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LONDON IS CHEERY IN CRISIS

Paucity of News From the Front Doesn't Depress People of Imperial Capital

QUIET CONFIDENCE EVERYWHERE SHOWN

Situation Held to be Better Than Even the Highest Authorities Expected.

London, Sept. 30.—The closely drawn censorship has not permitted publication of any definite news beyond that contained in the official bulletins concerning what is happening in France. Nevertheless, there prevails throughout the military clubs and other good sources of information a spirit of quiet but cheerful confidence.

Confirmation from quarters which have always been reliable show that this confidence is not baseless, or unjustified. It is recognized that the great struggle cannot and will not be ended without appalling losses, but the present outlook, it is felt, is better than had been expected by the most sanguine of those in authority and a cheerful confidence that excellent news will soon be forthcoming from France is now the order of the day.

AUSTRIAN INDEPENDENCE IS CRUSHED

Army of Austria Will No Longer Face Russians Alone but as Part of the German Army

London, Sept. 30.—From the latest events in Galicia and along the Carpathians the conclusion drawn is that the Austrian army has abandoned Hungary to its fate and has left the route to Budapest to be defended by the Hungarian National troops, says a Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Telegraph.

The despatch continues: The Austrians continue to retreat before the pursuing Russians and appear to have given up, not only the defense of their country in general but also to have decided to abstain from further independent action.

They are simply hurrying on to Cracow to join the right wing of the Germans and apparently intend to become a mere component part of the German army.

NEW LORD MAYOR OF LONDON CITY

London, Sept. 30.—Sir Charles Johnson was today elected Lord Mayor of London for a term of one year, beginning Nov. 9th, 1914.

He succeeds Sir Thomas V. Bower.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and gales; cloudy and cool, with occasional rain.

GERMAN RIGHT BROKEN BY THE ALLIES?

GERMANS REPULSED

Fire of the Antwerp Forts Too Strong For the Invader

London, Sept. 29.—An official communication given out by the Belgian Government is contained in an Antwerp despatch.

It says that after bombarding Malines, 14 miles Southeast of Antwerp, the Germans, under cover of night re-entered the unoccupied town, but have now resumed their march there from.

The Germans have directed the fire of their heavy artillery on the forts of Wavre, St. Catherine and Waelpem, about ten miles from Antwerp, but with a result not justifying the great expenditure of ammunition.

Our forts replied and the bombardment ceased. Between the Dunre and Willebreck Canal, West of Waelpem, the offensive movement of the enemy was promptly checked. The forts inflicted serious losses on the enemy and completed his retirement.

ALLIES COMMAND TSING TAU FORTS

Have Occupied the High Ground Overlooking German Stronghold

London, Sept. 29.—The Japanese occupied all the high ground outside Tsing Tau, seat of the government of the German concession of Kiao Chau, overlooking the Germans' main line of defence, before noon on Monday, says a statement given out by the Official News Bureau tonight.

The communication continues. We began an attack on advanced positions 2½ miles from the enemy's main lines at dawn, in a spirit of fierce flame from sea and land, and drove the enemy from his position.

CAN'T FISH ON BRITISH COAST

Authorities Issue Order Debarring Neutral Tralwers

Grimsby, England, via London, Sept. 30.—Beginning next Thursday, according to orders issued yesterday by the British Naval authorities, no neutral trawlers will be allowed to fish on the East Coast of England, but may continue operations on West Coast.

This order will affect a large number of Dutch and Danish trawlers now using Grimsby as a fishing base.

COMMISSIONERS LEAVE FOR HOME

Belgian Delegates Finish Mission to America

New York, Sept. 29.—The Belgian Commission, appointed to place before President Wilson alleged instances of German atrocities in Belgium, will sail back home tomorrow, on the White Star liner Adriatic.

The Commission has visited several American and Canadian cities.

WALES TO RAISE ARMY OF 50,000

Gallant Little Principality is Doing Its Full Share

Cardiff, Sept. 29.—Lloyd George, in an address today, referred to the Government's decision to raise a Welsh Army of 50,000. He said that Glamorganshire had already recruited 24,000 and Monmouthshire 12,000. He pointed out that under conscription, Wales would be compelled to contribute a quarter of a million men, but that a voluntary army of 50,000 would be just as good as a forced army of five times that number.

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This is the Report Received Today From Paris—French Official Announcement Intimates That Part of the German Forces Has Been Surrounded—General Von Kluck Reported to Have Made a Conditional Offer of Surrender

London, Sept. 30.—A Paris despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says: "It is stated here today that the German right wing has been entirely broken and is now being pursued by the Allies. All the automobiles in Northern France been requisitioned for the purpose of pursuit. Armored motor cars with mitrailleuses are also being used to pursue the retreating enemy.

