

VICTORIES UPON TWO FRONTS

Prisoners Taken by French Now Number Over 7500

Moscow Conference May Renew Russ Civil War

Austrian Losses Over 30,000 in Latest Fight

Franco-British and Italians Make Notable Gains

ENTENTE OPINION UNKNOWN

British Operations on Ypres Front are Crowned With Success; The French Obtain Objectives at Verdun, and Take More Prisoners; Italian Drive Assumes Larger Proportions, Austrians in Danger of Annihilation

DANGER OF CONFLICT IN RUSSIA

Views Of Allied Governments On Peace Question Unobtainable

POPE'S PEACE NOTE France Does Not Look With Approval Upon Papal Proposals

Rome, Wednesday, Aug. 22 The British and Belgian ministers, accredited to the Vatican were received separately by Pope Benedict to-day and inquired as to the meaning of the reference to the freedom of the seas in the Pope's peace proposal.

Paris, Aug. 23.—France probably will not answer the Pope's peace note individually, since it has no representative at the Vatican but Great Britain doubtless will tender a collective reply in the name of the Entente.

An important figure in the political life of France whose speciality is foreign politics, said to the Associated Press to-day that while the humanitarian character of the Pope's step was incontestable, he had, in ignoring the Balkan question, passed over the most formidable problem with which the peace negotiators will have to deal.

"If obedient to the suggestions of the papacy, the German Government should be quit for its depredations in Belgium and northern France, if individuals are not to be indemnified for losses inflicted, German commerce could safely go on from the point at which they stopped at the outbreak of the war, while French industry and French commerce would need at least 25 years to rise from their ruins."

"The Pope certainly could not have seen that his proposal generous in appearance would have singularly iniquitous consequences."

Generally easterly to southerly winds, shower of thunderstorms in many localities. Friday—Winds, increasing to moderate gales from west and northwest, clearing and becoming cooler.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press)---Definite success can be recorded this morning for the latest British operations east and northeast of Ypres on the Belgian front, which yesterday were surrounded by much uncertainty owing to the fierceness of the resistance offered by the Germans.

London, Aug. 23.—The British have advanced their lines southwest of Lens, the War Office announces. An attack east of Langemark was repulsed. British posts in the neighborhood of Lombaertzyde, Belgium, were raided by the Germans.

FRENCH OBJECTIVES ATTAINED

Paris, Aug. 23.—The French objectives north of Verdun appear to have been attained. If the offensive were continued French artillery preparation would be necessary.

The German counter-attacks yesterday against dominant positions such as Dead Man Hill and Hill 344, proved to be costly failures, leaving the French masters of the points they held before the beginning of the great battle of Verdun last year with the exception of Hill 304, which as yet is in the enemy's hands.

Those who believed in the theory that cannon fire brings on rain always refer to the offensives of the Allies in support of their contention, as they have frequently been hampered by downpour after a day or two of fighting. In the present instance, however their argument has failed. Although the firing on the Verdun front has never been equalled there has been no rain since Friday.

A projectile fired by a French Battery, which was silencing enemy batteries, struck a depot of asphyxiating gas. It burst, silencing three batteries.

German prisoners express admiration of the French artillery fire. "No troops could have got through your barrages," said one.

ITALIANS RECORD GAINS

Udine, Italy, Aug. 23.—Enemy losses during the first two days in the new Italian advance are calculated at 30,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

Rome, Aug. 23.—Furious fighting continues on the Isonzo front. The War Office announces further gains for the Italians on both the northern and southern wings.

The number of prisoners taken is more than 16,000. Austrian counter-attacks of redoubled intensity are being beaten back by the Italians.

NEW DEFENCES RENDER ENEMY RAIDS FUTILE

Efficiency of Anti Aircraft Weapons Praised In Great Britain

GERMANS REPULSED

Losses Very Light From the Raid Attempted Yesterday Morning

London, Aug. 23.—Reports from the places raided yesterday by the German airplanes, concur in the efficiency of the gun and aircraft defenses, the enterprise of the German raiders being balked and the casualties minimized.

In the fight over Dover, spectators say the airplanes were so intermixed, that it was impossible to distinguish friend from foe. Similarly the airplanes fought fiercely off Ramsgate, while shells burst all around the machines, some of them being hidden in the smoke clouds from shrapnel.

The papers, commenting on the raid, declare that the defending forces are not large enough, and must be increased to overwhelming dimensions, so that it may be impossible for any raiders to return home. So soon as this is done, they declare, the raids will cease.

"POLICY BASED ON MIGHT ALONE AND NOT ON RIGHT IS DOOMED TO FAILURE"

—DR. RICHARD VON KUEHLMANN

German Imperial Foreign Secretary Before Reichstag Committee Yesterday Pronounced Doom of Prussian Kultur—German Empire Beset by Foes and Difficulties

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23.—"A policy based on might alone and not on right is doomed to failure from the beginning," was the interesting admission made by Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, German Imperial Foreign Secretary in his maiden speech to the main committee of the Reichstag yesterday.

Dr. von Kuehlmann concluded with an appeal for trust in the army and navy. to collaborate with the reichstag factions in dealing with the chief problems of the nation's foreign policy, and that it would continue to work in harmony with the committee in the direction of achieving peace of reconciliation and mutual understanding.

JAPAN SHOULD TAKE ACTIVE PART IN WAR

Paris Figaro Calls Upon Aid For Entente From the East

IS NEEDED IN RUSSIA

Paris, Aug. 23.—The Figaro takes up the subject of Japanese participation in the war. Asking if the moment has not arrived for Japan to take further steps, the writer describes Japan as hitherto having argued that as an essentially Asiatic power, it was her duty to reserve all her force for her future mission in Asia.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The imperial Japanese mission to the United States, which arrived here yesterday, is devoting its first full day in the national capital to making formal calls on administration officials preliminary to the beginning of conferences, at which the question of mutual co-operation between Japan and America will be discussed.

Open Strife will Follow Moscow Conference Unless Settlement is Reached ISSUES VERY GRAVE Cabinet and Socialist Party To Be Opposed By The Democrats

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—The Russian forces on the northern end of the Russian front, where the Germans have begun an offensive, yesterday retired under pressure from the region of Bagdad and Kemmer to the Lake Shlyon and Frankendorf region. The official statement issued to-day by the Russian War Department, announcing this withdrawal, says that the German artillery conducted an intense fire in this sector.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—As the day approaches for the opening of the extraordinary national council at Moscow, the newspapers are full of speculation concerning expected dramatic announcements of events. Judging from present indications, the congress is likely to take the form of a struggle of the cabinet, backed by a Socialist Left, against the bourgeoisie, consisting of Constitutional-Democrats, disaffected Moscow businessmen and their president, M. Riabushinsky, and dismissed generals who all agree in severely criticizing the present course and policy demanding radical changes.

Princess Troubetskoi, in a sharp speech, attacked the government, declaring the secret revolution had fallen under the "coarse claws" of men who think only of plundering the national riches, and of their own interests. The government, she said, is entirely in the hands of Petrograd. That is the chief evil, Petrograd being the centre of rottenness. Therefore, he said, it was imperatively necessary to transfer the capital to healthy Moscow.

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