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## FRENCH HOLD GROUND WON IN PAST THREE DAYS AND TAKE MORE; FIERCE FIGHTING IN MACEDONIA

### ZAIMIS GOVERNMENT IN GREECE HAS RESIGNED

King Calls on Demitracopulos, Former Minister of Justice, to Form New Cabinet.

NEW PREMIER STRONG FOR VENIZELOS POLICY

Believes Abandonment of Neutral Stand is Only Remedy Greece Has in Present International Imbrolio.

Athens, Sept. 12, via London, Sept. 13.—King Constantine has accepted the resignation of Premier Zaimis and his cabinet, and has asked M. Demitracopulos, former minister of justice, to form a new cabinet.

M. Demitracopulos is a supporter of the policy of former Premier Venizelos. He has expressed the opinion that once Roumania came in the war it was time for Greece to abandon her neutrality.

END OF NEUTRALITY IN SIGHT.

London, Sept. 14.—Special despatches from Athens say that the former minister of justice, M. Demitracopulos after reaching an understanding with the King, will expound his views to the Entente ministers and decide, according to their attitude, whether to accept the premiership. M. Demitracopulos, the despatches add, is of the opinion that departure from neutrality on the part of Greece is the only remedy for the present international situation, and refers to the Greco-Turkish war of 1897, when Premier Delyannis incurred all risks in order to re-establish unity in the nation, which was then divided, as now. It is reported that M. Dragoumis, the former minister at Petrograd, will be foreign minister in the new cabinet.

CABLE SERVICE INTERRUPTED.

New York, Sept. 13.—The Commercial Cable Company announced here today that the Greek government had reported, under date of Sept. 12, interruption of telegraph communication with Kavala, Seres, Drama and other eastern Macedonian towns and cities.

### MINIMUM SCALE OF PRICES IN FOODSTUFFS URGED BY LABOR MEN

Quebec, Sept. 13.—At this afternoon's session of the convention of the Canadian Federation of Labor, a number of important resolutions were recommended by the committee on resolution stated that the federation dealt with was the provision of suitable employment for wounded soldiers returning from the front, and a resolution stated that the federation urgently approved the establishment of technical schools for the wounded soldiers. It was also vigorously urged that every effort be made to induce the federal government to fix a minimum scale of prices on foodstuffs.

POWER ZONE ISOLATED.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Sept. 13.—An order isolating the power zone and the International Electric Railway loop went into effect at 6 o'clock this morning. Guards are riding on all cars passing within this area. Only those having passes are permitted to leave the cars. Barbed wire entanglements surround the prohibited area. Passes have been issued only to the employees and officials of the power company and those employed at the city water-works station.

LEADING CHARACTERS IN GREECE'S TROUBLESOME SITUATION.



### OPPOSITION RESORTING TO DESPICABLE TACTICS

UPHAM AND McCAIN DON'T WORK WELL IN DOUBLE HARNESS—EACH FOR HIMSELF, THE SLOGAN OF GRIT CANDIDATES AS THEY SEE THEIR CHANCES OF SUCCESS DWINDLING—ORGANIZERS SENDING OUT SCURRILOUS LITERATURE—BIG MEETINGS GIVE GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 13.—Two of the finest meetings of the present campaign were held tonight. Hon. Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Murray, Mayor Sutton and F. C. Squires addressed the electors of Summerfield, pointing out the splendid administration of affairs that New Brunswick is receiving under the present government. The reception given the speakers was most enthusiastic and can be taken as a fair criterion of the strength of the candidates in that section of the county.

At Stokely Hon. Mr. Fleming and J. B. Hachey, M. L. A., were the principal speakers, and both got a rousing reception. Hon. Mr. Smith arrived during the meeting from Summerfield, and he received a great ovation from the large audience.

Hon. Mr. Fleming made a striking arraignment of the old government and paid a tribute to Hon. Mr. Smith and Mayor Sutton.

