

THE WEATHER

Fair, much colder Monday, preceded by rain along the coast; Tuesday, fair.

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GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN FORCES ARE ON THE DEFENSIVE EVERYWHERE HAVING GIVEN UP EFFORTS TO BREAK THROUGH ALLIED LINES

Anglo-French-Belgian Armies in Belgium and Northern France Have More Than Held Their Own, and Germans Have Fallen Back, While in East the Russians Continue to be Successful in Their Efforts.

RETREAT OF AUSTRIANS CUT OFF BY THE RUSSIANS, AND ARMY ALMOST SURROUNDED

War Between Greece and Turkey is Probable, as Result of the Sinking of Greek Steamer by the Turkish Fleet, and the Threatening of Greeks in Asia Minor, According to Report from That Section.

London, Nov. 8.—The German and Austrian armies are now on the defensive both on the East and West. They have given up, at least for the present, their efforts to break through the allied lines around Ypres, in Belgium, where the British and French have taken the offensive, and, according to the reports from French headquarters have commenced to advance.

The fighting today was carried on in a fog, which interfered with the work of the artmen and likewise with the artillery. While the allies' offensive in the West has given hope in London that the Germans will fall back to a line further removed from the sea, all uneasiness has not passed, for they previously have shown wonderful recuperative powers.

The Union Defence forces continue to round up the rebels in South Africa. Those in the northern part of the province which have been a worry to the government, have been completely routed, while those in Transvaal, where another 400 have been captured, are scattering.

GERMAN CRUISER INTERNED

Time Limit for Departure From Honolulu Expires. The little German cruiser Geier which has been repaired at Honolulu while a Japanese squadron waited outside the harbor for her, interned for the war at Honolulu last midnight, the time set by the American government for her to intern or leave the port.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE ADVANCE

Statement Tells of Retreat of Austrians Before Fierce Attacks. Petrograd, Nov. 8.—This official communication was issued today: "On the East Prussian frontier our troops have dislodged the Germans from the region of Wirballen which was strongly fortified, and have progressed as far as Stalluponen (16 miles east-northeast of Gumbinnen)."

RETREAT IS ADMITTED

German Accounts of Battle Disclose Fact That Russians Advancing. Berlin, Nov. 7 (via The Hague and London, Nov. 8).—The first information to reach the public regarding the direction and extent of the German retreat in a report mentioning the defeat of the Russian cavalry near Kolo, 25 miles from the German frontier. This report states that the German forces have retreated behind the Warthe river, which, roughly parallel to the German eastern frontier, is the German forces have also probably been withdrawn north of the Warthe on the West-Prussian frontier. There recently have been numerous rumors of Russian penetration into German territory. Timid inhabitants of the border regions from Breslau north to Posen are said to have abandoned their country houses, regarding the presence between

LONGWY FORT SMASHED BY 16-INCH GERMAN GUN



The rent in this thick steel enclosure at the great French fortification at Longwy, near the German border, shows the enormous power of the German 16-inch gun. The fort was taken by the army under Crown Prince Frederick, and was the second of the great French fortresses to succumb to the new German gun. After the Germans had taken Liege and Namur with the aid of this gun they moved on to Mauberge, and that city did not last long.

SLIGHT ADVANCE MADE IN WEST BY THE ALLIES

Line From the Sea to the Aisne Remains Firm in the Face of Heavy German Attacks—Situation Along That Line is Key to Position on the Coast—Germans Will Make Desperate Efforts to Advance.

Paris, Nov. 8.—At the end of two weeks of continuous fighting the allies, line from the sea to the Aisne remains firm in the face of the German attack. The allies even appear to have advanced slightly.

FIGHTING LESS VIOLENT

French Statement Declares Attacks of Germans Are Frustrated. Paris, Nov. 8.—This official statement was issued this afternoon: "The fighting was less violent yesterday between the North Sea and the Lys. Some attacks, not general, of the enemy, were repulsed in the direction of Dixmude and northeast of Ypres. On almost all of this front we, in turn, took the offensive and advanced, notably in the region north of Messines."

