

Sharp and Decisive Success Won by Italians; Enemy Yields Fort Vaux; Civil War in Greece

WILL NOT ALLOW THE GERMANS TO GET THEIR WIND

Allied Offensive Will Continue During the Winter Season

SOME COMMENT ON GERMANY'S BOAST

Major-General Maurice Says There is No Doubt Enemy's Ammunition is Running Short—Number of Battalions in Division Reduced by Force of Circumstances—Not More Than Ten New Divisions Available

London, Nov. 2.—During the course of an interview with the Associated Press correspondent today, Major-General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, was asked what he thought of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's statement that the Entente Allies could not break through the western front in thirty years.

relieve the pressure on Verdun and kill as many Germans as possible. I will not undertake to say whether it will take thirty years to get the Germans out of France, but the Allied strength is constantly growing, and the German strength is constantly declining. The effect of the Allied offensive is accumulative. When the weather permits its resumption, the result will be greater than ever. Torrential rains in the past week have prevented actions of any great consequence.

"It is no doubt true that the Germans, in recent fights, have been short of ammunition. During the winter, with its short days, limiting the use of artillery, they will be able to replenish their stores but, despite the bad weather, we have no intention of letting up on them. Our offensive will continue throughout the winter when conditions are at all favorable.

"From documents recently found on prisoners there is no question that there is a great deterioration in the enemy's morale and material, although they have been able to maintain the number of their divisions. This has been accomplished by withdrawing regiments from other divisions to form new ones. You see in defense warfare, eight or nine battalions can form an effective division, whereas eleven or twelve are required for offensive work. On the defensive a small number of battalions can hold a great amount of line. This is possible through the use of the machine guns, whereas on the offensive the men must be individually armed with rifles.

CUMMING'S COVE ITEMS

Cummings Cove, Oct. 26—Pollock fishing is about at an end, after a very successful season, with prices the highest known.

Rev. J. E. Gosline, of Grand Manan, has been giving addresses in the different churches on the island in the interest of the Canadian Bible Society.

Rev. Mr. Wasson spent last Sunday at Grand Manan.

Mrs. Will Whalen was called to Eastport on Monday last owing to the sudden death of her brother-in-law, J. Fred. Bourget.

W. Hathaway Fountain who is employed at Chamoock, spent the week end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haney spent Sunday with relatives at Lord's Cove.

Mrs. Elmore Fountain entertained a number of her lady friends to a quilting party on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Murray and family leave recently returned from a pleasant motor trip to Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Thos. Herson, of Lambert's Cove recently passed through the village on week taking orders for her toilet articles.

The ladies of the Chocolate and Cummings Cove Institute recently sent two boxes of Christmas stockings to St. Stephen to the comfort rooms to be forwarded overseas to our soldiers.

Miss Vera Ferris, nurse-in-training, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferris at Fair Haven for two weeks has returned to her duties at Worcester (Mass).

Mrs. Winifred McDonald and little daughter Beatrice, have returned from a pleasant visit with relatives at St. John.

Mrs. Fremont McNeill receives letters often from her son, Private Gordon McNeill, who was wounded last March, and he is now able to drill for a short time each day—preparatory to going back to active service again.

Freeman B. Ritchie, one of the oldest and best known residents of Albert, is critically ill at his home there.

BLOODSHED IN GREECE

Venizelos, Insurgents, Armed with Machine Guns, Drive Royalist Troops From Katerina—King Orders Resistance, "At All Costs."

Athens, via London, Nov. 2.—King Constantine issued orders this morning to the Royalist troops to prevent the advance of the revolutionist forces at all costs.

One hundred and fifty loyal troops had previously evacuated Katerina before six hundred insurgents armed with machine guns, withdrawing to Larissa to join reinforcements. The evacuation of Katerina is confirmed by the general staff.

"COMPROMISING" LETTERS FROM KING TAKEN

London, Nov. 3.—Special despatches from Athens printed in this morning's papers give sensational details of the alleged arrest at Larissa, of a German officer who was proceeding in a motor car with the German legation mail pouch, bound for the Bulgarian line.

It is said the pouch contained important messages to the military attaches at Sofia and Constantinople, and also detailed plans of the Suez Canal defences.

In addition, the despatches say, it contained "compromising" letters from the Greek king and queen to the German emperor.

ALLIES STAND BY ROYALISTS?