Mr. Hachey is an able and forceful debater, and his eloquent reference to the patriotism of the sons of New Brunswick who have gone forth to fight for king and country was loudly cheered. Mr. Hachey pointed out the weakness of the policy which had been brought forward at the opposition caucus of the party in St. John.

An enthusiastic meeting of the committee workers of Simonds was held last evening. Stirling addresses were delivered and the committee men are working vigorously to roll up handsome majorities for Hon. Mr. Smith and Mayor Sutton. Dr. E. S. Smith, of Shediac, member-elect for Westmorland, is the latest recruit for the opposition forces. He arrived this evening and went into consultation with the Carvell-Carter-Venist combination of purists. The doctor has been ordered to take the stump. Opposition Leader Dugal is still among the missing.

Opposition Losing Some of Their Confidence.

The election of Hon. B. Frank Smith is conceded by the opposition party in the county. Even the most hidebound partisan admits that the Minister of Public Works will receive the hearty endorsement of the electors in the approaching contest. Regarding the futility of their efforts to defeat Hon. Mr. Smith, the opposition are now concentrating their energies against His Worship Mayor Sutton, the minister's colleague, and are making him the target for every conceivable political trick in their repertoire.

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### SERBIA TO HAVE MINISTER AT WASHINGTON

No Legation in U. S. and has been Represented Heretofore by a Counsel-General at New York.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Negotiations are in progress between the United States and Serbia for the appointment of a Serbian minister to this country. Serbia has never had a legation in Washington, being represented only by a consul-general at New York, although the American minister who represents the United States in Bulgaria and Roumania also is accredited to Serbia. It was learned today that the Serbian government, which has now its headquarters at Paris, has suggested that it send a minister to the United States, presenting a name for

### BRUSSELS AGAIN FEELS HUN IRON FIST

Another Tramped Up Charge Results in Order to Residents to Stay Indoors After 7 p. m.

London, Sept. 14.—Because it is alleged the people of Brussels signalled to a British aviator, who flew over the city last week, says the Exchange Telegraph Amsterdam correspondent, the German authorities have ordered all the inhabitants to be in their homes before 7 o'clock in the evening, and all cafes within a certain area closed.

approval, and that the state department probably will accept the designation.

### NEW SPAN ON SAME LINES AS THE OLD ONE

Casting Which Gave Way and Caused Disaster Had Previously Withstood a More Severe Test.

Montreal, Sept. 13.—Construction of a new centre span for the Quebec bridge will be proceeded with along exactly the same lines as the one now at the bottom of the St. Lawrence, except that the hoisting apparatus will have members of rolled steel instead of castings, as was the case when the catastrophe of Monday occurred. Officials of the St. Lawrence Bridge Company, who have accepted responsibility for the collapse of the centre span, state that a casting on the hoisting machinery at the southwest corner gave way, allowing the corner of the span to fall. The twisting strain then proved too much for the remainder of the hoisting apparatus, and the span went down, turning on its side towards upstream as it fell. The casting had been tested under a heavier strain than it was carrying at the time of the accident.

Another Victim.

Quebec, Sept. 13.—Another victim has been added to the list of killed in the Quebec tragedy, on Monday, bringing the list of dead up to 13. The latest victim is J. Thiffault, of St. Adolphe, Champlain county. He was first reported rescued, but inquiries at his boarding house today proved that he had not been seen since the collapse of the span.

### SHERIFF AND MAN HE WENT TO ARREST BOTH KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL

Worthville, Ky., Sept. 13.—J. E. Robertson, sheriff of Carroll county, and Lucian Rice, whom he was attempting to arrest, were killed simultaneously in a pistol duel late today at Rice's home at Sanders, near here. Sheriff Robertson found Rice sitting on his front porch armed. Both opened fire at once. Each was instantly killed. Rice was wanted on a disorderly conduct charge.

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN VICTIM.

London, Sept. 13.—Lloyd's announced that the Norwegian steamer Kong Ring was sunk Monday. Her crew was saved.

The Kong Ring was a vessel of 1,511 tons. She was owned in Christiania.

NOTED SOUTH AFRICAN FINANCIER DEAD.

