# SERVIAN CAPTURE OF SEMLIN IS HARD BLOW TO AUSTRIANS

the French. Crown Prince Frederick William, who has with him a portion of the Prince of Wurtemberg's army, is still fighting, and all that the French report says of this battle is that there is no great change in the situation, there being alternate advances and retreats.

The Germans have brought up some siege guns against Nancy, and here, as in the Vosges, it is reported there is no change in the situation. The British public seems well satisfied with the result of the battle so far as it has gone, but the military experts warn them that it is not over yet. It is suggested by some of the military men as being possible that the French are only holding the line of the Marne on sufferance, while the Germans are making some changes in their line of communications. Among these experts it is considered that there is no reason to suppose that the German army has yet been fought to a standstill.

Laiser's forces are announced to be retiring along the greater part of the line. The French and British evidently have made a strong successful offensive movement, causing the German hosts to fall back at some points as much as 45 miles.

THREE ARMIES REPULSED.

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BELGIANS HARASS ENEMY.

The distress of the German right wing, however, has given the little Belgian army another opportunity to do something, and it is taking advantage of it by harassing the German reinforcements, which are hurrying south to Gen. Von Kluk's assistance, and also to attack

are hurrying south to Gen. Von Kluk's assistance, and also to attack the German left in Belgium. As only a few troops of the German line are left there, the Belgians have only to cope with the Landsturm.

It is reported that Germany is withdrawing troops from Alsace, but whether they are for the Prussian frontier or to support the armies which are facing the allies in western France has not been disclosed. It is considered likely, however, that the general staff will gather all the forces it can to get thru the French force east of Paris, either by the route they have been trying for the past week or thru Luneville.

AUSTRIANS RESIST STOUTLY.

In Galicia, the Austrians, who are being supported by Germans, are still putting up a fight against the Russians, altho it had been predicted for days that their surrender or annihilation was imminent. The Russians claim to have had another success over the Austrians near Russians claim to have had another success over the Austrians near Krasnik on Wednesday, and add that sanguinary fighting is proceeding on the Tomaszow-Rawa front as far as the Dniester River.

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Germans are reported now to have moved some of their best troops into this section of the theatre of war, and the Russians are said to have been compelled to withdraw. Petrograd says its only retirements have been its advance guards, who are keeping in touch with the German advance, but the Germans claim to have scored another victory over the Russians, who are said to have received a severe check be-

It is possible the Austrians have kept the Russians busy in Galicia to enable Germany to get her troops into East Prussia before the Russians were able to dispose of the Austrians and sweep down upon

Silesia, Posen and Prussia. SERVIA CELEBRATES VICTORY.

Servia is celebrating another victory over Austria, having taken Semlin, just across the river from Belgrade, the Servian capital, which has been under an intermittent bombardment ever since the commencement of the war. This success, it is thought, may enable Servia, which is also advancing into Bosnia, to put an end to the guns which have been so long firing on her capital.

Turkey has taken advantage of Europe's occupation to abrogate capitulations which she so long had objected to. Her diplomats deny that this means or implies any bellicose attitude on her part, and say Turkey believes the time has arrived when she should enjoy the same status as other independent countries, particularly as Great Britain and Austria have just agreed to the abrogations of capitulations in the territory which Greece recently acquired from the Turkish Empire.

#### GERMAN CENTRE IN RETREAT.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Official despatches received here today from the French War Office say the German centre line again was in Germans have been driven back from 37 to 48 miles. The war office is authority for the statement that thousands of the enemy have surrendered, and that the kaiser's men have not advanced in five days.

While the allies have been signally successful in the French theatre of war, despatches from Berlin via Amsterdam declare that the Germans have gained another notable success over the Russians in East Prussia. It was stated at the war office in Berlin that the German army after a sharp encounter completely crushed the left flank of the Russian army in East Prussia. The Russians are said to be in full

AUSTRIANS ON OFFENSIVE?

As a result of the victory, Berlin reports, the way has now been opened for an attack on the Russian main army in Russian Poland, along the line to Warsaw. It may also be possible for the Germans to flank the Russians, whose forces, the war office adds, have been reduced from sending additional reinforcements to Galicia, where the Austrians have assumed the offensive. After their successful repulse of the fierce onslaught made by the

German armies commanded by Crown Prince Frederick William, Gen. Von Kluk, and Grand Duke Albrecht of Wurtemberg, to pierce the French lines, victory of vast importance rests with the allies today.

The invaders are now in retreat along the greater part of the 120staff, according to The Nieuse Van Den Tag. He is reported to be mile battle line.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The British official press bureau gave out the following aviators to prevent an attack by air on the emperor. nnouncement:

"The general retirement of the enemy continues.

