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CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM VARIOUS FEELDS OF BATTLE

From Berlin Comes Statement That German Right Wing Has Repulsed the French Troops

PARIS CLAIMS THE ENEMIES ARE FALLING BACK

Russian Official Reports Say There Has Been No Fighting in East Prussia in Past 24 Hours—Austrian Officer Denies the Reports of Russian Victories—Rome Dispatch Contains Information that Montenegrin and Servians Have Repulsed Austrians on Bosnian Frontier. While from Berlin Comes Claim that Austrian Troops Have Driven Servians Back All Along the Line.

The French official statement makes brief mention of the fact that the allied armies are in close touch with the Germans north of the River Aisne in the neighborhood of Rheims. In this territory General Von Kluck's army apparently is making no further advance, while the German army under Von Buelow, Von Hausen, the crown prince and the Duke of Mecklenburg are endeavoring to maintain an unbroken front.

The French department also declares that the crown prince has been repulsed at Verdun, which does not belong to the Verdun defense line, and that, although lately it was relieved.

Russian official reports announce that no fighting has occurred in the last 24 hours in East Prussia, and that the Russian troops have extricated themselves from a difficult position, are awaiting further movements.

From Berlin comes the announcement that the efforts of the French troops to break through the German line of the German western army have been repulsed after heavy fighting. Berlin also announces that the German troops have repulsed the Servians all along the line of the River Save.

Among those who fall on the British side in the recent fighting was Brigadier General Niel Douglas Findlay, commander of the First division, Royal artillery, who was killed in action for bravery in the South African war.

A Rome despatch giving news from Albania says that the Italian troops, in conjunction with Servians, have repulsed the Austrians on the Bosnian frontier. In the recent fighting the Austrian casualties were estimated at 4,000.

An Austrian official communication received from Vienna reports that the Russian victories over the Austrians and asserts that 100,000 Russian prisoners and nearly 500 guns have been captured.

Rumania is reported to be making advances to Italy for common action against Austria.

The Japanese troops who are marching against the German protectorate of Kiaochow have been repulsed at the town of Chi-Mo, a short distance outside of the Kiaochow zone.

The first encounter between the German and Japanese land forces occurred at this point.

Reports from Washington describe the German diplomatic representatives as showing expectancy that the German ambassador would make early answer to the formal peace inquiry made by the United States.

GERMANS MAKING A STAND ALONG THE RIVER AISNE. Military Critics Believe It Means the Beginning of a New Battle.

Paris, Sept. 15, 5:30 p. m.—An attempt to stem the tide of their rapid retreat was generally expected to be made by the Germans after the allies had compelled them to retire from the great field of battle to the east of Paris, where they had fought stubbornly for seven days and had suffered enormous losses.

The British and French aviators ran daring risks following the retrograde movements of the German army, but they succeeded in gathering in the information that the Germans had erected field works in the positions along the northern plateau beyond Rheims.

These works were intended by the Germans for the purpose of meeting superior forces and of being obliged to retire and to reform.

It is understood they left several corps on their western wing and on their center.

Rome says it is officially admitted in Trieste, Austria, that 15,000 soldiers from Trieste and Trent, mostly Italian fighting in the first line, have been killed in the Italian battles.

AWAITING REPLY FROM EMPEROR WILLIAM.

Washington Government Betrays Feeling of Expectancy.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Officials of the Washington government and diplomatists revealed today a feeling of expectancy that within another day or two Emperor William would reply to the informal peace inquiry made by the United States a week ago.

Administration officials are clinging to the hope that the answer of the German government may open the way for further discussion with Great Britain, France and Russia of peace terms.

Since President Wilson's tender of good offices was made and acknowledged in non-committal way by Germany, along with the other belligerents, American diplomats have been watchful for the slightest indication of a readiness to talk peace.

President Wilson has made no reply to the messenger from Emperor William and President Poincaré of France relating to the use of dum-dum bullets in the war.

The president tomorrow will receive the commission of Belgian officials, who have come from their country especially to lay the heavy storm of blame and protest against alleged violation of civilized warfare in the German invasion.

It is understood that the president will receive a general statement of the Belgians have seen him, covering their protest as well as the messages of the president reiterating the neutrality of the United States.

The Belgian commission of five arrived here tonight and were met at the station only by A. Havenith, the Belgian minister. They will call on Secretary of State, who will be escorted by him to the White House.

Some commissioners declined to discuss the object of their visit, saying they would make no statement until after their visit to the president.

