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Ready to Throw in Her Lot With

CENTRAL POWERS

Great Activity Among Representatives in Greece of Entente Powers

Athens, Sept. 23-The correspond-

ent of the Morning Post" says all points to the fact that warlike pre parations have commenced. Orders have been issued by the Bulgarian Government that all railway trucks where they are found, must be un loaded immediately and reserved for Government use. Heavy artillery and field kitchens passed yesterday through Phillipopolis by rail. leave, despite repeated assertions from Bulgarian leaders that mobilization is merely for the purpose armed neutrality. London now believes that Sofia is ready to throw in her lot with the Central Powers, the problematic factors in the crisis are Roumania and Greece.

Athens is in turmoil on receipt of the news that Bulgaria had ordered the mobilization of her troops. King Constantine summoned to conference Premier Venizelos and members of the General Staff of the Army. The Premier subsequently called a meeting of the Cabinet.

Greatest activity prevails among representatives of the Entente Powers in Greece. British, French and Russian ministers held a conference with the Venizelos Government. Athens, the despatch says, faces the situation confidently. Britain views the situation with the greatest seriousness.

#### Czar Nicholas Commander in Chief In Name Only

Berlin, Sept. 23-A report reached Berlin to-day from Petrograd, by way of Stockholm, that changes in the leadership of the Russian army, affecting the highest military officials, were soon to be made. This report, contained in a despatch from the Stockholm correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger, was given out here today by the Overseas News Agency. Quoting from this despatch, the News

"The well-informed Russian press reports that Emperor Nicholas is Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces in name only. The actual Balkan Situation power is in the hands of experienced leaders, Genl. Polivanoff, Minister of War, and Genl. Kuropatkin. Plans will soon be consummated for reforms, including reorganizaztion of the higest military officers."

# Royal Palace Raided by Airmen

Geneva, Sept. 23-News has reached Romanshorn, Switzerland, that the right wing of the Royal Palace at Stuttgart was badly damaged in yesterday's raid by the Allied aviators One bomb exploded in the saloon It is known that several members of the royal family were in residence. The French aviators, after bombarding the station and barracks, where Plans to Induce two soldiers were killed, and fifteen seriously injured, divided, some flying to Friedrichshafen where the Zeppelin factory was bombarded.

The Swiss steamer Gothard hastily left Friedrichshafen for the Swiss shore, without taking passengers on

# German Airmen

Paris, Sept. 23.—Two German aeroplanes flew over Swiss territory benewspaper despatches from Berne.

# The Reason for

London Believes Sofia is Germans Subs. Destroyed Faster Than Being Built

IS THE REASON

We Are Told For the Complete Failure of Submarine Warfare

Providence, R.I., Sept. 23-The reason why the German Government has consented to change its submarine per cent. of its submarines have been destroyed and its underseas warfare brought to a complete failure in the past two months.

April 1st sixteen have been destroy- terms the latest developments in the ter on the northern end of their line, ed. These boats mostly were destroy- Eastern peninsula, arising out of Bul- and thus far have prevented Field ed by the great iron nets placed in garia's order of mobilization, remains Marshal von Hindenburg from reachthe paths of submarines by British. unsolved. The greatest uncertainty ing the Dvina River, west of Lenne-All officers have been recalled from Present methods have lasted over a still exists, even in official quarters waden, where, for the second time, period of four months and they would in London, as to the intentions of the battle line has been joined. They have been brought to a successful King Ferdinand and his advisers. In are also putting up a stubborn fight completion many weeks ago if the fact it is not yet certain that mobiliza further down the river west of Dvinsk British naval authorities had real- tion has begun, or that a date has where the Germans claims to have ized that some of the mercantile con- been set for it. One report from penetrated their positions. trivances made use of were not fit Athens says that mobilization has

on positive authority that the full among themselves. that the most grave situation she overcome crews of such vessels.

#### **Austro-Germans** Begin the March **Toward Turkey**

London, Sept. 23-While the German and Austrian artillery is bombarding Serbian positions along the whole northern frontier, apparently paving the way for the long awaited thrust toward Turkey, the Balkan States are in a ferment.

M. Radoslavoff, the Bulgarian Premier has announced to his supporters the singing of a convention with Turkey for the future maintenance of armed neutrality on the part | dle. M. Mincoff, first secretary of the of Bulgaria, says the "Times" correspondent at Sofia.