"The British forces yesterday captured 1500 prisoners, including wounded, and several guns, maxims, and large quantities of

"The enemy is retreating rapidly east of Soissons in some disorder. (Soissons is 57 miles from the outer works of Paris, north of aux, where the German advance was last reported, and shows the German retreat has been nearly 45 miles.)
OFFICIAL FRENCH STATEMENT.

here from Bordeaux, where it was issued at 3.15 this afternoon, reports that the French offensive movement continues to success. It is related that the Germans have now been pushed back for 60 to 75 tion." kilometres, or from 37 to 46 miles. The official statement says:

"In four days of continuous fighting the Germans have been pushed back from 60 to 75 kilometres. "The first phase of the battle of the Marne River is very favor-

able to the allies. The Germans are retreating on the right and centre. "The armies led by the Crown Prince William and the Prince of occupy Muhlhausen again. Wurtemburg, who have been attacking the French forces from the Ournain River, which enters the Marne near Vitry, have been unable to advance.

SITUATION IS CHANGED.

"The general situation is now completely changed. Since Sept. 6 the enemy has been unable to advance at any point on our lines. The armies of General Von Kluk and General Von Buelow have battled furiously but vainly in an attempt to break the French centre on a plateau north of Sezanne and Vitry. (This latter statement indicates a change in the German positions, as heretofore it was believed

that General Von Kluk was in command of the German right.) The Franco-English advance continues with dogged persistence The offensive operations are of the most effective character. The British marksmanship is deadly, and is proving effective."

Anglo-French armies.

"Together the British and French forces offered an equally vigorous resistance, eventually compelling the Germans to retreat. The fighting lasted thruout last night, and the allies' positions, it is underfighting lasted thruout last night, and the allies' positions, it is under-

stood, are greatly improved today.

"A rainstorm is becoming a deluge, but it has not interfered with operations. However, it has caused great discomfort to the troops." LONDON BANKERS TO MEET.

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Following the introduction of a new bill of exchange act over night, which protects bill holders from loss thru days because of the war in presenting bills for payment, bankers will favorably resume weekly meetings at the Royal Exchange next week. They purpose to fix foreign rates.

The banking community is evidently grateful for the new act. Private business in stocks was moderate today. There was a good advance in the street, notwithstanding the weather. Consols were 18814. The government way neg contols by establishing a minimum

It is apparent that Gen. Ruzsky's enveloping movement is not developing as rapidly as was expected, and it may have been delayed by the offensive movement, which, according to Berlin advices, the Austrians have resumed in the Lemberg district.

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An official statement given out this afternoon says:

"The general retreat of the enemy continued yesterday. In prisoners and wounded the British forces captured 1500, besides several guns, Maxims, and a large quantity of transports. The enemy is retreating very rapidly east of Soissons, in some disorder.

"From telegrams received late today it is learned that the num-

Austrians have resumed in the Lemberg district.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE CHECKED?

Matters are getting a little more interesting in East Prussia, where bodies of infantry were found hiding in the woods, having been left for a while Russia is said to have had things virtually her own way. The

"This and the rifling of villages and evidences of drunkennes point to the demoralization of a routed enemy.

"Pursuit is being vigorously pressed."
THE SAILOR'S PRAYER.

Every seaman in the British fleet has been presented with a card on which is printed a "sailor's prayer," and a request that he put it in his cap. The prayer is as follows:

"Oh, Heavenly Father, forgive me my sins and strengthen me in all that is right. Grant me help to carry out my duties faithfully and gravely. Bless and protect the officers and men on this ship, and shelter all I love from harm in my absence, for Jesus Christ's sake.

ATTACKING VERDUN FORTS.

A correspondent in Copenhagen of a news agency cables that despatches received there from Berlin announce that the general headquarters of Crown Prince Frederick William have been established west of Verdun, in France. Parts of his army, the message declares, have attacked forts south of Verdun, which since yesterday has been bombarded by German heavy artillery.

Despatches from Ghent say that the Belgian troops are pursuing

German army corps which is marching toward France.

It is said that the battle in the vicinity of Chateau Sezanne and Vitry-le-Francois was most deadly. The heaviest losses were to the burg. The Germans were forced to fall back, completely beaten, after they had tried time and again in a vain effort to break the French lines. Artillery was used to great effect, and thousands of Germans were mowed down. The French then assumed the offensive and rolled retreat today. It is said the kaiser's army is in disorder, and that the enemy back on the marshes of St. Gond. The battle continued and on the French right heavy fighting was in progress.

RUSSIANS TAKE TOMASZOW. A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says the Russians have captured Tomaszow, Russian Poland, after a sanguinary conflict.