ANOTHER BATTLE LIKELY AT END OF WEEK. London Daily Mail Correspondent Says Both Armies are now in position.

London, Sept. 15, 3:03 a. m.—"Both armies are now taking breath," says the Daily Mail's European correspondent. "If the Germans are able to take a strong position north of the River Aisne, another battle is likely at the end of the week. Nevertheless, they may intend to draw off their troops through the town of Stenay, eight miles west of the present front on the Meuse valley into Luxembourg."

"Evidences of their defeat accumulate. Assessments of every kind of material are being abandoned by the Germans, pointing to the continuance of their retreat. The French are bringing up rest reserves in great numbers."

"Retreat to Stenay would be very risky and the enemy may prefer to fight again."

FRENCH TROOPS REPULSED BY GERMAN RIGHT WING. Austrian Troops Drive Servians Back All Along the Line.

London, Sept. 15, 9:53 p. m.—The following German official statement by Marconi wireless has been received:

"The right wing of the western army is engaged in heavy fighting, the result of which at present has not been decided. An attempt on the part of the French troops to break through has been victoriously repulsed. Otherwise, no result has been achieved anywhere."

The Austrian troops have repulsed the Servians along the river Save, and there is now no danger with regard to Semlin."

PAUSE IN HOSTILITIES IN EAST PRUSSIA. Russian Army Now Awaiting Further Developments.

Paris, Sept. 15, 7:03 p. m.—The Russian official statement issued at Petrograd, according to the Havas Agency, says that no fighting has occurred in East Prussia today. Our troops extricated themselves from a difficult position and are now awaiting further movements.

The preliminary engagements have cost the Germans dearly. They threatened to turn the Russian wings, but the covering troops drove them off."

CHARGED WITH WHOLESALE THEFT OF BICYCLES. Two Colored Men Arrested at New Haven Alleged to Have Stolen 150 in State in Past Month.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 15.—John Rogers, claiming to be a mason contractor of this city, and Jean Di Bassano, who says he is an Englishman, both colored, were arrested here today, charged with the theft of bicycles. It is alleged that the two have operated through the state and since the forepart of last month have stolen more than 150 bicycles. The police say one of them has made a confession.

UNIONISTS PROTEST AND LEAVE HOUSE OF COMMONS. Bill Passed to Suspend Operation of Irish Home Rule.

London, Sept. 15.—After the unionists had made a formal protest against the bill introduced in the house of commons this afternoon passed through all its stages the bill introduced by Premier Asquith to suspend the operation of the Irish home rule and the Welsh disestablishment bills in the house of lords during a debate on the Marquis of Crewe's motion for a second reading of the home rule bill, a summons was taken on a vote of 93 to 25.

Died After Being Put Off Train. Naugatuck, Conn., Sept. 15.—An unidentified Lithuanian who was put off a Hartford train tonight for alleged intoxication died an hour later at the home of a fellow countryman. A complaint was filed against the conductor of the train, is not able to give any information tonight. In the dead man's clothing was a card with the address of T. J. Luckman, 10 Hickory street, Meriden. The medical examiner, who was summoned to her bedside, decided there was no foul play.

Colored Minister Sentenced for Arson. Hartford, Conn., Sept. 15.—Judge Purpee in the superior court today sentenced to state prison for two years a colored man, John White, (colored) of Windsor, on the charge of arson. It was alleged that he set fire to his own house in Windsor some months ago. A plea of guilty was entered.

Mother of Alton B. Parker III. Woodmont, Conn., Sept. 15.—Mrs. John Brooks Parker, mother of Judge Alton B. Parker of New York, is critically ill at her summer home at Pond Point, near here. Judge Parker was summoned to her bedside from New York today.

Cabled Paragraphs

German Officer Preferred Suicide Rather Than Retreat. London, Sept. 15, 10:30 p. m.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Berlin says that a German officer who attempted to commit suicide when ordered to retreat and who later was taken prisoner by the French, is General Frieser.

English Brigadier General Killed. London, Sept. 15, 9:35 p. m.—Brigadier General Niel Douglas Findlay, Royal artillery, has been killed in action. The official announcement made tonight.

27 PERSONS DROWNED AS RESULT OF TRAIN WRECK. Train Topped Into Gully Caused by Cloudburst at Lebanon, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15.—Twenty-seven persons were drowned today when a St. Louis and San Francisco west-bound passenger train plunged into the water of a cloudburst at Lebanon, Mo., and two passenger trains toppled into a deep gully flooded with water. Eighty-nine persons were injured but none of them was hurt seriously. Ninety persons, including the train crew, were taken to the hospital.

