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PEACE IS ASKED

BULGARIA WISHES TO DISCUSS TERMS

ARMIES ARE IN FULL RETREAT AND ALLIES ALREADY ON HER SOIL

BULGARIA STRIKES COLORS AND ASKS FOR ARMISTICE WITH THE ALLIES TO CONSIDER PEACE

Balkan State has Ceased to be Factor in War and Would Come to Terms; Authority of Offer Not Yet Known.

London, September 28.—With the welding of the armies of the Allies into a compact whole under the command of the Allied War Council, and guided by the master strategy of Marshal Foch, apparently has come the first break in the united front of the Central Powers. Bulgaria, the smallest of the Teutonic allies, seems to have struck her colors. Premier Malinoff has asked for an armistice to consider terms of peace. Whether he is acting upon his own responsibility as representative of the Revolutionary Party or does it with the approval of Ferdinand and the Government, remains in doubt. In any case, there is little doubt that Bulgaria has ceased to be a factor in the war. Her armies are in full retreat and her soil has been invaded. The secession of the Balkan state from the German dominion of Germany will be almost as severe a blow to the Central Powers as was the collapse of Russia to the Allies.

BACK DOOR TO AUSTRIA.

The back door of Austria will stand ajar before the victorious armies of the French, Serbian, Greek and Italian armies plunging ahead through the mountains of liberated Serbia. Only 230 miles ahead of their advance guards is Belgrade, across the Danube from the borders of Hungary.

Foreign Secretary Balfour and Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, are in conference with Premier Lloyd George regarding Bulgaria's request for an armistice.

Paris, September 28.—It is understood that no instructions regarding the Bulgarian application for an armistice will be given to the military commander in Macedonia until there is an opportunity for consultation between France, Great Britain, the United States, and the other allies, and that meantime the military operations will continue.

SPANISH INFLUENZA SWEEPING WESTWARD

Washington, Sept. 28.—Calls for the entrainment of 142,000 draft registrants between October 7 and 11 were cancelled by Provisional Marshal General Crowder as a result of the spread of Spanish influenza. Serious conditions are prevalent in many of the army camps in the United States, and have increased the death rate in the army at home from 2.3 per cent as recorded for the week ending September 13, to 4.4 per cent for the week ending September 20. It is feared that it will spread westward with even greater mortality.

Montreal, Sept. 28.—Spanish influenza has broken out in epidemic form in Montreal barracks. The cases are not of a serious nature.

FRENCH ARE AT HINDENBURG SECOND LINE

Will Demolish Defences Before Advancing Further in That Sector Following Big Drive.

Paris, Sept. 28.—In the first day of battle, General Gorouard's men captured all positions abandoned July 15, and then stormed the Hindenburg line on a length of 19 miles. They now are on the front of the second Hindenburg line along the Py which is less strong than the first. These will have to be demolished by artillery before the infantry can tackle the last defences of the enemy, beyond which lies the open country.

Miss Sheazgreen gave a delightful Poudre party last evening at her home on Borden Street. This is but the second event of its kind given in the city, the first one having taken place many years ago. The guests enjoyed the proceedings very much and music and dancing was kept up until a late hour.

M. P. McCaffery left on today's train for Edmonton on a business trip.

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GOVERNMENT WILL SPEND \$15,000,000 ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Steel Shipbuilding Program Arranged Through Instrumentality of Federal Member, J. C. McIntosh.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Victoria, Sept. 28.—J. C. McIntosh, M. P. for Nanaimo, has returned after a three weeks' trip to Ottawa. He brought back with him confirmation of a report that the Federal Government is to embark on a steel shipbuilding program on Vancouver Island. The site of the yard will be somewhere in the Nanaimo district and the machinery is to be assembled in Victoria. The undertaking will mean the expenditure of more than \$15,000,000.

HE FLEW ACROSS ALPS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Paris, Sept. 28.—Gabriele D'Annunzio, Italian author aviator, arrived in Paris last evening in an airplane, flying from Italy across the Alps.

WESTERN LABOR MEN MUCH ANNOYED—MAY HAVE OWN CONGRESS

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 28.—Disgruntled with the scant courtesy shown their delegates at the Quebec Labor Congress, the western labor bodies have started an agitation for an independent congress west of the Great Lakes. A convention for the four western provinces will be called to consider the project.

