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## RUSSIANS AND ROUMANIANS MORE THAN HOLD THEIR OWN

### TEUTONIC TROOPS FORCED TO RETIRE

Roumanians Force Enemy Back North of Campolung and in Jui Valley--Battle in Progress East of Alt Valley--Russians Successful in Volhynia.

### CZAR'S TROOPS FORCED TO ABANDON TWO HEIGHTS ON BANK OF RIVER BYSTNITSA IN REGION OF DONNA WATRA — TURKS ARE DEFEATED IN PERSIA.

Bucharest, Oct. 29, via London.—Along the Roumanian-Transylvanian front the Roumanians and Russians are more than holding their own against the Austro-German armies at some points, according to today's war office announcement. Retirement of the Teutonic troops has been forced in one sector north of Campolung and the Jui Valley, where two howitzer batteries were captured by the Roumanians. The text of the statement follows:

"Northern and northwestern fronts: At Tulgheș and Hicaz there have been artillery bombardments. In the Trotus Valley, the Teutonic troops have not developed. In the Buzu Valley weather has prevented operations. At Table Butzi, Brațoc and Predel the situation is unchanged.

"Curtain of Fire. In the Pralova Valley we arrested, by our curtain of fire, an enemy attack which was advancing through the Clabouetul Batului, north of Arzuga. We have occupied Mount Ungliamare.

"In the region of Dragoslavele we repulsed attacks toward our centre and toward our right wing. We progressed on our left wing.

"East of the Alt Valley the enemy is attacking with strong forces. The action is proceeding.

"In the Jui Valley our troops are continuing their offensive, and pursuing the enemy, who is retiring in the mountains. We have captured an additional ten officers and 250 Bavarian soldiers. Reserve Sub-Lieut. Patrascu, with a unit under his command, captured two howitzer batteries of 105 millimetres calibre belonging to the 21st Regiment of Bavarian Artillery. The guns were immediately put into action against the enemy, rendering us great service. In addition we captured four machine guns and many limbers.

"Enemy Again Repulsed. In the Orsova region, after a violent bombardment, the enemy attacked us at Verselu, Variful and Cocosuliu but was repulsed.

"On the southern front the situation is unchanged.

"Roumanian troops on the Moldavian frontier have won another success over the Austro-German forces. In the Trotus Valley they recaptured Pisoul, from the vicinity of which the Teutonic troops are fleeing in disorder, the official statement declares.

"In the Uzul Valley a Roumanian attack was successful, ten officers and 900 men, together with five machine guns and a large quantity of war material, being captured by the Roumanians.

"East of the Alt Valley hostile attacks were repulsed.

"In the Jui Valley, the Austro-German forces which had advanced to the west were completely defeated, adds the statement, leaving 1,000 dead on the battle field, besides losing 450 men in prisoners and 16 machine guns. The Austro-German right wing in the region of Dragoslavele, northeast of Campolung, was repulsed by a Roumanian counter-attack, losing five machine guns and two trench mortars, besides 200 men in prisoners.

"Enemy Trenches Captured. London, Oct. 29, 12.25 p. m.—"Prisoners taken in yesterday's operations northeast of Lesbouens were two officers and 138 of other ranks," says the British official statement of today on operations along the western front.

"During the night there was nothing to report.

"The British official statement from headquarters in France issued last night reads: "This morning we carried out successfully a local operation northeast of Lesbouens, whereby we captured several important enemy trenches. Our artillery bombardment was very effective, and the enemy, when driven from his positions, was caught by our rifle fire. We took prisoner two officers and sixty-one other men.

"During the day the enemy shelled the neighborhood of Eaucourt L'Abbaye and Martinpuich. Our own artillery was active against the enemy front in the Gullych, Hohenzollern and Gommecourt areas.

