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BRITISH

The Governor, Newfoundland. London, August 16.—The French government reports the enemy repulsed in Argonne. A successful raid by nineteen aeroplanes on the German artillery park and depot near St. Mihiel.

FRENCH

Paris, Aug. 16.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out a statement as follows—There was intermittent cannonading last night in the vicinity of Souchez and on the plateau of Nourwon, to the North of the River Aisne. There were also engagements with bombs and hand grenades in the section of Quenneville, and in the western part of the Argonne. In the Vosges the explosion of a mine against an enemy trench located between Burnhaupt and Amertwiller made it possible for us to take some prisoners and to capture two bomb throwers and a machine gun.

To Impress Balkans And Encourage Turkey To Renewed Efforts

Rome, Aug. 16.—Telegrams from Nish give the impression that the Serbian government does not look for any serious movement against the country by Austria and Germany in the near future. These advices say that Serbian officials consider the reported concentration by Austrians and Germans at Orsova in Hungary are merely for political effect. By this move, according to the Serbian view, the Teutonic allies hope to impress Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece, and to encourage Turkey to redoubt efforts at the Dardanelles.

To Convince The Crown Prince That All's Well

London, Aug. 16.—An Athens despatch to the Daily Telegraph says that at a recent meeting of Young Turks the question of a regency was discussed on the ground that Sultan Mohammed V is far from well, and incapable of attending to the affairs of State. The situation is complicated by the knowledge that Crown Prince Yusoff is lukewarm in his attitude towards the war. In the hope of convincing the Crown Prince that all is going well, Party leaders recently persuaded him to pay a personal visit to the Dardanelles front.

M. Zatziaus Elected President Chamber of Deputies

Athens, Aug. 16.—The Greek Chamber of Deputies assembled to-day. M. Zatziaus, an adherent of former Premier Venizelos was elected president. The majority of the Venizelos party as the result of its victory at the recent general election, was vindicated by the vote. M. Zatziaus received 182 votes, as compared with 93 for the candidate of the Government.

With Last Shot David Johnson Takes His Life

Dublin, Aug. 16.—David Johnson was found dead this morning underneath the window of his house in Lyngan, County Armagh, in which for two days he witheld the Constabulary. A bullet wound through his eye, and an empty revolver clutched in his hand indicated that he had spent his last cartridge to cheat the police of their quarry.

Submarine Sinks Norwegian Steamer

London, Aug. 16.—The Norwegian steamer Albis, 1381 tons, was sunk by submarine. The crew were saved.

Acute Situation In Balkan Affairs Rivets Attention

Fateful Move by Roumanian Government Hourly Expected

AUSTRIA PREPARES FOR TURNS OF EVENTS Is Massing Troops Along the Danube and German Papers Advocate Force

London, Aug. 16th.—The importance of the Balkan situation is emphasized by the morning papers, which point out particularly that events there may reach a crisis within 24 hours. King Charles of Roumania called a special meeting of the cabinet at Bucharest yesterday, to meet leaders of all political parties, as well influential members of the chambers were summoned. The Serbian Skupshina at Nish to-day to receive a statement from Premier Pachitch on Bulgarian negotiations. Simultaneously the Greek parliament will meet at Athens to oust the present cabinet, with the supporters of former Premier Venizelos as powerful as ever. The analysis of the morning papers point out that Austria meanwhile is gathering troops on the Danube, and that German writers are advocating openly an advance to the Aegean Sea. The Daily News says that Roumania may make a sudden move which will solve the Balkan deadlock. The force of events, the paper says, may cut the knots at which diplomatic fingers have been picking in vain. Decisive action by Roumania would mean that she had obtained assurances of the Bulgarian attitude, which is the great danger point.

Miss Pankhurst Defies the Nation Will Not Register

London, Aug. 16.—Silvia Pankhurst will not comply with the National Registry regulations, she asserts. "I am not going to register, that's all I know about it," declared Miss Pankhurst tonight at a meeting followed by a demonstration of East London Suffragettes. "For my part I think it merely a ruse to get more power out of the workers. I am not a man so they can't take me to the war, but they won't send me to a munitions factory. They know there will be trouble. They pay two shillings and eight pence a dozen for soldiers' khaki shifts, and men must fight for better conditions for women."

