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Germans Near Ostend But General Report From Allies Is Good

Enemy Fifteen Miles Away From Belgian Seaport—Marked Progress of French and English Between Arras and Albert and in Centre

Paris, Oct. 15.—The official statement given out by the French War Office this afternoon, is as follows: In Belgium, German troops coming from Antwerp are marching toward the west, and on the evening of October 14 they reached the town of Bruges and Thiel (fifteen miles southeast of Ostend). First—On our left wing the enemy has evacuated the left bank of the Lys. Between the Lys and the canal of La Basse, the situation shows no change. In the region of Lens and between Arras and Albert, our progress has been marked. Between the Somme and the Oise there has been no change. The Germans have cannonaded our line without, however, delivering any infantry attacks. Second—On the centre, between the Oise and the Meuse, we have advanced in the direction of Craonne to the northeast of the high way from Berry-An-Bac to Rheims and to the north of Prunoy in the section of Beine. Several German trenches have been taken. Between the Meuse and the Moselle, after having repulsed during the night of October 13-14, certain attacks to the southeast of Verdun, our troops advanced on the 14th to the south of the highway from Verdun to Metz. Third—On our right wing, the partial offensive movement undertaken by the Germans in the Ban De Sapt, to the north of Saint Die, has been definitely checked. In Russia the fighting continues along the Vistula and San as far as Przemysl, and further in a southerly direction as far as the Dniester. There has been no change in East Prussia.

GERMANS 15 MILES FROM OSTEND

London, Oct. 15.—A despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam confirms the report that the Germans have occupied Bruges, fifteen miles east of Ostend.

IG RUSSIAN VICTORY REPORTED

London, Oct. 15.—A Petrograd despatch to Rome says that the Austro-German army yesterday was completely defeated in the neighborhood of Warsaw, Russian Poland. The Austrians and Germans suffered enormous losses. The Russians are said to have taken thousands of prisoners.

AYS SITUATION ENCOURAGING

Bordeaux, Oct. 15.—A high official of the French government declared this morning that the latest despatches from the front showed that the situation was about to develop more rapidly on the centre in the region of Bury-Au-Asac and on the left in the La Basse Estaires and Bailleur district. The allies continue to make progress, this official continued. Several city contested positions which had changed hands repeatedly during the past weeks, were now held strongly by the French and the Anglo-French force was most encouraging.

TO AID GERMANS IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE

London, Oct. 15.—"Germans arriving here," says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Times, "says that owing to the failure of the Russian to make progress against the Germans, the Germans have decided immediately to transfer considerable masses of troops from the eastern to the western fronts or an advance on Paris. This transfer probably already has begun as ordinary train traffic is delayed forty-eight hours."

From the same source the correspondent says that he learns that there is a large amount of sickness among the German troops. "The plan for the occupation of Paris drawn up by the Germans before the battle on the Marne," continues the correspondent, "contemplated a demand for an indemnity of a billion dollars, and unless the sum was paid within a fortnight, property of equal value was to have been taken to Berlin, including art works and libraries, and retained there until full satisfaction of the indemnity was made."

BERLIN STATEMENT

Berlin, Oct. 15.—Announcement made by the German admiralty today about the sinking of the Russian armored cruiser Pallada is that it occurred at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, and that the feat was accomplished by a single submarine. "The submarine, it is said, sent only one torpedo against the Pallada, but it caused an explosion that sent the cruiser straight to the bottom with her entire crew of 600 men. The Germans have repulsed the Russians south of Warsaw, and hold all of southern Poland up to the Vistula, and the Argonne. The French have continued to make attacks on our positions, but have been repulsed. The Germans have lost ground at no point, despite the official reports of the Paris to French successes."

Jerman March on Ostend.

The Hague, via London, Oct. 15.—Train service between Roosendaal and Antwerp has been ordered resumed today. The concentrating movement of German troops in Belgium upon Ostend is progressing. The vanguards are believed to be at Bruges, Thourout and Dixmude. At Scelate (thirty miles north of Bruges) a proclamation issued by the Germans demands the registration of all aliens between the ages of eighteen and

forty years.

The proclamation says that soldiers in uniform are to be treated as prisoners of war, and that soldiers dressed in citizens' clothes will be treated as spies. Rome, via Paris, Oct. 15.—Arrangements have been made to run special trains from the Dutch frontier to Antwerp to carry back Belgian refugees, the majority of whom are expected to return within a fortnight. This information is contained in a despatch received here from Berlin.

Making All Work

Venice, via Paris, Oct. 15.—It is reported from Trieste, Austria, that all able bodied men in Austria are being forcibly compelled to assist in constructing fortifications. Any refusing is arrested. The people are expressing their indignation.

