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## PUBLIC ATTENTION IS NOW CENTRED ON BALKAN FRONT

### Russians Join the Entente Allies on the Balkan Front

**Initial Brigade Arrived at Saloniki and Will Line up With The Serbian Troops---Presence of Russians May Change Bulgaria's Attitude.**

PARIS, Aug. 22.—Progress was made by the French army last night on the Somme front, north of the river, in the outskirts of Clery, the War Office announced today. On the south of the river Somme the French captured trenches near Estrees and Soyecourt.

The fighting on the Saloniki front is becoming more general, says a Havas despatch filed yesterday at Saloniki. In the Doiran section Serbian troops have captured Forts Kaimakedar and Cucurlu.

The heaviest fighting is on the front northeast of Saloniki, on the left bank of the Struma river, from Kavala to Barakli.

ATHENS, Aug. 21 (via London).—An initial brigade of Russian troops has arrived at Saloniki to join the Entente Allies in the fighting in the Balkans. After a conference of the French, British, Serbian and Russian commanders at Saloniki today, it was decided that the newly arrived Russian forces should take up positions with the Serbian troops on the southern front. The Serbo-Russian forces were placed under a combined staff of which Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia is the nominal commander. The Russian General Freideritz is in actual command.

#### Arrival of Russians at Saloniki Has

##### Created Profound Impression at Athens

The arrival of the Russians has created a profound impression here. Even the Royalists, who have consistently opposed participation in the War by Greece on the side of the Entente Allies, seemed almost stunned by the news that Russian troops have arrived to take their part in the campaign which under other conditions might have been taken by the Greek army.

The general feeling here is that the bringing in of Russian troops has dispelled definitely the dream of a greater Greece which was conceived a year and a half ago by the then Premier Venizelos, who carried Greece well on the way toward entrance into the war with the Entente Allies.

It is regarded as possible that the presence of Russian forces in Macedonia will effect a change in the attitude of Bulgaria. In some quarters irritation is displayed at the recent foreign policy of the Greek government, which is said to have overlooked the interests of this nation.

#### Field Marshal Von Mackenzen is Now

##### Reported to be With the Bulgarians

ATHENS, via Paris, Aug. 22.—The occupation of Kastoria and Coryza by Bulgarian troops is confirmed. News from an official source says that the German field marshal, August Von Mackenzen, is with the Bulgarians. The military movements of the Entente Allies were hindered by the flight of the civil population before the Bulgarian advance.

Kastoria is 25 miles south of Monastir, on the extreme left of the Entente front in Macedonia. It lies about 30 miles southwest of Florina and its occupation indicates that the Bulgars are pressing southward their movement on the Allied left flank. Field Marshal Von Mackenzen was reported at Kovel in July to direct operations against the Russians in Volhynia.

#### Sofia War Office Announces That the

##### Bulgarians are Advancing in Struma Valley

BERLIN, Aug. 22 (by wireless to Sayville).—Official announcement is made by the Sofia War Office that on August 18 the Bulgars left wing began a general offensive, advancing in the Struma Valley, occupying Demi-Hissar and establishing itself on the left bank of the Struma after repulsing the British and French near Seres.

The seizure of the road between Florina and Coritza as well as that between Coritza and Kastoria, is also announced in the statement.

#### WOMAN SPY EXECUTED.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The execution of a woman as a spy is reported today in a Havas despatch from Marseilles, according to this information Felice Pfaat being put to death at the light-house shooting range, having been convicted of espionage by the council of war of the 15th region.

### SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON BATTLESHIP

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The British submarine E-23 made a successful torpedo attack on a German battleship of the Nassau class on Saturday, the Admiralty announced this evening.

### CANADIANS IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Casualties among Maritime Province men are reported as follows:

Infantry.  
Previously reported missing, now officially killed in action—Lance Corp. Geo. Nesbitt, St. Stephen, N. B.  
Wounded—Ronald Currie, East Bay, C. B.; Henry Dearn, Pictou, N. S.; Samuel R. Mathers, Douglastown, N. B.; Alex. Perrier, Grand Etang, C. B.  
Killed in action—Robt. Bartlett, St. Stephen, N. B.

One Hundred Years Old.  
Pictou Academy, one of the most noted institutions of learning in the Maritime Provinces, will celebrate its centennial from August 27th to 29th. The celebration starts on Sunday, when special services will be held in all the churches, with sermons preached by graduates of the institution. The bursary fund being raised, now amounts to \$5,000. It is expected that many old graduates will attend the centennial.

