

OSTEND TAKEN, GERMANS TO GO FOR OTHER PORTS

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THE ALLIED LEFT STANDING FIRM

Russians Open Attack Along Entire Front of Immense Battle Line --Report Successes.

London, Oct. 17.—German force today occupy Ostend, at the northern extremity of the region where the German right wing and the allies' left are struggling in the latest phase of what was once the battle of the Aisne.

Reports reaching London say that German imagination has been fired by the taking of Ostend and they cry now is not only "on to Calais," but "on to Boulogne."

What progress, if any, the Germans have made since they entered Ostend on Thursday morning is not known here, but their next objective apparently is Dunkerque. Opinion in England seems to differ as to what part the British fleet will play should the battle continue to skirt the coast line and the reports that British dreadnaughts would back up the French, British and Belgian forces from the straits of Dover seem to originate in German sources. London papers generally deprecate the importance of the German occupation of the Belgian coast, pointing out that the British mine field prevents the enemy's bringing ships to operate from the none too safe harbor of Ostend. The fact remains, however, that as the fighting gets geographically nearer to England the public, heretofore discussing and speculating on a Zeppelin raid, is bound to ask itself what will come next.

Must Be of Value. It is admitted as unquestionably true that if Germany is able to engineer submarine attacks from a base further away, Ostend certainly would be of some strategic value.

The allied left is holding its ground. At some points it is even going forward, having occupied Laventiek, driving the Germans back in the direction of Lille. One report was that the Germans had been driven out of Lille but this has not been confirmed. The presence of Uhlans has been reported recently within 40 miles of Calais.

Little definite news was available today of the fighting along the Vistula river, where the Russians claim to have repulsed German attack. Whether the German advance on Warsaw has been permanently checked only the future can show. One report says the Germans are preparing to winter in Poland.

According to a dispatch from Petrograd dated Friday but received here today, the Russians now have opened

their attack along the entire line with special energy in the south, where Gen. Brussiloff's cavalry is said to have captured several Austrian detachments, together with trains carrying reinforcements and supplies. In retreating from Warsaw, it is said, the Germans lost 42 guns intended for the siege of that city.

Paris, Oct. 17.—The joining of the allies barrier between the coast and Ypres to that of the existing front through northeastern France has made it impossible, in the judgment of French military experts, to turn the French and English lines, and it will be necessary for the Germans to attack on the front. It has been thought here that such an attempt would be made between Ostend and Ghent, but to challenge this prediction come reports today that signify developments were taking place near Lille.

The brevity of recent official communications is being commented on in Paris today and the fact that fighting has been going on is making the people of the city ask if the present comparative silence is not the lull preceding the storm.

The strength of the positions of the allies near Lille, in the face of repeated and unsuccessful attacks by the enemy, has given them great encouragement. Col. Rousset, the military critic, today declares it is too late for the Germans to envelop the Franco-British line on their left. "I see in the change of front operated by the enemy," the colonel writes, "only an admission of increasing embarrassment. German strategy is at the present time a little disconcerting and I believe that the directors of this strategy are themselves completely disconcerted."

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ENGLAND JUST STARTING WAR

"We Have Sent Only Advance Guard," Declares Times Correspondent Replying to Criticism.

EMPIRE CAN NEVER LACK MEN, HE SAYS

When Allies Need Rest England Will Be in Position to Make Good War—1,200,000 in Field.

London, Oct. 17.—The Times military correspondent, replying to the Frankfurter Zeitung's statement that Great Britain was unable to raise more than 600,000 troops, says:

"We have at the present moment exactly double that number, namely, 1,200,000 men, and the number grows almost faster than we can cope with. This is only the beginning.

"It is our way, as well as that of America, to begin to raise our armies after war breaks out and to go on raising them until our ultimate ends are achieved. With 1,200,000 men at home, the army in the field and the hundreds of thousands forming in India, Canada, Australia and elsewhere are merely the nucleus upon which other armies will eventually be built.

"It is only a question of time. It stands to reason that an empire of 400,000,000 can never lack men. This war for us has hardly begun. We have sent merely an advance guard into France. In the spring the remainder of the advance guard will follow and somewhere toward the end of 1915 the main body will begin to come within view.

"We are sorry that we are even slower than Russia in making our weight felt, but a year or so hence, when the allies need a rest, we shall be in a position to make good war.

"Nothing can arrest the steadily ascending figures of our army. Their cost is of little account since Germany will ultimately have to pay—in territory as well as money.