Bulgaria Recalls Envoys to Turkey

London, Aug. 16.—So much importance is attached to results expected from the proposals made by the Entente powers to Serbia and Greece regarding concessions to Bulgaria that Bulgaria has recalled from Constantinople the delegates who went there to negotiate with Turkey, says a despatch from Sofia to the Daily Mail.

Germans Bombard English Coast Towns

London, Aug. 16.—The ports of Harrington and Whitehaven in Cumberland, England, on the Irish Sea, were bombarded to-day. British officials statement to-night has announced some fires were caused but the damage was slight. There were no casualties.

Women Work While Men Fight

Geneva, Aug. 16.—Official figures show that on one 1st. about 5,000 young women were employed at the Krupp works at Essen as compared with 1329 on January 1st.

GERMANS DRIVE WEDGE IN RUSSIAN LINES--VON MACKENZEN PUSH THEM BACK ALONG BUG AND HINDENBERG ATTACKS DEF. OF KOVNO

Crisis in Balkan Diplomatic Situation Has Not Been Reached, But Is Awaited With the Keenest Anxiety --Turkey Apparently Satisfied With the Present Position Is Not Eager to Talk of Concessions-- Some Rumblings of an African Upheaval-- Decline in Sterling Exchange is Causing Grave Consideration Financial Circles

London, Aug. 17.—The left wing of the Bavarian army, under Prince Leopold, has fought its way across the Bug River, near Drohiczyn, which lies east of Sokolet, and is some fifty miles north-east of Brest-Litovsk. According to an official Berlin report this move forms a slight wedge in the Russian front which had been virtually straight since the Warsaw salient was abandoned. Field Marshal Von Mackenzen is also reported to be pushing back the Russians along the Bug, where the Germans are advancing along the Eastern bank of that river. Farther east, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is credited with a successful attack on the advanced defences of Kovno, as well as a successful attempt to break the Russian line between the Narew and Bug, after the Narew River had been crossed by the Germans. These formed the most critical military movements of the day, but they attract less attention here than the diplomatic negotiations in the Balkans, where the crisis has not yet been reached. The most significant phase in to-day's news concerning the Near Eastern situation was that

contained in a brief despatch from Athens, stating that former Premier, Venizelos, had won a decisive victory over the government organization in the Greek Chamber of Deputies. The withdrawal of the Bulgarian delegates from Constantinople caused much speculation here, the consensus of opinion being that Turkey is so confident of her present position she does not feel under any compulsion to make the concessions Bulgaria desires. The usual grenade and mine fighting is reported along the Western line and there has been some activity along the minor fronts in the Caucasus, where the Russians claim they have successfully repulsed the Turkish attacks. At Livingston, on the Rhodesian border of South Africa, the British force, which had been besieged by a German detachment, is reported to have finally driven off the besiegers. Except in their financial columns, newspapers pay little attention to the decline in sterling exchange. The government has given no hint of any plan it may be considering to relieve the situation, which is leading the financial authorities here to regard as decidedly serious.

Time Not Ripe For Greek Govt. To Take Sides

Berlin, Aug. 17.—The Athens correspondent of the Tageblatt, who has frequently shown himself to be well informed, telegraphed the following statement of the attitude of the foreigner Premier M. Venizelos, as expressed by Venizelos on Saturday in conversation with a political friend. M. Venizelos believes now, as before, that Greek interests lie on the side of the Entente Allies, but that the time is not ripe for Greece to join the quadruple alliance. The activity of Greece should be, therefore, to preserve neutrality for the present. The correspondent adds that the question now is whether King Constantine regards these views as a proper basis for entrusting the future of Greece to M. Venizelos as Premier.

Russian Govt. Not Opposed To Japanese Alliance

Milan, Aug. 17.—A despatch from Petrograd outlines the situation in Russia, which gives the impression of being inspired by the Russian Foreign Minister is published by the "Corriere della Serra." The article says, in conclusion the proposal for a Russo-Japanese alliance finds no opposition on the condition that it be not aggressive against China, and even less so against America whose friendship is necessary to Russia.

