

GERMANS RETREAT BEFORE RUSSIANS

Cair's Forces Report Have Cut Enemy in Two and Driving Him Back

SECOND BATTLE NEAR POSEN FRONTIER

British Warships Shell German Positions and Number of People Killed—Berlin Reports Western Situation Unchanged.

London, Nov. 24.—Von Hindenburg's army, which last week was sweeping toward Warsaw, on its second advance through Russia Poland, today is reported from Petrograd as retreating, after serious reverses inflicted by the Russians who, with reinforcements, made a brilliant stand between the Vistula and Warta. While extent, or completeness of the German defeat is not known here the fact that the Germans were checked is the biggest feature of today's war news. The same dispatch telling of the reverses, however, say German reinforcements are being brought up, so another great battle is likely to develop on a line nearer the Posen frontier. Von Hindenburg has about four hundred thousand men. If the Petrograd report is accepted they have been separated, badly cut up, and thousands of prisoners taken. They need rest, for reformation.

In the western war arena the present battle lines seem frozen into position, as if in conformity with the weather conditions. Rhelms, Scierons and Ypres continue to suffer from German cannonading. There is no renewal of the concerted German attempt to break through to the coast, although signs seem to indicate that they may undertake this movement again at any moment. New troops are being brought up. It is said the plan now is to reach the French coast by December 10th. A north contingent of fresh Germans is now said to be in Flanders. This week should see renewal of the violent offensive fighting somewhere between Arras and the sea. If this fails, it is argued that the Germans will retire to the trenches behind their advanced positions.

The sinking of a German submarine off the coast of Scotland reminds the English that they must expect these raiders to bob up anywhere. That this submarine risked the British airmen risked in the air in the Friedrichshafen raid.

Russians Defeat Turks. Petrograd, Nov. 24.—An official communication from the Caucasian general staff dated Sunday, says: "In direction of Erzerum the Russian advance guard continued to drive back the enemy, after throwing into disorder a Turkish column during which caissons and an ammunition train were captured. From Karakilisse to the Alashgerd Valley some engagements took place, with results favorable to us. In the Persian Province of the Azerbaijan Turks were defeated in the region of Kahnasur Pass. Also in passes leading from Gilman in the direction of Kotur.