"Teutonic Forces Checked. Petrograd, Oct. 29, via London.—The offensive which was opened by the Austro-German forces on the Russo-Roumanian lines near the junction of the frontiers of Bukovina, Transylvania, Roumania, has been checked, the war office announces today. The hostile attacks, delivered in the region of Negri, south of Dorna Watra, were repulsed by the fire of the defenders. The official statement reads: "Successful reconnaissances have taken place on the River Stavok, a tributary of the Stokhod (Volhynia), in the region of the village of Sittovichi and the village of Rudka-Miryshik (18 miles east of Kovel), and also in the region of Belick. Along the rest of the front artillery duels and hand-grenade fighting is proceeding.

"On the Roumanian front, in Transylvania, the enemy, who had assumed the offensive in the region of Negri, south of Dorna Watra, was repulsed by our fire.

### FRENCH REPEL HEAVY ATTACK BY GERMANS

Village of Gardillovo and Bulgarian Trenches Captured — Violent Bombardment in France.

Paris, via London, Oct. 29.—The bulletin issued by the war office tonight says: "South of the Somme, after a violent bombardment, the Germans, at three o'clock in the afternoon, attacked our positions north and south of La Maisonnette, using liquid fire. Our barrage and machine gun fire broke the attack and threw the enemy back into the original trenches.

"North of Verdun artillery continued lively in the Heudromont-Douaumont sector. There was no infantry action.

"On the remainder of the front the day was calm."

"Artillery Battle. The Germans violently bombarded the Douaumont positions today, says the bulletin issued by the war office tonight, nothing noteworthy occurred on any front. The text reads:

"Apart from an artillery battle, which continues with great violence, in the Douaumont region, there is no important event on the whole front to report. The persistent bad weather hampers operations.

"Further ground has been gained by the French and Serbian forces on the Macedonian front in their drive towards Monastir, the war office announces. In the vicinity of the Cerna the French have captured the village of Gardillovo and a system of Bulgarian trenches between Kennal and the Cerna.

"The text of the statement follows: "On the left bank of the Struma, the British repulsed a Bulgarian counter-attack in the region north of Ormanli.

"In the head of the Cerna the Serbians made fresh progress. The French, during a brilliant engagement, captured the village of Gardillovo. Further to the left, between Kennal and the Cerna, one of our regiments captured a system of enemy trenches.

### British Make Further Advance and Capture Another Hun Trench

Enemy Heavily Shell Various Parts of Front—400,000 Pounds Sterling Loan to Saloniki—New German War Credit of 12,000,000,000 Marks.

London, Oct. 29.—The bulletin from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads: "We made a further advance this morning northeast of Lesbouens and captured another trench. The enemy shelled heavily various parts of our front.

"South of the Acre and elsewhere, beyond intermittent shelling and trench mortar activity, there is nothing to report.

"Yesterday despite a strong adverse wind, much useful reconnaissance work was done by our aeroplanes. One machine is missing."

Loan to Saloniki. London, Oct. 29.—The Entente Allies have decided to lend the Saloniki government 400,000 pounds sterling, according to an Athens despatch to the Observer. The government at Athens, the despatch adds, has agreed to place no obstacle in the way of reinforcing the national army at Saloniki, recognizing the Saloniki movement as solely anti-Bulgarian in aim.

The Saloniki government is headed by former Premier Venizelos and other Greek leaders favoring Greece's participation in the war. Recent despatches from Greece have reported that the followers of Venizelos were forming an army.

Berlin War Credit. Berlin, via wireless, Oct. 28.—The Reichstag today, after a short discussion, passed the bill, for a new war credit of 12,000,000,000 marks, asked yesterday by Count Von Roedern, the imperial treasurer. The only votes in opposition were those of the Radical wing of the Socialist party. The members cheered enthusiastically when the vote was announced.

Conscription in Australia in Minority? Incomplete Returns Indicate Probable Majority for Opponents of Movement of Nearly 100,000.

London, Oct. 29.—Only half the votes cast in yesterday's balloting in Australia on the question of compulsory military service have been this far counted, says a despatch from Reuter's Melbourne correspondent, timed at noon on Sunday. The expectation is that a total of 2,000,000 votes will be found to have been polled.