NEWS AGENCY CORRECTS MISTAKE.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 11.—The Vas Dias Agency which circulated the official communication from Berlin, in which Gen. Von Stein admitted German reverses, now announces that in "consequence of a blunder at the German end of the wire," this official message wrongly set forth the issues. The following correction should be made, the agency says: "To the eastward of Paris and in the vicinity and across the Marne, parts of the German forces were attacked by hostile forces from Paris. After fierce fighting between Meaux and Montmirail they repulsed the enemy, and even themselves advanced, but on the receipt of news of the arrival of a strong hostile force on the left the Germans had to retire, but were not pursued by the enemy. Our troops captured some thousands of prisoners and fifty guns." KAISER AT LUXEMBURG.

occupying the German legation building there. A strong detachment of Uhlans is camped there, and watch is kept at night by a corps of

POINCARE DENOUNCES CALUMNY.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 11.—(Midnight)—President Poincare to day cabled President Wilson as follows:

"Mr. President-I am informed that the German Governmen has sought to surprise your excellency's good faith by alleging that dum-dum balls are manufactured in the French state factory and used by our soldiers. This calumny is but an audacious attempt to reverse

"Germany has since the beginning of the war used dum-du The official statement of the French War Office, telegraphed bullets and violated daily the law of nations. On Aug. 18 and several your excellency and the powers signatories of The Hague conven-

MAY REOCCUPY MUHLHAUSEN.

BERNE, Switzerland, Sept. 11.—The French army seems to be operating in Upper Alsace continuously, its latest move being to

GERMANS LEAVE MARNE VALLEY.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The French embassy received a spatch from the French foreign office at Bordeaux, declaring that the allies have gained decided advantages in the fighting against the German right wing. The message says the first German army corps was forced to cross the River Marne, and that German troops have left portions of that river valley.

Despite reports from Berlin to the contrary, the foreign office declares that the fall of Maubeuge had not been confirmed, and that part of the German advance in the Champenze forest had been lost. INVITED TO LEAVE EGYPT.

oriensive operations are of the most effective character. The h marksmanship is deadly, and is proving effective."

CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 11.—(Via London, 10 p.m.)—By invitation of the British military authorities, the German charge d'affaires an abandonment by the Germans of their advanced position. The and the Austrian diplomatic agent departed from Egypt today.

## IN PATRIOTIC CAUSE

MORE STILL EXPECTED

Hamilton Regiments Active in Recruiting-Baker's Bread Confiscated.

subscription ever taken up in Hamilton.

It was suggested by some of the workers that all the money taken in over the \$150,000-originally set for the fund, should be devoted to the relief fund, but this suggestion did not meet with the approval of the majority, who claimed that this could not be legally done.

Thirteenth Parades.

Over 550 men turned out at the weekly parade of the Royal 13th Regiment, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Ross, last night. A recruiting class of 65 men also paraded, as did No. 12 Corps, A.M.C. They are now again up to full strength. The 2nd Dragoons recruited some new men and marched to Victoria Park, where they were drilled.

Confiscated Bread.

The police confiscated fifty loaves of bread from the store of Ascencio and Castillo, 15 Imperial street, on the charge that it was under the regulation weight last night. A police court case will follow.

### COMPLETE

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back in the region west of Vitry-de-

"On the Ornain river as between

of the Marne is turning in favor of the allies since the German right wing and centre at present are in retreat "On our right, the situation remains

ome long range guns.
"The general situation has thus been completely transformed during the last two days both from strategic and tactical points of view. Not only have our troops stopped the Germans march which they thought was a vic-torious one, but the enemy has fallen back before us at nearly every point."

A Later Summary.

The following statement was issued

ter in the day:
"First—On the left wing our success increases. Our progresses have continued. North of the River Marne and in the direction of Soissons and Complegne the Germans have abandoned to us great quantities of am-munition stores, some wounded and some prisoners. We have taken an-other flag. The British army has stores, and has taken from 1200 to 1500

prisoners.
"Second—In the centre the army has given in right along on its front tween Sezanne and Revigny. Germans have not yet fallen back from L'Argonne. Notwithstanding the strain to which our troops had been subjected during the last five days of battle, they still find energy to pursue the enemy on its left wing.
"In Lorraine and the Vosges—There is no change in this territory.
"Austria-Russian centre of operations—The Austrian army which was

defeated at Lemberg, has not been able to assume the offensive, and in spite of heavy reinforcements, it is being repulsed. On the front between Jaionne and Rawa and the River Dniester the Russians are besieging the fortified Town of Grodeck. The second Austrian army has been at-

compelled to retreat.

