

WEATHER.

Fair tonight; Sunday fair and slightly warmer; moderate winds, becoming southerly.

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TURKEY EXPLAINS RAID OF WARSHIPS

Government Said to Have Disclaimed Knowledge of Attack on Russian Ports.

REPORT IS FORWARDED BY U. S. AMBASSADOR

Substance of Statement Made by Porte's Minister of Finance to French Diplomat.

The Turkish minister of finance informed the French ambassador at Constantinople yesterday that the raid of Turkish warships on Russian seaports took place without the knowledge of the Ottoman government.

On receiving instructions to leave Constantinople, the Russian ambassador immediately placed the interests of Russia in the hands of the Italian ambassador.

On the authority of a prominent diplomat it was said today that a Russian minister, the Turkish ambassador here, when leaving Washington three weeks ago, told a friend that Turkey would enter the war on the side of Germany within a month.

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KUTZ TAKES OATH AS COMMISSIONER

Army Officer Becomes Engineer Member of District's Governing Board.

Ceremonies Are Brief.

The ceremonies marking the beginning of a new administration in the engineer department of the local government were exceedingly brief.

Well Known in Capital.

Although never having held a District government position, Maj. Kutz is well known to the people of Washington.

Work in the Far East.

From 1906 to 1908 Maj. Kutz was stationed at West Point as professor of practical military engineering.

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SALOONS BY SCORE WILL CLOSE DOORS

Hundred and Twelve Retail and 21 Wholesale Places Refused Licenses.

TO WIND UP BUSINESS AT 12 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Excise Board's Decisions Are Termed "Disappointment" by Foes of Liquor.

\$264,100 in License Fees.

Victories for League.

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T. R.'S HALLOWEEN HALLUCINATION.

AUSTRIANS OFFER A CHECK TO THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN

Able to Maintain Positions, Though German Allies Are Said to Have Been Driven Back.

LONDON, October 31.—The Russian tactics of bending back the line of invaders in Russian Poland, one section at a time, the retreat of each section endangering the position of the section next to it on the south, appears to London observers to have been successful everywhere except on the extreme Russian left, where the Austrians still maintain the positions they succeeded in retaking from the Russians.

Along the frontier of East Prussia the Germans are fighting stubbornly to prevent another invasion of their territory at a point further south. It is argued here that the Russians cannot expect to assume a full offensive movement until the Austrians are driven back from the River San.

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WAR NEWS IN BRIEF.

The story of the European war again was slow in the telling today, but such fragments of news as the censors permitted to pass indicated that along the North sea, the chief point of present concern for the nations involved, it was still a battle of give and take.

Of immediate interest was a semi-official note from Rome indicating that Italy might take a more definite stand in the struggle.

It is said that the Island of Saseno, commanding the harbor of Avlona, Albania, ownership of which has long been disputed by Greece and Albania, has been seized by Italian forces.

The French war office, in today's official statement acknowledges that the fiercest German onslaught, shifted a few miles to the east and south from the coast, has met with success at points.

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GERMANS PUSH FIGHT ALL ALONG THE LINE FROM SEA TO ARRAS

French Admit Having Lost Ground at Some Points, But Claim Gains Elsewhere as Offset.

PARIS, October 31, 2:02 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official announcement, as follows:

"The day of yesterday was marked by an attempt at a general offensive movement on the part of the Germans along the entire front from Nieuport to Arras and by violent attacks delivered at other points of the line of battle. From Nieuport to the canal of La Basse there were alternate movements of advance and retirement.

"To the south of Nieuport the Germans, who had taken possession of Rampikapelle, were driven out of this town by a counter-attack.

"To the south of Ypres we lost some points of support—Hollebecke and Zandworde—but we progressed to the east of Ypres in the direction of Paschendaele.

"Between La Basse and Arras all the attacks made by the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses for them.

"In the region of Chaumes we advanced beyond Lihons, and we took possession of Le Quesnoy, in the Santerre district.

"In the region of the Aisne also we have made progress on the heights of the right bank, downstream from Soissons, but we were compelled to withdraw in the vicinity of Vailly.

"We have advanced in the region of Souain, and there has been a violent engagement in the Argonne.

"In the Woivre district we have again won ground in the forest of Le Pietre."

