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GERMANS WEAKEN, AMMUNITION IS SCARCE, AND THE ALLIES GAIN

German Submarine Sunk and Destroyer Disarmed---British Defeated Turks on Persian Gulf

Russians Win Decisive Victory in Poland and Second German Thrust at Warsaw Has Been Checked

BRITISH GAIN VICTORIES ON PERSIAN GULF

Signal Defeat Inflicted on Turks, Who Flee in Disorder.

CHECK IN EAST AFRICA

British Forced to Retire After Assaults on Strong Position.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL)

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Nov. 23, 7.55 p.m.—The official press bureau tonight made public the following communication issued by the Marquis of Crewe, secretary for India, dealing with the British military operations at the head of the Persian Gulf and in East Africa.

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ALLEYS MAKING STEADY PROGRESS Foe Weakening

German Guns, Lacking Ammunition, Ineffective Against Opponents.

ZOUAVES' GREAT CHARGE

Trenches Taken Filled With Dead --- Gallant Struggle at Chauvonnourt.

(CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH)

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, Nov. 23, 10.50 p.m.—A semi-official statement, giving some of the particulars of the fighting at the front in Belgium and France, from Nov. 15 to 21, was issued here tonight. It says: "These last few days, except on certain points, have been characterized by a perceptible slackening of the German actions. On the other hand, our artillery and infantry have gained on the enemy noticeable advantages in the regular siege war necessitated by the configuration of the country and the positions of the two fronts.

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SCHOONER ON REEF SCORES FACE DEATH

Five Members of Life-Saving Crew Drowned in Attempting Rescue.

NEAR SAN FRANCISCO

Desperate Efforts to Save Passengers and Crew Are Continued.

(CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 23.—Five members of a crew of life-savers trying to reach the steam schooner Hanaele, wrecked on Duxbury Reef, nine miles north of San Francisco, were drowned tonight. Two of the Hanaele's crew were drowned last night while trying to make their way thru the surf with lines. Two passengers swam to safety.

"The lives of 55 other men and women, who were clinging to the sloping decks of the fast-breaking schooner, hung in the balance. A thick fog prevented relief ships from aiding the Hanaele and when darkness closed in and the rescue craft sought safety in deep water, it was realized that the only possible hope was to get a line out from shore.

"The crew of the Golden Gate Life-Saving Station started to the scene of the wreck with a line-throwing mortar. A motor truck met the life-savers at Sausalito on the north shore of San Francisco Bay and the long journey around the heads to a point opposite the stricken schooner. It was believed the life-savers would have reached the schooner about midnight.

BRITAIN PLANS TO DEAL WITH GERMAN RAID

Government Issues Instructions to Emergency Committees in Counties.

COUNSEL FOR CIVILIANS

War Office Feels It First Duty of Navy to Prevent Landing.

(CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH)

LONDON, Nov. 23, 10.45 p.m.—Plans for dealing with a possible German invasion were spoken of tonight in the House of Commons by Under-Secretary for War Tennant.

"W. C. Bridgeman, member from Shropshire, asked whether the wearing of brassards would insure that persons taking part in the defence of the country would not be regarded as civilians. He also asked if the government was aware that man's activities men over the recruiting age desire to fight in the event of an invasion and are prepared to furnish their own arms and equipment, if the war office will design a uniform for such a force.

"Mr. Tennant replied that the war office felt it was the first duty of the navy to prevent a raid.

"In event of its taking place," he said, "it is our duty to drive the German into the sea as fast as we can, and I hope we shall be enabled to do so."

Instructions to Committees. "In regard to the action of the civil population if an invasion takes place, he pointed out that emergency committees had been formed in the various counties where there was any danger of an invasion, and instructions were being issued to those committees. He thought it was not desirable to state at this time what these instructions were.

The Pall Mall Gazette, referring to the report of 'liveliness' at Emden, says it "accords very well with what passed in this country last week."

"Military movements took place," continues the paper, "which, of course, we shall not dwell upon in detail, but which gave rise to the most universal belief that the authorities had news of some attempt to be made against us. The attitude of the public mind was one of interest. It certainly was not one of alarm."

"Adelphi" Coming to the Princess. "The brightest and most sparkling of operettas, 'Adelphi' is coming to the Princess Theatre next week, under the same cast that presented the charming musical play at the Gaiety Theatre, London, and in New York for one year. John Park, the local musical comedy favorite, heads the cast of male principals.

FARMERS URGE OF REVENUE ACCOUNT

Deputation at Ottawa Also Seeks Reduction in Transportation Rates.

