

Von Mackensen Forces Retreating Before Russ-Rumanian Armies

Both Flanks of German Army Under Attack From the Danube to Black Sea

Rome, Sept. 23.—The retreat of the German army under Field Marshal von Mackensen in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja continues, according to a telegram received by the Wireless Press today from Switzerland. The Danube fortress of Silistria, recently captured by the Germans and Bulgarians, is said to have been abandoned by the Russian and Rumanian forces. Russian naval forces in the Black sea are said to have resumed their bombardment of the Bulgarian seaport of Varna.

The Russians and Rumanians who yesterday were reported in retreat in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja, are again on the offensive, according to the Berlin official report of today. Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces were subjected to attacks on both flanks of the front from the Danube to the Black sea, but the assaults failed to make headway, the German statement declares. Unconfirmed reports through Rome tell of a situation far more favorable to the entente forces in Dobrudja, one account declaring that von Mackensen's retreat is continuing and even that the Danube fortress of Silistria had been abandoned by the Germans and Bulgarians.

Apparently the Franco-British forces on the Somme are preparing to close their grip on Comblès, the important town on the Albert-Peronne railroad, six miles northwest from Peronne, which has been virtually pocketed by the allies in their recent operations. Last night the French war office reported the capture of a small fortified position and some trench sections close to Comblès and today it announces that French patrols have penetrated still nearer the edge of the town, bringing back prisoners. Raiding operations such as these are common preludes to more comprehensive and forceful movements.

On the French front south of the Somme the artillery is active, probably in preparation for further assaults. Airmen are busy. Airmen on both the British and French section of the line have been busy. Yesterday French aviators took part in fifty-six aerial engagements in which four German machines were shot down. British naval aeroplanes have raided important German aviation stations in Belgium, inflicting notable damage upon the aerodrome at St. Denis Westrem, according to the British official report.

A French aviator has visited the Rhine region and dropped bombs in the Palatinate at also at Mannheim where Paris reports large fires and several explosions were caused. The Greek situation continues complex. A belated Athens despatch reports that definite proposals have been made to the entente, acceptance of which will insure the entry of Greece into the war.

German Trenches Captured. London, Sept. 23, 2:35 p. m.—German trenches on a front of about half a mile east of Courcellette in the Somme region were captured by the British last night, the war office announced today.

"South of the Ancre," says the statement, "further advance was made last night by our troops east of Courcellette. A strongly fortified system of enemy trenches was captured here and our line was advanced on a front of about a half mile. "Some prisoners were taken. "West of Mouquet farm the enemy counter attacked at nightfall yesterday with great violence, but was driven back by our fire with heavy losses. "There was considerable artillery activity during the night on many parts of the battle front. East of Bethune an enemy ammunition depot was exploded by our artillery fire."

French Near Comblès. Paris, Sept. 23.—French patrols approached the edge of Comblès on the Somme front last night, the official statement issued here this afternoon says. The statement says they found a great many dead Germans on the field and took a few prisoners. South of the Somme there is artillery fighting.

French aeroplanes engaged in 55 aerial fights yesterday. Four German aeroplanes were shot down. The text of the announcement follows: "North of the river Somme the night passed in relative quiet. French patrols making their way to the southern boundaries of the village of Comblès found numerous German accounts captured in the field. These detachments captured 15 German prisoners, including one officer. "South of the Somme there has been in various sectors fairly spirited artillery fighting. Elsewhere there

and there was also danger that the Austrian aeroplanes would be captured by hostile warships as well as that the aeroplanes, overloaded by taking on board so many men, might collapse. Nevertheless the Austrian aviators told the men from the French submarine to swim to the seaplanes and take hold of them. The commander and second officer of the submarine were allowed to climb into the pilots' seats. The aviators signalled for help and half an hour later a torpedo boat arrived and took on board the men from the submarine.

GREECE MAKES OFFER TO ALLIES

Definite Proposals Sent to Entente Capitals—Acceptance Means Entry Into War.