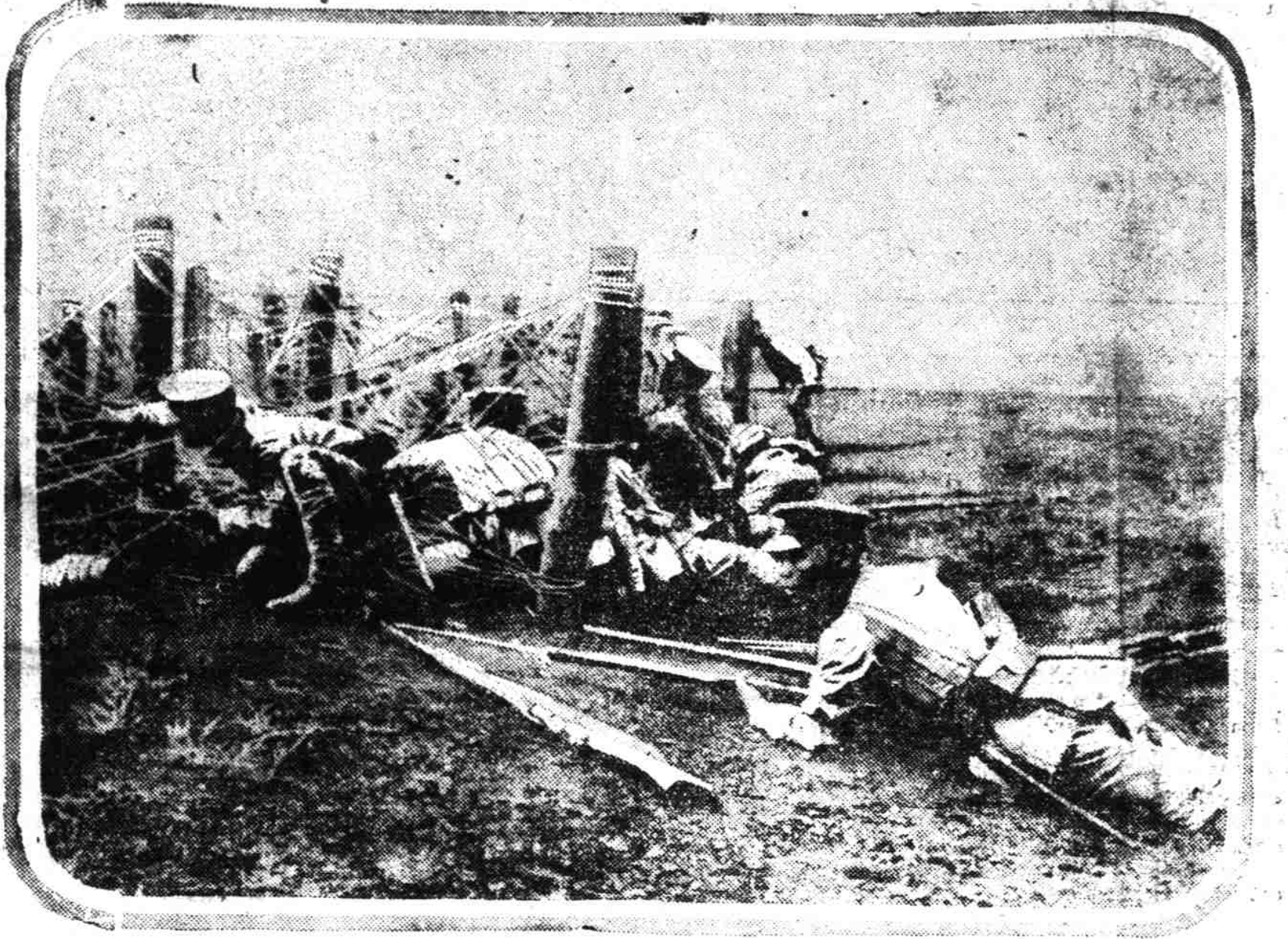
British Ships Bombard. Berlin, Nov. 24.—An official communication today says: "British warships again appeared off the Belgian coast yesterday and bombarded Lombardtzeyde and Zeebrugge. Our losses by this bombardment were small. A number of Belgian villages were killed or wounded. Otherwise no actual changes occurred in the west. In the east the situation is not decided. In East Prussia our troops are holding their own in the region of Czenstochowa in a standstill. On our southern wing, northeast of Cracow, our attack is progressing.

The official Press Bureau today declared that a German submarine had been sunk off the coast of Scotland by a British patrolling vessel. It declares no submarines are missing.

French Statement. Paris, Nov. 24.—The official French statement this afternoon says generally speaking the situation yesterday showed no important change. Along the greater part of the front German activity was manifested by intermittent cannonading, which was less spirited than the day before. A few infantry attacks were made, all of which were repulsed.

The French claim to have gained some territory in Argonne, where the German infantry attacks were particularly violent. A heavy fog hampered operations.

JAP. INFANTRY DESTROYING ENTANGLEMENTS



In the many engagements preceding the fall of Kiao-Chau, the Japanese were constantly hindered by numerous barbed-wire entanglements, strung to protect the defenses. Here is shown a regiment of Japanese infantry cutting a network of wire entanglements while under a sharp fire from the enemy's fortifications.

CONFIRMS SALE OF SHIPS.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 24.—Judge H. G. Connor today signed a decree confirming the sale of the four fishing steamers at Wilmington, the John L. Lawrence, the Portland, the Nat. Strong and the Adroit for the total sum of \$31,050.

DOGS DOING BIG WORK IN THE WAR

Paris, Nov. 24.—Lovers of dogs will be gratified to know that so imposing an organization as The Institute of Zoological Psychology reports that the dogs that accompany the French ambulances are behaving well under fire. The director of this Institute testifies: "All reports are most encouraging. Some of the details of their instructions may be open to question. It is probably bad that they should be taught to bring in the caps and handkerchiefs of wounded soldiers, but our dogs of war are performing noteworthy service and it is a pity that we have not many more of them."

