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Bulgaria on Brink of War

BALKAN STATE TO WAR WITH SERBIA WITHIN 48 HOURS

Will Demand Cession of Macedonia by Serbians—Greece Will Mobilize to Defend Serbia—Military Law Prevails in Bulgaria—Russians Stubborn Rear Guard Fight in Vilna Forests—German Left Flank in Air—Von Hindenburg's Cavalry Held Up by Slavs.

BULGARIA ON BRINK OF WAR, MILITARY LAW IN FORCE.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, via London, Sept. 22.—Bulgaria apparently is on the brink of war. The people generally believe that hostilities are imminent. The military authorities have taken possession of the railway and ordinary traffic has been suspended.

GENERAL SAVOFF WILL COMMAND BULGARIAN TROOPS.

SALONIKA, Sept. 22.—General Michael Savoff former commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian army, summoned by telegraph from his country residence by Premier Radoslavoff, has gone to Sofia.

BULGARIAN DECLARATION AGAINST SERBIA SUSPECTED

LONDON, An Athens despatch today predict Bulgaria's declaration of war against Serbia within 48 hours. Other reports from the Balkans say Bulgaria is preparing to send an ultimatum to Serbia demanding the immediate cession of Serbian Macedonia. Formal notice of the sending of such an ultimatum will be followed by mobilization of the Greek armies in the interest of Serbia. There is no confirmation from Sofia as yet of the cable despatch from Washington reporting that Bulgaria has mobilized. The censorship apparently has been tightened.

BULGARIA MOBILIZES 100,000 MEN.

ATHENS, via Paris, Sept. 22.—Bulgaria is reported to have mobilized 100,000 men. Several cavalry regiments are declared to have left Sofia for unknown districts.

Officials and diplomats who alone have been apprised of these reports appear greatly disturbed over the situation.

SERBS WILL WITHSTAND AUSTRO-GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Despite today's Berlin and Vienna despatches reporting that the Austro-Germans are bombarding the Serbian river defenses, military circles here express their confidence that the Serbians will be able to withstand the assaults.

The Serbians, it is known here, now have large supplies of ammunition and are equipped with every requirement of a modern army while English officers have assisted in drilling the new levies.

RUSSIANS HOLD UP GERMAN FLANKS.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Today's Petrograd despatches report that the battle in the Vilna forests continues. The stubborn rear-guard fighting by the Russians has much delayed the German program as to Riga and the German left flank is still up in the air. Hindenburg's cavalry is being held up at Smorgon and Mackensen's army is stalled beyond the Priepet marshes.

ANTE-ANNEXATIONIST BUND PUBLISHES VIEWS.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—The first instalment of an anti-annexationist petition issued by the German Bund Neues Vaterland is printed today. The petition declares the ideas expressed in the petition issued by the six economic assertions contain redoubtable danger for the conclusion of a timely peace and for the security of the German Empire after peace is signed and therefore calls upon the Chancellor to disavow them as the objects of the war.

GERMAN SUBS' POLICY WEAKENS.

BERLIN, Sept. 22.—Commanders of German submarines have been given strict orders, it has been learned authoritatively, that in case of doubt as to the intentions of liners, they are to take the safe course and permit the ship to escape rather than run the slightest risk of error.

TERRIBLE SUBWAY TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The subway under construction on Seventh Avenue caved in for an entire block between Twenty-Third and Twenty-Fourth streets this morning carrying down a crowded Seventh Avenue surface car which was flattened out like a mushroom. It is reported that twenty persons are dead while the injured will run up over a hundred.

Bridge Street Church Invites New Pastor

Popular Pastor of Victoria, B. C., Selected to Come to Belleville.

