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#### FIGHTING CONTINUES NORTH OF SERRE

The Attack Was Carried Out on a Front Extending for Five Miles on Both Sides of the Ancre Against Positions Held by the Germans for Two Years and Which They Considered Impregnable—1000 Prisoners are Taken—Positions North of the River are Described as Being of Extraordinary Strength

LONDON, Nov. 14.—What may become known as the Battle of the Ancre opened yesterday when the British forces struck a fresh blow against the German front in the region of the Ancre River. There had been no serious fighting in this sector since the opening of the British push on the first of July, when the British line of attack extended five miles north of the Ancre to Commeourt, but after a few days, no progress being made in this region, efforts henceforth were concentrated further south. Frequent trench raids during the recent weeks indicated that some new move was contemplated, but bad weather, which has prevented any serious operations since Oct. 21, when the last big attack was launched on the Schwaben-LeSars sector, delayed the blow. Apparently the Germans were taken by surprise, as they offered no serious resistance, except before Serre. The attack was carried out on a front extending for

five miles on both sides of the Ancre against positions which the Germans had held for two years, and which they considered impregnable. It resulted in the capture of Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre division, with a gain of new ground to a maximum depth of one mile and a large number of prisoners, between 3,000 and 4,000 having already been reported. The positions north of the river are described as being of extraordinary strength. Fighting continues north of Serre. This latest British advance in conjunction with that on the Schwaben LeSars line, threaten the envelopment of Miraumont, the Albert Arras railway.

### British Attack Ends in Taking Beaumont

All Positions Taken Are Part of Heavily Fortified Original German Main Line—Many Prisoners Taken.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—We attacked early this morning, and already the British line on both sides of the Ancre has been advanced for a maximum depth of one mile, capturing the village of Beaumont Hamel, considered by the Germans impregnable, and St. Pierre Division, also valuable trenches north of Serre. All these positions were part of the heavily fortified original German main line, and have been occupied for more than two years. Many prisoners have been taken, and already 2,000 have been collected in advanced cages. Fighting continues around Serre, the only place not captured in the first assault.

### Springdale Fires the First Shot In the War on Legalized Robbery

(Special to The Mail and Advocate)

SPRINGDALE, November 14.—At a Public Meeting held here last night it was resolved that we consider Reids recent action regarding freight rates as uncalled for and not to be tolerated and that unless the Government take immediate counter action they are unworthy of the people's confidence.

### NORWAY'S NOTE IS COUCHED IN FRIENDLY TONE

British Attack Penetrated the German Defence on a Front of Nearly Five Miles—Attack Was Delivered Before Daylight in Thick Mist—Severe Losses Are Inflicted on the Enemy

LONDON, Nov. 14.—A bulletin issued last night from British headquarters in France, reads:—"We attacked this morning astride the Ancre, and have succeeded in penetrating the German defence on a front of nearly five miles. The strongly fortified village of St. Pierre Division has fallen into our hands. The attack was delivered before daylight in a thick mist, and severe losses have been inflicted on the enemy. Over 3,000 prisoners passed through our collecting stations already, and more are coming in. Fighting continues. The front which we have captured north of the Ancre consists of the German original front defences, and were of an exceptionally strong nature."

### Russians Have Cross'd Danube

Czar's Forces Cross at Two Points South of Tchernavoda—Constantza Again Bombarded by Russian Fleet.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Russians have crossed the Danube into Dobrudja at two points south of Tchernavoda, and the Russian fleet has renewed the bombardment of Constantza, according to Petrograd advices received to-day. Field Marshal von Mackensen is reported continuing his retreat with demoralized forces and with one-third of his effectives lost through ravages of disease and military reverses. The losses sustained are declared in Petrograd to have seriously affected the morale of Von Mackensen's army, while the reinforcements he requested to make good his losses are said not to have been provided. His retreat, therefore, is being conducted under disastrous conditions.

### BRITISH TAKE STRONG ENEMY POSITIONS

Verbal Explanations Which Accompanied Note Were Such That it is Not Impossible That an Understanding Will be Reached—Berlin Papers Say Solution of the Trouble Lies With Norway

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—Although the Norwegian answer to the German Note with respect to the submarine question has not yet been made public the Lokal Anzeiger learns it is couched in a conciliatory spirit. Even though it does not concretely offer enough, it warrants its being called satisfactory. Verbal explanations, which accompanied the note, says the Lokal Anzeiger, were such that it is not impossible that an understanding will be reached. The paper points out, however, the solution of the difficulty in future relations between the two countries depend wholly on Norway and the further explanations she may choose to make, and not upon Germany which is watching developments with calmness.

### WILL TAKE JOINT ACTION

PARIS, Nov. 14.—A despatch from Rome says that the Vatican and the Governments of Spain and the United States have decided to approach jointly the German Government with a view to putting a stop to the deportation of Belgians.

### Lieut. Governor Dead

HALIFAX, Nov. 13.—Hon. David MacKeen, Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia, died to-night. He was appointed in October of last year. He was previously a member of the Canadian Senate for 19 years.

### Roumanian Operations Must Now Be Regarded As of Merely Local Importance

Allies Plan of Campaign in This Quarter Fell Through When it Was Seen Their Forces at Saloniki Were Unable to Devote Their Undivided Attention to Their Task—Greece's Action Blocked the Allies and Greece Now is the Means of Postponing the Scheme for Another Year at Least

LONDON, Nov. 14.—Operations in the Roumanian theatre of the war must for the time being be regarded as of merely local importance, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post, who writes: "The Allies' whole plan of campaign in this quarter fell through as soon as it became evident that their forces at Saloniki were unable to devote their undivided attention to their task, owing to the attitude of Greece. If the adhesion of the Roumanians had been accompanied by similar action by Greece, which it is believed here could have been brought about by the use of a couple of warships at the proper moment, matters would now be very different, and joint action from Saloniki and the Dobrudja region would by now have cut off Germany's supplies of men from Turkey. The Turks have always been among the finest war material in the world and under German sergeants they must be considered extremely formidable. Greece has been allowed to prevent the Allied scheme for cutting off Germany or any rate to postpone the scheme for another year."

