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WAR SUMMARY.
Berlin says that the British fleet co-operating with the land forces of the coast of Belgium has been driven to sea by German artillery fire.

Vienna is the source of a report that an Anglo-French-Russian naval agreement has been made under which the Russian, Baltic and Black Sea fleets will be placed under the command of British Admirals.

Russians cable says nearly 7,000,000 persons in Belgium face famine.

London says the situation on the Allies left is satisfactory, and that Germans are being forced to give ground.

Along a front of 66 miles, a great battle is being fought on a line about 50 miles southwest of Warsaw.

Austrian resistance in Galicia is said by Russians to be weakening.

Major-General Hughes, Canadian Minister for Defence, says fully 2,000 Americans have come to Canada to enlist in the Canadian forces.

A dispatch from Athens says Germany is transporting submarines to Turkey by rail, parts of the fleet to arrive are being put together at Smyrna.

French government has bought foodstuffs and raw material in the United States amounting to \$30,000,000 since the war started.

A Copenhagen dispatch says the Germans are building a new type of large submarine to be used for transportation of troops. Boats can be used also as poison on the surface.

The British Government will pay the White Aeroplane Company \$375,000 for the use of its patents for military purposes in settlement of suit brought by the Wright Company for the infringement of patents.

The Swedish diplomat reports that the Germans occupying Brussels have mined the King's Palace and Central Boulevard Anspach, with the view of dynamiting the city if forced to evacuate it.

It is reported that German troops are being hurried westward through Ghent while the big guns are pointed south from Antwerp which indications point to a great concentration of troops in the Ostend region to attempt to hold that city.

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MONTREAL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1914

FIGHT HAND TO HAND IN WATERS OF CANAL
Frightful Carnage in Death Grappell--2500 German Bodies in the Yser
SHOULD NOT BE ANXIOUS

Military Expert of Times Says Crossing of Yser Could Only Have Been Expected in View of Sacrifices Made to Accomplish It--Credit to King Albert and Sir John French.

(Special to Journal of Commerce.)
London, October 27.--All reports, official and unofficial, bear witness to the sanguinary nature of the battle along the Yser Canal.
A correspondent of the Daily Mail says:--
"Here were 2,500 German bodies in the canal Sunday morning after the battle of the night. Many were drowned; others were bayoneted. The water itself was bloody, while the streets of Dixmude were strewn thick with the dead.

"The night was a hell from dark to dawn. At almost every point of the line man opposed man, sometimes at a few hundred yards distant, but more often at close grips. Face to face men wrestled and died by drowning each other in the canal's waters."
The correspondent estimated the German losses in the fighting along the canal at 15,000 men.

An Amsterdam telegram to the Exchange Telegraph Company, says that the Germans are placing heavy guns in position between Heydt and Zebbrughe in Belgium. Two of the famous sixteen inch siege guns and ten twelve inch guns arrived at Bruges, from which point they were distributed to the positions of emplacement.
That the Germans are throwing up defensive works fully as elaborate as those north of the Aisne is indicated by the following Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam:
"From Sluis comes the report that the villages around Roulers are being devastated by the Germans, partly for strategical purposes. Both in the towns and outside of them, many of the inhabitants have lost their lives through their own imprudence. It is estimated that a thousand inhabitants were killed and that approximately 250 houses have been burned down. Roulers is as quiet as a grave-yard and only German soldiers are seen in the streets there."

An optimistic telegram was received by the Daily Mail from its Flushing correspondent. It declared that "the general opinion is that the Allies will soon be in Ostend again." Continuing, the telegram says: "Ostend, like Bruges and Ghent, is overflowing with wounded. Antwerp itself is now filling up. German surgeons and Red Cross nurses are compelled to work night and day. It is declared that this unceasing flow of wounded must necessarily destroy the morale of the German troops in Ostend. Reports from all sides tell of terrible carnage around Roulers, where the dead are lying in heaps. On the sea front where the shells worked havoc, carts come and go all day long transporting the wounded. Large farm wagons with sloping sides are packed with masses of wounded and dying men."

