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BULGARIANS TAKE OFFENSIVE IN VALLEY OF THE OITUS

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY IN ATTACK IN THIEPVAL REGION

British War Office Reports Repulse of Fierce German Thrust and Heavy Casualties for Attackers—Berlin Claims Offensive on the Somme and Recapture of Positions Won by British Oct. 18.

ROUMANIANS SUCCESSFUL AT MOUNT SURUL, EAST OF ROPENTHURN PASS, BUT BUCHAREST ADMITS THEIR LEFT WING ALONG BLACK SEA COAST THROWN BACK BY VON MACKENSEN.

In France, in Galicia, and in the Dobruja region of Roumania, the armies of the Central Powers have successfully taken the offensive against their opponents. They are also holding the Entente Allies in check in Northern Macedonia, and are continuing the fighting on the Transylvania-Roumanian frontier.

Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, assuming the initiative on the Somme front in France, has according to the Berlin war office, recaptured from the British the greater part of the positions won from the Germans, Oct. 18, between Eaucourt L'Abbaye and Le Barque, between the Posieres-Bapaume road and Guedecourt and toward Beaucourt. The Germans also have successfully withstood British attacks near Courcellette and Le Sars and on the Posieres-Bapaume road. Paris reports only military activity on the Somme front, but London chronicles the repulse, with heavy casualties, of a German attack in the Thiepval region.

Russian Positions Stormed.
On the eastern front the Teutonic forces have stormed Russian positions on the left bank of the Narayuvka river, southeast of Lemberg, and held the conquered ground against counter attacks. Fourteen officers and 2,050 men and eleven machine guns were taken here by Prince Leopold's troops.

In Volhynia the fighting continues with varying results, both the Austro-Germans and the Russians claiming repulses of attacks on various sectors. To the north of Kiselin a stubborn battle is being waged, with no decision having yet been reached.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen again has resumed his drive toward the Constantza-Bucharest railroad in Dobruja. While Berlin reports the fighting there as "lively," Bucharest admits that the Roumanian left wing, along the Black Sea coast, has been thrown back. Petrograd reports that the Teutonic attacks were repelled with heavy losses, and that the battle continues.

Roumanians Fight Hard.
The Roumanian armies are fighting to drive the troops of the Central Powers back through the frontier passes into Transylvania. Bucharest reports the beginning of an offensive in the Oituz Valley, northeast of Kronstadt, and the taking of Mount Surul, east of Rothenthurn Pass, south of Hermannstadt. Attacks in the Bran defile and the Trotus, Usul and Alt valleys were repulsed by the Roumanians.

While Paris says the Serbians have captured the town of Velyeelo, north of Brod, in the region marked by the bend of the Cerna river in Southern Serbia, Berlin declares the offensive there has come to a halt before the stand of the forces of the Central Powers.

Violent fighting continues on Monte Pasubio, in the Trentino region, with Rome and Vienna both claiming slight successes.

German submarines, operating in the Mediterranean, have sunk two British ships, bound for Saloniki with supplies. The sinking of three other vessels, two of them of neutral nationality, by German U boats is reported from London.

On British Front.
London, Oct. 20.—The British official communication issued this evening says: "This morning, after an artillery bombardment, the enemy attacked west of the Schwaben redoubt (in the Somme region of France), but was repulsed before reaching our position. He suffered considerable casualties. Elsewhere there is nothing to report."

A Berlin Story.
Berlin, Oct. 20, (by wireless to Say-

ville).—Fifty persons have been killed or wounded by the British long range cannon which has been shelling the Greek Macedonian town of Seres, says a despatch from Sofia received by the Overseas News Agency. The message adds: "The bombardment of Seres is being repeated with the same regularity as that in Belgium, where civilian inhabitants have been injured. Seres, as is generally known, is not occupied by Bulgarian forces."

French Report.
Paris, Oct. 20, via London.—The French official communication issued here tonight says: "On the Somme front there is nothing to report beyond the usual artillery fighting, which was particularly active in the sectors of Sallies, Sallies, Berny-Eh-Santerre and Ablancourt."

"There was an intermittent cannonade on the remainder of the front."
Bucharest, Oct. 20, via London, 4.50 p. m.—The Bulgarian and German forces in Dobruja have taken the offensive along the whole front. There they have forced back the Roumanian left wing, the war office announced today.

"In the Bran defile, in the Trotus and Usul valleys, and on the left bank of the Alt, Austro-German attacks were beaten off. The Roumanians took prisoners and war material. In the region of Mount Robul five assaults were made, costing the Teutonic forces heavy losses. The Roumanians recaptured Mount Surul, near Rothenthurn Pass."

The announcement follows: "On the northern and northwestern fronts the enemy has attacked Gocosa, in the Trotus Valley, and has been repulsed. In the Usul Valley there have been violent artillery actions, and enemy infantry has been dispersed. Our troops have taken the offensive in the Oituz Valley and have driven back the enemy to the frontier where fighting continues."

