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BULGARIAN AND SERBIA PRACTICALLY AT WAR

Serbia Hands Passports To Former's Minister In Sofia

Attitude of Greece to Allies "Benevolent Neutrality" — More Troops Land at Saloniki — A Remarkable Manifesto By Bulgarian Government

Nish, Serbia, Oct. 8.—The diplomatic rupture between Serbia and Bulgaria is complete. The foreign office has handed his passports to the Bulgarian minister.

Although there has been no formal declaration of war, the cordial reception, by Bulgarian officers in Sofia of German aviators who dropped bombs on Belgrade and Nish yesterday, is regarded here as tantamount to the commencement of hostilities against Serbia by Bulgaria.

GREECE "BENEVOLENTLY NEUTRAL"

London, Oct. 8.—A message to the Times states that the Greek government has decided to issue a declaration of its attitude of "benevolent neutrality" toward the Entente powers.

HOW BULGARIA EXCUSES HERSELF.

Berlin, Oct. 8.—The Frankfurter Zeitung asserts that the Bulgarian government has issued a manifesto announcing its decision to enter the war on the side of the Central Powers. This, as quoted from the Frankfurter Zeitung, states that Bulgaria would sacrifice if she did not sign herself with Germany and her allies. The manifesto follows:

"The Central Powers have promised us parts of Serbia, creating an Asiatic Bulgarian border line, which is absolutely necessary for Bulgaria's independence of the Balkans.

"We do not believe in the promises of the Quadruple Entente. Italy, one of the allies, treacherously broke her treaty of thirty-three years. We believe in Germany, which is fighting the whole world, to fulfill her treaty with Austria.

"Bulgaria must fight at the victor's side. The Germans and Austro-Hungarians are victorious on all fronts. Russia soon will have collapsed entirely. Then will come the turn of France, Italy and Serbia. Bulgaria would commit suicide if she did not fight on the side of the Central Powers, which offers the only possibility of realizing her desire for union of all Bulgarian peoples."

The manifesto states that Russia is fighting for Constantinople and the Dardanelles. Great Britain to destroy Germany's competition, France for Alsace and Lorraine and the other allies to rob foreign countries. The Central Powers are fighting to defend property and assure peaceful progress.

ALLIES STILL LANDING TROOPS.

Paris, Oct. 8.—The Havas Agency has a despatch from Athens under Thursday's date, saying: "The disembarkation of the Allies at Saloniki continues."

Will Not Oppose Ministry.

Paris, Oct. 8.—An Athens despatch to the Havas Agency, under Thursday's date, says: "It is understood that Premier Zaimis has informed former Premier Venizelos of his confidence in the government, by the chamber of deputies is absolutely essential, as a mere vote of tolerance would not give the government the requisite authority to deal with the grave problems of the present hour."

The supporters of Venizelos, who constitute a majority in the Greek chamber, it has been learned on high authority, will not oppose the new ministry. Overthrow of the Zaimis cabinet would mean the dissolution of the chamber, which is considered extremely hazardous as the Greek constitution does not permit fixing a date for elections during mobilization of the new army.

Turks Planned Destruction Of Whole Armenian People

Horrors Without Parallel in World's History—What Will United States Do To Follow up Protest?

Copenhagen, Oct. 8.—Revelations regarding Armenian atrocities, made this week in the British parliament, are the subject of outspoken editorial comment here. The Politiken says: "Turkey attempted no less a task than the destruction of the whole Armenian people. The heartless and gruesome horrors which these deeds reveal are without a parallel in the history of the world."

"One would have thought," says the Politiken, "that Germany would have been glad to have done something in this matter, if only in the hope of obliterating, in part, the world's memory of Belgium. European Christians who, with any justification, can be accused of having some responsibility for these gruesome events, will find their culture held in slight esteem."

The Berlingske Tidende declares: "What has happened surpasses anything ever heard of before."

All the papers ask what degree of firmness the United States will exert in the enforcement of its protest and they unite in urging that all neutral states join in vigorous representations to Turkey.

CANNON FIRING ON WEST IS KEPT UP

Paris, Oct. 8.—North of Arras last night the cannoning continued, with both sides taking part, according to announcement by the French War Office this afternoon. There was also artillery activity in the region of Roye and to the north of the river Aisne.

In the Champagne district there was violent bombardment on the part of the German artillery, with very energetic replies from the French cannon. There was also active fighting in the trenches southeast of Tabora.

FRENCH GAINING THE UPPER HAND

Paris, Oct. 8.—Soldiers wounded at the capture of Tabora are now arriving in Paris. All are of the opinion that the French are gaining the upper hand, not only through artillery, but because of the gallantry and dash of the infantry.

