

KAISER'S TROOPS DISHEARTENED BY STRENGTH OF THE ALLIES

(By Associated Press.)
BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Sept. 23.—That phase of the battle of Flanders that occurred last Thursday and which has been characterized as the "battle of Menin Road" was today largely a matter of history. Hard local fighting was still in progress at a point west of Ghenvel, known as Tower Hamlets, but notwithstanding the determined effort of the Germans to retain their ground they were unable to dislodge the British troops.

The enemy still clung to a few desirable points on an elevation near Tower Hamlets, but their possession is no way affected by the general situation, as they were not vital points. Elsewhere along the front of the British offensive there has been no change in the situation. An intense artillery duel continued, but the enemy had abandoned, at least temporarily, those futile and costly counterattacks which marked the first day's fighting.

The German military code in the past has taken little count of losses in Menin. If results could be achieved in the present instance the German counterattacks have not only been costly, but useless, for the

British artillery has in a majority of cases torn the advancing columns to bits and driven the survivors back in hasty retreat. How great the German losses have been it is, of course, impossible to estimate, but it can be stated definitely that they were exceedingly severe.

Prisoners say that their casualties during the last few days of the British bombardment prior to the attack were very heavy, and especially on the night of September 18. During that night raid parties were so badly smashed that they were unable to reach the front line troops with food.

The battle of Menin Road has furnished further evidence of that determination in the fighting qualities which has been going on in the German lines for some time. It must not be assumed from this statement that the Germans are in a demoralized state. During the last few days they have fought with great determination, and skillfully, but they are not so good as they were.

In this connection a change has been noted in the attitude of captured German officers. Apparently they no longer have faith in the future and have abandoned hope of success in the western theater. The

thing they are most interested in now is peace.

On the other hand, the morale of the British troops has never been at so high a pitch as at present. Everywhere along the line one finds the same feeling. The men are imbued with the idea that they have proved themselves stronger than their adversaries and they are filled with the determination to see the affair through to the finish.

The arrival of the American troops in France has done much to make even stronger this confidence. Everywhere the oldtimers at the front are talking about their new allies from the United States and it is agreed that the Americans will make a magnificent addition to the fighting power of the allies in the west and that the new combination will be invincible.

It is reported that the British battalions that captured Shrewsbury forest and Bulgar wood, to the east of the former place, in Thursday's drive, experienced a new kind of German frightfulness. The advancing troops are said to have been fired on with "flaming bullets." These bullets set the men's clothing afire and in several instances wounded men had to be rolled in mud by their comrades to extinguish the flames.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK IN HOLLAND OWING TO SHORTAGE IN CROPS

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Aug. 23.—Gloomy pictures are being drawn here of the agricultural outlook in Holland, as the result of the stoppage of fodder exports from America. The acuteness of the position has been enhanced by a poor hay crop, and the small farmer in particular is faced with the greatest difficulties.

According to the well-informed agricultural correspondent of the Nieuws Van Der Dag, cattle breeders are in great distress and cattle are growing lean in the meadows. Pig fattening has come to a standstill. "If the supplies of fodder and fertilizers are stopped," he writes, "cattle breeding and agriculture will go to rack and ruin."

"If the world market be closed to

us—and this is what happens if we cannot export to Germany—agriculture and market gardening will receive their death blow and not only farmers, but the whole nation, will suffer. The financial status of the country population will decline. Many of the small farmers have already reached the limit of their financial capacity, and are on the verge of absolute impoverishment. Matters have come to such a pass that the cattle have to be sold at half their original price. There goes the farmer's working capital, together with the profits. The whole nation is face to face with a bad winter."

The downcast Dutch farmer is meanwhile advised by one fellow

agriculturist to feed his cattle on willow twigs, asserting that the willows are readily eaten by the cattle, and that the animals thrive on them. "It save a great deal of hay," he asserts, "and if the cattle do not become fat—on the contrary, they become a little 'stringy'—they are perfectly healthy and strong."

That shows, too, in the calves they bear. Small, wiry, strong calves are borne by cows that have eaten a lot of wood."

An official report just issued shows that nearly 42,000 acres less land is under crops this year than in 1916, doubtless partly owing to the shortage of fertilizers. There is an increase of the area under grain, but this is like a drop in the bucket compared with the overseas imports.

A gunboat was ordered to steam up the river, and make ready to direct machine guns against any raiding party which might attempt to enter the general's home.

A resourceful official entrusted with the protection of Chang Hsun's residence posted placards on all the gates, announcing that it was an office for the collection of taxes. After all these precautions had been taken, it was discovered that Chang Hsun's wives and other relatives were really not in their home in the German concession, but had sought quarters in the British concession without advising Chinese officials.

CHINESE GENERAL FEARS LOSS OF MILLIONS

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
TIEN-TSIN, Aug. 23.—Many wild rumors have been circulated in Tientsin concerning plots to steal the great wealth which the family of General Chang Hsun, the deposed military leader, is supposed to have stored in this city.

Fabulous reports have been circulated concerning Chang Hsun's fortune. It has been estimated at sums varying from \$10,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Many precautions were taken to protect the home of Chang Hsun in the German concession, after reports were circulated of the possible attempt to plunder his establishment.

Swimming Pool Report Submitted

Accompanying is a report of receipts and expenditures up to September 22 by the committee handling the funds of the swimming pool and looking after the completion of that structure. The expenditures are given in detail, while the receipts have been acknowledged from day to day and only the total appears, which may be verified by reference to bank books.