Great Loss of Officers.

London, Oct. 15.—British troops took their place in the firing line on the Franco-Belgian frontier for the first time on August 28. In the seven weeks from that day to October 3 General Sir John French has been bereft of the services of no fewer than 1,146 officers, out of a total of approximately 1,200, more than 6,000 at most. Of that number 287 have been killed, 850 wounded and 822 missing or taken prisoners of war by the Germans.

It is difficult even for a military man to appreciate what a frightful loss it is to an army to have more than one-sixth of its leaders wiped away in so short a period. Probably there is only one man in England who is fully alive to the gravity of the problem entailed by this fearful toll of battle and that is why Lord Kitchener is devoting his greatest energies to building up fresh corps of officers to fill up the

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stur, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The Gulf of Mexico disturbance is moving northward toward the Great Lakes and may develop into an important storm. The weather is becoming warmer in all the provinces. Fine. MacIntyre—Moderate winds, fine Friday, fair until night. New England—Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably local rains; gentle to moderate east to southeast winds.

FORMER ENEMIES NOW CLOSE FRIENDS

Japanese Wish For Formal Alliance With Russians

London, Oct. 15.—"General Oba, the Japanese military attaché with the commander-in-chief," says the Times' Petrograd correspondent, "after an imperial audience at Tsar Nicholas gave a statement to the House Gazette frankly expressing his earnest wish to convert the Russo-Japanese entente into a formal alliance. Such an alliance, General Oba said, would be warmly welcomed by the Japanese government and people. He said he believed the moment had arrived to conclude such an alliance and that M. Sazonoff, the Russian foreign minister, M. Izvolsky, Russian ambassador to France, and Baron Motono, Japanese ambassador to Russia, were doing their utmost to strengthen the bonds of friendship between Japan and Russia."

Cholera Ravaging Hungary

Venice, Oct. 15.—According to reports reaching Venice, cholera is making rapid strides throughout Hungary and the progress of the disease is causing alarm among the people. The Hungarian authorities, it now appears, were too late beginning sanitary supervision of prisoners' camps, since have been placed under special control. Prisoners no longer are permitted to camp in the open air, and now all suspect cases are being isolated in hospitals.

CABINET SHUFFLE OFF FOR PRESENT

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The cabinet shuffle has been postponed, and many believe it is off indefinitely. It is said Hon. Robert Rogers planned the changes as preliminary to general elections, but that Messrs. Pelletier and Nantel refuse to accept his dictation.

SEE THE COMET?

Although of late the majority of the people of St. John have been too greatly interested in the war struggle in Europe and the baseball series in the states to pay attention to much else, several have been scanning the heavens for some nights past to catch a glimpse of a new celestial visitor, Delavan's comet. Many in the city have seen it.

It is visible in the early evening between 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock especially, located to the north forty north horizon, and under the pointer to the North Star, that is beneath the ends of the constellation Cassiopeia. It has been seen with the naked eye, but on a clear evening it is possible to do so. With a pair of opera glasses, however, it can be easily distinguished.

Rightful gaps that have been and are being torn in the British lines by the enemy.

Reports Allies' Reverse

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NAVAL FIGHT IN BLACK SEA?

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POSITION OF MONTENEGRO.

Rome, Oct. 15.—The Gazette Del Popolo, a Turin newspaper, having asked King Nicholas of Montenegro to give his views regarding the war, received an answer from General Matijevitch, who, in the name of the king, replied as follows:

"This terrible war is the revenge, attempted throughout a century, which, this time, we hope will be accomplished, of oppressed nationalities against the nefarious work of the Vienna congress. The nationalities supported by the Triple Entente did not provoke the sanguinary struggle, which was imposed upon them by the reactionary spirit of the German world, wishing definitely to consolidate its own reign on the suffering and weak, in contempt of international law."

Death of Child

Elsie H. M. Staddon, aged four years and five months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Staddon, 81 Somerset street, died this morning after a short illness. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon. The parents have the sympathy of many friends.

Band Concert

The members of the Sons of England band last night paid a visit to Paradise Island and gave a fine programme of music which was much enjoyed by the artillerymen on duty there. Col. B. R. Armstrong, in behalf of the men, thanked the band for their kindness in going to the island and spoke appreciatively of their musical talent.

Buried Today

The funeral of William McCarthy took place this afternoon from his late residence, 2 Queen street, West End. Services were conducted by Rev. G. F. Scovill. Interment was in Cedar Hill.

