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Serbs Are Driving The Enemy Back

Bulgarians Admit That They and Germans Have Been Forced to Retreat—Mackensen in Flight—French and Russians Near Monastir

Sofia, Nov. 16.—The retreat of the German-Bulgarian forces in the Cerna Bend under the assaults of the Serbians is admitted in an official statement issued by the war office today.

According to the statement the Bulgarians have fallen back on a line four to six miles west of Iven, the last town west of the Cerna reported captured by the Serbians.

CLOSE TO MONASTIR
Paris, Nov. 16.—French and Russian troops on the Macedonia front are now within four miles of Monastir. This was announced officially today. The pursuit of the defeated Bulgarians continues.

VON MACKENSEN IN RETREAT
Petrograd, Nov. 16.—The war office announces today Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army is in retreat in Dobruja, burning villages as it falls back. An artillery bombardment is progressing all along the Russian front.

GERMAN REPORT
Berlin, Nov. 16.—Russian troops in strong force attacked the Austro-German lines east of the Putna Valley on the western Moldavian border, says the war office today. The fighting was reported to be fruitless. The Roumanians also attacked in the Oltus Pass region but here also failed of success.

The Roumanians are offering stubborn resistance to the Austro-German advance along the pass roads into Wallachia. The invading forces, however, made progress in the Rothenthurn and Sadrak regions and captured yesterday more than 1,200 prisoners.

Enemy Losses Heavy.
London, Nov. 16.—Capture of the villages of Tepavati and Gnila, southeast of Monastir, is reported in a Reuter despatch from Saloniki. It says the Serbians, in co-operation with the French, captured all the positions south of Tepavati, after fierce fighting. German troops, which were defending the positions, sustained considerable losses, and the survivors were captured or took refuge in flight.

Admit It.
Berlin, Nov. 16.—The retirement of German-Bulgarian troops in Macedonia to new positions prepared for them in the Cerna region, is announced today by the war office.

British Defeat Bulgars.
Paris, Nov. 16.—On the eastern end of the Macedonia line British troops have again assumed the offensive, defeating the Bulgarians in the region of the River Cerna, and capturing the village of Karakuska.

During the night the Bulgarians abandoned their principal positions west of the Cerna River. The French and Serbians took 400 prisoners and made progress toward Varashok, in the Cerna Bend, west of Monastir.

South of Monastir the French and Russians are reported to be making substantial progress. It is in this region, to the north of Kennal, that they have advanced to within four miles of Monastir.

FORGING THE POLES TO FIRING LINE
Germany Raising Army and Expects Half Million in Next Two Months

London, Nov. 16.—(New York Times Cable)—The Morning Post's Budapest correspondent says:

"The Polish army which is to be raised during the next two months under the administration of the army department of the national council at Warsaw, is expected to supply another half million men for the army, while many thousands of workers who have not yet been forced to do war work will be available, these having been already sent to Germany in small parties, not by the military government, but by the Polish national provisional government which began work the week before the independence proclamation appeared."

"According to the Nephzava, the organization of war industries in Poland has been going on for months. The Polish army, according to the same journal, will be formed on the basis of Polish legions, which will now be placed under command of German officers, and all men between eighteen and fifty-five years of age will be called up within a few weeks time. The calculations are that these new troops can be converted by the coming spring into as perfect soldiers as were their brethren in the legions which were only units, where women were also fighting."

"One of the company commanders of the Austrian legion of Poles is a woman. She even wears the Iron Cross."

AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN BERLIN
Berlin, Nov. 16.—Baron von Burian, Austrian minister of foreign affairs, arrived in Berlin yesterday, accompanied by Fray Councillor von Mery and Count Frederick Hoyos.

ONE OF THE 104TH BAND.
Mrs. Eugene McBride of 66 Simonds street, received a letter yesterday from her son, Private Spurgeon McBride, who is a member of the 104th Band, under Lieut. Col. Powler, at present in England. He told of his battalion being inspected on St. John Moore's plains by Major General Steele and said he expected they would soon cross to France. Several pictures of the battalion were taken and, he said, he expected to see them in all the English papers. He wishes to be remembered to all of his friends.

FAIL IN EFFORT TO DIVERT HAIG FROM ANCRE WORK

That Believed to be Reason for Attack on French ENEMY'S LOSSES HEAVY

German Infantry Sent Against Foch's Lines in Two Great Sections—Trifling Successes Gained But at Enormous Cost

(By Arthur S. Draper in New York Tribune.)

London, Nov. 16.—The first phase of the battle of the Ancre is ended. Following the mighty blow by which they obtained one of the most sweeping victories in four months, the British troops are consolidating their new positions and preparing for still greater efforts to come.

