

# The Asheville Gazette News.

## ALLIES GIVE GROUND AT CERTAIN POINTS IN WEST

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### DECISIVE ATTEMPT BY ALLIES LIKELY

**Germans and Austrians Forced to Defend Positions In Prussia and Also In Galicia.**

Paris, Oct. 5.—The following official communication was given out in Paris this afternoon: "On our left to the north of the Oise the battle continues with great violence. The battle remains indecisive. We have been obliged, at certain points to yield ground.

London, Oct. 5.—The fact that fighting is progressing in and around Douai, midway between Arras and Valenciennes, on the railroad to Mons, is taken in London to show how sure the allies in northern France have pushed the forward movement they hope will envelope General von Kluck, commander of the German right wing, in a net of steel.

For the past week the Germans, so far as can be ascertained in London, have been vainly hurling themselves against different points in the allied line in an effort to discover a weak mesh in the net. At the present time, in the view of General Joffre, commander in chief of the French forces, the process of attrition has gone far enough to justify the resumption of offensive movements by the allies as is announced in the latest communication from French headquarters.

Apparently the intent now is to attempt something decisive on the German right wing and if possible bring to end the fight which in magnitude is without precedent.

The series of fortifications stretching north and south along the allies' line is the key to the situation and the reinforcements from overseas have been pushed up to take them. The German trenches have been captured in several places but the enemy is still fighting all along the line which the Germans say is in their favor, just as confidently as General Joffre reports the situation favorable to the allies.

The British observers believe the Germans will be forced to take the defense throughout the line soon.

In Prussia and Galicia the Germans and Austrians are also being forced to defend their positions and a repetition of the long and arduous siege battles who have been such a feature of the struggle in France seems a certainty.

The Russians continue to push eastward on Oranow, evidently with the hope of getting

into Breslau, and they go on stretching their tenacles out southward toward Budapest. Cossocks are well in on the plains of Hungary. Even Budapest admits that they have crossed the river Theiss which was regarded as one of the main obstacles to their progress. By getting across the railroad at Szigeth, they secured the second line leading to the Hungarian capital. They had already seized the Lemberg-Budapest line and Ungvár.

The Austrians, on the other hand, claim further victories against their smaller enemy invading Bosnia, but they are silent on the subject of Sarajevo, which, according to Servian and Montenegrin statements, is surrounded by their allied armies.

**Battle Not Won.**  
Paris, Oct. 5.—While the French realize that the battle of the Aisne has not yet been won, it does not seem to many of them that it can now be lost. If the allies win, it is no doubt felt that they will pay for it, the sacrifice on both sides already being great. The tone of the official communications has furnished the best reasons for the hope of the French.

Lieutenant-Colonel Rousset declares that the battle still can last for some time. In the fierce fighting now going on, Lieutenant-Colonel Rousset says neither adversary can claim what Napoleon claimed in the result.

With the shifting of battle scenes, the railroads are resuming traffic through a number of cities that had been occupied by the Germans. From Epernay the news comes that the Germans respected the vines of Epernay in the important champagne district.

**Russian Statement.**  
Petrograd, Oct. 5.—The following official statement was made public last night: "According to reports of commanders at the battle of Augustow the troops were extraordinarily courageous. Several troops fought without rest during the whole week, extricating themselves with dignity from the most dangerous positions.

"The Germans were most obstinate in the vicinity of Suwalki, where the enemy concentrated important forces and having fortified their position, opposed the Russians with fiercest resistance.

## NO EXTRA SESSION IS CONTEMPLATED

President Says War Tax Bill, Clayton Bill and the Alaskan Coal Bill Will About Complete Work—Tentative Date for Adjournment Oct. 15.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Outlining the legislative program for the remainder of this congress, the president told callers today that no extra session in November was contemplated.

that the house and not Mr. Henry would decide on the date of adjournment. This will throw the general leasing bill, the Alaska coal bill and the general dam bill over until next session.

## Market Situation In London Is Clearing Up

London, Sept. 25.—Negotiations are still in progress, it is known, between the stock exchange committee and banks and it is believed a scheme is nearing completion, whereby the market situation will soon be cleared up.