The leader of one section of the ambulance dogs says: "The best dog given to me at first pulled so hard on the leash that he tired me out; he would not always return on the first call, a trick that would be unfortunate under fire; he was terrified even by distant artillery and it appeared as if he would be useless in action. But in a week that dog was valuable beyond words. I have today returned with him from recovering wounded soldiers almost in the enemy's trenches with incessant din all around him. Tonight just before the ambulances were to return I took him out for one last inspection. In a half-hour he found three soldiers who otherwise might have died of exposure. Moreover, he never touched one of them but ran back and forth till I came up to him."

A writer in Le Hatin claims that the Germans have 37,000 dogs mostly purchased in France that are now being trained to go with the ambulances. A French society has been formed to train dogs for this work and already many dogs are "at school". The Amical Club of Vaugirard has offered its grounds, and many prominent physicians, statesmen and savants are encouraging the work.

GOING AFTER COOLIE LABOR

Seoul, Korea, Nov. 24.—The Russian Government intends to transport a large number of Chinese coolies to Moscow and Petrograd as laborers are scarce in those cities on account of the war. A new cattle market has been opened in the province of Hamkyong and a large exportation of cattle to Russia is taking place. The growing importance of Fusan as a shipping center is evidenced by the decision to build another big dock and ship repairing yard at that port. Formerly all vessels had to be sent to Japan for repairs.

WITH SUCCOR NEAR SHIP BREAKS APART

CITY IS NOW MENAGED BY BIG FOREST FIRES

Little Rock On The Defensive Against Fierce Flames. Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 24.—Little Rock assumed the defensive today against the forest fires. With Fourche and Granite Mountains ablaze and smoke from the burning timber being driven in dense black clouds the city realized the menace of the forest fires now sweeping the State. The burning areas are only four miles from the heart of the business district. The State Stone Crushing plant was destroyed last night, with fifty thousand dollars loss as result of sparks driven by the wind, the officials decided. The citizens' patrol covered the residence blocks in many sections last night. Near Magnolia farmers and home-owners are fleeing. At Harrison small fires are reported in eighty thousand acres of United States forest reserve. Fires are reported in Caddo county, Louisiana and also burning in Kaimitchi Mountains, Oklahoma. Forest Rangers think a heavy rain is the only way to check the flames.

ALREADY GREAT LOSS

Parts of Louisiana and Oklahoma Also Ablaze—Forest Rangers' Only Hope is in a Heavy Rain. San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 24.—The steam schooner, Hanalei, ashore on Duxbury Reef, broke in two just before dawn today, with forty-five souls on board. Three passengers and two seamen swam ashore. Thirteen others were rescued, including Captain J. J. Sarri, of the ship. The schooner, which had been pounded by the surf since yesterday noon, when she ran ashore in a fog, went all to pieces. Her bow slid into the water, and she drifted within one hundred yards of shore. The four who first came ashore swam from this wreckage. In a few hours all would have been saved. An hour would have saved many.

HE CAN'T DO AS LABOR WANTS

Washington, Nov. 24.—The President won't adopt the suggestion of the American Federation of Labor that steps be taken to have a receiver appointed for the Colorado coal mines involved in the strike, with the purpose of having them operated by the Federal government. He told callers he had been informed by Secretary of Labor Wilson that the department solicitor has given an opinion that there is no legal warrant for such action.

REVENUE CUTTER PICKS UP SOME

357 Bushels Potatoes to Acre. Wausau, Wis., Nov. 24.—Emil Rick of the town of Easton, Marathon county, reports a yield of 2,672 bushels of potatoes from seven and one-acre. here, though we dare not trust the waves. Try once more." "Hurry, hurry," called the operator later. The Hanalei was sixty-six tons, and coastwise. She left Eureka for San Francisco Sunday. The revenue cutter, McCulloch, which had been standing by the Hanalei since yesterday, sent a wireless saying that she had picked up a boatload of survivors from the wrecked vessel. Captain Alger, of the McCulloch, asked that the revenue cutter, Golden Gate, be sent with doctors, nurses and emergency hospital equipment, as the survivors were in a serious condition. A wireless from the cutter, McCulloch, says she has aboard thirteen survivors and fifteen dead from the Hanalei. Nearly All Accounted For. Bolinas, Cal., Nov. 24.—Forty-three survivors and fifteen dead from the steamer Hanalei had been accounted for at 10 o'clock today. Thirty were towed ashore by life lines, or swam to safety. Thirteen were taken on the revenue cutter, McCulloch, and fifteen dead are on the cutter. Sixty-two were on board, leaving four unaccounted for, besides three members of the Port Point Life Saving crew.

