

GERMANY OFFERS RUSSIAN PEACE

Huns Prepare For the Fall of Jerusalem

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FALL OF HOLY CITY IS BUT A MATTER OF DAYS

Turks Will Likely Offer Little Resistance to the British MAY EVACUATE CITY German Newspapers Seek To Prepare Public for the News

By Courier Leased Wire Amsterdam, Nov. 23.—The German newspapers are preparing the public for the loss of Jerusalem. The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says that to bring to places "which would bring us no military advantage would be tantamount to the useless sacrifice of numerous Turkish forces and our own troops and would likewise involve serious losses." After discussing the difficulty of reinforcing the defenders, it says: "Anyways, the abandonment of Jerusalem, which is within the bounds of possibility, certainly would be an extremely painful loss, in view of the city's great historical past, but no military change would be caused by such a course." Lieut.-General von Ardenne in The Tageblatt attributes the Turkish retreat from Jaffa to the great range of the guns of the British fleet, and adds: "Jerusalem is not equipped for defence. Therefore, it is not improbable that this advanced position will be abandoned by the Turks." He insists that this will in no wise alter the military situation.

Regarding the British drive on the Cambrai front, The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says: "The British attempt to break through collapsed entirely in the face of the extraordinary bravery of our troops. It went no further than the initial success, an eruption into our position which must be without effect on the neighboring positions and which the enemy tried to extend in vain owing to the counter-thrusts of our reserves." "The enemy will not succeed by this abortive attack in diverting our attention from Flanders, where he is certain to renew his efforts which now have become a necessity" in order to rid himself of the U-boat bases which are so dangerous to him. Moreover, the attacks near Cambrai and Craonne certainly will not exercise the slightest influence on the situation in Italy.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 23.—The disturbance which swept over the Great Lakes yesterday now covers the Atlantic States with reduced energy. Fresh to heavy gales have prevailed on the Great Lakes, attended by snow. Snow has also fallen heavily in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys and rain in the Maritime provinces. Storm signals have been lowered on the Great Lakes. Forecasts: Fresh to strong northerly winds, quite cold and partly fair to-day and on Saturday, with some light snow falls or flurries.

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CENTRAL POWERS SEND PEACE TERMS TO PETROGRAD

Russian Diplomat Has Left Stockholm For His Own Country, Bearing Proposals from Teutons to Revolutionary Government—Bolsheviki Sending Delegates to Confer With German Socialists

By Courier Leased Wire.

Stockholm, Nov. 23.—According to The Tidningen, a Russian diplomat left Stockholm yesterday for Petrograd with orders to hand to the Russian revolutionary government proposals for peace by the Central Powers. Stockholm, Nov. 23.—The Bolsheviki Government, according to a report from Haparanda, has sent representatives to meet German Socialist delegates, probably at Stockholm, to arrange an armistice and negotiate peace. It is understood that the delegates from both sides will hide their identity. Thirty-five passengers on to-day's train from Petrograd crossed the frontier into Sweden. Despite the Bolsheviki peace offer, the exchange rate of the German mark continues to fall. TO PUBLISH CORRESPONDENCE London, Nov. 23.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, announces that the Russian secret diplomatic correspondence is in his possession and will be published immediately. It is reported, the dispatch adds, that the revolutionary committee at Moscow has elected the branch state bank there. It is said that 100,000,000 rubles recently were transferred there from Petrograd. MINISTER OF MARINE QUILTS London, Nov. 23.—Admiral Verderewsky has resigned as Russian minister of marine, a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says. According to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from the Russian capital, Captain Ivanoff, lately commander of the Baltic cruiser squadron has been named as his successor.

ANOTHER GENERAL STRIKE IN FINLAND Demand Voiced For Diet With Majority of Socialists

By Courier Leased Wire London, Nov. 23.—Another general strike has been declared in Finland, according to a Reuter's dispatch, dated at Helsinki Wednesday and sent by way of Uleaborg. It is blocking all civil functions, and was called for the object of compelling the substitution of the Diet dissolved in July, which had a Socialist majority for the existing diet, where the Socialists are in the minority. Minor fighting is reported in various parts of the country. Former Senator Von Wendt, member of an old Finnish family, the dispatch says, has telegraphed an urgent appeal to Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson to allow the passage of American wheat cargoes to Narvik. Otherwise, he says, a catastrophe is unavoidable.

BYNG HONORED FOR SERVICES BY PROMOTION

Leader of British Drive Given Rank of General by King DETAILS OF VICTORY Tanks Demonstrated Their Real Value This Week

By Courier Leased Wire London, Nov. 23.—King George has promoted Lieutenant-General Byng to the rank of General in recognition of his distinguished service in the field in the recent operations. It was officially announced to-day. Tanks Proved Worth. British Army Headquarters in France, Thursday, Nov. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—The impression which existed in the minds of many soldiers that the British tanks were freaks of little value as instruments of war is being wiped out on account of the achievements of the great army of these mighty engines which on Tuesday morning broke through the main Hindenburg line and carried the war miles into enemy territory. The work which the tanks did on that first day and have been doing ever since is one of the most striking features of the war. It cannot be said they are alone responsible for the tremendous victory won by the British, for infantry, artillery and cavalry all have played their part. Nevertheless, the tanks drove the entering wedge without which this triumph probably would have been impossible. In a few hours they tore to shreds lines of barbed wire, the demolition of which by a concentration of artillery would have required many days. Furthermore, their employment made possible the arrangement of the secret attack, which would have been out of the question had the artillery been brought into play.