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Athens says: "An extraordinary situation has been created by the action of the officers of the Larissa railway, which is controlled by the Entente Allies, in allowing Royalist military officers to send reinforcements to oppose the advance of the Venizelists."

"That the Entente should permit the lending of assistance in military measures against their own allies, namely the Venizelist troops, is considered incoherent and naturally surprises the Venizelists."

The Venizelist army now numbers 20,000.

ITALIANS STRIKE SUDDENLY AGAIN

Austrian Defences on Gorizia-Carso Front Ripped Up and 5,000 Prisoners Taken at First Dash—"Shrewd and Successful Blow" Weakens Austrian Hold on Approaches to Trieste—Rock-Ribbed Trenches Untenable Under Intense Artillery Fire.

(Special London Times Cable to The Telegraph.)

London, Nov. 2.—Commenting on the Italian victory the Times says editorially:

"Once more General Cadorna has struck a shrewd and successful blow on the Gorizia-Carso front. Since the great attack early in August which led to the taking of Gorizia, a sweeping advance has been made on Carso. Cadorna's troops have never gone back."

"The same master hand that secretly transferred the large army of ninety-three batteries of artillery to the Trentino-Isonzo front in one week has evidently controlled subsequent operations. The Austrian positions on the Carso consist partly of deep trenches, blasted in solid rock and strengthened by steel plates cemented into the rock protected by many lines of barbed wire fixed with iron stanchions."

"Many crater like depressions that form a special feature of the Carso region prove a disadvantage to such positions. Thus when one position is carried, the whole line of that section of the battlefield is apt to become untenable while the bombardment probably inflicts on the defenders heavier casualties than they would have suffered in earth works where the effects of shell fire are not multiplied by a hundred fold by fragments of rock."

Fine weather has returned on the Italian front, where the battle has been resumed with very violent artillery actions, says the latest wireless despatch from Rome.

NEARLY 5,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

Rome, Nov. 2, via London, 5.25 p. m.—A new offensive was opened yesterday against the Austrians by the Italian forces the war office announced today. Advances have been scored at some points, and so far 4,731 prisoners have been taken.

The Italian offensive was directed against the heights east of Gorizia and a strong new line on the Carso east of Vallone."

GERMANS ARE FORCED OUT OF FORT VAUX BY FRENCH FIRE

Remaining Post of Verdun Defence Abandoned By Enemy as Untenable, Yielding Bloody Gains of Last March—Important Points of Support on Somme Carried by French

London, Nov. 2.—Although the Berlin war office has officially announced that the Germans have evacuated Fort Vaux, thus placing this important strategic position once more in the hands of the French, the Paris war office, as yet, made no mention of this fact.

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LIBERALS LEADING IN EVERY PROVINCE IN CUBA REPUBLIC

Havana, Nov. 2.—At 11 o'clock this morning the official figures of the voting yesterday for president of Cuba gave Alfredo Zayas a majority of 900 for all provinces in the republic, with 889 colleges missing.

Senor Zayas, who is the nominee of the Liberal party, and opposing President Menocal, the Conservative candidate, told the Associated Press that his popular majority would reach 80,000. The Liberals are leading in all the provinces.

BRITISH RETAKE A DUTCH VESSEL HELD BY GERMANS

Take Prize Crew Off and Hand Steamer Over to Dutch Tugboat Off Hook of Holland

DISPERSE FLEET OF HUN DESTROYERS

British Give Chile Five Submarines to Compensate for Delay in Filling Dreadnought Order—The U-53 Out 42-2 Days and Had Very Stormy Passage.

Amsterdam, Nov. 3, via London.—A German submarine placed a prize crew aboard the Dutch steamer Oldambt, which left the Hook of Holland yesterday. At 6 o'clock this morning a British destroyer appeared and recaptured the Oldambt, according to the Het Volk.

The prize crew flew two bombs, with the hope of destroying their prize but the Oldambt remained afloat.

According to the Handelsblad the Oldambt was the Hook of Holland but escaped the prize crew.

London, Nov. 3.—An admiralty official statement issued tonight tells of the recapture from the Germans of the Dutch steamer Oldambt. It says:

"The Dutch steamer Oldambt was captured by the enemy Wednesday night near Noord Hinder Lightship. A prize crew was put aboard and the ship was being taken to Zeeland, where about daylight some of our light scouting craft overtook her."

"The prize crew attempted to blow up the ship and they, with the crew, were taken to the crew's quarters, consisting of one officer and nine men, were overtaken and made prisoners and the ship was taken in tow by one of our vessels."

