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Offensive of Allies Continues After Brief Rest; Kaiser Rushes To Front

CAN GERMANS STAND BLOWS? WHOLE ISSUE MAY BE THERE

Press Bureau Lets British Correspondents' Stories Into Papers

GREAT EFFORT NEEDED TO FOLLOW UP VICTORY

Allies' Aims Played Important Part in Preliminaries—Of Prisoners Taken From German Many Were From Eastern Fringe of the Empire

London, Sept. 29.—Responding to the demand of the British press for more complete details of British successes on the western front, the press bureau today permitted the morning papers to publish long, but carefully censored dispatches from correspondents at British headquarters, describing the first three days of the battle, which began on Saturday. These dispatches add little essential news.

The chief bag of prisoners was at Loos, where a German force was surrounded and compelled to surrender when its ammunition was exhausted, owing to the severe lines of communication with supply bases.

Correspondents unite in stating emphatically that preparations for the attack were of a most elaborate nature, and secretly could have been kept secret from the Germans. "We know from German prisoners," states the Telegraph's report, "that the enemy awaited an attack, but was ignorant of our strength and plans, and blindly confident of victory. It is betraying no secret to say that the British officers and men all had been urged to a high pitch of anticipation by various signs and portents that most important operations were at hand."

STILL INTENSE ON FIGHTING GOES ON

The fighting continues with a high degree of intensity, and correspondents voice the hope of the British command that the beginning made on Saturday may be the opening wedge for operations of a decisive character. "It is scarcely an exaggeration to say," comments the Daily Mail's correspondent, "that the issue of the whole war turns on the question whether the Germans are dealing at three breaks in the German line—in Artois, Champagne and Lens."

A Word of Caution

The Times' correspondent has a word of caution, however, for those who look for too speedy results. "A great strategic plan," he says, "takes time for its working out. A great movement has begun, but at its best it must have its slow hours, and it is necessary to view it in a sane perspective. Again we must not only win victories, but follow them up, and this will need a tremendous and sustained effort. Large numbers of men will be required to replace wastage, and a steady stream of munitions must be furnished. The whole nation is the shaft." (Continued on page 2, column five)

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The storm which passed across Ontario on Sunday and has since centered in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, is gradually disappearing. The weather has become warmer in the western provinces, but continues unseasonably cool from Ontario to the Maritime provinces. A severe storm now probably moving to the Atlantic coast, but may come towards the Great Lakes. Shipping should be cautious after today.

Fair and Cold Maritime—Fresh to strong west, and northwest winds, clearing Thursday, fresh northwest winds, fair and cool. New England—Foggy—Fair tonight and Thursday, frost in exposed places tonight, fresh northwest winds.

BRITISH BATTERING THE THIRD LINE

Pounding at German Trenches Near Loos; French Pressing Enemy in Argonne

Hope to Keep up Pressure, Says General French, in Reply to Congratulatory Message From London's Lord Mayor—Some Germans Already Withdrawn From Eastern Front

London, Sept. 29.—The British are battering the third line of the Germans in the vicinity of Loos. The French are maintaining their offensive in Champagne. The Germans in the Argonne apparently have been unable to make important gains and have refrained from infantry attacks. This sums up briefly the situation in the west as seen in London today.

No great change in conditions is shown, but England attaches high importance to indications that the offensive movement of the allies is not to be relaxed, as was predicted in some quarters. A short breathing spell has been succeeded by the hardest pressure on German positions at the points weakened or shattered by the allies' rush.

MEAN TO KEEP IT UP

That it is the intention to maintain this pressure is indicated by a telegram from Field Marshal French to the Lord Mayor of London, thanking him for his message of good will. The British commander added that the message encouraged his troops to push the battle to a really decisive issue.

This leads the public to believe there is to be no retreats such as followed the battle of Neuve Chapelle, but that, with new British forces in the field and ample supplies of ammunition, Gen. Joffre and Field Marshal French plan a real test to whether German resistance in France and Belgium can be broken. Russia, though encouraged by the progress of her allies in the west, has not been doing so well in the last day or so. The Austrians have stemmed the Russian advance in southern Poland and retaken Leticia. The Germans are renewing the great movement against Divina.

Bulgaria has not replied to Foreign Secretary Grey's "friendly ultimatum," but special dispatches from Athens and other points say a change is noted at Sofia, and that events are now less likely to take a turn unfavorable to the entente powers.

GETTING AROUND THEM

Athens, Sept. 29.—"I believe we are on the eve of the most important operation of the war: namely, the landing of troops in Macedonia to begin the march, not so much on Constantinople, as on Bulgaria," said an officer attached to the general staff of the British army on the Gallipoli Peninsula, who has come to Athens from the Dardanelles front.

"The two offensive forces are gradually closing in. The Mesopotamian expedition is approaching nearer to Bagdad, and from the Syria Bay-Gaba Teppe line, an attack on Constantinople may begin at any moment."

