

GERMANS MAKING DETERMINED STAND ALONG BANK OF AISNE

MANY GERMANS FACE RUSSIANS

Enormous Forces Concentrated in East Prussia Causing Russian Retirement Is Petrograd News.

AUSTRIAN ARMY NOT YET ABLE TO RE-FORM

News of Russians' Continued Victories in Galicia Is Depressing Austro-Hungarian Officials.

London, Sept. 15.—A dispatch from Petrograd to the Post, telling of operations on the Russian frontier says: "The Germans have concentrated enormous forces in east Prussia, causing a corresponding retirement on the part of the Russians. The Germans, in aid of the hard pressed armies on the Austrian frontier, attempted to drive in with an overwhelming force along the line from Nordenburg to Goldap upon the Russian base. "At the same time, Germany has been drawing upon its western armies for material with which to withstand the Russians, thus weakening its French invading force. General Rennenkampf succeeded in driving back the Germans with heavy losses. The Austrian army, which is retreating on Przemysl, has not been able to reform. They will be surrounded in Przemysl which the Russians must take, though perhaps not without a long siege. "Forty men of the scouts regiment swam the wide, rough Vistula river and succeeded in blowing up or setting afire an enormous quantity of stores of the retreating Austrians, including two steamboats, 17 pontoons, 35 laden barges a large number of smaller boats and rafts and a considerable quantity of military equipment. Austrians Depressed. Vienna, Sept. 14.—(Via London, Sept. 15.)—News of Russia's increasing victorious occupation of Galicia is causing a depressing effect in Austro-Hungarian official circles and among the more intelligent classes of the monarchy, but up to the present time the others appear credulously willing to accept the few bulletins given out. They cheer anything half way encouraging. The anxiety felt in higher circles, however, is manifest by the long audiences the ministers of the dual monarchy are holding constantly at Schoenbrunn with Emperor Francis Joseph. There have been a number of conferences since Friday with the minister of war and the Austrian and Hungarian premiers. The newspapers maintain an extraordinary reserve. Papers of Sunday, September 13 barely mentioned the battle that is reported to have been raging around Lemberg for the past six days. (Continued on Page 9.)

SAYS FIGHTING IS UNDECISIVE

German General Staff States That French Attempt to Break Through Lines Was Defeated.

DECLARES SITUATION REMAINS FAVORABLE

Reports in Berlin Say Belgian Army Is Surrounded—Much Depends on Crown Prince.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—(Via Amsterdam and London)—The German general staff today gave out the following announcement: "In the western theater of war the right wing of our army has been engaged in heavy but undecisive battles. The French who endeavored to break through our lines were defeated. "At other points where fighting has been going on no definite results have been reached. "The general staff continues silent concerning details of operations through France, but in response to a query today characterized the general situation as favorable. "A general report which was in circulation in parliamentary circles last night that the operations had already resulted in a great victory, had no confirmation. "The Belgian army, quite surrounded, according to reports here, has been attempting repeated sorties to play at least a part in the war. (The censor here has deleted further references to the operations around Antwerp.) "The Germans presumably are pushing reinforcements forward and the announcement that their armies with a united front have resumed the offensive may perhaps be expected in two or three days. Much probably depends upon the rapidity with which the army under the crown prince completes the isolation of Verdun, in order to be in a position to resume major operations.

SERVIANS WIN IN A GREAT CONFLICT

Inflict Defeat on Austrians Trying to Invade Serbia—Battle Details.

Nish, Serbia, Sept. 11.—(Delayed in transmission)—A great battle was fought, September 8 and 9, on the whole of the northwestern frontier of Serbia. The Austrians, who were trying to invade the country at different points, were everywhere repulsed and suffered heavy casualties. It is estimated that they lost 10,000 men in dead and wounded. Military authorities consider the victory a decisive one. The battle is said to have been won by precise artillery fire and quick maneuvering of the Serbians and especially by their brilliant bayonet charges. The Austrians are said to have directed machine gun fire against their own troops in order to prevent their retreat. In northern Serbia the defense is said to be proceeding successfully. Paris, Sept. 15.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Havas agency says the Serbians have attacked and destroyed the Hungarian station of Orsova on the Danube a short distance above where the river quits Hungarian territory thus cutting communication between Hungary and Roumania. Horsova was the route by which Austrian sailors reached Turkey.

