

GERMANS DROPPED BOMBS OVER SERBIAN CAPITAL

BULGARIA ISSUES MANIFESTO DECLARING HER INTENTIONS

Will Fight For the Central Powers Because They Will Give Her What She Wants—Does Not Believe in Promises of Quadruple Entente.

Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, Oct. 8.—(By wireless to Saville)—A declaration of Bulgaria's intention to enter the war with Germany and her allies is contained in a manifesto as given out here to-day by the Overseas News Agency. The manifesto as given out by the agency follows: "The central powers have promised us parts of Serbia, creating an Austro-Bulgarian border line, which is absolutely necessary for Bulgaria's independence, of the Serbians. We do not believe in the promise of the quadruple entente. Italy, one of the allies, treacherously broke her treaty of 33 years. We believe that Germany is fighting the whole world to fulfill her treaty with Austria. Bulgaria must fight at the victors' side. The Germans and Austro-Hungarians are victorious on all fronts. Russia soon will have collapsed entirely. Then will come the turn of France, Italy and Serbia. Bulgaria would commit suicide if she did not fight on the side of the central powers, which offers the only possibility of realizing her desire for union of all Bulgarian peoples." Berlin, Oct. 8.—The Frankfurter Zeitung asserts that the Bulgarian government has issued a manifesto to the nation announcing its decision to enter the war on the side of the central powers. This manifesto, as quoted from the Frankfurter Zeitung by the Overseas News Agency, states that Bulgaria would commit suicide if she did not align herself with Germany and her allies. The news agency says further: "The manifesto to the people which is not only a historical document, but contains valuable material in regard to Bulgarian politics and economics, states that Russia is fighting for Constantinople and the Dardanelles. Great Britain to destroy Germany's competition, France for Alsace and Lorraine and other allies to rob foreign countries. The central powers are fighting to defend property and assure peaceful progress."

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BROKEN OFF BETWEEN BULGARIA AND SERBIA

Bulgarian Minister Given His Passports, While German Airships Have Dropped Bombs on Nish.

London, Oct. 8, 12.30 p.m.—A message to The Times states that the Greek Government has decided to issue a declaration of its attitude of "benevolent neutrality" toward the entente powers. Nish, Serbia, Oct. 8.—Via London, 12.45 p.m.—The diplomatic rupture between Serbia and Bulgaria is complete. The foreign office has handed his passports to the Bulgarian minister. AN ATTACK ON NISH. Nish, Oct. 7.—Via London, Oct. 8.—An aeroplane coming from Bulgaria this afternoon dropped numerous bombs on Nish, killing five persons and wounding two others. It then returned safely to Bulgaria. RUSSIAN VIEW. Petrograd, Oct. 7.—Via London, Oct. 8.—Discussing the situation in Greece and Bulgaria, The Retch says: "Now we know that in the two states concerned the people are for us and only dynasties foreign to the people are against us, we should make a bad mistake to suppose the game is lost for us in the Balkans. On the contrary it is only beginning. Our task now is to make wise use of great popular movements which must be aroused in the Balkans. This is a task which finds no place in the ordinary frame-work of diplomatic activity, but it is entirely in accord with the root idea and the tendency of developments in this great war of liberation."

TEUTONIC INVASION OF SERBIA IS IN FULL SWING

It is Estimated That 600,000 Men are Advancing Against the Little Kingdom Under Von Mackensen—British Rushing Troops.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, Oct. 8, via London.—The Teutonic invasion of Serbia is proceeding favorably, progress in the crossing of the Drina, Save and Danube Rivers by the German and Austrian armies under Field Marshal von Mackensen being reported by German army headquarters. The capture of three canon opposite Ram is announced. London, Oct. 8.—The new Teutonic invasion of Serbia is now in full swing. In command of Field Marshal Von Mackensen, the German and Austrian forces are seeking to push their way southward, with the Jirna, Danube and Save rivers at their backs, in an attempt to seize the trunk railway stretching from Belgrade to both Saloniki and Constantinople. NEXT MOVE LIES WITH BULGARIA. The next move lies with Bulgaria. Whether she will attack Serbia from the rear while the central powers are hammering at the northern and north western gates, or maintain for the moment a watchful attitude, is a matter of surmise, but the situation is such that her entry into the war seems to be a matter only of hours. Russian warships are already reported to be hurling shells at the Bulgarian port of Varna, on the Black Sea. French and British troops are being rushed northward from Saloniki by express trains. Meanwhile, at the point where the railway approaches closest to Bulgarian territory, both an allied and a Bulgarian army are massing. SERBS MOVING THEIR CAPITAL. It is reported from Italian sources that as a precaution the Serbian government in transferring all records and archives from Nish to Jstip, in southern Serbia, about 50 miles from the Greek frontier. MORAVA VALLEY FLOODED. Virtually made over in guns and equipment and stiffened by British and French effectives, it is predicted here that the Serbians will offer stubborn resistance to the Austro-German advance. They will be assisted by the flood conditions in the Morava Valley, down which Field Marshal von Mackensen hopes to force his way. The official German communication now carries the sub-caption "Balkan theatre of war" indicating that the operations are to be chronicled daily. Estimates of the strength of the Austro-German forces along the Serbian frontier range from 400,000 to 600,000 men. There may have been withdrawals by the Austrians and Germans from some parts of the eastern front, but the renewed efforts of Field Marshal von Hindenburg to capture Dvinsk does not indicate any weakening of the troops under his command. Among the theories advanced now is that Germany has definitely undertaken a fresh campaign in the Balkans and the supposition that activity on the southern end of the eastern front will gradually slacken and the Teutons will concentrate their energies on Riga and Dvinsk. FROM OTHER DIVISIONS. The Honorable, the Minister has authorized recruits for units of the Canadian Expeditionary force being obtained from Divisions other than in which they are mobilizing, provided an application to so recruit is submitted by the Officer Commanding the unit to the A. A. G.

