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RUSSIA TO STRIKE QUICK UNLESS BULGARS SUBMIT

Ultimatum Sent by Czar Expired at 9 o'clock Today, New York Time, and Declaration of War Hourly Expected—Russian Fleet Now Hovers Off Principal Bulgarian Port Ready to Strike, While Allies Land Troops Near Salonika—Bulgarian Premier Explains That Mobilization Was Not Intended To Be Aggressive In Character

By Ed L. Keen.
London, Oct. 4.—At the hour when Russia's warlike ultimatum to Bulgaria expired today, Czar Ferdinand's intentions were unknown here. It was believed possible, however, that the Slav demands had gone unanswered and that the Russian minister and his staff had departed from Sofia, as ordered to do if Bulgaria did not break off with Russia's enemies and order out German military officers. Petrograd though had said earlier that she would accept nothing but this complete breakdown, with a pledge to sever relations with the central empires.

Russia still hopes war may be averted even following such a step as the minister's withdrawal. This hope is based on the possibility that the Bulgarian cabinet may change its policy when it realizes that if she acts otherwise, the allies mean war.

If hostilities result, however, the Slavs may strike first, though the Bulgarians are within a few hours march of the Serbian border and prepared for any outcome.

The Russian fleet was reported to be near Varna, an important Black sea port apparently ready for a blow.

Ultimatum Has Expired.
London, Oct. 4.—Russia is expected to make war on Bulgaria tomorrow, thus plunging into the world struggle the thirteenth nation. Her ultimatum to the little Balkan state, which has been feverishly preparing for war, expired at 9 o'clock New York time today.

That Bulgaria will either ignore the Russian demand to send away Teuton officers directing her mobilization and openly break with Russia's enemies, or will answer with an evasion is the belief here. The Russian ambassador at Sofia, with his staff, is prepared to leave the country tonight, turning over his interests to representatives of a neutral country.

Greece's entry on the allies side will follow such a move, although it may be delayed a few days, inasmuch as Greek mobilization is not complete.

Rumania's position is doubtful. Berlin claims that she stands neutral, but Bucharest messages have not confirmed this claim.

Hostilities throughout the Balkans seem a certainty during the week. Fifty thousand Bulgarians are massed on the Serbian frontier ready for the first blow. Athens dispatches said three fifths of the Bulgarian strength will be thrown against Serbia and the remainder against Greece.

Meanwhile Czar Ferdinand is confident that Rumania will maintain her neutrality.

An Athens dispatch from Vienna declared that the Austro-Germans will attack Serbia today or tomorrow, and that Bulgaria will assist within a few hours afterward.

Russian Fleet off Varna.
Salonica, Oct. 4.—Two powerful Russian squadrons have appeared off the Bulgarian Blacksea port of Varna, according to dispatches today.

Varna is the principal port between the Bosphorus. It has important railway connections. The Russians, it is predicted, will land troops there if it is decided to invade Bulgaria.

What the war moves mean by telegram by United Press—NEW YORK—The Russian ultimatum to Bulgaria marks the final efforts to determine whether or not the czar has lost the or-

iginal cause of the war. The great struggle was primarily caused by the fact that Russia and Austria-Hungary each wanted to exercise suzerain powers over the Balkans.

If Bulgaria refuses to heed Russia now, Petrograd will not recover her vanished prestige for years to come. By permitting Russia to act alone in her ultimatum, the other powers recognize the others superior rights in the Balkans. If Sofia heeds its demands, he can claim that his racial influence prevented Bulgaria from adding to the allies troubles by joining the German standards. Russia thus would be in a position to claim a paramount position in the Balkans, even though she is unable to expel the Germans from Russia.

But if Bulgaria enters the war, with the Austro-Germans the czar's power in southeastern Europe will be shattered. The Serbs are incapable of checking both the Teutons and Bulgarians and if they are checked, it must be by non-Slav nations. Hence, should Britain, France and Italy with possibly Greece and Rumania check them, Russia would be in no position to claim control of the Balkan territory.

Overthrow of Pan Slavism however, does not mean establishment of a Teutonic suzerainty and in the end, the Balkans are likely to have more liberty of action without being controlled by any single power.