"Imagine things at their worst. Imagine the last Cossack on the Urals and the last French doorkeeper evicted from Bordeaux. Then we would begin a maritime war against Germany and still be no worse off than when we began war against Napoleon."

GEN. AGUILAR PROMISES TO GRANT DEMANDS

Vera Cruz, Oct. 17.—John R. Silliman, President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, before leaving here this morning for Mexico City, reported to the state department at Washington that General Aguilar had promised to grant all the demands of the United States in connection with the evacuation of Vera Cruz.

Mr. Silliman visited General Aguilar's camp beyond the American lines last night and conferred with the general until a late hour. Aguilar promised to issue a proclamation giving assurance that no one who had been employed by the Americans shall be prosecuted for that, although it is an offense for which the law provides severe punishment.

General Aguilar disclaimed responsibility for the hostile demonstration made in front of the American lines Thursday night.

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WAR TAX BILL TO PASS TODAY

Senate Will Dispose of Revenue Measure Late Today; Will Be Finally Approved Tuesday.

CONGRESS TO ADJOURN TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY

Senator Simmons Tells President Cotton Relief Amendment Will Probably Not Pass.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The senate will pass the war revenue bill late today, conferees of the senate and house will meet Monday, the bill will be finally approved Tuesday and adjournment of congress will come Tuesday or Wednesday, according to plans laid before President Wilson today by Chairman Simmons of the senate on the amendment for relief of the cotton situation would be close but that probably the proposal would fall of adoption.

Republican senators declared privately today that some of their democratic colleagues, sensing defeat in their efforts to secure federal aid for the cotton farmers, had asked republicans to help incorporate the bonding amendment in the revenue bill in the hope that it would ultimately defeat the entire measure. It was said President Wilson would veto the bill if it passed with the amendment included and that while congress was held in session to frame a new revenue measure some means might be devised to put through an acceptable cotton relief plan.

Senator Smoot predicted that such an attempt to pass the cotton amendment would fail.

"Much as we would like to kill the war tax bill, we will not vote for this cotton amendment," he declared. Senator Shephard, speaking in the senate in favor of the amendment, criticized a statement yesterday by Senator Williams that senators who proposed the amendment were not sincere but merely wanted a record vote and were talking for the benefit of their constituents.

"We are sincere in this amendment and propose to do all in our power, by out votes, to make it a law," said Senator Shephard.

Governors Meet

Memphis, Oct. 17.—Four governors of southern states and representatives of three others had arrived here early today for the conference called by Governor George Hays of Arkansas to consider the cotton situation facing the south as a result of the European war. Governor Hays said that no plans for the conference had been formulated, the session of which was delayed in the expectation that other officials would arrive.

This present include beside Governor Hays: Governors Brewer, Mississippi; Hall Louisiana; Blease, South Carolina. Governor Blease was accompanied by Claude M. Sapp of the South Carolina legislature and former United States senator J. L. McLaurin.

Actress Dies

New York, Oct. 17.—Verona Jarbeau, widely known as an actress in comic opera, in former years, is dead at her home in Nanuet, N. Y. She was born in New York fifty-three years ago.

Official Reports of War

Paris, Oct. 17.—The official statement given out at the French war office this afternoon is as follows:

"In Belgium the German troops occupying western Belgium have not crossed the line running from Ostend to Thourout to Roulers to Menin. There is relative quiet along the greater part of the front.

"On our left wing there has been no change. In the region of Ypres on the right bank of the Lys, the allied troops have occupied Fieuichaux, as well as the immediate approaches to Armentieres.

"In the region of Arras and also in the vicinity of St. Mihiel we have continued to gain ground.

"In the Russian field of operations there has been no change of importance on the front in east Prussia.

along the entire front. To the south of Przemyel the fighting continues and the Russians have taken 500 prisoners.

Austrian Claims. Vienna, Oct. 16.—(Via Amsterdam and London, Oct. 17.)—It was officially announced in Vienna today that the fighting continued yesterday, Thursday, along the entire battle front from Etry and Sambor—to the southeast of Przemyel—to the mouth of the river Dan.

In Marmaros-Siget, Hungary, the enemy has been pursued by Austrian detachments, which have occupied Pais.

In the valley of the Black Bistrica the Russians are retiring. Our troops have followed them to Zielona.

The river Bistrica, and the town of Zielona, are in Galicia, close to the Hungarian frontier and to the northeast of Marmaros-Siget.

