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300,000 GERMANS THROWN AWAY IN VAIN ATTEMPT TO TAKE CALAIS AND DUNKIRK; THOUSANDS OF THEM DRIVEN BACK ACROSS YSER

RUSSIANS ARE ADVANCING IN EAST PRUSSIA

Fierce German Attacks Repulsed—Convoy of Prisoners Captured.

STRONG POSITIONS TAKEN

Good Progress in Przemysl District—"Essential Victory" in Poland.

(RUSSIAN OFFICIAL)

Canadian Press Despatch.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 27.—The following communication from the Russian General Staff was issued here this evening:

"Fighting has begun on the front in eastern Prussia. We have repulsed fierce German attacks in the region of Bakalarzewo. We took at Gombin, on the left bank of the Vistula, a convoy of prisoners.

"The battle front Oct. 26 extended from Kostno thru Tezow, Rawa, Nowemiasto, Bolibrzegi and Glowaczew to the mouth of the Ilzanka.

"Among the German troops there were many new recruits.

"The fighting was especially fierce around Tezow and Rawa, where we captured portions of the enemy's positions.

"We won a victory that was essential toward Novo, Alexandria and Zwolen (Russian Poland). The enemy there is in retreat. We took about 50 officers and 3000 men, several machine guns and eight cannon.

"South of Solec our troops, after crossing the Vistula, took eight officers and 300 men and some machine guns.

"Around Przemysl we have advanced as far on the railway as Staremiasto and Surkas."

GERMANS' FATAL DELAY.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 27, 5.07 p.m.—(Via London). —Reliable information received here from Warsaw, giving a detailed history of the attempted German advance in Russian Poland, says that the Russian generals are absolutely at a loss to explain what they

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HEAVY LOSSES ALONG VISTULA

Russians and Germans Engage in Frequent Encounters With Bayonets—Carnage is Appalling.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 27.—The Russians are now engaged in a constant succession of hand-to-hand battles with the columns falling back from the Vistula. The main strength of these now extends over an irregular line from the Radom woods westward in the direction of Piotrkow and upwards into the woods south of Rawa.

The bulk of the heavy casualties comes from bayonet fighting in the deserted villages where the Germans are seeking to establish themselves. From the nature of the operations now in progress it is foreseen that there would be several days of appalling casualties.

The Russians greatly outnumbered the retreating columns, whose wings are constantly threatened by the approach of Russian troops.

APPLIES TO WIND UP VANCOUVER TRUST CO

Canadian Press Despatch.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 27.—A petition was filed today in the supreme court asking for the winding up of the Dominion Trust Company. The petitioner is A. J. Maxton, a capitalist of Calais, France, who claims to be a creditor to the extent of approximately $130,000. His agent in Vancouver is J. B. Mathers, the first president of the Dominion Trust Company, who now holds no interest in the concern. Quite a legal battle may take place in the winding-up process. The directors have called a meeting of shareholders to present a plan for voluntary liquidation.

GERMAN INVASION OF PORTUGUESE COLONY?

LONDON, Oct. 27.—A Portuguese mission is in London arranging details for the possible co-operation of the Portuguese army with the allies.

A Havas despatch from Lisbon by way of Madrid reports that German troops have invaded the Portuguest province of Angola West Africa, and that preparations are under way for the despatch to that province of warships and troops for Portugal.

BELGIAN PARLIAMENT CONVENES NEXT MONTH

Berlin Denies That Germans Intend to Attempt a Convocation of the Body.

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LONDON, Oct. 27.—It is denied in Berlin that the Germans intend to attempt a convocation of the Belgian parliament and that the trip of chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg to Brussels, has nothing whatever to do with the matter.

It is reported from Dunkirk that the Belgian Government intends to convoke both chambers of parliament at Havre, France, on the second Tuesday in November, the usual time.

U.S. FLOUR FOR HOLLAND TO FEED BELGIAN POOR

Minneapolis Miller Launches Project — To Admit Shipment Under Guarantee.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Plans for sending a cargo of American flour to Holland for the relief of thousands of Belgian refugees were discussed today at the state department by Ambassador Spring-Rice and Acting Secretary Lansing. The project has been launched by a Minneapolis miller, who proposes that American millers donate the flour.

Officials of the warring nations will not object to shipment of the flour if guarantees are given that it will not be sent out of Holland.

SEARCHED BIG LINER FOR GERMAN SPIES

Timothy Healy Did Not Escape Examination—No Arrests Made.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 27, 10.03 p.m.—(via London).—Having received information that 32 German spies were on board the Cunard line steamer Mauretania with fraudulent passports, several officers of the home office subjected the passengers of the liner to a rigid examination on her arrival from New York today.

