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## Germans Now Consider West Front Secondary Importance says Paris

Among Conclusions Drawn From Evacuation of Fort Vaux by the Germans the Chief Opinion Expressed in Paris is That Germans Now Aim to Direct Their Main Energy With Their Successful Campaign Against Roumanians — Newly Established Ministry of Munitions in Germany is Regarded as Proof Germans Have Experienced Superiority of the Allies Artillery and Ammunition Along Somme Front

PARIS, Nov. 4.—Important conclusions are drawn from the evacuation of Fort Vaux, northeast of Verdun, by the Germans. The chief of those is the expressed belief that the Germans are considering the west front as now comparatively of secondary importance and intend to reduce their operations on the Verdun front to a minimum, and will direct main energy with their successful campaign against the Roumanians. The newly established ministry of munitions in Germany is regarded by military observers here as the result of the Germans having experienced the superiority of the Entente Allies artillery and ammunition along the Somme front.

PARIS, Nov. 3.—The French occupied Fort Vaux last evening, after waiting for the cessation of great explosions inside the fort. The War Office reported to-day. The fort was evacuated by the Germans yesterday, and passed again into the possession of the French without loss to them. The Germans gave up the fortress, the statement says, as a result of violent French bombardment and the gradual closing in of the French troops. The re-entrance of the French into this position was not contested. The ring of Verdun forts is now re-established and is held firmly by the French. On the remainder of the front, the communication says, there were no happenings of importance.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The German

newspapers declare they are not surprised by the evacuation of Fort Vaux at Verdun, says a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam, as the intention to abandon it already had been communicated in advance to representatives of the Press. They emphasized the German retirement as being purely voluntary and that the authorities no longer considered the fort worth retaining at the price of further sacrifices. The Berliner Tageblatt, says: "The measure, of course, is not pleasant sentimentally, but militarily it is justified."

## Deutschland to Have Convoy

NEW LONDON, Nov. 3.—The German armed submarine U-57, a sister ship of the U-53 which recently sank five vessels off the New England coast, is expected to act as a convoy for the undersea freighter Deutschland, according to a statement made to-day by Capt. Paul Koenig. The Deutschland skipper added: "I wouldn't be surprised if an armored submarine appeared off this coast while I am in port. You can't tell what the government will do." In answer to questions he said he probably would make his homeward dash within the next ten days. He denied the report that he would go through the Cape Cod Canal, saying nothing was to be gained by this route.

## Another Raid On Allied Shipping

BERLIN, Nov. 3.—A raid was made by German naval small craft on the shipping route between the mouth of the Thames and Holland on Wednesday night. The Admiralty announced to-day. Several steamers were stopped and searched, and two were brought into a German port. The raiders were fruitlessly shelled by four British cruisers while they were returning.

## GERMANY SORRY FOR ACTION OF HUN AVIATOR

The Note Says Owing to a Defect in Motor and Steering Gear Commander of Zep Was Compelled to Throw Over Two Benzine Reservoirs When he Thought he Was Over Belgium

LONDON, Nov. 4.—The German Government have expressed regret for the action of a German airship in cruising over Dutch territory on October 22, says a Reuter despatch from Hague.

The note, according to the correspondent, said owing to a defect in motor and steering gear the commander was compelled to throw out two benzine reservoirs, when he thought he was over Belgium.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—A despatch dated October 27, said the Dutch Government, protested to Berlin against the violation of Holland's neutrality by a Zeppelin.

## Swiss Courier Is Held Up

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—The seizure of Swiss official documents by the British naval authorities at Falmouth from Jules Metzger, an authorized Swiss courier who was bringing them to the Swiss legation here and to the Swiss consul general at New York has been officially reported to the State Department by the Swiss minister. The seizure is reported merely as a fact without any suggestion to the United States which is in no way concerned. Metzger was a passenger on the steamer Noordan, which arrived at New York from Rotterdam on October 31st.

## Seven Russian Attacks Repulsed by Germans

BERLIN, Nov. 3.—The Russian troops charged seven times yesterday in an attempt to recapture the positions taken by the Germans on the Narayuvka south-east of Lemberg. They suffered exceptionally severe losses, the War Office says, and gained no successes.