WINSTON-SALEM WINS GAME FROM NORFOLK

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 15.—Winston-Salem, champions of the North Carolina league, yesterday defeated Norfolk, champions of the Virginia league, 5 to 3, in the opening game of the post season series. Ray, for the locals, struck out 14 batters and Stuart hit three home runs. Batters: Markle and Ulrich; Ray and Garvin.

BERLIN TELLS OF SERIOUS FIGHTING

Crown Prince Driven Back, Says One Dispatch--Capture of Two German Divisions Reported.

RUSSIANS HOPE TO TIE UP AUSTRIANS

Third of Austrian Force Lost, Is the Estimate--Reports of Battles in Prussia Conflicting.

London, Sept. 15.—A correspondent of the Central News, under date of Monday, September 14, reports from Dieppe that two German divisions have been forced to surrender. General von Kluck's army operating on the German right, has been retiring before the allies for several days. Roye and Ham, to the south of Amiens, were occupied by the Germans two days ago. Recent reports show that these towns are now in possession of the allies.

London, Sept. 15.—For once the military critics on both sides agree that the campaign in northern France is in favor of the allies but as to the accomplished facts there is wide divergence. It is expected, therefore, that within two or three days there will be a resumption of the offensive along the whole German front. On the other hand, the latest communication in behalf of the allies states that the crown prince has been driven back and has moved his headquarters from Sainte Menchould, south of Rheims, to Mont Faucon, about 25 miles northeast. Berlin admits that the weakened right wing has been turned back but discounts the reverse by maintaining that it will have no effect on the forward movement to be initiated when Verdun falls. A very candid statement by General Joffre regarding the sort of warfare his troops are capable of waging, indicates that the French are now able to take up the gage of battle on their own terms. The recapture of lost ground probably means more to the French army than the rolling back of the left wing of the German army beyond Verdun. So the battle of the Aisne, beyond sanguinary fighting, is undoubtedly the scene of a terrible struggle of the fiercest nature. Petrograd says that although reports of the work of General Brusseloff's army are lacking and part of General Kuzsky's force still is to be heard from, it is estimated that the Austrian forces have lost one-third of their available personnel and two-thirds of their artillery. It is evident that the Russian generals now hope to bottle up the Austrians and their German contingents in Przemysl which is an Austrian Metz. No hope is expressed for the early capture of this fortress, but it is expected the remnants of the Austro-Hungarian force will be kept within its walls until the close of the war. Reports of fighting on the east Prussian border are contradicting. According to Petrograd, General Rennenkampf has resumed the offensive after winning an engagement on the border, while the same Russian sources report that the investment of Koenigsburg is continuing. On the other hand, Berlin states that General Rennenkampf's defeat is almost as great as the preceding Russian disaster in this section. News from Berlin of the destruction of the German light cruiser Hela by a submarine and the story of a Scottish newspaper that the loss of the British cruiser Pathfinder has been avenged would indicate that reprisal has been made by a British torpedo boat. The correspondent of the Times at Bordeaux discussing what he calls the precarious position of the crown prince of Germany near Verdun, says: "If he is strong enough to hold the Argonne forest, the Germans may be able to complete a change of front and swing their armies on the pivot of Argonne around to the Meuse valley. "It looks at present as though the whole German army is withdrawing to make a stand on the Perrone-St. Quentin-Vervins-Merzeries line which would give them a line of retreat through Luxembourg. "This is known to have been prepared by the sappers for a determined defense." A Reuter's dispatch from Antwerp gives the following information: "The importance of the results of the battle between our army and the army of the Ger-