Italians Advance In Face of Storms

Brescia, Italy, Aug. 17.—Italian advance in East Cindino, thirty miles S.W. of Trent and towards Riva, at the head of Lake Garda, is being continued, notwithstanding the stormy weather and terrific hailstorms. The reports say the trenches captured by the Italians were full of water in which bodies were floating.

Big Explosion At Powder Mills. Five Men Killed

Emporeum, Penna., Aug. 16.—Five were killed at the Gelatine Aetna Explosive company's plant at Grove Run near here, which was blown to pieces to-day. Two other buildings were badly damaged, and the entire country side shaken. The dead men were the only employees in the buildings, when the explosion occurred. The Company has been engaged in filling war orders, it was stated.

The Real Crisis To Russian Army Is Yet to Come

Berlin, Aug. 17.—Resolutions calling for an extension of German frontiers, as a result of the war, were adopted by the executive committee of the National Liberal Party, which met yesterday at the Reichstag. The resolution made the following declaration. "The outcome of the present war can only be peace, which, by extending our frontiers East and West and overseas, will protect us, militarily, politically and economically against new attacks and compensate us for the enormous sacrifices which the German nation has already made, and we are determined to continue to a victorious conclusion."

Straits Settlements Adopts Conscription

Singapore, Aug. 16.—The Straits Settlements is the first part of the British empire to ordain compulsory military service, by a bill passed by the Legislature here on Saturday. All men between the ages of 18 and 55 are ordered for training.

Excessive Prices For Farm Products Roumanian Border

Paris, Aug. 16.—A delayed despatch by the Havas News Agency filled at Bucharest on Saturday, says that Austrians and Germans at points along the Roumanian frontier are paying three times the normal prices for wheat, corn, hay, flax, peas and beans exported from that country. This is the result of heavy export taxes placed upon Roumanian agricultural products on Saturday, following the action of the Government on the previous day in removing the prohibition against the sending of the country. The export tax amounts to from \$80 to \$200 on a carload.

Constantine Accepts Resignation Of Guinari Cabinet

London, Aug. 17.—King Constantine of Greece has accepted the resignation of the Guinari Cabinet, according to a despatch from Athens. Elutherios Venizelos, leader of the Opposition, was invited to consult with the King to-day.

TO DEVELOP A JUNIOR NIAGARA AT QUEENSTON

Proposal to Dam the Lower Niagara River at a Cost of \$100,000,000--Millions of Horsepower

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 6.—A plan to develop two million electrical horsepower by damming the lower Niagara river just above Queenston was presented to the joint legislative commission of New York state, now in session at the Prospect Hotel, across the river, by Peter A. Porter, yesterday. He introduced the original power development bill in the New York state legislature in 1886, when a member of the assembly from the district. The proposal calls for the expenditure of one hundred million dollars. This would cover damages to the George route. A Junior Niagara The dam would be ninety feet high and would create a junior Niagara at that point. The famous whirlpool rapids would be done away with, but the power development now existing would not be molested. The plan is to have New York state and Ontario legislatures undertake the project jointly, or grant the rights to some private corporation deriving financial benefit from the development by a fixed tax on the amount of power generated. Kenard Thomas, of New York, who designed the proposed peace bridge, is associated with Mr. Porter in the proposal. Two Million Horse Power One million horsepower would go to New York, and a like amount to Ontario. By taxing the companies five dollars per horsepower five million dollars would be derived by each government. The proposal will be taken up with Sir Adam Beck in connection with a similar scheme to develop 3,000,000 horsepower on the St. Lawrence river. As the river is a boundary it will be necessary to secure the consent of the United States congress and of the Dominion. The negotiation of a new treaty between this country and Great Britain may be necessary to carry it out. The proposed dam will be about one-third of the height of the George banks. The depth of the river from the falls to Lewiston is 100 feet. The waters of the river would be impounded back to within a mile of the falls. The level of the impounded water would not affect the present power companies. The falls would not be damaged. The creation of new falls at Queenston would compensate for the loss of the rapids. An Irrigation Scheme Close upon the heels of Mr. Porter's project came that of J. Boardman Scoville, of Lewiston, who seeks to have the old Love Canal plan carried out under the head of an irrigation scheme. The canal would run from La Salle above the falls to Lewiston on the lower river. To carry it through the present power treaty with Great Britain would have to be abrogated.