NEW DRIVER HAS PLACED KAISER IN A QUANDARY

New York, Sept. 29.—A Tribune cable from Paris says: The allied offensive on the western front has already drawn German troops from the eastern line of battle. The French War Office report remarks that among the prisoners taken east of Soissons were "men of the guard corps brought back a few days ago from the Russian front."

Called on to meet new and violent attacks in Flanders and France, the Kaiser cannot apparently push his advance further into Russia, nor can he release men for the oft-mentioned "drive" through the Balkans.

SAY LOSSES OF GERMANS 120,000 Paris, Sept. 29.—German casualties in the recent offensive, including killed, wounded and prisoners, were given officially by the French War Office today as in excess of the strength of three army corps (more than 120,000).

Progress of the French in the Artois region, northwestern France, continues. North of Massigen, the war office says, 1,000 Germans surrendered.

LIKELY LIVES LOST

London, Sept. 29.—A despatch from Rome says that the Italian battleship Benedetto Brin sank, following an explosion which resulted from fire on board the vessel. The cause of the disaster has not been ascertained. It was said something more than 800 men are unaccounted for.

Baldwin-Collier In Queen Square Methodist church last evening, Elena Dicka Collier and Arthur Baldwin were united in marriage. The bride looked pretty in a grey traveling suit, while the groom wore a white tuxedo with a white bow tie and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums and white daisies with asparagus fern. The bridesmaid, Miss Annie Dallas, wore a brown suit with black velvet hat and carried a bouquet of pink snap dragons and anemones.

A reception was held at 300 Broadway avenue where a dainty supper was served. About forty of their friends were present. Loving presents testified to the popularity of both bride and groom. They will reside in St. Andrews street.

NO MEETING TODAY Several of the commissioners met at City Hall at noon today for the Wednesday committee meeting, but no meeting was held, as there was no quorum.

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French East of Souchez Press on to Crests Of Vimy Ridge

IF THEY GET THEM IT MEANS BIG CONFLICT

London and Paris Believe Not All Has Yet Been Told of Recent Victory—Russia Continues To Press Back the Hun—Italy, Too, Gains Ground

New York, Sept. 29.—A cable to the Herald from London this morning says: "While England exults over the inspiring news from Sir John French that the British army has penetrated to the third line of German defence in terrific fighting around and beyond Loos, there is even more enthusiasm at British headquarters over the capture of the Vimy ridge and the crest of the Artois range." "When these losses added to those of the German army in Champagne, where the enemy has been driven back, it would be a great defeat for the Hun, and a great gain for the Allies."

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Kaiser Reaches West Front in Mad Haste To Stem The Tide

Losses of Germans at Champagne 60,000 and at Artois Half That Number—French Had Hardest Time Silencing the Thousands of Machine Guns

New York, Sept. 29.—A special cable to the New York World from Paris says:—The Kaiser reached the western front, coming through Luxembourg at break-neck speed, in a special train on Monday afternoon, and has been in continuous consultation with the crown prince and other generals, seeking means to bring the French advance in Champagne to a halt.

This information reaches me from the highest possible military source. It was obtained originally from German officers captured in the Argonne fighting. From the same authority I have it that the German losses in Champagne alone total more than 60,000, and that the Kaiser's advent in that sector is evidence that the Germans fear disaster will overwhelm their sorely tried centre. In Artois they have lost between 30,000 and 40,000.

Although it is impossible to cable an estimate of the French casualties, I am empowered to state that this total is considerably below that of the Germans. This is remarkable in view of the fact that they were the attacking force, but it is partly explained in the telling number of prisoners taken by the Germans. The number of Germans captured by the French, on the other hand, is amazingly large.

Most of the wounds on the French side were caused by shrapnel and machine guns, while the Germans were either entombed beneath the artillery fire, or immediately preceding the infantry attacks, or sliced open by French bayonets. In the fury of their charge the French had little time to use their allies, except for sniping purposes.

"Silencing their machine guns was our hardest job. There seemed to be literally thousands of these venomous weapons tearing away at us," one of the first wounded officers arriving in Paris told me.

So far, the Kaiser's move was the cannoneading which raged for seventy-two hours before the advance proper began that many cases of deafness were reported among the gunners, whose batteries were crowded together with scarcely elbow room between the guns. In those seventy-two hours, from noon Wednesday to noon Saturday more than (deleted) shells burst among the German entrenchments, including thousands upon thousands of huge projectiles, more powerful than any yet launched from French guns in field warfare.