RELATE DETAILS OF FRISCO SALE

Director McMurty's Testimony Tends to Show That Daniel Grein Dominated Rock Island.

WITNESS KNEW LITTLE OF FINANCIAL DEALS

Director Boggs Thought It Best to Dispose of Frisco to Yoakum Even at a Loss.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Some details concerning the acquisition and subsequent sale at a loss of millions of the Frisco lines, were developed today when the investigation into the financial operations of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway were resumed by the interstate commerce commission.

George B. McMurty, of New York, a director of the Rock Island operating company and of the New Jersey holding company of the Rock Island, gave testimony tending to show that the board of directors practically was dominated by Daniel Grein. The witness said he knew personally very little concerning the financial operations of the several companies. Asked about specific transactions—including the Frisco deal, he replied: "I didn't have time to go into such details."

Mr. McMurty said he relied upon the reports of the executive committee which had direct charge of them.

George T. Boggs, of New York, a director of the Rock Island operating company and an official in various capacities of that company for many years, giving his version of the purchase and subsequent sale by the Rock Island of the Frisco lines, said he believed it to be for the best interest of the Rock Island to dispose of the Frisco stock to B. F. Yoakum and his associates, even at a loss.

"The time had come for a change," said the witness, "and it was necessary for us to do the best we could in the circumstances."

"As a director of the Rock Island did you cast your vote according to instructions?" asked Solicitor Folk.

"No, but I acted upon my best judgment."

RUSSIANS EVIDENTLY PLAY WAITING GAME

Giving Germans Time to Entrench—Polish Peasants Resist Germans.

London, Oct. 17.—Telegraphing from Petrograd regarding the situation in the Russian field of operations, the correspondent of the Times says:

"It looks as if those high in Russian command had decided to play a waiting game. Otherwise they would not give the Germans time to entrench and thereby prolong the whole course of operations."

"Reliable information shows that the Germans seriously contemplate wintering in Poland. Peasants have risen at many places, notably Kielce and Miechow. Regardless of the most terrible reprisals they are forming guerrilla bands and attacking the invaders. The railroad near Nowo Radomsk has been wrecked and trainloads of German soldiers killed.

"All roads from the Vistula to the frontier are encumbered with the German transport wagons and dead horses. The roads are impassable owing to ruins."

CONVICT FATALLY STABS GUARD MAKING ESCAPE

Folsom, Cal., Oct. 17.—Posses searched the country surrounding Folsom state prison today for Frank Creeks, who escaped last night in a break for liberty, which cost his cellmate, Harold Flash and J. B. Drury, a sergeant of the guard, their lives and resulted in serious injury to two prison guards. Creeks is armed and it is thought that he will fight to the last.

Creeks, a life term, and Flash, serving a 20 year term for robbery, had obtained a knife, a dumb-bell to be used as a bludgeon, and a piece of metal with which to unlock the door of their cell. Gaining the yard they leaped upon Sergeant Drury and Guard Kerr, felled Kerr with the dumb-bell and fatally stabbed Drury. Kerr recovered in time to shoot down Flash. Creeks, armed with a gun he had taken from Drury, escaped after a running fight with two other guards one of whom he wounded.

NEW HAVEN CO. DISINTEGRATES

Decree Filed Today Prescribes Details by Which Subsidiaries Must Be Disposed of.

THREE SETS TRUSTEES ARE NAMED BY COURT

Fifteen Men Will Rule Subsidiary Companies Until They Can Be Disposed of.

New York, Oct. 17.—The dissolution decree asked by the government against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company was filed in the federal district court here today.

The government's complaint is dismissed by preliminary agreement in so far as it applies to all defendants, individuals, and corporations, with the exception of the railroad company itself, the New England Navigation company, the Boston Holding company, the Providence and Danielson Railway company and the Boston and Maine Railroad company.

The decree provides for three sets of trustees, the first to take over the Boston and Maine holdings of the New Haven; the second to take over the trolley holdings in Connecticut, and the third to take over the trolley holdings in Rhode Island. These trustees are to act as officers of the court in carrying out the methods provided for the ultimate sale of the holdings.

The decree was filed with the clerk of the court by Attorney General Gregory and bears the signature of Federal Judge Mayer.

The three sets of trustees are to manage the properties, subject to the orders of the court until they are sold. Each set of trustees is composed of five men.