The German infantry were sent against the French lines in two great sections. One beat against the defenses in the region of Ablaincourt and Pressoire. These attacks were delivered after three days of incessant bombardment and lasted the entire morning and afternoon. The sole success obtained by the attackers was the capture of a few houses in the eastern part of Pressoire.

The Germans made extensive use of flaming liquids and tear producing shells but assault after assault was beaten back by the accurate fire of the French guns and at the point of the bayonet when the attackers penetrated as far as the French trenches. The French official statement describes the losses of the Germans in these assaults as terrific.

The other attack was aimed at the French positions on the "sneez" in front of the region of Les Boucufs to a point south of Bouchavesnes. At the point of the bayonet the French succeeded in winning a foothold in the advanced French trenches in the northern and western outskirts of St. Pierre Vaast Wood. Everywhere else the attacking forces were hurled back with greatly reduced numbers.

As an attempt to inflict a telling defeat on the French and so divert the attention of the British from their Ancre drive, the German counter-attack was assumed to be a powerful effort against Foch's lines may be said to have failed completely in its principal objects.

GRUDGINGLY ADMIT BRITISH SUCCESSES IN THE ANCRE DRIVE

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Several military critics discussing in the newspapers the British gains on the Ancre, recognize that they resulted, in part at least, in a betterment of the tactical position for which the British are striving.

Major von Schreibeis, writing in the Mitteilungsblatt, says that the most supreme command undoubtedly reckoned upon such developments when it decided to concentrate its efforts in the Roumanian theatre and leave in the west only the forces absolutely necessary to maintain the defensive.

Major Morath, in the Tagesblatt, finds in the events the text for a homily on the necessity of bending every effort to stimulate the production of munitions. He says: "The general strategic situation in the west is not decisively affected, but the possibility that the British may succeed in broadening the breach to the northward is not without importance. The British army command, by its push on the thirteenth, after submitting our salient to a heavy fire from the west and southwest, has gained ground to the northeast along a front about ten kilometers broad."

FRUIT DEALERS ARE MURDERED IN STREET
Detroit, Mich., Nov. 16.—Harry Paul and Morris Harris, fruit merchants of Wyandotte, were shot and instantly killed late last night, while walking along a street in that town. Two foreigners were taken into custody.

TURKISH PARLIAMENT
Amsterdam, Nov. 16.—A Constantinople despatch says the Sultan opened parliament in the presence of the cabinet and the German ambassador with a speech from the throne in which he referred to the Turkish victories at the Dardanelles, and eulogized the achievements of Turkish troops in all theatres of war.

MILITARY PERSONALS
Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Powell arrived in the city today from Moncton where he was on military business.

It is understood that Lieutenant Violette of the 165th Battalion, will leave tonight for Ottawa to take a course in signalling and that he will then be attached to another unit as a signaller instructor.

ONE PRISONER.
One lonely prisoner sat on the bench in the police court this morning. He was charged with drunkenness and pleaded guilty. The court fined him \$8 or two months in jail.

Protest By Pope
Rome, Nov. 16.—Pope Benedict has sent a strong protest to Austria in connection with the aerial bombardment of Padua.

WHAT DID SIR ISAAC NEWTON KNOW ABOUT GRAVITATION?



FOOD CONTROLLER IN BRITAIN IS A POSSIBILITY

Asquith to Make Statement Reappointment PARLIAMENT UNITED

Willing to Give Power Suggested by Walter Runciman to Deal With Food Problem, Without Formality of a Bill

London, Nov. 16.—The speech of Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, in parliament yesterday, outlining the government's proposal for dealing with the food problems, was welcomed in all parts of the house. Sir Edward Carson, on behalf of the opposition, declared that it was the duty of the government to adopt further methods of organization to increase and conserve the national food supply was not concluded when the house adjourned.

It is understood that Premier Asquith will make a statement next week in regard to the appointment of a food controller.

ENCOUNTERS SAFEGUARD AGAINST INFANTILE PARALYSIS

The matter of precautions against the possible spread of infantile paralysis was brought home to a woman yesterday afternoon when she applied at the East-Edinburgh Dispensary to ship some household effects on the American boat this morning. She was informed that before she could ship any household goods to the states, she would have to produce a certificate from the Board of Health showing that there was no danger of infantile paralysis.

An application was then made at the local board of health, where the officials there were taken by surprise as the woman demanded a certificate of health for her goods. This is the first case of its kind to appear so far.

The woman intended shipping the goods this morning and following on Monday with her two children.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—The cold wave is still centered in the north Pacific states, but with reduced intensity. Fair weather prevails generally in Canada, but some light local snow falls have occurred in Ontario and Quebec.

