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## Reports Say That the German Forces Overwhelmingly Defeated on Every Side

### Crown Prince Frederick William's Army Joins the General Retreat. Strong Bodies of Russians Have Been Landed in Belgium to Co-Operate in Attacking German Lines—Austrian Army Has Received Its Death Blow.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—Crown Prince Frederick William's army which forms the Germans left and which has been holding the pivot at the German battle front, has joined the general retreat. The tardy recession of the Crown Prince from the position he held between Verdun and Toul where he was attacking the former city, will probably result in disaster and there is grave danger that he will be cut off in the Argonne and south of Verdun. This indicates that his forces have been thrown back over the Aisne river by the allies.

Meanwhile, the retreat of six other German armies continues. Official reports state that they stubbornly disputed the passage of the river Aisne but the allies forced their way across, causing the abandonment of a fortified line the Germans had prepared between Compeigne and Soissons and in the center, one behind Rheims. On the right wing the retreat is general from Nancy to Vesoul. East of all of the French territory on that side was free of Germans. Advances from Antwerp of strong bodies of Belgian troops had been landed in Belgium to cooperate with the Belgians in attacking the German lines of communication. It was said that these reinforcements numbered two hundred thousand, possibly more.

### ATTACK DUTCH AT LOUVAIN

PARIS, Sept. 14.—A dispatch from Amsterdam says that the combined Belgian and Russian forces have attacked German forces at Louvain and a desperate battle with heavy losses on both sides is raging.

### THE RUSSIANS GET OUT OF GALICIA QUICKLY

PETROGRAD, Sept. 14.—Declaring that Austrian opposition in Galicia had received a death blow the Russian general staff today frankly admitted that a retreat was ordered three days ago in East Prussia. This was done, it is said, because an overwhelming German army heavily equipped, was prepared to attack the Russians holding the country in a position which was not tenable. It was added that a new position was immediately taken and the German advance everywhere was checked. According to the Austrian statement says "The Austrian military strength was everywhere completely crushed. They retreated in the direction of the Carpathians, the Russian cavalry pursuing, harassing them while artillery had been placed at certain points to cut off the retreat. The roads are strewn with rifles and personal belongings."

### VON KLUCK'S HOST MET LITTLE OPPOSITION

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A Times correspondent who writes from five miles south of Provins, in the department of Seine-et-Marne, says "I have traveled to this point practically along the whole line of the allied army, though, of course, always in the rear. General Von Kluck's host, in coming down over the Marne and the great Meuse rivers to Sezanne, 25 miles southwest of Epernay, met little opposition and I believe little opposition was intended. The allies in fact led their opponents straight into a trap. The English cavalry led the three German miles after mile, and the German believed the English were retreating. When the tremendous advance resumed from the allies plan was accomplished and the German army was annihilated."

### THE RETREAT OF THE GERMANS CONTINUES

PARIS, Sept. 14.—The retreat of the armies of Generals Von Kluck and Von Buelow continues with considerable rapidity and according to official accounts the allies are pursuing them across the river Aisne.

the mortars, each of which requires 40 horses to draw it. The armies of Generals Von Hausen and the Prince of Wuertemberg which constituted the center, seem to be headed toward Reims and Mezieres, though part of this force is reported as still resisting at the South end of the forest of the Argonne.

It is reported that the armies of the Crown Prince, the Prince of Bavaria and Gen. Von Heeringer have been forced across the frontier, clearing the entire territory of French Lorraine. This disposition of the German armies, if confirmed, makes another concentration in France, as suggested by certain critics, impossible.

It leaves Generals Von Kluck and Von Buelow hotly pursued by the allies, menaced by an enveloping movement on the left and without hope of reinforcements, except perhaps from the 16,000 troops which occupy Belgium. The latest news from Antwerp, however, shows that the full force of troops in that vicinity is likely to be kept busy standing off the offensive movement taken by King Albert's army.

Taken altogether the situation here is viewed with equanimity and the government is busying itself with ways and means for reviving trade and commerce.

### DISASTER FACES TEUTONS

LONDON, Sept. 14.—The Correspondent of the Times at Bordeaux suggests that the German rout is deepening into complete disaster and that the German forces in the Argonne and South of Verdun are likely to be cut off in which event they can escape only at a heavy price.

