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French are Gradually Drawing Their Front Closer to Peronne

Following Wednesday's Advance Along a Mile Front the Attack Launched on Thursday Was Awarded With Further Gains For the French—Berlin Says the Losses Were not Commensurate With the Gains

NO DECISIVE RESULT IN VOLHYNIA AND GALICIA

The Rumanians Who Held the Teutonic Allies in the Mountain Passes on Transylvania-Romanian Border for Days Past Have Now Taken the Offensive and are Pushing Back Their Adversaries Who are Leaving Guns and Prisoners in Hands of the Victorious Rumanians—No Change in Macedonia Situation

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Gradually the French are drawing their front closer to the town of Peronne, on the eastern bank of the Somme river in France. Following Wednesday's advance along a mile front, between Blaches and La Maisonette, on the west side of the river, the attack launched on Thursday was awarded with further gains, which virtually brings them to the bank of the stream. To the north-east of Saillly-Saillies, where the French advanced their line the past few days, which Berlin War Office asserts the cost in casualties was no commensurate with the gain. The Germans made a violent counter-attack, which was repulsed by the French. Berlin admits that in their attacks on the Sars-Morval front the British captured German positions, but says the latter were retaken. Heavy rains fell on Thursday on the British front, and except for a gain by King George's men at Britte-Beaulencourt and the repulse of a German counter attack there, comparative quiet prevailed.

As yet no decisive result has been achieved by either the Austro-Germans or the Russians. Violent fighting has been going on for several days in Volhynia and Galicia. The Petrograd War Office says near Niseln and Swinkaly, in Volhynia, a violent attack by the Teutonic Allies was repulsed, while Berlin reports the capture of Russian trenches on the west bank of the Stokhod with heavy casualties to the Russians. Near Bubnow, north of Zborow, in Galicia, several enterprises have been carried out successfully by the Austrians, while at other points Russian attacks were put down.

Having held the Teutonic Allies in the mountain passes on the Transylvania-Romanian border, for several days, the Rumanians have taken the offensive at various points and are now declared to be pushing back their adversaries, who are leaving prisoners and guns in the hands of the Rumanians. Berlin, however, controverts this statement by the assertion that the Austro-Germans are still engaged in fighting in the mountain passes.

Generally speaking, there is no change in the situation in Macedonia, although both Entente and Teutonic Allies claim minor success in various sectors. The Bulgarians in the vicinity of Monastir are bringing up reinforcements in large numbers.

On the Austro-Italian front only fighting with trench mortars is taking place, except on Mont Pasabia, in the Trentino region, where the Austrians in violent attacks recaptured the positions taken on Tuesday by the Italians, only to be driven out again. Artillery duels are taking place in other parts of the Austro-Italian theatre.

The Cunard liner Alaunia, on her way from New York to London, has been sunk by a mine between Falmouth and London. Four members of the crew are missing. The passengers had been previously landed at Falmouth.

Nationalist Motion Badly Defeated

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Redmond's motion in the Commons was defeated by 320 to 166.

Hard Fighting Only Way To Beat Germany

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Lieut. General Sir Wm. Robertson, Chief of the Imperial Staff at army headquarters, discussing the progress of the war last night at the Canada Club, in a farewell dinner to the Duke of Devonshire, said, "It took us two years to begin; we have got through the beginning stage, and are now in the middle stage. Don't ask when the end will be. Let us centre our thoughts and efforts on the middle, and the end will look out for itself. The enemy can be beaten only in one way, by hard fighting."

Submarine Activity

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Despatches to the State Department to-day report the sinking of the British steamer Kennett, by a submarine, and the landing of the body of her captain. The steamer Danua, presumably a Norwegian, is also reported sunk by a German submarine. The Swedish steamer Norma is reported disabled south of Drogen light, by her propeller becoming entangled in nets stretched to trap submarines.

Is Having a Good Effect

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Thomas Custin of Boston, continues his description of conditions in Germany, writes in the Times this morning that British captures of German prisoners is betokening the lot of British prisoners in Germany, the Germans being anxious lest ill treatment bring on reprisals. This applies to officers as well as to men.

Field Marshal Von Kluck Goes On Retired List

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—Field Marshal von Kluck, who commanded the right wing of the German army in its sweep towards Paris in the fall of 1914, has been placed on the retired list at his own request. He had never returned to the front since he was wounded by shrapnel fire in March, 1915, while inspecting advanced positions. He was 70 years of age.

