

ADVANCE OF RUSSIAN ARMY IS MARKED BY SUCCESSES ALL ALONG THE LINE

THE GREAT BATTLE OF THE EASTERN FRONTIER CONTINUES ALONG FRENCH FRONTIER

Belgium Scene of More Fighting—Belgians Undaunted by Terrible Blows Already Inflicted Drive Back Germans Advancing Southward—French Troops on Offensive Between Nancy and Vosges.

So far as can be gleaned from official announcements, the great battle line along the French frontier, and in Belgium continues to be the scene of engagements between the opposing armies. The nature of these engagements and their result have not been made public, beyond the admission by the French war office that in the north the French and British lines have been moved back a short distance, as well as the French right in the region of St. Die. The French troops on the offensive between Nancy and Vosges are said to be making headway.

From Antwerp comes the announcement that the Belgian troops have compelled the fourth German division, advancing southward, to retreat its steps. It is added in the official statement that the fourth Belgium division at Namur has fulfilled its task of arresting the German column and allowing the Belgians to retire on the French lines.

The French ministry under Premier Viviani, presented their resignations collectively to President Poincaré, because they believed that in the present circumstances of the country the ministry should have a wider scope and comprise the best of all the republic groups. Premier Viviani, at the request of President Poincaré, immediately formed a new cabinet, in which Alexandre Millerand took the place of Adolphe Messimy as Minister of War, and Theophile Delcasse assumed the portfolio of foreign affairs, which previously was held by M. Viviani himself.

U. S. WARSHIP STOPS BRITISH STEAMER

The Francisco Held Up at New York Because She Carried Two 4.7 Guns Mounted.

New York, Aug. 26.—The Wilson liner Francisco, a British steamer bound for Hull with a cargo of grain, was stopped today as she was leaving port by the United States warship Florida, stationed in the lower harbor to see that neutrality regulations of the United States were observed by shipping. The Francisco has two 4.7 calibre rifles mounted at her stern, and it was these which caused her to be detained. The guns were in position when the ship arrived here from Hull, August 12.

At the Brooklyn navy yard it was said tonight that the commander of the Florida had decided that the Francisco should be detained until certain facts concerning her clearance papers had been determined. It was further said that the ship would not be allowed to leave the harbor until the investigation had been completed.

London reports that Togoland, the German possession on the west coast of Africa, has surrendered unconditionally.

A Bucharest report says that Tarnopol, an important town in Galicia, has been occupied by the Russians, while the Russians themselves claim that they have driven the Austrians back to the River Zlota Lipa, thirty miles west of Tarnopol, and about fifty miles east of Lemberg, the Galician capital.

Direct despatches from Tsing Tau, capital of the German protectorate of Kiaochow, say that there is no evidence as yet of Japanese warships or field troops in that neighborhood.

British and German Torpedo Boats in Fight at Tsing Tau.

Peking, Aug. 26.—Up to noon today the only engagement reported to have occurred near Tsing Tau capital of the German protectorate of Kiaochow was an encounter between a German torpedo boat and a British torpedo boat on Sunday or Monday last. The British torpedo boat returned to Weihaiwei with eleven men killed and wounded. The German casualties are not known.

St. Petersburg via London, Aug. 26.—The Germans in the Elbing district of West Prussia, near the Vistula river, are being westward before the Russian advance.

NO LIQUOR ALLOWED AT VALCARTIER

May Not Be Consumed in Camp, and Expulsion Punishment for Any Having it in Their Possession.

Valcartier, Que., Aug. 26.—Reports to the effect that the first contingent of Canada's overseas expeditionary force will leave Quebec for the front September 15th are not confirmed here. No definite information can be obtained from official sources.

Announcement was made by headquarters tonight that negotiations for the purchase of 4,000 acres of land, situated across the river from the camp site, had been successful. The property is known as Pinkney's Mountain. It will be used primarily for artillery practice.

Several Towns Fall Into Their Hands—Germans May Abandon East and West Prussia To Russians Temporarily—Namur Forts Still Hold Out, Report Says—Germans Fleeing Before Russian Advance In West Prussia.