Storm Broke Communication. The wreck occurred before daybreak but as telegraph and telephone communication was interrupted by the heavy storm, no one had any knowledge of the disaster at the Frisco general office for several hours.

The accident occurred at a curve, which marked the edge of a ravine characteristic of the Ozark hill country. For several hours the train had been stopped and the passengers feared the heavy rains had weakened the track.

Train Could Not Be Stopped. Just as the locomotive hit the curve, two miles west of Lebanon, the engine saw a wall of water ahead of him. Though going only 15 miles and hour, the train could not be stopped before it plunged into the water.

The twelve foot embankment on which the track crossed the ravine was swept away by the rush of water. The locomotive passed through the angry current on the sagging track but the engine was overturned and rolled over into the torrent. The locomotive and the mail and the baggage cars were forced by momentum across the water. The passengers, although they finally left the rails and stopped partly over on the structure three feet under water.

Fireman Crushed to Death. The fireman, J. H. Stockstill, was crushed to death by the engine as it was being pulled from the wreck. None of the mail clerks or express messengers were hurt. The four sleeping cars remained on the track, behind the steam.

The chair seat in Crow's City, after striking a hidden obstruction. All of the passengers and crew were rescued.

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George C. Van Tuyl has been appointed by Governor Glynn as a delegate to represent the State of New York at the annual convention of the Atlantic Deep-sea Fisheries Association.

Following a argument with a passenger over a ticket, Edward Hess, a conductor, of Jersey City, dropped dead of heart disease on a Central Railroad of New Jersey passenger train.

With more than 200 delegates attending, a two days' convention of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents was opened at Boston.

Ambassador James W. Gerard formally accepted the nomination of United States senator on the democratic ticket on condition that he does not have to leave Germany and come back here and campaign.

Ching Ting, a New York Chinaman who was arrested charged with having dangerous weapons in his possession, was released after proving that the knives and dirks, found in his rooms, were used in the rites of Chinese Masonry.

Led by a squad of mounted police, a thousand or more women marched through the crowded streets of Pittsburgh in a peace parade. Each carried a peace pennant. A feature of the procession was a division made up of women of 77 different birth.

Francis M. Lowry, of Chicago, 70 years old, former secretary of the John P. Jelle company and one of several employees of that firm convicted some time ago of olomogramine frauds, has been sentenced in the Federal court to a year's imprisonment and fined \$2,500.

Troops Withdrawn from Vera Cruz

FURTHER PRESENCE THERE DEEMED UNNECESSARY

WARSHIPS MAY LEAVE

Announcement of Withdrawal of American Troops Comes as a Direct Result of Favorable Advice from Paul Fuller.

Washington, Sept. 15.—American troops have been ordered withdrawn from Vera Cruz.

The following statement was given out at the White House this afternoon:

"The troops have been ordered withdrawn from Vera Cruz. This action was deemed necessary because of the removal of the circumstances which were thought to justify the occupation."

The further presence of the troops is deemed unnecessary. Expect Fleet Will Leave Mexican Waters.

While no mention was made of the fleet, it is understood in official circles that the withdrawal of the troops most of the warships in Mexican waters will be ordered home.

The announcement is a discussion of the situation at today's cabinet meeting and came as a direct result of favorable advice from Paul Fuller, President Wilson's personal representative, who is returning from an investigating trip to Mexico.

Vera Cruz Rejoices. Vera Cruz, Sept. 15.—Demonstrations were held here tonight when it was learned that the United States government had decided to withdraw its forces from Vera Cruz.

Urgent Appeal of Carranza. Specifically the American forces were withdrawn in response to appeal of General Carranza, chief of the constitutionalist army who is in charge of the executive power in Mexico City.

HOW BRITISH SHIP PICKED UP MINES. Put Men Who Was Laying Them in Bow and Steamed Ahead at Full Speed.

London, Sept. 3.—A story is going the rounds here that when one of the British mines laid by the British captain lined up his captives, the British captain lined up his captives, the British captain lined up his captives, the British captain lined up his captives.

He ordered the prisoner placed directly in the bow and the steamer charged five miles an hour to his position of danger.

RAILROADS WANT REHEARING ON FREIGHT RATE ADVANCE. Claim They Are Facing an "Extremely Serious" Emergency.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The eastern railroads have petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission today for a rehearing in the eastern advance rate case and to permit them to put the charge of five per cent increase which the commission recently denied.