The attendance of bankers and brokers on the Royal exchange to fix exchange rates was again large and quotations were made for most countries at narrower margins than previously, mail, telegraphic transfer and three months bills all being dealt in more freely, except of course, Austria and Germany.

## Earthquake Damages Asiatic Turkey Towns

Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey, Sunday, Oct. 4.—(Via London, Oct. 5.)—The towns of Isbarta (population about 20,000) and Burdur (population about 12,000) in the province of Konia, were severely damaged by an earthquake last midnight. The loss of life was very heavy.

A dispatch from Fort de France, Martinique, received in New York last week, said that shortly after 1 o'clock that day a sharp earthquake was felt at Fort de France. The direction was north to south. No damage was done locally.

## WOULD ELIMINATE LOCK STEP AND SILENT SYSTEM

Such Action Advocated Before American Prison Association by Warden.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 5.—Eliminations from prisoners of the lock-step and the "silent system" was advocated by A. J. Wells, warden of the Kentucky state penitentiary today in an address before the American Prison association.

## WILLIAM P. BROWN OF NEW ORLEANS IS DEAD

Connected With Spectacular Cotton Operations—Associated With Patton.

New Orleans, Oct. 5.—William P. Brown, well known man died here today. He had been ill here for some time.

## WILSON TO ENDORSE DEMOCRATS' ELECTION

Washington, Oct. 5.—President Wilson today began work on a letter he will send to Majority Leader Underwood, endorsing for re-election democratic members of the house and praising their work during the present congress.

## FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, RICHMOND ORGANIZED

Richmond, Va., Oct. 5.—The federal reserve bank for the fifth district was organized here today with J. A. Essay as governor. The bank is ready to open for business just as soon as instructed to do so by the federal reserve board.

## McCombs May Refuse.

New York, Oct. 5.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee said today he had not refused Governor Glynn's offer of the state chairmanship, but probably would do so for political reasons.

## Takes Peace Treaties.

Washington, Oct. 5.—After a call on Secretary Bryan today, Ambassador von Bernstorff took away with him copies of the peace treaties between the United States and Great Britain and France and many other countries.

## GERMANS TAKE ANTWERP FORTS

Official Statement Says Three Have Been Captured With Redoubts and Their Guns.

## CLAIMS DEFENSE OF RUSE IN LEFT WING

English Forces Have Gone to Antwerp to Co-operate With Belgians in Repulsing Germans.

Berlin, Oct. 5.—(By Wireless to Sayville).—An official report from the German army headquarters says that in the siege of Antwerp the forts of Lierre, Wilhelm and Koningshoeyck and the intermediate redoubts, with 30 guns, have been taken.

Other press matter given out in official quarters says: "British forces from east India, have gone north from Marseilles. British ships have arrived at Lisbon and probably are to transport Portuguese to the aid of the allies. Portugal mobilized her troops some time ago but it is believed to have been done at the order of the British."

The Roumanian crown prince has been strongly rebuked for his Russianophile agitation. The leaders of the Roumanian parties have declared themselves in favor of continuing the neutral policy of the Roumanian government.

A manifesto issued by the Roumanian socialist asserts that the neutrality of the country will be preserved, condemn the Russianophile propaganda in certain newspapers and emphasizes the dangerous position of Russia."

The government of the Netherlands has straightened the forces back of the frontier districts to capture the Belgian troops if they cross the frontier from Antwerp.

This dispatch is the first intimation that the English forces have gone to Antwerp and are co-operating with the Belgians in the defense of that city.

## SURPRISE ATTACK ON JAPANESE REPULSED

Tokio, Oct. 5.—It is officially reported that the German infantry at Tsing-Tau delivered a surprise night attack on the Japanese but were repulsed. The Germans lost 48 killed and the Japanese five killed and eight wounded.

The cannonading on land and sea near Tsing-Tau continues. Four Japanese shells hit the German gunboat Itika, which retired to the inner harbor.

## CHINESE NOT GOING TO OPPOSE JAPANESE

Peking, Oct. 3.—(Delayed in Transmission).—Although the Chinese authorities continue to hope that the Japanese will permit them a measure of control over the Shan Tung railroad, they have informed the Japanese that they will not oppose military occupation of the line.