Athens, Sept. 23, 6 p. m.—Via London, Sept. 23, 5:25 a. m.—(Delayed.)—The Greek government is said on the best authority to have telegraphed definite proposals to the entente capital which, if accepted, will mean Greece's entry into the war. If the uncertainty of the relations between Greece and the entente continues it is regarded as not improbable that Greece may declare war on Bulgaria on her own account.

Semi-official efforts of the cabinet to ascertain from the entente ministers here a statement as to the desires of the allied governments have been fruitless. The ministers were given to understand that as many as three members of the Greek cabinet were ready to resign if the entente wished. The sole reply was that instructions had not been received.

Rumors of Mutiny. London, Sept. 23, 9:22 a. m.—Athens is filled with rumors that three hundred men of the crew of the cruiser Averoff have mutinied, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The report says that the remainder of the crew and detachments of marines were sent away in boats. Other ships of the fleet are said to have quelled the mutiny. The Averoff is an armored cruiser built in March, 1910. She carries a crew of 550 men.

Greeks Must Act.

Paris, Sept. 23, 5:30 a. m.—Former Premier Venizelos of Greece, in an interview called from Athens to the Petit Journal, declares that the Greeks must defend their national interests regardless of the government. M. Venizelos is quoted as saying: "Although Rumania entered the struggle, the court parties which govern us seem to persist in the policy of what it calls neutrality. This policy is persisted in, even after the shameful Kavala incident. You ask me what the future will bring. I am not in the position to answer, but certainly something must be attempted if Greece does not wish to die. "What was done at Saloniki, though improvised and precipitate, and recent manifestations in the islands of the archipelago, show that everyone realizes that if the government has forgotten its duty toward the nation, the nation must itself immediately take in hand the defense of its own interests."

PORTUGUESE IN BIG INVASION

Extensive Advances Made in German East Africa and Many Towns Seized.

Lisbon, via Paris, Sept. 23, 5:15 a. m.—An extensive invasion of German East Africa by Portuguese troops is reported in an official statement issued by the war office. The statement says: "After the passage of the Rovuma river our columns advanced eight miles and occupied Miobo. The left column seized Katibus and the German barracks and then proceeded toward Nacoas. The columns on the center and right marching toward the Migomba depot, reached toward the Rovuma bay. The enemy retreated in the direction of Sassa-wa west of Lindiri. The natives willingly accepted Portuguese domination."

WILSON TO TALK TO BUSINESS MEN

First of Series of Campaign Speeches Delivered at Shadow Lawn.

TALKS WITH PAGE

Tells Ambassador of Deep Resentment in United States Over British Acts.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 23.—President Wilson's program today called for the first of a series of speeches he plans to deliver at Shadow Lawn in his "porch campaign" for re-election. He planned to address a large delegation of New Jersey business men on the attitude of his administration toward American business.

Walter Hines Page, American ambassador at London, who arrived here last night, remained over this morning to discuss with the president British interference with American trade and mails. The president informed him fully of the resentment in this country over British restrictions on neutral commerce.

President Wilson today accepted an invitation to deliver an address at Omaha, Neb., October 5. Complete arrangements have not been made for the trip, but it is expected that he will arrange his schedule so that he can make speeches in one or more other cities.

BULGARS CLAIM MANY SUCCESSSES

Official Report, Up to September 22, Made of Macedonian Front Victories.

Berlin, Sept. 23, by wireless to Sayville.—Bulgarian successes on the Macedonian front on the extreme westerly end of the line and east of the Vardar are announced in the Bulgarian official statement of September 22. Trenches between Florina and Lake Prespa were captured, while in the Vardar region an attack by entente troops preceded by artillery preparations was repulsed.

The official statement reads: "Macedonian front: On the heights of the Staraneroka Planina between Prespa lake and Florina north of Egha heights enemy infantry was dispersed by our artillery fire. We captured some trenches. "In the Moglenica region a hostile battalion was dispersed by our fire. "East of the Vardar after artillery preparation an attack was made by enemy infantry which we repulsed. "On the slopes of the Belasica Planina we took the villages of Celmish and Svetipuka. Between the villages mentioned and the heights of Devatic the enemy abandoned a camp with quantities of war material."

