

German Troops Under Leadership Of General Von Kluck Turned Back North Of Toyen By British Forces

The Germans Abandon Furious Attempt to break the French Front Near Rheims and They are Believed to be Retreating Northward Reports Say That St. Quentin is in the Hands of the Allies--The Belgians Are Heard From--

Paris, Sept. 23.—Abandonment by the Germans of furious attempts to break the French front near Rheims, encourages the belief that the centre of the army is already retreating northward to protect the remaining avenue of escape for the flanked German right and the forces commanded by the Crown Prince, both of which are in imminent peril.

WESTERN END GERMAN LINE CRUMPLED BACK

The western end of the German line under General Von Kluck, has been crumpled back northeast of Noyen. The French and British are attacking the German right at two points, L. seignay and St. Quentin. Unofficial reports from the front declare that the latter place has already fallen into the hands of the Allies. If this is true, General Von Kluck will be forced to begin a retreat without an instant's delay; probably, to a new line of defense with a base at Valenciennes. This would place him almost on the Belgian line and all the desperate fighting for the past month with a loss of a hundred thousand lives would be thrown away as far as the Germans are concerned.

BELGIANS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GERMAN WITHDRAWAL

Paris, Sept. 23.—Dispatches from Antwerp state that the Belgians are taking advantage of the withdrawal of the German troops, to raid the enemy's communication at the South. These operations are taking place under the personal leadership of King Albert. Because of the fear of reprisals the Belgians believe that no movement has yet been made in the direction of Brussels. The Germans have said that they would turn the capital into a second Louvain if the Belgians attempted any atrocities.

RUSSIANS HAVE SEIZED RAILROADS

Petrograd, Sept. 23.—Following the fall of Warsaw, announced yesterday, the Russian forces have seized the railroads leading to Przemyel. The German column which had crossed the frontier at Miawa retreated northward today.

GERMAN LEFT WING CROSSES FRENCH BORDER

Washington, Sept. 23.—The German left wing in Douaune has crossed the French border and "occupied Douaune south of Blamont and Blamont and Dime, North of Douaune," according to dispatches received today at the French embassy.

Futura advices to the embassy describing the engagement on the right bank of the river Ise, in which the Germans were forced back, state that the enemy "then directed his movement toward Saint Bausant and Dimey.

TWO TRAINS OF GERMANS WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED.

London, Sept. 23d.—The Mail's correspondent says two trains of badly needed German reinforcements were blown up between Peronne and St. Quentin through the feat of a French gunner, who tapped a telephone wire connecting two German stations, placed guns to command the line and by a quick attack was able to ambush the trains.

DESTRUCTION OF BIG SHIPS IS EXPLAINED.

London, Sept. 23.—The swift and silent destruction in the North Sea of three big British cruisers which cost \$12,000,000 has brought home the risks of modern naval warfare. The unseen enemy crept upon the Aboukir, then the Hogue and then the Cressy and one after another the cruisers keeled over and sank. The whole affair was over in twenty minutes.

Survivors brought to Dutch and British ports declare there were three German submarines in the attacking force, (some say five) and that the cruiser Cressy or the Lowestoft accounted for two of them. The admiralty does not yet confirm the statement that any of the German craft were destroyed and it is possible that none was even seen. Experts say a submarine might easily slip from Emden, on the upper mouth of the channel and attack any British ship it happened to meet and return home.

Neither the navy nor the nation, as their feeling is voiced in the newspapers, is dismayed and the call on the admiralty is for more aggressive action.

GERMAN SOLDIERS ON THE MARCH



in maintenance of ocean traffic by 4,000 merchantmen with the loss of only twelve by capture since the beginning of the war.

100 Sailors Saved.

The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Rotterdam sends this description of the sinking of the three cruisers as given him by Captain Berkont of the steamer Titan who saved over 100 of the British sailors:

The fight took place about seven o'clock this (Tuesday) morning at which time I saw a German submarine tearing away at a great speed.

"Far away on the horizon I saw three cruisers, the Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue, and after a while I noticed that one of them had gone. I did not pay particular attention at the time but when I next turned to look for them I noticed another had disappeared. There was some smoke and I heard a slight explosion.

"At once I dashed in their direction and on arriving in the vicinity. I lowered away two boats to rescue a large number of men whom I saw swimming about in the water. Altogether I picked up 111 men and three officers. One of the officers was Commander W. S. Seils of Portsmouth. His wrist watch had stopped at five minutes past seven and it was ten when I picked him up. All were exhausted.

NORTH HARLOW MAN UNDERGOES OPERATION

J. R. Mason, of North Harlow, was operated on at the Fairview Sanatorium yesterday for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Drs. R. S. Primrose, R. N. Duffy and H. M. Bonner, and was very successful in every respect. Reports last night from the hospital were that Mr. Mason was resting well, and his condition was very favorable.

Two Monuments Have Just Been Erected

During the last few days there has been two monuments erected in Cedar Grove cemetery, and the concrete foundation made for the third.

