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## 3,000,000 AUSTRIANS AND RUSSIANS CLASH GERMANS AGAIN DRIVE BACK ALLIES

### GREATEST BATTLE OF WAR IS ON IN POLAND, VIENNA REPORTS SAY

Struggle Has Become Almost a Hand-to-Hand Engagement in Many Places, Official Dispatches Declare—Result Cannot Be Delayed Much Longer, Cables Intimate.

Out of the maze of contradictions concerning the invasion of Germany and Austria by the Russian hosts today, one fact stands out with undisputed prominence—that a great battle, the greatest in the world's history, is being waged between the defenders of German soil and the almost countless legions of the Czar.

Austria insists that her armies have stemmed the tide of the Slavs' invasion, and declares her "flying wedge," driven into Russian Poland, has met with great success. The Kaiser's war chiefs assert they have blocked the Russians.

From St. Petersburg come reports of an irresistible advance upon the capital of Germany, by the Czar's millions.

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**VIENNA (via Rome), Sept. 1.**—In an official statement issued by the Austrian war office today the battle now in progress along the Aus'rian-Prussian-Russian frontier is referred to as the "greatest in the history of the world."

It is stated that already there are three million men engaged in the active fighting. Every branch of the service is represented and the fighting tide ebbs and flows like that of the seas.

While the fighting has been in progress for days along an enormous battle front, no decisive result has as yet been attained. It is stated, however, that as a result of the concentration of the forces between Lublin, capital of the district of Lublin in Russian Poland, and Grubieszow, Russian Poland, a distance of sixty miles, the fighting there has become almost a hand-to-hand engagement and a decisive result, so far as that section of the battleground is concerned, cannot very much longer be delayed.

The Russians are putting forth desperate efforts to break the strength of the Austrian invasion of Russian Poland, fearing the effect of a success at this point on the general situation in Poland.

In addition it is known that the present Austrian movements are in accordance with the general plan of campaign as agreed on between the Austrian and the German general staffs.

The Austrian war office claims the Russian invasion of Austrian territory has been more than offset by the successes that have accrued to the Austrian arms in Russian Poland. Denial is made that the Austrian army has met with enormous losses. It is admitted the casualties are heavy, but it is also declared that they are far from being excessive when the number of men engaged and their equipment with modern weapons is taken into consideration.

### Russian Office Asserts Army Continues Advance

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"The Russians," says the war office, "are now within less than a day's march of Lemberg proper, the lines extending with Lemberg as the center from Kamenka, northeast of Lemberg, through Glyniany to Rzadzowice, to the southeast. It is along this line that the fiercest fighting has taken place."  
The Austrians have attempted a flanking movement in force through Russian Poland, by way of Kielce and Lublin, and troops have been detached

### MEXICO RESENTS U. S. AT VERA CRUZ

Signs of Trouble as Result of Continued American Occupation Ominous.

TROOPS ARE SUBJECTED TO PETTY ANNOYANCES

Train Service Interrupted and Port Declared Closed to Shipping by Carranza.

Ominous signs of trouble between the new government in Mexico and the United States are beginning to appear as a result of the continued occupation of Vera Cruz by the American troops under General Punston.  
Information in reliable quarters is to the effect that General Carranza, the new provisional president of the republic, has called upon the United States Government to evacuate the Mexican coast. This, it is understood, the Washington authorities have declined to do until all differences are patched up between Carranza and Villa and arrangements are completed for constitutional elections.  
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In the past few days, it is stated, the insistence of Carranza on the evacuation of Vera Cruz has become more pronounced and has been accompanied by steps calculated to embarrass the forces under General Punston. The first of these steps was the action taken by Carranza in stopping for several days all train service from Mexico City to Vera Cruz.

