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## GERMAN RIGHT IN FULL RETREAT IS REPORT, MAUBEUGE HAS FALLEN

### PROTEST MADE TO PRESIDENT

Emperor William Makes Objection to Alleged Use of Dum-Dum Bullets by the Allies.

SECRET'S DESTRUCTION OF CITY OF LOUVAIN

Message Not Yet Received at the White House, It Is Stated at Washington.

### LOSSES ENORMOUS IN EASTERN WAR

Both Germans and Russians Have Suffered Severely Says Correspondent.

London, Sept. 9.—The correspondent of the Times at Petrograd says: "The extent of the losses during the first six weeks of the war places all previous casualties far in the background. Not less than 10,000 dead Germans were counted in the trenches after one engagement in eastern Prussia. On the fatal September 1, when two Russian corps came to death grips with four German corps north of Soldau, the losses of both sides totalled between 60,000 and 70,000, the majority being Germans."

The results of the affair at Nijni Novgorod provide conclusive evidence of the comparatively small effect the war had upon internal trade. Business was suspended for only two or three days at the beginning of mobilization, but afterwards it was normal. There was a brisk demand for goods from central Asia, Persia, the Caucasus and the Volga regions.

"A majority of the firms are ready to extend credit to regular customers. The state bank, too, by active discounting supports the fair fairs alone suffered through the foreign trade loss."

Berlin, Sept. 9.—Two major generals have been added to the death list of field officers, General Gotha and Nieland.

Premier von Wiersacker of Wuertemberg and Minister of Finance von Breunig of Bavaria have both lost sons. Prince Frederick William of Hesse in the breast in the fighting in France.

Long train loads of wounded are now being brought from advanced to base hospitals or forwarded to lazarettos in the interior of Germany. Only the most severely wounded who are unable to bear transportation have been left in the advanced hospitals.

### WOMEN IN BLACK ALREADY NUMEROUS

Paris, Sept. 9.—Already women and children in black are growing more and more numerous on the streets of Paris. Today the official communique declares that "while our losses (in a certain engagement) were heavier those of the enemy were far greater." The inevitable toll of the war is being paid.

A tear stained, trembling mignonette told today how she heard of the death of her only brother yesterday. He had sent her no word since he went north with his regiment on the second day of mobilization. There are no official lists of killed and wounded. For five days she went to the ministry of war, seeking news. On Friday she came to be preparing her for the worst. "Come tomorrow and we will have news of your brother." On the morrow she was told simply, "He is dead." All further inquiries were in vain. Where and how he died she could not learn or whether his body would be brought home. Simply "It got mort."

### STATE OF SIEGE IN HOLLAND DECREED

London, Sept. 9.—A Reuter dispatch from The Hague says: "A royal decree proclaims a state of siege in a great number of towns and villages situated on the coast and rivers in the provinces of Zealand, north Brabant, Limbourg, Dederland, Groningen, Friesland and north Holland."

"The proclamation forbids exportation in vessels of goods bought in the Netherlands for belligerents."

"The towns in which a state of siege exists are Flushing, Tereschelling, Helvoetsluis and part of the Hook of Holland."

### Illinois Primary

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Illinois voters today prepared to vote for various state, county and municipal officers in primary, for the fall elections.

Three parties will have a full ticket in the field.

Capt. Smart Dies.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 9.—Captain James Polk Smart, in charge of the Chickamauga National Park association, Confederate veteran and prominent shoe merchant here, died here today. He was 47 years old.

### PRESIDENT OPPOSES INCOME TAX RAISE

Does Not Believe Change Will Bring the Desired Funds in Time.

Washington, Sept. 9.—President Wilson opposes an increase in the income tax as part of the plan for raising revenue for the government.

House Leader Underwood, Chairman Simmons, of the senate finance committee and Chairman Fitzgerald of the house appropriations committee conferred with the president today and were told that in his opinion an increase of the income tax would not be suitable in the emergency because no returns would be realized until next year. In his message to congress on the subject the president asked that the sources be used which would respond quickly.

