

ALLIES' BIG DRIVE AGAINST ENEMY IN WEST SCHEDULED FOR MID-OCTOBER?

RUSSIANS STUBBORNLY HOLDING OFF THE ENEMY IN NORTHERN COURLAND

Continue Retirement Along the Rest of the Line—Next Few Days Likely to Reveal Teutons' Plans—No Sign Yet of Great Offensive in West—Joffre's Plan to Make "Big Rush" in Mid-October is Opinion in London—More Heavy Fighting on Gallipoli Peninsula.

London, Aug. 28.—There are no signs yet of any slackening of the German pursuit of the retreating Russians, and according to the official report issued in Berlin today, progress has been made in all sectors of the eastern battle line except that in northern Courland, where the armies of Grand Duke Nicholas are offering a stubborn and effective resistance. From the southeast of Kovno, where the Germans claim to have broken the Russian resistance, and must therefore be approaching Vilna, along the Niemen to Grodno, and thence southward through the forest of Bielowiech and along the borders of the Pripiet river marshes, the Russians are falling back to new positions. Speculation again is being indulged in as to whether the Germans intend to push the Russians further, or prepare to hold the positions while the Teutons attempt to penetrate in the Balkans by way of the Aegean line in France and Belgium. Military observers here are of the opinion that this question must be settled before many days have elapsed, arguing that with the summer coming to an end, any ventures proposed for the fall must soon commence to develop. Thus far the Germans have made no move toward a great offensive in the west, and the threatened Austrian attack against Serbia has consisted mainly of long distance artillery engagements. The artillery has been the chief mode of warfare on the western line. The most active has been displayed here by the guns of the Allies, which have been shelling virtually the entire German line. In addition the Allies have been using their aircraft in large squadrons to bombard German barracks and positions. It is being vaguely hinted here that mid-October has been chosen as the time for the long postponed "big push" of the Allies, but the point at which an attack is to take place is not being mentioned. The general public does not expect a strong offensive movement, as yet, but in some circles there would be no surprise should Gen. Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, find it possible to attempt some kind of a forward movement before mid-October. There has been more heavy fighting

WILSON MORE HOPEFUL ABOUT ARABIC AFFAIR

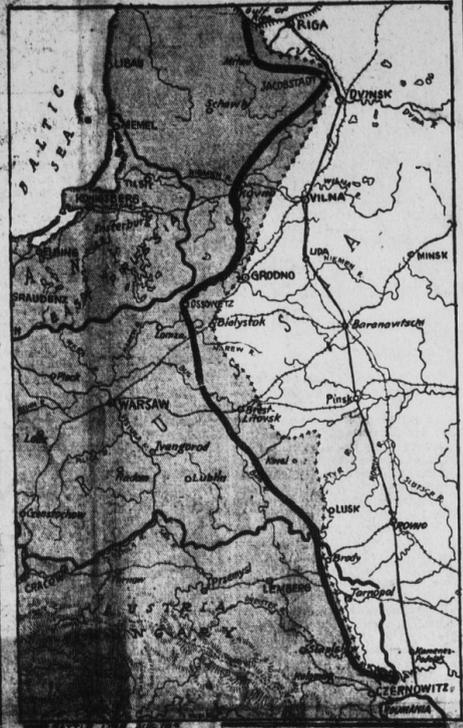
Now Believes Satisfactory Settlement Will be Reached With Berlin.

STAYING IN CAPITAL PENDING DEVELOPMENTS

Refuses to Take Rest Until Formal Disavowal of Sinking of Arabic Reaches Washington.

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson decided yesterday to remain in Washington until the situation between the United States and Germany is cleared up. Officials have been urging him to go to Cornish, N. H., for a rest, but he has announced that he will stay here pending the receipt of further word from Berlin. The President, it was authoritatively, has been led by the statements of Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador to Secretary Lansing and reports received from American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, to hope that a resolution for the submarine controversy with Germany will be found. He is waiting, however, for the imperial government's formal disavowal of the attack on the Arabic, and assurances that the lives of Americans travelling on unarmed merchantmen will not be endangered again. Count von Bernstorff left today for the summer embassy on Long Island

FIRST DEFINITE BREAK IN RUSSIAN LINE COMES AT PRIPET MARSHES



Break in Russian line at Pripiet marshes. The Russian line has been broken at the Pripiet marshes, and the German forces have advanced into the region. The map shows the Baltic Sea to the north, and the Russian front line extending from the coast towards the interior. Key locations marked include Riga, Vilna, Grodno, and the Pripiet marshes.

