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VIOLENT BATTLE STILL IN PROGRESS NEAR ROYE

French and German Reports Are Agreed As to Undecisive Results.

DESPERATE RAIDS REPULSED BY BOTH

New Russian Army Ready to Take Field--Muscovites Again Cross The German Frontier.

London, Oct. 3.—Unusual activity in the publicity departments of the German and Austrian army headquarters has furnished an account of the results of current battles differing so radically from those from the camps of their opponents, as to render the widely divergent statements irreconcilable.

In regard to the battle of the Aisne, there is only a single point on which the French and German reports agree and that is that General von Kluck still is going northward though at a snail's pace and that he is so powerful that General Joffre has been obliged to admit that the German commander has been able to make a French detachment debouching from Arras to fall back.

Further south in the neighborhood of Roye, according to the German staff, the French have been dislodged from their positions, but the French statement says that all the German assaults there were shattered. Again the German assert they have fought their way southward and have made substantial advances in the Argonne district and the French counter this by claiming they have made progress there; while in the far eastern end of the line around the river Meuse, the French claim to have driven the last German back across the river, and the invaders say they have defeated all attacks of the French in that quarter.

Each side thus is furnished the news it wants to hear. For the neutral observer, the only certainty is that these intermittent conflicts along the immense line furnish only a series of small cumulative results which gradually tend in a given direction and to indicate that no decisive result has been attained.

The first Austrian official statement of any length given out flatly denies most of the claims of Serbs while in turn the Servian official staff continues to claim victory for their troops.

The situation in Bosnia continues apace while the Austrian offensive in Serbia is proceeding satisfactorily, according to the Austrians. The Serbians and their Montenegrin allies claim they have Sarajevo almost in their grasp.

The new Russian army is ready to take the field, according to a Petrograd dispatch, and the Muscovites have once more crossed the German frontier according to this report.

This is conceivably awkward for the German invaders who are said to be retreating from the Suwalki district.

London, Oct. 3.—Although the German right is less than 50 miles from the Belgian frontier, never since war's outbreak, apparently, have the people of Great Britain been more reconciled to the idea that the struggle yet to come will be long and terrible. When the Germans first began to retreat after their rush toward Paris, hope ran high that some master stroke would bring complete rout to the invaders. Now, however, many observers emphasize that even should the allies gain in this battle the Germans would only fall back on equally strong entrenchments.

There is nothing from the French battle line this morning to indicate a marked change in the situation. The fiercest fighting apparently centers on that part of the battle line stretching due north for about 40 miles in an almost straight line from Roye. The vicinity of the little town of Albert has again been the scene of vigorous action where the allies claim progress. Though it seems incredible, the latest announcements asserted the remainder of the vast line was quiet with the exception of the region around St. Mihiel, from which the Germans were driven from their southernmost lodgment. From Petrograd there continues to come uninterrupted claims of Russian successes on the Poland frontier, but from Galicia where the Russian and Austrian forces are at death grips before Craew has come nothing to indicate which side has taken first honors.

William in East.

A belated dispatch from Copenhagen asserts that Emperor William has recently been at Breslau where he decided on a four-fold offensive movement against Korvno, Warsaw, Lodz and Galicia. When this was under way, it was added, he expected to return to the western theater of war.

From the southeastern tip of Galicia filters news of the advanced Russian forces unheard from for days. It was said that the entering of Transylvania was already under way and that a battle of the Austrians and combined Russo-Servian forces was imminent.

British critics seem unable

SOUTHERN WOULD TAKE OFF TRAINS

Discontinuance Would Not Be Permanent Says Official in Making Request.

TEST FARMS' COTTON IS TO BE REDUCED

Women Urged to "Buy-a-Bolt"—Great Deal of Interest in the Amendments Conference.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, Oct. 3.—Presenting a report of a gross decline in revenues of \$320,000 in the two war months, Vice President and General Manager E. H. Coopman of the Southern railway has asked the corporation commission for permission to take from service several passenger trains.

The railway official declared in the outset that the company is seeking no permanent discontinuance of the trains, but that it is guided solely by desire to meet the vanishing revenues which he thinks must be accompanied by the outbreak of the war. If the company finds that its curtailment does not meet the popular demand, it will voluntarily restore the train, Mr. Coopman says.

"Our July receipts were normal," he declared, "and were substantially the same as the July, 1913, revenue. Our figures extend over August and September. During that time our freight receipts fell off \$230,000 and our passenger \$90,000. The Southern is one of the very few roads that do more passenger than freight business. I don't think there are half a dozen others in the country."