Allies Land Near Salonika.
Athens, Oct. 4.—The government permitted it to become known today that Anglo-French troops have landed near Salonika to assist Greece in repelling any Bulgarian attack. The location of the landing, however, was withheld. The government has taken four rail-ways to facilitate troops movement to Macedonia.

Bulgaria's Explanation.
Sofia, Oct. 2.—A Bulgarian news agency announced today it had been authorized by the government to deny the following rumors: That German officers have arrived in Bulgaria to participate in the operations of railways and to command the army.

That Premier Radoslawoff has declared Bulgaria would receive from Germany \$10,000,000 a month after it entered war.

That there have been street disturbances and numerous arrests of leaders opposed to the governments present course.

That the cabinet as reported by the foreign press, is not fully supported by the people.

France Holds Reservists.
Berlin by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., Oct. 4.—France has ordered that no Bulgarian reservists be permitted to leave the country, according to a Vienna dispatch today.

Not Aggressive, Says Premier.
London, Oct. 4.—The obstinate refusal of Serbia and Greece to recognize Bulgaria's rights in Macedonia, forced the mobilization that has brought Bulgaria to the brink of war, Premier Radoslawoff declared in an exhaustive statement telegraphed today to the United Press.

His statement sent in reply to a request for an announcement of Bulgaria's intention says:

"I can only amplify my recent declarations which the Bulgarian government has adopted an attitude of armed neutrality similar to that which Switzerland and Holland assumed at the beginning of the war.

"These reasons are of a political character. Events are happening in the different theatres of war, bringing about the near approach of a conflagration in the Balkans.

"The resumption of the Austro-German offensive against Serbia, together with a movement of troops in neighboring states were matters to which the Bulgarian government could no longer remain a party.

"Moreover, changes in the political situation from the obstinate refusal of Serbia and Greece to recognize Bulgaria in Macedonia, after clear explicit recognition thereof by all the great powers, called for a new policy on the part of Bulgaria. Mobilization was therefore forced upon us from every point of view.

"But, it must be said, and I insist on this point, that our mobilization has no aggressive character. It was taken with the sole object of assuring realization of Bulgaria's legitimate claims. We are firmly resolved to defend by force of arms our rights and our independence."

DREDGE OFFICER DROWNED.
Astoria, Oct. 4.—The body of Antonio S. Lufstrom, third officer of the United States dredge Chinook drowned in the Columbia river September 13, is being held here today for relatives.

The body was recovered Sunday.

Out of all the thousands and thousands of things to worry about in this life some folks select the "Monroe Doctrine." So far nothing has been righted in the Eastland disaster, but the boat.

GATEMAN AT FAIR IS ARRESTED FOR CHARGE OF FRAUD

Matter Will Be Dropped According to Prosecuting Attorney Ringo

It was stated by District Attorney Ringo today that the matter of the alleged frauds among some of the ticket sellers and takers at the state fair this year would be dropped, that he would carry the prosecution no further and that no evidence would be placed before the grand jury which is now in session. Saturday night Cleve Simpkins, one of the ticket takers at the main pass gate was arrested by the fair grounds police, Simpkins was locked up in the city jail Saturday night and remained there until this morning. After his arrest it is alleged that the police secured a written confession from him implicating another who was selling tickets.

According to the police the confession dated back for two years and at any rate it caused the ticket seller to be called out by the police and brought down to the station where he was questioned and then released on his own recognizance as it was Sunday morning by this time. Simpkins was booked, as "Held for Justice Court."

Today, however, the officers in some instances refused to discuss the matter and the fair board left the prosecution up to District Attorney Ringo where the matter apparently is to be allowed to rest. It was estimated by the fair board that their losses may run up into hundreds of dollars, but the evidence which was alleged to have been obtained only pointed definitely to a much smaller sum and it was stated today that this had been adjusted. Reliable facts are difficult to procure and the alleged confession of Simpkins has been given out.