A COMMISSION INQUIRY

Report on Farming Conditions to Pave Way to Reforms.

(BY A STAFF REPORTER)

OTTAWA, Nov. 23.—As a result of the recent Winnipeg conference between representatives of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Canada Council of Agriculture (which includes the Ontario Grange, the Grain Growers' Association of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the United Farmers of Alberta), a deputation will be received at noon tomorrow by the government. This deputation will urge the immediate appointment of a commission to enquire into and report upon agricultural conditions in Canada, especially in the west, and to recommend legislation at the coming session urgently demanded by the farmers of western Canada.

"The Winnipeg conference, it will be remembered, was initiated by the C.M.A. with a view to concentrating larger crops and a larger area of cultivation in the western provinces, with the co-operation of the Dominion Government and the chartered banks. Representatives of the grain growers at the conference, however, insisted upon a redress of grievances, and a committee was finally appointed to formally present their complaints to the government.

"Went Bank of Reducement. "The deputation will be received by the prime minister and his colleagues at 12.15 p.m. at the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa. Mr. White, minister of finance, is in New York City at present, where he went to confer with Sir George Fisher before the latter's return to England.

"At the finance department this afternoon it was learned that Mr. White would probably not return in time to meet the deputation.

"The representatives for the grain growers include Messrs. R. C. Henderson, president of the Manitoba Grain Growers; Roderic MacKenzie, secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers, and J. A. Maharg, president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers. The C.M.A. will be represented by the president, vice-president, and secretary.

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FRENCH FORCES DEFEAT BERBERS

Complete Victory Gained After Fierce Fighting With Tribesmen in Morocco.

(CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH)

PARIS, Nov. 23, 1.50 a.m.—While the main armies of France have been striving to hurl back the German invaders from their home soil, the French colonial army has been waging a small war against the fierce Berber Mountain tribes in Morocco.

"Great numbers of these tribesmen, belonging to the Zaata confederation and under Chief Moha Ou Hamou, assembled at a vast camp in the Khenitra region, according to a long report to the French government by Gen. Lyautey, resident French governor of Morocco.

German Army in West Kept at Full Strength

Revolution Might Follow if Forces Were Withdrawn, Thereby Admitting Failure of Campaign—Efforts to Take Calais to Be Increased Under Kaiser's Command.

(CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH)

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A despatch from Copenhagen says that it has been learned in German military circles that, despite the serious situation on the eastern frontier, the Germans have not diminished their strength in the western theatre.

"The Germans will not give up their position in northern France and West Flanders, unless it becomes vitally necessary, for such action would cause the spirit of the German people to fall so low that revolution might follow.

"The Germans are expected to increase rather than diminish their efforts to get Calais in consequence of the Kaiser's special command. On account of the strategic and political importance of Calais, the Germans will disregard the cost in human life that its capture entails.

PATROL BOAT SANK Foe's Submarine

German Craft Ramm'd Off Scotland's Northern Coast—One Drowned.

DESTROYER DISARMED

Majority of Crew Saved After Collision With Danish Steamer.

(SPECIAL DIRECT COPYRIGHTED CABLE TO THE TORONTO WORLD)

LONDON, Nov. 23.—It is made known officially that the German submarine U18 has been rammed by a British patrol vessel off the northern coast of Scotland, foundering an hour later, with a loss of one man drowned. Three officers and twenty-three men of the crew were captured by the destroyer Garry.

"The ramming ship ramm'd the submarine at 12.20 o'clock this afternoon. The U18 was not seen again until 1.20, when she appeared on the surface flying a white flag. Shortly after this she foundered just as the British destroyer Garry came alongside.

"The names of the German officers captured are Capt. Liout. Von Benning, Engineer-Lieut. Sprenger and Lieut. Neuberger.

"The submarine boat U18 of the German navy was built in 1912. She had a cruising radius of 2000 miles and a speed of 14 knots above water and 8 knots submerged.

MAJORITY OF CREW SAVED

Canadian Press Despatch. COPENHAGEN, Nov. 23, via London, 12.55 a.m.—A German torpedo boat was destroyed in collision yesterday with the steamer Angoldane in the Baltic Sea, outside Falsterbo, Sweden.

"Two German torpedo boats went to the assistance of the destroyer as she was about to sink and a majority of the crew was taken aboard them.

"The names of the German officers captured are Capt. Liout. Von Benning, Engineer-Lieut. Sprenger and Lieut. Neuberger.

