

GERMANS GAIN POSITIONS IN UPPER ALSACE

Capture 200 Yards of Trenches East of Seppois, Admits Paris War Office.

SOME GROUND IS RETAKEN

French Claim Victory in Encounter at Frese, South of the Somme.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—German troops captured 200 yards of French trenches east of Seppois, in Upper Alsace, the French war office admitted in an official statement this afternoon, but most of the lost ground was retaken by a French counter-attack.

The war office statement indicated no important changes in the situation in the Champagne, or north of Arras, where the Germans and French have been locked in desperate struggles for more than forty-eight hours.

The German onslaught in Upper Alsace was preceded by a most violent bombardment that wrecked portions of French trenches. Before the Germans could dig themselves in they were driven out of most of the newly conquered positions.

The war office reported a French victory in a bloody encounter at the village of Frese, south of the Somme.

"Sunday afternoon we captured several German trenches," said the German statement. "The Germans counter-attacked. A German company was decimated, excepting seventy men who were made prisoners. The German losses were considerable."

Germans Smash Hard In Attempt to Drive Through French Lines

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Battering blows south of St. Marie, the Germans are making desperate efforts to drive a wedge in the French line in the Champagne region.

The German smash has been successful, according to Berlin dispatches. They report gains on the French left wing that more than offset the advance made by the Germans on their right in the fighting northwest of Massiges.

Both Berlin and Paris agree that the fighting in the Champagne is heavier than at any time since the great French offensive movement of last September.

Losses Over 75,000.

In several respects the present struggle, though less violent, parallels the September offensive. In September, the French drive hit the German line hardest around Meuse de Champagne, where French artillery pounded the way for an advance toward the highway junction at Cernay. The German counter-attack in the present fighting, was delivered with greatest force on the French left.

As in the September offensive, attacks and counter-attacks by both sides are going on at the same time in the Vimy heights region north of Arras. Official dispatches from both capitals indicate heavy slaughter with no important changes either in the Champagne or the Artois. The "ribbling" of the past two weeks is believed to have resulted in casualties of between 75,000 and 100,000.

The fighting is now spreading to nearly every sector of the front, the Germans mostly on the offensive. Though heavy artillery engagements have been going on all along the battle line, there is nothing to indicate any probability of the shelling to indicate artillery preparation by the Germans for the predicted grand offensive.

El Bassan Occupied By Bulgarian Forces, Durazzo Threatened

SOFIA (via Amsterdam), Feb. 14.—Bulgarian troops on Saturday occupied the Albanian city of El Bassan and are moving westward to join the Austrians in cutting off the Italian retreat from Durazzo. The war office reported today that the occupation of El Bassan gave the Bulgarian troops a cordial welcome.

Bulgarian and Austrian vanguards are less than twenty miles apart. The Austrians are approaching Durazzo from west of Tirana. Should the Bulgarians reach the Adriatic sea coast, thirty-three miles to the west, they will complete the envelopment of the Italian and Albanian forces at Durazzo.

ATHENS, Feb. 14.—Bulgarian troops have occupied Pleri, about fifteen miles from the Albanian port of Valona, according to dispatches received here today. Italian troops are in large force at Valona today.

Russian Fleet Silences Batteries Near Vitze

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14.—The Russian Black Sea fleet silenced a portion of the Turkish shore batteries near Vitze during a heavy bombardment on Wednesday and Thursday, it was officially announced today.

Barbati First Deserter By Air, German's Charge

BERLIN, Feb. 14 (by wireless to Bayville).—The Swiss deserter, Hans Barbati, who recently landed in Switzerland with a new aeroplane, made a record for deserters, as he is the first soldier to desert by air," says the Overseas News Agency. "The fact that Barbati is a deserter is plain, inasmuch as the Swiss government immediately complied with the request of Italy to return the pilot and aeroplane."

It was reported from Geneva on February 4 that a new Italian observation aeroplane had landed on Swiss territory after being fired on by Swiss guards and hit repeatedly. The aviator said he had flown over Swiss territory by mistake.

Notables Will Attend German Fair Opening

Bazaar for Benefit of Widows and Orphans Will Be Held at Odd Fellows Hall—Representatives of Fifteen Societies Will Take Place in Inauguration.