"Austria-Servian centre of operation—The Servian troops have crossed
the River Save at Shabatz and Obrenovatz. In Bosnia they have assume the offensive in the direction of Vise

HEARST AND THE KAISER. You got to quit kichin' my daws

aroun'; It doesn't matter of he is a houn'!

BIG ATTENDANCE LIKELY

The meeting of the Board of Trade to be held in the rotunda of the board, Menday at 4.30 p.m., to consider the formation of a rifle club, promises to be largely attended. Already a number of the members have declared themselves in favor of the movement.

KNITTING FACTORY REOPENS.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Sept. 11 .- The Oxford Knitting Company, which closed down its plant here shortly after the beginning of the war, resumed operations on Monday with its full

### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

Sir: Yesterday we had a heart-to-heart talk in print with the president of

duties to the public that are supposed to go with their franchise, are taking where we call an unpatriotic stand in blocking the useful employment of the excess issue. Why do you not deal with these big bank managers as Lioyd George has dealt with them, and tell them that because of the increased privileges they lately got from parliament they, too, must take risks as the government has taken risks and "

the recent law passed by your and that, inasmuch as these Dominion note good as gold, the banks, once they are in possession of them, will have no with them in the clearing house. They need never to go into the clearing they will remain in circulation and be a source of strength to the business

occupant of a position similar to yours, and that is the secretary of the tree of this money in order to move the crops! Now, we are about to move the crothis country, and if you take the excess issue of our banks—and the excess was mainly created in the first place to move the crops—and turn it into De without noticeable change in the was mainly created in the most efficacious currency that ever came into use in the Company which the Germans have tried to bombard with try; and once it came into use it would never go out of use. Have you the notes, it will be the most efficacious currency that ever came into use in this co

But if you do this, you will have to print your Do nations, like the banks do, and once you have this issue out anybody recemoney at the banks will be entitled to get it in Dominion notes; and gradually sonable arrangement with the government to get a supply of national notes. said the other day that as a start-off we would give Dominion notes to the be up to the amount of their paid-up capital at an annual tax of 1 per cent. Here your opportunity. You can follow Mr. McAdoo, and you can follow Mr. Lie George, and you may become a great factor in the life of this country. Be a G be a McAdoo, be a White.

In fact, we are so confident that you will do this, that we propose to send a message by wire tomorrow, especially in view of the fact that you will not have received this letter; but a wire will reach you, and our wire to you will "Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, Ottawa: Would you, under the

new legislation, convert the excess note issue of the banks into Dor notes, say, at the 5 per cent, rate provided by law in the clause authorizing the issue of an amount of Dominion notes, as against approved securities? The banks pay 5 per cent. on excess issue, so it comes out even.

We have heard a man who suggested a thing like this called by an imp ersonage at Ottawa a John the Baptist, as you may know. But it is a goo netimes to be a John the Baptist and take the consequences that atten that great precursor and pioneer in good work. No one need ever be ashamed of John the Baptist, or Lloyd George, or McAdoo. If you delay your action, or if success of the allies improves conditions, or if things get worse, you will have lost a great opportunity, and one of the few things that come to the high or the low is a great opportunity. When it comes you should meet it on the doorstep with a wel

Extending to you our very best appreciation and respect, The Toronto World,

#### LONDON GIVES FREELY TO PATRIOTIC FUND

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Ont., Sept. 11,-London's three days' war relief fund campaign came to a close tonight. One hundred thousand dollars was the sum aimed at, and \$140,000 was secured by the business men who canvassed the city. The Boy Scouts are to be on the street friends. corners tomorrow to receive further donations to the fund.

BODY CAST UP BY LAKE.

THEDFORD, Ont., Sept. 11.—Awaiting identification here is the body of a sailor, another victim of the great lakes storm of last November, which the shore was today thrown up on the shore of Lake Huron at a point about 10 miles from here. The body is that of a man about 45 years of age, and weighing about 200 pounds.

ENLARGING FORT HENRY.

KINGSTON, Sept. 11 .- Fort Henry is undergoing extensive alterations so as to accommodate the prisoners coming daily. The 14th Regiment has opened a DELAIDE 760. Office: 400 Adel

MICHIGAN MILLIONAIRE TO JOIN BRITISH STAFF

Canadian Press Despatch. SARNIA, Sept. 11.—In respons a cablegram, George Moore, a lionaire racing man of St. Clair, h in a day or so for France to act aide de camp to Sir John Fre

HAMILTON HOTELS

NOTICE-AUTO TOURISTS To accommodate automobilists, are serving Table d'Hote dinner dally from 12.30 to 3 o'clock. Highest standar of cuisine and service.

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