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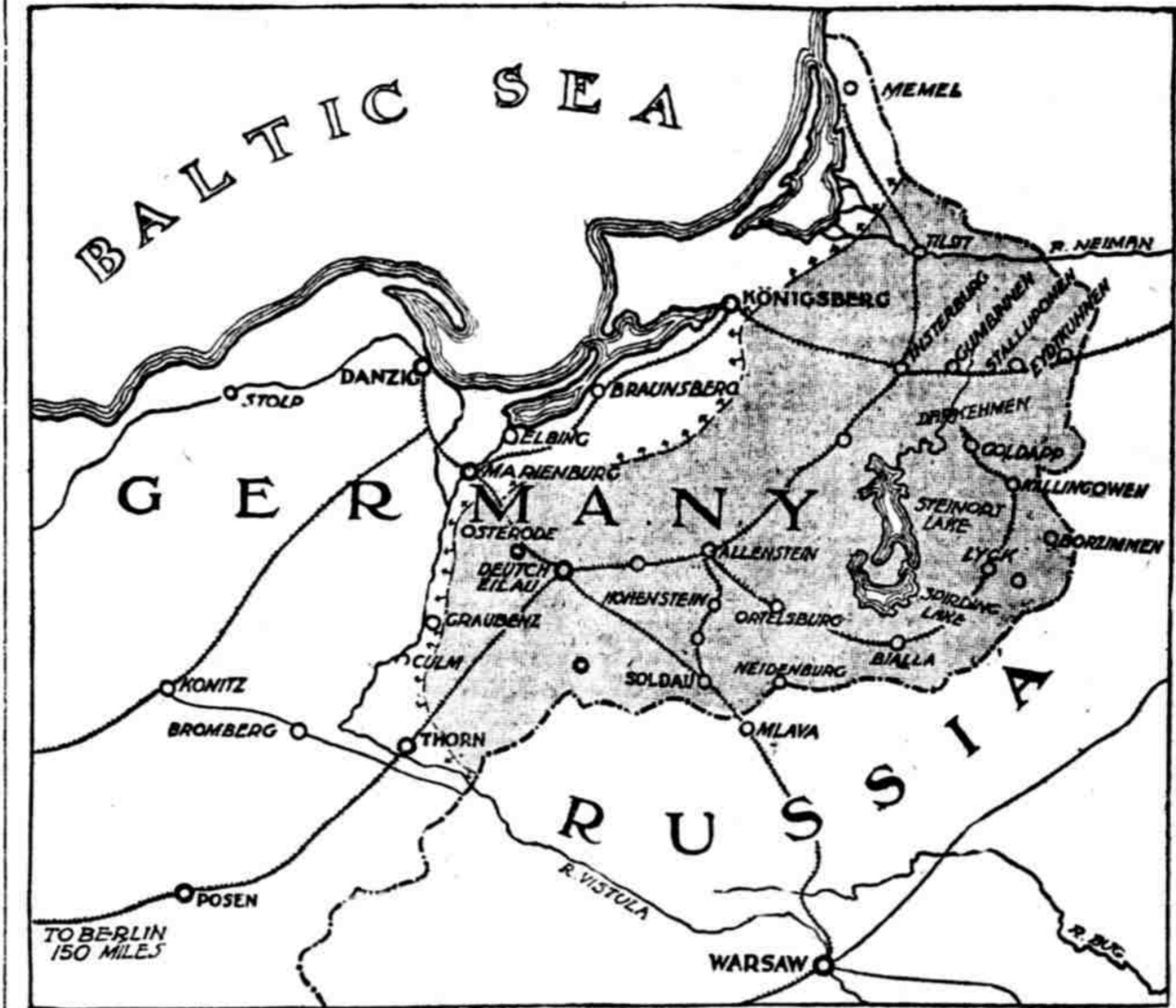
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### RUSSIAN ADVANCE IN EAST PRUSSIA



According to the Russian assertions, the Czar's men in East Prussia have not only taken Tilsit, but are investing the fortresses of Königsberg, Allenstein and Thara, and are pressing the German troops beyond Osterode and Graudenz. Opposed to this statement is that of the German war office, which insists that the Germans have taken 30,000 prisoners at Osterberg, Hohenstein, in the Ilike district near Allenstein, and have driven the Russians to the frontier.

### TURKO-BULGARIAN ALLIANCE FORECAST

Action Would Give Balance of Power in Balkan States, Is Belief.

**LONDON, Sept. 1.**—Emphatic reiteration of Turkey's determination not to enter the European war was made in a statement issued today by the Turkish embassy here.

It was said 'the Ottoman Empire's position has already formally been made known to Great Britain.

A turko-Bulgarian agreement to further the interests of the two countries was forehadowed this afternoon in the following statement by the Turkish ambassador.

Regarding rumors of the reformation of the Balkan alliance against Turkey, it is absolutely false. As proving this it was information that a turko-Bulgarian committee had been formed here.

The two countries and the necessity of following a common policy. And what is more significant is that the semi-official newspaper, Politika, states that the object of the committee enters the sympathy of all official circles in Bulgaria, and speaks of the common opinion of the two people as a further bond between them.

This very remarkable statement means that Bulgaria, which was included, and which included herself, so far amongst Slavonic people, on account of the accident to her Slav language, to late disclaim connection with the Slav family and proclaims herself a sister nation of Turkey, which in reality she is.

This statement was regarded in official circles here today as indicating that if Turkey and Bulgaria form an alliance it will probably give them the balance of power in the Balkan States.