Additional returns from West Australia, adds the correspondent, have reduced the majority for the opponents of conscription to 15,000.

First returns in the balloting showed a considerable majority opposed to conscription. The incomplete list was: yes, 637,000; No, 723,000. Affirmative majorities were counted in Victoria, West Australia and Tasmania; negative majorities in New South Wales and Queensland. The attitude of South Australia has not yet been determined.

Later Returns. Melbourne, Australia, via London, Oct. 29.—The latest returns in the referendum on compulsory military service show the following results, although still incomplete: for compulsion 798,000; against conscription 887,000.

### BRITISH AND FRENCH GAIN ALONG SOMME

Roumanians and Russians in Dobrudja Still in Retreat Before German, Bulgarian and Turkish Troops.

Entente Allies Successful Everywhere on Transylvanian Front Germans Claim Victory in Volhynia — Little Change Elsewhere — War Summary.

Aside from the continued progress of the Teutonic allies in the Dobrudja region of Roumania and fresh gains by the French and British in the Somme region of France there is little, if any, change in the situation in any of the various theatres of the war.

The Roumanians and Russians in Dobrudja are still in retreat before the German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops, and are now endeavoring to make their way across the Danube at various points on pontoon bridges, according to the Sofia war office.

Russians Successful. On the Transylvanian front the Russians and Roumanians apparently are operating successfully against the Teutonic allies near the junction of Bukovina, Transylvania and Roumania and to the south near Campolung, and in the Jui Valley the Roumanians are declared by Bucharest to have captured two howitzer batteries, which later were turned against the Austro-Germans.

According to Berlin the Teutons have made additional gains south of Kronstadt and in the direction of Campolung.

Following up their advantage of Saturday, the British captured another German trench Sunday to the northeast of Lesbouens, in the Somme region, while the French made fresh advances near Sully-Sallisel and Blaches. Heavy artillery activity against the British positions is being carried on by the Germans in the Lesbouens sector and elsewhere.

Again, according to Berlin, another heavy Russian offensive against the German lines along the Stokhod river in Volhynia has been put down by the German curtain of fire. Petrograd reports successful reconnaissances by the Russians along the River Stavok, a tributary of the Stokhod.

The Macedonian theatre is still the scene of somewhat vigorous fighting, especially at the bend of the Cerna river. Both sides are claiming victories in the manoeuvres in this region. Except for bombardments the bad weather on the Austro-Italian front is keeping down the operations.

In order to allay suspicion as to his sincerity held by the Entente Allies, King Constantine of Greece has ordered the transfer of all the Greek troops from Thessaly and Epirus, except sufficient numbers to maintain order.

Attempt on Life of Hon. W. M. Hughes. Shot Fired into Bedroom of Australian Premier, but did Not Take Effect.

Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 28, via London.—An attempt was made recently to assassinate William Morris Hughes, the Australian premier, at his home in New Victoria, according to a Reuter despatch from Sydney, which says the information was obtained from close friends of the prime minister.

A man is said to have forced a window at night and to have fired a revolver shot into the premier's bedroom. The bullet did not take effect. A policeman then appeared, but the would-be assassin escaped.

Arrested for Stealing. Fred Orr was arrested yesterday by Detectives Barrett and Briggs on suspicion of having stolen three bags of hard coal, the property of R. P. and W. F. Starr, from the latter's coal sheds on Smythe street.

### SEVERAL ST. JOHN MEN AT HALIFAX

Eighteen Wounded Soldiers from Maritime Provinces Return — London, Ont., Officer Dies at Landing.