Owing to the prominence of the parties concerned there was wide interest in the matter today and many rumors were afloat but little definite information was obtainable. According to the officers of the fair tickets were being taken up at the pass gate and returned to the ticket seller who resold them. The fair grounds police had been on the lookout for alleged frauds but were unable to secure any evidence until a "spotter" was placed near the main entrance. The spotter reported, according to Chief of the Fairgrounds Police Burnett, that he saw Simpkins drop a cash fare ticket into his pocket and called him to account for it. Simpkins is alleged to have replied that he gave the ticket to the gateman on the cash gate. This the gateman denied and Simpkins said he gave it to another who likewise denied it. The arrest was then made and it was reported that 42 tickets were found amounting to \$18 in cash as some of them were half tickets.

It is said by the police that other schemes were being promoted at the fair this year which caused the fair grounds police to be on the lookout and their net fell over the young gate men in their investigation. Cleve Simpkins is a resident of Hopewell where his parents are prominent farmers. He is student of the University of Oregon and a prominent fraternity man.

Chicago Finally Wins
FEDERAL PENNANT

St. Louis Is Second and Pittsburgh Third—All Close Together

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Chicago has a pennant today after five years of wallowing in the trough of the American and National leagues. The Chicago Federal league club brought the honors to the Windy City by breaking even in a doubleheader with the Pittsburgh Rebels yesterday. The locals had to win one game to finish ahead of St. Louis, while won its game.

The crowd was variously estimated at from 25,000 to 28,000.

Pittsburgh was leading up to yesterday, and when the Pittsford dropped two matches to Chicago, St. Louis lost the big opportunity to go into first place by losing 4 to 1 to Kansas City.

As it was the pennant race was won by Chicago by but 6000 of a point over St. Louis. At the conclusion of the play tonight the league season stands: Chicago, 56.57, and St. Louis, 56.49.

First game—R. H. E.
Pittsburgh 5 11 2
Chicago 4 13 1

Batteries: Rogge, Kneitzer and Berry; McConnell, Premezger and Wilson.

Second game—R. H. E.
Pittsburgh 0 2 0
Chicago 3 7 1

Batteries: Knitzer, Allen and Berry; Bailey and Kneitzer.

St. Louis 6, Kansas City 2.

St. Louis, Oct. 4.—St. Louis won second place in the Federal league race by defeating Kansas City, 6 to 2.

DIRE WARNING IS ISSUED BY S. UNTERMEYER

Prominent Financial Attorney Discourses On Speculation—Made Market

New York, Oct. 4.—Dire warning of consequences of speculation in the present speculation-made market was sounded today by Samuel Untermyer, financial expert.

Writing to Rev. C. F. Reiser, in reply to a request for information, Untermyer declared that "never before in the history of the Stock Exchange has the public been threatened with so dangerous a pitfall as that which is wide open for victims."

"It is worse than hopeless," he continued, "for the average man to try to win a fortune in the market. In the end they all lose. The present activity is a feverish wave of wild and senseless speculation that has seized the general public and is spreading like wildfire from ocean to ocean, for which the public, as usual, will pay dearly in the end."

"This latest experience will not be in vain, although the cost be heavy, if it arouses public sentiment to the point of compelling government regulation to convert the exchange into a great legitimate, responsible security market which is its high and honorable function."

Sounding a warning against speculation, and in favor only of sound investment, Untermyer's letter continued: "As an investor and lawyer, who for upwards of 35 years has been connected intimately with the affairs of corporations and is familiar with the machinery of the Exchange, I have no hesitation in saying that it is worse than hopeless for the average man to expect to amass a fortune or to make money dealing in the market."

"My experience is that in the end they all lose. They don't lose all the time, they do lose all the time."

"My advice is to urge them to keep as far away as possible from the contagion of speculation and to warn them especially against the present speculation fever and never buy stocks except to an extent to which they can pay for them in full as an investment, and then only after thorough investigations of the merits of the property based on normal conditions."

"Above all, I advise that in making their investments they keep away from the so-called (mostly mis-called) war stocks, most of which are selling at greatly inflated prices, based on temporary conditions, greatly exaggerated and accelerated by pool manipulation and other artificial activity."

"Stocks representing nothing beyond hopes and dreams of promoters and rightly regarded as little more than waste paper, have suddenly galvanized into life with the aid of cunningly devised, and widely advertised rumors and half truths from unknown quarters and have been unloaded on the unfortunate public. Ours is the only country in which there is no public supervision over the stock exchange, although we are more in need of it than all the others combined."

