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Startling Events Occur at the Greek Capital.

Entire Allied Mediterranean Fleet Assembled—Rising at Salonica—Greek Pro-Entente Volunteers Compel Garrison of Forts to Surrender—Athens Has Been Cut Off From the World by the Censor.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Some of the most startling events of the world war are transpiring at Athens behind the shuttered windows of a rigid censorship.

All Greece is in a ferment of revolution; there is an unconfirmed report that the king has abdicated his throne and Crown Prince George assumed the regency; the remobilization of the army has been ordered; the elections, set for October 8, have been postponed a fortnight; the entire allied Mediterranean fleet has assembled before Athens—according to sensational despatches reaching here.

It is impossible to separate the chaff from the grain owing to the complete isolation of Athens. For 48 hours until late at night, the Greek capital was completely cut off from the world. Just before midnight two despatches came through, bearing Friday's date, from Athens. One was from the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, and said that 30 Allied warships, accompanied by transports, had arrived off Piræus, the port of Athens. Part of the fleet is reported lying in Salamis and Phalaron Bays.

The other despatch announced the postponement of the Greek elections. Neither touched on the question, which holds London, and, indeed, the whole world, in a fever of interest as to the fate of King Constantine.

From the fragmentary despatches which have reached London it is deduced by some observers that changes of decisive character already have taken place in Athens and that the de facto Government of Greece has decided to abandon neutrality and range itself on the side of the Entente Allies. Other experts take a more conservative view. The Times editorially attaching small importance to Wednesday's revolutionary movement at Salonica, declaring that this is completely overshadowed by the news of the appearance of Entente Allied ships off Piræus. "This must be taken to indicate," says The Times, "that the Allies are weary of the equivocations, which have so long prevailed in Athens, and are resolved to baffle the intrigues of their enemies."

A message from the correspondent of the Reuter Agency at Salonica says regarding the abdication of King Constantine: "Pending confirmation the report must be received with all reserve."

EVENTS MOVE SWIFTLY.

Serbians, Roumanians, and Russians Have Joined Forces.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The three outstanding developments in the Balkans situation are: Bulgaria's declaration of war against Roumania, reported in a Reuter despatch from Salonica; a declaration of war against Roumania by Turkey; the entrance of Serbian troops into Roumania, where they have joined forces with the Roumanian and Russian troops.

Meantime the Roumanian armies are continuing their rapid advance into Transylvania. All of the Targu valley has been occupied in the district around Kronstadt and the important industrial centre of Petro-seni, six miles within the Hungarian frontier, has been seized according to an official announcement.

King Ferdinand has taken command of the Roumanian forces, with Gen. Ilesco as chief of the general staff. It is reported that the commanders are preparing to throw an additional army across the Danube to attack the Teutonic forces in Northern Serbia. Thus far, the Roumanian losses have been slight.

Violent fighting already is developing along the Danube at points where the Russians, crossing Eastern Roumania, have reached the Bulgarian frontier.

There also is furious fighting, with the Roumanians participating, in the extreme southern end of the ranges of the Carpathians, south-west of Kimpolung.

ROGERS AT EXHIBITION.

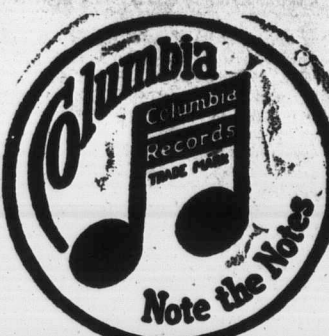
Minister of Public Works is Chief Speaker on Empire Day.

TORONTO, Sept. 4.—Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, was at the Exhibition Saturday. The day had been set apart for Empire Federation Day, and Hon. Mr. Rogers delivered an imperial address suitable for the occasion at the directors' luncheon. Saturday was the day which sets as it were the keynote for the whole Exhibition this year, touching as it did upon the thought of federation. The entire program was mapped out to emphasize the Imperial thought.

There were 39,000 people at the Exhibition Thursday, Press Day, the threatening weather keeping many thousands away. The attendance on the corresponding day last year was 44,000, and on the fifth day of 1913, the record year, 69,000.

Chinese Found Dead.

SIMCOE, Sept. 4.—A Chinese, who has been identified as Julian Lee Duck of Port Dover, who took lodgings at the Battersby House here on Sunday night, slept in the morning and kept irregular hours, was found dead in bed in his room by Proprietor Brady. There are marks upon his chest and neck, as if inflicted by some blunt instrument. He was lying face downwards, with his head over the edge of the bed. It is believed he was demented. Coroner Richardson found that the man had been dead forty-eight hours.



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