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## GERMAN DEFEAT COMPELS RAPID RETREAT TO FRENCH FRONTIER

### SAYS GERMANS FELL IN TRAP

War Correspondent Thinks Allies Will Have a Good Chance to Annihilate Invading Army.

### REPORTS SUCCESS OF CROWN PRINCE

Berlin Message Says He Has Taken Fortified Position; Bombards Forts.

Riot Reported in Vienna—Volunteers Without Uniforms—Russian Prisoners Being Liberated.

London, Sept. 14.—A Times correspondent writes from five miles outside of Province in the province of Seine-et-Moines, saying:

"I have travelled the entire line of the allied army, though, of course, always in the rear. General von Kluck's host in coming down over the Marne, and the Grand Morine lines to a point 35 miles west of Epernay met little opposition and I believe little opposition was intended. The allies in fact, led their opponents straight into a trap. The English cavalry led the three German miles after mile and the Germans believed the English were running away. When the tremendous advance reached Meines, the English plan was carried out and the German forces got no farther.

"The fighting of September 6, was a terrible character and began in the neighborhood of La Forte Gaucher. The allies troops were placed to receive the attacking force at Meaux might achieve its task in security. The battle lasted all night and until late Monday.

"The German artillery fire was severe but not accurate. The French and English fought sternly on and slowly beat the enemy back.

"Monday night General von Kluck's army had been thrown back from the Marne and from the Morine and in the region of Sezanne, and his positions were perilous. Immediate steps were necessary to save his lines of communications and retreat. To this end reinforcements were hurried north to the Meaux district and to the Ourcq, and tremendous efforts were made to break up the French resistance in this quarter, for Meaux is to Paris as Reading is to London.

"The second attempt on the Ourcq shared the same fate as the first. Though all Monday night and well on into Tuesday, the great German guns boomed along this river, the resistance of the allies could not be broken. 'Hold,' was the command, and every man braced himself to obey.

"While the Ourcq was held the struggle of Cezanne was going on. The German strength of Tuesday was being broken. On every French lip was the remark, 'they are in full retreat,' and they are rushing back home.

"I am convinced that the full extent of this rout is not yet appreciated in England. It was a terrible blow and will have a lasting effect.

### THEOLOGICAL TEACHERS OF UNIVERSITY NAMED

Faculty of Department in New Methodist University Has Been Announced.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 14.—Members of the faculty of the theological department of the new university to be established here by the Methodist Episcopal church, South, were announced today by Bishop Warren A. Candler, chancellor of the new institution. They are: Bishop Warren A. Candler, D. D., LL. D., chancellor; Rev. Plato T. Durham, D. D., dean of the faculty and professor of church history; Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., professor of homiletics and pastoral theology; Rev. W. A. Shelton, D. D., professor of Hebrew and Old Testament literature; Rev. Andrew Sledd, D. D., LL. D., professor of Greek and New Testament literature; Rev. H. C. Howard, D. D., professor of systematic theology; and Rev. W. A. Smart, B. A., B. D., professor of biblical theology.

The various members of the faculty have been prominent in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, for years.

The theological department of the university will open on September 23 and will be the first department to commence instruction.

Japanese Official Sentenced.

Tokio, Sept. 14.—Vice Admiral Fouchi Fuchii, accused of complicity in the naval provisions scandal of Japan was sentenced to six years and six months imprisonment. It was alleged that he received illegal commissions for influencing the allotment of contracts to a German firm.

Chance to Get Home.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Forty thousand Americans remaining in Europe all can get passage home within a few days if they wish. Captain Matthew A. Cross, in Budapest, was given discretionary orders to go to Bucharest to care for some hundred Americans there.

Wheat Falls.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—The reported victories of the allies, viewed by the traders as tending to shorten the European war, caused a loss of 4 1/2 cents in May wheat. This option sold today for \$1.15 1/2.

### GERMAN RIGHT IS BROKEN BY ALLIES

French Victory "Incontestible" Says Gen. Joffre in Official Report on Great Battle--Belgians Attack.

### AUSTRIANS MEET FRESH REVERSES

Surrender of Large Army Reported--Russians Retreat in Prussia as The Germans Mass to Check March on Berlin.

