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GERMANS ROUTED IN FOUR DAYS' BATTLE

Kaiser Has Signally Failed to Penetrate French Centre, is in Retreat Before French Advance; His Lines of Communication in Danger and Retreat Into Belgium Liable to Be Cut Off.

(OFFICIAL)

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LONDON, Sept. 9.—It was officially announced here today that the French and British troops have routed the Germans in a great battle on the River Ourcq. Relating details of the fierceness of the struggle in which more than 2,000,000 men were engaged on both sides, the despatches say that two German regimental standards were captured by the French after a desperate hand-to-hand encounter.

It is stated that the kaiser has signally failed after four days' fighting to penetrate the French centre, and that he is in retreat today before the French advance. Military observers declare that his own lines of communication are in grave danger, the enemy threatening to cut off his retreat into Belgium.

According to late advices received here, seventy thousand British East Indian troops with 130 guns, have been landed in France and are fighting with the Anglo-French forces. News of the success of the allies has thrown this city into a fever of excitement. Londoners are highly elated over the change in the situation, and crodws stand near the bulletin boards and give expression to their jubilation.

Despatches from Paris relate that British officers and soldiers arriving from the front today declare that the four day battle which still continues to the east of the capital is being carried on furiously. They assert that the French captured a considerable number of field and machine guns, while the Germans often surrendered in groups. Field Marshal Sir John French, the commander-in-chief of the British expeditionary force now fighting with the French army, looked perfectly satisfied with with the situation, according to the British soldiers. They say he went about the lines smoking a cigaret as tho he was on the parade grounds.

ATTACK ON NANCY ABANDONED

To the east of France, the attack on the great circle of forts at Nancy, begun under the personal command of the kaiser, has been abandoned for the time being at least.

A cable from Basle, Switzerland, via Rome, says the Germans have evacuated upper Alsace. The war office says the efforts of the Germans to force the French centre has failed and that the advance of the allies was now general all along the line. It is also said the French artillery proved wonderfully effective.

The official announcement was as follows:

"FIRST—On the left (French) wing, altho the Germans have been reinforced, the situation remains satisfactory. The enemy is retreating before the British army.

"SECOND—At the centre our advance is slow but general. On the right (French) wing there has been no action of the enemy against the great circle of Nancy. In the Vosges and in Alsace the situation remains unchanged. On the banks of the River Ourcq two German flags have been captured in the course of a great battle. One was taken from the enemy by force by a reservist named Gullmard, who has received the military medal from General Gallieni, commander of the French forces at Paris. This flag is of the Thirty-Sixth Regiment of German infantry, which was decorated in 1870 with the order of the Iron Cross."

MAUBEUGE DEFENCE CONTINUES.

A correspondent in Berlin, in a wireless message from that place, reports that it was announced at the German army headquarters that the French fortress of Maubeuge has been captured by the Germans. However, the French War Office officially reports that the defence of Maubeuge continues heroically, and that it has not been taken.

Maubeuge is a fortress of the first-class, and is situated in the Department du Nord, about six miles from the Belgian frontier. The German onslaughts have been going on there for a week. Under date of Sept. 5, despatches from France said part of the British army was at Maubeuge assisting the French garrison. On Sept. 6 the German general staff announced in Berlin that two of the Maubeuge forts had fallen, and that the fire of the German artillery was being directed against the town, which was in flames. Today's Berlin despatches say 40,000 officers and men, together with 400 guns, were captured there.

AUSTRIANS COMPLETELY CRUSHED.

Further news from Petrograd (St. Petersburg) declares that the Austrian armies under General Von Auffenberg and General Dankl have been completely crushed by the Russians under General Ruzsky. It is said that not only have the Austrians been entirely routed, but that among the prisoners are many Germans, indicating that the German reinforcements sent to aid the Austrians actually participated in the battle. The remnants of the Austrian forces are declared to be retreating, hotly pursued by the Russians.

The main Russian attack was delivered from Rawa-Ruska, 35 miles northwest of Lemberg, where General Ruzsky's army attacked the Austrians on their right flank, while the Russian forces that had been sent from Warsaw attacked from the rear. The fight began last Saturday and ended today.

RUSSIAN POLAND CLEAR OF ENEMY.