On the main line the company would very much like to take off Nos. 13 and 14, between Charlotte and Danville, and abolish second section on Nos. 37 and 38. Nos. 13 and 14 are the trains that pass Greensboro southbound at 3 o'clock a. m. and 5 p. m., respectively. On the western division outgoing No. 15 and incoming No. 16 would be abolished temporarily.

On the Greensboro-Goldsboro, the general manager does not specify but it is not improbable that his company would discontinue Nos. 108.

He insists that this is not to be construed as anything but a concession to receding revenues. He prepared a table for the commission and left it with request that it act as soon as possible, as it is hoped to announce the changes about October 17.

During his discussion of the Asheville early morning train Mr. Coopman urged as a cause for falling funds and declination of travel, the closing of Grove Park Inn after October 15. Of course, this is not to be permanent and it is understood that extensions are to be made on that great hotel.

Delegates to Congress.

Governor Craig today appointed delegates to the Farmers' National congress to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, October 15 to 17.

The following will represent the State: J. B. Grimes, Raleigh; J. W. Faison, Faison; R. L. Woodward, Pamlico; Benjamin Cameron, Stagville; C. M. Townsend, Rowland; W. S. Pharr, Charlotte; J. R. Self, Lincoln; A. C. Shuford, Newton; W. J. Cooke, Asheville; J. J. Laughinghouse, Greenville.

Reduce Test Farm Cotton.

ing trial. Two of the known six, it is said, have escaped.

The men charged with the breaking of seals and stealing tobacco, meat, flour and clothing, have caused the companies to lose much, it is said, and continued deprivations given the officers great worry. There seems to be no effective way of policing the yards thoroughly enough to prevent these nightly marauders from getting on the inside of the cars.

Buy a Bolt Movement.

At the first meeting of the Women's club yesterday, the "buy-a-bolt" movement was presented and the club members asked to contribute immediately to the cotton cause by purchasing now the cotton cloth that they will need this winter.

Governor Craig, Adjutant General Laurence W. Young, Col. S. Westray Battle and other North Carolinians who were in Virginia attending the Mecklenburg county fair in Chase City have returned. Governor Craig spoke at the fair as did Governor Stuart of Virginia.

Amendment Conference.

A lot of local interest has been following the announcement several days ago that a conference is to be held here today to discuss the proposed constitutional amendments and how best to advance them before the people of the state.

Many democrats are declining to take part because they declare that they fear a partisan advantage will go to the republicans. Other democrats think so heartily of the amendments that they would like to see the democracy gallop to victory by espousing them.

Falling in this, they will second a non-partisan effort. Both Governor Craig and Attorney General Bickett have been quoted as strongly favoring them and it is not believed that there will be any serious opposition to them from members of the state administration.

King Reported Ill.

Rome, Oct. 2.—(Via London, Oct. 2.)—A dispatch from Vienna says the condition of King Charles of Roumania has suddenly become worse. The doctor's bulletin today says he must have absolute rest. It is believed, according to the dispatch, that the report of the king's illness is a political ploy to end popular agitation to have Roumania join forces against Germany.

At the North Asheville Methodist church the pastor, Rev. W. E. Poovey, will use as his subject at the morning services, "The True Basis for Peace."

At the First Baptist church the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. B. Waller, will speak at the morning services on "An Exalted Nation," it being a war message for peace, and at the evening services he will use as his subject, "Midnight Escape from Jail."

Special music will be rendered at each service.

Rev. J. Brainerd Thrall pastor of the First Congregational church will speak at the morning service on "Christ or Barabbas—Which?"

The morning service will be held at 11 o'clock in the assembly room at the Manor.

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ROUMANIAN KING GETS CRITICISM

His People Are Angered Because He Did Not Occupy Austrian Territory That Russia Now Has.

THERE IS POPULAR CRY FOR GREATER ROUMANIA

Charles Stuck to His Traditions as Hohenzollern—People Pushed to Drastic Action.

London, Oct. 3.—In a dispatch from Paris the Post's correspondent says a statement regarding the king of Roumania has been given out by Victor Jonnesco, nephew of the prime minister of Roumania and secretary of the Roumanian legation in Paris.

M. Jonnesco says in part: "From the beginning of this European war the Roumanian people have been hostile to Germany and Austria. The hostility is pushing the people to drastic action. The cry is for a great Roumania and for a liberation of our brothers in Transylvania. Undoubtedly the situation has placed the king in a dilemma, for he has already made his choice between his duty as a king of a free people and his duty as a Hohenzollern. The latter proved dearer to his heart; he is serving his caste and will do so in his death."