German Subs To Be Active in Atlantic

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19.—The Volks Zeitung of Cologne says that German submarines will operate in future in the western Atlantic. They will visit well known shipping routes around the eastern point of Nantucket Island and will sink British merchantmen, after giving the crews opportunity to save themselves. The newspaper believes this activity will influence the supplying of food, especially grain, bacon, and lard to England.

French Make Further Progress

PARIS, Oct. 19.—South of the River Somme, between Blaches and LaMaisonette, the French made further progress last night. It was announced officially to-day. All gains achieved yesterday were held in face of several counter-attacks.

Canadian Affairs

TORONTO, Oct. 19.—That the date for opening the session of the Federal Parliament has been fixed for some time in January, and that in the meantime a general election or coalition Government is not and will not be considered by the authorities at the capital, was the statement made by the Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works.

The Marlin Adams sailed from Burin for Gibraltar yesterday with 3,495 qtls fish.

Cunard Liner Alaunia Mined

Was Comparatively New Boat, Built in 1913—Loss of Life Was Small—Four Members of Crew Being Victims.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The Cunard liner Alaunia is reported sunk by a mine between Falmouth and London. She sailed from this port on October 7th with passengers. A message from the Liverpool office indicates that there were some passengers aboard, but the saved number 185 cabin and 55 steerage. A few were American. She was comparatively a new boat, built in 1913, 530 ft. long, gross tonnage 13,405, beam, 54 ft., depth 32 ft. She carried a cargo of merchandise including war supplies, between 11,000 and 12,000 tons. The voyage from Falmouth to London was for the purpose of discharging cargo at the latter port.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—By the sinking of the Cunard liner Alaunia, the only loss of lives is four of the crew, so far as ascertained. It is understood that all passengers landed before the vessel met mishap.

NOW ADMIT LOSS OF BREMEN

Teutonic Diplomats in Washington Now Virtually Concede the Loss of the Super Sub Bremen—Ship which is Now One Month Overdue Carried a Crew of Thirty Five

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—It is admitted that German officials not only in this country, but in Berlin, were without any information of the fate of the Bremen. She should have arrived at an American port soon after the middle of last month. The departure of the Bremen from Germany to the United States it was stated, would enable her to reach an American port some time within last month.

The Bremen was commanded by Capt. Schwarkopf, and carried a crew of 25 men.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The loss of the German submarine merchant-ship Bremen is virtually conceded to-day by ranking Teutonic diplomats, who are in a position to be familiar with the movements of the vessel. The Bremen is now one month overdue.

Neutrals Sunk

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The sinking by a German submarine, without previous examination, of the Norwegian steamer Sten, is reported by Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent. Sixteen members of the crew landed at Christiania. The Swedish barque Grote Vrom was set on fire by a German submarine. Eighteen men from the barque were landed at Friedrichshaven.

German Offensive in Volhynia

BERLIN, Oct. 20.—German troops took the offensive yesterday in Volhynia, and captured Russian trenches on the west bank of the Stokhod in the vicinity of Bubnow. Russian attacks near Bubnow were repulsed with heavy losses.

Germans Excluded From Rhodes Scholarships

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The House of Commons last evening passed the second reading of the Rhodes Estate Bill, which would exclude Germans henceforth from enjoying scholarships at Oxford University under Cecil Rhodes Trust Fund.

U.S. Naval Attache Says Farewell

LONDON, Oct. 20.—King George to-day received a farewell audience from Commander Powers Symington, retiring American Naval Attache and received his successor, Capt. MacDougall.

How to get rid of the glare? Move to a back street.

WAR WILL LAST ANOTHER YEAR IS OPINION NOW

This is Consensus of British Soldiers and Officers—Also Opinion of German Soldiers Who Were Recently Taken Prisoners—Germans Determined to make every Village on Western Front a Fortress