The report shows a balance on Saturday night of \$26.92 to the credit of the committee, which has a lot more work to do before the business on which they have entered is ready to turn over to the people of Tonopah. The committee needs more money to defray the expense of putting on a roof and installing bathrooms and other conveniences. Every roof piece has been accounted for and, at intervals, the committee will continue to make reports showing the progress of the undertaking and the condition of the finances. The report follows:

TONOPAH NATATORIUM DISBURSEMENTS FROM BEGINNING TO SEPTEMBER 22, 1917.

Walker Transfer Co., scraping	\$ 50.00
Thomas J. Lynch, postage stamps	1.50
Sam Fickes, labor, 7 1/2 days at \$4.50	33.75
L. F. Houghton, labor, 4 days and 5 hours at \$4.50	20.85
H. L. Gilmore, labor, 7 1/2 days at \$4.50	33.75
J. Smith, labor, 2 1/2 days at \$4.50	11.25
Larry Cook, labor, 2 1/2 days at \$4.50	11.25
Russell Sheerin, labor, 8 1/2 days at \$4.50	38.25
M. Odell, labor, 8 1/2 days at \$4.50	38.25
Ernest McVeigh, labor, 2 1/2 days at \$4.50	11.25
James McGuire, labor, 2 1/2 days at \$4.50	11.25
J. F. Gale, labor, 8 days at \$4.50	36.00
J. A. Pearson, cement labor, 5 1/2 days at \$7	38.50
Siere May, carpenter, 3 days at \$6	18.00
James McGuire, labor, 1 day at \$4.50	4.50
M. J. McVeigh, cement labor, 5 1/2 days at \$7	38.50
Walker Transfer Co., hauling	7.99
Albert Johnson, carpenter, 1 1/2 days at \$7	78.25
W. O. Grevas, labor, 18 days at \$5	90.00
J. A. Curran, hauling	26.50
M. D. Nowell, hauling	1.50
Yerd Lumber Co., lumber \$251.81, cement \$349.70	592.01
West End Con. Mining Co., rock and sand \$349.50 (reduced \$51.97)	294.53
J. M. Fagan, labor, 2 days at \$4.50	9.00
Sam Fickes, labor, 1 1/2 days at \$4.50	6.75
John Smith, labor, 7 1/2 days at \$4.50	33.75
W. O. Grevas, labor, 2 days at \$5	10.00
Joe Monahan, cement labor, 3 5/8 days at \$7	25.40
Jim Zampatti, labor, 4 days at \$5	20.00
George Ward, labor, 7 days at \$5	35.00
Frank Love, labor, 7 days at \$5	35.00
Albert Johnson, carpenter, 4 7/8 days at \$7	34.00
James McGuire, labor, 5 days at \$5	25.00
M. J. McVeigh, cement labor, 5 days at \$7	35.00
M. Odell, labor, 12 days at \$4.50	54.00
Rolly Crumley, labor, 14 1/2 days at \$5 (less \$2 cash by L. B.)	70.50
Paul McGuire, carpenter, 10 days at \$6	60.00
Letson Balliet 29 days at \$8 and \$2 cash advanced Crumley	234.00
J. A. Curran, teaming	10.00
Belmont M. Co., cement	101.00
Tomahawk Hdw. Co., hardware	4.95
Electric wiring, motor, etc., for cement mixer	8.00
Lathrop-Davis Co., hardware	40.60
Frank Miller, cement	52.50
Walker Transfer Co., teaming	11.50
Hymen Bilyeu, taxi service	8.00
Ralph Wardell, taxi service	4.50
W. E. Evans, taxi service	3.00
Western Union, telegrams	3.10
Yerd Lumber Co., lumber and cement	497.81
Wiltberg W. & T. Co., teams and scrapers, 1 day	20.00
McVeigh and helper, 1/2 shift, repairing crack	6.00
Toney Farrell, 9 days at \$4 per day, attendant at pool	36.00
Tomahawk Belmont Dv. Co., valve and caps drain pipe	16.41
Krider & Cole, electric material, labor, wiring, etc., pool	29.85
Ralph Wardell, taxi service	4.25
Hymen Bilyeu, taxi service	7.75
Joe Monahan, lost time deducted Sept. 7 made up	2.60
	\$3,094.61
RECAPITULATION.	
Total deposits	\$3,121.55
Total withdrawals	2,094.61
Cash balance, September 22, 1917	\$ 26.92

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ATTACKED BY A RABID WILDCAT

At the Croate mine, in the King's river section, Ed Choate had quite a thrilling experience with a rabid wildcat a few days ago. He entered his cabin and the beast, which was hiding under the bed, sprang at him and besides inflicting a number of scratches the animal bit him severely on the left leg. He managed to grab the cat around the neck and held it from doing further damage until his brother, Ike Choate, who was near, came to his assistance and the animal was killed.

Ed Choate, who was bitten, arrived here last Tuesday evening and left for Reno, where he is now taking the Pasteur treatment. He was accompanied to Reno by Elias Jones.—Humboldt Star.

WILL EXPEL ALL FRIENDS OF HUERTA

(By Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, Sept. 24.—Orders have been sent to the governors of all the states instructing them to expel from the country all persons who were connected with the outbreak in February, 1913, in which Huerta seized the capital and in which Madero lost his life, and who have come back to Mexico without the express permission of President Carranza or the secretary of state for the interior.

Every time Germany starts the peace ball rolling it lands a knock-out on the Kaiser.—Atlanta Constitution.

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