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CONFERENCE WITHOUT ARMISTICE

Entente Answer to Bulgarian Overtures

Premier's Request to the Allies May be Sincere

ALLIES' REPLY WILL ENABLE THEM TO JUDGE SINCERITY OF BULGAR REQUEST

"Beware of Bulgar" is Warning of Serbian Premier---Paris Believes That it is Sincere; and That Bulgaria is War-Weary

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Bulgaria's request for an armistice to discuss peace, appears to be the leading event of what seems to be the most important week of the war since the Battle of the Marne. There are two interpretations of Bulgaria's action. Which is the correct one, remains to be seen.

The first is that the Bulgarian army, being defeated and scattered among the mountains, resorts to a familiar device to gain time in which to pull itself together. The other is that Bulgaria knows that she is on a sinking ship and wants to make the best terms she may. There have been several indications recently that the latter theory comes close to the Bulgarian state of mind.

The Allies have made a reply which would enable them if their proposal is accepted to judge which of these is the real purpose of Bulgaria. A conference without an armistice will prove what the enemy really desires.

First reports of Bulgaria's step received here came through Germany, and had the inevitable German color in it. It was said that the Bulgarian premier had acted on his own responsibility, but the fact that a member of the Bulgarian cabinet had been nominated as one of the representatives of Bulgaria on the way to confer with the Allied commanders seems to disprove this German report. There is great excitement in Germany over Bulgaria's step says a report through German channels, received here from neutral countries, and there is no reason to doubt that this is true. Almost all news from Bulgaria and Turkey comes through Germany, and even German papers have shown symptoms of keen anxiety as to the loyalty of Germany's Allies.

Signs are not wanting that Bulgaria and Turkey feel that they are in the same boat. When Talaat Pasha, the Turkish grand vizier, visited Berlin recently, he gave an interview in which he said: "The war must end this winter, and that it had accomplished all that it could." German newspapers expressed considerable uneasiness and displeasure over this utterance which they plainly interpreted as meaning that so far as Turkey is concerned, the war would end this winter.

If Bulgaria throws up her hands, she cuts the vital cord which connects Germany and Asia. She deals a death blow to Germany's Asiatic ambition. If Turkey also raises the white flag she will enable the Allied armies in Macedonia and Palestine to be shifted to the western theatre of war. The defection of Bulgaria alone would make it possible for the great Allied army to turn against Turkey from its base at Saloniki.

BEWARE OF BULGAR

Paris, Sept. 28.—"Beware of the Bulgar," says Nikola Pachitch, Serbian premier and representative of that government at the Inter-Allied conference here. In a statement printed in The Petit Journal to-day, M. Pachitch says:

"I firmly believe Bulgaria's action barely conceals a ruse or scheme. The Bulgars want to gain time. Why this offer when their armies are not definitely beaten, and still able to resist and their country hardly invaded. It is simple. They wish to bring up reinforcements and then get back to their defensive lines."

MUST HAVE PEACE

Paris, Sept. 28.—Bulgaria's sincerity in making her proposal for an armistice, is taken more or less for granted by most editorial writers here, notwithstanding slight reservations made by some of them. They are one, however, in agreeing that Bulgaria, in a desperate plight, will have to make peace or have peace forced upon her. Most of the comments on the situation are devoted to the consequences of her withdrawal from the war.

BULGAR STATEMENT

London, Sept. 28.—An official Bulgarian statement, dated September 24, announces that Bulgaria has initiated a proposition for obtaining an armistice and peace.

The text of the official announcement reads:

"In view of the conjuncture of circumstances which have recently arisen, and after the position had been jointly discussed with all competent authorities, the Bulgarian government, desiring to put an end to the bloodshed, authorized the commander in chief of the army to propose to the generalissimo of the armies of the Entente of Saloniki a cessation of hostilities and the entering into of negotiations for obtaining an armistice and peace.

"The members of the Bulgarian delegation left yesterday evening in order to get into touch with the plenipotentiaries of the entente belligerents."

This statement was transmitted through the German semi-official Wolff Bureau, which added to the text the following note:

"The report of the departure of the delegation is incorrect."

