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## BULGARIANS CHECKED BY FRENCH FORCES

By Joining With Serbs French Inflict Severe Defeat on Bulgars at Krivolak—British Forces Follow French and Cause Retirement of Bulgarians Towards Strumitza

### SERBIA'S POSITION NOW SAID TO BE IMPROVED

Fighting in France Results in Many Gains for the Allies—Germans are Kept Busy on all Fronts but Claim Some Gains Against Russians

LONDON, Oct. 25.—While the Austro-German and Bulgarian campaigns in Northern and Eastern Serbia, is being carried out according to plan, despite the fierce Serbian resistance, the Bulgars who crossed the Timok and held the town of Prahovo, and are separated from the Germans who crossed the Danube near Orsova by only a few miles south, things are not going so well for the invaders. In the latter region the French troops have joined hands with the Serbs, and, according to French accounts, inflicted a severe defeat on the Bulgarians at Krivolak, forty miles north of a point where the Salonika-Nish railway crosses the Serbo-Greek frontier. This success places the Bulgarians, who reached Istip, Veles and Uskub, in a rather awkward position for further advance, as the Allied army would seriously threaten their flank. In fact unofficial reports state that the advance of the French, who are being closely followed by the British, have already caused the retirement of the Bulgars towards Strumitza.

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### French Meet Further Success

PARIS, Oct. 25.—In the Champagne our troops yesterday won an important success. The enemy occupied, in front of their second position, a salient, strongly organized, and which had resisted all our previous attacks in its southwestern part in the northern slopes of Hill 196, at point two kilometres (one and a quarter miles) to the north of Mesnil les Huris. This salient included a very important position called Un LaCourtine, which we have captured after heavy fighting. La Courtine extended for a distance of 1,200 yards.

An important success by French troops in the Champagne district is announced by the French War Office this afternoon. In spite of fierce resistance, French troops, following a preparatory artillery fire, occupied an important position known as La Courtine.

### Greek Prince At Salonika

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The departure of Crown Prince George of Greece, last night for Salonika, is reported by the Havas correspondent at Athens. The Prince was accompanied by a large staff.

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## OFFICIAL BRITISH

(To the Governor of Newfoundland.)

LONDON, Oct. 25.—General French reports only artillery activity, mining and air encounters. In Givency and Champagne regions further German counter-attacks have been repulsed. In Lorraine an enemy trench has been captured, after stubborn fighting.

Later, in Champagne, a very important work, forming a salient before the enemy's second line, has been captured. The enemy's losses were serious and two hundred prisoners were taken. Russian forces have landed on the Courland coast at the mouth of the Gulf of Riga.

### A New Demand Made to Greece

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—A News Agency despatch from Paris says that all the Entente Powers have joined in a new demand that Greece make a definite decision at once as to whether it shall support Germany or the Allies.

## FRENCH ROUT THE BULGARS

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## OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

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975—Private William John Murphy, Conception Harbour; kill in action, October 9th.

13—Private Robert Cecil Grieve, 24 Monkstown Road; wounded, October 10th.

105—Corporal Alfred Marrs, Halbeath Lodge, Lochmeter, Scotland; wounded, October 8th.

728—Private Charles William Brown, Tack's Beach, Ragged Island, P.B.; gunshot wound in addition to dangerously ill.

523—Private Thomas Joseph Smyth, 11 Bond Street; dysentery, severe; in hospital at Alexandria, October 1st.

934—Private Heber John Miles, Bonavista; recently arrived in London, rheumatic fever.

180—Private Herbert Stephen Heater, Harbour Grace; enteric fever.

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345—Private William White, Loon Bay, N.D.B. Died of wounds Hospital ship "Galeka," October 17th.

616—Private Eric Shannon Martin, 294 Hamilton Avenue. Wounded severely.

265—Private William James Somerton, Bell Island. Wounded severely.

Second Lieutenant Cyril B. Carter, St. John's. Dangerously ill Alexandria, October 23rd.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

### Bernier Doubts Peary's Claims

OTTAWA, Oct. 25.—Capt. Bernier, returned recently from an Arctic exploration trip, who is in Ottawa today, supported the theory which he says is entertained by many men who know the Arctic, that Peary did not really reach the North Pole. While he does not definitely hold that Peary did not accomplish what he claimed, Bernier states that the variations north on April 8th, the date of the Polar discovery, were so great that only the most unsatisfactory observation could be made, and that Peary might have been anywhere from one to thirty miles off his calculations.

### French Troops Brilliant Work

PARIS, Oct. 25.—French troops have gained a brilliant success by effecting a junction with the Serbs at Krivolak, says a despatch to the "Petite Parisien," from Athens. A despatch, dated Sunday, says the Bulgarians were attacking in three columns when our troops, by a daring manoeuvre, turned the Bulgarian's right flank, while the Serbs launched an energetic attack along the front. At the end of the day the Bulgarians beat a retreat in the direction of Strumitza, pursued by French troops and Serbian cavalry.

Bulgarian operations against Pirot were fruitless, therefore, they seem to intend to concentrate their efforts on Vranja and are trying an attack en masse on the fortifications and positions occupied by the Serbs at Vranja.

A woman would rather have a skeleton in her closet than a wrinkle in her forehead.

## OFFICIAL BULGARIAN.

SOFIA, Oct. 25.—An official communication issued here concerning the capture of Uskub, Serbia, by the Bulgarians, follows:—

"Our troops inflicted a decisive defeat on the Serbian troops in the neighbourhood of Uskub, and we finally occupied the town. The enemy, with more than 500 men killed or wounded, was thrown back on Katchchar, a defile of our troops pursuing them in that direction.

"On other fronts there are no important changes."