### INCREASES SCOPE OF U. S. LABOR BUREAU

Washington, Sept. 9.—The scope of the government's big clearing house for labor and home seekers was increased today by the establishment throughout the country of distributing zones with headquarters in eighteen cities. Information relating to the needs of employers, the supply of workers and opportunities for settlers will be exchanged among the headquarters under direction of the division of information in the department of labor. Headquarters and their zones include:

Norfolk—Virginia, North Carolina, Jacksonville—Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina.

New Orleans—Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee.

Tablet Unveiled.

Baltimore, Sept. 9.—At the Star Spangled Banner centenary today a tablet was unveiled on the house where the original Star Spangled Banner was made by Martha Pickersgill. A monument to the privations of 1813 was also unveiled at Fort Mifflin.

### GERMAN OFFENSIVE FINALLY CHECKED

But Strong Belgian Fortress, With Garrison of 40,000, Falls as the Allied Troops Take Offensive.

### RUSSIA RESUMES WESTWARD ADVANCE THROUGH PRUSSIA

Berlin Alarmed as Czar's Forces Sweep Past Koenigsberg--Austria Bankrupt and in Panic as Bosnia Revolts, Report From Vienna.

The fall of Maubeuge, a strong French fortress six miles from the Belgium frontier, is announced at German headquarters.

Forty thousand prisoners, including four generals and 100 guns were taken, it is said.

Up to early afternoon no further light has been thrown on what is probably the greatest battle of the war which is being fought east of Paris from Montmarail to Verdun and from Verdun to Nancy. Three million men are said to be engaged.

A news dispatch from Paris indicates a belief there that the German offense against the city has been definitely checked.

According to a dispatch from Copenhagen, Emperor William has sent a dispatch to President Wilson, protesting that the British were using dum-dum bullets and that Belgian non-combatants were harassing the Germans.

It is understood that Roumania will soon throw her 200,000 troops into the conflict.

Berlin says the Bucharest correspondent of the Cologne Gazette reports a strong sentiment in favor of Russia throughout Roumania.

Advices from The Hague are that a state of siege has been proclaimed in a great number of towns on the coast of Holland.

Official confirmation of the report that Russian troops are in France is still lacking.

Official reports from Vienna describes Austria as bankrupt and its people in panic. Bosnia, he says, is in open revolt. The situation is due to the failure of Austrian arms in Russia.

Misgivings for the Finnish steamer Sveaborg bound from Romo, Sweden for Stockholm, is felt in the latter city. The vessel had many British and Americans on board and is overdue.

Russia is reported as taking the offensive in east Prussia and news from Berlin says that all eyes in the German capital are turned eastward, where the importance of administering a check to the invading Russians appears quite as great as the victorious pursuit of the foreign campaign.

The Russians have pushed 60 miles southwest of Koenigsberg.

British officers arriving in Paris today state that the battle east of Paris still rages furiously.

A dispatch to the Central News from Basel, Switzerland, via Rome, says that the Germans have evacuated Upper Alsace.

London, Sept. 9.—A Chronicle's correspondent near the front wires:

"The tables are turned. The German army, battered by heavy gun fire for the past few days, is continuing its retrograde movement. It is falling back with the British army fast in its flank. Everything points to the movement being definite disaster rather than a temporary retreat. The Germans began retreating Tuesday morning and the German wounded were rushed to Arras. When I left Amiens that day, a small British force was waiting to occupy the town as soon as the Germans withdrew, which was expected by Tuesday night."

"The British left wing is giving up."

### 40,000 PRISONERS.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—(By wireless to The Associated Press via Sayville, L. I.)—The official announcement was made at army headquarters this morning that the fortress of Maubeuge had fallen this morning.

The Germans took 40,000 prisoners including four generals. Four hundred guns were also captured.