"At the rate things are going," said a wounded sergeant-major, "it will be a long time before the Germans are in a position to think of a counter offensive. Our heavy artillery 'sprays' their rear formations, paralyzing the bringing up of reinforcements and supplies to such a degree that the last prisoners captured at Tabora did not even in more than forty-eight hours and had no cartridges in their pouches."

A TRAVELERS' PLATOON FOR 88TH

Halifax, Oct. 8.—The Norwegian bark Queen, from Liverpool to Halifax, with 5,200 bags of salt, has foundered at sea. A message to C. P. Harvey, agent of marine and fisheries, states that the three-masted schooner Bravo Long overdue at Sydney, with cargo of hax coal from Vancouver Haven.

MASSACRE BY YAQUI INDIANS

Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 8.—Twenty-three inhabitants of La Colorado, a mining town in the Sonora district, were massacred by Yaqui Indians, who captured the town this week, according to reports here. It was said that women and children were beaten to death.

CONTRACTS FOR THE NEW PROVINCIAL BANK HOME

Contracts for remodeling the Purton building in Charlotte street for the permanent quarters of the Provincial Bank of Canada have been awarded as follows: Masonry, B. Moore & Sons; carpenter work, Edward Bates; painting, James H. Fuller; metal work, James McDade; plumbing and heating, J. H. Doody; electrical work, Frank E. Jones.

The work will be carried on under the supervision of H. Clair, architect, and is expected that it will be completed and the bank installed in the new offices before the new year.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Thomas Marshall took place this afternoon from his late residence, in Millford, to St. Rose's church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Charles Collins. Interment took place in Holy Cross cemetery, Sand Cove.

The funeral was attended by many friends. The funeral of Mrs. Marina M. Ochiltree took place this morning from the Union Station upon the arrival of the Fredericton train. Burial services were conducted by Ven. Archbishop Raymond, and interment took place in Fernhill.

The funeral of Walter J. Fincher took place this afternoon from his late residence, Church Avenue, Fairville. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Gilbert Earle, and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

CARLETON MAN ENLISTS

Friends of William E. Mills, plumber, of Prince street, west, will wish him much success in the new life he has chosen for himself. He is enlisted for overseas in Toronto. He is a married man with one child.

GEORGE CURRAN WOUNDED

Frank P. Curran of Paradise Row has received from his son, Signaller George Curran a field post card saying that he has been wounded in France and is in hospital in Bedford, Eng. The lad's name has not yet appeared in the casualty list, though the card was written on September 24. The young soldier's condition was not stated, but his friends will hope that it is not serious.

FINED FOR SUPPLYING LIQUOR TO SOLDIER

In the police court this morning Robert Hunter was fined \$8 or two months in jail for drunkenness, and an additional charge of \$20 or two months in jail for supplying or treating soldiers in uniform with liquor.

Two men arrested on drunkenness charges were disposed of. One was fined \$8 or two months in jail, and the other was remanded with a warning that he was liable to nine months in jail.

A WELCOME OFFER

Miss Brenda Thompson, whose magnificent contralto voice is known to every music lover in the city, and who is the leader of the choir of St. David's Presbyterian church, called on Mayor Frink this morning and informed him that if a recruiting meeting is to be held in the Imperial Theatre on Sunday evening she will be glad to assist personally and could also arrange to have a full choir present to aid in the singing.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD CLOSED

Unfinished Business Disposed of This Morning

THANKS EXTENDED TO CITIZENS

Widows and Orphans Fund Included in Budget—Amalgamation of Committees Left For Next Synod—Report of Hunter Building Fund

The closing session of the maritime provinces Presbyterian synod for 1915 was held this morning in St. Andrew's church. Unfinished business was the order of the day and it was disposed of with great celerity.

Among the matters dealt with was the question of including the W. & O. fund in the annual budget and this was decided upon. The recommendation to home missions, augmentation and social service were all left over until the next synod for further discussion. In order to encourage the delegates to remain until the end it was decided that those who leave before Thursday noon without permission shall not benefit from the synod fund.

A cordial vote of thanks was extended to all who assisted the synod in any way. The press was included and but for the kindness of the citizens of St. John's, the press is equally indebted to the officers and members of the synod for the extreme kindness and courtesy shown to their representatives.

The synod adjourned to meet next October in St. John's. After a meeting which had been marked by the business-like way in which the transactions have been expedited and by the good feeling which has marked all their discussions and deliberations.

When the synod resumed this morning it was decided, on motion of Rev. W. Parker, that the Widows and Orphans Fund be included in the budget, thus disposing of a matter which has been reported on favorably by the committee. Rev. S. J. MacArthur moved that the synod approve of the proposed amalgamation of the funds was decided. On motion of Dr. Sedgewick the whole matter of amalgamation of the committees was referred until the next synod.