Rev. C. T. Scott, B.A., D.D., the pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church of Victoria, B.C., has been invited by the Bridge Street Methodist Church of Belleville to be their pastor for a term of four years commencing with the next church year. This invitation has been accepted subject to the Transfer and Stationing Committee. Mr. Scott has a number of friends in this city who know him intimately. Rev. E. N. Baker, M.A., D.D., Principal of Albert College, Mr. George F. Stewart, Rev. H. S. Osborne, B.A., B.D., who went to college with him and Mr. F. E. O'Flynn, Mr. Scott has filled some of the first pulpits in Canadian Methodism, having been pastor in Brantford, London and other centers. His church in Victoria is one of the largest Methodist churches in the Dominion and his pastorate there as in all other places has been an unqualified success. The Bridge Street Board are very much delighted at securing Mr. Scott's acceptance of their invitation. Some years ago the Board invited him to the Bridge Street Church pulpit but were disappointed in their request because he had previously engaged himself for another charge. Mr. Scott has always been a favorite with his congregations, popular in the places where he has resided, successful in his ministrations and is particularly strong with the business men and young men of the congregation. We congratulate the Board and the congregation of the Bridge Street Methodist church on having obtained the pastor of their choice for the next term.

Heavy Loss by Fire Last Night

The two storey frame dwelling on Wick street, owned by Mr. J. B. Finn and occupied by Mrs. George Finn, was badly damaged by fire which broke out early before 11 o'clock last night. The blaze started in an unknown manner in the dining room and in a few minutes the interior was a mass of flames. The fire brigade succeeded in saving a great portion of the building but not until the furniture and other contents were almost totally destroyed. The building was insured, Mr. Finn had \$3000 insurance on a plan and about \$500 on the remaining contents.

Morgan Terrill's Residence Burned

Fire this morning about 5 o'clock destroyed the two storey frame dwelling belonging to Mr. Morgan Terrill, in "Irishtown," Stoney. How it originated is unknown, only a small quantity of the contents were saved by Mrs. Terrill. The building and furnishings were insured.

BELLEVILLE TO VOTE ON LOCAL OPTION IN JANUARY 1916

Civic Welfare League Inaugurated Campaign Last Evening at Enthusiastic Meeting

"That we here and now inaugurate a local option campaign in the City of Belleville, voting to take place the first Monday in January."

Such was the resolution carried unanimously amid applause at an enthusiastic meeting of the Civic Welfare League last evening. This was the finest gathering of the organization. While license reduction was an alternative it did not receive very great attention as an issue, as a flood of enthusiasm in favor of local option swept the assembly.

Dr. H. A. Yeomans, president of the league, occupied the chair.

Mr. F. W. Duggan, Toronto, Field Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, described the operations of local option and its remarkable success, educationally and in discrediting the bar. He referred to the cities where the liquor traffic is its strength. The temperance people fought in the townships because they were strongest there and for educational purposes. Nothing more can be done in the townships until the cities do something.

Two alternatives lay before the league, local option and license reduction.

Mr. J. L. Hess who is leaving for Quebec, resigned as secretary of the league and Mr. E. A. Ridley was appointed as his successor.

It was stated that even among men who were accustomed to drinking, there was a growing feeling that the liquor business had to go.

At this juncture it was decided that some definite action be taken this year along the lines of temperance reform.

The fourth coming visit of the Provincial License Commission to Belleville was mentioned.

"I'm a believer in a short, quick, hard campaign, of three months," said one. This would be better than waiting until January, 1917. "Let us declare ourselves and then fight until the last vote is in."

The spirit of restriction of the liquor business is in the air. Most people say of the liquor men who lose their licenses "Well, we're glad they got it."

The resolution to put local option to a test was carried at this juncture.

After organization, the meeting adjourned until Monday evening next, when Mr. Duggan will meet the league and committee.

OBITUARY

H. W. BROWN.

Howard Walter Brown passed away at the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. William Vallance, Commercial St., after an illness of some 18 months. Deceased was born in Belleville in 1892 was a son of the late Amos Brown. He leaves his widow and a daughter ten months old. Previously to coming to Belleville and his breakdown in health he had followed the occupation of farming in Sidney. He was a Methodist in religion, and a member of Benjamin Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 274.

The remains have been removed to the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Robert A. Adams, Front St. The interment will take place at Foxboro.

WM. A. FRINGLE.

William Allan Fringle, one of the best known residents of this city, passed away this morning at his home 274 George street after an extended illness from throat trouble.

