

KAISER SICK; FEARS ASSASSINATION AND UPBRAIDS OFFICERS

Had His Orders Been Obeyed Army Would Have Met Disaster at Marne—Soldiers Disheartened.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—Rumors from various sources keep coming into the effect that the Kaiser is in a very serious state of health. It is also reported that the Imperial relations with most of the leading generals of the headquarters staff are distinctly strained. Had the Kaiser's orders been obeyed the retreat from the Marne would have ended in total disaster for the Germans. The Kaiser, however, does not think so, and he is said to have severely upbraided his leaders for not carrying out his views. On meeting one of his best men, who had been obliged to fall back, the Emperor is said to have greeted him with: "You fell back and yet you're still alive!"

Staff Resentful.

The entire staff feels this as a personal reflection on their courage, and notwithstanding their loyalty and the extreme deference always shown the Kaiser, more than one bitter word has been passed.

The Kaiser's great fear now is said to be assassination. Whoever he has taken quarters, quick-firing are placed in and around the premises. Big guns are trained on all approaches. If possible, nobody is allowed to come within two hundred yards. Searchlights are mounted on the roof, and hundreds of troops keep guard night and day. Even in war time the Emperor does not forego his love of parade. His staff still numbers some 300 or 400 officers.

Germans Discouraged.

Further instances of the growing discouragement of the Germans. A diary is published of an officer which, now a month old, reveals that even then the Germans had discovered they were in a tight corner. "The French fight like lions and German leaders appear all to have been thrown off their balance by the resistance encountered. As for the men, they are convinced they are doomed. They neglect no occasion to drown their sorrow."

They seem to have lost all idea of civilization and humanity," proceeds the diary, "and all the worst instincts of the better of them. We can do nothing to head them back, and when there is anything to head they throw themselves quick-firing are placed in and around the premises. Big guns are trained on all approaches. If possible, nobody is allowed to come within two hundred yards. Searchlights are mounted on the roof, and hundreds of troops keep guard night and day. Even in war time the Emperor does not forego his love of parade. His staff still numbers some 300 or 400 officers."

THE DAY IN REVIEW

Germans Undertake a General Offensive on a Long Front—Both Sides Claim Successes—French Admit Falling Back in Places—Germans Also Attempt an Advance Into Russia.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—9:00 p.m.—The Germans have undertaken a general offensive movement along the line extending from the mouth of the River Yser, on the North Sea, to the River Meuse, and while they have compelled the Allies to give ground in some places, they themselves have lost positions in others.

This, in a few words, is what is gathered from official reports coming both from the French and German headquarters.

The German attack today was particularly severe in the West where their right wing, strongly reinforced by fresh troops, attempted an advance against the Belgians, who are holding the Allies' extreme left. This left rests on the coast, and is supported by English and French warships, and by Anglo-French troops, which form a front from a point somewhere in the vicinity of Dixmude, southward to La Bassée canal. Both sides claim successes, but the French alone admit that in places they have been compelled to fall back.

Generally, however, the line is little or nothing changed, the swinging and swaying of the lines being the same as has been going on for weeks.

No Decisive Battle Yet.

Although it is just two months now since the Allies concentrated on the Franco-Belgian frontier to oppose the German advance, and the invaders have been to Paris and back in the interval, no decisive battle has been fought. Neither side has destroyed or partially destroyed an army. Even the Belgians destroyed an army. Even the Belgians destroyed an army. Even the Belgians destroyed an army.

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CRUISERS COMB SEA FOR RAIDERS

Over Seventy Battleships on Trail of Karlsruhe and Emden.

ONLY QUESTION OF TIME

British Admiralty Says Losses Largely Due to Leaving Prescribed Routes.

[Canadian Press.]

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Admiralty tonight issued a statement outlining the steps that are being taken to round up the eight or nine German cruisers at large in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. These cruisers include the Emden, which has sunk or captured 20 British vessels to date in the Indian Ocean, and the Karlsruhe, which has taken thirteen British ships in the Atlantic. The statement says:

"Searching for these vessels and working in concert under various command-in-chief are upwards of 70 British, Australian, Japanese, French and Russian cruisers. Not including auxiliary cruisers. Among these are the numbers of the fastest British cruisers."

A Matter of Time.

"The vast expanse of seas and oceans, and the many thousands of miles of coastline, offer almost infinite choice of movement to the enemy's ships. In spite of every effort to cut off their coal supply, it has hitherto been maintained by one means or another. In fact of increasing difficulty, therefore, is largely a matter of time, patience and good luck. The public should have confidence that the command-in-chief and the experienced captains serving under them are doing all that is possible, and is taking the best steps to bring the enemy to action."

Searchers Being Augmented.

"Our commanders so far have been occupied in very serious and important convoy duty, but this has somewhat lessened, and the number of searching cruisers is being continually augmented. Meanwhile merchant vessels must observe the admiralty regulations, which it is obviously impossible to specify, and use all the precautions which have been suggested. On routes where these instructions have been followed they have so far proved very effective. On the other hand, where they have been made, the same vastness of the sea, which has so far enabled the German cruisers to avoid capture, will be the undoing of the trade."

The only alternative to the methods already adopted would be the marshaling of merchantmen in regular convoys at stated intervals. So far has not been thought necessary to hamper trade by enforcing such a system.

Loss Smaller Than Expected.

"The percentage of loss is much less than was reckoned on before the war. Out of 4,000 British ships engaged in the foreign trade, only 39 have been sunk by the enemy, or less than 1 per cent in all. Besides, several vessels are now overdue in Atlantic waters."