Colonel Repington, the military expert of the Times, assures the people of England that they need not feel any great anxiety because the Germans succeeded in crossing the Yser River in Belgium.
" We know that there are now strong German forces in the north," says Colonel Repington, "and German experts declared that the recent offensive movement of the Germans was to be decisive. We must imagine that when six or seven new German corps are hurled into the battle line the appearance cannot help but be important. But the Allies line remains unbroken. The unexampled sacrifices of life which the German generals are making in filling the towns and villages of Germany with wrecks of poor humanity, but it is doing nothing more. General Joffre was fortunate to have such men at King Albert and Field Marshal Sir John French as the heads of the Allied armies.

"If all goes well, we must give a great deal of credit to these two men."
Apparently the great battle between the Russians and Germans in Poland is not yet over. A despatch from the Mail's Petrograd correspondent to-day stated that the fleeing Russians have been rallied and are the tide of defeat. There has been renewed fighting and desperate hand to hand encounters taking place at many points. The advantage in these combats has been with the Russians. The losses of the Germans have been enormous. At one point yesterday there was a prolonged bayonet fight, the Russians afterwards buried 1,300 German dead. At other points of the battlefield they took droves of prisoners.
Another Petrograd to-day describes the terrible condition of the retreating Germans. The correspondent says that the soldiers are weakened by hardships and disease, and that thousands of them have been unable to keep up with the rapidly retreating main forces so that they have been obliged

MONTREAL CROWDS LAUGH WHILE CZAR IS RIDICULED

Russian Monarch is Depicted in Pseudo-Humorous Way at the Gayety Theatre. Whole Affair is Such as to Cast Ridicule on Britain's Ally.

The Czar of Russia, the ally of the King of England, is being ridiculed twice a day in one of the local theatres this week in Montreal, and crowded houses are amused by the spectacle of a clown, or a comedian, representing that monarch dressed in mock royal robes, and with a cuspidor on his head for a crown, seated on a throne and surrounded by what are supposed to be his court. The whole tenor of the farce or musical comedy is such as to give offence to anyone of Russian birth. The Czar is also pictured continually followed about by nihilists, and anarchists, who are seeking to take his life.

That the management of the Gayety theatre should have seen fit at such a time as the present one, when the subjects of the Czar are giving their lives for the cause of the allies, which is the cause of Britain, to allow such a production in their theatre, which can not help but do harm to the good esteem in which the Russian allies should be held, at least to some of those who see the production, is most regrettable.

What, however, is more to be deplored, is that the censors of plays in Montreal, whose good work for some time past has been most appreciated, have not at least made a public protest against this exhibition.
Although it is true that their work has been chiefly to decide what parts of these burlesque shows ought to be cut out, in order to keep them up to some moral standard, and perhaps this week's production is up to the average along these lines, yet the play is a disgrace to the good name of the city, in that it allows to be ridiculed, a monarch, who is an ally of the Empire in the life and death struggle which is now going on in Europe.

GERMANS HAVE RETREATED TOWARDS THORN SAYS RUSSIA

Flanking Movement Completely Defeated, According to Official Bulletin from Petrograd--Losses Enormous.
Petrograd, October 27.--The defeat of the Germans in their flanking movement north of Warsaw is announced in a report from the Russian General Staff published in the Army Gazette to-day. It states that the Germans have retreated toward Thorn, their base in East Prussia.
A heavy snowstorm is raging along the battle front in East Prussia, and Russian Poland, but the fighting continues between the opposing forces. The fiercest conflict along the front is now going on in the forest of Nemlowky, southeast of Rawa, where Germans with their bayonets.

The battle in the forest has been raging for four days, and the losses on both sides have been enormous, but it is reported that two lines of German trenches have been captured.
The General Staff's report announcing the defeat of German flanking movement in the north was as follows:
" While the Germans were making frontal attacks on our positions along the Vistula, other forces operating from Thorn attempted a flanking movement, apparently with the object of seizing the railroad from Miawa to the Fort of Nowoe Georgievsk and Warsaw. This attempt was repulsed by Russians.
As a result of their losses the Germans were compelled to withdraw toward Thorn, their base in East Prussia. The forces of the enemy that reached the Miawa district and those farther east were forced to retire to Prussia because their support failed to come up from Thorn.