FOUR AERIAL CRAFT TOOK PART IN THE DARING RAID

Oblivious to Shot and Shell and Dropped Ten Bombs.

SEVERAL PERSONS WERE KILLED

Report From Swiss Town On Daring Work of French and British Airmen Sunday Afternoon.

Geneva, Nov. 24.—Details of aeroplane raid on Friedrichshafen received here from Romanshorn, a Swiss town, eleven miles from Constance, says two French monoplane and two British biplanes arrived above Friedrichshafen at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon at a great height. Two machines descended to four hundred feet and amidst a hail of shells and bullets circled about for half an hour throwing ten bombs.

One bomb hit a Zeppelin shed destroying part of the machinery. It is reported that one of the new airships was damaged, but this was denied by the Germans. One house was destroyed and several persons, including two soldiers were killed. One British aviator was brought down and one, supposed to be British, is reported as falling in the lake and was drowned. Another report says a second machine landed at Wurtemburg. At any rate only two machines left flying toward Belfort.

MICHIGAN FARMERS BUILD OWN RAILWAY

Muskegon, Mich., Nov. 24.—Already backed by several thousand farmers and business men, many of them of considerable fortunes, with the company incorporated at \$1,000,000, and the right of way practically secured and franchises voted, the Trans-Michigan Railway, from Muskegon to Saginaw, seems an assured success. It will be America's first real co-operative railroad.

BOMB DROPS IN FRONT CONSULATE

Narrow Escape of American Official Home in Warsaw.

Washington, Nov. 24.—A bomb from a German airship fell in front of the American consulate at Warsaw early today, according to a telegram dated today from American Ambassador Marye, at Petrograd. It broke windows of the consulate, but no one inside was hurt. Several persons in the street, in front of the consulate were killed and wounded, but no Americans were included.

BIG WORK FOR GIRLS' WELFARE

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 24.—A whirlwind campaign, which began here yesterday, is sweeping the city in an effort by society women to interest every person in the city in the welfare of working girls. Under the auspices of the Women's Welfare League, the campaigners are asking every person to contribute a dollar and become a member of the league, which is unrestricted.

MORE ORDERS FOR COTTON THAN SHIPS

Washington, Nov. 24.—Reports to President Wilson show that orders for cotton in the United States greatly exceed the ships available for carrying the cotton. He said everything possible is being done by the government to remedy the cotton situation.

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The President gave no details, but expressed the opinion after reading a number of dispatches from consular agents. The President made no formal comment on the evacuation of Vera Cruz. It is known though he feels the withdrawal of the troops will leave the Mexicans free to settle their own disputes without foreign complications. President Wilson also thinks conditions are constantly improving. Inquiries of foreign ambassadors concerning the safety of their citizens and property in Mexico have not been protests. The White House view is that they merely indicate a desire of the European governments for the United States to exercise its good offices in behalf of foreigners.

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Prof. E. J. A. Duquesnois of the department of architecture is in Paris as a reservist, subject to call should Paris be again endangered. He is devoting his own fortune to Red Cross work. Prof. Louis Allard has rendered service as an interpreter, and is now stationed at Rouen, in English Hospital No. 8. L. J. A. Mercier, instructor in French, joined the territorial troops of this native town of Le Mans in France, and is in charge of the office at that depot of the French Army. Dr. Alfred Luger, an assistant instructor in Harvard Medical School, is attached to the medical corps of the Austrian army.

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'QUAKE RECORDED IN AMERICA

Washington, Nov. 24.—Georgetown University seismographs today recorded earthquakes beginning at 11:20 o'clock and continuing for an hour and six minutes. They were calculated to be about twelve hundred miles away in the United States.