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French and British Troops Yesterday Drove Home Finishing Blow To The German Armies

The French Recovered all the Lost Ground on the Banks of the River Somme. Germans Driven Back To a Point Near the Belgian Border. French War Office Confident of Their Success in the Present Great Conflict

Paris, Sept. 29.—The French and British troops today drove home the finishing blows against the German armies. On the banks of the river Meuse where the invaders had gained some ground, the French today recovered all their losses north of the river Somme. The forces of the British and French have driven the Germans back to within thirty-five miles of the Belgian border. This last operation is of the greatest importance as it indicates that the Allies are able to divert the strong flanking forces to threaten the pathway that Von Kluck must use if he retreats without weakening their main line.

THE FRENCH ARE CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

Paris, Sept. 29.—The French war officials are now so confident of ultimate success that they are permitting the position of the troops along the front to be published. Vicious attacks by General Von Kluck today against the Allies left again were repulsed. Large bodies of troops were sent forward to assail the French advanced positions

under cover of a titanic fusillade from the artillery. They were routed by the French and British in a bayonet charge. The most important phase of the official announcement this afternoon was the statement that the French held the heights between Albert and Combles. This position is only thirty-four miles from the Belgian border. The fact that the French have reached such an advanced position portends grave danger. Combles, still held by the Germans, controls the main railway through Lille which the German right receives the majority of its supplies. Dispatches from Ostend tell of the arrival in Belgium of great bodies of exhausted Germans. It is believed that these have either been replaced on the battle front by fresh reserves or that their withdrawal marks the beginning of the German retreat across the border for which military experts have been looking throughout the last week.

THE ALLIED FORCES

ON TEUTONS' TRAIL

London, Sept. 29.—An official war office statement tonight states that the Allied forces operating against Tsingtau yesterday, attacked the advanced German positions and drove the enemy back from these positions. The British and Japanese now occupy all the high ground overlooking the enemy's main line of defense.

TSINGTAU IS NOW ENTIRELY INVESTED

Tsingtau is now entirely invested. In the fighting the Japanese lost 150 killed and wounded. They captured fifty Germans and four guns. The Chinese troops have interfered with operations by blowing up the railroad bridges at Tayhu He. Whether this was done by the order of the government was not stated. It is unofficially reported that the Japanese fleet disabled the German gunboat Htic which was assisting the land forts in bombard-

ing the Japanese positions.

A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT DESIRED BY THE POPE

Paris, Sept. 29.—A Temps dispatch from Rome says that the Pope is personally working to inaugurate peace. His Holiness has already exchanged letters with the Austrian Emperor with that object in view.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE ALMOST CLEARED GALICIA

London, Sept. 29.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company states that an army messenger has announced that the Russians have almost completely cleared Galicia of the enemy, who has taken refuge in the Carpathian passes. The same sources confirm the reports of the progressive destruction of the Austrian army.

An eye witness states that two German army corps took part of the battle of Jaroslan, according to the same dispatch. Russians had to take most of the enemy's trenches at the bayonet's point.

THIS WAR IS MURDER SAYS EX-MILITIAMAN

HIGHLANDER WOUNDED AT MONS DESCRIBES CHARGE ON GERMAN BATTERY

Pittsburg, Sept. 29.—A letter written in Antwerp on September 3, carried to Luzerne, Switzerland, by a nurse in the Antwerp hospital, and finally given to a New York business man for transmission to this country, has been received in Pittsburg. The writer, J. L. Cameron, ex-member of Company A, 18th Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard, now a British soldier, was seriously wounded at the battle of Mons.

Addressing his Pittsburg correspondent he says: "The last letter I sent you was from the hill country near the Pathan border in India. After I was drafted to South Africa and had a number of scraps in that country with the native tribes, fighting in a terribly hot climate with nights little water."

"But all that was child's play alongside this war. You know what Sherman said about war, but this is not war, it is murder. I am now an invalid lying in the Antwerp hospital, none the worse off, except for losing my right arm below the elbow."

"I was a corporal in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and got put out of business near Mons. We had been fighting seven hours when two of our aimen located a masked battery and we were ordered to charge. Two batteries of 12-inch guns and two maxims opened on it and continued firing until you could have boiled water on their jackets."

"Then the order came 'get that battery.' We had to cross a field in which corn was trampled down and the soil very heavy. On our left came the Turcos, devils from Algeria, singing their tribal chant and shouting 'Allah Akbar!'"

"When we rushed the battery it seemed like Hades had broken loose. The howl and shriek of shells from the big German guns was awful, while rifle bullets sung and squealed a weird death anthem. Both the Germans and our men went down like corn cut by a sickle. We got the battery of six guns all right, it cost us 90 men and officers."

