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Balkan States In a Turmoil, Bulgaria Prepares

London Believes Sofia is Ready to Throw in Her Lot With

CENTRAL POWERS

Great Activity Among Representatives in Greece of Entente Powers

Athens, Sept. 23.—The correspondent of the "Morning Post" says all authentic information from Bulgaria points to the fact that warlike preparations have commenced.

All officers have been recalled from leave, despite repeated assertions from Bulgarian leaders that mobilization is merely for the purpose of armed neutrality.

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.

"The well-informed Russian press reports that Emperor Nicholas is Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces in name only.

Royal Palace Raided by Airmen Is Badly Damaged

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.

German Airmen Over Switzerland

Paris, Sept. 23.—Two German aeroplanes flew over Swiss territory between Couffeyen and Portantey and dropped a bomb near Crasdomant Farm, injuring a child, according to newspaper despatches from Berne.

Providence Provides The Reason for Changed Policy

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 methods is because more than eighty per cent of its submarines have been destroyed and its undersea warfare brought to a complete failure in the past two months.

It is positively known that since April 1st sixteen have been destroyed. These boats mostly were destroyed by the great iron nets placed in the paths of submarines by British.

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.

Balkan Situation Is Very Critical

London, Sept. 23.—At the best the Balkan situation marks the whole Balkan situation as urgent and immediate, says the Westminster Gazette.

Plans to Induce 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 munitions here to-day, when it was announced that a speaker representing the Cleveland Society would address such workmen at Bridgeport, Ohio, on Saturday night.

BALKAN RIDDLE REMAINS UNSOLVED

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 Mackenzen is at Standstill---Artillery Continues on Western Front With No Account of Infantry Work---Heavy Firing Heard in North Sea.

London, Sept. 23.—"The Riddle of the Balkans" as the London press terms the latest developments in the Eastern peninsula, arising out of Bulgaria's order of mobilization, remains unsolved.

The Central Powers have already commenced their attempt to make their way through Serbia and one of the intervening neutral countries to the Aegean Sea, but with Russia more than holding her own against the Austro-Germans in Galicia and Volhynia, it is believed here that the Balkan Powers would hesitate before going contrary to the wishes of their

big neighbor and former protector. The Russians, also, are doing better on the northern end of their line, and thus far have prevented Field Marshal von Hindenburg from reaching the Dvina River, west of Lennawaden, where, for the second time, the battle line has been joined.

South-east of Vilna the Russian rear-guards, which made possible the escape of the main Vilna army from the German net, are now falling back and in doing so have left some prisoners in the hands of the Germans.

There also has been something happening in the North Sea, according to correspondents from Ameland, a Dutch island off the coast of Friesland, who report heavy firing in the North Sea last night and again to-day.

Bulgaria Thinks 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 riddle. M. Mincoff, first secretary of the Bulgarian legation, said to-day: "Up to now we have been only civilians in the armed camp of Europe.

Toronto Bulgars 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.

Terrific Fighting With Heavy Guns On French Front

Paris, Sept. 23.—The violent artillery fighting which has characterized operations in France for more than three weeks past was continued yesterday and last night, at a number of places along the battle line, according to an announcement given out this afternoon by the War Office.

Reinforcements 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 Athens.

Bulgaria Refuses To Issue Passports

Sofia, Sept. 23.—The Bulgarian Government announced to-day that no more passports will be issued to persons departing for foreign countries, owing to the present uncertain conditions.

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 recent raid on that place by French airmen, according to a message to-day from Consul Higgins.

Turkish Capital Without Light

Geneva, Sept. 23.—A Swiss, just returned from Constantinople, says there is no gas, electricity or candles in the Turkish capital, and that conditions of life there are almost intolerable 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 complements of medical men if this country cannot produce the requisite doctors, writes Sir James Barr, vice-president of the British Medical Association and Lieutenant-Colonel of the Royal Army Medical Corps, appealing for doctors for the armies going abroad.

Germany Gathers 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 passage through Serbia.

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.

Germans Prepare For Evacuations In Western Area

Rotterdam, Sept. 23.—During the past week, German positions in Belgium have been heavily reinforced. It is reported here that these precautions have been taken in anticipation of a possible general offensive on the part of the Entente Allies along the Western lines before the autumn rains begin.

Four Children Burned To Death

Lare, Penna., Sept. 23.—Trapped by flames which enveloped their home while the mother was calling on a neighbor, four children, of Daniel Kish, were burned to death here to-day.

Swedish Steamer 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

Montreal, Sept. 23.—Fire this morning in the Princess Theatre did damage estimated at \$60,000.

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FRENCH Paris, Sept. 24.—Bulgarian situation is absorbing attention in France to exclusion of all the other topics.

RUSSIAN. Petrograd, Sept. 24.—A German aeroplane shelled Spok, west of Riga.

When shelled by the Russians, the machine 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.

In the region of Dvinsk there has been no change. During a bayonet fight west of Sveben Lake, one officer 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 changed hands repeatedly.

Between the right bank of the Molchad and the left affluent of the Niemen and Oginski Canal, there were several serious bayonet encounters, which increased intensity.

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 guns.

In the region of Dvoretz, south-west of Kremenz, during the occupation of one height, two officers and one hundred men fell into our hands.

The high sea which ran as the result of the N.E. storm of the past week did much damage at Pouch Cove and neighborhood. Pretty well all the stages were carried away with some fish, and more of the latter would have gone but that it had been removed before the sea reached its highest.

The New Loan To Be Negotiated Cut in Half

New York, Sept. 24.—Both parties who proposed the big credit loan to 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.

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 explosion.

Bulgarian Activity 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

London, Sept. 24.—The British steamship Chancellor has been sunk and part of her crew saved.

India Seeks To Be Represented

London, Sept. 24.—Through Reuters Ottawa Agency a special despatch from Simla, announces that India's place in the Council of Empire was discussed at an important meeting 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 Dominions and dependencies.

The resolution asked that India in future be officially represented at conferences of the British Empire. The request is to be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India.

Lord Harding Viceroy affirmed the Government of India gladly accepted the important resolution, which had his warmest sympathy, adding if the Council adopted it his Government would readily comply with the recommendation.

Bulgars Work To Strengthen Ports On Black Sea

Athens, Sept. 24.—Diplomatic circles here have been informed that Bulgarian warships which were stationed at Varna on the Black Sea have sought shelter in neighboring bays.

Large numbers of men are working at feverish speed to fortify Bulgarian Black Sea ports. Valuables of branches of the National Bank at Burgas and Varna have been removed to Sofia.

Bulgarian Officers Leaving Switzerland

Geneva, Sept. 24.—Three hundred Bulgarian officers and men leave Switzerland for Sofia on Friday, travelling by way of Austria.

Damaged at Pouch Cove

There is a large hole formed in Danscombe's bridge, near the Lunatic Asylum, dangerous alike for pedestrians and horses. The bridge near Bogg Hall is also in need of attention.

Sir Wilfrid's Work

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

"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. Danesereu yesterday. "Not only did recruiting start off well but it has steadily improved and now instead of getting around twenty men a day, as at the start, I am getting thirty and forty men and even more."