to the Daily Mail.

YOUNG TURKS WANT REGENCY
London, Aug. 16.—An Athens despatch to the Daily Telegraph says: "At a recent meeting of the Young Turks, the question of a regency was discussed on the grounds that Mohammed V, is far from well, and incapable of attending to affairs of state."

"The situation is too complicated by the knowledge that Crown Prince Yusoff Izvedin, is lukewarm in his attitude towards the war. In the hope of convincing the Crown Prince, that all is going well, party leaders recently proposed him to pay a personal visit to the Dardanelles front."

GOOD WORK BY THE SERBIANS
Paris, Aug. 16.—A Havas despatch from Nish, dated Sunday, says that on August 13 the Serbians, with a few shells, stopped the enemy from working on defenses in front of the village of Dobro on the Danube. On the same day Serbian artillery before Velicovo near Belgrade, engaged in a duel with a hostile battery, stationed at the village of Starchevo and at the twelfth shot, reduced the enemy's guns which had fired sixty shells to silence.

The parliaments of Serbia and Greece meet today and important developments in the Balkan situation are expected. Capitals of the entente allies hope for a speedy agreement among the Balkan powers, by which their concerted aid may be given the allied cause.

Observers of the trend of diplomatic interchanges recognize many difficulties in view of the reluctance of Serbia and Greece to grant the territorial claims of Bulgaria.

Military activity is increasing along the Austro-Serbian frontier. Exchanges of artillery fire at Belgrade have been followed by Serbian bombardments of defenses before the village of Dobro on the Danube. Heavy concentrations of Teutonic forces on the edge of the Balkan region are reported.

Review of Canadian Troops
London, Aug. 16.—Major General Sam Hughes left on Saturday for Folkestone to attend the review of the troops today by Prince Alexander of Teck. Major General Steell will give a reception in honor of the princess this afternoon at Beachborough Park on invitation of Lady Markham.

French Official Report
Paris, Aug. 16.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a statement on the progress of the war reading as follows:

"There was intermittent cannonading last night in the vicinity of Souchez and on the plateau of Nouvron. To the north of the River Aisne there were also engagements with bombs and hand grenades in the sector of Quenoveres and in the western part of Argonne.

"In the Vosges, the explosion of a mine against an enemy trench located between Bernhaupt-Le-Bas and Ametteville made it possible for us to take some prisoners and to capture two bomb throwers, and a machine gun."

AUSTRIA CALLS OUT BOYS AND OLD MEN
Rome, Aug. 16.—The age limit for military service in the Austria army, says a Vienna despatch, has been greatly altered. Boys of seventeen are eligible to serve, while men of fifty-two will be called to a summons.

The latest classes called to the colors are of these ages and are already on their way to the front.

COMPULSORY SERVICE IN STRAITS SETTLEMENTS; FIRST IN THE EMPIRE
Singapore, Aug. 16.—The Straits Settlement in the first part of the British Empire, to ordain compulsory military service by a bill passed by the legislature here Saturday, all men between the ages eighteen and fifty-five are ordered for training.

PATRIOTIC FUND
C. B. Allan acknowledges contributions to the Canadian Patriotic fund as follows: F. B. Ellis, for August, \$5; Mrs. F. B. Ellis, for August, \$5; John Retallick, \$10.

A check for \$75 was received this morning by C. B. Allan, from New Brunswick Lodge, F. and A. M., for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Generally Fair
Maritime—Fresh winds shifting to northwest and north, showers and local thunderstorms, but generally fair today and on Tuesday.

New England forecasts—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Moderately wet to northwest winds.

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"The men in the trenches believe that they are not being backed up by the people at home as they should be," said Major Nelson. "The need of more men does not seem to be yet understood here. It cannot be impressed upon all too greatly. I have already seen men on the streets from car and carriage windows, who should be wearing uniforms. Every man who is fit is wanted, and is wanted now."

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