### RETREATING ARMY HAS MANY DIFFICULTIES

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris discussing the German retreat says "The difficulties of the retreating army are many and there are good chances that the allies may annihilate them before they reach the frontier. The Germans appear to be abandoning their natural route, the valley of the Oise, endeavoring to withdraw further eastward to the barren and difficult country of the Champagne, where the roads are poor and provisions scant. Beyond is the lowest of Ardennes and to the east the wooded and clayey ridges of the forest of Argonne as formidable a barrier to progress as any army could have. Beyond is the Meuse most of the bridges of which will be destroyed."

The general in command in Paris has a half million fresh troops under his control which will be used presumably in pursuing the enemy."

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### WOUNDED GERMAN SOLDIERS IN BELGIUM



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### Government Cotton Report Interesting

#### 384,205 BALES WERE CONSUMED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Cotton consumed during August was 384,205 bales, exclusive of linters, compared with 432,350 in August last year, the census bureau announced today. Consumption for the twelve months ending August 31 was 5,577,864 bales against 5,483,321 last year. Cotton on hand August 31 in manufacturing establishments was 677,408 bales compared with 717,704 a year ago and in independent warehouses 546,857 compared with 467,902 a year ago.

Exports were 21,210 bales against 257,172 last year and for the twelve months, 914,548 against 8,800,966 a year ago.

Cotton spindles active numbered 30,349,902 against 30,602,282 a year ago. Linters consumed was 24,684 bales against 26,630 a year ago, and for the twelve months 306,291 bales against 26,630 last year; on hand in manufacturing establishments 73,349 bales against 60,454 a year ago, and in independent warehouses 30,521 against 27,378 a year ago.

Linters exported was 885 bales and for the twelve months 259,881 bales.

### GRADING TRACK

Work on Line to Fair Ground Progressing

The grading of the railroad track from New Bern to the East Carolina Fair Grounds, which has been in progress for several weeks, has been completed, and the work of laying the cross ties and rails was started by a large force of workmen yesterday morning.

A number of carpenters are also busily engaged in erecting trestles across the streams. The one across the Jack Smith creek will be completed by Wednesday night.

The contractor W. H. Bell, states that the road will be completed in every detail, prior to October the tenth, which will be seventeen days before the opening day of the fair.

### WRECKING CREW CALLED OUT LAST NIGHT

The local wrecking crew of the local Norfolk Southern Shops, was called out last night to go to the northern division in order to assist in clearing away a freight wreck.

### JAPAN WAS PREPARED FOR PRESENT CONFLICT

#### DEBATE OVER TWO ADDITIONAL ARMY DIVISIONS SHOWS FORESIGHT OF LEADERS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—That Japan has been preparing all along for war, and that it has foreseen the present European situation is indicated in the leading articles of recent issues of the Japan Times. Japan, it appears from the reports of the Parliamentary correspondent, for some months has been debating the subject of two additional army divisions and has been hoping to see its land forces raised to 25 divisions.

There has been considerable opposition to the movement, politics figuring on the side and financial ability on the other. The Selyukai, a political unit in the lower house, for financial reasons has opposed the measure, which involves an expenditure of close to \$5,000,000, exclusive of the daily upkeep.

"If the government," the Times says, "is able to show that it can meet the new financial responsibility without special taxation the politicians in the lower house probably will withdraw all objection. But no matter what happens, there is no doubt that the appropriation for the two divisions will appear in the new budget. The National treasury is able to stand the burden."

The correspondent states that Japan had looked well ahead, and that she is on good terms with Russia just now and fears nothing.

On the other hand correspondence from the same sources indicates considerable financial depression throughout the Japanese empire, and "in spite of the government's statement to the contrary private and municipal enterprise are trying to make large loans abroad." The hint is thrown out that this money is wanted for the government.

