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RUSSIANS SLOWLY BUT SURELY ADVANCING UPON BERLIN

British Troops Will Resist Main Attack of Advancing Germans ALLIED ARMIES MAINTAINING THEIR POSITION IN BELGIUM

RUSSIANS MAY REACH BERLIN IN THREE WEEKS

Possibility of an Attack on German Capital in a Short Time Admitted at St. Petersburg—Four Armies of 2,000,000 Men Each Under Arms, and Each Will Be Fresh for Every New Battle—German Forts to Be Isolated and Bottled Up—Successful Advance Continues.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 27.—(Delayed in transmission).—The 20th German Army Corps, which defended the frontier in this region, has retired precipitately past Allenstein, its headquarters in peace time, as far as Osterode, which is on a direct railway from Osterode to Danzig, seventy-two miles, a mere trifle if the retreating armies could travel by rail, but four heavy marches thru some of the marshiest, vilest marching country in Europe, the very same country as Russian troops have now emerged from.

THREW EVERYTHING AWAY. We have no exact information how many army corps Germany left to oppose the advance of Russia, perhaps seven, possibly only five. Whatever their number, three are retreating under cover of the fortress at Königsberg and is in full flight on Osterode. All four flung away in the retreat, their arms, ammunition and even food. The Russian armies, by forced marches, have driven a wedge between the German forces. So demoralizing was the effect of the Russian commanders' strategy that the German forces abandoned their entrenched positions on the River Angerapp without fight. Their line of flight is sown with cartridges, hand grenades and knapsacks flung away by the men in their retreat.

CAVALRY CLEARING THE COUNTRY. The Russian forces operating in the Austrian Province of Galicia have advanced on a widely flung front and the cavalry is engaged in clearing the country before the approach of the army. The Austrian troops have failed seriously to oppose this sweeping Russian advance, which has been achieving a series of successes at small cost in casualties.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE GUNS. LONDON, Aug. 27.—Following the victory of the Russians the German troops in eastern Prussia evacuated the region of Masuron. The Russian advance has not suffered any reverse in that section. Difficulties present throughout by the River Tervoin, the western outlets of which the Germans occupied yesterday. The report that the Russians had captured 100 cannon from the enemy has been confirmed. The Russian offensive movement in Galicia is now following its normal course until checked, in the region south and southwest of Tarnopol. The southern army or left wing of the invading Russian army is now forcing its way thru the Austrian Province of Galicia and has already occupied a wide tract of territory. The objective point, for the present at least, is the important town of Lemberg.

SUCCESSFUL ADVANCE CONTINUES. NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The military attaché of the Russian embassy today issued from the Russian consulate here the following statement on the operations of the Russian army: "The Russian advance in eastern Prussia continues successfully. Aug. 26 the Russian army occupied Tilsit, Nordenburg, Bischofsburg, and the station of Rothflüss on the main railway line from Russia to the fortress of Thorn. "In Galicia the Austrian rear guards have been driven behind the river Zbota Lipa, affluent of the Danube."

GERMANS REPULSED ON THE MEUSE ALLIES HAVE CHANGED POSITIONS LONGWY TAKEN AFTER LONG SIEGE

Czar Announces Intention of Attacking Berlin

LONDON, AUG. 27.—St. Petersburg despatches state that the czar has announced his intention of attacking Berlin within three weeks. It is reported that the army mobilization has been satisfactorily completed and that now there are 8,000,000 men under arms.

The French embassy has asserted that the City of Lille has not been taken, but that there has been sharp fighting in that territory, in the nature of advance guard skirmishing.

This tends to modify the earlier reports from Ostend that the Germans had occupied Lille, Roubaix and Valenciennes.

BRITAIN'S CLOSE CENSORSHIP TO BE PARTIALLY RAISED PLEDGE GIVEN BY ASQUITH

Premier Makes Statement in Reply to Protests By Newspapers Against Veil of Secrecy—Defends Measures Taken, But Promises Relaxation in Near Future.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The protests by the British papers against the censorship and against the country being kept in darkness over the military operations received attention at Premier Asquith's hands tonight. Replying to a suggestion of James Hogge, M.P. for Edinburgh, in the house of commons that a trained journalist could be put in charge of the censorship, the premier said: "The government and military authorities recognize to the full the strain which is placed on the public, but more especially on the relatives of those on active service, by the scarcity of the information from the front, and they will do all in their power to relieve the strain. The principle upon which information is given to the public is that all information which can be given without prejudice to the public interests shall be given fully and at once. This has been and will be done."

Will Help Censorship. The premier explained that the official press bureau has access for consultative purposes to Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, and Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, and, in case of doubt, to the premier. A conversation between the heads of the department and a press committee has resulted in the decision that it was not desirable to add journalists to the staff of the bureau, but that they should be associated with the staff of the cable censors.

"Stene are being taken," said the premier, "to carry this out and to coordinate and harmonize as far as possible the principles upon which the censorship of cables and other press information respectively is carried out. The difficulty in defining general standards is not believed insuperable, though it is evidently great, having regard to the size of the staff required to deal with the enormous number of press and public and to harmonize with these naval and military considerations."