# · Is Very Critical

London, Sept. 23.—At the best the Bulgarian stroke marks the whole Balkan situation as urgent and immediate, says the Westminster Gaz- Toronto Bulgars ette. This may not be a misfortune as it compels all the States to come to definite decisions about the Bul-Is Badly Damaged garian demands. The German are threatening to join the Austrians in another attack on Serbia. This may be partly bluff, but it might come to dangerous reality if Bulgaria is willing to throw her lot with the Turks and Central Powers, as then we should see the unloosening of incalculable forces throughout the Pen-

# Workmen to Quit **Munitions Factories**

Wheeling, West Virginia, Sept. 23 -A movement to have all Austro-Hungarians quit the plants where they are employed making war muniinaugurated here to-day, when it was announced that a speaker represent- lery fighting which has characterized ing the Cleveland Society would ad- operations in France for more than Turkish Capital Over Switzerland dress such workmen at Bridgeport, three weeks past was continued yes-

Ohio, on Saturday night, Mill manager, fearing the men places along the battle line, accordwould walk out, have arranged to ing to an announcement given out tween Couffeney and Portentry and have their places taken by workmen this afternoo by the War Office. dropped a bomb near Crasdomant of other nationalities. Important Engagements were particularly in the Turkish capital, and that con-Farm, injuring a child, according to contracts for shells are being filled severe near Roslincourt and to the ditions of life there are almost intol- ing in the Princess Theatre did dam- steamship Chancellor has been sunk at the start, I am getting thirty and by factories in the Wheeling district. North of the River Avre.

# Providence Provides BALKAN RIDDLE REMAINS UNSOLVED

# Changed Policy Bulgaria Hides Intentions In Mystery

Austro-Germans Have Commenced Attempt to Force Way Through Serbia to Turkey---Russians Check Advance of Hindenburg, Prince
Leopold Makes Slight Advance But Von MacLeopold Makes Slight Advance Turkey---Rusabandoned a number of hand grenades, cartridges and utensils. Stubmachine hurriedly descended beyond the German trenches. Fighting at Stounga, on the Ekau river, resulted in the flight of the Germans, who abandoned a number of hand grenades, cartridges and utensils. Stubthe German trenches. Fighting at Stounga, on the Ekau river, resulted in the flight of the Germans, who abandoned a number of hand grenades, cartridges and utensils. Stub-Kenzen is at Standstill---Artillery Continues on Western Front With No Account of Infantry lage continually changing hands. Work---Heavy Firing Heard in North Sea.

were able to replace her submarines it seems likely that these diplomatic under General Ivanoff

the intervening neutral countries to perience. the Aegean Sea, but with Russia more

London, Sept. 23—"The Riddle of | big neighbor and former protector. It is positively known that since the Balkans" as the London press | The Russians, also, are doing bet-

of which are declared to have been tives at Sofia and other Balkan capi- the German net, are now falling back ing abroad. of the newest and latest construction, tals are still busy trying to recon- and in doing so have left some priswould prevent Roumania, Bulgaria,

Since the 5th of May it is stated Greece and Serbia from fighting made a slight further advance, but ing. Field Marshal von MacKenzen and capacity of German shipyards for As the Bulgarian Government ap- his Austrian colleagues, to the south Germany Gathers undersea boats is not more than three pears to have made up its mind, de- are at a standstill, or even are be a month, but that, even if Germany spite the opposition of some parties, ing pushed back by the Russians

as fast as they have been destroyed, efforts will have many difficulties to Big guns continue to boom along The Central Powers have already are finding plenty of employment in of warfare is the actual destruction commenced their attempt to make mining, bombing and in air fights, of the morale of the officers and their way through Serbia and one of which are now an almost hourly ex-

There also has been something than holding her own against the happening in the North Sea, according Austro-Germans in Galicia and Vol- to correspondents from Ameland, a going contrary to the wishes of their North Sea last night and again to-day.

#### **Bulgaria Thinks** Reinforcements **Armed Neutrality Proper Course**

London, Sept. 23-No further news from Bulgaria has reached the British public. Even diplomatic circles are unable to explain the Balkan rid-Bulgarian legation, said to-day:

"Up to now we have been only civ ilians in the armed camp of Europe. Roumania and Greece have been mobilized for a considerable time. Why, therefore, is it so astonishing that Bulgaria should follow suit? Why should mobilization mean any change Bulgaria Refuses in our national policy?"

# Will Not Return To Fight Serbia

Toronto, Sept. 23.-Toronto Bulgarians declare that they will not go back to Bulgaria to fight for that country if they declare war on Serbia. They take the stand that Britain and Russia are responsible for the

liberty they now enjoy. They will not go against the Allies. "They liberated us and we won't fight against them. If Bulgaria fights our enemy, then we will go back and fight," they declare.