## RUSSIAN SUCCESSES IN GALICIA

Czar Troops Reoccupy Part of Their Trenches on West Bank of Stokhod—Russians Meet Slight Successes in Regions of Galicia and Volhynia Where Infantry Fighting Continues

PETROGRAD, Nov. 4.—Infantry fighting continues in Galicia and Volhynia with slight successes in both regions for the Russians, according to an official statement issued by the War Office to-day.

The Russians have reoccupied part of their trenches on the west bank of Stokhod in Volhynia. East of the village of Lipnicadela, in Galicia, the Russians have pushed back the Austro-Germans at some places, the statement reads.

## Presidential Elections Returns in Cuba

HAVANA, Nov. 3.—The result of the Presidential election held throughout the Republic of Cuba on Wednesday, is still in doubt. Supporters of President Menocal, the conservative candidate for re-election, running against Dr. Alfredo Zayas, the nominee of the Liberals, made claims to-day that President Menocal's re-election would be assured by the complete returns. Incomplete reports of the vote show the Conservatives leading in the provinces of Pinar Del Rio and Santa Clara. The Liberals are leading in Oriente Province, but the Conservatives claim the returns from 57 missing districts will give them a majority in that province. The carrying of these three provinces by the Conservatives would give President Menocal the victory.

## Thousands Follow the Body of "Angheliki" Victim to the Cemetery

Four Thousand Workmen Follow Body of Greek Volunteer to Cemetery—Warship in Piraeus Harbor Had Flags Half-Masted—Detachments of French and British Sailors Represented the Allied Fleet at Funeral—An Expected Venizelist Demonstration Did Not Take Place—No Disorder Marked the Funeral

PIRAEUS, Nov. 4.—Four thousand workmen to-day followed to the cemetery the body of one man who perished when the Greek steamer "Angheliki" with 350 recruits for the Greek volunteer movement on board was sunk recently near Piraeus by a German submarine.

The funeral was held by labor unions from labor centre during the afternoon. The Entente Allied diplomatic Corps sent a wreath for the casket. The French Admiral Du Fournet and Allied Military Attaches attended the service in full uniform.

Arrangements for the ceremony were supervised by French Naval Secret Police Office.

## British Officers Sent Wreath For Casket Of Capt. Boelke

LONDON, Nov. 3.—A despatch to the Reuter Telegram Co. from Amsterdam quotes the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger as saying, a beautiful wreath for the casket of Capt. Boelke, the German aviator, killed recently, was given by British officers, who are prisoners of war at Osnabruck, and it bore a gold lettered inscription to that effect. The despatch adds, the telegram from the officers asking permission to present the wreath characterized Boelke as a much admired and honored enemy.

## FRENCH MAKE MORE GAINS AROUND VAUX

French Continue Advance on the Right Bank of the Meuse to Outskirts of Vaux Village and North of Vaux Lake—Gaining Crest Dominating the Village

PARIS, Nov. 4.—The French forces in the region of Verdun have made additional gains near Fort Vaux, according to an official to-night, which reads:—

"On the bank of the Meuse, after the capture of the Fort, our infantry continued its advance to the outskirts of the village of Vaux and north of Vaux Lake. We gained a footing on the crest dominating the village. The enemy did not attempt to counter-attack. There is nothing of importance to report on the west of the front, except the usual artillery activity."

## British Official

LONDON, Nov. 4.—A British official statement received to-day, with regard to operations in Macedonian front, says—On the Doiran front there has been only artillery activity. On the Struma our troops ambushed some enemy patrols near Salmah, and took prisoners. Bursuk has been successfully bombed by our airmen.

## Zep Drops Bombs Near Carburn

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 4.—A despatch dated October 23rd, said a zeppelin the previous day, dropped bombs near Carburn, 22 miles southeast of Rotterdam.