BERLIN, Germany, October 31, via London.—An official statement issued by the German army general headquarters yesterday says:

"Our attacks to the south of Nieuport and to the east of Ypres are being successfully continued. Eight machine guns and 200 British soldiers have been captured.

"In the Argonne forest our troops have occupied several blockhouses and points of support.

"To the northwest of Verdun the French attacked without success. In the other parts of the western war theater and in the eastern arena the situation is unchanged."

BERLIN HEARS OF VICTORIES.

BERLIN, October 31 (By wireless to Sayville)—Military experts of the Berlin newspapers consider that yesterday's developments around Verdun were of the greatest importance, and say there is promise of their resumption with renewed strength.

In the fighting south of Verdun the French are straining every effort to crush and drive out the army which the end of September penetrated as far as St. Mihiel, and which for a month past has been fighting hard to hold the ground gained.

It is officially announced that the Germans have now captured the main position, and their forces are operating from the direction of Teul. The French attack from Pont-a-Mousson also was without results.

"Attention can now again be directed to the original object of the campaign," says an official statement.

ALLIES IN GENERAL ADVANCE, IS LONDON VIEW OF BATTLE

LONDON, October 31, 1:10 p.m.—The impression created here by the latest news is that a general advance of the allied forces in France and Belgium has been ordered, so main interest again is centered in the cockpit covering thirty or forty miles from the seaboard.

The general trend of the movements of both the German and the allied armies is for the moment, according to reports, in a northerly and northeasterly direction, which is in accordance with the desire of the allied commanders that Germany has resumed her hammer blows with greater energy than ever is attested by the British official information bureau.

In spite of these stubborn counter-strokes, it is claimed that all the movements of the true forces are in a forward direction toward the line still held by Germans in force and stretching from Bruges to Thourout, Roulers, Iseghem and Courtrai.

Whether from Bruges this line extends to Ostend or Zeebrugge is a moot point, there being up to the present no official confirmation of the reported re-occupation of Ostend by the allies. Definite confirmation of the reported evacuation of Lille by the Germans is also lacking.

The battle in the vicinity of Ypres is of a most stubborn character, especially at Paschendaele and the neighboring villages and the slaughter is so great that central west Flanders has become one enormous hospital. The allied advance in this quarter is pushing near Bruges, which is occupied by the Germans after undergoing great damage each time it changed hands.

Belgium again has become the target of Teutonic guns and activities on the heights of the Meuse.

LONDON, October 31, 10:12 a.m.—Although the official communication does not spread much light on the situation in West Flanders, other reports emanating from Holland indicate that a German retreat from the coast south of Ostend is imminent, and it is again reported that the invaders have evacuated Ostend. These rumors, however, are not confirmed from Berlin, which claims some advance along the Ypres line.

The city of Lille is declared, in special dispatches, again to be free of German troops, and its hopeful citizens are so confident that the Germans never will return that plans are being made to resume the usual civic functions.

All probabilities of President Wilson going again this year to the summer White House at Cornish, N. H., were practically removed today, when members of his family who have been staying there departed and the house was closed for the season. Misses Lucy and Mary Smith of New Orleans, his cousins, returned to Washington, and Miss Margaret Wilson went to New York.

CORRESPONDENT REPORTS ROUT OF GERMAN CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY

LONDON, October 31.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail asserts that the German crown prince, at his own request, had charge at the recent German operations to force a passage of the Vistula, break the Russian center, reduce the fortress of Ivangorod and disorganize the Russian army before winter set in.

"For this plan very large forces were assembled," the correspondent says. "The best Prussian troops were allotted to the crown prince in the center, with heavy siege guns and Austrian cavalry. On the left wing Gen. Von Hindenburg commanded the Bavarians, while the Austrian forces were on the right wing. The general idea was for the center to attack Ivangorod, while the wings should envelop and crush the Russians.

The unexpected vigor of the Russian counter attack carried all before it. The crown prince's army gave way, abandoning much material and thirty-six heavy guns, which were bogged in the mud.

"All attempts to rally the Austro-German forces were in vain, and Tuesday the crown prince arrived back at Radom, whence he had set out a fortnight before with such high hopes, beaten and a fugitive.