"The German infantry support worked in close formation and what we did to the sons of the Kaiser was a plenty. Our regiment and the Turcos took 200 prisoners, killed six officers and 122 men."

"In about an hour the Germans attempted to retake the position, but we had been reinforced by the rifles and a Gloucestershire regiment. About 10,000 Germans took part in the attack, supported by 18 guns. But we were prepared and waiting. As they came on the Turcos again set up their tribal chant and met them with cold steel. Then there was a rush and we 'Tomnies' sent them back helter-skelter with more than 1,000 dead and wounded."

"The Turcos are the greatest close range fighters in the world. I have seen Sikhs and Garkahs work, but the Turcos have them beaten to a standstill when it comes to stabbing work. They would storm the gates of hell at the command of their officers and nothing that I have ever seen could stop them."

"The battlefield along the front lines over which the allies and Germans fought was a shambles too horrible to describe on the next day. Dead men and horses lay everywhere and the cries of the wounded were heart rendering. But nothing could be done for the wounded until night fell."

C. M. Wade, of Morehead City, passed through New Bern yesterday morning enroute home from Wilmington, N. C., where he has been attending to business matters for the John F. Bell Boat Company. Ten different bids were opened in the Government building in Wilmington for the contract of constructing a boat which will be used by A. T. Patterson, government engineer, and out of this number Mr. Wade bidding for his company was the low bidder.

ON SLOW PASTOR HAD THRILLING EXPERIENCE

CAUGHT IN EUROPE BY THE WAR HE COULDN'T GET AWAY

Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the Methodist church at Jacksonville, Onslow county, has recently returned from Germany where he went to visit Rev. R. Von Miller, another pastor of the same town. Rogers was in Berlin when war was declared but succeeded in getting out of the city and back to the United States. In an interesting interview he tells of his experience in getting back to this country and of the hardships endured enroute.

Rev. Rogers was stopping at Leipzig when war was declared and his account of the incidents following this follows: "At Leipzig, where I was stopping, I learned from a brother Von Miller that war had been declared and that in eighteen hours all trains would be seized by the military. I at once decided that it was my next move. On Sunday morning, August 2, I left that city for Belgium or at least I thought I was bound for Belgium."

His Kodak Causes Trouble

"After travelling for several hours, I decided to try and take a few camera shots of the beautiful scenery. We were in the mountains for several hours. Not long after trying to take a shot with my camera I gave it up and sat down. About the time I took a seat the train stopped and on looking I saw several guards running to our car. I knew in a moment that they suspected that a spy was somewhere on board. They came directly to my apartment in which there were five people. After looking around at us they seized a gentleman's satchel and examined it after which they gave us a searching look and passed on. Then I realized that no doubt my camera had caused the trouble. A few stations further on I had to change trains. Here, as soon as I took a seat, I noticed several guards began walking around me and I knew that I was in for trouble. A few minutes later an officer came, examined my luggage and passed on. I did not have long to wait but was soon on my way to the border town, Dassel where I was to change trains again. Here I was taken into a room and my baggage re-examined after which I was led to the waiting room."

Spend Night in Park

"I stayed in the waiting room from 8 p. m. to 1 a. m. At that hour I was put out by a soldier and told to go to a hotel. The landlord of the hotelery refused to open the door and I was forced to spend the night in a park. There I met a man who very much resembled Jesse James. I could not understand his language, neither could he understand mine and there we were, out beneath the stars spending the night in misery. Cold? Well I should say so. The people over there had not changed their heavy underwear and were wearing heavy overcoats while I had on my light summer suit. I had, however, two suits of heavy underwear and at once put them on but still I was cold and could not even nod. However, my friend had climbed upon a table and was sleeping soundly."

A Terrible Night

"It was a terrible night, but finally day dawned and I hurried to the station but found that there would be no train before 10 o'clock. About 9 o'clock a train came in and a gentleman walked into the waiting room. I took him for an American and upon speaking to him I found, much to my delight, that such was the case. This was Prof. Henry Bowman of Springfield, Mass., and it was indeed good to meet him. About 10 o'clock our train came and we lost no time in boarding it, but just about that time we had gotten seated, the guards threw open the doors and ordered us out at the same time remarking that there would be no more trains for the border and if we wanted to get there we would have to walk. It was eighteen miles to the border but we started out and had gone about a mile when we were met by a German officer who said we would have to return as no one was allowed to go across the border."

CHRISTMAS SALE TO BE HELD

Ladies of the Centenary church who will assist in a Christmas sale are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Meadows this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to select work.