"The situation is unchanged on the remainder of the front as far as Bran defile, where we repulsed an enemy attack directed against our left flank. We took 45 prisoners and captured some war material. We have recaptured Mount Surul. On the left bank of the Alt we have repulsed five enemy attacks in the region of Geuntrobul, where the enemy suffered heavy losses. There were more than 300 corpses in front of our trenches and we captured two machine guns from the enemy."

"There has been an artillery bombardment at Orsova, in the Jiu Valley. On the southern front, along the Danube, an exchange of infantry and artillery fire has taken place."

"The enemy has assumed the offensive over the whole front in Dobruja. He has been repulsed on our right flank and in the center. Our left wing has been slightly withdrawn toward Langrd."

Russians Successful In Persian Operations

Heavy Fighting Continues in Volhynia and Galicia, But No Important Changes Recorded—Severe Struggle North of Little Town of Kiselin.

Petrograd, Oct. 20, via London, 5.13 p. m.—Successes for the Russian troops in Persia are reported in today's war office announcement as follows:

"Caucasus front: In Persia our patrols conducted a gallant reconnoitering operation on Eldvar. In the same neighborhood, near Dambor Pass, they successfully attacked a long transport caravan and captured a large number of horses and arms."

Heavy fighting continues in Volhynia and Galicia, but no important changes are recorded in the official statement. The struggle is severe north of Kiselin, on the front north-west of Lutsk. North of Kuropatnika the Germans are attacking fiercely but, the statement says, have gained no success.

The announcement follows: "North of the little town of Kiselin a stubborn battle is proceeding. North of Kuropatnika the enemy is making fierce attacks without success. After a violent bombardment, the enemy launched an assault with dense masses of troops on our positions south of Svistelnki. The battle continues."

"South of Dorna Watra (near the Roumanian border) the enemy assumed the offensive and attacked our detachments. North of Lamuntel Mountain our troops attacked and dislodged the enemy from a series of heights, capturing four machine-guns and a number of prisoners."

Entente Forces Sent To Saloniki, Says Reuter
Several Detachments of Greek Troops Land at Crete—New York Greeks Decide to Provide Men and Funds to Support Nationalist Cause in their Old Land.

London, Oct. 20.—Additional Entente forces have been sent to Saloniki, according to Reuter's correspondent there, who sends word that a further strong contingent of infantry was landed today, and that several detachments of Greek troops have arrived from Crete to join the nationalist army.

The provisional government at Saloniki has received a lengthy telegram embodying resolutions passed at a meeting of Greeks in New York, and promising men and funds to the nationalist cause. The provisional government, says the despatch, is sending a committee to New York for the purpose of organizing and transporting troops.

HUNS AND BULGARIANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSS IN EAST ROUMANIA
Petrograd, Oct. 20, via London.—Announcement of the inauguration of an offensive movement in Eastern Roumania by the army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen is made by the war office.

It is said the Germans and Bulgarians have suffered great losses. The battle continues.

The official statement follows: "In Dobruja, at 7 o'clock, the enemy opened a fierce fire and assumed the offensive. The enemy attacks were repulsed with great losses to him. The battle still continues."

"In the Black Sea one of our submarines sank two Turkish steamers in the region of the Bosphorus."

CANADIAN LAUDED IN GR. BRITAIN

English Newspapers Accord Lieut. O. B. Jones, Once Court Martialled, Ringing Praise for Gallantry at the Front.

New York, Oct. 20.—The Evening Sun publishes the following: London, Oct. 20.—The British press today indulged in ringing praise of Lieut. O. B. Jones, of the Canadian forces, and recommended that he be awarded still further honors because, as one paper stated, "he is perpetually out killing Germans." The papers print sympathetically the story of how Jones lost his commission by court martial, and how, after enlisting forthwith as a private won back his commission by conspicuous gallantry.

GREAT BRITAIN HOLDS UP A DUTCH VESSEL

Steamer Arakana was Bound from Dutch Port of Borneo to U. S. Port of Manila.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The Dutch steamer Arakana, bound from a Dutch port in Borneo, to Manila, was held up on the high seas, August 30, by a British war vessel, and all her mail was taken off, according to advices received here today.

No official explanation has reached the state department, and an inquiry may be made as to why a neutral vessel, bound from one neutral port to another and far removed from the war zone, was submitted to such treatment.

Great Britain, some time ago, extended her censorship to vessels plying in the far east, but so far as is known never before has seized mail outside British waters or on such a short local voyage. Several instances of seizures in far eastern waters, including the Chinese Prince and the Kafus cases, provoked such opposition here that the British foreign office finally made informal expressions of regret and agreed to change her policy. Great Britain's explanation of her extension of the censorship to the Pacific has been predicated by rumors that Manila is being used as the base for a German-Indian junta, looking to revolution in India. No formal representations containing this charge have been made, however, and thirty Germans and Austrians, said to have been driven from Shanghai for plotting, and seized some time ago on their way to Manila, were released on complaint by the United States.