BULGARIANS HARD PRESSED BY BRITISH; MORE THAN THIRTY GUNS AND AMMUNITION TAKEN

London, September 28.—The British forces on the Macedonian front have captured the Bulgarian city of Strumnitza. The British troops, preceded by yeomanry, entered Strumnitza yesterday while Anglo-Greek troops stormed the heights of Belaschnitza mountains north of Lake Doiran. The British have taken more than 30 guns and much ammunition. Serbian troops are reported to have captured Kochana, about 14 miles from the Bulgarian border, opposite Kustendil. This is taken to show the rapid development of the allied envelopment movement, by which it is hoped the Serbs, by a quick thrust to the northeast will cut off the Bulgarians who are hard pressed by the British on the Bulgarian front.

SPRUCE SUBSTITUTES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE MUNITIONS BOARD MEMBERS

COL. EDWARDS SAYS THEY ARE PREPARING IN CASE THE PRESENT SUPPLY SHOULD NOT KEEP UP — HAD PLEASANT TRIP TO MASSET

The possibilities of other northern timbers being utilized in place of spruce in case the war should be protracted and the present supply give out was suggested this morning in an interview by Col. W. E. Edwards of the Imperial Munitions Board with headquarters at Ottawa, who arrived this morning from the Queen Charlottes along with other members of the visiting Munition Board party. He said that there was always a possibility that the supply may not be sufficiently permanent and they were investigating the possibilities of securing other timber in place of the spruce. What success, if any, they have met with the Colonel would not say but the fact that they had come north to make the investigation leaves the impression that the northern timbers are the most useful for the purpose.

Colonel Edwards said that they were well satisfied with the efforts

BRITISH PUT TEETH INTO HINDENBURG LINE NEAR CAMBRAI; GET PRISONERS

ADVANCE BREAKS DOWN FORMIDABLE RESISTANCE; 5,000 TO 6,000 PRISONERS TAKEN AND A COMPLETE BATTERY CAPTURED BY HAIG'S MEN

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
With the British Army in France, September 28.—The British have again put their teeth into the Hindenburg line in the Cambrai sector in a more determined manner than heretofore. The cleaning up tactics of recent days have been but a preliminary to the blow launched yesterday. The British no longer attach the old significance to "objectives." They are now engaged in breaking down the German armies on the western front. Whether the final crack comes on the line of the Meuse or the Rhine it is not very material. The capture of places now is mainly interesting as showing landmarks of progress. The enemy's casualty lists count far more than occupied territory. The battle now in progress already has broken down a long chain of formidable resistance.

British troops advanced to a point within three miles of Cambrai. They took between 5,000 and 6,000 prisoners. Some German guns, including a complete battery, were captured by Field Marshal Haig's men.

WELL KNOWN PIONEER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Arthur W. Vowell Formerly Indian Agent for Province, Shoots Himself at Victoria.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Victoria, Sept. 28.—Arthur W. Vowell, who was Indian agent for many years and often visited Prince Rupert district, shot himself here last night. He had been ill for some time and in the absence of his nurse he secured a revolver and on her return she found him with a bullet hole in his heart.

Mr. Vowell was 77 years of age and one of the oldest of the early pioneers, coming to this country in 1858. He was at one time gold commissioner for the Kootenay district. In 1889 he became Indian superintendent and later Indian Reserve Commissioner for British Columbia, which position he resigned in 1910. He was elected to the Legislature to represent the constituency of Kootenay in 1875.

As Indian agent, Mr. Vowell was most successful. He dealt in rather summary fashion with the Indians, but they all looked up to him and respected him and there was general regret when he resigned.

His home was in Victoria where he was a familiar figure on the streets and where his many friends throughout the province often met him and talked of the early days.

The members of the Chautauqua party visiting town were entertained last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gihuly in the Rand Block, where they spent a very merry evening. They will certainly carry away from Prince Rupert happy recollections. Those present to meet them included Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans, Mrs. Ivès, Miss Hardy, Mr. and the Misses Fuller, Mrs. and Miss Dyer, J. C. Gavigan, J. D. McAulay and E. C. Gibbons.

ELECTION TALK FROM ENGLAND

Possibility of Lloyd George Going to Country is Eagerly Discussed in London.

MANY ARE OPPOSED TO FACTIONAL FIGHT NOW

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
London, Sept. 28.—Politicians are still eagerly debating whether Lloyd George will or will not put his political fate to the test in general elections, say, Saturday, November 30. There is no question of technical difficulties. A week or fortnight will suffice to complete the new register with its greatly increased electorate, including six million women voters. Leading industrialists and at least three members of the inner cabinet, not to speak of the whole Liberal party, are strongly opposed to throwing the country into a maelstrom of factional fighting while the war is still in a critical position.

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