London, Aug. 27.—1.50 a. m.—The allies in their present entrenched positions are as the anvil to the Muscovite hammer," declares the Daily Graphic's military correspondent.

"It is good news," he continues, "that the concentration of the allies on entrenched lines within the French frontier is complete and that the positions thus held are little less than impregnable. The Germans will find that their next move against the allies will be much more difficult than that which confronted them a week ago.

"General Joffre's troops will now be devoting all their energy to a stubborn defensive. They are the anvil. The Muscovite hammer is gathering all its immense force for a crushing blow in Prussia. Hence it is most important that the allies' forces should stand firm.

"The hammer is doing excellently, although the preliminary work is necessarily slow, on account of the Russians lack of facilities for mobilization. Nevertheless the progress thus far made by Russia has exceeded the most optimistic expectations, and the Germans are likely to pay dearly for their under-valuation of the Russian efforts.

"The outstanding fact is that the hammer is well poised for action. If the anvil only stands firm the enemy must be speedily crushed between them.

"Here is the situation of the three-sided Russian advance: At present East Prussia is in process of being cleared of German troops, while in Posen another Russian army is moving almost unopposed and will soon be within 150 miles of Berlin. Meanwhile, in Galicia the Austrian troops are not putting up an effective resistance."

Paris, Aug. 26, 11.50 p. m.—The official statement issued by the war department tonight says: "In the north the Franco-British lines have been moved back a short distance.

London, Aug. 26, 8.35 p. m.—With the re-occupation of Shabats by the Serbians, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Cetinje, the four thousand Austrian prisoners have been doubled, four thousand additional men have been captured between Losauza and Shabats during the Serbian march to occupy the latter town. The Serbian casualties in retaking Shabats are admitted to have been very heavy.

Germany May Abandon Prussia for Times. The Hague, via London, Aug. 26, 3.50 p. m.—The military correspondent of the Courant declares he is able to state on trustworthy authority that the German plan to abandon temporary east and west Prussia and Pomerania to the Russians, and withdraw slowly to the river Oder, where the main defences of Berlin are.

Paris, Aug. 26, midnight.—The French ministry, headed by Premier Rene Viviani, resigned tonight. Another cabinet was immediately formed. Premier Viviani visited Elysee Palace at 10.15 o'clock this evening and notified President Poincaré that the members of the cabinet decided to resign collectively. He said that he and his colleagues had come to the conclusion that in the circumstances through which the country was passing the ministry should have a wider scope and comprise all the best men in all the republican groups.

President Poincaré charged M. Viviani with the task of organizing a new cabinet, which the premier accepted. He returned to Elysee about an hour later and made known to the president the composition of the new ministry, which is as follows: President of the Council without portfolio, Rene Viviani; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Theophile Delcasse; Minister of War, Alexandre Millerand; Minister of Justice, A. Briand; Minister of the Interior, Louis J. Malvy; Minister of Marine, Victor Anguesmes; Minister of Finance, Alexandre Ribot; Minister of Public Instruction, Albert Barrat; Minister of Public Works, Hamburg docks.

TURKEY TO JOIN AUSTRIA AND GERMANY?

Tension So Acute at Constantinople Newspapers Controlled by Military are Being Censored.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Tension is so acute in Constantinople that diplomats there fear Turkey may, at any moment, be drawn into the European war on the side of Germany and Austria.

A strict censorship has been placed on the newspapers in Turkey, which are now controlled by the military, and are being used, according to diplomatic despatches here, to create a strong pro-German feeling.

The Turkish cabinet is wavering between a declaration of war and the preservation of neutrality. The various diplomatic representatives of the various powers are in constant conference with the government officials, Great Britain and Russia endeavoring to keep Turkey neutral.

Feeling is most acute over the entry into the Dardanelles of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, Great Britain, France and Russia not only requested ten days ago that if these ships were purchased by Turkey the crews be sent to other German ports, Austria, but promised safe conduct.

Many of the German sailors are still on board, and 150 or more are said to have been distributed among Turkish torpedo boats.

The British government is viewing this with much disfavor, and the situation has been aggravated by the inability of several English merchant ships to pass through the Dardanelles, even after the Grand Vizier had given the requisite permission.

