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FRENCH GAINS IN CHAMPAGNE

Second Line of German Trenches Pierced at One Point and All Ground Gained is Consolidated—Belgian Coast Bombarded Again By British Fleet, Assisted By French Artillery—72 Bombs Dropped on Guignicourt By French Airmen—Pressure on Russia Relieved By Allied Gains in West, Where Germans Rush Up Reinforcements—Russians Have Started Successful Offensive.

NINETY MILES FROM BAGDAD

British Cavalry Entered Kut-el-Amara Which Was Found to Be Deserted With Turks in Full Flight by Road and River.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — (10.10 p.m.) — J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, this evening gave out additional details of British success against the Turks in Mesopotamia, in which the previous report said that the Ottoman forces were in full retreat toward Bagdad, with the British in hot pursuit. Tonight's statement says the British cavalry entered Kut-el-Amara, 90 miles southeast of Bagdad, on the Tigris River, Wednesday. The town was found to be deserted and the Turks in flight toward Bagdad by road and river. Along the river, gunboats and steamers, with an Indian brigade aboard, started in pursuit. An aeroplane dropped bombs on one of the Turk steamers. "The total prisoners captured aggregate 1650," says the statement, "but more are coming in. The Turkish force, which is commanded by Nureddin Pasha, is estimated at some 8000 regular troops, who are assisted by a considerable number of tribesmen. "The captured positions showed the trenches had been constructed with remarkable thoroughness, having communication trenches extending for miles, and a system of contact mines."

FRENCH TROOPS GAIN A FOOTING ON GERMAN SECOND LINE TRENCHES

BRITONS NOT TO INVEST IN BIG AMERICAN LOAN

Naturalized English Cosmopolitans Warned Not To Attempt to Buy Bonds—Actions Closely Watched in London.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The Daily Telegraph, in its financial article, brands as unpatriotic attempts from this country to invest in the American loan, and says: "The tendency was observed yesterday on the part of certain people to buy exchange on New York for this purpose, and, although it may be impossible to prevent operations of this kind, on the part of cosmopolitan capitalists, who admit that they are only naturalized here for business purposes, it is well they should know that their actions are being carefully observed."

Collapse of These Lines Will Be Acute Menace to Greater Part of Enemy's Position in the West—Germans Admit Loss of Important Point Near Massiges—Pressure on Russia is Relieved By Allied Gains in the West.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — While the Anglo-French troops in Artois apparently are now simply engaged in consolidating the ground won, and opposing the German counter-attacks, the battle for the German second line of defence in Champagne—the collapse of which would acutely menace the greater part of the German position in the west—is proceeding with the greatest stubbornness. At several points the French troops have gained a footing in the second line, and some of them even went right thru, but, encountering German reserves, were unable to maintain their progress. The Germans, however, admit the loss of Hill 191, to the north of Massiges, where the French are not far from the railway triangle, the possession of which has been of the greatest advantage to the Germans, as one of the lines has been used for supplying the Argonne army.

GROUND GAINED IN CHAMPAGNE 121 HEAVY FIELD GUNS TAKEN

French Heavy Artillery Supports Action of British Fleet Against Batteries on Belgian Coast.

PARIS, Sept. 30.—A further gain of ground in Champagne to the north of Meuil is recorded in the French official communication tonight, which adds, that on the Champagne front alone, since Sept. 25, field guns and heavy pieces to the number of 121 have been captured by the French. The statement says also that by a counter-attack the Germans succeeded in regaining a footing in the works known as the "ouvrage de la defaite," a portion of which the French had taken. The text follows: "In Belgium our heavy artillery has supported the action of the British fleet against the batteries along the coast. No important action occurred in Artois. The enemy has shown some activity near Armancourt. In the environs of Roye a strong reconnaissance was dispersed by our fire. "Before Beuvraignes we exploded several mines, which shattered the German trenches. "In Champagne we have gained ground to the north of Meuil and more to the east, between Hill No. 190, to the north of Massiges and the road from the Sur-Tourbe to Cernay-en-Dormois; at the latter point we have taken additional prisoners. "By a counter-attack the enemy succeeded in recovering a footing in the 'ouvrage de la defaite.' A second counter-attack, very violent in character, in the same sector, was completely repulsed. The enemy has suffered important losses. "A flotilla of aeroplanes today dropped 72 bombs on the station at Guignicourt. The bombardment appeared to be very effective. The aeroplanes, although violently cannonaded, returned in safety to their base. "The Belgian official reads: "There has been intermittent cannonading at divers points on the front. Ramecapelle, Keeskerke and Renninge were bombarded."

