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GERMANY ADMITS LOSING A BATTLE

Official Statement Says Allies
Took Fifty Guns and Thou-
sands of Prisoners in
Two Days' Battle.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—2:03 a.m.—The first official admission on the German side of success by the allies," says a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam, "appears in official communications issued in Berlin Thursday afternoon. General Von Stein announces that the German army which had advanced across the Marne to the east of Paris, was heavily attacked by the enemy between Paris, Meaux and Montmirail.

"The fighting lasted two days. The German army had checked the enemy and had even itself advanced, but stronger hostile columns came to the assistance of the allies and the enemy won the battle, compelling the German troops to retire. Fifty guns were captured by the allies and some thousands of men made prisoners.

"To the west of Verdun fighting continues. The situation in Lorraine and the Vosges is unchanged. The battle in Eastern Prussia has been resumed."

SUGGEST CLOSING UP THE NORTH SEA

Some in Britain Considering
It—Steamer Sunk with
Crew of 26.

[Canadian Press.]

LONDON, Sept. 10.—A dispatch to the Star from Newcastle says that the tramp steamer Otter struck a mine off Northumberland yesterday and went down. So far as is known, none of the crew of 26 men was saved. Wreckage from the Otter, which was coming from Norway, has been found. The official information bureau issued the following tonight:

"Yesterday and today strong squadrons and flotillas have made a complete sweep of the North Sea, up to and including Heligoland Bight. The German fleet made no effort to interfere with our movement, and no German ship of any kind was seen at sea."

May Close North Sea.

There is a general discussion in London of the possibility that England may close the North Sea, blockading it completely, if the trouble with floating mines continues.

The Government's position is that the shipping of neutral nations is in great danger because of German mines. England has repeatedly stated that she will not resort to the use of mines. After the mine-sweepers free the North Sea of the obstructions, however, naval strategists advise the exclusion of vessels which might plant more mines. Such action would limit the commerce of Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, cutting off Germany's source of food supply.

The British officials say there is abundant evidence that mine-layers have operated under neutral flags, and that it is the intention to keep the strictest watch over all craft in the North Sea.

To Be Court-martialed.

In the House of Lords today Baron Wimborne announced, on behalf of the admiralty, that any person caught laying mines under a neutral flag will be court-martialed.

The Earl of Camperdown, formerly lord of the admiralty, characterized the alleged placing of mines in commercial routes by Germany as "indiscriminate murder."

END OF BATTLE IS NOT EXPECTED FOR SOME DAYS

Three Million Men Engaged
Along a Front of a
Hundred Miles.

GERMANS FALLING BACK

Both Sides Believed To Be
Receiving Reinforce-
ments.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—11:10 p.m.—The crucial battle of the war in France has not yet reached any decisive result. Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces, reported today that the Germans had been driven back all along the line; that the British had crossed the River Marne; that the Germans had suffered severe losses; and that their men were supposed to be in a very exhausted condition.

Notwithstanding this report, the military experts do not rush to sweeping conclusions. The military writers in the London papers repeat that from the conservative terms of the French official statement yesterday, it is too early to anticipate the result of a battle extending over a front of nearly one hundred miles. Three million men is the number estimated to be engaged actively and as reserves, and three great battles at least are in progress.

Fiercest Battle Against Centre.

Probably the fiercest battle is against the French centre between Rheims and Verdun, while the British army are contesting the second hard fought engagement against the German right, from Verdun to Nancy.

Lesser fighting is in progress in Alsace from which province the Germans appear to have drawn away part of their army and the French are taking advantage of this opening.

The great battle may continue for days, when it is remembered that smaller operations in Manchuria, in which hundreds of thousands only were concerned, lasted a fortnight.

Germans Becoming Exhausted.

The German western armies have been fighting almost continuously for two days and until the last phase of the campaign, on the offensive. Field Marshal French's view that they are becoming exhausted finds ready credence among the military experts here.

A German official wireless dispatch tonight says that no report has been made public in Berlin of the events in France for the past three days.

From Holland comes news that 60,000 German reinforcements are marching south. These troops may have an effect upon the tide of battle, but there is reason to believe that the allied armies also are receiving a counter-balancing accession of strength.

That the Germans are concentrating all their strength in the eastern field of warfare against the main French front appears to be confirmed by reports which have arrived through Holland. Most of the troops left in Belgium are said to be men past the prime of the landstrum, while 30,000 or 40,000 naval reserves are marching in to replace the depleted landstrum.

Belgians Take Aggressive.

An Ostend dispatch says the Belgian army at Antwerp has taken the aggressive and driven the Germans back to the environs of Louvain. Another dispatch says the Belgians have defeated a German garrison composed of the landstrum at Aerschot, a short distance from Louvain.