## German Trench Is Taken by British

LONDON, Nov. 3.—British troops captured a German trench east of Guendecourt, on the Somme front, last night, and raided German trenches near Arras, says the British war office announcement to-day. The statement reads as follows:—Yesterday evening by a surprise attack we captured an enemy trench east of Guendecourt and secured our position. During the night we also carried out a successful raid against enemy trenches near Arras.

## Italians Annihilate Austrian Regiment

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The Italian War Office yesterday reported 4731 prisoners had been taken of the twenty-first Austrian regiment and that several battalions had been annihilated. The battle against the heights east of Gorizia and continues fiercely. The Austrian counter-attacks are described as feeble.

## British Success In Struma Region

PARIS, Nov. 3.—On the left bank of the Struma the British troops following up their successes, have taken by assault the village of Alitsa. On the remainder of the front there was intermittent cannonading without infantry action.

## OCCUPYING CHAIRS AND COUCHES

Louis Howell, of Carbonara, with acute appendicitis, arrived by last night's train. He was brought along in a box-like arrangement and was very ill. He had to be operated on immediately. A similar case was that of Simeon Driscoll, who was sent to Hospital last night. The institution has now more patients than can be conveniently accommodated and some are occupying chairs and even couches there.

After a woman reaches the age of thirty it's impossible to convince her that the good all die young.

## Roumanian Defence is Yielding Slowly to the Austro-German Blows

East of Predal the Roumanians Advancing in Buzev Valley Have Driven the Invaders Back Over the Frontier in Region of Table Butzi—They Also Make Progress Along Transylvania Border South East of Kronstadt—West of Rothenthum and in Pravora Valley Roumanians Hold Their Ground—But Are Slowly Yielding to Blows of the Invaders About Predeal

LONDON, Nov. 4.—Violent fighting continues to mark the Austro-German attempts to penetrate the plain of Roumania south of Kronstadt and Hermannstadt, towards Bucharest, where the stiff defence of the Roumanians is yielding slowly to the blows of the Austro-German artillery and infantry about Predeal, and Berlin announces further progress south of the border line. East of Predal, however, the Roumanians advancing in Buzev Valley, have driven the invaders back over the frontier in the region of Table Butzi. They have also taken Mount Sirlul and Taturumio along the Transylvania border south-east of Kronstadt. South of Hermannstadt in the region of Rothenthurm Pass the Austro-Germans have extended their lines and captured an additional 350 prisoners. West of Rothenthurm and in the Pravora Valley the Roumanians are holding their ground.

On the Eastern front fighting has taken place east of Kovel, in Volhynia, and south-east of Lemberg, in Galicia. Berlin announces the repulse of seven Russian attacks against the Austro-German positions on the left bank of the Narayuvka River, near Halicz, in Galicia, while Petrograd says the Russians re-occupied part of their trenches on the west bank of the Stokhod, in the region of Kreslin, in Volhynia. Near Lipnicadela, in Galicia, the Russians have pushed

back the Austro-Hungarians at some places. There have been no heavy actions on the Somme front. The French have made slight gains at Sally and the British have taken a German trench east of Guendecourt.


## The World's Court League

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—The World's Court, League, of which Wm. Taft is Hon'y President announced here to-day the inauguration of a movement to organize an international council with the view of calling this Hague conference perhaps before the close of the war. In the latter event a conference would be prepared to act as medium for peace proposals after the war. It would serve as a permanent international council of conciliation for formulating and modifying new rules of international law.

## French Repulse Counter Attack

Positions East of Guendecourt Captured Yesterday by French Are Stormed by Germans, But With No Success.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—A War Office communication, issued this evening, says: "The enemy this afternoon delayed counter-attacks against the French positions east of Guendecourt captured yesterday, but was completely repulsed. During the day our artillery and trench-mortars bombarded the enemy lines east of Fauquiesart, and in the neighborhood of Blairville. Yesterday, in the course of aerial combat two enemy machines were destroyed."



## PUBLIC NOTICE.

The following cable has been received by His Excellency the Governor from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

"Government of Italy desire to purchase quantity of "Dry Salted Codfish for Italian Army.

"Telegraph as soon as possible what quantity is available for purchase in Newfoundland and approximate prices and date for delivery.

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