In its announcement of the victory, the Russian War Office says: "Russian Poland is now clear of the enemy."

The announcement adds that the Austrians fled in such panic that they abandoned much of their artillery, their ammunition wagons and lots of supplies. Three regimental standards were also captured. The Austrians are declared to have been trapped and assailed from their rear and their flank. They could not make a successful stand, the war office says. It is admitted that the Russian losses have been heavy, but they are said to be far less than those of the Austrians. The dead run into the thousands, and the Russian general detailed a large force to bury the dead.

RUSSIANS RESUME OFFENSIVE.

The Russians announced that the czar's troops have resumed the offensive in East Prussia.

The first German mine layer to be caught engaged in strewing

GERMAN ATTACKS ARE HURLED BACK BY LEFT AND CENTRE OF THE ALLIES AND BRITISH FORCE PURSUES ENEMY

Allies Have Won Signal Victory, But Battle Has Not Been Wholly Decided—Germans, Defeated Over a Front of Nearly 60 Miles, Hurl Fresh Troops Into Fray—British Drove Invaders Over Grand Morin and Petit Morin Rivers—Gen. Pau Advancing in Centre.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Sept. 9, 10.40 p.m.—The allied armies continue to have the advantage, according to French official reports, in what can only be the preliminaries of a great battle extending from Meaux, northeast of Paris, to the fortress of Verdun, about 200 miles further east.

The Germans, who have brought up reinforcements, are striking at the allies' left and centre, between Montmirail and Vitry-le-Francois, a front of from 50 to 60 miles, but each time they have been driven back.

This is not surprising to military men, as the Germans have been compelled to advance thru the swamps of the Petit Morin, and then over bare uplands to the extremely strong French position on the right. It is their only chance however, and it is expected that they will strike and strike again. They are bringing their reinforcements down from Chalons on the roads leading to Fere-Champenoise, Sommesous and Sompuis, in the face of the French artillery posted on the heights, which give it a great advantage.

British Army Victorious.

General Pau, who commands the centre of the French army in this district, is reported to be advancing north of Sezanne towards the plateau which commands the centre of the whole battlefield. On his left the British force has driven the Germans across the Grand Morin and Petit Morin Rivers, towards the Marne itself, while on the extreme left the French sixth army, advancing from Paris along the Ourcq River, have had further successes and are threatening Gen. Kluk's communications.

In the east the Germans so far have failed in their attempts to break across the rivers and thru the hills of Argonne between Vitry-le-Francois and Verdun on the right wing of the allies.

Again, according to the French reports, there has been no action against the Grand Couraonne of Nancy, and in the Vosges and Alsace the situation remains unchanged.

All this favorable news has cheered the allies, but military critics warn the public that the battle has not yet been won, and that there probably will be a week or more of fighting before a decisive result is attained either way.

There is a possibility that the Germans are trying to draw the allies into an attack upon the high ground that lies between the Marne and the Aisne, about Rheims, and while it is believed that some of the edge has been taken off the German defensive, it is not at all probable that it has all been removed.

Gen. Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, however, has won some points. He has secured the time he required, is in better positions and has completed his concentration so that he is now believed to have a fair chance against the invaders who have hewed their way from Mons to the gates of Paris.

The Austrians and Russians are still battling in Galicia, and altho Russian official circles are silent, reports from Rome, which generally have been accurate, coming as they do thru German or Roumanian sources, indicate that the Russians are making progress against Gen. Auffenberg's army, which is being supported by Germans.

Some doubt is now expressed as to whether the Russian enveloping movement from the south of Lemberg can be developed quick enough to cut off the Austrians should they be defeated by the Russians advancing from the north. But should the Austrians be defeated, as Rome says, this second army is likely to hasten Gen. Auffenberg's retirement.

Whole Front of Germans in Retreat

BORDEAUX, via London, Sept. 9, 11.45 p.m.—The following official communication has been issued here:

"On the whole front the Germans appear to be beginning the sensible movement of retreating.

"The strategic position of the French troops is improving, but one cannot judge of a battle, extending over 100 kilometres (about 63 miles.)

"The Germans appear to experience certain difficulties in provisioning.

"In general the French troops seem to be gaining the advantage."