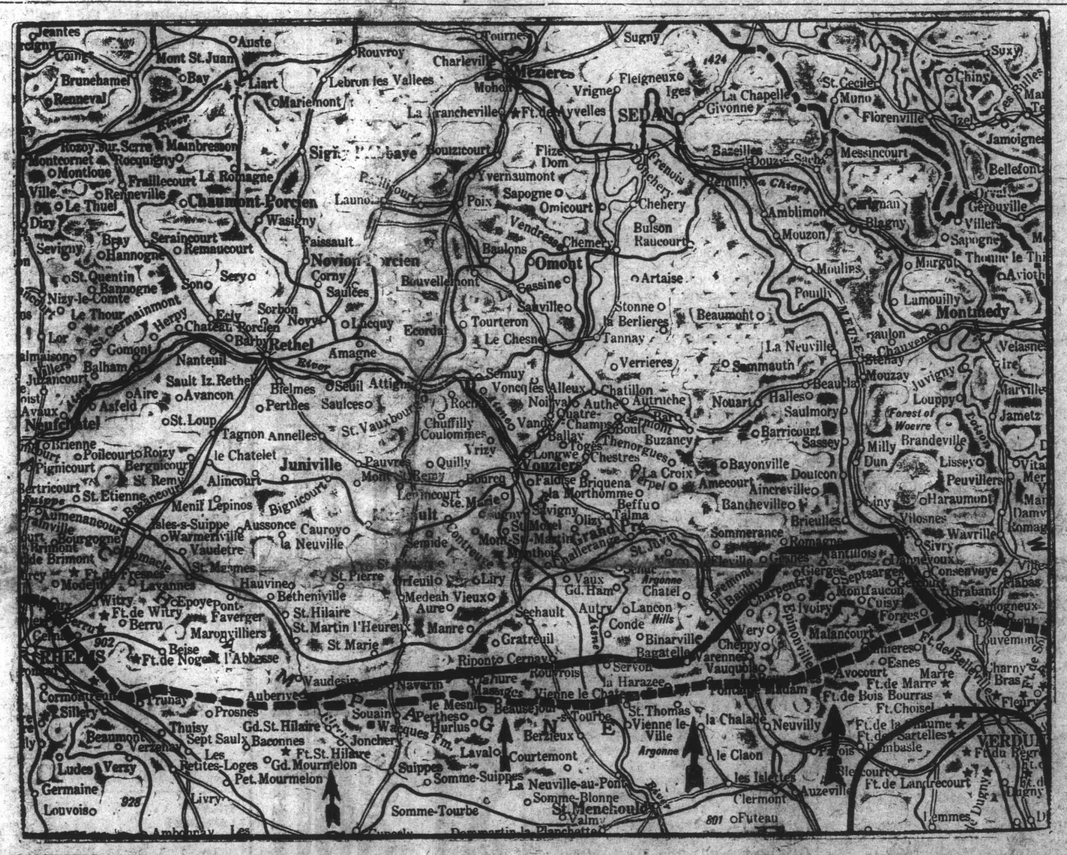
The Wolff Bureau's note apparently was appended prior to the developments reported yesterday of the Bulgarian move, which showed that emissaries from the Bulgarian government had got into touch with the commander of the Entente Armies in the Macedonian war theatre.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Sept. 28.—A disturbance which was centred near Quebec yesterday, has joined with another from Hudson's Bay and the combined system is now in Northern Quebec. The weather continues showery in Quebec and Northern Ontario. Elsewhere it is fair and moderately warm

Forecasts.

Strong westerly winds, mostly fair and moderately warm to-day and on Sunday.



ANOTHER MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE GREAT FRANCO AMERICAN ATTACK BETWEEN RHEIMS AND VERDUN.

10,000 PRISONERS, 200 GUNS, TAKEN BY HAIG AT CAMBRAI

French Have Entered Somme-Pye, in Champagne

ALLIED GAINS

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Sept. 28. — Bulletin. —Prisoners to the number of ten thousand have been captured by the British in their offensive in the Cambrai area, Field Marshal Haig announced in his official statement today. Two hundred guns were taken by the British forces.

The British have captured the towns of Epincy and Oisey-le-Verger. The British pressed their attack yesterday without a moment's let-up until a late hour, and in the evening accentuated notably their progress in the northern portion of the battlefield.

CANADIANS IN FIGHT

Canadian troops pushed thru Hayecourt and have reached the Douai road, the official statement says.

DRIVE NORTH OF YPRES

Paris, Sept. 28. — Allied troops began an attack on the front north of Ypres today, and the advance at some points has been more than two and one-half miles. The attack is being made by the Belgian army and is on the larger part of their front south from the North Sea. One thousand prisoners already have been counted. Heavy fighting is taking place between Dixmude and the Ypres, and the battle is severe in the Houthulst forest, north of Ypres.

Paris, Sept. 28.—In the successful continuation of the offensive east of the Argonne, the French have captured the village of Somme-Py, an advance of about four miles, says the war office statement to-day.

The heights north of Fontaine-En-Dormerse also have been taken. The French have taken additional prisoners. The fighting continues.

Pressing on between the Ailette and the Aisne last night, the French penetrated the ravine between Jouy and Aisy and captured these two villages.

Further north, the French gained ground northeast of Sanoy, and captured 150 prisoners. A German counter attack north of Allemante was repulsed.

The statement reads:

"At 5.30 o'clock this morning French troops continued the attack and took possession of the villages of Somme-Py. They also captured the heights north of Fontaine-en-Dormerse. We took additional prisoners and captured several guns. The battle continues.

"Between the Ailette and the Aisne the pressure of the French troops continued last night and this morning. Northeast of Sancy, in a local operation, we gained some ground and captured 150 prisoners, including four officers. A German counter-attack north of Allemant was checked completely. More to the south the French penetrated the ravine between Jouy and Aisy and captured these two villages.