The late William A. Fringle was born in Belleville sixty years ago, the son of Nelson and Jane Fringle and had resided all his life in this city. He was a member of the Fringle Co. with his brothers, Mr. John A. Fringle and the late Henry Fringle, and was a prominent member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, having been a past grand of Alzaph Lodge No. 12, and a past district deputy of the subordinate lodges; he was last year district deputy of the Oddfellows and for many years has been a member of Quaker Encampment. The late Mr. Fringle held the rank of captain in Belleville Canton No. 8. He was also prominent in the A.O.U.W. circles and in Masonry, in the latter being a member of Moura Lodge No. 11, A. F. and M. and a companion of Moura Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons. He was a member of Bridge St. Methodist church and in politics a Liberal.

Surviving his wife are two sons, Mr. Nelson, Montreal, and Mrs. W. H. Hicks, Toronto, and two sons, Livingston, Cleveland, Ohio, and Robert, who is on active service overseas with a bicycle corps. Mr. Jean Nelson, Fringle of Belleville is a brother and Mrs. Robert Begie, a sister of the late W. A. Fringle.

Deceased had a wide circle of friends who deeply regret his demise.

BICYCLIST BROKE LADY'S ARM

Painful injury to Mrs. Chown, 27 Cyprian St., at City Boundary Last Evening.

Mrs. M. Chown, 27 Cyprian St. was the victim of a painful fracture last evening at 7.30, when crossing North Front street at the College Street intersection, she was struck by a bicycle ridden by a man who had come down College Hill. The accident occurred on the roadway. Mrs. Chown was knocked down and her arm broken. The man stopped and asked if she were hurt. Mrs. Chown replied that she had been injured, but the man jumped on his wheel and rode away when he heard this. Mrs. Chown did not know him and could not describe him as it was quite dark.

The injuries were treated by a physician.

Tweed Gives Field Kitchen

Our representative strolled into the village council chambers on Tuesday evening and was somewhat surprised to see present an unusual sprinkling of the town's leading caterers. We soon learned however that the occasion was an important one and finally resulted in the framing of a resolution which was unanimously carried by the council that the municipality of Tweed grant twelve hundred dollars for the purchase of a fully equipped field kitchen to be presented to the 80th battalion now forming.

Dr. Mather was spokesman and after introducing the subject declared himself fully in accord with such a proposition. He thought Tweed should do much more than this.

The reverend and councillors in turn expressed their pleasure at supporting the resolution which carried a unanimous vote.

A committee was appointed composed of Dr. Mather, E. J. Netter, W. B. DeBois, Jas. Quinn, Reeve Bell and Councillor Gartley to make enquiries regarding the field kitchen and to look after the disposition of the twelve hundred dollar grant.—Advocate.

Presented With Kodak.

Mr. Duncan Montgomery for some time an employee of The Ritchie Co. Limited, received an agreeable surprise on Monday afternoon when he went in to bid goodbye to his associates before leaving for Kingston on Monday. It was in the nature of an autographic vest pocket kodak presented to him by the big store's employees as a token of the appreciation of the stand he has taken. Mr. Montgomery enlisted in the 80th Battalion and was the recipient of a handsome wrist watch when leaving that town.

This is the second of the Ritchie Co's employees who have enlisted for overseas service, the other being Wm. Patterson who went with the First Contingent and is now somewhere in France.

Millbrook "Ex" Buildings Burned

The Millbrook reporter says: On Friday morning last the main buildings at the exhibition grounds were destroyed by fire, the result no doubt of some midnight marauders, who had no regard for decency or right. It seems to be considered by the baser element in a community a smart trick to destroy property, but they may yet be brought to justice. Shortly after two a.m. the bell rang but even then the whole building was in flames and the roof fell in before the firemen could get there. The dining hall and sheds were saved.

Won Honors at Ottawa

At the Central Exhibition, Ottawa, last week, W. E. Anderson of Rossburn, Prince Edward County, was successful among the prize winners from this district. In the pure bred Percheron class "Duke" got 1st, as a 3-year-old stallion.