Germany's armies to the north and east of Paris, after retreating for upwards of fifty miles toward the Belgian frontier, are today making a determined stand along the river Aisne. A newspaper dispatch from Dieppe says that General von Kluck has been enveloped by a French encircling movement and forced to surrender with a large command and a quantity of guns and ammunition. The German general staff, however, announced today that heavy engagements were being fought by General von Kluck's right wing to the northeast of Paris without a decisive result so far. The French attempts to break through the lines were said to have been repulsed. Reports regarding the operations in East Prussia contradict each other. From Petrograd it is stated that General Rennenkampf has resumed action and that the investment of Koenigsburg is complete. Austrian advice, however, is to the effect that the Russian general has suffered defeat nearly as great as the Russian disaster at Allenstein. Further Petrograd dispatches estimate the casualties of the Austrians in Galicia to number 300,000, nearly one-third of their forces. The sinking of the German protected cruiser Hela, of 2040 tons by a submarine, of the allied fleet, is announced in an official statement issued at Berlin. A German submarine which sank the British cruiser Pathfinder with a loss of 246 lives is reported to have been destroyed by the fire of several British cruisers. Sharp skirmishing has been going on between the Japanese and the German defenders of the Kiao Chow territory. A measure was introduced in the British parliament today suspending until after the war the proceedings on the Irish home rule bill and the Welsh dis-establishment bills. Queen Wilhelmina opening parliament in person emphasized the necessity of the Netherlands maintaining the strictest neutrality in the war. According to a statement issued in London by the Serbian legation there are now in Hungary at least 150,000 Serbian troops successfully pushing an offensive movement against the forces of the dual monarchy. Miss Helen Moore leaves tomorrow morning for Atlanta where she goes to enter Agnes Scott Institute.

CURTIS AHEAD FOR GOVERNOR

Democratic Candidate in Maine Election Has 5387 Plurality--37 Cities Not Heard From.

THREE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN WIN

Heavy Vote Cast--Republicans Gain 31,125; Democrats 10,423; Progressives Lose 30,142.

Portland, Me., Sept. 15.—The democratic victory in Maine's gubernatorial race yesterday amounted to a plurality of 5,387, according to unofficial returns from all but 37 of the 521 cities and towns today. All four congressmen, three republicans and one democrat were re-elected. In a vote heavier than that cast at the last presidential election, both Mayor Oakley C. Curtis of Portland, the democratic candidate for governor, Governor William Haines, and Haines Curtis ran well ahead of the Taft-Wilson figures, while the progressive votes cast for Halbert P. Gardner, head of the ticket, showed a pronounced slump from that cast for Roosevelt. The comparative returns available from 484 cities and towns give: (Continued on Page 9.)

INSURANCE IS NOW DISCUSSED

Big Convention of State Commissioners Is Being Held at the Grove Park Inn Beginning Today.

GOVERNOR LOCKE CRAIG DELIVERS THE WELCOME

Practically Every State in the Union Is Represented by a Commissioner at the Meeting.