GERMANS GAIN AGAINST RUSSIA ABOUT DVINSK

Concentration of Teutonic Forces in Vicinity of Tarnopol.

Special Wire to the Courier. Petrograd, Oct. 8.—There is renewed military activity on the northern end of the Russian front, from Dvinsk to Novo Grodek. The heaviest fighting is in the neighborhood of Dvinsk, to the south of which the Germans have had some success. On the whole, however, the Russians have been able to withstand their assaults. The Germans have succeeded in crossing Viliya, north of Smorgon, enabling them to co-ordinate their forces north and south of this point. Concentration of considerable German forces in Galicia, about 25 miles south of the frontier, is believed here to be due to political conditions in the Balkans rather than to any intention of massing at Kiev. Comparative quiet prevails throughout the southern fighting area. Refugees continue to pour into Petrograd at the rate of several thousands daily. A feeding station established by British charities in the Petrograd station of the railway from Warsaw cares for hundreds daily. A Russian dignitary, on making a complimentary visit to this station asked for Lady Georgina Buchanan, wife of the British ambassador, who is in charge of this work. He was conducted to an improvised bath train and found her on her knees, wrapped in a long apron, her sleeves rolled up. She was washing babies of the refugees. The municipal pawn shop at Riga has been removed, in the course of the evacuation by the civilian authorities. Inasmuch as borrowers are unable to obtain the articles they have pledged, they are not required to pay interest. Heavy Storms. Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 8.—Owing to heavy northeast gales, several steamers are remaining in shelter in Thunder Bay.

AUSTRIA HAD CLAIMED RIGHTS TO SALONIKI

Paris, Oct. 8.—The supporters of former Premier Venizelos, who constitute a majority in the Greek chamber, it has been learned on high authority, says a Havas despatch from Athens, will not oppose the new ministry so that added complications may be avoided at a critical period. Over throw of the Zaimis cabinet would involve the dissolution of the chamber which is considered extremely hazardous as the Greek constitution does not permit fixing a date for elections during mobilization of the army. Paris, Oct. 8.—Serbia believes, says The Matin's Nish correspondent, that Greece will not abandon her ally and that the differences between King Constantine and M. Venizelos can be smoothed over. It is maintained that the interests of Greece are quite as much at stake as Serbia as both are equally threatened. Attention is called also to the fact that Austria hitherto has claimed rights to the port of Saloniki.

BRANT COUNTY IS ORGANIZING TO GET MEN

Reeves of Various Municipalities Appointed to Start Off Work.