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Foe, Exhausted, Pressed Cripples Into Front Line

Wounded and Sick Men, Not Yet Convalescent, Were Forced to Oppose British Advance at Masnières --War Now Fought in the Open as in Bygone Years

British army headquarters in France, Thursday, Nov. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—The success of the British arms in the Cambrai sector has continued to grow steadily, and Field Marshal Haig's troops in a little more than two days' fighting have over-run an area equal in size to that won by the Germans during their first fifteen days of their spectacular drive on Verdun. British cavalry, tanks and infantry to-day were battling their way forward along a line which at many points west and southwest of Cambrai was less than three miles from that important town. The advance also was spreading northward in the region of Bullecourt, and the salient toward Cambrai was being widened. The total of prisoners captured must approach the 10,000 mark. At last the British and Germans are at grips on comparatively open ground and some of the fiercest hand fighting of the war has been going on. The enemy troops were unprepared for the attack; they have been putting every ounce of their strength in an attempt to stem the rising tide. Used Last Resources: Troops have been pulled away from other points and rushed to the Cambrai sector by the desperate Germans, and so hard pressed were they for men, that two companies of cripples and convalescents were recruited hastily at one camp and thrown into the line in the region of Masnières. Some of these pitiful objects are in British hands and are receiving medical treatment. One prisoner was in the last stages of tuberculosis and he had to be moved to prevent the disease from spreading to the others, who were in a state of cruel exhaustion and virtually helpless from their valiant attempts to fight under the lash of their unrelenting officers. Fighting in Open: The great battlefield has taken on the aspect of scenes in wars gone by. It is no longer a war of trenches and shell holes, but of men struggling into the line in the region of Masnières. Some of these pitiful objects are in British hands and are receiving medical treatment. One prisoner was in the last stages of tuberculosis and he had to be moved to prevent the disease from spreading to the others, who were in a state of cruel exhaustion and virtually helpless from their valiant attempts to fight under the lash of their unrelenting officers. The fighting to-day between the Piave and Brenta rivers, while heavy brought no material change in the positions of the opposing forces.

BRITISH ADVANCE LINE ALONG THE YPRES FRONT

GRAND FLEET OF TANKS IN FIGHT The Armored Juggernauts Ploughed Through All Teuton Defenses

By Courier Leased Wire London, Nov. 23.—Nothing has been announced here officially or unofficially concerning the number of machines constituting what the correspondents describe as "the grand fleet" of tanks employed in Tuesday's advance, but the number apparently has been greater than in any previous action. Casualties, of course, were inevitable in an operation on such a scale, but the despatches agree that they are not great. Some even describe the tank losses as light. One writer says that "a number were knocked out by direct hits from German big guns. Another says that some were overturned by shell fire and others were bogged. One or two buried their noses in the soft earth and turned over in trying to climb down steep banks. One fell into a canal, but it is evident that the great majority ploughed ahead unhindered."

Extend Positions in Flanders and Hold All Other Gains FRENCH REPULSE FOE German Attempt to Regain Captured Ground on the Aisne Failed

By Courier Leased Wire London, Nov. 23.—The British have advanced their line slightly in Flanders, the war office announces. The situation on the Somme front southwest of Cambrai is unchanged. Foe Beaten Off Paris, Nov. 23.—Another German attempt to recapture ground taken by the French in their recent attack on the Aisne front was checked by the French fire, the war office reports. The situation off German counter-attacks, British forces have consolidated their gains and are prepared for another plunge toward Cambrai. General Byng's men are just west of Fontaine Notre Dame, less than three miles west of Cambrai, and nearly completed the occupation of Bourlain wood, just north of Fontaine and which dominates the entire region. Fontaine Notre Dame was the scene of the heaviest fighting yesterday, Wednesday night, the village was captured by the British, but a strong German counter-attack there drove the British to the western outskirts. The village is the apex of the wedge, which the British have driven toward Cambrai, and which includes approximately 50 square miles of territory, formerly within the German lines. The Germans are reported to be rushing up reserves for counter-attack. Cambrai probably has lost its usefulness as the German supply base in the immediate region, as the city and some of the railroads entering it from the north, east and south are dominated by the British artillery. The new wedge also is a direct menace to Juchet, the southern end of the Fucens-Brocourt switch line, which held up the British advance east of Arras last spring. Juchet is now within a sharp salient, which has been heightened by the British advances from Bullecourt in the present drive. General Byng's stroke was a masterpiece of organization, according to reports from the front. Many squadrons of tanks (Continued on page four)

ENEMY FAILED TO ENCIRCLE ITALIAN ARMY

Austro-German Attack Against Monte Meletta Beaten Off ALL GROUND IS HELD Heavy Fighting Continues In Low Mountains of North Italy

By Courier Leased Wire Rome, Nov. 23.—A great encircling attack was attempted yesterday by the Austro-German forces against Monte Meletta, but the Italians held all the positions it was announced to-day by the war office. Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Thursday, Nov. 22.—(By Associated Press).—Heavy fighting continues on the northern line, centering along the low mountains above Monte Grappa. These successive mountains are proving to be the same kind of natural barrier to the enemy's swift advance that the successive rivers interposed before the Piave was reached. Before the enemy looms snow-capped Grappa held by the Italians, which would be a really formidable obstruction should the lower ranges be taken. The name of this mountain inspires a feeling of security among the people, as it is taken from the local dialect, its meaning being "saw." The crest looks like a saw with teeth turned to the sky. It is toward this natural mountain barrier that the present mountain fighting is gradually developing. Guglielmo Ferrero, the distinguished Italian historian, declares that this mountain barrier is Italy's greatest security, which throughout history has brought defeat to invading armies. The fighting to-day between the Piave and Brenta rivers, while heavy brought no material change in the positions of the opposing forces.

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