Halifax, Oct. 29.—Eighteen men hailed from various points in the Maritime Provinces were included in a large number of officers and men who arrived here Saturday from England, wounded and on furlough. The Maritime Provinces men were: Samuel Campbell, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Harvey Sabine, Bridgetown, N. S.; James Balch, Smith's Cove, Digby Co., N. S.; Richard Jones, Springhill, N. S.; Irving Hall, Lawrencetown, N. S.; Frank Howe, St. John, N. B.; Ham Le Couteur, Bathurst, B.; Gordon Bolder, Truro, N. S.; Alfred Capewell, Fredericton, N. B.; P. E. Henderson, St. John, N. B.; S. J. Chiswick, St. Stephen, N. B.; E. V. Graves, Chester, N. S.; Minto Wallace, St. John, N. B.; Samuel Mountain, New Waterford, N. B.; T. W. Cossin, New Glasgow, N. S.; Henry Lyons, Westville, N. S.; James McLaughlin, Westville, N. S.

The list of officers in the party was as follows: Major H. E. Pense, officer in command; Major S. M. Gray, 21st Battalion; Captain S. Ellis, 42nd Battalion; Captain J. A. Mathewson, 42nd Battalion; Captain R. G. L. Langue-dok, 22nd Battalion; Lieut. A. Lyons, 16th Battalion; Lieut. J. L. Mathewson, C. F. A.; Lieut. D. R. Kittermasler, C. F. A.; Lieut. G. Scott, 43rd Battalion; Lieut. E. Manby, 23rd Battalion; Lieut. K. M. B. MacKenzie, 32nd Battalion; Lieut. J. Daggar, 29th Battalion; Lieut. G. A. McGriffin, 24th Battalion; Lieut. J. A. Pierce, 58th Battalion; Major J. A. Hines, 2nd Entrenching Battalion; Nursing Sister, E. H. Nicholson, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

London, Ont., Man Dies. Halifax, Oct. 29.—Overcome by a hemorrhage just as he was about to disembark at this port from the ship which had borne him from England, given an opportunity to see the land of his birth again but prevented from setting foot on it once more, Sergt. Major Kendall, of London, Ont., died here today. It was one of the saddest cases that has come under the observation of the local officials who look after the returned soldiers.

Redmond Wants Home Rule Immediately. London, Oct. 29.—Speaking at Sligo today, John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, urged the immediate putting into effect of home rule for Ireland.

The present state of Ireland," said Mr. Redmond, "is a serious menace to the British empire, to a victorious ending of the war."

Contractor Smye Hurt at Shediac. Shediac, Oct. 29.—While down a coffer dam at the new Seacouver River bridge recently Contractor A. E. Smye of Alma, was severely injured. One of the workmen let a deal fall striking Mr. Smye on the right hand, jamming it badly. The injured man was dressed at a drug store.

Ship Fired. London, Oct. 29.—The Norwegian sailing ship Regina of Skien, was set on fire by German submarine U-34 while the ship was on her way from Norway to England, and two members of her crew were drowned, according to a Reuter despatch from Ymuiden, Holland, today. This news was brought to Ymuiden, according to the despatch, by the Dutch steamer Hector.

Two Others Sunk. London, Oct. 29.—Lloyd's announces that the Danish steamer Sif, of 105 tons gross, and the Russian three-masted schooner Ingersoll, of 239 tons, have been sunk.

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INVASION OF BRITISH ISLES IS POSSIBILITY. London, Oct. 29.—Field Marshal Viscount French, commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom, addressing the volunteers at Derby today, said that an invasion of the British Isles was not a mere supposition, but a possibility. This they must be prepared to meet.

NEOPLANE EXPERT KILLED IN GERMANY. London, Oct. 29.—Captain Helke, the famous aviator, during an air flight on Saturday, came into collision with another aeroplane and was killed, according to a Berlin despatch received by Reuters by way of Amsterdam. His machine landed within the German lines. On Friday Captain Boelke shot down his fourth aeroplane.

STEAMER ON FIRE AT SEA. Halifax, Oct. 29.—The marine department was notified from the Cape Race wireless station tonight that the steamer Eastpoint was on fire. A later despatch from the wireless station reported the fire under control, and no assistance required.