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French Claim Decisive Victory Over Big Force; German Loss Enormous Due to Massed Charges

30,000 SLAVS PRISONERS OF WAR

Russians Suffer Severely in East Prussia; Germany Calls Two Million Volunteers to Colors; St. Petersburg News Contradicts That From Berlin.

WASHINGTON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Germany is assuming the offensive against the Russian invaders of East Prussia, according to an official announcement from Berlin yesterday, and are attempting to cut the lines of the enemy investing Königsburg. The Germans have attacked the Russians at Hohenstein and Ortelsburg. The Russians lost thirty thousand prisoners, according to the official report, among the prisoners being a number of high ranking officers.

Fresh German troops are pouring into East Prussia. Berlin reports that two million volunteers have been added to the army, the call for reinforcements being enthusiastically responded to.

Russian Despatches Deny This. Despatches from St. Petersburg and London report quite a different state of affairs. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Times telegraphs his paper that Germany is short of trained men to withstand the Russian invaders. He states that Germany has been forced to weaken her garrisons to place the troops in the field and has also had to call schoolboys to the colors.

From Russian sources despatches to London state that there has been no check to the advance of the Russians in East Prussia, while many Polish-German soldiers are reported to be deserting their regiments to join the forces of the Russians.

AUSTRIANS RETREAT IN DISORDER; MANY SLAIN

ROME, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A despatch to the Messagero from Sofia, Bulgaria, says that the Austrian force which invaded Russian Poland, and which had been operating east of Krasnik, suffered an irreparable defeat in an engagement Sunday near Zamost. The invaders were routed and their organization destroyed, those who were not killed, wounded or captured being in flight towards the Austrian border, pursued by the Russians.

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Allies Object to Purchase of German Ships

WASHINGTON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Objections to the purchase of German merchant ships by the United States have been received from the allied powers in Europe. The objections are based upon the ground that such action would increase the German gold reserve and would be tantamount to a loan to Germany, as the steamship companies are closely affiliated to the German government. The protest also points out that the registration now of German-owned ships would be in violation of international law as laid down at the London Convention, and further that to permit the hoisting of the American flag now on German shipping would be a violation of the strict neutrality promised in the President's proclamation on the outbreak of the war. The purchase of merchant ships of equal numbers from Germany, French and British owners, probably would not be seriously opposed.

FRANCE HARVESTS AVERAGE CROP OF WHEAT DESPITE WAR

PARIS, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Harvesting has been completed throughout France under favorable conditions, according to an announcement yesterday by the agricultural commission. The wheat crop is average, and other crops promise well.

MODERN CHARIOTS OF WAR IN USE

LONDON, August 31.—Arno Desch, the noted magazine writer, and correspondent, who has just returned from Belgium, where he saw some of the fighting, describes the German auto trucks used for war purposes as marvels of effective ingenuity. Equipped with huge scythes extending from the sides, they travel across country at the rate of forty miles a day. Only artillery can disable them.

GERMAN VARSITIES WILL ADMIT ALL NEUTRAL STUDENTS

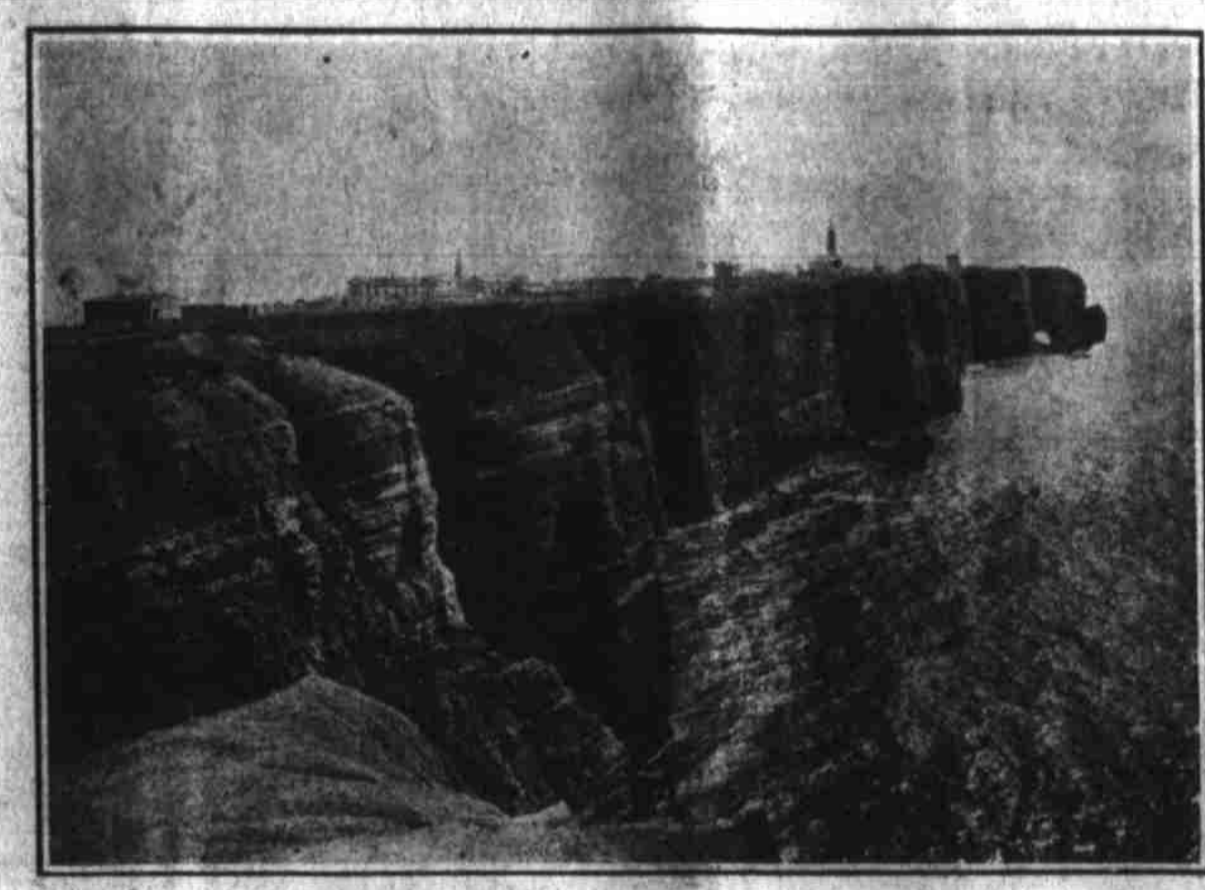
WASHINGTON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Ambassador Gerard has notified the state department that the German universities will open this fall as usual and that foreign students who are citizens of neutral nations will be able to attend. All other foreign students are barred.