"Five German destroyers which arrived on the scene, presumably to escort the prize into port, were engaged and put to flight. The Oldambt was then towed for five hours, until within six miles of the Hook of Holland, where she was taken in charge by a Dutch tug."

U-53 Had Stormy Passage.

Berlin, via wireless to Associated Press, via Sayville, Nov. 2.—Capt. Hans Rose, of the German submarine U-53, then was in German waters, after their visit to Newport and operations off the American coast, was announced yesterday, reports that he had an exciting stormy return passage. The sea was so high that the crew of the submarine were at no time able to get exercise on the deck or to take the air, except in little groups on the conning tower. Even this was impossible during the time he was in the water. The party was then divided into knots of five and each went on the submarine and looked it over. Later, those favored with this chance for inspection stated that what they saw was mostly machinery.

Captain T. A. Scott, of the Scott Wrecking Company, sent a diver down alongside of the Deutschland, and he reported that there were fourteen small holes in the anchor bulkhead. These were probably made when the anchor dented the shell of the craft. The holes had caused some leakage on the trip over.

Give Five Subs to Chile.

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 2.—The British government has announced that it will turn over to Chile five American built submarines as compensation on account of the delay in the delivery of dreadnoughts.

The battleships Almirante Latorre and Almirante Cochrane, which were laid down prior to 1914 in British yards for Chile, were taken over by the British government because of the war.

German Predicament the Same As in the Fatal Drive on Paris

TWO WINNERS OF THE V.C.



The Rev. William Robert Fontaine Addison, temp. chaplain to the forces, who has been awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery. He carried a wounded man to the cover of a trench and assisted several others to the same cover, thus blurring up their wounds under heavy rifle and machine gun fire.



Lieut. T. O. L. Wilkinson, who has been awarded the Victoria Cross before being shot through the heart, he showed great bravery in driving back enemy attacks as well as in attempting to rescue wounded. His home was in British Columbia.

RUSSIANS LOSE SOME ADVANCED POSITIONS

Seeking to Create Diversion in View of Failure on Rumanian Front, Teutons Launch Desperate Attack on Six-Mile Front South of Brzezany—Winter Soon to Put Stop to Operations Here.

Petrograd, Nov. 2, via London.—Interest in the Rumanian situation continues to overshadow minor episodes on the Russian western front, particularly since, according to military opinion here, the approach of winter already has precluded the possibility of further operations on a large scale in this theatre.

There has been, however, a noticeably growing tendency on the part of the Germans to commence a more or less serious offensive at various points in Galicia, the most important of which is the one undertaken south of Brzezany, where the Russian positions along the Narayuvka river have offered excellent advantages for a flanking attack upon Halicz from the north, at the same time constituting a direct menace to Lemberg.

The Germans aimed thrusts all along the line from Brzezany to Halicz, but, concentrating most heavily in the region of Michalsh Wood, began a determined attack on the night of October 29 which carried the Russian positions.

Russian critics, although manifestly surprised at the German ability to launch an offensive of large forces at this point, do not consider the hostile advance over a six mile front of more than local importance, and state that its only significance is in relation to the Transylvanian operations, being an obvious attempt to create a diversion and prevent further Russian co-operation on the Transylvanian front, where General Von Falkenhayn, after being temporarily checked, is making a new effort to advance.

Some German Gains.

Petrograd, Nov. 2, via London.—German troops captured advanced Russian trenches on the western bank of the Stokhod River, south of Witoniez, in Volhynia, after the Russians had repelled three previous attacks, says today's announcement of the war office. The text follows:

"Western front: In the Stokhod river region, near Witoniez and the village of Mikhailovka and Alexandrovsk, battles are proceeding. The first enemy attacks on Witoniez and the heights south of it were repulsed, but in the afternoon the enemy, after a fierce artillery bombardment, launched a fourth attack and captured our advanced trenches on the western bank of the Stokhod, south of Witoniez.

"On Sunday Col. Pozniak, of the Sapping Battalion, was mortally wounded and died almost immediately.

"In the wooded Carpathian region, west of Capul mountain, the enemy attacked the position of one of our regiments and had almost succeeded in pressing it back when our reserves arrived and repelled the attack.

"Caucasus front: West of Saklis, in the valley of Tatarvachala river, our detachments attacked the Turks occupying a fortified position on the heights commanding the River Valley. The Turks hurriedly retreated from the position, leaving twenty-seven dead on the ground.

