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ROUMANIANS ARE MOVING VERY RAPIDLY

An Official Statement Issued from Bucharest Tells of Progress for the Rumanian Troops on Their Crossing Into Austro-Hungary—Rumanian Troops Reach Within 37 Miles East of Kronstadt

BUCHAREST, Aug. 31.—Rumanian troops have made progress on their crossing into the Austro-Hungary frontier and have reached several points including the village east of Kronstadt, says an official statement given out by the Rumanian War Office today. The statement follows:—From the Western and Northern fronts Rumanian troops crossed the Austro-Hungarian frontier during the night of the 27th. After lively fighting they reached a number of points including Mount Pagatclub north west of Nyeragago, Kinspeclia Hill west of Gvergo and the village of Rosenthal, four kilometers (about 2 1/2 miles) east of Kronstadt. Our artillery fired on Orsova, destroying a column. Our Fourth Army Column taking seven officers and 734 men prisoners. An armed enemy dug trench on Turnu Severin, but refused to Orsova under the fire of our batteries. Austro-Hungarian monitors opened fire on Gurevo but were compelled to retire by our artillery.

Bulgarian Losses Estimated at 15,000

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Fighting is very severe along the Macedonian front, says an Athens despatch which adds that the Bulgarian Regiments suffered a severe check at the hands of the Serbians on the Entente bank and that Bulgarian losses are estimated at 15,000.

London Knows Nothing of Constantine's Flight

LONDON, Aug. 31.—No confirmation of the report of the flight of King Constantine from Athens to Larissa, has been received in official circles here.

Greek Town Seized By Bulgarians

PARIS, Aug. 30.—The city of Drama in north eastern Greece, has been seized by the Bulgarians after a battle with the Greek garrison, telegraphs from Athens, correspondent of the Matin.

Suggests Early Collapse of War

Story Comes From Rotterdam That Startling Developments Are Foreshadowed in Despatch Which Must Have Passed German Censors.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Rotterdam sends the following:—Positively startling developments following Rumanian's entry into the war is foreshadowed by the Berlin correspondent of the Tyd. In a despatch which must have passed through the German censors he suggests the early collapse of the war by reason of a Russian advance through the Balkans to Constantinople and the complete isolation of the Central Powers.

Two More Swede Steamers Seized

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Swedish steamers, Roslagen, 1,394 tons, of Stockholm, and Lor, have been seized by German torpedo boat destroyers and taken southward, says a despatch from Copenhagen.

GREEKS STILL KEEP 'EM ALL GUESSING

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The re-mobilization of the Greek Army is under consideration in Athens, says a Reuters despatch from that point. The entry of Rumania into the war is said to have created a profound impression in Greece. The question of ministerial reorganization providing for the inclusion in the cabinet of former Premier Venizelos has also arisen. So far as can be ascertained no decision has been reached on these points.

ATHENS, Aug. 30.—The Grand Marshal of the Greek Court to-day informed the President of the deputation formed as a result of the Venizelos demonstration on Sunday, that King Constantine would appoint a day for receiving the deputation.

Old Age Pensioners To Get an Increase

LONDON, Aug. 31.—In response to a prolonged agitation regarding the hardships suffered by holders of Government old age pensioners, by reason of the increased price in the necessities of life, the Government decided in special cases to make additional allowance not exceeding half a crown per week.

WASHINGTON HOPEFUL AVERTING STRIKE

Railroad Presidents Again Confer With President Wilson—Washington Hopeful National Cate trophe May be Averted—Appeal is Made to Brotherhood Leaders to Cancel Order for Nation Wide Strike on Monday

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—A general strike of six thousand freight handlers set for one p.m. to-day, affecting practically every railroad in Chicago has been averted, it is announced to-day. The Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railway has agreed to the demands of the Union. Four hundred strikers have returned to work at Rock Island freight houses. There are fifteen hundred men employed by five railroads still on strike, according to union officials.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Throughout the entire country to-day railroads great and small, gathered their forces to oppose the strike set for next Monday. The undercurrent of feeling reported from Washington is that the catastrophe would yet be averted. This statement was made by E. P. Ripley, President of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe, who was a member of the committee which conferred with President Wilson, and who was spokesman for the railroad President who returned this afternoon from conferences with the national head. Intensified pessimism is felt here and the railroads now see no hope of a settlement before Labor Day and are making every preparation for eventualities.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—All the influence of the administration is being brought to bear to-day in an effort to persuade the railroad brotherhood leaders to cancel the postponement calling for a nation wide strike on Monday, while the members of Congress have been paying the war for Legislation designed to prevent or stop the threatened industrial strike. Little tangible progress has been made in either direction, but nevertheless, in official quarters to-day there still prevailed the confidence that in one way or another a walk out would be averted.

BULGARIAN CAPITAL IS ALARMED

Consternation Reigns in Sofia Over Approach of Russian Troops Through Dubruja—Rumanian Aeroplanes Are Directing Fire of Artillery in Fighting Between Rumanians and Austrians in Mountain Passes

ZURICH, Aug. 31.—There is consternation in Sofia, Capital of Bulgaria, over the approach of Russian troops through Dubruja, according to news reaching here from Austrian sources.