AMERICAN RED CROSS FITS UP HOSPITAL SHIP

WASHINGTON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The American Red Cross Society has chartered a Hamburg-American steamship and rechristened it the "Red Cross." The steamer is being fitted up as a hospital ship and will sail for Europe on Saturday, with a full corps of doctors and nurses.

BRITISH CORRAL 8000 PRISONERS IN AFRICA

CAPETOWN, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—German and Austrian reservists to the number of 8000 in the British South African colonies have been rounded up and are confined in a camp at Johannesburg as prisoners of war.



THE FROWNING CLIFFS OF HELIGOLAND

CARDINALS MEET TO CHOOSE POPE

Chapel Chimney Will Be Watched Today For Smoke That Indicates Agreement.

ROME, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—With all communication with the outside world completely severed, the doors of the building being securely bolted and the telephone wires cut, the conclave of cardinals which will elect a successor to Pope Pius X convened yesterday in the Sistine Chapel, there to remain until a deciding ballot is cast. At eleven o'clock today, the earliest hour at which an agreement can be expected, crowds will watch the chimney of the chapel. If smoke is seen arising therefrom, it will indicate that a choice has been made, and the ballots mixed with straw, are being burned, as is the custom. Workmen will then break in the doors of the chapel, and the cardinals, appearing soon thereafter on an upper gallery of St. Peter's, will announce the name of the new Pope.

JUSTIFIES ACTION OF GREAT BRITAIN

State Department Says Belligerents May Be Taken Off Neutral Vessels.

According to advices brought on the Pacific Mail liner China, which arrived from the Orient yesterday morning, sixty German residents of the Philippines who were passengers aboard the steamer Manchuria, en route to the United States, were taken off that steamer upon her arrival at Hongkong and imprisoned at Stonecutters' Island under a strong guard of British marines. These passengers were German reservists on their way to Europe in answer to a call to the colors. As the Manchuria flies the American flag, the right to take belligerents off the vessel, even though it be in a British port, was questioned by the Germans. However, the incident was brought to the attention of the state department at Washington, which held that the British authorities acted entirely within their rights. The opinion of the department is announced through the Associated Press in the following dispatch: WASHINGTON, August 31.—Great Britain has the right to remove belligerent subjects from neutral vessels, according to Robert Lansing, counselor for the state department. The China brought a large cargo of Oriental merchandise. She will be dispatched for San Francisco from pier 7 this morning at eight o'clock.

Belgians En Route to Washington to Protest Against Acts of Enemy

LONDON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—To protest against alleged German atrocities in the war zone, a Belgian commission which has arrived from Antwerp will leave in a few days for Washington. The commission will confer today with Sir Edward Grey, making an official statement of their grievances. Among their complaints they state that the Germans are carrying off captured Belgians in bondage and sending them back to Germany, where they are compelled to perform manual labor for their captors.

Canadian Produce as Gift to the Empire by People of Two Provinces

LONDON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Fodder for the cavalry horses and provisions for the men in the field, in large quantities, have been offered to the Imperial government as gifts by two of the Canadian provinces and it was announced officially yesterday that these gifts will be accepted. The Province of Alberta will send to England half a million bushels of oats, for army use, while the citizens of Quebec are preparing to forward four million pounds of Canadian cheese.

Biplane Drops Shell in Paris; It Fails to Burst

PARIS, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Another German aeroplane passed over this city yesterday. At half past four o'clock in the afternoon a biplane dropped a projectile in the city, but the bomb failed to explode.

