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RETREATING GERMAN FORCE TURNS UPON PURSUING ALLIES

Russians Deal Terrific Blow To Teutons On Prussian Border

SLAV LEGION OF CZAR WINS SIGNAL VICTORY OVER VON HINDERBERG

After Battle Lasting Seventeen Days, With More Than Two Million Men Engaged On Both Sides, Austro-German Army Loses Enormously In Men and Munitions of War

LONDON, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The battle between the German army in East Prussia under General von Hindenberg and the Russians under General Rennenkampf, which began forty miles southeast of Koenigsburg, on September 9, ended yesterday in the defeat of the Germans, who lost 50,000 men, according to advices from Petrograd to the Central News.

In the initial phases of this action the Germans were victorious. They cut the line of communication to the Russian army west of Koenigsburg, and reported officially that General von Hindenberg had defeated the Russians on his front and had captured 150 guns and between 20,000 and 30,000 prisoners.

The Russians admitted this defeat, and announced officially that General Rennenkampf's army was retreating before superior forces to chosen positions.

General von Hindenberg followed up his advantage, and pressed the retreating Russians hotly. The final action was fought yesterday, when the Russians made a stand at their position near Miawa, northwest of Warsaw and near the Prussian border.

Petrograd reports that following his defeat, General von Hindenberg's army evacuated Poland.

Russia Claims Great Victory

LONDON, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—An official announcement from Petrograd says:

"After seventeen days' battle in Galicia, with 2,100,000 men engaged on both sides, we won a complete victory all along the line."

Advices to the Central News from Petrograd report the total losses of the Austro-German forces in the seventeen days fighting as 180,000 prisoners, 450 field guns, 1000 pieces of fortress artillery, 4000 transport vehicles and seven aeroplanes.

Germans Release Slav Captives

PETROGRAD, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Twenty-five hundred Russian captives, released by the Germans, have returned to Finland. The reason given by the Germans for releasing the prisoners was that their exchequer is too depleted to admit of keeping them.

MOORS ARE UP IN ARMS

GIBRALTAR, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Trouble has again broken out in Morocco, the Moorish tribesmen being up in arms.

Fighting is in progress in the neighborhood of Tetuan. Spanish troops have taken Kudia and Bujayil.

French and Spanish warships are now proceeding to Morocco.

ARBITRATION ACCEPTED

WASHINGTON, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The international arbitration treaties proposed by Secretary Bryan, which provide for a consideration for a stated period of all international disagreements liable to cause war, will be signed today between the United States—represented by Secretary Bryan—and the ministers of Great Britain, France, Spain and China, which have accepted these treaties.

British After African Continent

WASHINGTON, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Foreign diplomats here regard the reported British military operations in Central Africa as a significant development of British ambition to link their possessions in northern and southern Africa.

Democrats Oppose War Tax

WASHINGTON, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—House Democrats are opposing the war tax on freight transportation and have called a caucus to consider the matter today.

Administration leaders hope to delay the conference until President Wilson is able to weigh the situation.

House Leader Underwood said yesterday that the measure would not be able to pass without the President's unqualified endorsement.

JAPANESE TORPEDO FLEET NEARLY LOST

Map of Shantung Peninsula In China, Showing Where Japanese Have Landed Large Expeditionary Force That Is Marching Against German Stronghold of Tsingtau



Type of German Artillerymen Now In Full Retreat Before Allied Armies In France, Getting Field Piece In Position For Action



JAPANESE BEGIN MARCH ON TSINGTAU

PEKING, September 15.—(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable)—Twenty-three thousand Japanese are believed to have landed yesterday on Shantung Peninsula. Despatches from Laichow say that the Japanese are advancing on Kiaochau from the north on a line through Chaho and Pingtu. The latter point is within twenty-five miles of Tsingtau.

JAPANESE TORPEDO FLEET IN PERIL

Another great tragedy of the sea came near being written, according to cable advices received here by the Nippu Jiji, when the Japanese torpedo fleet, on its way to the besieged Tsingtau, was caught in a terrific five-day storm, beaten from its course, scattered, and nearly destroyed by the high seas.