London, Sept. 14.—Sir Sigmund Neumann, the famous South African financier and horseman, died yesterday at Bournemouth. He was born in 1857, and was created a baronet in 1912.

### BRAVE LITTLE SERB ARMY IS DOING ITS BIT

Expel Bulgars from Number of Strong Positions — No Changes on British Front in Macedonia.

Saloniki, via London, Sept. 13.—The Serbian official communication issued today says: "A violent artillery duel was started by the Serbians yesterday. Serbian infantry at many points expelled the Bulgarians from their advanced positions and occupied them. The Bulgarian counter-attacks in the course of the night were completely repulsed, with heavy losses."

No Change on British Front.

London, Sept. 13.—The war office communication issued this evening says, concerning the fighting on the British front in France:

"The general situation continues unchanged. An attack made last night on our lines from the direction of the Mouquet Farm was stopped by our fire and the enemy driven back to his trenches with considerable loss. "The hostile artillery activity is normal."

No New Developments on Struma.

London, Sept. 13.—The British troops which took the offensive recently on the Macedonian front, forcing a passage of the Struma river and capturing several villages, have made no further efforts to advance.

"Except for patrol encounters east of the river, there have been no developments on our Struma front," says an official report given out here tonight.

"On our Dolan front both our own and the enemy's artillery has been active."

### DEADLOCK IN N.Y. STRIKE UNBROKEN

City Facing Most Serious Traffic Tie-up in its History — Efforts to Induce Companies to Arbitrate Fail.

New York, Sept. 13.—The failure of Mayor Mitchell and the Public Service Commission today to induce officials of the railway companies to arbitrate the differences with their employees which the union leaders are willing to do, found this city tonight still in the grip of the transit strike, now in its sixth day.

With traffic on all surface cars in Manhattan and the Bronx completely suspended every night, and badly crippled during the day, the overflow packing subway and elevated lines, great inconvenience to the travelling public is being experienced.

The police assert that traffic conditions were worse tonight than at any time since the strike began, and fear was expressed that unless the conflicting elements can speedily find a basis of agreement the city will be faced by the most serious tie-up in its history.

### PORT AUTHORITIES MEET IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Sept. 13.—Representatives from various parts of Canada and the United States are in attendance at the fifth annual convention of the American Association of Port Authorities, which opened today in the offices of the harbor commissioners here. Mr. W. G. Ross, president of the Montreal harbor commissioners, was in the chair.

Today's programme included inspection of the harbor and a trip through Lachine Rapids.

### NEW THRUST BY FRENCH ARMY PLACES COMBLES IN FURTHER JEOPARDY

French Troops Holding Salient Won in Past Few Days Increase Gains by Capture of Trench System South of Lepriez Farm.

HEAVY FIGHTING ALL ALONG THE MACEDONIAN FRONT BUT NO GREAT CHANGES — BRITISH MAKE NO FURTHER EFFORTS TO ADVANCE IN STRUMA REGION.

The French troops to the north of Peronne are holding tenaciously to the salient they have driven into the German line eastward of the Bethune-Peronne road near Bouchavesnes. They also hold intact the town of Bouchavesnes and other points along the line captured in the offensive which they started Tuesday. In addition a powerfully organized German trench system south of the Lepriez Farm, near the road running west from Rancourt to Combles, has been captured, placing Combles in further jeopardy.

The fighting in the region of Bouchavesnes has been of sanguinary character. Finding that the French had cut their line of communication from Peronne northward, the Germans threw violent attacks against L'Abbe Wood and Hill 76, south of Bouchavesnes, and succeeded in recapturing both places. The French, however, returned vigorously to the attack, and after hard fighting, some of it hand-to-hand, finally drove out the Germans and kept the ground they had won.

In the two days' fighting more than 2,300 Germans were taken prisoner, and a large number of guns and machine guns captured.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN MACEDONIA.

On that part of the Somme front held by the British the situation remains unchanged. South of the Somme, heavy artillery duels between the French and the Germans continue in the region of Vermandovillers and Chaulnes. A repulse of a German attack near Fleury, in the Verdun sector, is reported by Paris.