### WILL COPY CAPITAL'S PARCEL POST PLAN

New Impetus Is Being Given the Parcel Post Plan to Cut the High Cost of Living, so Successfully Launched by Postmaster Otto Praeger.

Postmaster Praeger is more than ever convinced of the practicability and advisability of the plan through his personal experience today. He said that his family used from four to five dozen eggs this week. Through correspondence with a farmer at the rate of 20 cents a dozen, the dozen fresh-laid eggs each week by parcel post. This cost him 20 cents a dozen, but the eggs have always been sold at 30 cents a dozen.

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### CHEAPER FOOD PRICES Promised for Capital

Cheaper prices for perishable food items and commodities against merchants who hoarded prices to unwarrented heights with the European war are the excuse in a proclamation for Washington.

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### ALLIES BEATEN AT LA FERRE, IS REPORT

German War Office Tells Population Operations Everywhere Are "Satisfactory."

**BERLIN, Sept. 1.**—(Via The Hague.)—The war office statement today declared the French and English armies have been driven back with heavy losses near La Fere and that the German advance on Paris continues.

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### RUSSIANS THREAT RIDICULED

Stories that the Russians are seriously menacing the defenses of the Vistula river are ridiculed at the war office, which insists that the general Russian offensive movement has been checked there.

The Red Cross has undertaken the care of the refugees who have been compelled to flee from their homes in eastern Prussia before the Cossack invasion. This latter work, coupled with the general relief of the wounded, has taxed the facilities of the Red Cross to the utmost.

The women of Germany are as active as the men who are at the front. While the government has made an allowance to the families of every soldier at the front this is considered inadequate, and the various relief organizations have taken up the matter of caring for all the men who are at the front.

### FIGHTING DESPERATE AS NEW ATTACK TRENDS TO BREAK FRENCH LINE

Battle Rages Along Left and Center of Army Holding Roads to Paris—Attempts of Kaiser's Troops to Cross Meuse Have Failed, Says Paris.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.  
**PARIS, Sept. 1.**—Circumstantial rumors of serious disaster to the British expedition brought emphatic denial from the war office today.

It was unequivocally denied that there had been any actual reverse, although there was no denial that the allied battle front has again been pushed back in the north.

The entire German army on the French center and left renewed the general assault today, and at last reports it was raging with uninterrupted ferocity, the French left slowly falling back.

The Germans are anxious to signalize the anniversary of Sedan by a notable triumph and have staked everything on the strength of the blow now being delivered.

### FRENCH BATTLE TO HOLD VOSGES LINE

Strive in Two-Day Engagement to Check Advance of German Invasion.

The French forces are making another desperate effort today to hold back the German forces in Lorraine and the Vosges mountains, the French embassy was advised by a cablegram from the Paris foreign office.

The dispatch said: "Fighting began again yesterday in Lorraine and the Vosges mountains. At Sassy and the River Meuse a regiment of German infantry has been nearly destroyed."

"Through our left the German progress has continued. The offensive move of the Russians continues unchecked."

The French embassy stamped as "an absolute lie" reports that the French government was considering moving the capital from Paris to Bordeaux.

### PRESIDENT STARTS FOR CAPITAL THIS AFTERNOON

**WINDSOR, Vt., Sept. 1.**—President Wilson was up and away early this morning for a final game of golf at Hanover. He intended starting back to Washington this afternoon.

It is improbable that the President will come again to Hanover next summer. If he gets a vacation next summer, it is believed he will find some place more easily accessible to Washington.

Paris Filled With Spies.  
As a matter of fact, the chief of the war office are certain the German spy system is in operation within the city, and that every public move is promptly reported by secret channels to the German general staff.

Because of this, the presence of the German aviators over Paris has been minimized as far as possible, and no attempt has been made to give them battle. The French aviators, although still in the city, are being kept away from the front. This is especially true of the Paris force, which is being kept away from the front.

Do Not Expect Siege.  
It is known General Joffre told Ministers of War Miller he did not believe the Germans would ever get within forty miles of Paris.

The general-in-chief believes that the force of the German assault is already beginning to show indications of being spent. The German forces are concentrated on the French left.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.  
SENATE.  
Met at 11.  
Consideration of Clayton trust bill resumed. Note expected today.  
Senator Lewis in favor of legislative commissioner for District and will present bill.  
HOUSE.  
Met at noon.  
Kinkead of New Jersey attacked former Senator James Smith, Jr., editor of a Newark newspaper because of an editorial criticizing Kinkead.  
Bills on unanimous consent calendar considered.  
Merchant Marine Committee resumed hearings on Administration shipping bill.