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Oct. 18.—The war will last another year, according to the consensus of opinion among British soldiers and their leaders. It is also the opinion of the Germans, if the views of prisoners count for anything. Before the grand offensive started a high authority informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the German lines would not be broken by summer, and that slow operations wearing down the Germans would be inaugurated, and would probably last through another summer. With the approach of winter, conditions which make military movements difficult, the officer recalled his prediction, and speaking of the situation to-day he said: We know what the German resources were, and what ours were, and the time required to force a decisive victory for our armies is a matter for calculation. German prisoners taken during the summer invariably spoke of peace being certain in the autumn. They regarded the Somme thrust as the final effort of the Allies for a decision, and that after it, peace would be made. Their tone has been entirely different of late. They recognize that it is a fight to the finish between the man-power and resources of the two foes, and that an ultimate decision will come from the fearful fighting on the Western front, which now will know no intermission until the end. The Germans are determined to make every village on the Western front a fortress, which will not yield, when reduced to powder by shell fire, and every gully and crater a machine gun post, to secure their defensive against a critical defeat at a period when weather is adverse to offensive operations. Elsewhere the Germans are apparently concentrating every possible man and gun against Roumania. The view of British officers is that the Germans hope to crush Roumania, so that when they have to face a common Allied offensive in the spring, they may not have to defend an immense Rumanian frontier, in addition to what they have had to defend this summer.

SERBS PIERCED BULGAR 2ND LINE

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ARE WE HARBORING SPIES?

People who arrived by the express yesterday say that very few deer are yet to be seen up country. Some 12 American sportsmen came along by the Kyle and were dropped off at Grand Lake, Howley and other places to go deer stalking. At least two of these individuals were very inquisitive on the train and piled some of the train hands with questions about the country and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, etc. The train hands were pretty wary and their replies evasive. People travelling think that the passports of some of those strangers should be carefully scrutinized and their identity well established when they arrive at Port aux Basques.

WILL BE PROSECUTED

We learn to-day that some 7 or 8 processes have been issued from the Court House against as many mercantile people, who are guilty of infractions of the War Act Regulations in connection with the darkening of the city. Lights have been shown by these people despite repeated warnings and some have also shown lights on their motor cars.

WILL BE NO SERVICE

There will be no service at St. Thomas's Church this evening as the windows are being darkened. After to-morrow however the evening services will be as usual.

Honest, can you have a real circus without a wild west favor?

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Hot a Word of Truth Has Yarn

German Claims of Extensive Damage Done by Recent Zep. Raids Are Ludicrous Fictors, Says British Press Bureau.

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—Eye-witnesses of the Zeppelin attack on England on Sept. 23rd report, according to the Overseas News Agency, that bombs hit Grimby Barracks, killing more than 400 soldiers, and that about 60 men were killed on board a cruiser, which was hit by a bomb. It is said that Regent Street, London, was for the most part laid in ruins.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Press Bureau appends a note to the despatch from Berlin relative to the alleged gigantic damage done in England by Zeppelin raids on Sept. 23rd and October 2nd, which declares that such statements are ludicrous fiction, and adds that the Secretary to the Admiralty states that there is not a word of truth in the statement that such a cruiser or warship was damaged. No warship or merchant ship, nor any mercantile marine was touched by Zeppelin bombs. The whole story is a fabrication.

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ROUMANIANS COMING BACK IN CAPITAL FORM

News From Rumanian Headquarters is Most Assuring—Austro-German Attacks are Generally Repulsed—In Tratus Valley King Ferdinand's Troops Force Enemy Forces to Retire and Take Prisoners and Cannon

LONDON, Oct. 19.—To-day's news from Roumania is regarded by British commentators as reassuring. With the help of Russia, which is credited with sending formidable reinforcements to the frontiers, the offensive has been vigorously renewed by the Rumanians. Austro-German attacks in the passes have been generally repulsed, and Bucharest reports speak of pursuit of the Teutonic Allies, particularly in Predial region, where a crucial struggle of the present moment is proceeding. Monday's Bucharest communication admitted that Rumanian troops had been repulsed on Mateja Hill, which is seventeen miles within Rumanian territory in the Torz Burg pass region, but British military experts believe that if fortune favours the Rumanians in the Predial districts, the invading force at Mateja may find its position precarious. In the Gyimes pass, where the Austro-Germans have reached Agas, seven miles within the frontier, fighting is still going on.

BUCHAREST, Oct. 19.—Rumanian troops are pushing back the invading Austro-German forces on the Transylvanian frontier at Predial. According to a Rumanian statement issued to-day, the Rumanians drove back the Teutonic units beyond the border, and claimed to have gained ground in Bran defile. In Tratus valley, the statement adds, the Rumanians forced the enemy to retire, and took 600 prisoners and 12 cannon. Another detachment attacking from Golcasa in the Tratus area, surprised the Teutons and took 300 prisoners and some machine guns.

SHOULD OPEN EARLIER.

