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SHOWER OF BOMBS UPON A RED CROSS SOCIETY SHELTER IN FRANCE CAUSES THE WOUNDED TO HELP THE WOUNDED



This picture, drawn by F. Matania, special artist for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, is guaranteed by the Sphere to be a perfectly truthful and accurate presentation of what befell a wounded soldier in the London Hospital and six comrades. It was made after many hours passed by the wounded at the London Hospital through the courtesy of Captain Fenwick, R. A. M. C. It was late past two o'clock in the afternoon between Le Cateau and Landreies, when a party of wounded soldiers were resting on the floor of a small church, over which the Red Cross flag was floating. A German shell burst open the door, destroying its Gothic arch, and further shells continued to burst upon the building, and so the wounded men, bearing as best they could their more severely wounded comrades along with them, fled to a more sheltered spot.

GERMANS SMASHED IN THEIR ATTACKS ON THE ALLIED FORCES

The Issue is Being Decided by Hand to Hand Fighting of a Fierce Nature - Masses of German Troops Have Been Hurlled Back.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The eighteenth day of the battle of the Aisne thus far has brought no decisive result, but all indications continue to point to an approaching end of the heroic struggle. Hand-to-hand fighting now raging with such fury is bound, it is generally held, to decide the issue.

Meanwhile the fog which the French official report yesterday announced had prevented operations in the Woevre district, covers metaphorically the long battle line. All that the public is permitted to know from the allied side is that so far the British and French armies have held their grip on their positions, and have consistently thrown back the masses of Germans who have been incessantly hurled on them in an effort to break through the human barrier.

The losses of the opposing armies in the last few days of the fierce combat have been colossal. Even the official reports contain a gruesome picture of thousands of dead and wounded lying in the fire-swept zone between the two armies, and every fresh assault is adding to the ghastly litter.

Gibes no longer are heard at the inactivity of the Zeppelin balloons, which now seem omnipresent. One of these unwelcome visitors created consternation yesterday at Bialystok, to the south-west of Groden, some sixty miles inside the Russian frontier. This dirigible apparently was more fortunate in getting away than was her sister ship, which was shot down in the neighborhood of Warsaw on the previous day.

It seems now to be officially admitted at Budapest that the Russians have secured a good foothold on Hungarian soil, having crossed the frontier in the Ungvar district in considerable strength. In the plains in front of them the Muscovites will find their main obstacle to be the river Theiss, which is flanked by marshes. It is believed there are no forts on the plain, but possibly fortifications recently have been thrown up.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Another apparent lull along the western battle line in France has caused the centre of interest again to shift to the east. The whereabouts and strength of the Russian army is still somewhat of a mystery. The fan-like Russian advance (Continued on Page Four.)

PARIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONFIRMS SEVERE REPULSES ADMINISTERED TO THE ENEMY

PARIS, Sept. 29.—On our left wing along the River Somme the French official statement issued this afternoon says, the Germans attempted numerous attacks which the allies repulsed.

The text of the statement is as follows: "First: On our left wing, to the north of the Somme and between the Somme and the Oise the enemy both by day and by night delivered several attacks which have however, been repulsed. To the north of the Aisne there has been no change.

"Second: On the centre in Champagne and to the east of the Argonne, the enemy has restricted his activities to heavy cannonading. Between the Argonne and the Meuse there has slight progress on the part of our

troops who are confronted by strongly organized positions. "On the heights of the Meuse, in the Woevre district and on our right wing, Lorraine and the Vosges, there has been no notable modification in the situation.

"Generally speaking our line runs from the east to the west through the region of Pont a Mousson, Aprement and the Meuse, through the region of Saint Mihiel, along the heights to the north of Spada and through a portion of the heights of the Meuse. To the southeast of Verdun, between Verdun and Rheims the general front is indicated by a line passing through the region of Varennes, to the north of Souain, and the Roman roadway which runs into Rheims, the outposts of Rheims, the road from Rheims to Bery au Bac and the heights known as the "Chemin

des Dames." On the right bank of the Aisne this line draws near to the Aisne and continues into the region of Soissons. Between Soissons and the forest of L'Aigle it runs over the first plateau of the right bank of the Aisne. Between Oise and the Somme the line runs along the front from Ribecourt (which belongs to us) to Laassigny (occupied by the enemy), to Roze (which belongs to us) and to Chaulnes (in the possession of the enemy).