Ludwig Frank of Mannheim, a prominent socialist member of the reichstag, was killed September 5, during a German charge on Luneville.

Prince Frederick William of Hesse has been wounded.

Maubeuge is a French fortress of the first class. It is situated in the department Du Nord, about six miles from the Belgian frontier.

The German onslaughts on this position have been determined and judging from incomplete cables they have been going on for a week or more. Dispatches from London under date of September 5, said that part of the British expeditionary force at Maubeuge assisted the French in their resistance.

The German staff announced September 6, that two of the Maubeuge forts had fallen. On the same day an official communication given out in Paris said Maubeuge had continued its resistance.

The Germans captured the fortress of Nicolaeff, about 15 miles southwest of Lemberg, and this is considered almost as great a feat as taking Lemberg.

The Germans no respite, the cavalry being especially valiant. The British tried to detach the harried right wing and annihilate it. In preventing this, the commander seems to be directing the retreat on Cambrai and Tournai, evidently with the intention of repassing the Belgian border east of Lille.

"Each instant the rearward progress of the Germans is gaining momentum. Is it the beginning of the end?"

London, Sept. 9.—If inspiration means to the French soldier what it did to the first Napoleon, the situation today on the allies' center, on the historic field of Chalons, should offer compensation for a disheartening month of rear guard actions.

At any rate, the allies, now superior or at least equal in number to the Germans, evidently have begun the offensive. At least 3,000,000 men are engaged on both sides and as the center of the allies lies on the plains of Chalons, true to many prophecies, another Armageddon may take place where Attila, surnamed "The Scourge of God," was vanquished by the allied Visigoths and Romans in the bloodiest battle in the world's history.

On these plains, centuries later, Napoleon conducted the most brilliant defensive campaign of his career.

News from Austria indicates that the dual monarchy is in grave internal struggles while her army conditions are daily becoming more serious.

Even Berlin seems to have lost something of its prevailing optimism. It confesses to the turning of anxious eyes in the direction of the allies in Galicia.

Russia now appears to be assuming the offensive in east Prussia. She has thrown 2,000,000 men along the border. This action is regarded here as a menace against the heart of Germany which cannot remain unanswered.

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### DUAL EMPIRE'S AWFUL PLIGHT

### BIG PLANT MAY COME THIS WAY

Knoxville Man Here Looking Over the Local Situation.—Investment Planned.

John T. Walker of Knoxville, arrived in Asheville last night and says that it is the intention of the company which he represents to build at some convenient point in western North Carolina a wood manufacturing plant.

Mr. Walker also says that he is favorably impressed with this city as a possible site for his industry and that if proper arrangements can be made he feels assured that his company will establish a branch plant here.

The fact that necessary raw materials, lumber, abound here will prove an inducement he says. Railroad rates must first be investigated, however. The company contemplates an investment of something like \$25,000.

### AMERICAN CONSUL IN GRAVE CONDITION

London, Sept. 9.—Charles A. Holder, American consul at Cologne, who was brought to London from Dieppe on a stretcher, is reported to be in a grave condition at a local hospital. He has undergone one operation and faces a serious one.

John Ray, American consul at Odessa, saved from the Wilson line steamer Runo, sunk in the North sea last Saturday by a mine, is reported as recovering from his injuries. He is at Hull.

Ambassador Page today received advices from the American consul there saying Mr. Ray received a cut on the head one and one half inches long when the Runo was blown up.

### REFUGEES RETURNING TO VICINITY OF PARIS

Paris, Sept. 9.—A large number of refugees from the regions north of Paris, returned to their homes yesterday, as the country is entirely free from Germans although the fields in the region of Dammartin-En-Goele are still covered with German dead.

Traffic on the northern railroad will be resumed at once to the suburban districts. Excavators to the number of more than 5000 were called for yesterday. A large number of them is needed to inter the dead on the battlefield.

Trades union leaders took charge of the reburial of the necessary force, and it is being carried out with military decision and dispatch.