He still was confident that within a short time a formal communication would reach Washington from the Berlin foreign office, disposing of the situation growing from the sinking of the Arabic, and paving the way for an amicable adjustment of all issues between the American and German governments. The Ambassador probably will not return to the capital until the note from Berlin arrives.

THE 55TH BATTALION LEAVES VALCARTIER SOON

TAKING WAR CENSUS IN AUSTRALIA

Government Will Obtain Full Information Regarding Resources of Men and Money Available in the Commonwealth to Prosecute the War

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—Details of the war census bill of Australia have been received by the government here. This bill which is stated to meet with the general approval of both political parties is a far-reaching measure intended to fully disclose to the government the resources of men and money available within the commonwealth to prosecute the war. The bill proposes to do two things: (1) To require every male citizen of fighting age to give an exact account of his physical condition, his social and industrial status and his military capacity, and (2) to compel every person of either sex, aged eighteen and upwards who owns property or in receipt of income for disclosure, in consequence, the precise nature, extent and value of his or her possessions. The object of the bill is to furnish the government with complete and accurate knowledge of the forces which it aspires to organize for the promotion of national security. The Australian war expenditure computed on recent developments is estimated to be at the rate of \$225,000,000 per annum. When the war census has been taken it will disclose to the federal treasurer all the accumulations of money, particularly imperfectly utilized funds, which may be open to national necessity.

Will be One of the Twelve Complete Canadian Battalions Selected to Start Shortly for England.

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—Twelve complete Canadian Battalions are to be sent to England shortly. The battalions have been chosen from all the divisional areas and military districts of the country. In each case the senior regiment of each district has been chosen. The third divisional area does not supply one of the 12 regiments because it recently sent the 38th Battalion to garrison Bermuda. The battalions selected to go as complete units are: Divisional Area 1: 33rd regiment, Col. Wilson, London; 34th, Col. A. J. Oliver, Guelph; Divisional Area 2: 35th, Col. McCordick, Toronto; 37th, Col. Bick, Northbay, Sudbury and Sault Ste Marie; 58th, Col. J. A. Genet, Toronto. Divisional Area 4 and 5: 41st Regt. Col. Archambault, Divisional Area 6: 40 Regt., Col. A. J. Vincent, Amherst; 50th J. R. Kirkpatrick, Military district 10; 44th, Col. Whalen, Port Arthur and Sault Ste Marie; 45th Regt. Col. F. J. Clark, Brandon and Sewell Camp Military district 11, 54th Kootenay Regt. formerly commanded by Col. Davis, now receiving a regiment of engineers, Divisional Area 13: 50th Regt. Col. E. G. Mason, Calgary.

DISCORD IN RANKS OF GERMAN ARMY

London, Aug. 30.—A Petrograd despatch to the Morning Post says: "It is reported that partisan warfare, such as was so very largely instrumental in causing disaster to Napoleon's Grand Army, has begun in several regions in the rear of the German advance. The Poles, in particular have always shown themselves admirable guerrilla fighters, and are again winning distinction as such, notwithstanding the severity of the German methods of repression."

VETERAN OF CRIMEAN WAR KILLED BY TRAIN

London, Ont., Aug. 29.—Col. James Heath, aged eighty-six, residing at 218 George street, and a veteran of the Crimean war, was instantly killed this morning at eleven o'clock when struck by the C. P. R. Chicago express at the Richmond street crossing of that line. The gates were lowered against pedestrians at the time. Major James Heath of the Strathcona Horse, who was wounded in a recent engagement at the front, is a son.

ANOTHER GERMAN PAPER BARRED FROM CANADA

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—The privilege of the mails of Canada has been denied the People's Post, a pro-German publication of Indianapolis, and it is an indictable offense, punishable by heavy fine or imprisonment, for anyone to have the publication in his possession.

SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS ALL ZEPPELIN RAIDS ON ENGLAND ACCOMPLISHED

Not a Soldier or Sailor Killed or Wounded and Only on One Occasion Has Damage been Effected Which by Stretch of Imagination Might be Considered of Military Importance, First Lord of Admiralty Says.