The roads contended that they face years' extreme prices' emergency, resulting from diminishing revenues and aggravated by war in Europe. Adequate additional income, they said, could not be derived from the increases granted in Central association territory and from other sources.

Former Savings Bank Treasurer Sentenced. William L. Ferris of Greenwich Pleaded Guilty to Charge of Embezzlement.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 15.—William L. Ferris, former treasurer of the Greenwich Savings bank, pleaded guilty in the superior court here today to a charge of embezzling \$1,541.15 from that bank in February, 1910. He was fined \$500 and sentenced to one year in jail, but the sentence was suspended by the judge because of the poor physical condition of Ferris and because of his advanced age.

BELLBOY PLEADED NOT GUILTY OF INTENT TO MURDER. Held in \$5,000 Bonds for Shooting New Haven Hotel Man.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 15.—Walter T. Sherman, hotel porter, pleaded not guilty to the charge of shooting and killing F. T. Haines, hotel proprietor, on August 12, pleaded not guilty of assault with intent to murder.

Complete unofficial returns for the election of 1914 in the lower branch and two on joint ballot. According to these returns, the senate will consist of 17 republicans and 14 democrats, and the house of 47 republicans and 78 democrats, 5 progressives and 1 democrat-progressive.

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Condensed Telegrams

Frederick Noble has resigned as division engineer of the New York Public Service Commission.

Ludwig Englander, composer of operas died at his home in Far Rockaway, aged 63 years.

Contributions, amounting to \$7,408 were received by the American Red Cross, making a total of \$114,296 to date.

Chicago Board of Trade memberships for one year, \$2,000 net to buyers, or \$200 less than before the war.

A cotton convention will be held at Jackson, Miss., on September 22 to secure statewide interest in cotton holding.

The British foreign office cabled to the British embassy in Washington a denial of the report of a revolution in India.

Twelve dwellings and the Eiler Lumber Co.'s plant in Pittsburgh were destroyed by fire, several firemen being injured.

Evelyn N. Thaw, wife of Harry K. Thaw, was granted a discharge from bankruptcy in the Federal District Court, New York.

William MacAvoy, a retired business man of New York, was run over and killed by an automobile while returning from church.

The Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men in session at Portland, Me., decided to meet next August in San Francisco.

Automobile taxes paid in New York State up to September 3 total \$1,261,964, or nearly \$200,000 in excess of payments of all last year.

The Rev. Horace W. Jones, rector of an Episcopal church at Evansville, Ind., and his wife were killed when their automobile overturned.

The earthquake disturbances in the department of Aricaqui continue. 35 shocks being recorded at Caraveli, the town that was destroyed last week.

Fire, which broke out in a crude oil still of the Atlas Works of the Standard Oil Co., at Buffalo, threatened destruction of the entire \$1,000,000 plant.

Walter Rabel, 16 years old, and Joseph Hoyers, 17, both of New York, were arrested charged with stealing an automobile belonging to Dr. Paul Dolan.

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PEACE PACTS WITH FOUR NATIONS

Treaties Signed by Secretary Bryan and the British, French, Spanish and Chinese Ambassadors

TO MAKE ARMED CONFLICT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE

Japan Has Yet to Accept the Principles—American Embassies in Germany, Russia, Austria and Belgium Notified—Members of the Cabinet and Administration Officials Witnessed the Signing Ceremony—Luncheon Given, With an "Entirely Neutral" Menu.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Treaties between the United States and Great Britain, France and China were signed today by Secretary Bryan and the British, French, Spanish and the Chinese ambassadors, which the Washington government believes "will make armed conflict between the United States and these nations almost, not entirely impossible."

They provide that all disputes which cannot be settled by diplomacy shall be submitted to a permanent commission for investigation for one year.

Four Principles Signed. Similar in principle to the twenty-two treaties signed with Central and South American and a few European countries, treaties which have been ratified by the senate, the four pacts signed today are regarded by officials and diplomats here as the most advanced step which the American government has taken to forward the cause of peace.

Foreign Legations Notified. Immediately after the conventions were signed, Secretary Bryan dispatched to the American embassies and legations in Germany, Russia, Spain and Belgium copies of the treaties, and expressing the desire of the United States to sign similar treaties with those countries all of which have endorsed the principle of the peace pact.

Japan Has Not Accepted. Japan alone has not accepted the principles it became known today, because of the desire of the ministry there not to enter into any agreement which would adjust the alien land controversy in being adjusted.