CANADIAN TROOPS LAND IN ENGLAND

85th Highlanders and Three Other Nova Scotia Battalions Among Number—Total of 5,805 Officers and Men.

Ottawa, Oct. 20.—It is officially announced, through the chief press censor's office, that the following troops have arrived safely in England: The 188th Saskatchewan Battalion; half 166th Toronto Battalion; the 85th, 186th, 193rd and 219 Nova Scotia Battalions. Drafts dental corps; Flying Corps. Total number of troops—Officers 276; men 5,523.

LAURIER REFUSES TO APPEAL FOR RECRUITS

Fearful Attitude of Sir Wilfrid Will be Seized Upon by Empire's Enemies to Indicate That Canada Is Not United.

QUEBEC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS PROBABLY ARE REASONS FOR ASTOUNDING ACTION OF LIBERAL LEADER OF DOMINION.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has refused to affix his signature to an appeal for recruits to be signed by leading parliamentarians of both parties. Sir Wilfrid's refusal to appeal for recruits will likely be the policy of his subordinates and Sir Robert Borden will make an appeal himself. It is believed that Sir Wilfrid's decision was based on Quebec political considerations. In that province he is denouncing militarism and his signature to a document asking that his compatriots enlist might injure his election prospects in a province where army service is not popular and where he must win practically every constituency or go down to defeat again. It is in Quebec where the appeal is most needed as English Canada has furnished its quota of the half million army and the deficit is caused by the failure of Sir Wilfrid's compatriots to respond to the call to arms.

National Service Appeal.

The National Service Committee decided that an appeal for recruits signed by leading parliamentarians, including Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier would greatly aid in solving the problem of securing one hundred thousand more men for overseas service. The committee wrote to Sir R. L. Borden to this effect; he at once wrote Sir Wilfrid asking his co-operation and pointing out that during the last session he had suggested such action to the opposition leader. Sir Robert suggested to Sir Wilfrid that he name five prominent leaders including himself and he would be one of seven members of the government to sign the appeal.

WELD, MAN WHO WON MILITARY CROSS KILLED

Casualty Lists Show Ancient Colony Nobly Playing its Part in Empire's Struggle.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 20.—Latest casualties in the Newfoundland regiments are:

Captain James Donnelly, St. John's, who won military cross at Caribo Hill, killed in action, October 12; Lieut. Cecil B. Cliff, St. John's, reported missing, believed killed October 12; Captain Augustus O'Brien, St. John's, wounded October 12; Pte. John Calpin Codrery; Pte. Patrick Woodford, Toogool Arm, Notre Dam Bay; Pte. George E. Shave, Pogo, dead of wounds, and forty other privates wounded.

OTTAWA CIVIL SERVICE CLUBS RETURN FUNDS

Four Civil Servants, Members of the Executive, Suspended—Fifth Man Clears Himself of Charges.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Oct. 20.—The executive of the Ottawa civil service clubs has the city.

To the surprise of everybody in the capital Sir Wilfrid has refused to participate in this appeal for recruits and participation on the most flimsy pretext. He seeks in Sir Thomas Talbot's resignation a reason for not assisting in the Empire's fight. The parliamentary committee would have had no connection with the National Service Committee so that Sir Wilfrid's pretext has no justly fair foundation. Quebec has again dictated the Liberal policy as it did on the bilingual issue. Sir Robert Borden has written in reply expressing his deep regret, adding: "A united appeal for this great national purpose seems to me especially desirable and it is with the deepest regret that I learn of your refusal to join in such an appeal."

It is feared that Sir Wilfrid's action will be seized upon by the Empire's enemies in neutral and hostile countries to indicate that Canada is not united in support of the war and that at least the leaders of one of the great political parties do not desire further participation.

Sir Robert will make a personal appeal through the press and on the platform to counteract the damaging effect of Sir Wilfrid's refusal to assist in sending more men to Europe that the sacrifices already made will not have been in vain.

decided to return six thousand dollars, which it raised from contractors and others through the sale of life memberships by Mr. F. L. Ebbetts, a Toronto promoter. Some six thousand dollars was raised. Half of this is in the hands of Mr. Ebbetts, and it is questionable whether he can be compelled to pay back his share. However, Ebbetts has no intention of returning his share.

Four civil servants, members of the executive, have now been suspended. They are E. A. Miles, E. Primm, W. A. Fraser, a son of the auditor-general, and T. U. Dooey. A fifth member, a private secretary of one of the cabinet ministers, was on the capper but showed that he protested against the scheme and had it recorded on the minutes. Three other members of the committee are out of the city.