London, Aug. 28.—"No soldier or sailor has been killed or even been wounded, and on only one occasion has damage been inflicted which could by any stretch of language, be described as of the smallest military importance," says Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of Admiralty, in the Zeppelin raids on England, in a letter to a correspondent who had complained that the British accounts of these raids were meagre, while the German reports on the same events "are quite rich in lurid details." "The reason," says Mr. Balfour in his letter, "is quite simple. Zeppelins attack, under cover of night, and by preference on moonless nights. In such conditions landmarks are elusive, navigation difficult and errors inevitable and sometimes of surprising magnitude. The Germans constantly assert, and may sometimes believe, that they dropped bombs on places, which in fact, they never approached. "Why make their future voyages easier by telling them where they blundered in the past? Since their errors are our gains, why dispart them? Let us learn what we can from the enemy, but let us teach him only what we must. Nobody will, I think, be disposed to doubt that this reticence is judicious. But the question

may still be asked, whether it is used not merely to embarrass the Germans but unduly to reassure the British. "How ought we to rate the Zeppelins among the weapons of attack and what have they done and what can they do? To this last question I do not offer a reply. I cannot prophesy about the future of a method of warfare which still is in its infancy. I can, however, say something of its results during the past. "That it has caused much suffering to many innocent people, unhappily, is certain, but even this result, with all its tragedy, has been modified out of all proportion by ill-informed rumor. I am assured by the Home Office that during the last twelve months seventy-one civilian adults and eighteen children have been killed, and that 139 civilian adults and 31 children have been injured. Judged by numbers this cumulative result of many successive crimes does not equal the single effort of a submarine which, to the unconcealed pride of Germany and the horror of all the world, sent 1,193 unoffending civilians to the bottom in the Lusitania. "Yet, it is bad enough, and we may well ask what military advantage has been gained at the cost of so much innocent blood?"

PRUSSIAN CASUALTIES TO AUG. 24 ESTIMATED AT 1,740,836 MEN

Amsterdam, via London, Aug. 29.—The Prussian casualty lists give the names of 40,245 killed, wounded and missing, according to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant. The total number of Prussian losses, published up to August 24, amounts to 1,740,836, wounded and missing, says the report.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING BY GERMANS

New York, Aug. 28.—Officers and crew of the Norwegian steamer Capt, which reached here today from Cardiff, said that the vessel was fired upon without warning by a German submarine, August 12, in the English Channel. Two shots were fired, it was said. The Norwegian flag was then displayed and the submarine disappeared. The Capt is a freighter and carried no passengers.

Conqueror of Antwerp Named Governor of All Russian Territory Taken

Amsterdam, Aug. 28, via London (4.50 p. m.)—Word was received here today from Berlin that General von Bessler, conqueror of Antwerp and Novo Georgievsk has been appointed governor-general of the entire occupied Russian territory. This announcement is credited to the Fosen Tageblatt, which also says the civil administration of Russian Poland, heretofore at Kalisz, has been removed to Warsaw.

BERLIN SAYS ALLIES THREATENED BULGARIAN GOV'T WITH BIG STICK

Berlin, Aug. 29. (By wireless to Bayville)—The Overseas News Agency says that Bulgaria, previously reported to have signed a treaty with Turkey, has postponed ratification of the agreement on account of a sharp warning from the Entente Allies. "According to Sofia reports," the News Agency says, "Bulgaria has postponed, for some days, the signing of the treaty with Turkey, the quadruple Entente having notified her that such action at the present time would be regarded as a wholly unfriendly act. Nevertheless the two powers are in complete agreement."

NEW ZEPPELINS RESEMBLE A HUGE FISH

Familiar Cigar Shape Less Apparent in Latest Model—Zeppelin Fleet Painted Battleship Grey.

Paris, Aug. 29 (8 p. m.)—Germany's fleet of Zeppelins has been repainted a leaden grey, similar to the color of battleships, which renders them difficult to see, even when flying beneath the clouds. A telegram from Zurich, published in the Milan Stampa, says that during recent flights over Lake Constance Zeppelins appeared in their new dress. The latest models resemble large fish. Both ends taper, so that they have lost, to some extent, the familiar cigar shape.

FOUR THOUSAND MORE MINERS QUIT WORK

London, Aug. 28.—Although it had been announced that Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, who acted as arbitrator in the recent strike, would decline to see a deputation of miners, Mr. Runciman and David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, conferred for half an hour today with the committee representing the men, which came to London from Cardiff yesterday. Little was accomplished today beyond an elucidation of views on both sides. A further conference will be held on Monday, with representatives of the mine owners participation. Although dissatisfaction with Mr. Runciman's award to the miners is spreading, the men's leaders are standing firmly against another strike at this time. Nevertheless reports from the coal fields today stated that 4,000 more men had quit work.