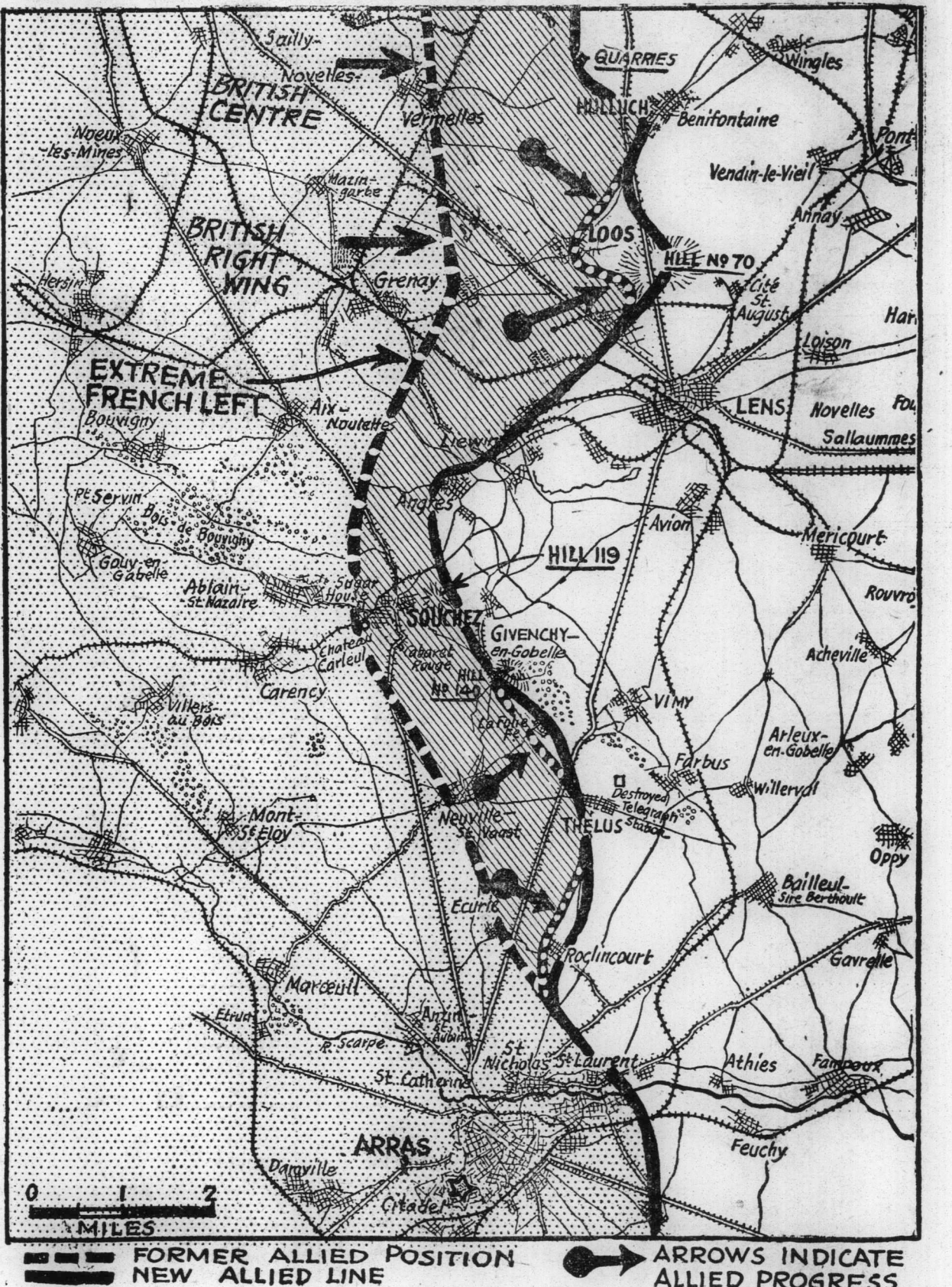
WISH TO GET GOING AT ONCE. It is Felt That Work Should be Done Now and Not Have Any Further Delay. Mr. A. E. Watts, County Treasurer, has given the following letter to the press, which is of special interest to county readers. The recruiting league recently formed, about 50 in extent, in each of the rural municipalities, and the letter asks that with as little delay as possible the work be got under way. The letter follows. Editor of Courier: Dear Sir: At meeting of the organization committee of the Brant Recruiting League held at the Court House yesterday, Thursday, as already announced, it was decided at once to take steps to organize the various municipalities of the county. With this in view, the first action taken by the committee was to appoint the Reeves of the various municipalities as temporary chairmen of committees to be formed in each of the municipalities to carry out the work of the recruiting league. It was understood that the members of the sub-committees were to be composed of the other members of the councils of the minor municipalities, all ex-councillors and all the prominent residents of the various municipalities. As the necessity is urgent, it was felt that considerable delay could be avoided and time saved if an appeal could be made through the newspapers of the county, requesting the different gentlemen, and I might say, ladies who not only feel that they are able to help, but all who can help to at once see the head of his or her municipality so that work can be assigned at once to the applicant. It is especially desirable to impress upon the residents of the rural sections that help now might be worth ten times as much as help a month from now, that the need is great, and no person who sincerely wishes to help in this object should wait to be asked to assist but should volunteer at once to do their portion. It is desired that those who from age or other circumstances are so situated that they cannot go themselves to the front should immediately do their equivalent to going to the front, namely coming forward and assisting in seeing that those who can go the front are induced to volunteer without delay, and circum-

GERMAN TRENCHES IN NORTHERN FRANCE



An advanced German trench in Northern France, showing Germans standing at their loopholes anticipating a French attack. They are all carrying their kits so as to leave nothing behind in case they are ordered to retreat in haste.

WHERE BRITISH AND FRENCH CONTINUE TO PROGRESS



Continued progress is being made by the British and French on the western front. The former now occupy the oval of the plateau of which Hill No. 70 is the culminating point, while the latter are installed in the Forest of Givenchy and have repulsed an attack on Hill No. 119.

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GOODS in Brantford for Neighbors to Build Up the Following: COKE Havana Cigars 25 cents Bouquet Cigar straight returned by CO., Limited BRANTFORD, ONT. CAN SUPPLY WITH Portland Cement returned by Cement Company limited Brantford Corn Syrup Prepared Corn STARCH CO AND FROM OURtain ORS ORS ICE DISHES and Smile...10c Dream...10c ...10c ...10c ...10c ...10c ...10c ...10c ...10c ICE CREAM NE Market Street oves both in heaters good value, as If ordered and ALTY eely Post Office ar ut ar Ang. St.