WINNERS OF THE THEATRE TICKETS

List of Those Ladies Who Solved The Courier Problem

The following list is simply that of those ten ladies who correctly or most nearly correctly counted how many times the word "Everywoman" could be spelled out of the advertisements in The Courier special page of Saturday last. To the first was given six box seats for the performance of "Everywoman," to the second four orchestra seats and to the next eight, one orchestra seat each. Scores of replies were received, but few had the answers correctly. The winners are:

First—Miss Jen Patterson, Paris.
Second—Miss E. Robertson, 91 Ontario Street.
Third—Miss May Baldwin, 209 Chatham St.
Fourth—Miss Florence Wallace, 60 Park Ave.
Fifth—Mrs. Wm. Osborn, 78 Wallace St., Tutela P.O.
Sixth—Mrs. C. J. Parker, 10 William St.
Seventh—Miss B. Gatecliffe, 224 William St.
Eighth—Miss Lorraine Hutchinson, 194 Nelson St.
Ninth—Mrs. Charles Walker, 1 Park Ave.
Tenth—Miss M. Westbrook, 64 East Ave.

The tickets were mailed at 6 o'clock last evening to the above list and it is the hope of The Courier that they will heartily enjoy the performance.

The correct answers were:

Grand Opera House Adv.	4 times
Marshall Jones Advt.	7 "
Wm. Smith Advt.	5 "
C. J. Mitchell Advt.	3 "
Dominion Cafe Advt.	5 "
Enterprise Millinery advt.	5 "
Brown's Music Store	4 "
Total	33 "

At Halifax the old Trappist Monastery at Tracadie, N.S., has been sold.

BULGAR PREMIER HAD SUPPORT OF CABINET

Did Not Act on His Own Initiative, as Germany Claimed —Offer Made After Conference of Political Leaders.

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, Sept. 28.—Bulgaria's offer of peace to the Allies was the result of a meeting on Monday and attended by all the political leaders of Bulgaria, including Radoslavoff, the Liberal leader, and members of the cabinet. It was not as German newspapers pretend the impulsive act of Premier Malinoff, according to a Zurich despatch to morning newspapers here. If martial law has been proclaimed in Sofia it was because of repeated anti-German manifestations with a strong pacifist tinge and popular demonstrations in front of the royal palace.

The situation in Bulgaria is grave. This year's crops are poor and the

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SERBS TAKE VELES AND ARE ADVANCING ON USKUB

Continue Progress on Wide Front in Macedonia, and Draw Near Bulgarian Border—French and British are Also Pressing Forward

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Sept. 28.—The city and fortress of Veles, one of the important bases of the Bulgarian forces in southern Serbia on the Vardar River, has been captured by Serbian troops, the Serbian War Office announces in a statement of Friday. The Serbian forces are pushing on from Veles toward Uskub. The troops defending Veles were taken prisoner.

Serbian troops have reached Ratavista, 15 miles north of Ishtib, and have advanced a considerable distance beyond Kochana, toward the Bulgarian border.

The text of the statement follows:

"Our advance continued Thursday with excellent results. Our troops reached Ratavista and have gone considerably beyond Kochana.

"On the same day about noon our troops entered Veles and captured the troops defending the fortress. They immediately continued their advance towards

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HYDRO CHANGES WERE APPROVED BY MERCHANTS

Plans of Commission to Instal Nitrogen Lamps Received Approval

SAVE $2,200 YEARLY

Proposals Will be Ratified by City Council on Monday Night

The plan of the Hydro Electric Commission, to replace fifty of the present magnetite arc lamps on the principal streets of the city, with nitrogen lamps, at an estimated saving to the city of $2,200 annually, was outlined by Andrew McFarland and Mr. Catton, of the Commission, to a joint meeting of the Merchants' club and the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon, and received the hearty endorsation of the representative gathering present.

Mr. McFarland explained that no change in the present standards or wiring system would be necessary in order to replace the present lamps by the nitrogen ones, which would be less expensive and more durable. They are guaranteed for a thousand hours, but in most cases burn far in excess of that figure. In Galt, some had been known to burn nearly 6000 hours. The nitrogen lamps will afford the same volume of light as at present, as will be seen on King street, where a few of them have already been put into use. Mr. McFarland promised his hearers the same volume of light and more reliable service than was at present obtainable, as the nitrogen lamps are practically unbreakable, except in cases of deliberate vandalism.

Ald. J. J. Hurley, representing the fire and light committee of the city council, endorsed Mr. McFarland's remarks, explaining that the plan had been endorsed by the committee, and would be submitted to the council for ratification on Monday night. A few queries re "amperage," "kilowatts" and "voltage" flew round the room, but the majority of the merchants expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied to leave the work in the hands of the commission, and the gathering gave its unanimous assent to the plan.

Mr. C. F. Ramsay occupied the

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