A bazaar for the benefit of widows and orphans will be opened this evening at 8 o'clock at Odd Fellows Hall. The program for the opening of the fair, which is promised to be the most elaborate spectacle that has been given by the German-speaking people of Washington for a generation, has been guarded with great secrecy as it was the desire of the executive committee it should be a surprise. Two addresses will be made by prominent Germans of the District, Count von Bernstorff, with the officials of the German embassy, Baron Zwiadinsk and the officials of the Austrian embassy, Minister Panaretoff and the officers of the Bulgarian legation, and Charge d'Affaires Hussain Bey and his assistants at the Turkish embassy, will be in attendance as well as the representatives of the fifteen German societies of the District who were instrumental in organizing the fair. The Marine Band and the Saengerbund will furnish the music for the opening program tonight.

Distinctive Booths.

The fair is notable for the character of the booths. Every booth has been made distinctive of some section of Germany, Austria, Turkey, or Bulgaria and every booth will be under

the charge of a group of attendants garbed in the costumes of sections of those countries. This is the first bazaar that has been held in the District under the direct patronage of the representatives of the governments of the central powers for the benefit of the widows and orphans of soldiers. The money is to be turned over to the funds that are being raised throughout the world for the same purpose. The Women's Auxiliary Committee for the German-Austrian Widows and Orphans' Fund has supervision over the fair with the assistance of a local committee made up from members of the United German Societies and the representatives of the other nations in the central European group.

Society Represented.

Society will be represented at the opening of the fair, and throughout the week by the patronesses and by members of the Diplomatic Corps who are to take active parts in the conduct of the fair. Madame Panaretoff, wife of the Bulgarian minister, and Madame Hussain Bey, wife of the charge d'affaires of the Turkish embassy, both have booths under their charge.

The fair will be formally opened at 8 o'clock this evening. Martin Weiland, president of the United German Societies, will preside at the opening ceremonies. Every booth will be open today, the fair will open at 8 o'clock in the afternoon and continue until 11 at night.

Bulgars, Satisfied, Are Ready to Ask Peace

Entente Diplomats Believe Kingdom Has Nothing More to Fight for Since Serbia Is Crushed and Macedon is Occupied.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Reports that Bulgaria, her work in the war ended, is seeking a separate peace, came to London yesterday from Athens. The information in the Greek capital came from entente diplomatic quarters, and much reliance is placed in its authenticity. There is no mention of the terms under which the Bulgars would withdraw from the conflict.

Diplomatists here attribute the rumored desire for peace to the fact that Bulgaria, having attained the objective that drew her into the war, has nothing further to fight for. Her quarrel primarily was with Serbia. She desired the crushing of the Serb kingdom, and she had her eyes on that part of Macedonia acquired by her neighbor after the second Balkan war. Having, by the weight of her army in alliance with the Austro-Germans, occupied the whole of Serbia, her principal ambition has been satisfied, and she well may be willing to ease the financial load on her shoulders by demobilization.

Bulgaria entered the struggle on October 14 last by declaring war on Serbia and following up the declaration with a swift advance over the Serbian frontier on Nish, the temporary capital of King Peter.

Bulgar Position.

Bulgaria's entrance into the war marked the failure of diplomatic efforts on the part of the entente allies to draw her into the conflict against Germany, or at least to insure her neutrality. Bulgaria, however, after seeming to lean first to one side than to the other, and always preparing for hostilities finally rejected the offers of the entente powers and five days after the occupation of Belgrade by the big Austro-German army under Field Marshal von Mackensen she took up arms against Serbia.

At that time Bulgarian statesmen announced that the quarrel of Bulgaria was with Serbia, and not with the other members of the entente. The principal question of dispute was the Macedonian territory occupied by the Serbs and Greeks after the second Balkan war, in which Bulgaria was robbed of the fruits of her victories over the Turks in the first Balkan war.

Efforts were made by the entente diplomatists to have Serbia and Greece cede some of the disputed territory to Bulgaria as a price for her neutrality.

SENT TO JAIL FOR TRADING WITH ENEMY

Three British Merchants Plead Guilty to Contracting With German Concern.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Three officials of the London branch of the Fownes Glove Company today pleaded guilty to the charge of trading with alien enemies of Great Britain.

W. F. Rigden was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. S. F. Rigden was sentenced to serve four months, and W. G. Rigden to pay a fine of \$2,500.

The Rigdens were charged with entering into contract with a German concern, and attempting to evade provisions of the alien trading act by providing for payments after the war.

Will Tell How to Cook Luncheons for School

"School Luncheon and How to Prepare Them" will be the subject of a lecture by Miss Caroline Hunt at the J. O. Wilson Normal School this evening at 8 o'clock.

Hand Is Forced.