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE ACTION CONTINUES WITH SUCCESS AUSTRIANS RETREAT DAILY

Tremendous Losses Inflicted By Czar's Troops, One Entire Division and One Whole Regiment Captured, Tens of Thousands of Prisoners Taken.

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PETROGRAD, Sept. 9. — General Soukhomlinoff, minister of war for Russia, tonight issued the following signed statement:

"The Russian troops having repulsed all the attacks which the Austrians with a constantly increasing obstinacy directed against our front between the Vistula and the Bug, to the south of Lublin, during the past nine days, and having inflicted upon the enemy tremendous losses, have now reached a situation as follows:

"The fifteenth Austrian division has been entirely captured, including three regimental standards, 23 guns, 18 machine guns two aeroplanes, 150 officers and mor ethan 12,000 men of the ranks.

Entire Regiment Captured.

"As far back as August 22 the centre of the Austrian army was broken, and the movement of German reinforcements along the left bank of the Vistula was stopped. The entire 45th Austrian regiment was captured.

"Our offensive action still continues. The Austrian army retreats daily. Limberg, the capital of Galicia, is now occupied by our forces, and no less than 240 guns, 30 locomotives, 150 freight cars filled with war material, and several tens of thousands of prisoners have fallen into our hands.

"Evehry other operation in which our forces have been concerned within the territory of Poland has had merely the aspect of an insignificant skirmish.

"(Signed) Soukhomlinoff.

Sail On, Oh England!

It may be but for a day—and we have passed thru a dark enough August—but the outlook for our empire has improved and brightened since Sunday.

The allies may have to sustain further trials and other reverses, but we know that we will survive them; and not only that we are sure to win in the end, but that we are determined to win, and to force our terms on the barbarian adversary.

Never has the empire appeared in more glorious aspect. The navy of today is making a record equal to its imperishable past in the days of Drake and Nelson; the English army recalls our fighting men of the army of the Black Prince, of Henry the Fifth, of Wellington; and Lord Kitchener is a military chief of the prowess of Marlborough. But better than all is the unity of the whole people as an empire, and their humanitarianism and their moral courage.

Such an England as we have today cannot fail, nor can its light grow dim. We are living in its greatest day, and we feel it has a still more glorious future ahead. So let us do our part and bear our burthen willingly and with stout heart. And all hold together in the day of trial, knowing that we must come out of it better and braver and more steadfast in our collective integrity.

MEXICO TOO SLOW.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Ont., Sept. 9.—Thirsting for fiercer fighting, Fred Knight, an adventurous young Scotchman, arrived in this city today from Mexico, where he has been fighting under Villa, and left on the first train for Valcartier, where he hopes to catch a place on the first Canadian contingent.

BEAUTIFUL FALL FURS.

Right now the need of furs is felt—later they are almost imperative, and it is wise to make your selection early. At the reliable Dineen House, 140 Yonge street, the showing is simply fascinating, styles being newest and quality of skins extra high grade. Fortunate purchases by Mr. Dineen on his annual European trip places this company in a position second to none in Canada for fur values. Among the appropriately fashionable pieces shown in great variety you will appreciate the beautiful fox muffs and neck pieces displayed. They are in different colors and real rich. Visitors have a fine chance of selecting while in town, for showing is full and choice at present. Come in today.

"Oceanic" a Total Loss All on Board Rescued

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—(11.50 p.m.)—The official press bureau issued the following announcement tonight:

"The merchant cruiser Oceanic of the White Star Line was wrecked yesterday near the north coast of Scotland, and has become a total loss. All the officers and crew were saved."

BIG LINER'S LAST TRIP.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—The steamer Oceanic made her last trip from New York to Southampton early last August, arriving at the English port on Aug. 8. She was then taken over by the British Government and converted into an armed cruiser.

The Oceanic was built in 1899 at Belfast by Harland & Wolff, Ltd. She made her maiden voyage to New York on Sept. 18, 1899, when she was accorded a welcome in keeping with her distinction as the giantess of the seas.

NOORDHAM IS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Sept. 9, 11.54 p.m.—The Holland-American Line steamer Noordham, bound for Rotterdam from New York, with German reservists and a general cargo destined for Germany, has been captured in the Atlantic and brought into Queenstown by a British cruiser.