MRS. HELEN EVERS GIVEN RELEASE

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Mrs. Ellen Evers, held by federal authorities under bonds of \$25,000 as a member of an alleged blackmail syndicate, was released by representatives of State's Attorney Hoyne today after she had been taken into custody and questioned. The woman was seized to make known the nature of the questions asked after by the site's attorney's representatives.

OFFICER FLIES OVER THE RHINE

Paris, Sept. 23, 12:05 p. m.—Flying nearly 100 miles beyond the German border, Flight Warrant Officer Baron last night bombarded the important works at Ludwigshafen in the Palatinate on the Rhine and at Mannheim across the river from Ludwigshafen. The official report of today says the bombardment caused a large fire and several explosions at Mannheim. The communication on this exploit reads: "Warrant Officer Baron, accompanied by a bomb thrower, left his aviation camp yesterday evening at 7:15 a. m. and headed for the Rhine. They arrived at Ludwigshafen in due course, and threw down three bombs on military establishments in this city. Then continuing their flight they threw down three more missiles upon a large factory at Mannheim. They observed the outbreak of a large fire and heard several explosions. "These two aviators returned to their camp this morning."

STEAMSHIP ASHORE IN HEAVY FOG

Portland, Me., Sept. 23.—The Eastern Steamship corporation's steamer Bay State, bound from Boston for Portland, went ashore on Holy Comb rock, just off the tip of Cape Elizabeth, during a heavy fog early today. The 150 passengers were taken off in lifeboats and dories. The steamer lies high and dry in a dangerous position.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK RECORDED.

Washington, Sept. 23.—An earthquake, estimated to have occurred 2,300 miles distant from Washington, was recorded early today on the seismograph at Georgetown. The shock lasted from 12:49 to 1:20 this morning and was of moderate intensity.

GEN. TREVINO TO BE REMOVED

Bungled His Attempted Defense of Chihuahua City and May Lose Command.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 23.—That General Jacinto Trevino bungled his attempted defense of Chihuahua City on Hidalgo day from the Villa attack and as a result may be removed from the command of the army in northern Mexico and succeeded by General E. P. Nafarrate, now commander of the Carranza forces in Tamaulipas was reported in Matamoros to persons visiting there today. A new worry of the Chihuahua City attack was told in Matamoros today by a Mexican army officer. He said ten thousand civilians from the surrounding section were invited into Chihuahua to participate in the celebration and that among them were 700 Villa followers.

At a given signal the bandits divided hands and made attacks on various parts of the city. One of these hands attacked the municipal palace where General Trevino was attending a ball. Trevino was wounded in the shoulder.

Another division of the bandits attacked the penitentiary releasing sixteen prisoners, among whom was General Jose Lopez who was reported to have been executed several months ago.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 23.—Current reports that Jacinto Trevino, commander of the Carranza forces in northern Mexico, arrived in Juarez last night, were given credence at military headquarters here today. The reports stated that in addition to General Trevino's family he was accompanied to the border by his brother Francisco Trevino, civil governor of Chihuahua.

However, Andres Garcia, Mexican consul-general here, and military authorities in Juarez denied that any members of the Trevino family other than Mrs. Trevino, her children and sister had come to Juarez. And there were no indications of the general's presence in the Mexican town.

BELL'S REPORT IS RELIABLE

Secretaries Lansing and Baker With General Scott Believe Brigadier General's Story.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Secretaries Lansing and Baker today discussed various phases of Mexican affairs, including the renewed activity of Villa and the possibility of his again becoming a military factor. While awaiting official versions from the Carranza government of the fight at Chihuahua City a week ago, officials said the report of Brigadier General Bell at El Paso was the most reliable yet received. "I believe Villa is alive," said Major-General Scott, chief of staff. "We have had numerous reports of circumstances corroborating such belief."

General Scott said he would not ask Gen. Bell the source of his information regarding the Chihuahua City fighting and that he had no reason to believe it was not reliable.

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HUGHES TALKS AT LA PORTE

Gives Views on Maintenance of American Rights—Must Be Fearless and Stand Up Unflinchingly.