MEXICAN BULLETS WOUND FIVE MORE

One Civilian and Four Soldiers Hurt—Bullets Hail Heavier.

Naco, Ariz., Oct. 17.—Five men, a civilian and four soldiers of the United States cavalry were wounded today by Mexican bullets that flew far over the international boundary near Naco, Ariz., fired by Governor Maytorena's troops on the Carranza garrison of Naco, Sonora.

One of the soldiers was shot through the head while on duty at a railroad embankment 400 yards from the boundary. He is still alive. The civilian, a railroad carpenter, was shot through the right lung while walking on a sidewalk on the American side of the line.

The storm of bullets today was heavier than any that heretofore has struck on the American side. They came from Maytorena troops which attacked the Naco garrison directly from the south side of the town. The attack began before daylight and continued more than six hours with brisk fire on both sides.

BURGLARS OVERLOOK \$50,000 IN DIAMONDS

Enter Shelby Store, Steal \$15 Worth of Cheap Stuff and Pass up Rich Booty.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Shelby, Oct. 17.—Burglars entered the jewelry store of T. W. Hamrick company in the heart of the business section of Shelby some time during Thursday night and stole about \$15 worth of cheap watches and rings, leaving untouched a traveling man's trunk containing \$50,000 worth of mounted diamonds, valuable watches, rings, etc. The valuable jewelry belonging to the firm was as usual placed in a big vault but many other valuables were left out so the burglar could have made a rich haul if he had so desired. The traveling man was very much delighted that his valuable trunk was untouched since he left the trunk in the store contrary to the rules of the insurance company in which the jewelry was protected against fire and burglars. Mr. Hamrick has no clue whatever.

FESTIVAL DAY ENDS BIG FAIR

Today Is Day of Fun and Frolic at W. N. C. Fair, the Biggest Ever Held in Asheville.

FIREWORKS BEGIN AT TEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Thousands Went Down to Riverside Today, and Thousands More Expected Tonight.

Program for Fifth and Final Day

9:00 a. m.—Gates open. 10 a. m.—Fun begins on the midway. 3:00 and 9:00 p. m.—Free acts on the midway. Special music, parades, free shows, distribution of exhibit samples and other special added attractions. Exhibit halls open until midnight; no displays to be removed during the day. 10 p. m.—Special combined fireworks display. Midnight—Gates close upon fair. While there will be fun and frolic, no boisterous conduct is to be permitted upon the grounds. Ample police protection has been provided for and combatant, rubber-ball tossing and other objectionable features are entirely tabooed.

This is the last day of the fair.

With improved weather conditions, large crowds attended the fourth annual Western North Carolina fair, held this week at Riverside park, yesterday afternoon and again last night, and another throng of happy sightseers commenced to board fair-ground cars early this morning for the scene of the festivities. It depends entirely now upon the weather to make the grand finale of the big fair a success. The management, the exhibitors and others interested have done their part and can do no more, it remaining in the hands of the weather man to handle the situation. For the first three days of the annual show weather elements treated the Asheville fair rather badly. Commencing yesterday morning, however, conditions began to improve.

The fourth annual fair will come to a close tonight. Exhibits with just one or two exceptions, will remain intact until the last visitor has left Riverside park tonight and those who go down this afternoon and tonight will enjoy all of the privileges of the big show.

There should be a record breaking crowd and every arrangement has been made by Secretary D. Harris and his assistants to handle the situation. There is to be fun and plenty of it, but no disorderly conduct will be tolerated. The use of confetti and rubber balls and small whips will not be permitted and women and children visiting the fair grounds are asked.

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SOUTHERN RY CO. CURTAILS SERVICE

Only Trains Will Be Taken Off as Will Least Affect Local Travel.

Washington, Oct. 17.—"Owing to material and progressive decreases in the volume of traffic," the Southern railway has decided to temporarily curtail its passenger train service. This decision was reached after conferences with state railroad commissions and the change will be effective tomorrow.

President Fairfax Harrison, in a statement announcing the retrenchment plan, said that in cancellation of trains those had been selected "which it is thought can be removed without affecting the actual requirements of local travel under existing conditions."

"This is a disagreeable duty," continues the statement, "in the performance of which the management of the Southern Railway company asks the understanding and patient co-operation of the people of the south."

"The changes have all been carefully considered so as to cause a minimum of inconvenience. Arrangements have been made whereby other trains will make all stops now being made by the trains to be discontinued."

"Restoration of present service and additions will be made from time to time as conditions may justify."