Rumanian aeroplanes are reported as directing the fire of artillery in the fighting between the Rumanian and Austrians which is going on at the mountain passes.

Socialist Meeting Was Prohibited

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 31.—The "Frankfurter Zeitung" says a meeting of the Socialist Electrical Union of Greater Berlin, proposed for yesterday, when Deputy Paase intended to speak on peace, was prohibited. The paper says, a general examination of all men of military age in Germany who previously were exempted is now taking place. German officials who heretofore have been declared indispensable, the newspaper says, are also being examined.

More Work For Ambassador Gerard

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—The Rumanian minister to Germany has requested American Ambassador Gerard to take over the protection of Rumanian interests in Germany.



HEART OF THE SIMPLE GERMAN FOLK (WILL ITS SACRIFICE SAVE THE HOENZOLLERNS?)

GERMAN ARMY NOW SEEMS TO BE RATTLED

Dismissal of Von Falkenhayn Shows Things are Not Running Smoothly With German Army—Hindenburg's Appointment is Regarded as Complete Surrender of German Court and Kaiser to Popular Opinion

PARIS, Aug. 31.—French military experts hail the dismissal of General Von Falkenhayn and the appointment of Von Hindenburg to take his place as a sign that things are going wrong with the German army. The official North German Gazette states this week that the Germans might withdraw from the great Noyon salient in France, which the Somme offensive is intended to obliterate. It is pointed out that only if a popular hero like Hindenburg decreed such a retreat would it be accepted without trouble from the German people. The expectation is that it will be Hindenburg's strategy to begin shortening the German lines everywhere.

Lt. Col. Bousset said to-day Hindenburg's appointment a complete surrender by the German court party headed by the Kaiser to popular opinion. General Delacroix said: "The incident shows that the German army is badly rattled. Moltke was made the scapegoat for the Marne, now Falkenhayn pays for the Verdun defeat and the Russian offensive."

OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, Aug. 30.—An official statement was given out to-day by the Government Press Bureau regarding military operations in Egypt. It said: "On Tuesday an enemy reconnoitering party of one hundred strong, mounted on camels, attempted to approach Bir-el Bayut. It was driven off by our patrols and pursued six miles."

ROMANIAN

BUCHAREST, Aug. 30.—The text of the official statement, announcing the bombardment of Bucharest by zeppelins says:—During Monday night zeppelins and foreign aeroplanes threw several bombs on Bucharest without causing the least damage. Artillery drove them off. Enemy aeroplanes also threw bombs on Hallahia, Pista and Naimta without doing any damage.

HINDENBURG OPPOSED THE VERDUN EFFORT

Wanted to Strike Russia but his Plans Were Overruled in Favor of Falkenhayn Who Was Backed by German Crown Prince—The Latter is Blamed for the Verdun Muddle

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 31.—A despatch says the military crisis in Germany is reported, on excellent authority to have been the climax of a bitter conflict between Falkenhayn and Hindenburg over the Verdun offensive. Hindenburg was utterly opposed to any offensive in France, but wanted to strike immediately a blow at Russia. For this he was prepared not only with a plan of campaign but with preparations actually behind the front in Courland. He made a demand on the General Staff for additional forces to carry out the enterprise, but they were refused him by Falkenhayn, and Hindenburg's plan was overruled in favor of the offensive against Verdun.

Behind Falkenhayn in this disastrous decision was the German Crown Prince, who is held by well informed persons to be really responsible for the colossal blunder of Verdun. The fall of Falkenhayn is regarded here as one of the greatest significance, even imperilling the Hohenzollern dynasty.

This Year's Banana Crop Completely Destroyed

KINGSTON, Ja., Aug. 31.—Information collected from all parts of the island respecting the damage done by the hurricane of the 15th indicates that, for all practical purposes this year's banana crop has been completely destroyed and the crop for 1917 reduced by 50 per cent.

In Recognition

PARIS, Aug. 31.—For the first time since Italy entered the war the French Government to-day ordered flags to be raised on all official buildings in recognition of the declaration of war by Italy against Germany, and by Rumania against Austro-Hungary.

RUSSIAN

PETROGRAD, Aug. 31.—The situation on the western Russian and Caucasian fronts is unchanged, says an official statement issued to-day.

Turkish Troops to be Engaged

Three Army Corps Will be Used to Fight Rumania—No German Troops Can be Spared for Rumanian Front.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The employment of three army corps of Turkish troops for active operations against the Rumanians is stated to be the purpose of the Central Empires, according to a despatch from Bucharest. This is declared to be the solution proposed by the Prussian General Staff for a very difficult problem which the Rumanian intervention has brought up. It is asserted that the Prussians have decided that no Prussian can be spared for the Rumanian front. Col. Fayler, the Swiss military expert, doubts if Turkey can dispose of as many as 120,000 men for an outside expedition, but he says this outside participation by Turkey would be a logical move.