The news from the western theatre of war today was most scant. The German and Austrian reports minimize the importance of the occupation of Muenster. A Vienna dispatch says it was part of a strategic campaign to draw the Russians into Galicia. Petrograd reports claim that Archduke Frederick's army lost 120,000 men, that the evacuation of Cracow had commenced, and that the fall of both Cracow and Przemyśl was imminent.

The British navy has accomplished a daring, but unproductive, attempt to draw the German fleet into action. A great array of squadrons and flotillas made a sweep into the North Sea for two days, penetrating into the Bight of Heligoland, but failed to discover any German craft.

SEVEN THOUSAND AT
PATRIOTIC CONCERT

American Entertainment in Toronto Will
Net About \$8,000.

[Canadian Press.]

TORONTO, Sept. 10.—Seven thousand people packed the spacious arena at the concert held tonight by the American Aid Society, to provide funds for the dependents of those who have gone to the front, and heard addresses by His Royal Highness the Governor-General, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Sir George Foster, and also a message from the Premier, Sir R. L. Borden.

The concert, which was participated in by several operatic stars from the United States, cleared probably \$8,000.

VICTORIA MAN A SUICIDE.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 10.—Laurence McCrea, secretary of Premier McBride and former news editor of the Victoria Colonist, committed suicide yesterday.

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Bombard Belgrade Again

LONDON, Sept. 10.—3:06 p.m.—The bombardment of Belgrade has been renewed with increased fury, according to a Nish dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Considerable damage has been done. The Serbian batteries are replying to the Austrian fire.

TURKEY CUTS OFF ALL PRIVILEGES OF FOREIGNERS

[Canadian Press.]

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 10.—Turkey formally notified the United States and the nations of the world today that she had abrogated the series of conventions, treaties and privileges, originating as early as the eleventh century, whereby foreigners in the Ottoman empire have been exempt from local jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases. Foreign subjects no longer will enjoy what is known as extraterritorial rights, through which they have been tried by their own judges, diplomatic representatives or consuls.

This practice Turkey has removed by a stroke of the pen. Her purpose, it is declared, is to assert her independence and free herself from the domination of the great powers.

Upon the rights revoked has rested the legal status of foreign missionaries in Turkey, permitting them to maintain churches, hospitals and schools in religious freedom.

REMOVAL OF ALL PRIVILEGES.

"The removal of every kind of privilege enjoyed by the powers in excess of what the general principles of international law allow is the meaning of this step," A. Rustem Bey, Turkish ambassador to the United States, declared tonight. "This war is Turkey's opportunity."

No intimation was given by the Ambassador as to whether the action fore-shadowed war on Great Britain, without whose consent in the past no such radical action would have been attempted.

Among diplomats of the allied powers, however, the belief prevailed tonight that Turkey was appealing to the nationalist sentiment of her people, and was ready to seize upon any difficulties that may arise with Great Britain, as pretext to declare war.

BELGIANS DRIVE GERMANS BACK TOWARDS FRANCE

Taking Offensive, They Also Rout Enemy Out of Erschot,
Hoisting Their Own Colors Again—Flood Country
Near Antwerp.

[Canadian Press.]

LONDON, Sept. 10.—10:08 p.m.—An Ostend dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says:

"According to information from a reliable source the Belgian army at Antwerp has assumed a triumphant offensive movement, driving the Germans back to the environs of Louvain."

A Reuter dispatch from Ostend says that according to soldiers arriving there, it would appear that a battle is in progress between the Belgians and the Germans, who are withdrawing towards France.

DRIVE GERMANS FROM TOWN.

ROTTERDAM (via London), Sept. 10.—7:05 p.m.—A dispatch to the Courant of Breda, Holland, reports that a heavy engagement took place Wednesday at Erschot, Belgium, 9 miles northeast of Louvain, when the Belgians attacked the garrison there.

As a result of the fighting the Germans evacuated the town and the Belgians hoisted their colors and liberated 26 priests found in a church.

FLOOD THE COUNTRY.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—10:17 p.m.—An official dispatch, issued in Berlin and received here this evening by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company:

"In an engagement at Ordehem, on the railroad between Antwerp and Ghent, the Belgian troops withdrew."

"The country south of Antwerp has been flooded by the Belgians to prevent the Germans marching into the town. The area covered by the flood is seventy square miles. The water varies in depth, at different places, being from a few inches to several feet."

JAMES GORDON BENNETT WEDS. ceremony was performed at the city hall in the sixteenth arrondissement, and was followed by the religious service at the American Protestant Episcopal Church, Rev. Samuel N. Watson officiating.

LUMBERMEN FIGHT OVER THE WAR

MILLINOCKET, Maine, Sept. 10.—More than fifty lumbermen battled in the woods at Grand Brook today after an argument over the war. One man was killed and three were injured, according to reports which came here. Grand Brook is fourteen miles in the woods. Two sheriffs who went to the scene with deputies are reported to be on their way here with 50 prisoners. The lumbermen are part of a crew of the Great Northern Paper Company. Most of them are Poles and French Canadians.

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