ALLEGED RETAILER IS SENT TO COURT

PROBABLE CAUSE FOUND IN CASE AGAINST REUBEN JARMAN

Reuben Jarman, colored, who was arrested in Jacksonville Saturday by United States Deputy Marshall C. H. Ange on a warrant charging him with retailing spirituous liquors without a government license, was yesterday given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner C. B. Hill, who found probable cause and bound the defendant over to the next term of Federal Court under a justified bond in the sum of two hundred dollars, which the defendant was unable to furnish and was placed in the county jail to wait the convening of court which will be Tuesday, October the twenty-seventh.

There were four witnesses for the Government, all of whom testified that they have bought the wet goods from Jarman. They also stated that he had the reputation of being a "blind tiger."

DENY THE SINKING OF FRENCH WARSHIP

Washington, Sept. 29.—Official denial of the sinking of a French warship by the Austrian forts at Cataro was made today by the French admiralty here.

"The French secretary for the navy has made known that this news is to justify such a report. Up to date (September 29) no French warship has been touched by an Austrian projectile," said the admiralty statement, which attributed the report to the Cologne Gazette.

ONLY TWO CASES IN POLICE COURT YESTERDAY

There were only two cases disposed of at Police Court yesterday afternoon, these being against Wheeler Smith and John Grimes, both colored, charged with being disorderly by engaging in an altercation in the street. A verdict guilty was rendered in both cases and the defendants were fined five dollars each and taxed with the cost.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS MEET HERE TODAY

PROMINENT EDUCATORS WILL GATHER IN NEW BERN TO DISCUSS BUSINESS

New Bern will have as its guests today twenty-five or more of the superintendents of the public schools in the southeastern part of the State. Counties as far west as Cumberland and as far south as New Hanover will be represented.

The first session of the meeting will be held in Griffin auditorium this evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction will be present and will assist in the evening's program.

Among the matters which will be brought up for discussion at this session will be proposed amendments to the school law, the free teacher type of school and a number of other matters of importance.

Tomorrow evening and night another interesting session will be held.

GERMANS PLAN EARLY SIEGE ON ANTWERP

Rotterdam, Sept. 29.—Activity along the Belgian frontier indicates the Germans are planning for an early siege of Antwerp. More than 25,000 German naval reserves have been brought from Kiel and Hamburg to Brussels and are held in readiness to serve on the imprisoned German fleet should Antwerp and Ostend be taken.

As a direct result of this move the British authorities along the Scheldt have increased their watchfulness for during a siege of Antwerp England might like to send reinforcements through the Dutch Scheldt, which would be a breach of neutrality, while on the other hand a German victory would be danger of an attempt on the part of Germany to use the mouth of the Scheldt as a base from which to attack the British naval forces in the North sea.

Communication with Antwerp has been almost suspended.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the officers and crew of the revenue cutter Pamlico for recovering the body of our brother Arthur Harris, Sunday evening. (Signed) C. D. and A. D. Harris.

W. O. W. HAD THIS CEREMONY LONG AGO

THEIR LODGES ALL OVER THE WORLD PAY TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG

In an article a few days ago the Journal told of a new ceremony which the Pythian Lodges of the world will inaugurate at their first meeting in October. This new ceremony is the salute to the flag of the United States.

The Woodmen of the World have long had this same ceremony and W. M. Pugh, one of the local members of this order, has written the Journal the following letter in regard to the same:

"I note in your issue of 26th inst that the Pythians have adopted a flag ceremonial for the honor of 'Old Glory' at all of its sessions. This is commendable we appreciate it, but wish to say that the 'Woodmen of the World' organized in 1891 adopted a flag ceremonial and has practiced it ever since. 'Old Glory's' position is on the wall just above the head of the counsel commander of every session of the camp is opened by a 'Salute to the Flag of Our Country' and every leading member entering the Forest after the session is opened approaches the stump and salutes 'Old Glory' before taking his seat.

Respectfully,
M. Pugh."

NEGRO RUNS AMUCK

Mose Gaskins Saunters Forth On the Warpath

Mose Gaskins, a demented negro who lives in the vicinity of Bayboro, threw that section into a small-sized panic a few days ago when he secured possession of a shot gun and, after going into the woods, threatened to kill anyone who attempted to capture him. The negro's condition had not been serious and when he asked for the loan of the gun to shoot squirrels, it was given to him. He departed and for twenty-four hours was not seen. Relatives started out to find the man and after locating him they were told to keep away or get killed. Later the maniac went home and was there disarmed and placed in the county jail where he will remain until he can be placed in the asylum for the colored insane at Goldboro.

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