

## Grave Situation Confronts Allies in the Balkan States

Serbia Attacked on Two Sides by Central Powers and Bulgaria. Quarter of a Million Troops Battling With Three Times That Number.

Yesterday's review of the war situation says: Serbia is being attacked from the north and the east. The Austro-Germans, after their capture of Belgrade and Semendria, are advancing southward, while the Bulgarians have sent forces to endeavor to interrupt communications north and south of Nish, the war time capital of Serbia, and attack the Serbs on the flank if they are driven back by the German Field Marshal von Mackensen.

The situation is admitted to be a very serious one, not only for Serbia, but for the whole allied cause.

It is asserted that the Serbians are inflicting very heavy losses, both on the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, but with their army of about a quarter of a million men they are believed to have little chance of making any prolonged resistance against 300,000 or 400,000 Austro-Germans and probably 200,000 Bulgarians. They are arranging for the transfer of the capital to Monastir in the extreme southwestern corner of the kingdom.

Greece apparently has decided to ignore the treaty under which she is supposed to go to the assistance of her Serbian ally in case of an attack. Premier Zaimis having said when officially notified of the Bulgarian attack that Greece "remains in a position of armed neutrality."

The followers of the quadruple entente, however, have decided to take energetic action. As soon as the news of the Bulgarian attack on Serbia was received in London the Bulgarian minister was handed his passports and M. Viviani, the French prime minister, in the chamber of deputies declared that France, Great Britain and Russia had decided to take joint action and that "Russian troops will be fighting by the side of ours."

An Anglo-French force is known to be landing in Saloniki, but there is considerable speculation as to where Russia will enter the Balkan conflict. It is reported that Grand Duke Nicholas is to command the Russian Balkan army, which it is believed in military circles at London would make the Bulgarian people less willing to fight against Russia, there being a deep veneration among the Bulgarian peasants

for the emperor of Russia and his family.

It is understood that Italy has decided not to cooperate with the allies in the Balkans, the Italian government being of the opinion that troops cannot be spared for any campaign other than that in Trentino and Trieste.

Now that Austria and Germany have entered on their Balkan enterprise, which is interpreted as the first step toward an endeavor to secure a German empire in the near east, there can be no drawing back, but the allies hope that with a vigorous offensive both on the east and the west they will be able at least to prevent the sending of any large reinforcements to Field Marshal von Mackensen.

The French in both the Champagne and Artois regions of France continue their offensive, but not on the scale of the recent attacks. The British after their success in repelling the big German attack are preparing for another move, but at what point only the commanding generals know. Now that they have started, it is believed in London that the British and French on the western line will give the Germans no rest.

It is much the same on the eastern front. The Austro-Germans having brought their offensive to an end, except in the region of Dvinsk, the Russians have recuperated wonderfully and are striking back in their familiar way. The Germans claim another success west of Dvinsk, but they are still fighting to the west of Iloukst.

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### Ivey Dots.

West Hickory, Oct. 12.—The West Hickory school boys and the Ivey Mill boys played a ball game here Saturday evening on the Graded School grounds. The score was 9 to 12 in favor of the school.

The Graded School opened Monday morning with Prof. J. C. Sherrill as principal. About 200 scholars were enrolled the first day and the number is still increasing.

Mr. Gentry Lawler of New York, is visiting his sisters, Mrs. G. W. Branch and Miss Ola Lawler.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw preached an interesting sermon at the West Hickory Baptist Church Sunday night.

Rev. W. N. Cook will spend this week and next preaching in Tennessee.

Mr. Sidney Spencer has returned from Canton.

Mr. Eli Childers has returned from Danville, Va.

Prof. G. C. Cook spent last week with his parents at Mortimer.

Mr. Dock Spencer has returned from West Virginia where he has been at work for some time.

Mr. G. C. Miller has returned after spending several weeks in Florida.

Misses Fannie and Myrtle Smith spent Saturday and Sunday at Rhodhiss.

Mr. Hampton Chester and family visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lowman spent Sunday at Brookford.

Mr. Hyatt and family of Rhodhiss, moved here one day last week.

Mr. H. P. Hayes of Granite Falls, was a West Hickory visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. A. P. Heavener and family and Miss Minnie Berry motored to Granite Falls Sunday.

### Rev. Heller to Preach.

Rev. C. B. Heller of Spencer, will fill the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday. Rev. J. G. Garth, who is in Spencer aiding Mr. Heller in a meeting, will remain and preach there Sunday.

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Mr. Collins also said that the company was thinking of building a concrete sidewalk from the west end of the passenger station to Fourteenth street, with concrete steps leading down the embankment to the park and walk.

In view of the fact that all trains clear the passenger depot crossing now it was not thought that at present it was necessary to place a watchman or gates at the crossing.

Messrs. Collins and Crosby are clever gentlemen and Hickory people can rest assured that they will do all for our town that they can do consistent with the policies of the roads they represent.

### New Law Office.

Mr. Thomas Pruitt has opened a law office up in the Bank block, over Miss Posebrough's Millinery Store. We welcome Mr. Pruitt to our city and wish him much success. He has had considerable practice in his profession in the state of Florida and impresses all as being a gentleman of pleasant address.

### Long Steps in Right Direction.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 10.—The opinion is expressed by La Nacion that recognition of General Carranza's government will not bring about a final solution of the Mexican question, but that it will be a long step in that direction.

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