Archbishop Howley Gravely Ill

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 15.—Archbishop Howley, Catholic Primate, is critically ill, and the word is feared. Most Rev. Michael Francis Howley is 71 years old, and is a native of St. John's, the city which gives its name to the diocese of which he was made head as bishop in 1894. Ten years ago he was created an archbishop. His publications include volumes of verse and religious and secular history.

Taken Ill

Friends of Patrick Pye of Marsh Road will regret to learn that he was taken ill this morning at the city market and had to be taken home.

The Election Is Coming?

(Special to The Toronto News, Conservative) Ottawa, Oct. 13.—A western Ontario member who was here this week says the federal elections will be on and all over by December 1, that all the ministers and most of the Conservative members are favorable to an immediate appeal.

ITALY NOT TO FIGHT UNLESS COMPELLED TO

Must Be Some Overt Act Threatening Her Safety

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR

Positive Neutrality, Says di Cellerio in Washington—His Explanation of Present Movement of Troops

Washington, Oct. 15.—The Italian government's policy in regard to the European war was made plain by Ambassador Macchi di Cellere today, when he said that Italy would not take up arms unless she was forced to do so by some overt act which threatened her own safety.

Although officially a member of the Triple Alliance and bound by this agreement with Germany and Austria-Hungary for purposes of mutual protection, the ambassador declares that the country had no intention of engaging in a treaty by yielding to the influence of any outside powers to take sides in the conflict.

This attitude of positive neutrality, Mr. di Cellerio continued, which was supported by the present ministry in all probability would continue to be upheld even in case of minor changes in the government. This assertion was made in answer to inquiries as to the possible effect of the appointment of a successor to the Marquis di San Giuliano, minister of foreign affairs, who is reported to be seriously ill.

The ambassador said that the reported troop movements in his country were no sign of the nation's intention to return to the colonial from Tripoli was merely part of a previously contemplated plan to reorganize the army and navy in the colonies. The present class having served its required period was now returning to Italy for discharge.

Many at Funeral of John A. Kelly

A large number attended the funeral of John A. Kelly, which was held at 8:30 o'clock this morning from his late residence, 408 Union street. The body was taken to the funeral home of S. Bourgeois assisted by Rev. M. O'Brien as deacon and Rev. J. Howard as celebrant. Rev. Wm. Duke was master of ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc also took part. As the cortege proceeded down the aisle Arthur S. Gossier organist at the cathedral played on the chime of Dead March in Saul and Lead Kindly Light. The casket was decked with a large number of beautiful floral offerings and there were many spiritual bouquets from personal friends. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives were pall-bearers. Mr. Kelly was a member of St. Patrick's Society, and a delegation of the members attended the funeral.

Brides Reception

Many friends called yesterday afternoon or evening at the home of Mrs. Frank J. Casey, 411 Main street when she received for the first time since her wedding, Mrs. Casey received in broad black satin, with ostrich trimmings and shadow lace with corsage bouquet of sweet roses. Her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McCarthy, received with her, wearing Dresden dinner over white satin with black hat. Mrs. W. J. Harrington, in black satin with black hat, and Mrs. Fred C. Colburn, in white satin with black net over dress and black hat, served the tea. The young ladies assisting in the dining room were Miss Gertrude Casey, wearing Copenhagen blue silk, with hat to match; Miss Alice Phillips, wearing blue silk and white hat; Miss Hazel McCarthy in blue satin with black hat; Miss Helen Mudge in black satin, gold brocade hat; Miss Winnie MacNeill in wisteria satin, hat to correspond; and Miss Florence McCarthy, in pink satin with black hat. Miss Mary McCarthy, wearing a white Swiss embroidered gown tended the door. The drawing room decorations were yellow chrysanthemums and scarlet geraniums and the dining room rosan berries. The table decorations were yellow chrysanthemums.

Dismissal in the Moncton Cabbage Case

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 15.—In the police court this morning, Chas. McGovern, accused of stealing cabbages from the farm of John K. Basso, was discharged. James Kelly, who was arrested with McGovern, failed to appear.

Landslide Blocks the Panama Canal

Panama, Oct. 15.—A serious landslide in the Culebra Cut at a late hour last night interrupted completely all traffic through the Panama Canal. Several ships in the canal have been unable to complete their passage.

Ratify Bryan Treaty

Madrid, Oct. 15.—The council of ministers has approved the ratification of the treaty of arbitration between Spain and the United States.

The Vatican, the Belgians and the Italian Government

Rome, Oct. 15.—The Giornale D'Italia, commenting on the situation created by France offering asylum to the Belgian government, an action which it declares followed the Italian law giving guaranty to the Pope, declares this fact shows that the law which has worked so well in Rome during the last forty-four years has been found to be perfectly applicable.