No spies were found on board the steamer. The only victim of the enquiry was the agent of an American arms manufactory, who had with him samples of American rifles. Nobody escaped examination, not even Timothy Healey, the Irish member of parliament, who evidently did not relish the cross questioning he had to undergo.

MORE AUSTRIAN-GERMAN FIRMS SEQUESTRATED

Paris Branch of Berlin Bank Also Seized by French Government.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, Oct. 27.—Eighteen additional Austro-German firms and also the Bank of J. Alard & Co., which is the Paris representative of the Dresdener Bank of Berlin, have been sequestrated by the government.

MADE HAUL OF GOLD—ABOUT FIVE DOLLARS

Morris Cohen Had Railway Ticket, But Did Not Get Away.

Morris Cohen, 34 Phoebe street, was arrested by Detective Twigg last night for obtaining about $5 worth of gold from the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company, 227 College street. He claimed he had been sent for it by Dr. Wylie, 295 Arthur street. When arrested he had a railway ticket for New York City.

MY, BUT IT'S COLD!

The first cold snap of the season is felt more than the severe and sustained cold of later on. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance to take adequate measures to ensure comfort and prevent a sudden chill. The great sale of Men's Furlined Coats and Coon Coats at Dineen's — 140 Yonge street — places these heat-retaining garments within the reach of men in all stations of life for prices are reduced in many cases to 50 per cent. off regular values and below cost of material. On another page in this paper you will find prices and particulars that should in uence you sufficiently to visit Dineen's and satisfy yourself regarding the truly sensational sacrifice of these handsome and durable coats.

GERMANS MET SEVERE DEFEAT ON YSER RIVER

Bulk of Force Was Driven Back by French Infantry.

BELGIANS' FEAT HEROIC

Prevented Allies' Left Being Turned—Great Victory is Near.

(By Charles Hodson, Central News and Toronto World special correspondent. Copyright Central News, 1914.

LONDON, via Northeastern France, Monday, Oct. 26.—(Delayed)—"A great part of the Germans were driven yesterday across the River Yser, with heavy losses, by the French infantry, aided by British monitors. The Belgians had held the Yser position for a week, and then, by sheer weight of men, the artillery of the Germans pushed back the gallant Belgians, but not until the enemy had paid the full price for their temporary gain.

"I am told that at least two army corps of the German forces faced the Belgians, their object being to force them right into France, thus turning the allies' left wing. It cost the Belgians a thousand casualties to prevent this. None can praise highly enough the heroism of this gallant remnant. The grueling on the Yser would have tested fresh troops, yet this tired, war-worn force held on like grim death till relief came and success was assured. This week will form a glorious chapter in the history of Belgium.

Eight German Army Corps.

"I am informed on reliable authority that the kaiser placed eight army corps in this section and that their losses were frightful, while their successes were practically nil.

"Toward the end of last week the situation was doubtful, but now there is no reason to fear failure; on the contrary, Berlin was perfectly correct in describing the battle of the Yser as the bloodiest of the war. Indeed, it couldn't have been otherwise, when the British, too, were giving the kaiser's hordes such a demurrer of shot and shell.

"The dash for the channel appears definitely to have failed.

"Great progress is being made with the reorganization of the Belgian army."

GERMAN MINES OFF IRISH COAST

Sinking of Manchester Commerce With Fourteen Men Inspires Warning by Admiralty.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LIVERPOOL, via London, Oct. 27, 6.50 p.m.—The admiralty has warned shipping that the Germans have succeeded in laying mines around the North of Ireland and that ships should therefore pass within 60 miles of Tory Island. It is considered probable that it was one of these mines that the British freight steamer Manchester Commerce struck at midnight last night, sinking with Capt. Payne and 13 of the crew. A trawler saved 30 others.

KNOWN IN MONTREAL.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MONTREAL, Oct. 27.—The Manchester Commerce was 3444 tons net and was owned by the Manchester Liners, a British shipping corporation. She carried a crew of about 43 men. Her master, Capt. Payne, is well-known and highly esteemed in Montreal shipping circles.

ALLIES ARE JUBILANT ENEMY DEMORALIZED

Ex-Premier Briand Returns From Battle Front Full of Confidence.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS Oct. 27, 5.55 p.m.—Ex-Premier Briand, who now holds the portfolio of justice in the Viviani cabinet, in an interview published in Le Temps today gives his impressions of a visit to the battlefront at Verdun and the frontier and declares that he brought back the conviction, calmly reasoned out, that the battle will result in a brilliant victory for the allies.

M. Briand says that the Germans have been blinded and rendered maladroit by fury owing to the checks they have sustained.

ALSACE CLEARED OF GERMANS; ENEMY FAILING IN ATTEMPTS TO TAKE CALAIS AND DUNKIRK

GEN. DE WET IS LEADER IN FRESH RISING

Some Disaffection in Orange Free State and Western Transvaal.

