

BALKAN WAR OPENS

SERBIA AND ITALY DISMISS BULGARIAN AMBASSADORS

GREECE FAVORS ALLIES

Declares Her Policy One of "Benevolent Neutrality"—German Attack on Serbia Has Begun—Paris Describes Conference Between King Constantine and Venizelos.

Berlin reports via Sayville wireless: A declaration of Bulgaria's intention to enter the war with Germany and her allies is contained in what is described as a Bulgarian manifesto, as given out in Berlin Friday by the Overseas News Agency.

London reports Friday: A message to the Times states that the Greek government has decided to issue a declaration of its attitude toward the belligerent powers.

Nish, Serbia, reports Friday: The diplomatic rupture between Serbia and Bulgaria is complete. The foreign office has handed his passports to the Bulgarian minister.

London reports Friday: The Bulgarian minister to Italy has been handed his passports by the Italian foreign minister, according to a Stefani News Agency dispatch from Rome.

Berlin reports by wireless Friday: The Frankfurter Zeitung asserts that the Bulgarian government has issued a manifesto to enter the war on the side of the central powers. The manifesto as given out by the Overseas News Agency follows:

"The central powers have promised us parts of Serbia, creating an Austro-Bulgarian border line, which is absolutely necessary for Bulgaria's independence of the Serbians.

"We do not believe in the promises of the quadruple entente. Italy, one of the Allies, treacherously broke her treaty of 1913. 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 Balkan peoples."

"The manifesto to the people contains valuable material in regard to Bulgarian politics and economics and states that Russia is fighting for Constantinople and the Dardanelles. Great Britain is fighting for Germany's competition, France for Alsace and Lorraine and the other allies to fight foreign countries. The central powers are fighting to defend property and assure peaceful progress.

"The manifesto says that Serbia is the worst enemy of the Balkan peoples. It is the Bulgarian population of Macedonia in the most barbarous manner."

London reports Friday: The new Teutonic invasion of Serbia is in full swing. In command of Field Marshal von Mackensen the German and Austro-Hungarian forces are seeking to push their way southward in an attempt to seize the Trunk Railway stretching from Belgrade to both Saloniki and Constantinople.

The next move lies with Bulgaria. Whether she will attack Serbia from the rear or maintain for the moment a neutral attitude is a matter of surmise, but the situation is such that her entry in the war seems a matter of only hours.

Russian warships are already reported to be bombarding the Bulgarian Black Sea port of Varna. French and British troops are being pushed northward by the Greek army. Meanwhile at the point where the railway approaches closest to Bulgarian territory both an allied and a Bulgarian army are massing.

It is reported from Italian sources that as a precaution the Serbian government is transferring all records and archives from Nish to Istdip about 50 miles from the Greek frontier.

Virtually made over in guns and equipment, and stiffened by British and French forces, it is predicted here that the Serbians will offer resistance to the Austro-German advance. They will be assisted by the flood conditions in the Morava Valley, down which von Mackensen hopes to force his way.

Estimates of the strength of the Austro-German army range from 400,000 to 600,000 men. There may have been withdrawals by the Austrians and Germans from some parts of the eastern front but the renewed effort of von Hindenburg to capture Divno does not indicate any weakening.

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The brief announcement from the White House, made by Secretary Tumulty, came as a surprise to official Washington but to a number of intimates it long had been expected. From this circle came the story of a friendship whose culmination was viewed as a happy turn in the troubled and lonely life of the nation's chief executive.

It was Margaret Wilson and her cousin, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, who drew Mrs. Galt into the White House circle. They met her in the early autumn of last year and were so much attracted by her that they sought her out more and more frequently.

Mrs. Galt spent a month this summer as a guest of the president's eldest daughter. It was then that the president had an opportunity to meet and know her. One of the most interesting facts, as told by friends, is that the president's daughters chose Mrs. Galt for their admiration and friendship before they were advised of her marriage.

Mrs. Galt is the widow of a well known business man of Washington, who died eight years ago, leaving a jewelry business that still bears his name. She has lived in Washington since her marriage in 1896. She is about thirty-eight years old and was Mrs. Ethel Bolling before her marriage. She is not quite as tall as Mr. Wilson. She has dark hair and dark eyes. Friends regard her as an unusual beauty. Her tastes are said to be strikingly similar to those of the president. She is interested in literature and languages.