"This would not stop speculation. No law can accomplish that and it is doubtful whether it should be attempted by law if it were possible. But we would have honest speculation. Under regulation we would know from month to month and almost from day to day, when it is necessary for public protection what is the real basis for published rumors on which prices are boosted."

"It would be a mistake to abolish the Exchange. This would retard legitimate business and financial enterprises. We should strive to adopt its usefulness as a public market by securing it within its proper functions. That can be accomplished only through government supervision."

Plank, who replaced Crandall in the third inning, after the visitors had made two runs, pitched about half.

R. H. E.
Kansas City 2 9 0
St. Louis 6 6 0

Batteries: Henning and Brown; Crandall, Plank and Chapman.

Half Billion Dollar
Loan Is Subscribed
and Closes Tomorrow

New York, Oct. 4.—The half billion dollar loan to the allies is subscribed and the books of the loan syndicate will be closed at 10 o'clock tomorrow, Morgan & Co. announced today. This means that enough banks and big in-

vestors have applied for blocks of bonds to assure that the entire loan will be taken up. Then the sale of the "baby" bonds of \$100 denominations and the higher ones to the public will start. After tomorrow applications of banks and investors for the bonds at 96 will not be received.

By George R. Holmes.
(Written for the United Press.)

New York, Oct. 4.—With the world's series only four days away the Phillies will enter the struggle as the biggest "Darkhorse" ever.

While the Braves, who made a wonderful win last year were comparatively unknown, there was a word of dupe on them as compared to the Phillies this year.

The Braves entered the pennant race, with the glory of having fought to the top of the National league. The Phillies on the other hand, have hoped along on an even "fifty-fifty" lead without having to fight bitterly and at all times have left their rivals to cut each other's throats.

Except for the mighty Grover Cleveland Alexander no one knows much concerning the Quaker City team.

However, they do not compare with the Giants who faced Boston in 1912. The Giants batted fifty points more as a team than the Phillies today and they had Mathewson, Marquard and Treen as the ranking stars. Yet, Boston, admittedly weaker in 1912 than today, won the pennant.

With the exception of Alexander, the Phillies are a big crowd of misfits as were the Braves. They are cast-offs gathered with an eye to saving a dollar in the face of a bad season.

The Phillies, like the Braves, enter the contest, hopefully outclassed on paper. But the Braves smashed their way through to the pennant goal by taking four straight games, an unheard-of feat.

The Phillies will—well wait until October 17.

GREAT DAM WAS DEDICATED IN IDAHO NEAR BOISE

Ceremony Marks Completion of Twelve Million Dollar Irrigation Project

Boise, Ida., Oct. 4.—Arrowrock dam, built to create a storage reservoir in the Boise river for irrigation of lands under the Boise project, was formally dedicated today. Special trains were run to the dam site from cities and towns on the project and great crowds witnessed the ceremonies.

The speakers were J. H. Lovell, representing the United States reclamation service; Governor Alexander for the state, and D. R. Hubbard for the settlers.

Flocks of pigeons, taken to the dam from all parts of the project, were released at the conclusion of the ceremonies. Each bird carried a message of good cheer to the settlers.

Excursions will be run to the dam every day this week.

The dam is 22 miles upstream from Boise and is the key to the Boise irrigation project, the largest thus far undertaken by the United States reclamation service. Two hundred and thirty-four thousand acres in the valley and on the benches adjacent to Boise, Nampa, Caldwell and a number of smaller communities, will be benefited.

In the construction of this system the reclamation service solved the problem of storing the flood waters of the Boise river from a watershed twice the area of Rhode Island, holding the surplus in reserve and then distributing it to the farmers in the hot summer months when the normal flow of the river is inadequate.

This piece of work cost the government \$12,000,000, which the settlers are under contract to return in 20 years in the way of annual payments for water. Arrowrock dam alone cost \$5,500,000.

The dam is 348.5 feet high, but only 257 feet of it is in sight, as it extends down below the bed of the river through the volcanic rock for the distance of 91.5 feet to the solid granite.