GEN. BEYERS PROMOTED

Town Seized and Officials Held—Stern Repressive Measures Promised.

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LONDON, Oct. 28, 1.30 a.m.—An official Pretoria despatch announces that Gen. Louis Botha, Premier of the Union of South Africa, has left for the front.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—It is officially reported that a number of burghers of the Orange Free State and in the western Transvaal have made preparation for rebellion.

The burghers of the Orange Free State are under command of Gen. De Wet, while those in the Transvaal are under Gen Christian Frederich Beyers.

The Union Government is taking measures vigorously to suppress the uprising.

The Governor-General of South Africa informs the Colonial Office of the deep regret expressed by the government of the South African Union that certain prominent individuals, including a number of burghers in the northern Orange Free State and in western Transvaal have been misguided enough to defy governmental authority and

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AUTOMOBILE LAWS BAD EXPERT SAYS ON STAND

Life of Arthur Buckle Forfeited Because Motor Car Driver Was Incompetent.

In the opinion of a jury under Coroner Rowe at the morgue last night, the accident in which Arthur Buckle, 79 Willow avenue, was killed last Thursday night on Dundas street would not have happened if Harold R. Brown had been a competnt driver of his motor car.

Brown was driving his car behind a young man on a bicycle and swerved to pass the bicycle. His car hit the bicycle and then ran down Buckle, who was waiting for a street car.

Albert Vietck, an automobile expert, while on the witness stand claimed that the laws governing the driving of motor cars are bad. A man who owns his own car does not have to undergo a proficiency examination but a man who drives for hire is put under a most rigid test.

NEW MINISTERS TO MEET WITH NO OPPOSITION

Liberals of Quebec Decide to Keep Political Truce in By-Elections.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MONTREAL, Oct. 27.—The Gazette says: It was given out officially today that as a party the Liberals will offer no opposition to the return of Hon Chase Casgrain and Hon. Honore Blondin in their respective Counties of Quebec and Champlain. There has been a movement here amongst a section of the party tending to bring out opponents to the new minister, but this has been opposed by both Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the Quebec district and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux in the district of Montreal and Three Rivers, and it is more than probable that the wish of the leaders will prevail both in Champlain and in Juebec County.

Miss Kellermann a Red Cross Nurse.

Word comes from New York that Annette Kellermann, whose pictures in "Neptune's Daughter" are running this week at the princess recently returned from Australia her birthplace. She has offered her services to the British Red Cross Society to go at once to the front, and is likely to be accepted.

Naval Fight In Pacific?

Rumors of Fierce Engagement in Which German Cruiser Leipzig Was Captured and Taken to Esquimalt.

Canadian Press Despatch.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 27.—Rumors are again floating around regarding the mystery ship the German cruiser Leipzig. This time it is said, on what appears to be good authority, that the Leipzig was towed into Esquimalt harbor this morning by a Japanese warship, presumably the Idzumo, which has been on this coast for some time, and that she is in a battered condition.

From the statements which have been made in Vancouver today, there must have been a fierce engagement somewhere in the Pacific, as the Leipzig had a large number of wounded, who are now being attended. Beyond this statement, no confirmation can be obtained of the story.

GERMAN AEROPLANES FAIL TO REACH PARIS

Three, Reconnoitring, Cross Allied Lines—Driven Back by Aerial Guard.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, Oct. 28, 12.30 a.m.—Three German aeroplanes yesterday reconnoitered the region of Senlis, department of Oise, and then crossed the allies' lines toward Paris. They were prevented from reaching the region of the capital thru the vigilance of the aerial guard.

U.S. COTTON FOR GERMAN PORTS

Britain Will Not Interfere With Shipments — Commerce Between Neutral Countries Not Hindered.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—American shippers can send cotton to Germany and Austria without interference by Great Britain.

Arrangements are being made between various neutral countries in Europe providing against the re-exportation of conditional contraband to belligerent countries.

Commerce between neutral countries will not be hindered in the least by Great Britain as long as cargoes are specifically consigned.

American shippers will be supported in their claims against belligerents if American cargoes are lost when carried in belligerent bottoms.

These are the chief principles of the shipping situation which the state department has worked out in diplomatic negotiation with Great Britain, whose cruisers are in practical control of trans-Atlantic commerce.

Baron Von Sochen, attache of the German embassy, was formally apprized by Acting Secretary Lansing of the state department of Great Britain's attitude toward cotton shipments, namely, that they were not contraband and would not be declared as such.

TEN THOUSAND TAKEN PRISONERS BY AUSTRIANS

So Says Vienna Statement—Russian Forces in Superior Strength.

