

FRENCH TAKE MILE OF GERMAN 1ST LINE

Fierce Fighting Near Ablaincourt, South of Somme, Yields Two Positions.

MAIN LINE THREATENED

Eight Hundred Unwounded Troops, Including 17 Officers, Captured.

Paris, Oct. 14.—The stubborn and... fighting around Ablaincourt, south of the Somme, has gone in favor of the French, the War Office announces.

A second attack by French infantry... north of Ablaincourt. The German first... north of Ablaincourt.

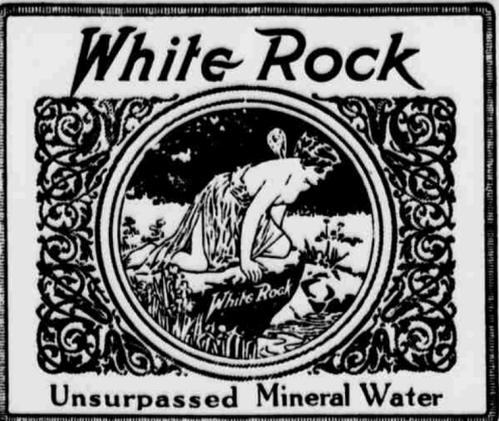
South of the Somme we made two attacks which succeeded brilliantly. One, to the east of Bellay-en-Santerre, put us in possession of the German first line on a front of more than two kilometers.

Progress Also North of River.

North of the Somme the French made progress on the Malaise ridge, south of St. Pierre Vaast wood and northeast of Bouchevaux. The possession of this ridge will be of value in the encircling of Peronne.

According to today's German report the Germans took 410 prisoners and several machine guns yesterday in fighting against the French. The statement also announces that another big allied attack north of the Somme failed completely.

"Except for intermittent hostile shelling," says the British official statement issued this afternoon, "there is nothing to report from our front south of the River Ancre (in France). Last night we carried out two successful raids on enemy trenches northwest of Treppe and southwest of Hailuch."



ALLIES TAKE STEP TO SAVE RUMANIA

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RUSSIAN LOSSES STAGGERING.

Referring to the total losses of the Russians he says: "A Russian official at Kiev, according to a Swiss paper, numbers the Russian casualties from June 1 to October 2 at 75,000 officers and 922,500 other ranks, or 1,000,000 in round figures. These gigantic figures are comprehensive only if the great Russian losses before separate sectors on our front are considered."

ALLIES LOSE 2,000,000

German Military Critic Estimates Recent Battle Casualties. BERLIN, Oct. 14 (by wireless).—British and French divisions with a total of more than 2,000,000 men have been virtually annihilated in the Somme battle, says the military critic of the Overseas News Agency.

According to figures from Swiss sources, as given by the news agency, the Russian losses from June 1 to October 2 were about 1,000,000 men. The German military critic writes: "The heavy sacrifices made by the British and French for the recapture of each square yard on the Somme is proved by the fact that in three and one-half months the about ninety fresh divisions were virtually annihilated, so that it was necessary to withdraw them forever. (Ninety divisions represents a total of considerably more than 1,000,000 men. There are about 12,000 men in a French division and 19,000 in a British division.)"

"These divisions disappeared completely from battle. Fifty-five divisions, in consequence of their great losses, were able to engage in combat only twice, fifteen divisions three times and only one was able to engage in combat four times."

Turning to the eastern front the critic says: "The Fourth Siberian Corps from August 31 to September 3 lost between 12,000 and 14,000 men before Hubov. The Tenth Siberian Rifle Division, which was attached to the Fourth Corps, lost between 2,000 and 4,000 men near Korytznia. The Fourth Rifle Division, between August 31 and September 29, lost between 2,000 and 4,000 men near Szelej and the Second Rifle Division in three days lost at the same place between 4,000 and 2,000 men."

RUSSIAN PATROLS WIN.

Enemy Outposts Along the Stokhod Reported Dislodged. LONDON, Oct. 14.—Instead of strong massed infantry attacks the Russians now are engaged in patrol operations, mostly successful, the Russian War Office reports. Near Iorna Watra, in the Carpathians, where the Russian and Rumanian armies join, artillery fire is heavy.

The Germans report that "at many places west of Lutsk there was lively fighting," which would indicate more Russian attacks against Kovel. The Russian statement says: "At the source of the River Stokhod, along the Stokhod and further north in Volynia, in the region of the village of Raimeto, near Bemerik, south of Kiseln and in the region of the woods west of Bubnov our scouts engaged in successful reconnoitering operations. Having dislodged the enemy outposts, our patrols occupied their trenches. Enemy counter attacks were repelled by our fire."

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RUMANIANS ACCUSED.

Austro-Hungarians Charge Atrocities at Pogoras in Transylvania. BERLIN, Oct. 14 (by wireless).—An official statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian authorities charges violations of international law and atrocities against the Rumanians in Transylvania, according to the Overseas News Agency, which gives the following summary: "In Pogoras a portion of the German and Hungarian population was rounded up by the Rumanians, driven to the bank of the River Alt and then forced into the water with knouts. Rumanian soldiers stood on both banks and drove those who tried to reach the land back into the river, which at this point is many meters deep. The Rumanian soldiers who participated in these atrocities are said to have been hopelessly intoxicated by liquor in barrels.

FIRST MERCHANT VESSEL OF THAT COUNTRY TO BE SUNK.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Oct. 14.—The Rumanian steamer Histrita has been torpedoed. The Histrita, a steamer of 2,888 tons gross, built in 1912, was last reported sailing from Archangel on August 14 for a destination not given. This is the first Rumanian merchant vessel reported sunk by an enemy submarine.

NO RUSSIAN TREATY PENDING.

State Department So Informs Hermann Bernstein. Journal of a report that the State Department is negotiating a new commercial treaty with Russia is made less certain by a letter from second Assistant Secretary of State Abel to Hermann Bernstein, editor of the American Hebrew, and a public last night. Mr. Bernstein had asked whether the passport question and the discrimination against American citizens upon religious grounds were to be abrogated. Mr. Abel in his reply said: "You are informed that the department is not at the present time negotiating a commercial treaty with Russia and does not propose to consider the passport question of a treaty which would discriminate against American citizens."

SWISS OFFICIAL SALARIES RAISED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Increased cost of living in Switzerland has caused the Swiss Parliament to increase salaries of government employees to the extent of approximately a million and a half dollars a year.

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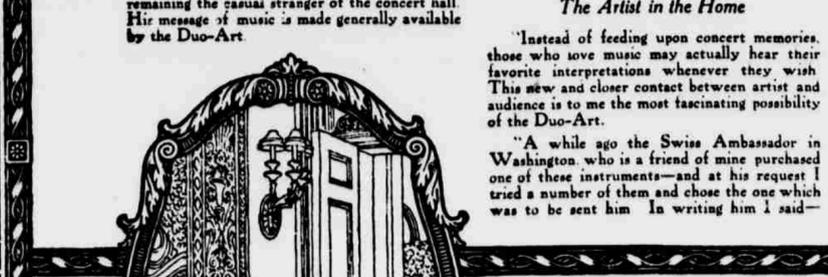
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