"Prince Edward," 1st as a 1-year-old stallion.

"Daisy," 3rd as Brood mare with foal by side, and "Jerome," 3rd as foal, 1915. The judge expressed regret at not being able to give the foal 1st owing to an injury received in transportation.

Mr. Ben Ketcheson of Foxboro, had charge of the horses and naturally feels pleased over his success.

BRITISH GUNS ANSWER GERMANS EFFECTIVELY.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Sir John French, in a report dated Sept. 22, telling of the operations along the British front from Sept. 18, says:

"The enemy's artillery has increased its activity on our front. During the past two days we have replied effectively. On the 20th, part of the forest of Houthulst was set on fire by our artillery, causing a big explosion.

"On Sept. 19 there were nine air combats. Two hostile aeroplanes were driven to the ground inside the German lines. One fell enveloped in flames. The engine of the other was set on fire."

THREE MILLION RECRUITS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Premier Asquith informed the House of Commons today that the figures he recently gave that nearly 3,000,000 recruits had joined the British army since the beginning of the war did not include any forces raised outside the United Kingdom.

ITALIANS SILENCE ENEMY GUNS.

ROME, via Paris, Sept. 22.—The official statement of the Italian general headquarters made public today says:

"Nothing of special military importance occurred during the day of yesterday beyond small counter offensive operations which were successfully carried out by us in Val Travennas and on Tofna, in the valley of Poine, in the Volaria defile, in the Upper Degano, and on Monte Rombon in the Plezzo basin.

"In Carnia the enemy, advancing under cover of his artillery succeeded in throwing inflammable projectiles and asphyxiating grenades on the village of Paularo in the Cherso valley, but our batteries, which from very strong positions bar the head of the Paularo valley, by their accurate fire promptly silenced the enemy guns."

ARTILLERY OF BELGIANS DISPENSES GERMANS.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—The Belgian official communication issued today reads:

"A light bombardment of our front has occurred. Our artillery dispersed pioneers in the direction of Tertille and Rihé. An enemy observation post was set on fire."

COLLIERY TRAGEDY IN WARWICKSHIRE.

NUNETON, Warwickshire, Eng., Sept. 21.—Several hundred miners are entombed in Exhall Colliery, 15 miles northwest of Rugby as the result of a fire. Rescuers have already sent up ten bodies.

AUSTRIANS BOMBARD SERBIAN FRONTIER.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—Official reports from Austrian and German headquarters and despatches from the Balkan capitals show that the long expected Teutonic campaign against Serbia has now begun. Austrian and German artillery is today bombarding Serbian positions south of the river frontier at various points along the hundred mile front between the mouths of the Drina and Morava rivers. Belgrade and Bimendria are also under bombardment.

FEARS CAUSED OFFICIALS TO STOP CHANNEL SERVICE.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—Channel service between Boulogne and Folkestone which was stopped Friday because of a false alarm regarding submarine activity again was suspended yesterday. Paris railroad officials were unable to give the reason, but it develops that what was reported to be a floating mine proved to be merely a bale of hay.

RUSSIAN ELET SINKS GERMAN SUB. IN BLACK SEA.

ODESSA, Sept. 21.—Russian ships have sunk a German submarine which has been operating recently in the Black Sea.

GERMAN NAVAL EXPERT SAYS BRITISH SEA POWER SUPREME.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—Count Reventlow, the German naval expert, admits today in a published article that it is impossible to dispute with success British mastery of the seas.

GERMAN SPIES SENTENCED IN LONDON.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The press bureau announced today that a woman spy convicted at the Old Bailey has been sentenced to serve ten years and that her male companion also convicted on espionage charges has been sentenced to be shot. Both were of German origin.

CURZON FAVORS UNIVERSAL SERVICE BUT IS LOYAL TO ASQUITH.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Lord Curzon writes to the Daily Chronicle to protest against his being singled out as "prepared to give an ultimatum to my colleagues." He says he has been for years and still is a convinced supporter of universal national service but declares that out of loyalty to the Prime Minister he has scrupulously refrained from saying one word on the subject either in speech, letter, or interview.