W. L. BIRD, IS TO LEAVE NORFOLK SOUTHERN

W. L. Bird, who has been auditor of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Co. for the last nine years, has tendered his resignation, effective October 1st. He will be succeeded by Mr. L. A. Farquhar, who is at present the special accountant of the Union Pacific in the office of the vice-president and comptrolley in New York. Mr. Farquhar was born near Austin, Texas, about thirty-five years ago, worked as follows: clerk H. and T. Co. R. R., local freight office, Hempstead, Texas, August, 1900, to July, 1902; cashier same place, July, 1902, to November, 1905; joint ticket agent H. and T. Co., Austin, Texas, November, 1905, to Aug., 1906; chief clerk to superintendent H. and T. Co., Austin, Texas, Aug., 1906, to June, 1909; chief clerk general accounts, Central Lines, Houston, Texas, June, 1909, to August, 1909, traveling accountant Central Lines, Houston, Texas, Sept., 1910, to October, 1911; special accountant Sunset Central Central Lines, Houston, Texas, Oct. 1911, to November, 1911.

IMPROVING SLOWLY.

Hardy Lane's Condition Is Very Encouraging.

Reports from Fairview Hospital yesterday are to the effect that Hardy Lane, who was operated on several days ago, is doing very well, considering his age.

SEATS FALL DOWN; NEGROES HIT THE GROUND

Quite a sensation was caused several nights ago, when the seats at a minstrel show near Smith's hall, fell down.

THE WEATHER

The weather forecast for New Bern and vicinity today, increasing cloudiness probably followed by rain, and cooler weather. Moderate variable winds.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT WAS KNOWN HERE

Charlotte, Sept. 23.—The tragedy of the right angle turn on the Statesville road, ten miles north of Charlotte, Sunday night, wherein Mr. John M. Craig and Miss Christine Maxwell, two well known young people of the city, were killed and Messrs. David J. Craig of Statesville and Mr. W. H. McCabe, Jr., and the colored chauffeur, James Hunter, better known as "Fingers," were seriously but not fatally injured when Mr. Craig's high powered seven-passenger motor car overturned, was the talk of the city and this entire section of the State yesterday. The news of the distressing accident, which was carried in the early editions of The Observer yesterday morning, quickly spread abroad, and many were the expressions of sorrow and regret heard. It is safe to say that there was not a more popular young man in the city than Mr. Craig and with those who were acquainted with Miss Maxwell in Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Statesville, Blowing Rock and Charlotte, she was universally beloved. Such being the case, it can readily be seen just how intense was the interest and concern manifested on the part of the public generally.

The injured yesterday were reported as improving steadily, Mr. Craig's bruises about the head responding satisfactorily to treatment, and Mr. McCabe's wrist proving very comfortable. It will be recalled that the former was thrown on his head and a severe gash cut in his forehead. It was first apprehended that his skull might have been slightly fractured, but these fears proved to be groundless. Mr. McCabe was able to be out yesterday and it is hoped that Mr. Craig will be out in a few days.

RIVERSIDE REVIVAL

Beginning Sunday night, the Methodists have been conducting a revival meeting in Riverside. They have been assisted by members of other churches. There has been a most wholesome spirit. All realize that it is a work of God.

Rev. W. A. Cade is doing the preaching. Plain gospel sermons are being preached. Rev. E. W. McWhorter is rendering valuable assistance.

EUGENE ROBINSON TO TAKE CHARGE OF BAND

FORMER MUSICAL INSTRUCTOR TO RETURN TO NEW BERN

The Peoples Concert Band being anxious to furnish the best music to be had for the coming fair have employed Mr. Eugene Robinson of Waynesboro N. C. as instructor for at least a month or two. Mr. Robinson was at one time leader of the Knigs of Pythias Band in this city and has many friends who will be glad to see him return to the city.

Mr. A. H. Stan and the present instructor of the Land feels that on account of his other duties that he will be unable to give necessary time to the band, however, he will still remain with the band and play one of the leading instruments.

If the citizens of Newbern would be willing to make a small monthly contribution towards an instructor for the band, the members of the band would be willing to make up the difference and keep an instructor at all times and in this way prepare itself to give concerts, besides getting in A-1 shape to give weekly concerts free during the summer months, but as all bands prepare their music for the summer months during the winter it will be necessary for The Peoples Concert Band to employ an instructor for the whole winter and in this way with two parks the citizens of Newbern could enjoy weekly concerts at either one of the parks or if a Pavillion will be built anywhere in the city the Band will be glad to furnish music in the Pavillion.

SUPT. BRINSON DISCUSSES SITUATION WITH THE VOTERS.

Supt. S. M. Brinson of the public schools of Craven county, spent yesterday conferring with the committeemen and patrons of the Caton school in number two township.

The object of the consultation was to devise ways and means for the erection of a new building for this school, and the co-operation of the patrons was very agreeably surprising, every patron in the district being present and enthusiastic over the movement. After discussing the matter pro and con for some time the location was decided on, and it was also agreed that the district share the expense of the new building.

PHILLIPS ON THE JOB.

Ousts One Hundred and Forty Members from Chattanooga Church. Chattanooga, Sept. 23.—More than 140 members of the Baptist Tabernacle congregation in South Chattanooga were excluded from church membership at a "clean-up" meeting conducted last night by the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Phillips, and the board of deacons.

The charges against them were neglect of Christian duty, immorality and living careless lives. The pastor referred to them as "unclean church members."

CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT BEING MADE.

Considerable improvement is being made to the driveways leading from Queen and East Front street to the Atlantic Coast Line freight warehouse. These driveways have been several inches lower than the streets, causing the water to stand there for some time after a rain. They are being raised to a level of the streets by hauling gravel on them. This gravel makes the driveways hard and firm.