The river channel back of Arrowrock for 18 miles between the mountains is converted into a reservoir with a capacity of 244,300 acres feet of water, enough to cover 381 square miles to the depth of one foot.

At one end of the dam is a device for lifting logs of any size from the reservoir, carrying them across the dam and shooting them down an incline to the river below to be sawed into lumber at the mill at Barber. Three billion feet of timber growing in the Boise basin above the dam is to be lifted in this way, a job that will consume 50 years.

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Phillies are the real dark horses this year.

Dope sheets give little information concerning National League leaders.

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CIRCUIT COURT OPEN IN DEPARTMENT NO. 1 WITH HEAVY DOCKET

Business Starts In Judge Kelly's Court This Morning Without Delay

Department No. 1 of the circuit court, convened this morning with Judge Percy R. Kelly on the bench and the case of William Lebold and Joe Lebold against Mrs. A. N. Bowen and Lilly Bowen as the first case on docket. This is an action to recover money alleged due on a grocery bill and was appealed from the justice court where a judgment of \$133.60 with \$34.85 as costs was awarded to the plaintiff against the defendants. Attorney R. C. Wygant and Smith & Shields are appearing for the plaintiffs and McNary & McNary for the defendants.

After court was called to order at 10 o'clock the roll of the jury was called and the examination of men for the jury in the case at bar began and occupied the entire forenoon. The next case to be called was that of Fred Scheeler against R. R. Ryan. This is an action to recover money alleged due on two promissory notes, \$109.50 and \$257.40 respectively, with interest. The sum of \$75 is asked for attorneys fees. The defendant makes a general denial of the allegations of the plaintiff. Turner & Turner are representing the plaintiff and McInturff & McInturff are representing the defendant.

The juryman empaneled for this term of court were all on hand this morning with the exception of four. R. P. Phillips, a farmer of Sublimity, was excused on account of physical incapacity, and Luke Emery, a farmer of Gervais, was excused for the same reason. Clyde Harris, of Brooks, retired, was excused on account of the serious illness of his daughter and John Maurer, a machinist, was an exempt fireman.

The other juryman who were called to serve are as follows:

George Labarre, of Salem, Oregon, No. 3, occupation an engineer.

I. Greenbaum, of Salem, Oregon, No. 1, occupation a merchant.

A. C. Devere, of Salem, No. 1, occupation a farmer.

Ed Giffin, of West Gervais, by occupation a farmer.

W. S. Gulvin, of Marion, by occupation a farmer.

John Kahut, of East Gervais, by occupation a farmer.

A. W. Anderregg, of Salem, No. 5, by occupation a carpenter.

C. A. George, of Marion, by occupation a farmer.

R. C. Halley, of Salem, No. 5, by occupation retired.

T. J. Kress, of Salem, No. 3, by occupation a mechanic.

Jas. Colvin, of Annville, by occupation a farmer.

E. B. Keene, of Salem, No. 15, by occupation a clerk.

Elmer Schaeffer, of Aurora, by occupation a blacksmith.

Joe Nibler, of McKee, by occupation a farmer.

Dewey Miller, of Aurora, by occupation a farmer.

P. Andersen, of Salem, No. 12, by occupation a salesman.

E. A. M. Cone, of Butteville, by occupation a farmer.

Geo. A. Dimick, of W. Hubbard, by occupation a farmer.

W. T. Jenks, of Salem, No. 9, by occupation a merchant.

W. H. Howd, of Shaw, by occupation a farmer.

Riley Ritchey, of Fairgrounds, by occupation a farmer.

Roy Burton, of Salem, No. 9, by occupation a clerk.

Frank E. Libby, of Marion, by occupation a farmer.

Ferdinand Kurz, of Salem, No. 18, by occupation a carpenter.

A. A. Kufner, of Salem, No. 4, by occupation a farmer.

J. S. McDonald, of St. Paul, by occupation a farmer.

T. Hook of West Mt. Angel, by occupation a farmer.

Judge Galloway, of department No. 2 of the circuit court, today handed down a decree of foreclosure in the case of Susan Eagon against William Sporsky and Mabel D. Austin. By the decree of the court the plaintiff is given a judgment against the defendants in the sum of \$911.96 with interest and costs of \$21.50 with \$100 as attorney's fees. A mortgage on lots 1 and 12 in Cowles Central addition to Woodburn was ordered foreclosed.