Some of the business people along Water Street, say that owing to present arrangements, much money is being lost and serious damage done to their business interests. We hear to-day that there is a movement on foot to try to get the stores to open at 7.30 a.m. each day and close at 5 p.m. to give the purchasing public a chance to transact their business. It is likely the Importers' Association will be approached on the matter so that it might be discussed fully and freely. Rumour has it that the stores will not open at night until December 15th.

Royal Bank and Quebec Bank Merge

MONTREAL, Oct. 14.—It is officially announced that the Royal Bank of Canada will purchase the Quebec Bank.

The directors of the banks have reached an agreement whereby for every three shares of Quebec Bank stock, shareholders of the Quebec Bank will receive one share of Royal Bank stock and \$53 in cash.

A circular has been despatched to the shareholders of the Quebec Bank, calling a special meeting to ratify the agreement. In this circular the directors of the Quebec Bank state that after a persistent and vigorous effort to establish the Bank in the West and to increase its business elsewhere, they have concluded that it is in the best interests of the share holders to amalgamate with a larger and stronger bank.

The Royal Bank of Canada is one of the strongest of the Canadian Banks. On August 31st its deposits exceeded \$190,000,000, and the purchase of the Quebec Bank will further strengthen it.

Three directors of the Quebec Bank will be added to the board of the Royal Bank of Canada.

The Minister of Finance has given his official consent to the merger.

No Exception. The husband of the suffragette. Lacks sympathy with her, and yet Can't taunt her with, ah! vain regret. The votes that mother used to get.

GERMANS ROUTED BY ALLIED FORCES GER. EAST AFRICA

Belgians Operating Near Tabora Inflict Severe Defeat on Germans—British Under General Smuts Meet Success all Along the Coast—Bulk of German Forces Now Confined to a Limited Area

LONDON, Oct. 19.—A review of recent operations in German East Africa, issued to-day by the war office, it is announced that the Belgians operating near Tabora in the northern central part of the Colony, have inflicted further defeat on the Germans. In the fighting from Sept. 8th to the 22nd the surviving portion of the German forces which had been defeated at Tabora, were routed. Along the coast the British forces, under Genl. Smuts, are engaged in clearing the country. A number of small columns is carrying on this work. Southeast of Dar-es-Salaam and north-west of West Kilwa, Genl. Smuts says that his troops have been attempting to drive into the Rufiji valley the German posts established north and south of that region. Remnants of the force defeated by the Belgians were driven east and south. The Germans are attempting to affect a junction with the main German body concentrated in the Rufiji valley. The bulk of the remaining German forces is now confined to a limited area in the south-east portion of the Colony, of which all ports, the coast and the main lines of the Delta are held by the Entente forces. The entire Rufiji valley and Delta are unhealthy and malarious in the highest degree, and declared likely to become untenable after the lesser rains during October.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

- Received 1.30 p.m. Oct. 20th. The Following are at Wandsworth Suffering From Gunshot Wounds. 2111 Private Thomas W. Silk, Leading Tickers, N.D.B. Right hand. 1993 Private James R. Wolridge, Trinity. Left knee. 2188 Private Jacob Penny, Burgoyne's Cove, T.B. Right hip. 1933 Private Stephen A. Clark, Marytown South, Mortier Bay, Scap. 1841 Private George A. Hollett, Pouch Cove. Right knee, severe. 1909 Private Francis Wheeler, Greenspond. Back. 460 Private Alfred F. Butler, Hodge's Cove, Random. Adomen, severe. 2170 Private Harry B. Vere-Holloway, St. John's. Right Arm, severe. 1950 Private Chesley Marks, Long Cove Point, Burin. Left leg. 486 Private John J. Hickey, 119 Bond Street. Left leg, severe. 1847 Private Martin Williams, Springdale, Hall's Bay. 1st. Canadian General Hospital, Etaples, Oct. 14; shell wound in neck. 1003 Private William H. Clark, 33 LeMarchant Road. Seriously ill at 23rd. General Hospital, Etaples, Oct. 19th; gunshot wound in neck.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary. MAY GET V.C.

Rumour has it among some of the returned soldiers that Private Jack O'Neill, son of the late Ad. O'Neill, cooper, who came here with his brother Fred amongst the last contingent of returned volunteers, has been recommended for the V.C. As we stated after his arrival he distinguished himself by throwing a grenade out of a trench, which as it left his hand exploded and seriously injured the member. His action, however, saved his comrades from severe wounds, if not from death.

Poor Consumer.

"You must realize that you are the ultimate consumer." "I do realize it," replied Mr. Chug-gins, "every time I shove a gallon of gasoline into the tank."