### AGITATION FOR WAR IN ROUMANIA SAID TO BE DYING OUT

**First Hint That Mobilization of Troops Has Been Taking Place---Officers and Crew of British Ships Which Sunk German Squadron off the Falkland Islands, Awarded Prize Money.**

BERLIN, Aug. 22 (via London).—The Budapest Azeit prints a despatch from its Bucharest correspondent saying that the agitation for war, which in the last few days has been at fever heat, has suddenly cooled down. It is stated that possibly the end of the mobilization is responsible for the change, if not the seiorus words uttered in the Hungarian parliament.

This is the first hint of a Roumanian mobilization that has been permitted to pass the censor.

The Bucharest despatch adds that there is no doubt that Premier Bratiano has reached an understanding with the Entente, so that further negotiations are unnecessary now for actual participation in the war.

Ammunition from France and Russia is asserted to be arriving in considerable quantities.

#### Prize Money for Naval Heroes.

London, Aug. 22.—A prize court today awarded £12,100 prize bounty to the officers and crews of the squadron of Vice-Admiral Sturdee, which destroyed the German Pacific squadron in the battle off the Falkland Islands in December of 1914. The bounty was determined by the number of men aboard the destroyed ships, £5 being awarded to each man. This is the largest amount of prize money awarded since the outbreak of the war.

#### Excitement in Athens.

London, Aug. 22.—The correspondent of the Morning Post at Athens sends the following under date of August 19: The Bulgarian offensive along the whole Macedonian frontier has created a great sensation here. Yesterday's prolonged cabinet meeting discussed at some length the situation thus created for Greece, and three generals commanding Macedonian divisions who are attending the annual army council here were summoned to the cabinet meeting to give their views. The cabinet finally decided to await further developments before arriving at definite decisions.

### TEUTONS DEVISING NEW HORRORS FOR USE AGAINST THE ALLIES

**New Aerial Bomb Used on the Eastern Front is Something Fierce---Man Trap Now Used in German Trenches on the Western Front.**

PETROGRAD, Aug. 22.—New horrors are being used by the Teutons on the eastern front. The latest is a new form of aeroplane bomb which is exceptionally efficient. It is an Austrian production. The main feature is a heavy rubber base, in which the detonator is embedded, but its effectiveness is due principally to the fact that explosion radiates from the centre laterally, not upwards.

Anywhere above a man's average stature there is comparative safety even in close proximity to the bomb. The space below that for a distance of twenty or thirty yards around, death or mutilation is almost certain. The effect of a rain of these new bombs from an aeroplane flotilla upon an area where dug-outs are impossible, defies imagination.

#### Germans, Not to be Outdone by Austrians,

##### Produce a Liquid Flame Which Causes Death

The Germans continue to exercise their inventiveness, but always in the same direction, namely, the perfection of some new horror. While at the front I heard of yet another novelty which has just been used at Krevo.

The Germans devised some sort of liquid which produced a sensation of burning. It was not a liquid flame; it was something that did not openly flame. A man struck, say on the arm, was not disabled, and on the second day thought lightly of his burns, but on the third day, or at the latest on the fourth day, he died. This devilish contrivance produces clotting of the blood and consequently death.

#### Phillip Gibbs Tells of Tricky Devices

##### Used by Germans on the Western Front

LONDON, Aug. 22.—Philip Gibbs, writing from British headquarters, says:

"The German is beginning to leave a lot of little things behind him when he abandons a trench in a hurry. But this is a new dodge. One invention which has come into his fertile imagination is the man-trap, which he sets outside his parapet or inside a shell hole on the way to it. As soon as one of the British soldiers sets foot on it it closes about his leg with a terrific bite and brings him down like a log.

"Another little device in devilry is the 'tortoise bomb.' It looks like a tortoise if you happen to see it, which you do not in the dark, and it stands on four little legs. They wiggle a little, but should it be unwarily touched it may detonate a bomb and blow a man to bits."

#### German War Office Does Not Admit the

##### Loss of a Submarine in Recent Sea Fight

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 22 (via London).—An official German report says that a submarine which was rammed after sinking a British cruiser has returned to port. Whether a second German submarine was destroyed can only be decided when all the reports of submarines have been received.

The British official statement of the sinking of the British cruisers Nottingham and Falmouth by German submarines in the North Sea on Saturday, August 19, said that one German submarine was destroyed and that another was rammed and probably sunk.

#### CANADIANS GIVEN PRAISE.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—An official despatch issued tonight, covering the last two months of Viscount French's command in France and Flanders, mentions the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade for carrying out a brilliant little operation at Petit Dove Farm. "Raiding the enemy's trenches with bombing parties, they caused considerable damage to the enemy and brought away 12 prisoners, suffering only one accidental casualty."