Ottawa Valley—Moderate winds, local snow flurries, but mostly fair and cold today and on Friday.

Fair and Cold.
Maritime—Fresh to strong north and northwest winds, local snow flurries, but generally fair and cold today and on Friday.

New England—Fair tonight and Friday. Not much change in temperature. Strong northwest winds, diminishing tonight.

THE FRENCH WIN BACK THE PART OF PRESSOIRE WHICH GERMANS TOOK

British Lines Near the Ancre Shelled During Last Night But No Infantry Fighting

Paris, Nov. 16.—The French last night recaptured the portion of the village of Pressoire, on the Somme front, which the Germans occupied yesterday.

London, Nov. 16.—"During the night there was considerable enemy shelling of our battlement north and southeast of the Ancre," says a statement from the war office today. "Otherwise there is nothing to report."

KING'S CONGRATULATIONS
London, Nov. 16.—King George today telegraphed congratulations to Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, upon the great success of the last few days, reflecting credit on all ranks. Gen. Haig replied with a message of thanks.

ONTARIO CABINET MEN IN CITY TODAY
Hon. Messrs Ferguson and McGarry Making Tour of Maritime Provinces

Hon. George H. Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, and Hon. Thomas W. McGarry, treasurer of the Ontario provincial government, arrived in the city early this morning in a private car. They have completed a tour of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and now are visiting some of the principal places in New Brunswick. They were in Moncton yesterday, will spend today in St. John and leave this evening for Fredericton before proceeding to Quebec.

They are engaged in making an inspection of the natural resources of the country, and are making a study of methods of administration in these provinces.

Mr. Ferguson said that they had been surprised to learn the extent of the natural resources of the lower provinces and the opportunities which this part of the country offers for settlement.

Their tour of the maritime provinces, Mr. McGarry said, had given them a new idea of the loyalty of the people of this end of the dominion and of the extent of their participation in the war in the contribution of men as well as munitions and other supplies.

During the morning the visitors looked over the city and visited some of the principal points of interest.

At two o'clock this afternoon Mayor Hayes, President A. L. Likely, Vice-President A. H. Wetmore and Secretary R. E. Armstrong of the Board of Trade called on the visiting ministers at their car and extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the city and the citizens.

ICE PREVENTS THE RIVER STEAMERS FROM REACHING FREDERICTON

Two Others Started Out This Morning to Try to Get Through

Unless the weather moderates tonight steamship captains say navigation on the St. John and Kennebec rivers will practically be closed. There is now nearly two inches of ice below Fredericton and from that down to Oromocto it is more than an inch thick. This morning a thin skin had formed in the Reach and was beginning to form as far down as Carter's Point.

The D. J. Purdy, which left Indiantown yesterday morning for Fredericton, failed to reach her destination. Her owner received a telephone message from Gagetown this morning notifying him that she was returning to the city.

The captain reported that he had succeeded in getting within four miles of the capital, but the ice was two inches there.

The Hampton left for Hampton yesterday afternoon, but succeeded in getting only as far as Perry's Point. She returned to Indiantown this morning.

The Viking arrived down river yesterday afternoon having succeeded in breaking her way through the ice at Oromocto. She did not go up river this morning, but will continue running if the ice melts.

The Majestic and Champlain got away this morning, the former for Cole's Island and the latter for Hatfield's Point in the Bellesisle. A report this morning said that the Majestic was forcing her way through an inch of ice. Nearly all the steamers have large freights for places on their respective routes and the owners are naturally anxious for a mild spell.

FOUR HOME FROM WAR
Four returned soldiers will arrive in the city tomorrow at noon—Privates Berrie, St. John; Dick, Moore's Mills; Burgess, Moncton, and Sanson, Nashwaak.

ELLIOTT-BEAUMONT
On last Thursday Miss Rose M. Beaumont, of Bradford, Yorkshire, England, became the bride of Robert A. Elliott, of this city. Rev. D. J. MacPherson performed the ceremony.

OPERATORS' CONVENTION
The convention of the chief operators of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Ltd. will close today. The idea of the convention was to familiarize the chief operators with new instructions which were recently issued on toll operation. The work was gone over by the officials and this afternoon from four until six o'clock the superintendent will address the operators. This evening a farewell banquet will be given in Bond's. Nineteen attended the convention.

CANADA'S DEAD IN WAR NEARLY 13,000; TOTAL CASUALTIES ARE ABOUT 60,000
Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 16.—Canadian casualties to date show that 9,457 have been killed in action, 3,477 died of wounds, and 3,272 missing. There have been more than 60,000 casualties reported.