With practically every state in the union represented the forty-fifth annual session of the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners convened at Grove Park Inn this morning, shortly after 10 o'clock, for a four day session. The governor of the state of North Carolina, a representative of the city of Asheville and another of the board of trade welcomed the 125 visitors to the city. There were appropriate responses. When Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young of North Carolina, who is the president of the association called the meeting to order this morning one of the most representative gatherings that has ever attended a meeting of the insurance commissioners was on hand at the Inn. Insurance men are here from New York to Los Angeles, Cal.; from Denver to Florida and from Lansing, Mich., to Louisiana. Indications point towards a successful convention in every respect. Governor Locke Craig delivered the address of welcome to the state. He was enthusiastically received by the insurance men. The chief executive of North Carolina said that this state was glad to welcome the commissioners of insurance within its borders. He spoke in a happy vein and the address of welcome was well received. The governor said that the commissioners of insurance held important posts of honor; that much depended upon them. On behalf of the mayor and board of aldermen, R. R. Williams welcomed the visitors to Asheville, being delegated to this task by Mayor James E. Rankin. Rev. Wyatt Brown, rector of Trinity Episcopal church of this city spoke in behalf of the local board of trade. All of the addresses of welcome were well received. The responses were made by Vice President John S. Darst, who is the auditor of the state of West Virginia and ex-officio insurance commissioner of his state and by James H. Southgate of Durham, an ex-president of the organization, who spoke in behalf of the insurance interests. Both talks were of a happy nature and like other speakers on the program, well received. After the addresses of welcome and the responses had been delivered the convention got down to routine business. Program for This Evening. The commissioners will hold their second session of the convention at the Inn commencing at 8:20 o'clock this evening. Commissioners T. M. Henry of the insurance department of the state of Mississippi and F. H. McMaster a like official from South Carolina are on the program. Following will come a discussion of the subject, "Should the State Encourage the Formation of New Companies," by W. W. Collier of Texas and E. H. Deavitt of Vermont. The delegates attending the convention will following the reading of the formal papers composing the program with general discussions. The forty-fifth annual convention will come to a close on Friday with the election of the officers who are to serve during the coming year, at which time the association meets again. Friday afternoon will be devoted to further meetings of committees, before winding up the affairs of the convention and planning for the coming year, and to recreation. Many of the visitors are planning to spend the entire week in Asheville at the Inn. After Sunday several will make side trips to points of interest in the Land of the Sky, one party now being formed, so it was learned this morning, to go to Mt. Mitchell early next week. Many Visitors are Here. Visitors to the forty-fifth annual convention of the insurance commis-

20 PEOPLE KILLED MANY INJURED IN WRECK OF TRAIN

Texas Limited on Frisco Goes Through Bridge Near Springfield, Mo.

Springfield, Mo., Sept. 15.—Between 35 and 40 persons were either killed or drowned and many were injured today when the locomotive, baggage car, and forward chair car of St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train number five plunged through a bridge over Brush creek near Lebanon, Mo., and were submerged in the swollen stream. Springfield, Mo., Sept. 15.—Twenty persons were killed and many injured when St. Louis and San Francisco train number five known as the "Texas Limited" crashed through a bridge about fifty miles from here. Telegraph and telephone communication has been destroyed by a severe storm and details are almost unobtainable. According to meager information received here the train plunged through a bridge over Brush creek, four miles east of Lebanon. Heavy rains recently, it is believed, weakened the structure. The "Texas Limited" is one of the best equipped trains on the Frisco. The train left St. Louis last night at 11:50 p. m., for Galveston and carried three Pullman, two coaches, a baggage car, a smoker and a diner. All equipment was of steel. A message sent by a physician on the train said 20 passengers, the engineer and fireman were drowned. A special relief train left here at once for the scene of the wreck. St. Louis, Sept. 15.—Thirty-five or forty are estimated to be dead in the Frisco wreck near Lebanon. Two cars went into a gulley and are submerged. Both cars were well filled with passengers. St. Louis, Sept. 15.—At 9:50 o'clock this morning seven bodies had been taken from the submerged chair car. It is thought every person in that car and the smoker was drowned. Four sleeping cars did not leave the track. These dead have been identified, according to the Frisco's offices here: HENRY WAGONER, Harrison, Ark. MRS. ELIZABETH ROSTETER, Alliance, O. W. H. CHILDRESS, JOHN MYERS, wife and daughter, Thayer, Mo.

GERMAN AND JAP BATTLE ON LAND

First Encounter of the Land Forces—Sharp Skirmishes Take Place.

Chi Mo, Shan Tung Province, China, Sunday, Sept. 13, 9:30 p. m. (The first encounter between German and Japanese forces on land occurred this morning when there were a number of sharp skirmishes between patrols of the contesting forces at a point close to Chi Mo. Previous to these engagements a German aeroplane flew over the district. The Japanese fired on the machine but without success. A considerable Japanese force is reported 25 miles to the north of here. A dispatch received from Wei Hsien (60 miles northwest of Kiao Chow) says fifty Japanese troops arrived here Sunday. Peking, Sept. 15.—A report from Tsing-Tau of Japanese origin says a column of Japanese are at Kiao city. Kiao City is about 30 miles outside the border of the German territory of Kiao Chow to the west.