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BRITISH

London, Sept. 18.—In France there has been further artillery activity. Russia reports that enemy attacks west and south-west of Dvinsk and in the region of Vilna continue.

Prohibited Goods Must Hereafter Be Shipped By Rail

London, Sept. 18.—The steamer Inno of Gothenburg, laden with hard wood, was stopped by order of the Swedish authorities, as she was about to sail, ostensibly for Stockholm.

Answer Enemy With Own Weapons Says the Globe

London, Sept. 18.—Hope is expressed by the Globe that publication of the official story of the Zeppelin attacks on London, was designed not only to forestall and silence disturbing versions, but to prepare the world for a stern and persistent policy of reprisal.

Railway Servants Dare Authorities Apply Conscription

London, Sept. 18.—The Executive Committee of the Amalgamated Union of Railway Servants, unanimously endorsed, to-day, the statement in the Commons of J. H. Thomas, that conscription would bring on an industrial revolution, and that railway workers would stop work.

German Nurses To Visit Camps Russian Prisoners

Berlin, Sept. 18.—Three German nurses authorized to visit Russian prison camps, under an agreement recently reached, were met at the frontier by a deputation of the Russian Red Cross and have been offered every facility on their inspection trip.

Austrians Renew Serbian Invasion

Nish, Serbia, Sept. 18.—New Austrian movements against the Serbs are increasing in extent, after a long interval of inaction of this front.

Submarine Sinks British Tank Steamer

London, Sept. 18.—The British tank steamer San Zerferino was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine.

French Capture Turkish Position

Paris, Sept. 18.—The capture of a Turkish position in Gallipoli Peninsula by French forces is announced to-day by the War Office.

Sir John French Address Canadians At the Front

Has Great Praise For Brave Fighters of Fiestubert

WHOSE BRAVE RECORD

Will Go Down in History as One of the Most Splendid in Time

London, Sept. 19.—Field Marshal French recently visited the Canadian Brigade and delivered a speech to the men, in which he said "I wish to express appreciation for the splendid manner in which early, when the Canadian infantry division had suffered great losses, you volunteered to leave your homes, to come out here."

London Police Advise People To Keep in Doors

London, Sept. 19.—London's Commissioner of Police, in view of the possibility of further attacks by hostile aircraft has issued a further warning, to the people, recommending that they remain within doors during and subsequent air raids, and advising them to keep ready, for dealing with incendiary fires, a supply of water, and sand which he regards as the best simplest and most economical safeguard.

Turks Expect A German Army For Gallipoli

Berlin, Sept. 19.—A wireless to Tuckerton, N.J., says messages from Constantinople given out here today by the Overseas News Agency quotes the Turkish Minister of War, as saying that a great German army was to go to Turkey.

Berlin Has Granted Increased Rations To Civilians

Berlin, Sept. 19.—The increase in bread rations, which was granted some time ago to the laboring classes in Berlin, has now been extended to other portions of the civilian population.

Artillery Fighting On Western Front

Paris, Sept. 19.—The night of Sept. 17 and 18 was calm. This morning there was a bombardment of slight intensity on several of our advanced positions as well as at Perwyse.

GERMANS SURROUND RUSSIAN ARMY BY BIG SWEEP N. OF VILNA

Von Hindenburg Works Old Game, Will Russians Evade the Trap---Big Battle Now Imminent On Which the Fate of Russia Depends

No Aid Can Reach the Enclosed Army While Germans Bring Reinforcements from Army of MacKenzen---In Southern Area Austro-Germans Still Retiring Before the Russians

London, Sept. 20.—The Germans have occupied Vilna, and by a wide sweeping movement north of that city have succeeded almost, if not entirely, surrounding that portion of the Russian army which is fighting along the railway in the triangle between Vilna, Lida and Volkovysk. At any rate the Russian forces in this district either must fight their way out eastward or retire in a south-easterly direction, for the only railway left entirely in their hands is that which runs from Vilna to Lida, thence to Baranovitchi.

The political situation in the Balkans is still shrouded with considerable mystery. The Bulgarians have secured what they wanted from Turkey, the cession of a railway line, appear to be well satisfied for the present, but there is now talk in Berlin of the Bulgarians taking by force, if they cannot get it otherwise, portions of Macedonia taken from them by the Serbians and Greeks during the last Balkan war. It is asserted that the Bulgarians have called to the colors all Bulgarian recruits now in Macedonia and that generally there is a warlike feeling in existence among the Bulgars.

At the southern end of the line General Ivanoff is still keeping Field Marshal von Mackenzen at arms length, the key to the route to Kief. Counter attacks have retaken a number of villages, both in Volhynia and Galicia. It seems apparent from the inability of the Austro-Germans to hold their positions in the southern area that they have sent reinforcements from that front to Field Marshal von Hindenburg's northern army, which as, heretofore, is expected to score the biggest success.

THE QUESTION OF ENFORCED SERVICE

Lloyd George Sounds Warning Note of Danger Confronting the Nation and Asks Fair Play for Govt.—The Question, the Minister says, Is the Most Serious Ever Confronted.