FURY OF ASSAULT BROKEN

Germans Continue Fighting But Not With the Vigor Displayed Recently. London, Nov. 8.—A time dispatch from Dunkirk, France, filed Saturday night says: "After a desperate attack lasting the whole week the German attempt to break the allied line at Ypres has failed."

COMMANDING HEIGHTS TAKEN

German Official Statement Says Place Fought Over for Weeks Captured. Berlin, Nov. 8.—(By way of London) German general headquarters, announced today: "Our attacks near Ypres and West of Lille continued yesterday. An important advance near Ypres

APPEAL TO AMERICA FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

Committee in New York Publish Appeal for Aid—Arrangements Made to Send Food to Home Country as Fast as Collected—Committee Cooperates With the Rockefeller Foundation.

New York, Nov. 8.—An appeal to the American people for food and money for Belgian relief was published tonight by the Belgian relief committee in New York. In co-operation with the Rockefeller Foundation, the committee has arranged to send food to Belgium as rapidly as it can be collected.

SOUTHERN CASES ARE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

For Trial This Week—Validity of Four State Laws in Question. Washington, Nov. 8.—Constitutionality of four State laws and the question of whether a person may be compelled to pay a debt to a "trust" will be considered this week by the Supreme court.

GOOD WORK DONE

American Commission in London Sends Much Food to Belgium. London, Nov. 8.—The American Commission for Relief in Belgium reported today it had delivered to Belgian relief stations in the last fortnight 2,382 tons of cereal foodstuffs. By November 15th the commission will have delivered into Belgium about 17,000 tons of foodstuffs.

NO DISORDER RESULTS FROM NEW CONDITIONS

Arkansas Mining District Remains Quiet—Federal Troops on the Scene. Prairie Creek, Ark., Nov. 8.—Camp Lindley M. Garrison as the soldiers quarters here have been designated, was the mecca for hundreds of the inhabitants of Hartford Valley today. So far there has been no clash between the miners and the soldiers. A number of men congregated at Hartford last night, and it was feared some trouble might develop, but the night passed peacefully.

JAPAN CONTINUES BIG CELEBRATION

Fall of Tsing Tau Causes Wild Demonstrations.

THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

Bravery of German Defenders Accounts for Long Drawn Out Siege—Coast Forts Held Out to the Last Is Report

Tokio, Japan, Nov. 8.—Japan still is celebrating the fall of Tsing-Tau with extraordinary enthusiasm. In every city there are lantern processions and merriment nightly. On every house there is a flag.

The admiralties of Great Britain and Japan have exchanged felicitations and the municipality of Tokio cabled congratulations to King George.

A rumor that Governor Meyer Waldeck of Kiao Show was mortally wounded and committed suicide gained some credence, although it was officially announced that the German governor conducted the negotiations of surrender.

It also reported that the garrisons of the coast forts fought to the last and then tried to escape in a train, firing their small arms as they fled.

Emperor Yoshihito's message of appreciation to the Japanese who fought at Tsing Tau expressed gratitude for the "faithful discharge of their duties".

The German and Japanese plenipotentiaries on the evening of November 17th concluded the negotiations for the surrender of Tsing Tau. Our terms were accepted in their entirety.

Our casualties on the night of November 6th and on the following morning (when Tsing Tau surrendered) were 14 officers wounded and 428 soldiers killed or wounded. We took 2300 prisoners in the battle."

REVENGE IS SWEET. German Newspaper Predicts Evening of Scores With England and Japan. Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 8.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, commenting on the fall of Tsing Tau, says: "Germans never will forget the heroic fighting at Kiao Chow, and those who defended the colony. Never shall we forget the brutal violence of the yellow robbers, nor England, who instigated them. We know we cannot settle our account with Japan at present. Our mile will arrive slowly, but even if years should pass before the right moment comes, a shout of joy will resound through Germany of 'wee to you, Nippon!'"

San Francisco Feels Slight Earthquake. San Francisco, Nov. 8.—An almost imperceptible earthquake occurred here tonight. No damage was reported.

Amsterdam, Holland, Nov. 8 (via London).—The Frankfurter Zeitung learns from Constantinople that the Russian Black Sea fleet yesterday left Sebastopol, proceeding eastward. Two Turkish submarines cruised in the Aegean sea, but saw no hostile warships.