The rate of insurance for cargoes, which at the outbreak of the war was 10 per cent, has now been reduced to 2 guineas per cent.

Vessels at Fault.

"Between 8,000 and 9,000 foreign voyages have been undertaken to and from the United Kingdom ports, less than 5 per 1,000 of which have been interfered with, and of these losses a large number have been caused by merchant vessels taking everything for granted and proceeding without precautions, as if there were no war."

On the other hand, German overseas trade has practically ceased to exist. Nearly all their fast ships, which could have been used as auxiliary cruisers, were promptly penned into neutral harbors, or have taken refuge in German ports. The German ships which have put to sea, 133 have been captured, or nearly four times the number of those lost to the very large losses of the British marine."

No Occasion for Anxiety.

"In these circumstances there is no occasion for anxiety, and no excuse for complaint. On the contrary, the more fully the facts concerning our overseas trade, and its protection by the royal navy can be disclosed, and the more attentively they are studied the greater will be the confidence and satisfaction with which the situation can be viewed."

KARLSRUHE TAKES COAL AND SINKS STEAMSHIP

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—A cable message received today by the United States and Brazil Steamship Company confirmed, in part the recent activities of the German cruiser Karlsruhe, which in cable dispatches is said to have destroyed thirteen British merchantmen in Atlantic waters.

The cable message was from Captain Pilcher, of the British steamship Indragiri, which left New York, Sept. 11, calling at Norfolk, where she took on board 7,000 tons of coal for Rio Janeiro. Captain Pilcher informed the United States and Brazil line, to which the vessel was under charter, that the Indragiri was met by the Karlsruhe when off the Barbados.

Officers from the German cruiser boarded the vessel and on learning that she carried a cargo of coal, the cruiser's small boats were lowered and several hundred tons of fuel were transferred to the Karlsruhe. On completing this operation the Indragiri's crew was transferred to the Karlsruhe and the merchantman was then sent to the bottom with a few well directed shots.

The Indragiri was of 3,456 tons gross, built in Glasgow in 1918, and was owned by Donaldson Brothers, of Glasgow.

LEAVES DOMINION ALLIANCE.

TORONTO, Oct. 23.—Rev. W. S. MacTavish, who for the last three years has been a field secretary of the Dominion Alliance, has tendered his resignation and requested his release at the end of November.

AMERICAN BAR HONORS ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The election of Romulo S. Naon, Ambassador to the United States from Argentina, to honorary membership in the American Bar Association was announced today. This honor is conferred upon some prominent international jurist at the close of each annual session of the association.

LABOR CANDIDATE WILL CONTEST WEST HAMILTON

HAMILTON, Oct. 23.—The Independent Labor party tonight decided to place a Labor candidate in the field in the coming Ontario by-election.

The nomination will be held next Friday.

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Belgian Girl, Hands Cut Off, Reaches Canada

MONTREAL, Oct. 23.—It is reported that a Belgian girl, whose two hands were cut off by German soldiers, has arrived in Montreal, but she has not yet been located by the Belgian relief committee, who do not know her name, but are trying to find out about her.

LARGER ARMY IS HOUSE TO ENEMY

Allies Withstand Desperate Attacks of Reinforced German Armies.

EVEN GAIN MORE GROUND

Three German Batteries Put Out of Action During Battle.

[Canadian Press.]

PARIS, Oct. 23.—11:45 p.m.—Watching each other's every move in order to take advantage of the slightest weakness at any point, the two great armies continued violent attacks and counter-attacks throughout last night and today, according to statements made by officers and officials arriving here from various sections of the battle lines.

These assaults did not affect any noticeable change in the positions, although the Allies were compelled to give way a little at La Bassée, thirteen miles southwest of Lille. At Arras, however, the fighting was very stubborn and the Allies gained some more ground.

Enemy in British Uniform.

Two officers in British uniform today brought to a halt the motors belonging to an ammunition convoy, as it was proceeding to the British lines at Arras, with supplies.

"Halt! You are running right into German trenches," was the command given to the convoy. The captain in command went and spoke to the two officers, who were driving a British automobile. After a few words passed the captain noted that the men who had issued the order spoke with a slight accent, whereupon he drew his revolver and shot both his supposed comrades. At the same moment a squadron of German cavalry appeared a short distance away.

Germans Put to Rout.

The British captain then ordered the truck drivers to move forward, and with their rifles and take a position in a ditch beside the road, in order to defend the convoy. The Germans were about to charge and a detachment of the German infantry had arrived on the scene, but from the other side a French battalion appeared. A sharp fight ensued and the Germans retired with heavy losses. The ambulance had been well prepared.

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These are the samples of one of the best New York makers (this season's), finer than any stock usually carried here. Worth regular \$5.00 to \$10.00. Sizes 35 to 40. On sale Monday about half, \$2.50 to \$5.00

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FIVE INCHES CAUSE OF SERIOUS FLOOD

Twenty People Are Drowned in Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 23.—Probably twenty persons were drowned here today in a flood of the San Antonio River and the San Pedro and Alazan creeks. The known dead number thirteen.

A five-inch rainfall in less than three hours caused a fifteen-foot flood in the river and put the creeks out of their banks from 100 to 1,000 feet. All the deaths occurred in the two creeks which run through the city. A number of small dwellings were undamaged and swept away. The property loss, it is thought, will not exceed \$150,000.

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