## ALEXANDER TO LEAVE HOTEL?

Rumor Gains in Volume That James L. Alexander Is to Give up the Battery Park Hotel.

## MR. RAILING OF N. Y. MAY TAKE IT OVER

It Is Said Deal Has Been Consummated with Plaza Hotel Man—Reports Not Confirmed.

A rumor that has been current in the city for the past several weeks that there is to be a change in the management of the Battery Park hotel gained support today, when it was stated positively in certain quarters that a deal has been consummated whereby Mr. Railing of the Plaza Hotel, New York, is to take over the hotel about October 15 or shortly thereafter.

James L. Alexander, who has been operating the hotel for a number of years, when asked about the matter this morning, stated that no deal had been consummated. He did not deny, however, that one is pending. An attempt to locate Tench C. Cox, trustee of the Estate of Frank Cox, owner of the hotel, failed. A man closely identified with the estate, however, stated that he had heard rumors of the change. He denied knowledge of any final deal that might have been put through.

## BELIEVED PRESIDENT WILL MAKE HIS PEACE WITH THE EDITORS

Washington, Oct. 5.—That President Wilson is about to make peace with Henry Watterson, editorial writer of the Louisville Courier-Journal, as well as with George Harvey editor of the North American Review, whom he saw at the White House yesterday, was believed today when the president told callers today he was going to see Mr. Harvey at the executive mansion.

## RECONCILIATION ON HOME RULE IS URGED

London, Oct. 5.—John E. Redmond, Irish leader, in making recruiting speeches at Wexford, on Sunday appealed for a reconciliation on the home rule question. He said: "I will meet Andrew Bonar Law, (the opposition leader in parliament) by gentleness and by reason. I pray with all my heart and soul that out of this terrible war one blessed advantage may come to England, and as Irishmen go on fighting side by side, Catholics by Protestants, and north-Ireland Irishmen by south-Ireland Irishmen it may prove to be a sign of the future unity of our Irish nation."

## ENEMY "PETRIFIED" BY FRENCH 3-INCH SHELLS

Paris, Oct. 5.—The French three inch shell is doing terrible work as shown by a scene that met the eyes of the French penetrating a chateau occupied by Germans and which they had just bombarded.

## EMPEROR NICHOLAS AT HEADQUARTERS

Petrograd, Oct. 5.—Emperor Nicholas has arrived at headquarters of the army, according to dispatches received here.

General Soukomiouff, received the emperor. Before the emperor left here he signed a ukase calling out the reserves and ordering mobilization of the mounted troops in the eastern provinces and also the territorial.

## MR. GUDGER IN HENDERSON CO.

Addressed Large and Enthusiastic Audience in Hendersonville Today—Reviewed Administration.

## MR. BRITT DID NOT ACCEPT INVITATION

Was Not Present to Answer the Arguments Advanced by Mr. Gudger—Platform Shown Up.

Hendersonville, Oct. 5.—Congressman Gudger spoke here today to a large and enthusiastic crowd. His speech was devoted to the accomplishments of the democratic party within the last two years in giving the country constructive legislation. He said that the tariff legislation of the democratic party is based along the lines of placing a higher tax on the luxuries of life and a smaller tax on the necessities. They kept in view the principle of levying a tariff sufficient to afford revenue to run the government wisely and economically administered.

## WORKERS OF WORLD DISPERSED BY INDIANS

Indian Police and Deputized Braves Do Work Without Bloodshed.

Glasgow, Mont. Oct. 5.—Indians in feathers and blankets dispersed Industrial Workers of the World itinerants whose attacks Saturday cost four lives. The Indians' work was bloodless as far as could be learned.

Indian police, near Poplar, Mont. were called upon and responded, with a number of braves who had been hastily deputized. A celebration was in progress and all were gaily with paint and decorations. It was learned that Saturday's trouble arose from internal dissension and that one bullet which killed A. J. Gantvalley, a civil engineer, of St. Paul, Minn., was a stray one. The other three men killed were members of the band.

Yvesita in Port. New York, Oct. 5.—Arrived—Miss Antonette, Liverpool.