The trustees of the Hunter Church building and reporting on the surplus. But the demands during the past three or four years have largely increased. Our surplus has not been so large and we have been compelled to hold over some worthy applications for assistance to a later date. Several grants already promised have not yet been paid. With the small balance on hand and the accruing interest we will endeavor to meet these promises as soon as possible. Since our last report the following grants have been made—Malcolm Bay, \$200; Blue Rocks, \$200; Kentville, \$200; Wolfville, \$200.

ANOTHER PRIEST FROM OTTAWA IS KILLED IN WAR

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—Rev. Father Edward of the Capuchin Order in Ottawa, who joined a French regiment soon after the war started, has been killed in France, according to a cable received here. He is the fifth member of the order from Ottawa to fall in battle. All were French reverts.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredricton, N. B., Oct. 8.—Two more recruits, Herbert Lovitt and H. L. Stevenson, have enlisted here with the 6th. Lovitt is a veteran of the South African war, and was severely wounded in that campaign.

The Ottawa announcement that Canadians in the trenches are to be supplied with oil-tanned leggings was read with interest here. Two of the largest herring factories in Canada are located here and for some time the managers have been endeavoring to interest the authorities in this class of footwear.

Attorney-General Baxter being in Montreal, R. B. Hanson, clerk of the peace for Sunbury, will confer with Premier Clarke in regard to the case of Driscoll, a Lorneville man, being held by Sunbury authorities for accidentally shooting Artemus Randall of Lakeville Corner.

BANDIT'S ROB TRAIN

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 8.—Two masked men early today held up and robbed a Baltimore and Ohio express train from New York to St. Louis, two miles west of Central, West Virginia. Their booty was taken from mail cars and was believed to be large.

EARLY CLOSING OF BARS

Toronto, Oct. 8.—The Ontario government has definitely decided on several o'clock closing of bars and liquor shops in all concentration and training centers of troops.

The Sky Clears; Will Be a Game

MINISTERS' PLATOON IS POSSIBILITY

Section At Least To Be Raised In Nova Scotia

LOCAL NEWS OF WAR

Nova Scotian Gets The D. S. O.—Platoons in Halifax—Rev. Mr. Suckling Anglican Chaplain of the 85th

A Halifax despatch says that in consequence of the large number of clergymen who have applied to join the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders, authority has been given for the raising of a section (fourteen men), or if sufficient members are available, a platoon (forty-four men) composed entirely of clergymen.

The 64th Battalion at Sussex, now has more than 2,000 men and recruits are coming in daily. While many rumors are in circulation regarding the disposal of the corps for the winter, nothing as yet is known.

Col. Fowler is at present in Halifax completing arrangements for recruiting and mobilizing the 88th, and will at once begin the active work.

Chaplain of 5th.

Rev. W. T. Suckling, rector of the Anglican church at Joggins Mines, has been appointed chaplain of the 88th regiment, now being organized in Nova Scotia.

Complaint from St. Andrews.

Beacon—St. Andrews does not seem to be a favorable place in which to hold recruiting meetings, though just why we are at a loss to understand. It ought to be a good place for such a purpose, and speakers might be procurable if an effort was made. Perhaps someone who has the real interests of the Empire, the Dominion, the province, the county and the town to heart may be able to help.

There are still some young men available for active service in St. Andrews and the surrounding country, to whom an appeal from the public platform might not be made in vain.

Another Minister Goes.

Rev. George Mitchell, pastor of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Oxford, N. S., will go to the front with the Dalhousie Hospital Corps. He passed the necessary physical examination before Dr. C. W. Bliss last week and signed the enlistment roll before Major W. A. Pillsbury. He expects to report for duty about the first of November and it is said to be quite probable that the corps will cross the water by the end of the year.

Platoons in Halifax

Halifax Echo—The young business and professional men's platoon is now complete. Their presence every day at the Armories should be an inspiration to another sixty young professional and business men of Halifax to fall in with them. There are some 600 such men in Halifax who can well afford to be there with their fellow-citizens. From some number another platoon is expected within a short time. Bankers, brokers, scientists, clerks, insurance agents, commission merchants, students, druggists, teachers, lumber merchants and so on throughout the whole category of professional and business men, every man physically fit to enter military service is expected to consider the call for a second platoon, and answer that call to the strict dictates of duty.

Annapolis Man Gets D. S. O.

A letter has been received by ex-Mayor Alice of Annapolis from his son, Lieutenant H. B. Alice, R. A. M. C., attached to the 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers, dated at Gallipoli, August 20th, informing him that he had received the D. S. O. for rescuing two wounded men and returning the second time and bringing a wounded officer, under the heavy fire.

FOUR RECRUITS.

At the Mill street recruiting offices today four men were enrolled for overseas service.

Australians Make Important Gains at The Dardanelles

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WEATHER BULLETIN. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stupart, director of meteorological service.