George Merritt Faber, a salesman of Portland, has secured a license to wed Mary L. Brown, of this city.

That hunting is proving a more popular sport than usual this year is attested by the fact that the county clerk's office issued 1796 hunting licenses during the month of September and 39 more sold last Friday, while 230 prepared to hunt Sunday by purchasing their license Saturday. According to County Clerk Gehlhar this is the largest amount of hunters licenses ever sold in the county in the same length of time and although a large number were ordered the supply is practically exhausted for the year although there remains three months in which a license may be purchased.

ROBBERS BLOW SAFE
Albany, Ore., Oct. 4.—Two robbers blew open the safe in the general merchandise store of Lamar Bros. at Petrolia, early today and escaped after exchanging revolver shots with H. B. Leabo, who was aroused by the nitroglycerine explosion.

BERLIN ADMITS ONE TRENCH WAS LOST TO FRENCH

Other Attacks Were Repulsed According To Today's Official Statement

FRENCH REPORT ASSERTS
STEADY PROGRESS IS MADE

London Believes Fighting On
East Front Turns In Favor
of Russians

Berlin, via London, Oct. 4.—Though the French admittedly captured a German trench on the hill northwest of Givenchy, other attacks were repulsed, today's official statement announced. The Germans gained from the British near a point of Loos and from the French west of Vimy.

German aviators bombarded "with visible results," at Chateau where the French rear guard is assembling. Yesterday five monitors bombarded Zeebrugge, with no military results, said the statement. Three Belgian civilians were killed.

"North of Loos, our attack continues to progress."

Northwest of Givenchy, the French obtained a firm foothold on a hill north of Givenchy, but south of Givenchy were repulsed. Northeast of Neuville, our counter attacks recaptured 40 yards of trenches.

Northwest of Ville-Sur-Tourbe, and northwest of Massiges, French attacks failed under concentrated fire.

French Report Progress.
Paris, Oct. 4.—The French continue their progress north of Arras today's official communication announced.

While the statement did not claim important successes in the Champagne, it asserted that German attacks there had been repulsed.

"We have made further progress in the Givenchy woods, west of Vimy and have occupied important crossroads on hill 119, said the communication."

"The battle from trench to trench around Quenevires and Novour continued yesterday and last night."

"Near the Navarin farm in the Champagne, there was heavy bombardment on both sides."

Attacks against our newly won positions north of Meul were repulsed.

"The French air force threw 40 bombs on the Sablon railway station at Metz."

Russians Are Gaining.
London, Oct. 4.—The struggle for Dvinsk is turning to the advantage of the Russians, according to the Petrograd official statement early today.

German drive for this highly important point apparently has been checked, which marked the earliest stages of the fight, after the Russians slipped out between the jaws of the Teuton machine around Vilna.

The statement claimed repulse of a Teuton offensive in the Dvinsk region, about the railways southwest of Iloukist.

The Teutons have evacuated Tylja and their attempt to cross the Dristina has failed.

The statement reported several bayonet and snare attacks at various points of the eastern front. The Slavs claim to be moving down the enemy south of Kosvany and near Baltagazy and south of Smorgon.

The fights about Kolki and Clartorsk continue but the combats have diminished in importance to what the official statement characterized as minor engagements.

Troops Shipped to Serbia.
Bucharest, Oct. 4.—A quarter million troops under Field Marshal von Mackensen have been withdrawn from Russia and have arrived at the Serbian frontier, where Von Mackensen will direct the Austro-German drive to Constantinople according to the newspaper Epoca. These forces have taken up their headquarters at Verocze. They are reported to have 2,000 guns of all calibers.

The above dispatch was unconfirmed from any other source. It is a fact, however, that the Austro-German center, commanded by Von Mackensen, has not progressed for ten days, although the Russians are not presumed to be in great force east of Pinsk. Dispatches Saturday hint that troops for Balkan operations had been withdrawn.