Will Make War Remote. One of the practical effects of the treaties signed today is to make more remote than ever the possibility of the United States being drawn into the present European war. Any delicate questions of neutrality which might arise with Great Britain or France.

Witnessed by Cabinet Members. Members of the cabinet and administration officials witnessed the signing ceremony in the office of the secretary of State. They were present for Mr. Bryan, who has spent more than a year personally negotiating the pacts. Mrs. Bryan and several friends of the secretary were present. Afterward Mr. Bryan issued a statement.

Colorado Miners Fail to Adopt Settlement Plan. Notwithstanding It Was Urged by International Officers.

Trinidad, Col., Sept. 15.—Colorado miners at the state convention of the Colorado Miners' Association today did not vote on adoption of the peace plan drawn up by a federal board and urged for adoption by President Wilson and the international officers of the miners' union.

Several speeches were made to the convention, which closed today. The peace plan, but the meeting adjourned until tomorrow without taking a vote.

Are You Going to Put the President of the United States in a Position Where He Will Be Forced to Take Sides All Over the Country? he demanded.

"If the federal troops are withdrawn while the strike is unsettled, God only knows what will happen."

Frank Hayes, international vice president of the union, told the delegates that the union is not in a position to accept the peace plan unless it is accompanied by a complete improvement over conditions before the strike.

A GENERAL BATTLE IS STILL CONTINUING. Statement Given Out by German Headquarters' Staff.

London, Sept. 15, 20 a. m.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Berlin, coming by way of Amsterdam, gives the following statement of the German headquarters staff, dated 9 p. m. Tuesday:

"The battle which has been continuing since the beginning of the war is the right wing of our western army, extends today to the eastern armies in the neighborhood of Rheims."

"Until now the Germans have been partly successful in some parts of the extended battlefield. A general battle is still continuing."

"In the eastern war theatre, the army of General Hindenburg is now reforming after the conclusion of his pursuit. Rumors that upper Silesia is about to be threatened with danger are unfounded."

THREE WRITS AGAINST NEW HAVEN ROAD. Violation is Charged of Law Regarding Transportation of Cattle.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 15.—U. S. District Attorney Fred A. Scott, today issued three writs against the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, on information furnished by the state, charging the railroad with violating the law relating to the transportation of cattle. It is charged that three different shipments passing through here the railroad failed to observe the law and that the organization at Boston, Mass., San Francisco was chosen as the place to hold the 1914 convention.

ILLINOIS MILK PRODUCERS WANT HIGHER PRICES. Farmers Want \$2 a Hundred Pounds—Buyers Offer \$1.75 1-3.

Elgin, Ill., Sept. 15.—When the campaign of milk buyers seeking winter contracts opened in Elgin, Ill., today, producers and distributors were on an average of 2 1/2 cents per pound. The farmers, who have the market are members of the Milk Producers' association, which met recently in Chicago and determined to demand 4 1/2 cents for milk. The majority of them were supporting this agreement.

The buyers offered contracts as follows: October \$1.75, November \$1.85, December \$1.85, January \$1.85, February \$1.75, March \$1.65. This is an average of \$1.75 1-3 or 3 1-8 cents higher than the price for condensed milk occasioned by the war.

RUSSIAN EMPEROR CONGRATULATES FRENCH. Telegraphs President Poincaré That Valor Inspires Admiration.

Bordeaux, Sept. 15, 11:35 p. m.—President Poincaré has received the following telegram from the Russian emperor:

"The news of the brilliant victory gained by the French army fills me with joy. I send you most cordial congratulations. The valor of the troops and the talent of their chiefs are worthy the great nation to which they belong. I take pleasure in expressing all the admiration with which they inspire me."

The president of the republic replied: "I thank Your Majesty for your congratulations, which I deeply treasure. I thank you for the great victory gained by the Russian troops in Galicia, which has relieved all the republicans of the possibility of the republic. I trust it will be followed by other successes in Germany and Austria."

TRIAL OF MRS. ANGLE POSTPONED ONE WEEK. To Give Her Counsel Time for Further Consultation.

Bridgeport, Sept. 15.—After being informed by Attorney N. C. Downs of counsel for the defense of Mrs. Helen M. Angle of Stamford charged with manslaughter, that he had not been able to consult with his client until last Friday because of her physical condition, Judge Bennett in the criminal superior court here today granted a motion to postpone the case for one week, to be taken up on Tuesday. Mrs. Angle was arrested on a bench warrant last given five hours' rest, and that this case was not done. All of the three cases go back to last December.