To the north of the Somme the line continues along the plateau between Albert and Comblis. "We again took numerous prisoners during the day of yesterday. They belong principally to the 7th active corps and the 7th reserve corps of the German army, and also to the 10th, 12th, 14th and 19th German army corps.

SIEGE OF ANTWERP HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR BIG NAVAL ATTACK AGAINST BRITAIN

Within a Few Days Germans Will Lay Siege—25,000 Naval Reserves Have Been Brought Up Around the City.

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 29.—via London.—The activity along the Belgian frontier indicates that the Germans are planning for a siege of Antwerp within a few days. More than 25,000 men, German naval reserves, have been brought from the North Sea towns to Brussels and are being held in readiness to serve on an improvised German fleet should Antwerp and Ostend be taken.

As a direct result of this move the Dutch authorities along the Scheldt have increased their watchfulness, for during a siege of Antwerp England might like to send reinforcements through the Dutch Scheldt, which would be a breach of neutrality, while on the other

RUSSIAN ADVANCE

Are Keeping Up Running Fight With the Retreating Austrians.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Col. Golejewski, military attaché of the Russian embassy here, to-day announced the receipt of the following from Petrograd: "In the woods near Argusov our troops are advancing, keeping up a running fight with the enemy. The attempt of the German infantry to get close to the fortress was checked."

"In Silesia, the enemy has been considerably strengthened and is manifesting great activity. The Austrian sorties from Pzemyasl remain unsuccessful. "In the retreating Austrian army, considerable disorganization is noticeable, units being broken up and mixed up. We continue to take prisoners in large numbers as well as capturing the guns and war material of every description."

CHINESE HOSTILE KEI-HAIEN, Shantung, China, Sept. 29.—Chinese troops to-day blew up and destroyed the railroad bridge at Tsai-Ho, six miles west of here. The sound of the explosion could be heard in this city.

WAR SUMMARY

The terrific battle, now in its eighteenth day, in the Aisne district to the north of Paris, continues to rage, but its violent character is generally held to portend a decisive result in the near future. Hand to hand fighting is going on furiously and the losses to both the allied and German armies are enormous.

Several times the Germans hurled their masses of troops against the allies' left wing, but in every case they were repulsed, according to the official statement issued by the French war department this afternoon. In the centre, it is asserted, a heavy cannonading is going on while between the Argonne forest and the river Meuse the allies have made some progress.

The German general staff, Berlin advices say, claims that the situation on French soil has not changed. Galicia has been almost cleared of Austrians, according to an announcement at Petrograd, and the Russians, crossing the Carpathian mountains, have entered Hungary and are engaged in driving back the Austrian reinforcements sent against them. The invaders swept across the mountains into the Ungvar district about 150 miles north east of Budapest, the Hungarian capital.

Germans numbering 150,000 are reported from Rotterdam to be preparing for a siege of the Belgian fortress of Antwerp. Austrian siege guns have been brought up to take the places of the large German guns which are now being used in the fighting in

the French district of Aisne. A Belgian official communication states that German heavy artillery fire directed at two forts, 10 miles from Antwerp, ceased when the forts replied to the bombardment. The activity of the Zeppelin dirigibles stretches over a wide area. Six bombs were hurled to-day at two Belgian towns, in one of which a convent was damaged, and another balloon created a panic at the town of Bialystok, 60 miles across the Russian frontier.

The Japanese are drawing the military cordon closer around the German territory of Kiaochow, in the Chinese province of Shantung. An official Japanese statement to-day announces that the Japanese are driving the Germans toward Tsing-Tau, and the Japanese fleet aided by the army has bombarded the litis fort.

Russia has extended the suspension of specie payments for another month. BELGIAN THANKS. OTTAWA, Sept. 29.—The following telegram was received to-day by Maurice Gooz, Belgian consul, from the Belgian Government: "Received your information respecting relief work in Canada for victims of war in Belgium. Please address to H.R.H. the Governor-General the expression of our gratitude for having extended his patronage to the work. I also wish you to thank our Canadian benefactors for the shipments of food and clothing announced. Belgian Government is taking up organization for distribution of the consignments. (Signed) Minister of External Affairs."

Kaiser's Son Dead

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Ghent correspondent of the Daily News sends with reserve the report that a Belgian doctor from Brussels says that Prince Adalbert, the German Emperor's third son, has died in a hospital in Brussels. Dr. Lepage, Prince Adalbert's physician, according to this report, was ordered to hold an autopsy in the presence of two German doctors, and it was found that the prince had been killed by a German bullet. In other autopsies on German officers it was found that they also had died from a similar cause.