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Mighty Armies Reported at Grips Again

May Be Fight To Finish or German Effort To Cover Retreat of Forces To The River Meuse

Germans Said To Be Doing as Well on Backward March as Allies Did--Crown Prince and Duke of Wurtemberg Fail at Troyon and Must Seek New Way Out

London, Sept. 16.—The second great battle in Northern France since the southbound sweep of the German invaders met its check, a now apparently in progress to the northward of the River Aisne.

Whether the Germans propose a fight to a finish at this position, or plan merely to cover their retreat to the River Meuse, is not yet clear, but the German commanders are showing the same skill in retreat, and the same skill in keeping their forces intact as the allies showed a fortnight ago.

The German rush into and out of France thus far has brought to decisive result.

GERMAN FAILURE AT TROYON

London, Sept. 16.—Reuter's Paris correspondent says:—The relief of Fort Troyon is likely to have an important bearing on the fate of the German army.

The failure of this plan means that the French are masters of the valley from Toul to Verdun.

Therefore the armies of Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duke of Wurtemberg will be unable to cross the Meuse and will have to go farther north and attempt to go by the Stenay gap.

GERMAN PRINCE'S ARMY IN SERIOUS POSITION

London, Sept. 16.—The centre of interest in the Western theatre of war, has shifted from the right wing of the German army, under General Von Kluck, to the wing where the relief of Troyon by the French is regarded, in London, as leaving the army of the German Crown Prince Frederick William, in what would appear to be a dangerous situation.

As had been predicted in England, the French have retaken Rheims, but this step is of greater moral than strategical value, for the line to the northeast of this town provides a better defensive position for German forces than the front marked by Rheims itself.

According to advices received here from Berlin the demand for news in Germany, where the people would appear to be growing impatient, probably smoothed to a certain extent by the reassuring statement from the general staff that the German line is holding out successfully against the offensive movements of the allies. So far as the last twenty-four hours are concerned, this information agrees with news received in London, with the exception, however, the German left wing. This part of the line, judging from despatches made public in London, would appear not only to have withdrawn from the investment of Verdun, but by permitting the relief of Troyon, which is twelve miles southeast of Verdun, to have left itself only one line of retreat. This is through the Stenay Gap, to reach Luxemburg, or by way of Longuyon and Longeville to reach Tilonville (Dieudonne).

If the allies are able to prevent the army of the crown prince from using Metz as a base of operations, it is left in London that the German left wing would be in as serious a situation as was its right last week.

WONCTON HEARS THAT WOMAN IN ALBERT CASE HAS CONFESSED

Startling Revelations Hinted at in Matter of Alleged Attempt at Murder

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 16.—The arrest of Jethro J. Downing of Riverside charged with attempting to poison Carl Johnson, also of Riverside, has aroused great interest here.

There is much interest in the alleged admission of rat poison and several letters to have been written to Downing by Mrs. Johnson, the complainant's wife, in which she has confessed to a confession of a startling nature.

Good Work Has Been Done By The Australian Fleet

London, Sept. 16.—A despatch to the Times from Sydney, dated Tuesday, reports that Rear Admiral Sir George Paty, commander of the Australian fleet, reports that the German losses at Herbersthorpe in the Bismarck Archipelago consisted of seven German officers and seven German soldiers.

Weather Bulletin: Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

MAY BE SECOND AND THIRD BATTLE

Paris, Sept. 16.—Via London.—The Matin, discussing the withdrawal of the Germans points out that in order to cover its retreat, and avoid the blocking of roads open to it, the German army will have to mark time and fight a second and perhaps a third battle.

HAVE OPENED THE WAY TO BUDAPEST

London, Sept. 16.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph quotes the military critic Michalewsky as saying that Russia's victory, during the last week over three Austrian armies on the line from the Vistula to the Carpathians, leaves the road to Budapest, along the northern base of the Carpathians, completely open.

Tokio, Sept. 16.—It is officially announced that a Japanese aeroplane dropped bombs on the barracks of the Germans at Tsing-Tau, and that the machine returned safely to its headquarters.

Paris, Sept. 16.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Nish, Serbia, confirms the reports that the Serbians have occupied Visegrad in Bosnia, forty miles southeast of Sarajevo.

London, Sept. 16.—A Petrograd despatch to the Press says:—"The immediate necessity was to prevent the destruction of the Austrians by rapid diversion. This Russia accomplished magnificently. Her raid in East Prussia right up to Koenigsberg, the ancient city of Prussian royalty, at once relieved the pressure upon France by compelling Germany to withdraw her best troops from France and replace them with reserves. This movement is still in progress."

Vienna, Sept. 16.—General Hofer, deputy chief of the Austrian general staff, announced today that the Serbian army, which crossed the river Save into Hungary, had been driven back along its entire line and met Sereva, in Slavonia and Banat, were now clear of the enemy.

London, Sept. 16.—The Daily Chronicle's Antwerp correspondent, in a despatch dated Tuesday, says there are now 100,000 Germans ranged around Brussels, while a Belgian army of 80,000 men has taken shelter beneath the line of the Antwerp forts and will prove a constant menace to the Germans should they wish to move troops to France.

London, Sept. 16.—An Amsterdam despatch to Reuter's says a local paper learns from Ghent that the Germans are further strengthening and fortifying Brussels. They have placed mitrailleuses in the Boulevard Dujevel, in Batanque and in front of the north and south stations. At Etterbeek, near Brussels, it is reported that fighting took place between Prussian and Bavarian soldiers, thirty of whom were killed.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 16.—Washington post office officials are here discussing a plan of reciprocity in special delivery stamps. There may be an international stamp, the mutual sale of special delivery stamps of each country by the other, or the mutual recognition of the special delivery stamp of each country by the other as their ordinary stamps are now recognized.

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Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 15.—Thomas Hessian, aged 80, while working in his harvest field at Georgetown, fell dead from heart disease. He was the father of Director Edmund Hessian of the Militia Department, Halifax, and was a retired customs officer.

TO STAND TRIAL: Thomas Grant, charged with assaulting Frederick Oudil, was committed for trial by the magistrate this morning.

SAVED BY THE BRITISH

London, Sept. 16.—The Times correspondent in Coulommiers, France, says that the mayor and prosecutor of that town, refused absolutely to pay \$20,000 demanded by the Germans as a war levy.

Paris, Sept. 16.—A story has reached here of the courageous action of Mme. Macherez of Soissons. When the Germans arrived there, they demanded to see the mayor, who was absent. None of the officials responded whereupon Mme. Macherez went to the Germans and said:

"There is no mayor here, but I am here and I answer for everyone and everything as you will have to do, if depositions are committed." After disputing the requisitions and the conditions of the Germans the courageous woman saved Soissons on easy terms.

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SUIT OVER A NOTE

The civil non-jury case of the Royal Bank of Canada vs. Stephen B. Bustin came up for trial this morning in the county court before Judge Forbes.

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