# **Terrific Fighting** With Heavy Guns

Paris, Sept. 23.-The violent artilterday and last night, at a number of

# For Allied Armies On Gallipoli

Berlin, Sept. 23,-A new army of 110,000 men has been sent to the assistance of the Allied forces in the Dardanelles, according to the Overseas News Agency. This information is contained in a despatch from

The reinforcements for the French and British forces are said to have been landed at Mudros, on Lemnos Island, in the Aegean Sea.

# To Issue Passports

more passports will be issued to persons departing for foreign countries, owing to the present uncertain con-

ditions. nounced that youths of the class of 1916 must appear for physical exam- rains begin. ination before October 20th.

#### American Consulate Damaged by Bombs **Dropped by French**

Washington, Sept. 23.-The American Consulate at Stuttgart was struck by a fragment of a bomb during the Kish were burned to death here to- Bulgarian Activity recent raid on that place by French day airmen, according to a message today from Consul Higgins. He said Swedish Steamer On French Front no one in the Consulate was injured, but did not indicate whether the building was greatly damaged.

# Without Light

Geneva, Sept. 23-A Swiss, just returned from Constantinople, says there is no gas, electricity or candles erable for foreigners.

#### America to Supply Medicine Men

London, Sept. 24.—There will be no course open but apply to the United States to fill up the necessary comtry cannot produce the requisite doctors, writes Sir James Barr, vice-South-east of Vilna the Russian sociation and Lieutenant-Colonel of been postponed. It is known, how- rear-guards, which made possible the the Royal Army Medical Corps, ap-Sixty-seven German submarines, 28 ever, that the Entente represental escape of the main Vilna army from pealing for doctors for the armies go-

have been sunk and their crews de- struct the Balkan League, as this oners in the hands of the Germans. are required declares Sir James, who Prince Leopold of Barvaria has also adds that conscription is com-

# **Immense Forces For** Invasion of Serbia

Nish, Serbia, Sept. 24.—Best information obtainable here indicates there are 800,000 German troops available for the attempt to force a of one height, two officers and one passage through Serbia.

It is felt in Nish that this moveout Serbian positions.

#### **American Wireless** To Replace German

New York, Sept. 24.—That American wireless equipment in charge of American operators, is to replace the German owned wireless apparatus recently removed from twenty-two ships of the Standard Oil Company is announced here to-day by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company. All ships which formerly sailed

mitted to American registry. Germans Prepare

# For Evenualities In Western Area

ernment announced to-day that no past week, German positions in Bell not be exceeded. gium have been heavily reinforced. It is reported here that these precautions have been taken in anticipation of a possible general offensive on the The military authorities have an part of the Entente Allies along the Western lines before the autumn

### Four Children **Burned To Death**

Lare, Penna., Sept. 23.-Trapped by flames which enveloped their home while the mother was calling on a neighbour, four children, of Daniel

# Sent to Bottom

Christiania, Sept. 23.—The Swedish steamer Forsvik, 1107 tons, was sunk on Sunday by a mine or torpedo.

#### **Princess Theatre** Damaged By Fire

# **OFFICIAL**

Paris, Sept. 24.—Bulgarian situation is absorbing attention in France India' place in the Council of Empire to exclusion of all the other topics. was discussed at an important meet-Little doubt is felt here that Bulgar-

Petrograd, Sept. 24.—A German Domnions and dependencies. aeroplane shelled Spoak, west of Riga born fighting has commenced at At- his warmest sympathy, adding if the kala, in the Neugeb region, the vil- Council adopted it his Government

In the region of Dvinsk there has mendation been no change. During a bayonet fight west of Sweben Lake, one offi- Bulgars Work cer and one hundred men and one machine gun were captured

. In the Smelin region, in the course of desperate hand to hand fighting, two machine guns and over two hundred men were captured. One piece here have been informed that Bulchanged hands repeatedly.

were of extreme violence.

the enemy's obstinacy.

North-west of Dubna, in spite of the enemy's efforts to check the Russian offensive by counter-attacks, the Russians occupied Woinitsy, on the left of the Ikwa, capturing 28 officers and 1,400 men, also three machine

In the region of Dvorets, south-west | Switzerland for Sofia on Friday, of Kremenetz, during the occupation | travelling by way of Austria. hundred men fell into our hands.