Neither Great Britain or Russia, however, has assumed a threatening attitude diplomatically, hoping to persuade Turkey to remain neutral. A few days ago the Russian ambassador was requested to cease his wireless on a Russian vessel in the harbor. He acquiesced, rather than brove on an issue with his government.

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Abandon Invasion of Alsace-Lorraine For More Legitimate Strategy—More Hopeful Feeling in England—German Attack of French Repulsed.

London, Aug. 27, 2.22 a. m.—A closer veil than ever seems to be drawn over the progress of the war. Very little news has come to hand concerning the operations on either the Russian, however, appear to be continuing their advance in East Prussia towards Posen, with the Germans in retreat.

The only news from the French side is that the French troops were attacked along the Alsace-Lorraine line, but repulsed all the attacks successfully. There is no indication that the German attack was in great force, but, if it was, the French success shows they are now in a strong position along this frontier, from which they will be driven only by great sacrifice on the part of the Germans.

A more hopeful feeling prevails in England as to the strength of the French defensive position. The repulse the French suffered at Charleval has been partly due to the desire of the French army to achieve a brilliant incursion into Alsace and Lorraine, which led them to weaken their forces on the Belgian frontier.

Much also is hoped from the unexpectedly victorious progress of the Russian army and the fact that the Austrians have been compelled to abandon their campaign against Serbia, and the belief is held here that if the Germans succeed in reaching Paris, the Russians will almost as certainly reach Berlin.

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London, Aug. 26.—The convention of the Liberal Conservatives of the County of Westmorland called to nominate a candidate for the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. H. E. Emerson, was held in the Conservative Club rooms in this city this afternoon.

Mr. G. Siddall, of Port Eglise, who contested the county at the last election, and Dr. O. B. Price, M.L.A., of Moncton. On the vote being taken Mr. Siddall was declared the choice of the convention, 102 to 51.

The result was received with loud cheers. Mr. Siddall referred to the contest and recalled with pleasure that Mr. Emerson on one occasion had complimented him on the fair fight he had made. He thought the large attendance at the convention at a season when the farmers especially were so busy meant a determination that the county's next representative should be a supporter of the administration of Sir Robert L. Borden (Lord Chatter).

Referring to his rival for the nomination, he said he had had no heartier supporter in the last contest than Dr. Price and he had no doubt he would be the same this time. Referring to local matters, he said he had been at a disadvantage in not being the county's representative but he had no doubt that if sent to Ottawa he would be in a position to remove any reasonable grievances that might exist.

French Change Plans; Strengthen Defence in North

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Manchester, Mass., Aug. 26.—Dr. K. T. Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States, today announced that he had received a wireless message, via Sayville, Long Island, from the Hungarian secretary of foreign affairs, saying that the Emperor had commanded the Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth at Tsing Tau to take up the fight, together with the German navy.

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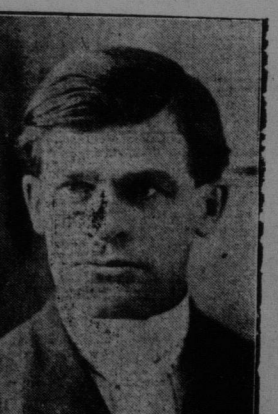
Paris, Aug. 26.—Premier Viviani and (Continued on page 7)

MEDLEY G. SIDBALL, NOMINATED BY WESTMORLAND CONSERVATIVES

Hopes Entertained for Compromise Acceptable to all Parties.

London, Aug. 26.—Although home rule is no longer a live controversial matter, negotiations are quietly proceeding, and it is more likely to arrive at a compromise which will be acceptable to all parties.

Donald MacLester asked in the Commons today whether, in view of the great struggle in which the country is now engaged, it was not in the interests of national safety and the discharge of international obligations, in regard to health, and anxious to serve, to enlist in the emergency army. Mr. Asquith replied that the point was not being lost sight of.



M. G. SIDBALL, Nominated Yesterday by Liberal-Conservative Convention to Contest Westmorland County in Coming Bye-Election.

In fact he had assurances to this effect not only from the ministers of railways and marine, but from Premier Borden himself.