Canadian Press Despatch.

VIENNA, Oct. 27.—(Wednesday, via Amsterdam and London).—An official statement issued today says:

"The situation is unchanged in Central Galicia. Southwest of Ivangorod our heroically fighting troops are opposed by superior forces. One of our corps has made 10,000 prisoners."

East of Nancy the Enemy Has Been Driven Across the Border and the District is Cleared—General Von Beseler, Conqueror of Antwerp, Committed Suicide—French Make Progress South of Dixmude, Between Ypres and Roulers—German Offensive Has Reached Critical Stage and May Collapse.

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LONDON, Oct. 27.—The most startling development of the day perhaps is the suicide of General Hans Von Beseler, the conqueror of Antwerp, who, according to late advices shot himself at his headquarters in Bruges and died almost instantly. This information comes by way of Rotterdam on what appears to be good authority. No reason is assigned for his act.

General Von Beseler is the second high commander of the kaiser's forces to take his own life since hostilities opened, of which information has reached the public. The first was the leader of the army which besieged Liege.

ALLIES GAIN SOUTH OF DIXMUDE.

A very brief official statement was issued tonight by the French war office regarding the great battle which is in progress in Belgium and northern France. The text follows:

"There is nothing to report except some progress on our part in the region to the south of Dixmude."

BERLIN ADMITS STRONG RESISTANCE.

Berlin headquarters under date of Oct. 27, announces:

"The battle on the Yser Canal, near Ypres and southwesterly from Lille, is proceeding with the same stubbornness. Yesterday the German troops made progress.

"On the other battle front in the western theatre, no important events have occurred.

"To the west of Augustowo, the attack of the Germans is slowly proceeding. To the southwest of Warsaw our troops have repulsed all the attacks of strong Russian forces. North of Ivangorod a new Russian army corps has crossed the Vistula."

SPIRITED FIGHTING CONTINUES.

The official communique of the French war office, issued this afternoon, says:

"The fighting continues to be particularly spirited between the mouth of the Yser and the region of Lens. In this part of the front, the allied forces have at no point drawn back and they have continued to make progress in the region between Ypres and Roulers.

"In the general region between Soissons and Berry-au-Bac an artillery engagement resulted to our advantage and in the destruction of several batteries of the enemy.

"In the region to the east of Nancy, between the forest of Benimsky, the forest of Bezange and the forest of Parroy, we have assumed the offensive and driven the enemy across the border.

"On the River San and to the south of Przemysl, the Russian offensive is becoming more accentuated."

300,000 GERMANS THROWN AWAY.

From the mouth of the River Yser at Nieuport in Belgium, to Lens, in France, which constitutes the allied line opposing the German advance along the channel, all efforts of the invaders were today frustrated. Despite the orders of the German war lord that Dunkirk and Calais must be taken immediately and without consideration of the cost, the situation remains the same. The pick of the German troops, more than 300 000 in number, are being thrown away in a vain struggle to cut thru the defence. The heaviest fighting of the day is understood to have taken place between Ypres and Roulers.

Altho the Germans now have their big howitzers in action, the guns which demolished Liege, Namur, and Antwerp, these powerful weapons are proving much less effective against mobile forces than in siege operations. The allied commanders have adopted a policy of constant manoeuvring. Large forces never remain in the same place very long and the destruction from the German pieces is negligibly small. Another factor which is counting against the Germans is the character of the country along their route of advance. The land is extremely flat and entirely unsuited to entrenching on the scale carried out along the Aisne. This compels the German infantry to come forward in close formation across open plains and the execution of the allied artillery is described as terrible in the extreme.

Advices from the neighborhood of Ghent state that the city has been practically evacuated by the German garrison, their place being taken by Austrians. Heavy reinforcements continue to come up on both sides.

THREE MONITORS HAVE RETURNED.

The naval contingent is checking all efforts of the Germans to advance directly along the coast. The three monitors which rendered such splendid service in the early days of the fighting and which are said to have [illegible] from shore batteries, are understood to have returned today and resumed their play on all German positions within reach.

An unconfirmed report says that a portion of the German army, numbering 5000 men, was annihilated west of the River Yser by a large force of French. The Germans attempted to storm the French trenches and were allowed to approach very near their objective when they suddenly found themselves subject to an enfilading fire. Only a few hundred of the attacking column escaped.

GREATEST LOSSES OF THE WAR.

The losses on both sides continue to be in proportion to the fierceness of the battle, which means that they are greater than those in any battle since war was declared now nearly three months ago.

Along the coast, where the allies have the assistance of British and French warships, they have apparently more than held their own, and after inflicting very heavy losses on the Germans, have compelled them to try for an opening further inland. Up until yesterday the allies had been forced to give way at some point, but today, accord-