"In the direction of Bijar fighting continued during the whole of the day against superior enemy forces. In the evening our detachments retired to the villages of Vlanedi and Shrinablag.

"Rumanian front: In Transylvania, at the source of the Szelista river at Bratocea, 20 miles from Kronstadt, a small Rumanian force, having taken the enemy by surprise, drove him back, inflicting severe losses, taking a number of prisoners, one machine gun and a searchlight.

"In the Alt Valley the fighting is still proceeding. In the Juiul Valley pursuit of the enemy continues.

"Dobruja front: Along the whole front our scouting detachments continue their activity."

Roumanians Have Austro-German Forces at Standstill, Facing Disaster

"INSTANT SUCCESS OR UTTER FAILURE"

Serbiens Gaining Steadily on Macedonian Front in Vicinity of Monastir—Lurid Enemy Report Says Rumanians Using Wolf Traps in Battle of Extraordinary Rage

Athens, Tuesday, Oct. 31, via London, Nov. 2.—"The Austro-German offensive in Transylvania appears definitely to have arrived at a standstill," declared N. N. Filodor, the Rumanian minister to Greece, today to the Associated Press correspondent.

"Operations of this smashing nature, like the attack on Paris, must be instantly successful if they are not destined to fail utterly," continued M. Filodor.

"Every day that we are able to postpone disaster we grow stronger and our opponents grow weaker. Any concerted attack presupposes a certain amount of unpreparedness to meet it on the part of those attacked, but if it is not immediately successful, the preparedness of those attacked constantly increases, as was the case at Verdun."

"Rumanian and its ally the Austro-German offensive already is doomed. More over the fact that General Von Falkenhayn seems to have been replaced by Archduke Charles Francis on this front can be taken as showing that even the German general staff realizes the failure of the attempt."

German Version.

Berlin, Nov. 2, via Sayville.—Combs in the Carpathian Pass are being carried on with extraordinary rage. The Rumanians, at the eleventh hour, are trying to bar the gates of Wallachia by the engagement of rapidly concentrated reserves, says the Overseas News Agency.

Mighty trenches north of Predeal, as well as positions at Asuga, which consist of permanent works completed several months ago, including trench systems, wolf traps and barbed wire defenses, were partly crushed by the cannon of the advancing Germans and Austro-Hungarian army groups, or were partly outflanked.

"South of Asuga, in the Toernoser Pass, as well as south of Toernoser Pass, the attacking troops slowly but irresistibly march ahead against Campulung, says the agency, which adds:

"These mountain battles are being fought through terrain filled with snow and made impracticable by rains, between ravines and on snow covered summits. They require including the energy on the part of commanders and troops, and belong to the most difficult, but at the same time, most glorious exploits of this campaign."

Where Rumanians Win.

Bucharest, Nov. 2, via London.—Rumanian forces continue to pursue the retreating Austro-German troops to the west of the Juiul Valley, in Transylvania, according to the Rumanian official report issued today. Teuton attacks, the statement adds, were repulsed after continued fighting in the Baccodonia front.

"In the region of Dragoslavele, East of the River Alt a battle still is in progress. The text of the statement follows:

"On the western Moldavian frontier to Predeal the situation is unchanged. In the Prabhova valley the fighting continued throughout the greater part of the day. We repulsed the enemy as the result of counter attacks.

"In the region of Dragoslavele we repulsed an enemy attack. East of the Alt fighting still is proceeding.

"West of the Juiul pursuit of the enemy continues. We captured many limbers and a great quantity of war material.

"On the southern front the situation is unchanged."

Artillery Active.

London, Nov. 2, 2.30 p. m.—"On the Doiran front the artillery on both sides has been active," says today's official report from the Macedonian front.

"Janes Station was bombed yesterday by hostile aircraft. No damage was done.

"On the Struma front our new position at Barakli-Juma is being consolidated.

"On Tuesday our artillery, in co-operation with the navy, bombed the hostile position at Neohori."

Serbiens Progress.

Salonik, Nov. 2, via London, 8.10 p. m.—"The following announcement was made today by Serbian army headquarters:

"We repulsed an enemy attack in the region of Budimirci village on Tuesday.

"On the right bank of the Cerna the artillery was active.

"We advanced a little and took some enemy trenches.

"For some days the village of Gardilovo (12 miles southeast of Monastir) has been in the hands of the French."