Knowing of the mighty storm, and realizing that the torpedo fleet was caught in it, the Japanese prepared themselves several days ago to hear the news of a great calamity, costing them a fleet and hundreds of their fighting men.

So the news that has just come of the fleet's triumph over the storm is the occasion of great celebrating among the Japanese. Vice Admiral Shimamura, chief of the naval staff, has sent a congratulatory message to Rear Admiral Kato, in command of the torpedo fleet, and scores of similar messages have been sent to Kato by officials and private citizens of the nation.

Along with the news of the fleet's safety, the Nippu Jiji received a cablegram stating that one detachment of the army being transported to Tsingtau has arrived safely, and has taken up a position where it will remain until the balance of the army arrives.

The same storm which caught up the torpedo fleet was met also by the army transports carrying the troops to Tsingtau. It suffered considerable delay on that account in reaching its destination.

That Japan will do everything possible to preserve China's neutrality, is the gist of another message received by the Nippu Jiji. This was the agreement, it was stated, made between the two countries when it was settled that Japan should have the privilege of transporting her troops across China to Tsingtau.

BRUTAL AND WANTON OUTRAGE IS CHARGED TO ARMY OF KAISER

Despite Stubborn Opposition the Allies Cross River Aisne and Find Pictures In Chateaux Ripped Out, Houses Pillaged and Inhabitants Misused By Enemy Evacuating France

PARIS, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Germans, after falling back nearly forty miles from their advanced positions before Paris, have made a stand back of the Aisne River and apparently are ready to resist the further advance north of the Allies.

Yesterday the Allies continued to harass the retreating Germans, an official statement by the war ministry saying:

"On our left wing we have everywhere caught up with the rear guards of the main body of the enemy, and there has been fighting all day between our advance and the enemy's rear guards.

"Our troops have reentered Amiens.

"The enemy appears to be making a stand on a prepared front along the Aisne. On the center it would seem as if the enemy intended to resist from a position on the heights to the northwest and north of Rheims.

"In the region between the Argonne and the Meuse the enemy continues to retire.

Wanton Outrage Going On

LONDON, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The German headquarters have been forced to move from Saint Menehould to Montfaucon, according to advices received from Field Marshal Sir John French yesterday. The report says:

"Despite a stubborn opposition all day yesterday we forced a passage across the river Aisne.

"The Germans seem demoralized and inclined to surrender in small parties.

"Brutal, senseless and wanton outrage is going on.

"Pictures in chateaux are ripped out, houses pillaged and the inhabitants misused.

"Many of the Germans taken prisoners have been two days without food.

Five German Airships Dropped

PARIS, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The French and British aviation corps has been an invaluable adjunct to the allied armies in furnishing information and keeping off the German aeroplanes.

The British aviators have attacked and brought down five German machines in revolver duels with the hostile crews.

The German flights are now rarer and much less enterprising.

Berlin Announces Casualties

BERLIN, September 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A new official casualty list which has just been published brings the total number of killed up to 4188, the wounded to 15,985, and the missing to 5070.

Commercial Councillor Feodor has promised a reward of 500 marks to the crew of the first Zeppelin throwing eight bombs successfully on English soil.

GLOOMY RUMORS CIRCULATE IN BERLIN

Gloomy rumors regarding the outcome of contests between the Allies and the German troops are so rife in this city that it has become necessary for the authorities to absolutely deny rumors that the United States is contemplating joining forces with the Allies and warring against Germany.

Rumors have been current in this city that the United States is in a state of preparedness for war and had decided to throw her support to the enemies of Germany.

Public Criticises Kaiser's Army

GENEVA, September 14.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—German victories or defeats have been stoutly censored in Berlin for several days past. However, notwithstanding this silence the truth is commencing to trickle across the frontier and the nation is astounded.

Considerable adverse criticism had been lodged against the German army for the reason that no French army had surrendered but with receipt of reports of actual conditions the entire German nation is assuming a state of general depression. The reports of reverses suffered by the German troops are proving heavy blows to the German people and causing a general depression throughout that country.

The Swiss government is meeting with unheard of difficulty in floating its latest loan, the bankers holding off.