La Porte, Ind., Sept. 23.—Charles E. Hughes left his train here today and addressed a crowd from a stand at the court house. His voice seemed to be much better than it was last night. The nominee reiterated his views on the maintenance of American rights. "You cannot expect progress," he said, "if the people are not disposed to recognize and enforce their just rights; that means a loss of self respect and patriotic energy, that means decline and disaster. Therefore I say to you not in the interest of a campaign candidate, but in the interest of the American people that we must fearlessly enforce American rights throughout the world and stand unflinchingly for the dignity of American citizenship throughout the world."

BIG FOREIGN COPPER ORDER

Over 400,000,000 Pounds to Be Delivered in First Six Months of 1917.

New York, Sept. 23.—According to trade reports current in the financial district today, a big foreign order for copper aggregating 200,000 tons, or over 400,000,000 pounds has been placed by foreign interests, chiefly British and French, with large producers in this country. These include the American Smelting and Refining company and the United Metals Selling company which represented Amalgamated Anaconda interests. The copper is to be delivered in the first six months of 1917.

This contract is said to be unprecedented in the history of the copper trade. No such purchase for delivery over any length of time has ever been made and the monthly delivery of about 75,000,000 pounds is in itself equal to the largest maximum tonnage ever exported.

The total amount involved in this transaction is said to be about \$125,000,000. The price to be paid for the copper is not disclosed but it is believed to range between \$26.00@27.00 a hundred pounds.

FIRST REWARDS TO POSTMASTERS

Washington, Sept. 23.—The first rewards of \$5 for regular army recruits secured by postmasters under the new national defense act, the war department announced today, have been paid to Postmaster William J. O'Donley, Utica, Okla., and Joseph M. Sittman, Greensburg, La.

War department officials frankly described the new recruiting system as "the last gasp of volunteer enlistments." They pointed out that in giving a \$5 premium to postmasters for each recruit the government has made a supreme effort to obtain its soldiers without resorting to compulsory training.

They predicted that should the plan fail and a sufficient number of recruits to fill the enlarged regular army not be obtained, it will become necessary to adopt universal training or some system of compulsory service.

BRITISH PLANES AFTER GERMANS

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Bad Weather Hinders Fighting. Paris, Sept. 23.—The French communication on progress of hostilities along the Macedonian front issued this afternoon says: "Bad weather has interfered with operations along all the front in the Orient and there have only been a few skirmishes in the vicinity of Doiran lake."

GERMANS LAUNCH BIG GAS ATTACK

Troops Attempt Advances Between Waves But Russians Drive Them Back.

TURKS ARE SURPRISED

Black Sea Squadron Sinks Three Steamers and Several Sailing Vessels.

Petrograd, Sept. 23, via London, 2:25 p. m.—German troops in the region of Lake Narocz, on the northern end of the Russian line, launched a gas attack lasting two hours yesterday and in the intervals between the gas waves dense columns of Teuton troops advanced against the Russian positions, says the Russian official statement issued today. The attacking forces, the statement adds, were driven back each time.

The text of the Russian statement follows: "Western front: Yesterday morning in the region southwest of Lake Narocz the enemy launched a gas attack lasting two hours. In the intervals between the waves of gas the enemy attempted to attack in dense columns, but was driven back on each occasion to his trenches by our machine gun, rifle and artillery fire. "In the region of the villages of Darovo and La Buzzy, southeast of Baranovichi, the enemy also liberated gas."

Russian advance guards made a surprise attack on a Turkish fortified post near Giunchichan in the Caucasus, breaking through the position and inflicting severe losses on the Turks, says today's Russian official statement. A greater part of the camp stores were burned by the Russians. The statement also says: "Black sea: Off the port of Eregli (Asia Minor) one of our torpedo boat squadrons sank three steamers and several sailing vessels loaded with coal."

KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Buyer for San Francisco Firm and Bronx Policeman—Car Strikes Pole.

New York, Sept. 23.—In an automobile accident in the Bronx today Alois Hanak, 30 years old, buyer for a cloak and suit house in San Francisco, and Edward F. Roban, 33 years old, a policeman, were killed. The machine in which they and four companions were riding struck a telegraph pole, skidded and crashed into a tree. Hanak's skull was fractured. The other four men, including Morris Reich of San Francisco, were not injured.

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