WILSON PROPOSES SOFT DRINK TAX

Administration Decides Measures Are Necessary to Offset Loss Of Revenues.

WASHINGTON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Decreasing revenues, due to the falling off of imports caused by the war in Europe, has made it evident to the administration that some extraordinary taxation must be resorted to. The secretary of the treasury, the chairman of the house and senate committees on finance and ways and means and other Democratic leaders have been consulting with the President in the matter. The suggestion now is that a special revenue tax be imposed on soft drinks as well as beer and patent medicines, and a bill embodying this suggestion is now being considered by the Democratic members of the house committee on ways and means. Another suggestion is to impose a five or ten per cent tax on railroad tickets and on tickets of admission to theaters, baseball parks and other licensed places of amusement.

It is estimated that from fifty to eighty million dollars will be required to make up the loss in customs revenue, and that it be raised as above.

CHIYO MARU HAD TO RUN FOR IT

SAN FRANCISCO, August 31.—(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable)—An unknown cruiser chased the Japanese liner Chiyo Maru last Saturday night for four hours. The captain crowded on steam and the big liner escaped.

CARRANZA CLOSES PORT OF VERA CRUZ IN FUNSTON'S FACE

WASHINGTON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Provisional President Carranza yesterday issued an order declaring the port of Vera Cruz closed to commerce. The customs house and City of Vera Cruz are held by American troops under General Funston and there may be complications.

PARIS AWAITS ATTACK; AMERICANS PREPARE TO LEAVE ZONE OF DANGER

Ambassador For United States Declares He Will Sacrifice Life If Need Be to Save His Countrymen.

BIPLANE DROPS ANOTHER SHELL IN FRENCH CAPITAL

LONDON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A Reuter's despatch from Antwerp yesterday reports that the French, on the left wing, have gained a brilliant victory over the opposing Germans. The despatch reads: "It is reported here that General Pau has won a brilliant victory over an army of fifty thousand Germans, with whom his forces came into touch yesterday morning near Peronne, in the Province of Sommes."

GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY. A wounded French officer brought back from the front declares it is no exaggeration to state that the German losses in the fighting have been in the ratio of twenty to one as compared with those of the Allies. He attributes this to the German infantry charges in massed formation. The French war department officially reported a general battle in progress on the left yesterday, stating also that the French right in Lorraine, had again resumed the offensive. The official statement from Paris said: SAYS GERMANS ARE RETIRING. "Our right, after partial checks, has taken the offensive against the Germans. The enemy is retiring. In the center the French combatants are meeting alternate checks and successes. The general action now is being fought on the left, owing to a series of circumstances favoring the Germans. "Notwithstanding a few incontestable checks, our armies remain intact, and the morale is excellent. "Considerable losses are being rapidly filled from regimental depots."

PARIS PREPARING FOR THE WORST. Paris is being rapidly placed into position to withstand a siege. The order of the military governor that the fortification zone be cleared of buildings is being carried out and hundreds of houses and small shops are being razed. The city is fast becoming a great armed camp, troops from the south being concentrated in parks and boulevards, while the outgoing trains are crowded with civilians, seeking points of safety. PLEDGES LIFE FOR AMERICANS. American Ambassador Herrick says he will remain in Paris even in the event the city is invested by the German forces, to aid and protect Americans. He adds that perhaps there will be great danger, but that after all he has only one life and asks how better can that life be given than in the faithful discharge of duty. The cruiser Tennessee is expected to arrive today at Havre, whither it was ordered at Ambassador Herrick's request, to be used as a ferry between Havre and Falmouth, removing Americans from the danger zone.

BORDEAUX AS TEMPORARY CAPITAL. If it is seen that the city is to be subjected to a siege, the seat of government will be transferred to Bordeaux, near the Bay of Biscay coast. Sunday's call upon the class of 1914 and the territorials will add six hundred thousand men to the line. In the territorials are thirty-six divisions and garrison troops. LONDON, August 31.—Premier Herbert Asquith today publicly rebuked the London Times for yesterday's pessimistic comments, which elicited from Kitchener the statement that the British forces, after four days' fighting, were rested and ready for the next battle, and that they fought brilliantly against overwhelming numbers.

JAPANESE OCCUPY ISLAND. PEKING, August 31.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Japanese forces have occupied the small island of Tachien, outside of Kiao Chau Bay. CARGO INSURANCE CUT. LONDON, August 31.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Cargo insurance has been reduced from three to two guineas. OUTNUMBERED THREE TO ONE. WASHINGTON, August 31.—Diplomats of neutral nations who are stationed here have learned that 70,000 British held in check 200,000 Germans for three days until French reinforcements arrived. Where the stand was made is not specified in the despatches.

Belgian Queen Takes Her Three Babes to England and Safety

LONDON, September 1.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, with her children, Prince Leopold, Prince Charles and Princess Marie-Jose, arrived here yesterday from Antwerp and will make her home in England until the end of the war. The Queen and her children were given a warm welcome by the people. They will be the guests of King George and Queen Mary.