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LOOKS MORE LIKE MARKED POLICY CHANGE BY BULGARIA

Premier Favorable To Russia May Support Radoslavoff

TWO OF CABINET ARE REPORTED TO HAVE QUIT

Britain Gives an Emphatic Warning to Bulgars—What Choice Means—Serbians Again Reel Austrians as They Try to Get Across the River

Paris, Sept. 29.—A Havas despatch from Athens says: "The Bulgarian ministers of finance and commerce have resigned, according to a report received from a reliable source in Sofia."

"The reason given officially is a divergence of views on internal questions, but the real cause is the complete disagreement of these cabinet members with Premier Radoslavoff on the policy to be followed in view of the determined attitude of Greece."

"King Ferdinand granted an audience to Former Premier Matifoff, leader of the party favorable to Russia, and asked him, it is understood, to form a new cabinet."

BRITAINS WARNING London, Sept. 29.—A London cable to the Herald says: "The whole press, led by the Daily Telegraph, emphatically endorses Sir Edward Grey's statement that, while Britain is still friendly to Bulgaria, if she allies her troops with those of the Central Empires, Great Britain and her allies will give their friends in the Balkans all the support in their power, without reserve or qualification."

"The Daily Telegraph adds: 'It is for Bulgaria, a Slav nation, to choose to ally herself with the Quadruple Entente and Germany. The Entente guarantees assurance of the realization of the national aspirations of greater Bulgaria, while if she casts her lot with the German enemy, she will become a petty German dependency.'"

AGAIN FAIL TO CROSS THE DRINA Nish, Sept. 29.—The following official statement has been issued at the Serbian War Office: "On the 24th, hostile aeroplanes flew over Podjevac, dropping twenty-two bombs and killing three men, but doing no damage of military significance. On the 25th they again dropped bombs, killing one man. On the same day, enemy detachments tried vainly to cross the Drina, near Raskin. A similar attempt was made near Forschnitz on the night of the 24th."

To Attack Serbia Paris, Sept. 29.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas News Agency says it is now expected that Bulgaria will begin an attack on Serbia within fifteen days. Plans are now being drawn up by the Bulgarian general staff with the German officers, who have arrived in Sofia. Bulgarian officers say no attack will be made on Greece.

LAST CABLE CUT Nothing Now Where Suspension Bridge Hung For Years

The last cable on the old Suspension Bridge was cut and hauled in late yesterday afternoon, and so the final connecting link across the falls disappeared. Now, where the old bridge formerly swung, nothing remains from shore to shore. Work has begun on demolishing the piers. The heavy stone is brought down by a derrick.

The high wind on the new bridge during the last few days indicated what might be expected in the coming winter. The Street Railway, however, have been wiring for car service, and it is hoped the line may be in operation in a few weeks.

MAKES HIS ESCAPE FROM MONCTON JAIL Moncton, N. B., Sept. 29.—Albert Mallot, aged twenty-two, formerly driver of a mail train in Moncton, who was awaiting trial on charge of robbing the mail, escaped from the Moncton police station today by crawling through window.

BRITISH PUT THE TURKS TO ROUT IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Sept. 29.—The British have won an important success in Mesopotamia. The Turks are in full retreat toward Bagdad. The British are pursuing the retreating Turks.

Announcement to this effect was made in the House of Commons today by Austen Chamberlain, secretary of state for India.

PERSONALS Rev. F. L. Carney, of Fredericton, arrived in the city today.

W. M. Jarvis returned at noon today from Toronto, where he had been in attendance at the Anglican synod.

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FREDERICTON MAN EXPECTED TO BE SENT TO INDIA

Fredrickton, Sept. 29.—Edward McManis has a letter from his son, Pte. Frank McManis of the Dorset regiment, stating that he was still in England, but expected to be sent to India soon on light duty. He was severely wounded at Langemarck. A companion, Robert Phillips, who belonged to the same regiment, was gassed by the Germans.

Dr. Hughes and J. W. Cochrane of Williamsport returned today after a hunting trip.

The body of Justus Fairley of Boston who died in St. John last week was interred in Bolestown yesterday. He was one of the best known lumbermen on the Miramichi and was the last of his family.

DORCHESTER SCHOOL CLOSED; MANY CASES OF SICKNESS

Dorchester, N. B., Sept. 29.—There are thirty-six cases of sickness here, in many features presenting typhoid fever symptoms and in some instances it has been officially declared typhoid fever. Two deaths are recorded. Five cases have been removed to the Moncton Hospital.

The Board of Health are trying to grapple with the situation. A milk man who supplied a large number of residents with that commodity, has been ordered to discontinue selling. The public schools were yesterday ordered closed.

DRIVING ACCIDENT James Sweeney of Golden Grove met with a mishap yesterday afternoon while driving home. Soon after leaving the city his horse became frightened and ran away. The cart was overturned and both horse and driver were thrown into a ditch. Mr. Sweeney was quite badly shaken up and sustained several cuts and bruises. He was brought to the hospital by some people who came along in an automobile and there had his injuries attended to. He was able to return home this morning.