CONSTANTINE HAS FLED FROM HIS CAPITAL

Greek King Has Fled to Larissa in Thessalonica For Refuge is Report Current at Saloniki—Another Report Says Greeks and British Troops are Fighting at Pieraeus—Situation is Serious

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The British press representative at Saloniki sends a report which is current there that King Constantine of Greece has fled to Larissa, in Thessalonica to take refuge with 300 Uhlans. The text of the official message which is dated Tuesday, reads: "This evening's sensation is that King Constantine has fled from Athens to take refuge with a German escort of 300 Uhlans, who have been waiting for him several days at Larissa. Another report is that the Allies have already landed a strong force at Pieraeus, which has been heavily engaged with the Greek Army in a battle around the King's country house at Latoi, where several Greek princes have already fallen. Perhaps to-morrow will bring more light upon the situation, which is extraordinary involved even for the Balkans."

REGARD VON HINDENBURG AS NO WEAKLING

London Papers Comment on Appointment of Von Hindenburg—See in Change a Proof That Germany's Military Staff Are Not a Happy Family—Von Hindenburg's Ambitions Always Were in the East

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The morning newspapers to-day devote many columns to the discussion of the retirement of Von Falkenhayn and the appointment of Hindenburg as Chief of the German General Staff under such headlines as "A Crisis in Berlin" and "Welcome to the Wooden man." All profess to see in the sudden change of leaders a sign of Germany's weakness. The Times says: "In her deadly peril Germany is unlikely to have chosen a new chief merely to placate public feeling. We shall do well to take Von Hindenburg seriously, and to recognize that, though conditions are against him, he is no weakling. The glimpse we have had of him suggest a man with being of simple ideas which often make for success in war." The Times military correspondent expects some immediate alterations of strategic ideas in German conduct of the war, adding: "All this summer Von Hindenburg has been eating his head out on the Russian front, while the troops for whom he clamored have been frittered away at Verdun, his interest and predilections are believed to lie in the East. He belongs to the strategic school who would have struck in the east. The position points to the probable shortening of the front in France and Flanders, and he is to-day the only man in Germany who could order the ruthless shortening of western front without collapse of public faith."

BULGARIANS TO QUIT SERBIA SAYS ROUMANIA

Rumored Rumania Will Send Ultimatum to Bulgaria Demand the Evacuation of Serbia—Little News of Important From Various War Theatres—Greece's Attitude Still Undecided—Little Activity on Western Battle Front

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Rumania's invasion of Austro-Hungarian territory continues in the mountainous region from Ostrovozy on the railway north-east of Orsova in Gvergo Mountains to 80 miles north of Kronstadt, and on the Danube from the Iron Gate to Gurgevo opposite Rastchuk, in Bulgaria. There have been reciprocal bombardments at several points by Austro-Hungarian war craft and Rumanian shore batteries. A Zeppelin and hostile aeroplane dropped bombs on the Rumanian capital.

The Austrians acknowledge the retirement of their forces from the mountain region to previously prepared positions in the rear. This is followed by claims by Rumanian troops that King Ferdinand has arrived at a point within three miles of Kronstadt, the chief commercial city of Transylvania.

Vienna admits the Rumanians are engaged with the Austro-Hungarians in the Gvergo mountains, which shows that on the north-western front of Rumania hostile forces have invaded Transylvania to a distance of some 20 miles. The Rumanians are also near Koedzi Vashely, about 40 miles north-east of Kronstadt. While Bulgaria thus far has not entered into hostilities against Rumania, a news agency despatch says Rumania has decided to send an ultimatum to Bulgaria demanding the evacuation of Serbia. A despatch from Constantinople reports that Turkey has declared war on Rumania. In the Macedonian theatre violent fighting continues between the Entente Allies and the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians. Paris claims that to the west of the Vardar River the French have gained additional ground, and that in Lake Ostrovo region, the Serbs have repulsed attacks by the Bulgarians. On the Struma front, near Lake Dolran, batteries of the Entente Powers violently shelled Bulgarian positions. Drama in northeast Greece has been seized by the Bulgarians after a fight with Greek troops, according to unofficial advices received at Paris. An Albanian detachment under Essad Pasha once commander of the Turkish first army has arrived at Saloniki to aid the Entente forces. No official move has yet been made by Greece to meet demand of that portion of her population headed by former Premier Venizelos, that Greece join the Entente Allies, but an unofficial despatch from Athens says, the re-mobilization of the Greek army is under consideration. Except for the extension of British lines south of Martin puch on the Somme front, in France, there has been little activity except by artillery on the part of any of the belligerents on the western battle line, where inclement weather still prevails.

Likewise on the Russian front, in Galicia, there have been no important changes in positions, although in the Carpathian region the Russians captured Panker Mountain on the Hungarian border, and the village of Rafalovo by the Stritza Nadvorona River, near the border.

In the fighting between the Turks and Russians in Asia Minor and on the Persian front both sides claim minor successes.

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