The loan asked for is estimated to be \$126,000,000, distributed as follows:

The Oriental Development Company of Chosen	\$40,000,000
The South Manchuria Railway Company	20,000,000
The Industrial Bank	30,000,000
Tokio City loan	16,000,000
Tokio Gas Company	10,000,000
Mitsubishi Elec. Railway	10,000,000
Total	\$126,000,000

### BRITISH EAST AFRICA INVADDED BY GERMANS

#### OCCUPY KARANGU NEAR BORDO AND ARE ADVANCING ON KISII.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A Reuters' despatch from Nairobi, British East Africa, says a strong force of Germans from German East Africa, crossed the border at Mohoru and occupied Karanguru and are advancing on Kisii. "British forces," the correspondent says, "have been despatched from Kisumu and from Port Florence on the northeastern shore of Lake Victoria, Nyanza, to clench them."

"The German force on the Tsavo river is retreating and is in conflict with troops sent from Bura and Motta Andel. Full details of the fighting are not obtainable, but the capture of two German officers and some native troops are confirmed. Another German officer has surrendered."

"Details of last Sunday's action also are not at hand, but the wounded have been brought to Nairobi. They report that the British were subjected to fierce machine gun fire. In a gallant, but unsuccessful, effort to rush the machine guns by a bayonet charge, the Twenty-seventh Punjab regiment suffered somewhat heavily."

### INTERESTING CASE

#### Non Suit Taken in Legal Action.

A most interesting case came to an abrupt close yesterday's session of Craven Superior court when a non suit was taken in the case of P. M. Draney against the Norfolk Southern Railway Company in which the plaintiff was suing for damages in the sum of two thousand dollars for alleged false and malicious prosecution. The affair grew out of the arrest of Mr. Draney several months ago on a charge of having in his possession brass which had been taken from the Norfolk Southern Railway Company. The railway company discovered the brass after it had been shipped to a concern in Baltimore and promptly had a warrant issued for Mr. Draney charging him with the larceny of it. The case went to Superior Court and the defendant was acquitted and at the present term he was asking for two thousand dollars as balm to his injured feelings.

### NEW BERN LADY IS WRITTEN UP

#### GREENSBORO EDITOR "WRITES UP" A NEW BERN LADY.

(From Greensboro Everything.)

In accordance with the generally accepted theory that a shoe maker's wife is always without shoes, a dress-maker without clothes, and so down the line of artisans and professionals, the maker of pictures and the writer of sketches about others who have won distinction in their separate fields, is the one who never has a picture of herself or who can furnish information to the would-be biographer in regard to her life and achievements.

These general remarks apply particularly to Mrs. Bayard Wooten of New Bern, whose picture has been a long time promised. Mrs. Wooten is the best known woman photographer in North Carolina, and one who has won recognition in a national way from fellow artists all over the country.

North Carolina club women who are in a habit of attending the annual conventions, know Mrs. Wooten personally and also through her work. She is, in fact, the official Federation photographer, and no matter how many rival artists are on the ground, she always comes out ahead with the best setting and the best picture. An artist by instinct and a photographer by training and experience, she knows just how to get the best effects and goes about her task with a sympathetic understanding of her subject.

In a recent number of Wilson's Photographic Magazine, published in New York and devoted to photographers and photography, we find among the illustrations—selected as the best and chosen from a large exhibit from studios in all parts of the United States—five pictures by Mrs. Wooten, more than from any other one artist except that other North Carolina photographer of national fame—N. Brock, of Asheville.

That Mrs. Wooten's talents do not stop there but that she is equally gifted as a writer is proven by two very interesting articles appearing in the same number of this leading photographic magazine. One of these is an appreciation of Mr. Brock, of whom she writes most entertainingly and inspiringly, and the other a happy little sketch of "Willie Daniels," the Atlanta caterer, to whom she refers as "the most remarkable negro woman in the South."

At the last convention of the National Photographers Association held in Atlanta, where this same Willie Daniels was responsible for the splendid luncheons served to that large assembly, Mrs. Wooten was chosen to present the handsome silver loving cup to the retiring president, Pearl Grace Loehrer, of New York, and in other ways was a conspicuous figure in the large and representative gathering of professionals.

New Bern is proud of Mrs. Wooten and North Carolina club women share in that pride, for while she has always put her art first, she has found time to be a good club woman and has contributed her share to the work of the local club and the State organization.

### BRITISH LIGHT ARTILLERY