Royal Family to Sandringham

London, Oct. 15.—Virtually all the members of the British royal family left London today for Sandringham for a stay, the duration of which is not announced. Queen Mother Alexandra and Princess Victoria left during the forenoon on a special train soon to be followed by another special train bearing King George and Queen Mary and Princess Mary and Princess Albert and John.

A great crowd assembled at the station to give their Majesties an enthusiastic reception, while the soldiers guarding the depot gave the royal salute.

Serious Quebec Fire

Quebec, Oct. 15.—Fire burned to the ground last night the plant of the modern Joint Foundry Company in Three Rivers avenue. The damage is heavy, although covered by insurance.

DISCUSSES THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INVASION OF ENGLAND BY GERMANS

London Times' Military Critic Urges Preparation to Make Such Desperate Attempt Less Likely

London, Oct. 15.—The Times' military critic, discussing the possibility of Germany attempting an invasion of England, thinks the government ought to instruct the people and the authorities how to act in the event of such an attempt and to make up their minds whether it is proposed to fight regularly, or irregularly in repelling an invasion.

The Times points out that there is no commander in chief in the British Isles except Lord Kitchener and unless one mind presides over the numerous garrisons and various armed forces which would be used in defence there can be no unity of action.

"Desperate as the attempt would be," the writer adds, "the lack of great success on the continent may tempt Germany to risk a blow at England and the more completely we are prepared, the less likely is the attempt to be made."

Food prices are pressing hard upon Austrians

Landed Proprietors Accused of Making Money Out of People's Necessities

Venice, Oct. 14.—Advices from Vienna state that although the import duties of foodstuffs have been suspended by the Austrian government, prices thus far have shown no sign of decreasing. On the contrary in some instances prices are still advancing. The cost of food in Austria is much higher than it is in Germany.

The newspapers openly accuse the landed proprietors of endeavoring to make the most of the war situation, regardless of the needs of the public. Much irritation is exhibited toward the authorities because they did not earlier take measures to prevent an utterly unjustifiable increase in the prices for cattle.

It is now declared that the fixing of maximum prices, coupled with measures compelling the farmers to bring their produce to the market, instead of hoarding it, is the only means of prevention of a rise in the prices of the necessities of life. The women of Vienna are protesting against the bakers' practice of making bread of only two-thirds the ordinary size. It is also charged that the quality of white bread has deteriorated greatly, evidently because of the mixture of barley and rye.

The manufacturers of Austria are beginning to complain of the shortage of raw material and are demanding that the government suspend the import duties on raw iron, machinery and tools, and also demand that maximum prices be fixed for timber, petroleum and wool.

Cholera attacks the Przemysl Garrison

Przemysl, N. B., Oct. 15.—The local government met this morning and heard several delegations. The matter of granting aid to the Belgians was considered, but Acting Premier Clarke said at noon that there was no announcement to make at the present time.

He said he had received the report of Commissioner Chandler of the St. John police matters, but had not yet laid it before the council.

Colonel McAvery will be here this evening to discuss with the executive the matter of organizing a New Brunswick regiment for active service.

As there are some important matters to be dealt with the members of the government will be here until tomorrow evening.

Citizens of Fredericton are making liberal contributions of clothing, etc., for the Belgians. A committee of ladies have opened a store in Queen street and announce that many generous gifts have been received.

The government has men at work constructing concrete walks in Parliament Square.

Fail Imminent, Says War Correspondent—Vienna Again Says Russians Have Met Reverse

London, Oct. 15.—"I hear that the enemy approached to within ten miles of Warsaw but were thrown back to a distance of thirty miles," says the Times' Petrograd correspondent.

"The fall of Przemysl is imminent. The garrison there is being decimated by cholera. Private advices received here say that the main force already have been taken by the Russians."

"There is no change in the situation in East Prussia. Ground prevails for the belief that the forward movement of the Austro-German forces, which commenced September 27, General Von Hindenburg commanded the centre, King Ludwig of Bavaria the Czenstochowa army and an Austrian general, Danlyk, the Austro-Germans constituting the cover for the right flank of the centre, while the supreme command of all the Austro-German troops is in the hands of the German general staff."

London, Oct. 15.—Reuter has received from Amsterdam the following official statement issued in Vienna at noon Wednesday:

"The general staff says that the Russians have occupied fortified positions on the line of Stry, Sambor and Mlyra in Galicia. The Austrians are now attacking Torosya after four days of fighting, and pursued the enemy in the direction of Wysskow. Smaller successful skirmishes have taken place in the Viseo Valley."

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