"When Russia proposed to King Charles that he occupy Transylvania and Bukowina, he refused, declaring his troops were needed to guard the frontier. Today Bukowina, which is just as Roumanian as Transylvania, is occupied by Russian troops and has been declared a Russian province."

"This policy of King Charles will give him in history the role of a traitor to the interests of his country, although he is a hero in his staunchness to the Hohenzollern and Hapsburg traditions."

"If his policy is persisted in it will mean that the Roumanians in Transylvania will shortly be delivered from the Austrian's yoke by Russia and henceforth incorporated in the Russian empire."

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GERMAN PRINCE TOOK PART IN FIERCE BATTLE

Oscar Became So Excited He Collapsed After Successful Attack.

Berlin, Oct. 2.—(Via London)—Major General Freer von Der Horst, commander of the 20th infantry brigade, was killed while leading his troops on September 28 according to an official announcement today.

Today's casualty list contains about 9600 men and includes mention of the wounding of Prince Joachim, the youngest son of the emperor, at Schatzdorf, east Prussia.

The Associated Press correspondent learned at Metz from the adjutant of Prince Oscar, fifth son, that September 24 the prince led his forces toward Verdun in a most desperate battle. The French, including the Turko sharpshooters in the trees, picked off the officers of whom so many were lost that the companies were led by sergeants during the hottest part of the fighting.

Prince Oscar led the charge which was finally successful. He got so excited that he collapsed after the victory with acute heart cramp. The physicians ordered him to Metz where the news of the bestowal of the decoration of the Iron Cross for the first class reached him. He jumped from his bed when he heard it saying, "I am well again."

No crosses were available so General von Strantz took his, given him in 1870, and presented it to the prince, who is recovering rapidly.

Commanders are taking measures to suppress stories that the Catholics took part in cruelties against German soldiers, which it is asserted is untrue.

Cholera in Germany.

London, Oct. 3.—The North German Gazette admits the appearance of cholera in Germany as in Austria, says a Rome dispatch, but assures the public that the outbreak is well in hand.

RUSSIAN HEAVY GUNS DO HAVOC

In Battle of Niemen the Germans Were Cruelly Surprised; Suffer Enormous Losses.

BATTLE PROVED TO BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Russian General Staff Issues Statement Claiming Continued Successes in Operations.

London, Oct. 3.—The Post's Petrograd correspondent, speaking of the operations on the Niemen in Russian Poland, says:

"Later intelligence of the operations on the Niemen show that they were of greater moment than at first indicated and losses by the enemy were most severe. This was largely due to the admirable practice of certain heavy artillery which was at the disposal of the Russian forces."

"The Germans evidently were not aware of this and advanced as though they had only to meet the ordinary field artillery. They were cruelly surprised at the terrible work of these heavy guns. In their retreat the Germans were under this persistent fire for ten or a dozen miles and suffered enormous losses. The result is that the Russians are again on German territory."

"For the first time since the war began we hear of German troops attempting a bayonet charge. This was during a night attack at Raczka, on September 30, but the Germans were defeated, losing heavily in killed, wounded and prisoners. Apparently the Germans counted on taking the Russians by surprise."

"The Germans continue to retire under the sustained Russian attack. Their front presents a broken appearance with its salient angle towards the Russians and offering two faces for flank attacks which were greatly facilitated by the condition of the weather and the lie of the roads."

"The weather is bad. The tropical downpour in such a country presents the worst possible conditions for armies wishing to extricate themselves from any enemy conversant with warfare of guerrilla nature."

Russian Statement.

Petrograd, Oct. 3.—The general staff headquarters last night issued the following statement:

"The battle on the eastern front of Prussia continues on the line of Merampol. No decisive results have been attained. We have at last occupied the German positions at Preskano, west of Symno."

"Under a night offensive attack, the enemy retired from Leipouny to Suwalki. The fiercest fighting is going on in the vicinity of Suwalki. German retreating forces harried by the Russians towards Merggrabowa were scattered."

"Augustowo was being bombarded with heavy artillery from the northwest side of the town up to the afternoon of October 1, when the Russian infantry took the offensive, resolutely, and drove the enemy from that region."

"The enemy also was forced to evacuate Stuchushin and Gradevo, where the Russian troops invaded German territory."

"The Russians have captured some automobile trucks from a German column operating against Oswowet."

"On the Mlawka line the enemy made an offensive demonstration but was repulsed by the Russian troops."

FRENCH COURTMARTIAL OF GERMANS IS BEGUN

Paris, Oct. 3.—A French courtmartial has begun hearing the cases of Germans arrested in Alsace and upon whose persons there has been found objects of value.