German Sub. Shells Towns On British Coast

London, Aug. 17.—A German submarine fired several shells on Porton, Harrington and Whitehaven between 4.30 a.m. and 5.20 a.m. to-day, but no material damage was caused. A few shells hit the railway embankment north of Porton, but the train service was only slightly delayed. Fires were caused at Whitehaven and Harrington, which were soon extinguished. No casualties are reported. Whitehaven, which lies near the entrance to the Solway Firth, has a population of about 20,000. In the town are numerous factories for the manufacture of cordage, sail cloth and other commodities, together with iron and brass foundries and shipyards. Harrington is a small town, 5 miles north of Whitehaven, its population being about 4,000. Porton is another small seaport town, a mile and a half from Whitehaven.

Two Lives Lost Sinking of Tug

Vineyard Haven, Aug. 17.—The tug Lackawanna, owned by the Reading Railway was rammed and sunk on South Handkerchief Shoals last night by the barge Naticoke in tow of tug Triton. The mate and cook of the tug were drowned. Eleven survivors, including the chief engineer, greatly exhausted, after being in the water four hours, were brought here by the tug Scranton to-day.

Canadian Troops For Dardanelles

Vancouver, Aug. 17.—Hon. T. Chase Cosgrain announced at a Canadian club banquet in Vancouver today that he had been officially advised by the Minister of Militia that fifteen thousand Canadian soldiers, now in Britain will be sent to the Dardanelles.

PRICE OF FOOD PASSES APEX

Cheaper Provisions Are Predicted But Raisins, Currents, Etc., Will Be Dearer

With the war in progress just a year the Canadian consumer may ask how the cost of living has been effected in the preceding twelve months. Wholesale provision experts in Ottawa agree that the price of food has not changed in this country so greatly as might have been expected a year ago. The high tide in the cost of living, they consider, has been reached and now prices are on the decline and are likely to continue so.

Flour Erratic

Flour, being the chief staple article of diet, has taken the most erratic course of all food stuffs. A year ago it was \$5.80 per barrel, and now it is a little above \$7.00. It reached its highest in the winter, due more to speculation in wheat than scarcity of flour. Then it reached \$8.30 a barrel. To the housewife bread has increased but one cent per loaf of 24 or 48 ounces. This went into effect five months ago and has not changed. As food products come chiefly from the allied nations or neutral countries, there has been no shortage in Canada, and what rises that have taken place have been in canned goods, dried fruit, spices and the like. Other changes have been seasonal.

Dried Fruits Dearer

But looking ahead the prospects are that Christmas puddings and all the confections generally associated with the season will be dearer. With Turkey at war with the British Empire, and dried fruits for plum to be scarce and more expensive. There will be no more Sultana raisins from Asia Minor until the war is over. This does not mean that the supply will be merely cut off. It is going to mean a greater demand for those fruits, such as currants from Greece and Valencia raisins from Spain, which will be available for export to other countries. At the same time, according to reports, the Valencia raisin crop is only about half that of last year. This will naturally mean higher prices.

GERMAN FRUIT TO ENGLAND?

The Exports to Holland Thought to be For British Markets

The suspicion that German fruit is finding its way into Britain is voiced in the Berliner Tageblatt of July 13, received here yesterday. The Mainz correspondent of the paper is a despatch says: "The high prices of fruit, which continue in spite of the ample crop, has led the authorities of the large cities in the Lower Rhine levels to examine more closely the happenings in the fruit markets. In doing so they discovered that foreign dealers are travelling through the fruit sections of the Hessian and Prussian Rhineland and on the Bergstrasse and buying up all the fruit they can get, and that thereby great quantities of fruit are exported by ship and boat to Holland. "But inasmuch as Holland, even in times of peace, imports no fruit from Germany, but, on the other hand, exports such fruit to Germany, it is suspected that these shipments of fruit find their way into the enemy countries, especially to Britain, which has always been a great importer of Rhenish fruit, particularly hard fruit."

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