An official communication issued at three o'clock yesterday demonstrates unmistakably that the Germans have been surrounded in the Somme Department, the French front extending further East.

It is officially stated that Peronne has been recaptured. The above message has been preferred to the British Official Press Bureau which, while not objecting to its publication, takes no responsibility for its correctness.

Von Kluck Would Make Conditional Surrender Says a French Report

Paris, Sept. 29.—Late afternoon despatches declare that Von Kluck's army is in peril because the line of communication has been cut, also that the German right is retreating between the Aisne and the Somme. This is not official.

It is reported here that General Von Kluck has offered to surrender to General Joffre, if allowed to retire to German territory.

Allies Take Numerous Prisoners

Paris, Sept. 30.—A French official statement issued yesterday afternoon says: "On our left wing along the River Somme the Germans attempted numerous attacks which the allies repulsed, the first on our left wing on the North Somme.

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 Champagne and to the East of Argonne the enemy has restricted his activities.

There is heavy cannonading between Arminne and the Meuse, and there has been slight progress on the part of our troops who are confronted by strongly organized positions.

Third, on the heights of the Meuse in the Woevre district and on our right wing in Lorraine and the Vosges there has been no notable modification in the situation.

We again took numerous prisoners during yesterday; they belong principally to the 7th Active Corps and 7th Reserve Corps of the German army corps.

EXPECTS TO SPEND XMAS IN BERLIN

So Rennenkampf, Russian General Tells His Soldiers

Rome, Sept. 30.—"Cheer up, we'll spend Christmas in Berlin," is the encouragement which Genl. Rennenkampf offered to his men, according to a report received here from the Russian headquarters.

The General proffered this word of cheer for the purpose of helping his officers and soldiers to stand fast during the present discomforts and sufferings.

The Portia arrived at Piacentia at 11.30 last night, and left at 1 a.m. She is due early tomorrow morning.

Allies Lines Hold Firmly

London, Sept. 30.—The Official Press Bureau issued last night the following statement regarding the operations in Northern France: "There is practically no change in the situation on the allies left.

They have had some heavy fighting but they are well holding their own.

BRUSSELS FOLK WARN GERMANS

That They Will Take Active Measures if Burgomaster Is Harmed

London, Sept. 30.—Americans who arrived today from Brussels say that most of their countrymen are leaving that city, fearing an outbreak owing to the strong feeling among the population against the Germans.

As an evidence of this attitude among the Brussels people it is cited that after Burgomaster Max was arrested, numerous placards were posted warning the Germans that if the Burgomaster was injured the people of Brussels had petrol, vitriol and butcher knives and would use them.

VOTED AGAINST 'WOMEN'S RIGHTS'

Methodist Church not Ready For Progressive Move

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—Though a special committee of the general conference of the Methodist Church reported to Conference this afternoon in favor of giving to women an equal right with laymen in the Administration affairs of the church, it was voted down.

ALL ATTACKS OF GERMANS FAIL

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

Both Sides Have Struck Hard Blows

London, Sept. 30.—The fighting the past few days which took the form of heavy offensive operations has not changed to any extent the positions of the opposing armies in Northern France.

Some hard blows have been struck by both sides, but the armies remain practically where they were when the Germans stopped their retirement and commenced to entrench themselves.

A lengthy official communication issued today by the French General Staff makes this plain. The lines of the allies are roughly sketched in the statement and it is gathered that the French right still rests on Port A'Musson and from there turns southward to cross the Meuse near St. Michael, where the Germans have succeeded in pushing a contingent forward.

Thence the front proceeds northward to encircle Verdun from which fortress it runs directly westward to Rheims and thence northwestwards across the River Aisne, at Berry-au-Bac.

It follows the Aisne to Soissons and runs from the northwest crossing the River Oise at Ribecourt to Rosée and Comblès. The two latter places are north of Somme.

In the west the wings are in very close touch.

The Germans are holding Lasigny which lies between Ribecourt and Rosée which are in possession of the French and also direct line between Rosée and Albert. It is here that the Allies have been attempting a wide turning movement, to prevent which the Germans have apparently sent out strong opposing forces.

A French announcement says the Germans have continued their day and night attacks only to be repulsed, but it is evident that they are showing plenty of fight and are making a supreme effort to prevent the allies from working around their right.