Friends of the president expressed their pleasure over the announcement, not only because of Mr. Wilson's personal happiness, but because they felt his new companionship would give him support and comfort in his home life—a vital need during the period of strain over the nation's problems.

With the marriage of his daughters and the death of Mrs. Wilson, more than a year ago, the president's life had become one of solitude. His absorption in official duties began to weigh heavily on him, and when a few months ago he began to take a renewed interest in personal affairs his friends and members of the family welcomed the distinct change which it brought about in his health and spirits.

Official congratulations came from officials, diplomats, friends and relatives of President Wilson following the announcement of his engagement to Mrs. Norman Galt of Washington. The announcement gave the national capital a topic of absorbing interest which, for the moment, overshadowed questions of international or domestic politics.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, was one of the first to send congratulations and there followed messages from others of the diplomatic corps conveying the good wishes of their respective countries.

Definite arrangements for the wedding will be made immediately, but it was disclosed that it will not take place in the White House, because of the formality that would be necessary there. The ceremony will be held in the home of Mrs. Galt, either in Mrs. Galt's home or in a church.

An extended honeymoon will be impossible, but the president's friends are urging him to accept an invitation to attend the San Francisco exposition in company with his wife just after his marriage. A short sea trip may be taken on the presidential yacht Mayflower.

The president gave up virtually all of Thursday to receiving congratulations and calling with Mrs. Galt on members of the diplomatic corps. During the afternoon he went to meet a few friends at the home of Mrs. W. H. Bolling, mother of the bride-to-be, and Thursday night he had as his guests at dinner at the White House Mrs. Galt, her mother, Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo and several other members of the party remained at the White House for the remainder of the evening.

When the president received callers and when he left and entered the White House he was wearing a broad smile and seemed happy. Mrs. Galt was the morning receiving congratulations.

The president and Mrs. Galt, with Mrs. Bolling, Miss Bones, Dr. Grayson and Secretary Tumulty, left Friday for New York to be guests of Col. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. They will reach New York in the afternoon and the time before dinner probably will be devoted to the purchase of an engagement ring and to an automobile ride.

After dinner Col. and Mrs. House will give a theatrical party. Saturday morning the party will go to Philadelphia, where the president will throw out the first ball in the second game of the world's series. Immediately after the game the return trip to Washington will be made on a special train.

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MANNING AND EXPERTS TO STUDY PEST IN ALABAMA

MUST GUARD THIS STATE

Governor to Take a Week's Trip of Inspection to the District Where Boll Weevils Ravages are Worst—To Plan Fight Against This Cotton Pest.

A News and Courier dispatch from Columbia says: In order to see for himself what the actual conditions are in sections ravaged by boll weevil and with the idea of getting some information valuable in fighting the blighting pest to this state, Gov. Richard I. Manning and several of the Clemson College authorities will make a trip of inspection to the Mississippi Valley during the week October 16-23. The inspection trip will be made through Louisiana and Mississippi, where the boll weevil has been at its worst.

In addition to the governor the party will include the inspection trip will be composed of W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson College; Sen. president of the Clemson board of trustees; J. N. Harper of Clemson College, B. H. Rawls, of the animal industry of the United States department and a trustee of Clemson College, and Mr. Hunter, a special agent of the federal agricultural department.

The party will leave Columbia on Saturday morning on No. 9, at 7:10, over the Southern Railway, and go direct from Spartanburg to New Orleans, where they will spend Sunday morning. Places which will be visited in Louisiana will be Alexandria, Monroe, Tallulah, and to Vicksburg, Miss. Other points in this State visited will be Natchez, Brookhaven, Jackson and the creek to Birmingham, Ala., reaching that city on Friday morning and come direct home, getting back to Columbia on the following Saturday, the entire trip being made in one week's time.

Gov. Manning is thoroughly alive to the serious situation which this state from the onward sweep of the boll weevil pest, which has now reared within one hundred and forty miles of the South Carolina border. In order to prepare the people for the coming of the weevil, which is still to find some method of bringing it to a stand on the Georgia border, if possible, he wants to get first hand information and to see for himself just what are the conditions in those sections of the cotton belt over which it has travelled.

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