It is believed here that, besides the gain of ground both in Artois and Champagne, and the improved position of the allies generally, the recent successful operations must relieve the pressure on Russia. Already large reinforcements for the Germans are arriving on the western front, and their presence has already had the effect of slackening somewhat the allies' offensive. But there is a possibility of the offensive breaking out on some other section of this front. In fact, the correspondent of The Cologne Gazette at German headquarters announces that an attack was made east of Auberville, which, he says, was repulsed.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, while he claims to have made some progress in his operations against Dvinsk, is still a long way from that city. His troops to the southeast of Vilna, however, have had better success. They have broken thru the Russian position and captured a thousand prisoners. It is believed that this is the first stroke in his latest blow against the Russian right, and that he intends to advance southeastward in the direction of Minsk and endeavor to cut off the Russians retiring from Baranovitchi.

South of the Pripet marshes, in which Field Marshal Von Mackensen and his troops are stuck, the Russians have been driven back across the Sty River, but along the Galician border they are still heavily hammering at the Austro-German armies.

In London it is felt that Bulgaria has now abandoned any aggressive action she might have intended against Serbia, but an Athens despatch says the situation is still considered serious, and that Greece is going on with her preparations for eventualities. The crisis at Sofia, which might have resulted in the formation of a Russophile cabinet, is said to have been averted, the king having refused to accept the resignation of M. Toncheff, the minister of finance, who has pro-German tendencies.

RUSSIANS WIN SUCCESSES AND PASS TO OFFENSIVE

Germans Thrown Back or Checked at Many Points All Along Front, and Fought to a Standstill in Dvinsk Sector.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 30.—The following communication was issued today: "The Germans have made insignificant attempts at an offensive on the front in the region of Riga. Germans who tried to establish themselves on the eastern bank of the brook, in the region of Kemmern, were driven back to the other bank. The Germans also attacked the cemetery near the Village of Vetrose, northwest of Birshlan, but were hurled back. "Near Dvinsk nothing of importance has occurred. The offensive of enemy infantry south of Lake Driest, which has been stopped by our cavalry charge. "On the front south of Lake Bouigniski several actions have turned to our advantage, and at many points our troops advanced slightly westward. "In the region of the Village of Lioubki, south of Lake Narotche, the enemy was thrown back by a vigorous stroke on our part and retired in disorder. "An encounter near the Village of Danuchovo, on the Villya, below Smorkon, terminated in our favor, and the enemy unsuccessfully attempted to pass to the offensive. "On the front of Krewo-Krochins, northwest of Baranovitchi, the upper Chara and the Oginski Canal, there were numerous local engagements, but no important change in the general situation. "Two Villages Taken. "In the middle Stry region, near Clartork and Kolki, fighting con- (Continued on Page 5, Column 2.)

SERBIA TRANSFERS TROOPS TO MEET EXPECTED ATTACK

Germans at Sofia Declare That Campaign Against Serbia Will Commence in Two Weeks.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.
ATHENS, Sept. 30.—Massing of German troops on the Serbian frontier near Orsova continues. It is stated that the Bulgarians are concentrating on the Serbo-Bulgarian frontier, and this has obliged Serbia to transfer 120,000 troops to this line in order to be prepared to resist any future attack. The Serbian strength along the Austrian frontier has thus been weakened, so Bulgaria has already lent assistance to the Austro-Germans. Many German officers have arrived at Sofia and are consulting with the Bulgarian general staff. These Germans declare that the campaign against Serbia will begin in the middle of October. Four German submarines are said to have arrived at Varna.

UNIONS SET OUT TO SECURE MEN FOR KITCHENER

Workmen in Industrial Centres Will Be Addressed by Labor Leaders.

WANTS VOLUNTEERS

War Minister Prefers Continuation of Present System of Recruiting.

