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Russian Fleet Safe; Retreat Slowing Down

Fleeing Army Outnumbers Foe 3 to 1—May Be Rallying

Troops in Swamps; U-Boats Shell Coast

Muscovite Generals Believe Greatest Danger Lies in Attack on Odessa

LONDON, Sept. 7.—A slight slackening in the Russian retreat from Riga is apparent today. Whether it is due to German exhaustion in the swift pursuit which has already carried the enemy cavalry more than forty-six miles east of the Livonian capital, or to some semblance of cohesion in the retreating Russian army, is not yet clear.

Letchitsky seems to be trying to establish a temporary line from Serovald, which the Uhlans have already entered, through the Livonian town of Lemburg to a point north of Peterscapelle, on the Gulf of Riga, but it is probable that the broken Muscovite forces will not halt definitely until the highlands of eastern Livonia are reached.

Petrograd fears a German naval attack in the Gulf of Riga, which appears to be imminent, though as yet there have been only minor encounters with enemy submarines. Apparently there has been a considerable concentration of Teuton submarines in these waters. Zeppelins also are being used.

Monday night German U-boats shelled the coastal region between Riga and Pernau on the eastern coast of the gulf. They fired forty rounds and in the village of Kahlbi killed a woman and a child. Zeppelins also flew over the same area, also dropping bombs without effect near Hainash.

U-Boat Attack Repulsed

The next day a U-boat attacked the transport Lino and fired twenty rounds into it, wounding two of the crew, but the vessel repulsed with its 37-millimetre guns and forced the enemy craft to submerge.

Germans, With Trenches Gone, Take to Concrete "Pillboxes"

Machine Gun Crews in Rows of Powerful Shelters Defend Their Front in France From Deluge of British Shells

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On the night a party of our troops pushed a hostile post west of Quant and captured a machine gun.

The hostile artillery was active in the night in the neighbourhood of Lens and the Ypres-Lens road.

On the night of the 6th our line of advanced posts in Avion and east of Fleu-Meuvette has been pushed forward in some positions at La Housse and east and north of Mesennes the hostile artillery has shown less activity.

On Thursday bad weather caused a diminution of the great aerial activity of the previous two days. A certain amount of bombing was carried out during the day, over 200 bombs being dropped on various targets. The enemy's machine guns and observation balloons were brought down. Two other hostile machines were driven down out of control. One of our airplanes is missing.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—(DAY)—On the Aisne front we repulsed an enemy surprise attack on Sunday. There were very violent artillery fighting during the night in the region of Souain and on both banks of the Meuse.

Three German airplanes were brought down on September 5 and 6, following aerial combats. Two other machines were compelled to land in a damaged condition. On Wednesday night our squadrons threw down 1,100 kilograms of projectiles on the railway station at Thiessville and 1,400 on the station at Walpuy.

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southern pivot of the Austrian front on the Bainsizza plateau. If Cadorna can force his way through these the Austrians will be outflanked on the north, as well as seriously endangered on the south. Ternoza is almost directly north of Trieste, though the whole expanse of the Carso lies between the two points.

Italian Fliers attacked the enemy batteries there yesterday, destroying some of them and demoralizing others. Cadorna's aviators were also active over

Will Italy's Big Drive Open the Road to Berlin

Canadians forcing their way through the shell battered streets of Lens, French soldiers retaking Dead Man's Hill at Verdun, Italians swarming over Holy Mountain, and pushing along the well-defended slopes of the Bainsizza and Carso plateaus on their way to Trieste, are speaking a message plainly heard above the thunder of their guns.

That Italy now has the best position of any of the Allies, is the opinion of a United States army expert, whom the New York World quotes as saying that "during the present year the Allies are looking to Italy alone to carry out an offensive which may have a tremendous effect upon the outcome of the war."

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for September 8th there is an illuminating article which analyzes from various view-points the operations on the Western Front and in Austria during the past few weeks. It is accompanied by a map showing the portion of Italia irredenta already reclaimed, and other illustrations.

Other topics in this number that will hold the interest of every reader are:

The Church View of the Pope's Peace Plea. Criticisms of Free-Thought, and Religious Papers of Various Denominations. Russia Finding Herself No Peace With Prussian Autocracy. India's Home-Rule Martyr. Germany's Chinese Emperor. How People Behave During An Air Raid. What Is An Engineer? Will Aviators Have Caisson Disease? Tree As An Actor. The Church in England and France. Striking Illustrations, Including Humorous Cartoons and Maps. "The Digest" an Impartial and Accurate Historian. When the history of the critical times in which we live comes to be written by scholars of a later day than ours they will have great difficulty in disentangling the truth regarding the stupendous world events that are now taking place all about us from the great mass of partizan literature and opposing claims that our age has produced.

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