All along the Macedonian front heavy fighting continues, but no important changes in positions have been reported. The Italians have joined in the fray west of the Vardar river. Near Lake Tutkovo they are declared by Rome to have driven Bulgarian detachments beyond the Demir Hisar-Doiran road. A Bulgarian official report, however, says the Italians were dispersed in this region with a loss of thirty men made prisoner.

The British, who are across the Struma river, south of Lake Taki-noe, have made no further efforts to advance and in that region there have been no new developments.

In the Dobruja region of Roumania the operations by the forces of the Central Powers are going on methodically according to Berlin. In Transylvania the Germans have joined the Austrians near Hermannstadt and southeast of Hoeting in the fighting against the invading Roumanians.

Up in the Carpathians Russian attacks along the entire front have been repulsed, according to statements of both Vienna and Berlin. Petrograd says the Russians are holding all the ground they have won in this region.

German aeroplanes have sunk a Russian torpedo boat destroyer in the Gulf of Riga and attacked Russian naval forces in the Black Sea off Constanza, Roumania. In addition to the destroyer sunk, several hits were observed in both of the attacks, the Berlin statement says.

French Increase Their Gains.

Paris, Sept. 13.—North of the Somme the French enlarged their positions opposite Combles, and stormed new trenches south of Lepriez Farm, says the official statement issued by the war office tonight. After desperate attacks the Germans recaptured a farm in L'Abbe Wood and Hill 76. But both were retaken by the French, who maintained all their gains on the centre and on the right. The total captures of yesterday and today were 2,300 prisoners, ten guns and forty machine guns. The statement reads:

"North of the Somme we appreciably extended our positions in a portion of our front facing Combles, and took by assault, south of Lepriez Farm, a complete and powerfully organized trench system.

"Desperate fighting occurred during the day on our centre and right wing, where the Germans made energetic efforts to recapture lost ground. One violent enemy attack, with two regiments against L'Abbe Wood Farm succeeded at first in its capture, but the irresistible return to the offensive of our troops threw the enemy back from his position, which we now occupy completely.

"Hill 76, on the south, was also the object of enemy attempts, but after a series of hand-to-hand encounters, with fluctuating fortunes, our infantry maintained all its gains.

"The number of unwounded prisoners captured yesterday and today exceeds at the present time 2,300. Important booty abandoned by the enemy, and counted up to the present, amounts to ten guns, including several heavy pieces, and about forty machine guns in the Bouchavesnes sector alone.

"South of the Somme artillery fighting continued very actively in the region of Vermandovillers and Chaulnes. Artillery duels of great violence continue on both sides of the Somme."

preparation, the Germans attacked the positions we recently carried east of Fleury. They were completely repulsed, leaving seventy prisoners in our hands.

"On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report."

Roumanian Activities.

Bucharest, Sept. 13, via London, Sept. 14.—The war office today issued the following official communication:

"There have been light skirmishes on the whole of the north and north-west fronts. We took 378 prisoners. "On the south front there has been an exchange of gunfire all along the Danube, while in the Dobruja we are in contact with the enemy on the entire front, with lively engagements between patrols and advance guards.

"A detachment of the enemy which had advanced up the Danube was counter-attacked and repulsed leaving in our hands eight German guns."

Letter of Thanks From Franz Josef.

Berlin, Sept. 13, by wireless to Sayville.—In accepting the resignation of General Planzer-Baltin, says an Overseas News Agency announcement, Emperor Franz Josef sent a letter in his own handwriting thanking the General for the excellent services he had rendered. The letter expresses regret that the General's ill-health makes it impossible for him to retain his commission.

Berlin, Sept. 13, by wireless to Sayville.—The capture by the French of Bouchavesnes, on the Somme front, is reported in the official announcement from the war office today:

"Front of Field Marshal Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria: The battle north of the Somme has recommenced. Our troops are engaged in heavy fighting between Combles and the Somme. The French entered Bouchavesnes. Artillery duels of great violence continue on both sides of the Somme."