London, Sept. 20.—David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, in a letter to one of his constituents issued by the Official Press Bureau this evening makes an appeal to the public to give the Government a fair chance to decide the question of compulsory service, and reiterates that in his view the situation is a serious one, which demands that the country, if victory is to fall to the Allies, must exert its whole strength.

Lloyd George says:—"You say and say rightly the Government ought to give the nation the lead in the question whether the moral obligation of every able-bodied man to defend his country should be converted during this war into a legal obligation. The Government, I can assure you, are fully alive to the necessity for giving a definite lead. They are engaged in examining the subject with a view of coming to a right decision. Undue delay might be disastrous, but undue precipitation might be equally disastrous. Let us avoid both. The issue is one of fact, not of principle."

"If figures demonstrate that we can win through with the voluntary system it would be folly to provoke controversy in the middle of a war by attempts to substitute a totally different method. On the other hand if these figures demonstrate that every unprejudiced person that the voluntary system has exhausted its utility, nothing but legal pressure can give us the armies necessary to defend the honor of Britain, or save Europe from the triumph of military despotism."

Balkan Borders Soon to Witness Active Operations

Italian Papers Urge Necessary Big Concentration

ALLIED FORCES IN DARDANELLES

The Outcome of Conflict Depends on Who First Reaches Constantinople—Germans or Allies

Rome, Sept. 20.—Active operations are likely soon to be underway along the frontiers of the Balkan States, the Tribuna declares. It learns from competent sources that an Austro-German movement has been planned for the latter part of October, a plan involving the expected diversion of 500,000 men from the Russian campaign to the Balkans with the simultaneous securing of Bulgaria's adherence in the move to open a route from Budapest to Constantinople.

Von Bernstorff Has Power to Settle Submarine Problem

Berlin, Sept. 19.—Full settlement of the submarine problem will probably be arranged by negotiations at Washington.

Bulgaria Asked Declare Intentions

Paris, Sept. 19.—The entente allies have presented a joint note to the Bulgarian Government asking in effect that it declare itself between them and the central powers.

Vilna Occupied By the Germans

Berlin, Sept. 19.—The Russian city of Vilna, at which the armies of Von Hindenburg have been driving, and which was stubbornly defended until nearly surrounded by hostile forces, has been occupied by the Germans, is officially announced to-day.

Socialist Unrest In Petrograd Many Arrested

Berlin, Sept. 19.—According to Stockholm despatches, the Socialist Deputy Tcheidse and 17 other members of the Russian Duma have been arrested in the Duma buildings, Petrograd, and all railway stations have been occupied by the military.

Germany to Annex Conquered Territory

Geneva, Sept. 19.—The Lausanne Gazette says that it learned that the German government has decided to issue a declaration annexing to the German Empire, the occupied territories of France and Belgium.

Italian Ministers Consider Campaign

Rome, Sept. 19.—The Council of Ministers held a session yesterday, with Premier Salandra presiding. It is believed an important decision was reached respecting the direction of the campaign.

Ship On Fire In Mid Ocean

Halifax, N.S., via New York.—The Donaldson line steamer Athenia is on fire at sea, according to a radio message received here late to-night. The steamer is bound from a British port, believed to be Glasgow for Montreal and Quebec. It is believed here that there are few if any passengers on board.

New York, Sept. 20.—Available marine records here do not contain the name Athanae, reported from Montreal as the vessel on fire in the Atlantic. They do, however, mention the Athenia, a ship of 2,700 tons, belonging to the Deutsche-Lovanto line, a German concern.

Mammoth Loan Is Underwritten At Five Per Cent

New York, Sept. 20.—The proposed mammoth Credit Loan to Britain and France, reported to-night, is underwritten by a large syndicate of American financiers and bankers, who are to receive commission for the service. The securities offered, it is said, will be British and French five per cent. Government bonds. The price to the investor is to be par.

Reprisals Demanded For Zeppelin Raids

London, Sept. 20.—How should we tackle the zeppelins is a question replied to by several prominent men, their general note of their suggestions is favorable to reprisals, both now and after the war.

Cavalry Units Are Weak Meshes In German Net

London, Sept. 20.—Undiminished confidence in high military circles that the Russians will make a successful retreat from Vilna is reported from Petrograd by the correspondent of the Times.

Situation On The Western Front Remains Unchanged

London, Sept. 20.—Report from Field Marshal Sir John French, issued officially to-night, says:—"Since my last communication, September 15, no change has occurred in the situation on our front. There has been considerable mining activity on both sides, particularly opposite the Southern portion of our front. East of Ypres our own artillery, and that of the enemy, has been active."

French Destroy German Battery

Paris, Sept. 19.—An attack by the Germans in the region of Faye, southwest of Peronne, after they had exploded a powerful mine, was repulsed the French War Department announced in to-day's official statement. A number of Germans were taken prisoners.

It is twice as easy to fool yourself as it is to fool other people.