KAISER MUST SOON WITHDRAW TROOPS

Menace of Russia Makes Germany's Position Desperate—Transfer of Force to Meet Russians Will Give Allies Chance to Make Strong Forward Movement.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—(8.05 p.m.)—Gen. De La Croix, the eminent military critic of *Le Temps*, writes as follows on the situation: "In judging of the actual situation one must, before all, not separate the events which are unfolding upon the Franco-Belgian frontiers and the conflict which is going on between Germany and Russia. The Russians are advancing in eastern Prussia and Galicia, and they are far from having all their forces in the movement, because of the immensity of their country. "Germany, which is moving the majority of her forces against us and at-

Survivors of Trawler Are Landed in England

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Thirteen survivors of a Danish trawler, which was sunk by coming in contact with a floating mine in the North Sea, have been landed at Shields. Four of the crew of the trawler lost their lives. The fisherman was on her way to Iceland, when at 11 o'clock Wednesday night those on board felt a terrific explosion. Flames shot up around the

bow of the vessel and she began to sink rapidly. A small boat was launched, but the vessel foundered before four men in the forecastle could be reached. Later, the Exchange Telegraph Co. announced that a second trawler, a Norwegian named Gottfred, also struck a floating mine and was sunk. Eight of her crew were drowned and four saved.

BERLIN DESPATCHES ARE FABRICATIONS

Cnoan Doyle to Make Reply on Behalf of British War Office.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Characterizing the German official statements which are being circulated broadcast and are declared to be sent from Germany "by wire," as "mendacious and absolutely at variance with the true facts," the war office today announced that it will reply to them. At the same time it was announced that A. Conan Doyle, noted author has agreed to the bureau's request to reply to the German utterances.



British Troops Are Upholding All the Traditions of the Service and Now Occupy the Centre of Allies' Lines, While French Bre on the Flanks—Three French Towns Taken By Germans—Ostend Expects an Attack Today—France is Assured of Victory Because Resolved to Gain It—Four More Classes of Reserves Called Out in Italy—Official French Bulletin Says 7,000 German Bodies Have Been Found—Insurrections in Austria.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—(12.40 a.m.)—The British press bureau at 12.30 o'clock this morning gave out the following statement: "The French operations of war over a distance of some 250 miles have necessitated certain changes in the position of our troops, who are now occupying a strong line to meet the German advance, supported by the French army on both flanks. "The morale of both armies appears to be excellent, and there is little doubt that they will give good accounts of themselves in the positions they now hold."

ALLIES RESUME THE OFFENSIVE. PARIS, Aug. 27.—(11 p.m.)—The following official bulletin was issued by the war office tonight: "In the Vosges district our troops today resumed the offensive and drove back the Germans, who yesterday had forced them to retire on the Saint Die side. "The Germans yesterday bombarded Saint Die, which is an un-fortified town. "In the region between the Vosges and Nancy, our offensive movement has continued uninterruptedly for five days. The German losses have been considerable; 2500 bodies were found on a front of three kilometres southeast of Nancy, and 4500 bodies on a front of four kilometres in the region of Vitrimont. LONGWY FORTRESS SURRENDERS. "Longwy, a very old fortress, the garrison of which consisted of only one battalion, which had been bombarded Aug. 3, capitulated today after holding out for over 24 days. More than half the garrison was killed or wounded. Lieut.-Col. Darche, governor of Longwy, has been nominated an officer of the Legion of Honor for 'heroic conduct in the defence of Longwy.' "On the Meuse our troops have repulsed with great vigor several German attacks. A German flag was taken. "The Belgian field army attached to Namur and a French regiment which supported it have joined our lines. "In the north the British have attacked forces greatly superior in number, and were obliged, after brilliant resistance, to withdraw a little in the rear on their right. "Our armies maintained their positions in Belgium. The army of Antwerp, by its offensive, has drawn off and held before it several German divisions."

BELGIANS BETRAYED BY SPY. Betrayed by a German spy disguised in a Belgian uniform, 348 Belgians were killed at Merbes-le-Chateau, when tricked by the spy into taking a path of danger. The refugee who brought the story to this place declared that the Belgians kept several thousands of Germans at bay for three days until the spy showed them a path which he said was a safe retreat. The Germans, said the refugee, then shot them down.

SECRECY ON OPERATIONS WILL SOON END. LONDON, Aug. 27.—Premier Asquith, in the house of commons today, made the positive promise that the secrecy on operations in France and Belgium would be ended, asserting that the government was fully alive to the necessity of removing public strain. He declared reasons of strategy no longer required silence. "The government," said the premier, "is desirous of giving the country all the information possible that is consistent with public interest. It has been necessary to withhold many facts up to the present, but this can be changed soon. "The British troops on the continent are upholding all the traditions of the service. They were in action again yesterday, fought a superior force of Germans, and acquitted themselves splendidly. The prospects for the satisfactory ending of the conflict are excellent."

KAISER WILHELM DER GROSSE SUNK. The cheering announcement was immediately followed by a statement of First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill, that the great passenger liner, Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse of the North German Lloyd Line, taken over by agreement by Germany at the beginning of the war, had been sent to the bottom off the West African coast by the light cruiser High Flyer. This first real naval success, following on admissions of ground lost in the Belgian-French campaign, was received with great cheering in the house. Navy Minister Churchill stated that the members of the Der