In the region north of Seale Szczyky ment is to be undertaken, although in Galicia, the enemy was repulsed when is not known. Operations thus | from Worwolintz and Shinkowtce. hynia, it is believed here that the Dutch island off the coast of Fries- far are still of a character which in- The cavalry pursued and defeated the Balkan Powers would hesitate before land, who report heavy firing in the dicates that the Teutons are feeling enemy—the Austrians— which were partly killed and partly taken pristhe cavalry pushed on to Broussy, course of subsequent fighting more removed before the sea reached its prisoners were taken, together with a highest

#### quantity of weapons. The New Loan. To Be Negotiated

New York, Sept. 24:-Both parties who proposed the big credit loan to under the German flag have been ad-Great Britain and France are reported to be negotiating today on a basis of \$500,000,000 as the maximum amount. The Anglo-French Commission it was said, was still inclined to insist that the Loan should be greater than this amount. American financers were reported to have informed Sofia, Sept. 23.—The Bulgarian Gov- Rotterdam, Sept. 23.—During the the Commission that the sum would the Labrador Coast and no fish was

#### Loud Explosion Followed by Exit German Cruiser

Copenhagen, Sept. 24.—Fishermen at Holtug observed a German cruiser off Falsterbo. It suddenly disappeared in an immense column of water and simultaneously there was a loud

It was assumed that it was torpedoed.

# Alarms the Greeks

Paris. Sept. 24.—Bulgaria having taken certain measures, the Greek Government has decided to answer those measures by equivalent preparations, telegraphs the Athens correspondent of the "Matin."

#### **British Steamer** Goes to Bottom

Montreal, Sept. 23.—Fire this morn- London, Sept. 24—The British getting around twenty men a day, as and part of her crew saved.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* India Seeks To Be Represented

London, Sept. 24.-Through Reuters Ottawa Agency a special desnatch from Simla, announces that ing of the Imperial Legislative Council to-day and that a resolution is to be forwarded to London requesting that measures be taken to have India represented at the next Council of Empire as are various Overseas

The resolution asked that India in When shelled by the Russians, the future be officially represented at conmachine hurriedly descended beyond ferences of the British Empire, The

would readily comply wih the recom-

# To Strengthen Ports On Black Sea

Athens, Sept 24-Diplomatic circles garian warships which were station-In the region of Smorgon, on the ed at Varna on the Black Sea have front south-east of Vilna, ad also in sought shelter in neighboring bays. the region of Gawia, east of Lida, en- Large numbers of men are working gagements occurred, some of which at feverish speed to fortify Bulgarian Black Sea ports. Valuables of bran-Between the right bank of the Mol-ches of the National Bank at Burgas chad and the left affluent of the Nie- and Varna have been removed to men and Oginski Canal, there were Sofia. The belief have been expressseveral serious bayonet encounters, ed in Bulgaria that if that country which increased intensity. The Rus-arrays herself on side of the Teutonsians continue to show the highest ic Allies, Russians will attempt inqualities of gallantry and resistance, vasion through port of Varna, 30 thereby proviking in greater degree hours sail from Odesa, although it is strongly fortified.

#### **Bulgarian Officers** Leaving Switzerland

Geneva, Sept. 24.—Three hundred Bulgarian officers and men leave

#### **Damaged at Pouch Cove**

week did much damage at Pouch Cove and neighborhood. Pretty well oners. Continuing their gallant work all the stages were carried away south-west of Tluste, and in the would have gone but that it had been

> There is a large hole formed in Danscombe's bridge, near the Lunatic Asylum, dangerous alike for pedestrians and horses. The bridge near Cut in Half Boggy Hall is also in need of attention. The Government should have both looked after if accidents are to

> > Frank Hogan's craft yesterday went to Small Point from Carbonear with a load of lumber, which will be used to repair the pretty little Catholic Church of that place.

Yesterday it was foggy right along there was a good hook-and-line catch.

Port aux Basques at 6.45 a.m. today. Yesterday's left Bishop's Falls on

# Sir Wilfrid's Work

The Montreal Gazette is not among those government organs which are acusing Sir Wilfrid Laurier of dislovalty to the empire It is a respectable and responsible journal. It bears testimoney, on the contrary, to the invaluable service which Sir Wilfrid is rendering in his recruiting speech.

"It was stated by a number of recruiting officers that there has been a marked difference in feeling amongst possible French-Canadian recruits for the battalion since Sir Wilfrid Laurier made his speech at the St.

Lin demonstration last Saturday. "'I never expected to have met with such success in organizing my battalion,' said Lieut. Col. A. Dansereau yesterday. 'Not only did recruiting start off well but it has steadily improved and now instead of forty men and even more."