### Consider the Sub. Question As Serious

U. S. State Dept. Officials View With Apprehension the Marina Case—Lansing Furnishes Wilson With Berlin Information.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Secretary of State Lansing has laid before President Wilson a summary of information from Berlin given the government in response to an enquiry sent through the American Embassy there concerning the sinking of the Marina, when six American lives were lost. While the State Department officials consider the submarine question serious, no decision has been reached as to whether Germany violated the pledges given the American Government after the attack on the cross-Channel steamer Sussex. All recent submarine activities, including the raid of the U-53 off the New England coast are being considered by the State Department together, in an effort to determine whether the new submarine policy has been adopted by Germany.

### The German Line in France is Hit Hard by British Ancre Offensive

#### OFFICIAL BRITISH.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—On the Somme, the French have captured the whole of the village of Saillisel. We captured a thousand yards of enemy trench on Friday night, and to-day we attacked enemy positions on both banks of the Ancre. Press reports from headquarters state that Beaumont Hamel and St. Pierre Division have been taken and two thousand prisoners captured. The fighting continues near Serre. There was much aerial activity during the week. Yesterday, Ostend Harbour and enemy warships were bombed. Another enemy battleship has been torpedoed in the North Sea, damage unknown. In Dobrudja the enemy are retreating. In Macedonia the Serbians have defeated the Bulgarians on the Cerna river. Little change on other fronts. BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Two successful air-raids have been carried out by war craft operating with the British forces in Egypt says an official announcement. The points raided were Maghdaba and Bissaha.

#### SERBIAN.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Serbian official to-day as received here, says that yesterday, in co-operation with the French, we continued the pursuit of the enemy northward and captured the village of Iven (on the Cerna, N.E. of Polog). Our booty comprised 16 field guns, 21 cassettes, 14 limbers, a large quantity of artillery, and infantry ammunition, rifles and other material. The number of prisoners is not yet known. Enemy dead were strewn on the field.

#### RUSSIAN.

PETROGRAD Nov. 13.—An official statement issued here to-day says that a majority of the German vessels which took part on Friday in a bombardment in the Gulf of Finland, were sunk. The German warships, the statement says, were 36-knot torpedo craft.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 13.—Austro-German forces are directing violent attacks against the Roumanian positions in the region of Campulung, says a Russian official issued to-day. The Roumanians, after having been pushed back in the region of Oltuz valley, attacked the Teutons north and south of Tolvenoling and captured a series of heights.

#### ITALIAN.

ROME, Nov. 13.—Sixty women and children were killed in an air raid by an Austrian squadron on Saturday, the Italian official announces to-day.

### U. S. Cabinet to See Changes

McAdoo Secretary-Treasury Resigns for Private Reasons—Wilson to Urge Present Members Remain at Their Posts.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—There have been reports circulated regarding changes in the Cabinet. Officials in close touch with the President declared to-day, it is almost certain he will urge all present members of the Cabinet to remain at their posts. Changes are not expected unless members themselves desire to quit the official family. It is considered possible, however that one or more members may resign for personal reasons. Secretary-Treasurer McAdoo has been frequently mentioned as one of the members likely to resign. Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, is suggested for his post.

British Troops Deliver Smashing Blow to German Line in France When They Capture German First and Second Line Trenches and Take Over 4000 Prisoners in Offensive Along the Ancre River

#### NOT MUCH NEWS FROM OTHER THEATRES

Von Mackensen's Troops Are in Full Retreat in Dobrudja—Serbs East of Monastir Have Scored Another Victory Over German and Bulgarian and Capture Large Number of Guns and Quantities of Ammunition—Quiet Prevails on Austro-Italian Front—Russians Repelled Strong Attacks in the Carpathians

LONDON, Nov. 14.—Once again the German line in France has been hard hit. Starting an offensive running from the southern bank of the Ancre River northward over a front of about five miles from St. Pierre division to north of Serre, the British have captured the towns of Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre division, first and second line trenches at various points, between 3,000 and 4,000 men being made prisoners in the attack. The Germans apparently offered slight resistance to their adversaries, although their positions were extremely strong. An advance of one mile over a five mile front was made by the British. Hard fighting is going on north of Serre. The new drive probably has as its objective the straightening out of the British line from the region of Le Sars across the Ancre, and the pushing forward by the British of their left wing toward Achiet-le-Petit at the junction point of the Arras-Bapaume and the Arras-Miramont roads. Except in the Roumanian and Macedonian theatres there has been little fighting of any importance. In Dobrudja, according to Petrograd advices received by wireless at Rome, the troops of Field Marshal von Mackensen are still in retreat, and that the Russians have crossed the Danube from the western bank and reached two points south of Tchernavoda on the eastern bank. Berlin asserts, however, that the Teutons have defeated the Russian-Roumanians, who were coming down on the westward bank of the river. The Serbians east of Monastir have scored another victory over the Germans and Bulgars, having captured the village of Iven, north-east of Polog and forced their antagonists to fall back. About 200 men were made prisoners in this fighting. A large number of guns and quantities of ammunition were also captured. On the Austro-Italian front quiet prevails, except for artillery duels. Austro-Hungarian aerial bombardments on Woedva killed at least 60 persons, including women and children, says a Rome despatch. A violent artillery duel is still in progress in the Narayuvka region of Galicia and the Russians repelled strong Austro-German attacks in the Carpathians.

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