### TRESPASSING CASES AGAIN CONTINUED

Another continuance has been taken before Magistrate James McIntyre in the cases of the 25 defendants who were arrested several days ago charged with trespassing on the property of J. M. Thrash in West Asheville, and the trials have now been set for next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The cases were continued this time for the prosecutor, P. H. Thrash, it being the third time that the cases have been continued since they were first called.

### Steamer Missing and Overdue.

Stockholm, Sept. 9.—Anxiety is felt over the non-arrival of Finnish passenger steamer Sveaborg, coming around the Scandinavian peninsula with many Russians and Poles. It is feared she has been sunk by a mine. Anxiety is also felt for the steamer Torne, which left early Wednesday from this port.

### Shipping Bills.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Bills to repeal penalties on foreign built vessels belonging to Americans and to provide for certificates of registry for American vessels abroad, to facilitate commerce were introduced by Chairman Alexander of the house merchant committee.

### British Nurse Wounded.

Paris, Sept. 9.—The Journal says that among the wounded arriving in Paris yesterday was a young British nurse who had been struck by a German bullet as she was attending a wounded German soldier.

Panic Rules in Austria, Correspondent Writes—Her Beaten Armies Now Openly Mutinous.

### OFFICERS SHOOT MEN TO ENFORCE ORDERS

Bosnia in Open Revolt—Thousands of Business Men Ruined—Foreigners Torn to Pieces.

London, Sept. 9.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail in Milan who has lately been in Vienna, draws a gloomy picture of that empire. He says:

"Panic rules in Austria. The great, unwieldy, bankrupt empire, dragged reluctantly at the heels of Germany, is in a state of desperate muddle and fear. Her armies, half-hearted at first, and now openly mutinous, are beaten back at every point by the Russians. The policy of mixing in each company men of the different races which compose the empire has had the result that there is now no esprit de corps in the army. The men were driven into trains at the point of the bayonet and scores were shot by their officers to terrorize their fellows into obedience. While the Russian avalanche drives on, Bosnia is in open revolt and Trieste paralyzed by fear of an attack. Austria is bankrupt, trade is at a standstill and thousands of business men are ruined by a war which they hate. The harvest not being gathered, Austria faces a famine and prices are rapidly rising. In resentment the popular anger has risen toward the foreigner, and Serbs have been torn to pieces in the streets. Newspaper men have been shot by the police and five foreign newspaper men are in jail."

"The officials have begun to flood low lying tracts surrounding the city and to fortify the town."

### RICHARD I. MANNING TO BE S. C. GOVERNOR

Big Majority Over Blease Candidate Indicated—Other Successful Men.

Columbia, Sept. 9.—Returns in the second primary of South Carolina indicate that Richard I. Manning will be nominated governor; Andrew J. Be-thea as lieutenant governor; and Frank Shealey for railroad commissioner, they having majorities respectively from 30,000 to 35,000. Wyatt Aiken's nomination as congressman from the third district was insured by an increased majority.

### DISPATCH TELLS OF CAPTURE OF RHEIMS

Washington, Sept. 9.—Rheims was occupied September 5 by a small German patrol consisting of six officers and 67 privates, says a wireless dispatch from Berlin to the German embassy here.

Mr. Schaermann, correspondent of the Dusseldorf Tagesszeitung, wires that when still doubtful whether the forts were occupied, the message continues, Captain von Humbrecht's patrol rode to the town hall, took formal possession of the city, made the mayor a hostage for the proper behavior of the inhabitants and then awaited several of the German brigades.

### NEW OUTBREAK BY BANDITS OF ZAPATA

Washington, Sept. 8.—Official advices today telling of cutting Mexico City's water supply for three days evidently a new outbreak by Zapata bandits, caused apprehension among administrative heads. It was believed that if Carranza and Villa unite in a strong central government, United States will recognize the new administration and Zapata will be crushed by the superior constitutionalist forces. Land reforms demanded by Zapata will be granted by the government.