SOFIA, Oct. 26.—The Bulgarian War Office issues the following statement relative to military operations on Oct. 24:—

"Our troops have captured Negotina and Prapovo, on the anube. The booty, so far as is known, is one commissary storehouse, twenty railway carriages and material. We captured also one officer, 270 men and found on the battlefield the bodies of three hundred Serbs."

The last official statement said that the Bulgarians had captured the greater part of Uskub, in Macedonia, but that fighting there was still in progress on Oct. 23.

### Sunday to be Day of Rest

ROME, Oct. 25.—All the belligerent Powers have granted the request of Pope Benedict that Sunday be made a day of absolute repose for prisoners of war.

Several of the countries, in their replies, said they already had been observing this rule.

## CONDEMNNS ARMENIAN MASSACRES

Former British Ambassador to U. S. Says Turks Decided to Destroy Whole Armenian Population in a Cold Blooded Manner

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Viscount Bryce, former British Ambassador at Washington, speaking at Manchester today in condemnation of the Armenian massacres said:—

"The Turkish Government made up its mind after the war started to depopulate the whole Armenian population. It was avowed by some members of the Turkish Government that their motive was to ensure there should be no element throughout the country which was not Mohammedan. Fanaticism has nothing to do with it. The Turkish Government feared to begin its sanguinary work until April, when the course of the war then convinced them they could embark upon their bloody work secure from interference.

No other incident connected with the war, he declared, could compare in magnitude with the horrors of the Armenian massacres, but protests now could accomplish nothing, and all that the British people could do was to send all the help possible to the Armenian refugees.

### Tit For Tat

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The transit of Bulgarian merchandise over Roumanian territory has been stopped, because of objections raised by Bulgaria to the passage of goods from Salonika for Roumania, according to a Bucharest despatch.

## NEW ORDER IN COUNCIL AND NEUTRAL SHIPPING

### Do Not Want Conscription

LONDON, Oct. 25.—A manifesto opposing conscription has been issued by a small number of members of Parliament. Among the reasons given for such opposition is that a compulsory system would so deplete the ranks of the industrial workers that Britain would be unable to meet her obligations assumed on behalf of the Allies, to supply them with stores and ammunition and give them substantial financial help.

It is further declared that conscription would arouse bitter opposition among the workmen, and irretrievably destroy the national unity, which is essential to the successful prosecution of the war.

The manifesto is signed by Right Hon. Hobbhouse, a former member of the British cabinet, chairman; Percy Alden, Liberal member for Tottenham division of Middlesex, who has written much on the question of "unemployed," as vice-chairman; John Howard Whitehouse, Liberal member for Lanarkshire, also identified with labor reform, as secretary.

### Insurance Rates Have Doubled

LONDON, Oct. 25.—As a result of the activity of British submarines in the Baltic, the rate of Swedish war insurance on ship bound for German ports has doubled.

### King George Now at Front

LONDON, Oct. 25.—King George is now in France, where he has gone on a visit to the British Army. He hopes to see some of the Allied troops.

### Only Few Saved When Cruiser Sunk

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—Only a small part of the crew of the German cruiser Prinz Adalbert, sunk by a British submarine in the Baltic, were rescued.

This was made known in an official statement today. A telegram from the naval general staff, dated Oct. 23, said the cruiser Prinz Adalbert was sunk by two shots from an enemy submarine off Libau, and only a small portion of the crew could be rescued. The complement of the Prinz Adalbert was 557 men.

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Expected Germans Will Retaliate as Far as They Can With British Owned Steamers Sailing Under Scandinavian Flags in the Baltic or Other Areas

### WARNING ISSUED TO BRITISH SHIPPERS

List Posted by British Admiralty Last Saturday Names 47 Neutral Ships as Controlled by German Capital—10 American Ships on List

LONDON, Oct. 26.—An Order in Council has been gazetted, according to official information, in order to arrest the proceeding of a large number of vessels trading under neutral flags, but in reality owned either wholly or in part by Germany.

The Anglo-American doctrine is now reinstated by reason of abrogation in Article 57 of the declaration of London, which considers nationality of the owners permits condemnation of the vessel, if it is proved that a subject of an enemy country has an interest in it.

By this reversion the old Prize Law vessel which was such that an enemy subject may have even part interest, may be condemned and disposed of either by sale of the enemy subjects' share to the neutral co-owners, or sale of the entire vessel and appropriation of the interest of the enemy subject.

It is expected in Government circles that when the Order becomes known, the Germans will retaliate as far as they are able to do so. Some British owned vessels under Scandinavian flags it is said may be seized in the Baltic or other dangerous areas, but most of these vessels are now leaving such waters, as the season is closed.

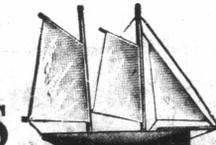
A despatch from London last Saturday said the British Admiralty had posted a list of 47 neutral vessels, ten of them flying the American flag, together with a warning to British shippers against chartering them, owing to the belief they were either controlled by German capital or engaged in neutral service. Vessels on the list which promised to trade only with the Entente Allies or in unsuspected neutral trade, would be eliminated from the list.

### Bulgars Protest Bombardment Seaports

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 25.—German newspapers print the text of a Note sent by Premier Radoslavoff, of Bulgaria, to Bulgarian Ministers abroad, protesting against the bombardment of what he styles the open towns of Dedeagatch and Porto Lagos, where he declares considerable damage was inflicted.

Dedeagatch, says the Premier, was exposed on Oct. 21st to bombardment by eight large warships of the Allies, while Porto Lagos was bombarded by twelve ships. It is not necessary to point out, he adds, that the fire of the Allied fleet was not answered, since these places possess no means of resistance.

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Doors open at 7.30. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Admission Free. All are Welcome.

ALEX. A. PARSONS,  
Hon. Sec'y Gen. Committee.

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