German prisoners in French hands suspected of pillage are to be tried. One man has just been sentenced to imprisonment for five years while two others were given sentences of eight months confinement. Spies are being judged summarily without a formality of a courtmartial. It is said a considerable number already have been shot.

GERMAN CLAIMS OF SUCCESSES

Berlin Says Attacks of Allies Have Been Repulsed on Right Wing and Elsewhere on Battle Line.

MOVEMENT TO CLEAR BOSNIA OF SERVIANS

Austrian Troops Making Progress Against Servians—Report of Austrian Disaster Is Denied.

Berlin, Oct. 3.—(Via Amsterdam and London)—The following official statement was given out at army headquarters the evening of October 2:

"The right wing of the German army in France has repulsed renewed efforts of the French to outflank them. Near Roye the French have been dislodged from their positions."

"The situation on the center of the battle front remains unchanged."

"German troops advancing in the Argonne region have won substantial advances in a southerly direction."

"East of the river Meuse French troops from Toul undertook energetic night attacks, but were repulsed."

"Before Antwerp, Fort Waivre-St. Catherine's and the redoubt Borpevolyt with their intermediate works were assaulted yesterday at 5 o'clock."

"In the eastern arena of war at advance of the Russian forces across the Niemen river against the Germans in the province of Suwalki seems imminent."

VIENNA STATEMENT

Vienna, Oct. 2.—(Via London, Oct. 2.)—An official communication signed by Field Marshal Fottorik, has been given out here as follows:

"For the past two days our troops in Serbia have been attacking the enemy. Up to the present time our offensive movements against the enemy who is strongly fortified in position further protected with barbed wire entanglements, have proceeded slowly but favorably."

"There has been started emphatically a movement to clear the section of Bosnia that has been disturbed by Servian-Montenegrin troops and irregulars."

"The announcement from Servia concerning the annihilation of the fourth division of Hungarians honved is a further proof of the vivid imagination of the Servians. This division of troops, as the Servians during the past few days have had repeated opportunity to learn, is in the best of condition at the battle front and it participated gloriously in engagements last week at Vishegrad and elsewhere."

RESIGNATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED

Judge Cline Will Take Action Relative to Magistrates and Others.

No action has been taken yet in regard to the resignations of Magistrates W. R. Gudgeon and James A. McIntyre and Captain Grady Anderson, in charge of convict camp No. 2, requested this week by Judge E. B. Cline, following the report filed by the grand jury, in which it was stated that the magistrates had been guilty of drunkenness while in the discharge of their duties, and that Captain Anderson had been guilty of undue cruelty in the treatment of prisoners under him.

Judge Cline stated late yesterday afternoon, after inquiring of the solicitor and clerk of the court if the resignations had been received, that he would investigate the cases and find out just what his authority in the matter is. He will return here next Monday from his home in Hickory and it is expected that some action will be taken.

It is probable that the cases against the men mentioned will be heard before a jury, if Judge Cline finds that such should be taken.

VIENNA GREATLY FEARS INVASION OF RUSSIANS

Venice, Oct. 3.—(Via Paris)—Latest reports from Vienna show that the population is seriously alarmed over the possibility of a Russian invasion. Official notices have announced the closing of many favorite Sunday excursions from Vienna into the surrounding forests because the highest points have been fortified.

The Austrian state treasury and official papers have started to move to the new capital. While this report is not confirmed, it served to show the condition of the public mind.

Another Italian Boat Is Sunk By Mine; Fifty Lost

Venice, Oct. 3.—(Via Rome and Paris)—A report has reached here of the sinking of another Italian boat and the death of her crew of fifty men at a point near Trieste as a result of coming in contact with a floating mine.

There is alarm all along the Italian coast at the presence of Austrian mines at sea. Water traffic with Austria has been suspended and goods destined for Austrian ports are being abandoned on the docks.

Japanese Vessel Seized.

Tokio, Oct. 3.—The official announcement says another Japanese vessel was sweeping boat at Kiao Chow

has been sunk after striking a mine. The casualties are given as four killed and nine wounded.

The mine dragger was known as the Kayomaru and was sunk in Laoshan bay.

The German forts and ships, it is announced are constantly shelling the Japanese army which is slowly preparing for the big assault on Tientsin, the German stronghold.

A German aeroplane from Tientsin, has made two unsuccessful attempts to attack Japanese warships.

Japanese aeroplanes went in pursuit of the German aircraft and were subjected to bomb fire.

Ship in Port.

New York, Oct. 3.—Arrived: Napoli, Naples.