"The German torpedo boat destroyer S11 was built in 1913. She was 6133 horsepower and had a speed of 28 knots. She carried a crew of about 80 men.

CUBAN CRUISER TO GO TO VERA CRUZ

Consul Cabled That Conditions in Mexican City Are Alarming.

(CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH)

HAVANA, Nov. 24.—On receipt of a cablegram from the Cuban consul at Vera Cruz today, saying that conditions were most alarming, and requesting the despatch of a warship to protect Cuban citizens, President Moncal called a cabinet meeting at which it was determined to send the cruiser Patria to the Mexican city tomorrow morning. The flagship Cuba is expected to arrive here from Santiago tomorrow, and she also probably will be despatched to Vera Cruz.

GERMAN STAFF DRIVEN OUT INTO A BLIZZARD

Canadian Press Despatch. PARIS, Nov. 23.—According to an official statement, French artillery succeeded last night in getting the range of a chateau south of Digne, where the German general staff was installed. The French shells compelled 20 officers to run from the building in great haste, during a blizzard.

RUSSIANS WIN A LONG FIGHT ON THE WARTHE

Decisive Victory in Poland Has Checked German Thrust at Warsaw.

GUMBINNEN IS TAKEN

Cossacks Delivered an Assault and Captured Batteries Guarding the Town.

(SPECIAL DIRECT COPYRIGHTED CABLE TO THE TORONTO WORLD)

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The battle which is being fought in the region between the Vistula and Warthe Rivers in Poland appears to have turned in favor of the Russians. In fact, a special despatch from Petrograd to Paris says that the Russian army already has won a decisive victory. While this may be an exaggeration, both the Russian and the German official reports suggest that Gen. Von Hindenburg's second thrust at Warsaw has been checked.

"Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, for two days in succession has recorded partial successes in this great battle and tonight the German general staff says that the arrival of Russian reinforcements has postponed a decision. Both sides have expressed the greatest confidence in the outcome of the battle. Grand Duke Nicholas and Gen. Von Hindenburg heretofore have been so successful in their strategy that their adherents look upon them as almost unbeatable.

"Russians Steadily Gaining. "The German papers only this morning were talking of a general Russian retreat, but now they are saying that the Russians have been advancing steadily in Galicia, have repulsed the Austro-German attack before Cracow, hold part of the German territory in East Prussia and were opposing Gen. Von Hindenburg's advance on Warsaw. It is the same in Petrograd. All the correspondents there declare that it is certain that Russian numbers must be when the German army has reached the ground on which Grand Duke Nicholas has chosen to give the battle.

"A victory has been won at Reining, 25 miles west of Lodz, and 12,000 prisoners taken. It is also said a new Russian army has reached the battle line.

"This account says it is now only a question of how many German divisions are needed in escaping in this great battle between the Vistula and Warthe Rivers.

"Could Not Go On. "The German tactics in their latest effort to stem the Russian tidal-wave are described as admirable. Gen. von Hindenburg's success in forcing a narrow front between the Warthe and Vistula Rivers, with the intention of troops on the wings to prevent a flank attack, the Kaiser's men made a bold dash for Warsaw, almost a consistent success rewarded their efforts until a counter-concentration was effected by the Russians and the final wedge brought to halt.

"The principal fighting in Poland has taken place between Lodz and Siedlitz. It is said that details are extremely meagre, and also Berlin continues to make claims of substantial progress, the Russian report is given greater credence. Today being the first occasion within the immediate past on which a claim of Russian victory has been made. However, there is no effort to discount the brilliancy of the stroke engineered by Gen. Von Hindenburg. In the period from Nov. 9 until the present he threw back the invaders' columns for a total distance of 80 miles. On the date named, Russian troops were only 10 miles from the great fortress of Thorn, in Posen, whereas that province is now understood to be completely clear of the czar's men.

"Gumbinnen Is Taken. "In East Prussia the situation is entirely different. There the town of Gumbinnen, capital of the province of the same name, has fallen to the Russian army after a desperate battle lasting five days. The town is conveyed in despatches from a correspondent at the front by way of Petrograd. He says that the Cossacks delivered an assault which was not to be denied, taking German batteries which had barred entrance to the town. The defenders of the town were then driven out at the point of the bayonet and the Russians took possession. It had been previously abandoned by its inhabitants and was in a deplorable condition from shell fire.

"Gumbinnen is about midway between Stillsuopphen, a point near the Russian frontier, which was captured after a stiff resistance by the Germans, and Insterburg, the latter an important railroad junction. Insterburg is believed to be the next objective of the Russian army.

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