Paris, Sept. 14.—It was officially announced this afternoon that the Germans still are retiring everywhere. They are abandoning their positions which they erected to cover a possible retreat.

London, Sept. 14.—"Incontestible" is the adjective used by General Joffre, commander in chief of the French forces, in describing the victory of the allies along the western battle front.

The latest official communication from Paris indicates the advance of the allies is continuing all along the line, with their left now across the river Aisne.

But little news, and that of the vaguest - sort - filtered through from Germany, and it is evident from the tone of Berlin official statements that the people are being warned not to be too optimistic, as reverses may be expected.

The latest actual battle news in Berlin describes a sortie from Paris, Sept. 6 which, it is stated, has been repulsed.

Dispatches from many sources including Vienna, indicate that the Austrian army in Galicia is in sore straits but the story of its complete destruction is evidently exaggerated, as the latest Russian reports indicate that General Ruzsky's forces are still meeting with organized resistance. It is evident, however, that the Austrian center was crumpled up, while the left wing was hurled back into the marshes of the river San. his left wing, composed of the flower of the Austrian troops, may be caught in a trap, making unconditional surrender the only alternative to destruction. The official statement given out in Petrograd says that General Renenkampf in east Prussia is stubbornly retreating before a superior force rather than risk the turning of his left flank by the Germans.

A Paris dispatch to Reuter's says: "A Petrograd dispatch to the Matin says: 'Persistent rumors are current here that the larger part of the Austrian

armies capitulated yesterday."

Reports received here from Petrograd today say the big battle begun in Galicia early last week has been entirely successful for the Russians.

The Belgian mobile force has returned to its Antwerp base with the official explanation that it has served its purpose of preventing reinforcements joining the German army in France. This force operated for four days in the Brussels-Louvain-Malines triangle, forcing the Germans to leave that section of Belgium.

In connection with this movement, it is reported Belgians are cutting general communications. Other sources declare Belgians were forced to return because the Germans were strongly reinforced from Liege. The retirement is said also to have been expedited by a threat to burn Brussels.

Italy is still maintaining neutrality but joined the triple entente ambassadors in objecting to the revocation of the capitulations by Turkey.

Austria is in a turmoil, according to Rome dispatches, and Trieste is being fortified and the nearby coast mined.

While the first stage of the great battle of the Marne, perhaps correctly described as the "battle of the ages" appears to have been won by French and British, military experts pointed out today that the allies and Germans are still engaged with the supreme test yet to come. The next week may see fiercer encounters than yet has taken place.

The river valleys and the strategic roads give the German army of invasion, now in retreat, a splendid opportunity for defensive action should the French pursuit extend too far.

All kinds of perplexing possibilities are foreseen by the military observers in the event of Germans regaining the positions they held before they started the rush of 1,500,000 men on Paris, particularly should they succeed in taking

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### DIFFICULTIES IN GERMANS' PATH

### FAIR WEATHER PREVAILS FOR ELECTION IN MAINE

Progressives Have Full Ticket—Kansas to Pass on Constitutional Amendments

Portland, Me., Sept. 14.—Fair weather today favored the voters in the first state election of the year. Progressives cast their ballot for a full ticket for the first time. National politics has been brought to the front by many speakers of prominence.

Governor W. T. Hayes, was opposed for governor by Mayor Okley T. Curtis, democrat and Curtis Douglas, progressive.

### HOW WAR HAS AFFECTED EXPORTING OF COTTON

Less Than 10 Per Cent as Much Exported in August as in August 1913.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The extent to which the European war affected the American cotton industry was shown today by the August cotton consumption report which indicated that in August 21,260 bales of cotton was exported, while during August last year 257,172 bales went abroad.

Great Britain took only 6370 bales this August while last year she took 77,488 bales. Germany took only 52 bales against 72,928 a year ago; France only five bales against 23,933 a year ago; Italy 1546 against 15,568 a year ago and all other countries 15,227 against 49,255 in August, 1913.

The supply of cotton during the cotton year of 1914, which ended August 31 was more than 16,000,000 bales. The exports for the year amounted to 8,546,718 bales, domestic consumption 5,517,867 bales and the quantity on hand August 31 was about 1,524,265 bales.