LONDON, Sept. 30, 9 p.m.—At a conference of representatives of the chief labor organizations of the country held after a meeting at which Premier Asquith and Earl Kitchener discussed the military situation with them, it was expressed that the number of men required for army, navy and munitions work in order to carry it out successfully could be obtained by the voluntary enlistment system. The labor representatives decided to organize a special labor recruiting campaign throughout the country. At the meeting at which the premier and Earl Kitchener addressed the men, Earl Kitchener expressed a preference for a continuation of the volunteer system and the conference of labor leaders suggested that voluntary recruiting would be more successful if the government would state frankly that it was compatible with the public interests, that already had been done by voluntary means and what the present and future needs and would insist upon employers no longer wanting their men from enlisting. Campaign to Start. The campaign of the labor representatives to secure enlistments will include meetings of workmen in the industrial centres, the systematic circulation through the trades union and other labor organizations of special leaflets, and the sending of deputations to the labor council and other organizations to explain the needs of the country. The conference included representatives of the trade union congress, the management committee of the general federation of trade unions, the executive committee of the labor party, and members of the parliamentary labor party.

SECOND CANADIAN DIVISION IS NOW IN THE TRENCHES

But Has Not Yet Been Engaged in Big Offensive Movement.

OTTAWA, Sept. 30.—The second Canadian Division, which less than a month ago moved across to France after a long period of training at Sorelle, have lost little time in getting into the battle line. They are now in the trenches and have been there since last Saturday. The militia department has no word of either of the Canadian divisions being in the offensive movement as yet, at least as units. The reports indicate that the fighting took place at a point south of the Canadian location.

BRITAIN WILL DELAY CABLES TO EUROPE

Those to Neutrals, Russia, Serbia, to Be Held Forty-Eight Hours.

LONDON, Sept. 30, 8.30 p.m.—The postmaster-general announced today that pending further notice all telegrams for neutral countries in Europe for Russia by way of the Great Northern lines and for Serbia will be subjected to 48 hours delay.

PREMIER TO CONSIDER DEBATE ON U. S. LOAN

Replies to Request for Setting of Day for Discussion of Question.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—Premier Asquith, when asked in the house of commons today to give a day in the near future for debate on the American loan, promised to consider the question.

RUSSIAN SCOUTS FIGHT WITH TURKISH CAVALRY

Rifle Firing in Coastal Regions of Caucasus—Quietness Elsewhere.

PETROGRAD, via London, Sept. 30, 8.10 p.m.—The following statement on military operations in the Caucasus was issued by the war office today: "In the coastal region on Monday there was rifle firing. In the region of Dutakh and the region of Fenek encounters occurred between our scouts and the enemy's cavalry. "On the remainder of the front there is no change."

FOUR THOUSAND TROOPS TO WINTER IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Sept. 30.—Barrack accommodation for one battery of artillery, one field ambulance, one army service corps and three infantry battalions, comprising in all about 4000 men, will be provided in the Northern Electric Company's building, corner of St. James and Guy streets, Montreal, in accordance with instructions received today by Col. E. W. Wilson, O.C., fourth division.

ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS OFFERED AT LOW FIGURE

Ninety-Six and a Quarter Price Fixed by Syndicate to Large Purchasers.

FOR EARLY BUYERS

Underwriters' Values Allowed to Public by Selling Syndicate.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Although the designated price of the Anglo-French five-year credit bonds has been fixed at 98 to the public, it developed today that virtually anyone who wished to purchase them in amounts of \$1000 and upward would be able to do so at 96 1/4, the net to the syndicate. At the same time a method to maintain the price by artificial means at 98 during the life of the underwriters' syndicate, or 60 days, has been adopted. This was done in anticipation of possible large offerings of the bonds on the market by the underwriters. It was reported that the Anglo-French commission had insisted that this price be maintained until the entire issue should have been underwritten. Bond houses, national banks, and financial institutions throughout the city, which have entered the syndicate, offered the bonds today to their clients at 96 1/4, by agreeing to include them at the underwriters' price. How long this offer will hold open depends almost entirely on the length of time required to absorb the \$500,000,000 issue. (Continued on Page 7, Column 3.)

CALGARY GREEKS READY.

CALGARY, Alta., Sept. 30.—About 150 Greek are preparing to leave for the front, and if the call comes the men will go east at once.

FALL HATS AT DINEEN'S.

Turn to page two and read Dineen's fall hat announcement. This famous hat shop has arranged for two big selling days in men's hats—Friday and Saturday. The Dineen buyer visited every hat centre in Europe and America when selecting hats for this season. Only the newest styles and colors are shown. The values are most compelling and many men are selecting several hats of different colors to harmonize with their suits and overcoats. Does your head ever get "hat tired"? Try wearing different hats on alternate days and you will appreciate the difference between wearing one hat every day. W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, 140 Yonge street.