Attempts made by the German commanders to force Bulgaria to take the lead in attacking the Anglo-French troops at Saloniki the last few weeks are believed to have forced her hand.

Although refusing apparently to make this campaign, Bulgaria did join the Germans and Austrians against the Greek border, with Monastir and Dolran as bases, and the bulk of the Bulgarian army is now believed to be in line with the German forces and a large army of Turks.

Bulgaria brought to the aid of the Balkan campaign a force of veteran soldiers estimated at about 500,000 men. After the second Balkan war the army was reorganized and was made up to retrieve the losses suffered in the battles with Serbia and Greece.

The declaration of war against Serbia found Bulgaria with five armies concentrated at the frontier. The Serbians, bending all their energies to the defense of their country from the Austro-German invasion at the north, were unable to meet the Bulgarian advance. Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia, in aid in the defense of the Serb capital.

Since the occupation of the kingdom the Bulgars have had little to do but garrisoned much of the captured territory and have advanced across Albania nearly to Avlona, but they have engaged in no fighting for nearly two months.

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14,000 CANADIANS TO GUARD BORDER

Troops Rushed to Vicinity of Buffalo to Thwart Plans of Plotters.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—Although the Dominion authorities are guarding all movements and a rigid press censorship has been established, it is known that the Canadian border is bristling with armed men.

At least 14,000 soldiers are either on duty between Fort Erie, just across the river from Buffalo, and Lewiston, near the mouth of the Niagara river, or are held in reserve ready to be rushed to the scene at a moment's notice.

The Eighty-fourth Overseas Battalion arrived from Brantford, Ontario, and is being assigned to duty along the border. This battalion numbers about 1,800 men and had been held in readiness to go abroad. Most of the men are now stationed in the garrison at Fort Erie and the others are at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Newspapers have been informed that all editions telling of the movement of troops will be suppressed.

Cause Is Unknown.

On this side of the border the cause for the apparently intense alarm in Buffalo is unknown. But the Canadians believe that a plot exist to send 10,000 armed Germans and Austrians across the river to seize the power house, bridges, and munition plants.

Canadian secret service agents have been working here for weeks, and it is said Washington has been notified that a plot of some magnitude exists. A number of United States Secret Service men have arrived here. So far as Buffalo police can learn, there is absolutely nothing to the stories, but the Canadians refuse to be assured.

Every person crossing into Canada is subject to the most rigid scrutiny at Niagara Falls, Ontario, where there are some important factories as well as the hydro power plants supplying most of the province of Ontario.

Guards Are Trenched.

A state bordering on military rule exists. The guards have been doubled and machine guns have been placed at all the bridge approaches. A message from Toronto says that three battalions of men are held in readiness to be rushed to the border if needed. Even the home guards at Brantford have been called out and are assisting the regulars in patrolling.

All trains are being searched and ferryboats are manned by soldiers as they approach the Canadian shore. A machine gun detachment has been ordered to Fort Erie, and it is said the military commander at that place has asked that a battery of artillery be sent to help the garrison.

Greatest excitement prevails in all the places along the river, and the arrival of additional troops has served to stimulate it.

MOBILE ARMAMENTS PLANS EXPLAINED

L. W. Luellen Tells Chief of Ordnance of System of Transporting Guns.

Further details of the plans of L. W. Luellen for a mobile armament defense system for the United States were explained today by Mr. Luellen and his engineer, W. T. Bonina, at a conference at the War Department with Brig. Gen. William Crosier, chief of ordnance.

The plan, for which a bill was introduced in Congress several weeks ago, is for 14 and 16-inch guns mounted on specially constructed rail-ways cars, which could be locked on concrete bases at strategic points. Mr. Luellen presented to General Crosier a map showing how 150 concrete bases, sixty cars, on which would be mounted ten 14-inch rifles, and 100 16-inch mortars would afford protection to the entire Atlantic coast. The cost of this equipment, Mr. Luellen says, would be \$10,000,000.

In addition to the coast defense which such a system would afford, Mr. Luellen points out the protection on land of such a system. This he explains as follows:

The territory with range of fixed fortifications are usually charted. Certain points are usually picked out and previous calculations made thereon to assure accurate firing of a projectile to that point. It is then known as a salvo point and is almost certain destruction to an enemy which comes there.

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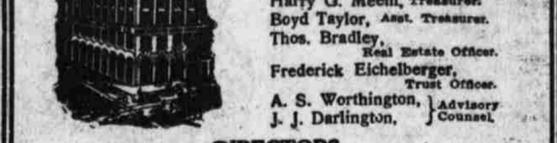
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