

FRENCH LEFT BEATEN BACK TOWARD PARIS, WAR OFFICE ADMITS; GERMANS SAY THEY HAVE CUT OFF ENGLISH FROM THEIR BASE; ADMIT BIG LOSSES IN VOSGES, WHERE FRENCH CLAIM VICTORY



GERMANS AT LIEGE SEIZE FOOD SUPPLIES AND SEARCH SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

BRITISH CUT OFF FROM BASE; FRENCH TROOPS ARE IN RETREAT, BERLIN SAYS

Kaiser's War Office Predicts Early Investment of Paris, but Admits Heavy German Losses in the Vosges District.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
BERLIN, via The Hague, August 31.—The War Office announced to-day that the German troops continue to advance in northern France. The British troops are now cut off from their base, it is said, through a flanking movement operated by the Germans in northwest France, and the French troops continue to retreat. A German force, wheeling south between the British troops and the sea, prevents conjunction with reinforcements which have just been landed, and the British troops in the field must now receive their supplies from the south, which puts difficulties in the path of the already troubled commissariat, according to the official statement. The

ANOTHER GERMAN FLIES OVER PARIS

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PARIS, Aug. 31.—It is confirmed that a German aviator flew over Paris late this afternoon. The aviator dropped a weighted message inviting Parisians to receive the Germans well. The message was of much the same tenor as the one which was dropped yesterday.

A prediction is made that Paris will be invested soon. The issue in the fighting in the region of the Vosges is still in doubt. The statement admits heavy German losses in this district, but explains it by saying that the French forces are strongly entrenched in the heights.

LONDON REGARDS GERMAN ADVANCE WITH FOREBODING

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LONDON, August 31.—The usual note of optimism discernible in the comments upon the war situation is much quieter than it has

BALKAN STATES READY TO UNITE AGAINST TURKEY

Determined to Act if Ottoman Government Joins Germany.

Sofia, Aug. 31.—If Turkey decides to aid the German-Austrian cause by an onslaught upon the Balkan States, Greece, Rumania, Servia, Montenegro and Bulgaria are pledged to join in a fight against Turkey.

News from Constantinople that German diplomatic representatives are attempting to induce Turkey to join in the war may have the unexpected result of uniting all the Balkan States in a common cause against her old enemy. Bulgaria, on the verge of war with Greece several times, is pledged to join with her old allies in defending the Balkans from Turkish attack. This was announced officially to-day.

The Bulgarian army is semi-mobilized and would require little time to get ready for action. Advices from the other Balkan States show that they too are keeping their military and naval forces ready for immediate war. Every citizen knows now what the participation of Turkey in the war means for all the Balkan States, although until to-day's official announcement there had been doubt that the Balkan States would ever act as a unit in a war again.

TURKEY ISSUES DENIAL.

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LONDON, August 31.—The Turkish Embassy here has issued an emphatic denial of the report that Turkey intends to enter the general European war as an ally of Germany. The Ottoman Embassy says Turkey has no such intention and adds that the position of the Porte has been communicated to the British Government.

THIS picture shows German soldiers in Liege, in the great marketplace of the Walloon country. The soldiers are seen seizing vegetables brought in by farmers and searching a suspicious person. One of the famous Belgian "farm" dogs is shown by the artist. (From the Sphère. Reproduced by Special Arrangement.)

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

FRANCE.—The change in the situation, according to the bulletin given out by the Ministry of War, has been on the wings of the French army. In the north the Germans have advanced. In the centre there has been no appreciable modification, while in Lorraine the French report certain advantages. According to the bulletin there has been no fighting in the centre.

The left wing of the French centre is now almost back on the La Fere-Laon barrier of forts and its position is said to be solid. On the right flank the French are fighting to cover the withdrawal of French troops along the Meuse. The French claim successes along the line from St. Quentin and Verdun and also in the region around Ham and Peronne, but they were compelled to retreat before the German right flank.

It is denied that the capital will be removed from Paris. The city, however, is being prepared for a state of siege.

GERMANY.—German reports say their army on right has cut off the English forces from their base of supplies, having enveloped the allies' left. The Germans report a victory in East Prussia over the Russians. They claim they have taken 30,000 prisoners in the fighting around Orshelberg, Hohenstein and Tannenberg. The message says that among the prisoners are many officers of high rank. The Austrians also report a victory over the Russians at a point between the River Bug and Wiegza. They report that the western wing of the Austrian army is following up its victory at Krasnik, where it defeated the Russians on August 27, and that they are pursuing the Russians in the direction of Lublin, in Russian Poland. In eastern Galicia the Aus-

ALLIES' ARMY DRIVEN STILL FURTHER BACK AS GERMANS CONTINUE MARCH ON PARIS

French War Office Says, "At Our Left the Germans Have Gained Some Ground"—Report Gen. Pau Wins Big Victory.

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LONDON, August 31.—A despatch received here to-night from Antwerp says: "It is reported here that Gen. Pau has won a brilliant victory over 50,000 Germans near Peronne, in the Department of the Somme."

[It was reported yesterday from Dieppe that Gen. Pau had wiped out a German army corps.]

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PARIS, August 31.—At midnight the Ministry of War gave out the following communique, which had been delayed from 11 o'clock: "The general situation has not changed except on our wings. At our left the Germans have carried some ground. "In the centre there were no appreciable modifications and there has been no fighting there. In Lorraine we have gained certain advantages."

The results of the fighting along the Franco-German and the Franco-Belgian frontiers during the past ten days or two weeks are fully and frankly described in a statement issued this afternoon by the French War Office. Defeat and retreat of the allies' left flank to a position well within the northern frontier are admitted, but successes are claimed on the right. The summary of the operations is given as follows: "At our right, after partial checks, we have taken the offensive and the enemy is retreating before us. At the centre we have had alternating checks and successes, but a general battle is again in progress there, whereas at our left, through a series of circumstances favorable to the Germans, and even despite our fortunate counter attacks, the French and English forces have been compelled to give way and yield ground. "Troops Never Demoralized. "At no place, so far, have our armies, despite several incontestable reverses, been really demoralized. The morale of our troops remains excellent despite the heavy losses suffered, which have been made up for by reinforcements from the army centres which have stepped up all holes in the ranks." The War Office divides the opera-