" In anticipation of an invasion by our forces, the people of East Prussia, along the frontier of Poland have been ordered to withdraw into the interior."
FRENCH ADVANCE IN ALSACE.
London, October 27.--The French artillery is bombarding German positions in Southern Alsace, all the way from Belfort to Muelhausen, according to a Berlin dispatch, via Copenhagen.
" The French are trying to storm the general positions," it says. " They are energetically building fortifications in villages and placing heavy artillery in position.
" The Cologne Zeitung reports that the Germans in Northern France, near Arras, have pushed the fighting line 31 miles further westward."

NO PROTEST FROM JAPAN.
Washington, October 27.--No protest has been received by the State Department from Japan relative to the harboring of the German cruiser Geier at Honolulu. Acting Secretary of State Lansing announced.
AUSTRIANS IN BELGIUM.
London, October 27.--Austrian troops are being sent west to aid the Germans in Belgium, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. It says that 10,000 Austrians arrived at Ghent on Sunday.

THE VIENNA STATEMENT.
Vienna, October 27.--Via Berlin and Amsterdam--The following official statement from the Austrian General Staff says:--
" Combined Austro-German forces hold strong positions in a long, almost continuous line from Stary to Sambor in Galicia in an easterly direction to Przemyśl and along the San River in a straight line up to Plock, Poland. They are fighting the main Russian army.
" The Austrian offensive beyond the Carpathians has compelled the Russians to reinforce their lines in Middle Galicia. The battle there is still raging.
" Austrian troops have been successful on the Lower San, southeast of Przemyśl.
" Vigorous encounters are proceeding between Ivanogorod and Warsaw."

to fall behind where the Russians capture them. Russian ambulances, he states, have found them in hedges and haystacks, stricken with typhus and dysentery. The ruthless behaviour of the Germans when they were advancing, he points out, has angered the Polish peasants and they now refuse to aid them in their retreat.

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BERLIN SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS NEAR WARSAW
Reports from Official German Sources Directly Contradictory to Those Issued from Petrograd.

Berlin, via Amsterdam, October 27.--Statement of War Office says:
" A battle is raging at the walls of the city of Warsaw. Losses have been inflicted on the troops from Siberia and the Caucasus, who were put in the first lines of the Russians. The commander of one regiment had to be replaced three times as a result of the effective work of our sharpshooters.
" Zeppelins and aeroplanes are bombarding Warsaw fortifications with bombs and are causing great damage.
" The Council of Warsaw has left the city and the inhabitants are leaving as rapidly as possible.
" In the western area the German successes continue. Verdun, which has been fiercely defended for many weeks, has been cut off from help by the destruction of forts between that place and Toul. It will be impossible to reach Verdun, and the surrender or destruction of that fortress is only a matter of time.
" Fighting is still in progress on the Franco-Belgian front. The forces that crossed the Yser have repulsed numerous counter-attacks made by the Allies.
" The Belgian army has suffered so severely that it will be of no further help to the Allies. Across the Yser and around Lille our troops have advanced slightly, but progress will be more rapid now, as the heavy artillery has been brought up.
" British warships have been compelled to withdraw from the Belgian coast, because of the effective fire of our heavy guns."

AUSTRIAN GENERAL'S STATEMENT.
Vienna, October 27.--General Von Hoffler gave out the following statement: "In the fighting before Ivanogorod we have up to the present time captured 5,000 Russian and 9 machine guns. Near Jaroslavl, a Russian colonel and 200 soldiers were forced to surrender. Near Zaluzze and in the vicinity of Pasteczna the enemy has been driven back.
" The situation generally is unchanged."

EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE.
Springfield, Ill., October 27.--Fifty miners are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion in a coal mine at Royalton, Illinois, to-day.

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