GERMANS BEGIN ANTWERP SIEGE

Have Started to Bombard Forts of the Belgian Stronghold

Amsterdam, Sept. 30.—The Germans have commenced their attack on the first line of Defense of Antwerp according to despatches received by the Amsterdam papers.

Moll, an important railway junction near the Dutch border was occupied by the Germans on Sunday and today the Germans who had again occupied Malines began the bombardment of Lierre directly in front of Antwerp.

They also continued their bombardment of the forts Waelhel and St. Catherine.

THREATEN ANTWERP

Germans Preparing For Siege of Fortified Belgian Seaport Town

Rotterdam, Sept. 29.—Activity along the Belgian frontier indicates that the Germans are planning for the siege of Antwerp within a few days.

More than 20,000 men—German naval reserves—have been brought from the North Sea towns of Kiel and Hamburg 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 hand, a German victory would bring danger of an attempt on the part of Germany to use the mouth of the Scheldt as a base from which to attack the British naval forces in the North Sea.

'EMDEN' SINKS MORE SHIPS

Still Preying on British Commerce in Bay of Bengal

London, Sept. 29.—The Official News Bureau announced today that the German cruiser Emden has sunk four British steamships and a collier.

The Emden has been operating in the Gulf of Bengal.

London, Sept. 29.—The Official Press Bureau has issued the following statement by the Admiralty: The German cruiser Emden has captured and sunk in the Indian Ocean the British steamer Tamer, King Lud, Ribera and Foyle, and captured the collier Bursk. The crews were transferred to the Grypedale, which also was captured, but later released in order to take the crews to Colombo, where they arrived in the morning.

PREACHES LOYALTY

Botha Tells His People That They Must Actively Side With Britain

London, Sept. 29.—A despatch from Cautetown says that in the course of a speech addressed to five thousand people at the town of Bank in Transvaal General Botha, Premier of South Africa, emphasized the necessity of loyalty to the British Empire, declaring that the policy of neutrality was absolute nonsense.

He pointed out that if a German warship came to Durban and imposed a levy of five million pounds sterling on them, it would help people very little to say that they were neutral.

Botha said he was animated through a sincere love of his people and wished to put the position truly before them.

There were only two courses open: First, loyalty and help; and second, disloyalty and treason.

PLENTY OF HELP FOR BELGIANS

British Homes Wide Open To Refugees

London, Sept. 29.—England has come to the relief of stricken Belgium refugees with such spontaneous unanimity that the refugees are forced to decline the offer of shelter.

The authority for this statement is Lord Gladstone who is now a leader in the committee work.

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IS IT ALL CRY AND NO WOOL?

German Fleet Said to be Awfully Anxious to Try Conclusions With the British

WARSHIPS CROWD THE KIEL CANAL

Taking on Much Supplies and Immense Guns For the Meditated Engagement

Copenhagen, Sept. 29.—Travellers here from the Kiel Canal say that the Germans are busy placing ordnance, which the Krupp works have been experimenting with for the past two years, on armored cruisers and dreadnoughts.

The Canal is described as being crowded with warships. The arsenals are busy day and night. Long trains are arriving continuously with immense guns for the ships.

The whole fleet will soon be ready for the fight.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES CONTINUE

Austrian Troops Continue to Retreat With Noticeable Confusion—Przemysl Closely Invested

Petrograd, Sept. 29.—The following official communication from the Chief of the General Staff regarding the Russian operations, has given out here.

Russian troops are making fast offensive moves in the forests of Augustowo in the Russian Poland Province of Suwalki.

The Germans are using heavy siege artillery in the bombardment of the fortress of Ossowetzel. A German infantry attempt to close in on the fortress has been checked on the front.

At Salicia the enemy has been greatly reinforced and shows much activity. Sorties by the garrison of Przemysl have not been successful.

Many prisoners and a number of cannon and some stores of ammunition have fallen into our hands. The Austrian retreat in Galicia continues. Great confusion is noticeable in their ranks.

DAILY RIOTS IN CAPITALS

48 Out of 50 Leading Citizens of Herve Shot in Cold Blood

London, Sept. 26.—News Agency reports from Geneva declare rioting is taking place in the streets of both Vienna and Berlin.

It is declared shops in the poorer section of the city are being looted and that many women have been shot down in the attempts to control the mobs.

The despatch also denies the German loan has been over-subscribed, and asserts that appeals have been made of both Italian and Swiss bankers to subscribe to it.

At Pernambuco

The schr. Freedom, Capt. Herald, arrived at Pernambuco after a passage of 38 days. She has been ordered on to Macelo to discharge.