### COURT DISMISSES TRESPASSING CASES

The cases against the 26 workmen employed by Contractor J. C. Fairly, to construct the water and sewer lines in West Asheville brought before Magistrate J. A. McIntyre Saturday afternoon and dismissed. The men were charged with trespassing on the property of J. M. Thrash in West Asheville and the warrants were taken out by his representative, P. H. Thrash. Only one case was tried, that of John Bradley, and it was agreed that the verdict in that case, should apply to all the others. The case was tried before a jury and the session of court was held in the Police court room and lasted for several hours.

### GERMAN LOSSES IN CAVALRY APPALLING

London, Sept. 14.—A dispatch to the Express from Paris says the German losses in cavalry were appalling. The captured German cavalry officers estimate that the wastage in cavalry horses, especially in Belgium, amounts to two-thirds of the total strength allotted to the army operating in the direction of Paris. The Germans flooded Belgium with recruiting parties, but in the advance through France they were hampered by an insufficiency of horses. Many horses had been taken from German batteries for the cavalry but despite this large numbers of cavalrymen marched as infantrymen.

W. F. P. McGee of Canton, N. C., left today for New York and Baltimore to purchase goods for his store at Canton.

London Times Correspondent Describes Retreat of Invaders and Successes of Allied Troops.

### AT GRAND MORIN SAYS RETREAT BECAME ROUT

Thinks Extent of German Reverse Is Not Appreciated in England—Abounding Joy in France.

London, Sept. 14.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris, says:

"The difficulties of the retreating army are many, and there are good chances that the allies may annihilate them before they reach the frontier. The Germans appear to be abandoning their natural route, the valley of the Oise, endeavoring to withdraw farther eastward to the barren and difficult country of the Champagne where the roads are poor and provisions scant. Beyond is the forest of the Ardennes and to the east the wooded and clayey ridges of the forest of Argonne, as formidable a barrier to progress as any army could have.

"Beyond is the Meuse, most of the bridges of which will be destroyed. The general in command in Paris has a half million fresh troops under his control which will be used presumably in pursuing the enemy."

In a dispatch from Ghent, the correspondent of the Daily News says that after two days of investigation he has confirmed the statement that Russian troops are in Belgium.

Afternoon papers from Ghent dated last Saturday contain this statement: "The German lines of communication have been cut at Countenburgh between Brussels and Louvain by a Belgian force reinforced by Russian troops."

"Where these Russians are and what their numbers are it would be indiscreet to tell."

Continuing, the correspondent says: "Russia is not the only army reinforcing the Belgians."

A dispatch from Petrograd Sunday to the Central News says it is reported in Bucharest that a riot occurred in Vienna on the receipt of the news of the capture of Semlin by Russians. Military stores and even the stock of uniforms proved to be insufficient and as a result of the third levy of reservists are going to the frontier in civilian attire.

Two thousand Russians, liberated from captivity in Germany, have arrived in Petrograd, via Finland. It is stated the reason for this liberation is that the German exchequer is too depleted to permit their being kept.

Against Italians.

Ancona, Sept. 14.—Passengers aboard the steamer Gallipoli, which arrived today from Dalmatia, say anti-Italian demonstrations are almost daily at Sebenico and Spalato because Italy did not join the triple alliance in the war against the triple entente.

### SPEAKERS CHOSEN FOR THE TRI-COUNTY FAIR

Gov. Craig, Judge Pritchard and Att'y. Gen. Bickett Accept Invitations.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—For the Avery, Mitchell and Yancey tri-county fair to be held October 7, 8, 9 and 10, Governor Locke Craig, Judge Jeter C. Pritchard and Attorney General T. W. Bickett have been chosen as speaking attractions and have accepted.

This big fair of the three mountain counties is being opened for the first time. It is planned upon a large scale. Governor Craig does the formal opening on the seventh. Judge Jeter C. Pritchard makes his address on the "Conservation of Manhood," on the eighth and Mr. Bickett will speak on education on the ninth. The fair will be held at Spruce Pine, the counties not holding Spruce Pine conceding that much to railroad accessibility. The promise for a splendid event is not impaired by the troubles of the east. Western North Carolina suffers no slump by any means anywhere.

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