

FIGHT ALONG AISNE PROBABLY GREATEST IN HISTORY OF WARS

Expert Declares Passage of River by Front Attacks Would Be Most Notable Military Feat.

LONDON, Sept. 30. In an interesting article in the London Daily Express, Lieutenant-Colonel Alsager Pollock, of the British army, gives a minute description of the theatre of the world's greatest battle on the banks of the Aisne.

Colonel Pollock describes the Aisne as a very sluggish river. From Villeneuve, one mile east of Soissons, to Lamotte, eight miles east of Compiègne, a distance of nearly seventeen miles, the fall is only twenty-one feet.

According to Colonel Pollock, climatic conditions render the finding of an accurate range for heavy guns almost impossible. In the clear atmosphere of South Africa, where he served during the Boer War, the fire of artillery at 8000 yards, or even more, could be quite usefully observed.

A POINT OF VANTAGE. According to Colonel Pollock, on the left bank of the Duxion, a tributary stream which falls into the Aisne at Vic-sur-Aisne, a convenient spur runs out westward, from behind which an open field of fire extends for about 5000 yards along the right bank of the Aisne.

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MAY MAKE HISTORIC RECORD. "Meanwhile," Colonel Pollock says in conclusion, "there is also another factor of the problem which has most certainly exercised a weighty influence. Von Kluck's defeated army, we may be quite sure, is not that which brought the purpose of the Aisne by wallow without doubt, moved up his own army to occupy and entrench the most favorable positions on the right bank of the river, in anticipation of Von Kluck's retirement behind it."

FOUR GARIBALDIS FIGHT TO AID FRENCH CAUSE

Noted Italian Physicians Also Enlist With Allies. BORDEAUX, Sept. 30. Four members of the famous Garibaldi family, of Italy, have enlisted in the French army and all have been nominated as officers, as shown by the list in the official journal today.

EVERYTHING FAVORS ALLIES, WINSTON CHURCHILL SAYS

But Visit to Front Convinces Him War Will Be Long. PARIS, Sept. 30. First Lord of the British Admiralty Winston Churchill, who has just made an automobile tour of the front, has arrived in Paris.

BRITISH CRUISERS GUARD STRAITS OF MAGELLAN

Three Warships Move to Harass Enemy's Shipping. PUNTA ARENAS, Chili, Sept. 30.—A close watch is being maintained here for German and Austrian ships passing through the straits of Magellan by the British cruisers Goodhope, Monmouth and Glasgow, which arrived here yesterday, under command of Christopher Craddock.

All vessels going through the straits from the Atlantic to the Pacific stop here. The arrival of the three cruisers would indicate that the British Admiralty has decided to send them to the Pacific in search of the enemy's shipping.

LEMBERG IN CHAOS AS RUSSIANS TAKE GALICIAN CAPITAL

Austrians, Civil and Military, in Pell-mell Panic, Offer Scant Resistance, People's Pathetic Plight. PETROGRAD, Sept. 30.

A graphic story of the fall of Lemberg, Galicia, and the scenes attending the Russian occupation of the city, has just been given to me by an Englishman who has arrived here after witnessing these historic events.

"I am an engineer," said he, "and with a friend of the same calling had business in Lemberg. We were not molested in any way until about a week before the arrival of the Russians, when we were suddenly sent for by the Austrian police, placed under arrest and conveyed to prison. Simultaneously all our money was confiscated."

NO DEFENSE ATTEMPTED. "Defense of the city was not attempted at all. The Russians gave the demoralized Austrian military authorities three days in which to surrender and evacuate the place so that the inhabitants would be spared the horrors of a bombardment."

Then the invaders made some show of opening a bombardment. I should say it was only a feint; at any rate, no shells seemed to fall in the city. Surely the Russian gunners were not such bad marksmen as all that.

"The noise of the Russian artillery was terrific, and it scared the already panic-stricken townspeople almost into hysterics. Thirty-five thousand persons, some of them residents of Lemberg, and others refugees from the surrounding country, bolted helter-skelter. The large Jewish population of Lemberg was particularly frightened, as the Austrians had systematically circulated stories that the Russians would massacre the Jews."

PITIFUL STREET SIGHTS. "There were pitiful sights in the streets, notably the spectacle of Austrian soldiers, with wounded bodies, hatless, shoeless, and in rags, begging a crust of bread."

"Numbers of them belonging to the Slavonic race got into civilian clothing and were to be seen carrying their uniforms under their arms in bundles. They said they were going to burn them. The utter disorganization of the Austrian military administration and the state of chaos into which the Austrian war commissariat degenerated are beyond criticism. The Austrian army itself proved to be disintegrated and an unwilling mass of men that fell apart in the face of danger. Many of them were only too glad to throw down their arms and surrender. When taken prisoner they fraternized like brothers with the Russians."

MINOR TERRORS OF WAR: ITS COMEDY AND PATHOS

A distinguished prisoner in Hungary is a Russian general, Eugene Mastinoff. General Mastinoff still looks quite defiant, although he has grown a shade more modest since he was taken prisoner. When brought into the prison camp, he asked, through an interpreter, for the commander. Colonel Alfred von Ottauer complied with the request, and, with the courtesy characteristic of officers, presented himself to the Russian general.

A correspondent of the Retch writes that after the capture of Tilsit the Russians occupied an estate of the Kaiser which comprises a model farm and an enormous garden, such as the Russian soldiers had never before seen.

The strictness of the censorship may be judged from an article from a correspondent of the Echo de Paris, which begins: "There is no danger of my being indiscreet. I know no more than anybody. But I believe that without saying too much I can say—"

There doesn't appear to be a man among them who could score a 'bull's-eye' once in a hundred shots, and as for making a good show at Bisley, they simply couldn't do it anyhow. German prisoners admit that they are bad shots, and they are amazed at the way we pepper them when they are advancing.

Corporal J. Bailey in a letter home expresses lively contempt for German marksmanship, as follows: "On the firing line the Germans seem to have more ammunition than is good for them, and they keep firing away at least ten rounds for every one of ours without doing half the damage, or anything like it."

SERVIANS IN DASH ACROSS SAVE RIVER REOCCUPY SEMLIN

Completely Surprise Austrians in Successful Effort to Stop Shelling of Belgrade. Success in Bosnia. NISH, Sept. 30.

It is officially announced that the Servians have reoccupied Semlin, on the north side of Save River, in Slavonia, from which they were driven a fortnight ago by an overwhelming Austrian army.

The attack was a complete surprise to the Austrians, and they were compelled to abandon great quantities of stores in their flight. The War Office says that the Servians are now pursuing the defeated Austrians, and that the siege of Belgrade will soon be raised.

100,000 ENGLISH HOMES OPENED TO BELGIANS

Hospitable Offers to Refugees Far Exceed Necessity. LONDON, Sept. 30.—So many offers have been received from hospitable English families who want to shelter Belgian refugees that the Relief Committee decided to send out circular letters stating that no further offers could be considered.

THUNDER OF ARTILLERY NO LONGER BOTHERS TROOPS

Men in Aisne Trenches Sleep Undisturbed by Roar of Guns. PARIS, Sept. 30. Letters from French soldiers on the firing line and similar communications found upon German prisoners throw interesting light upon the situation on the battle front.

"I am writing this in a trench under fire, and God knows if it will ever reach its destination. The Germans have been shelling us continually for two days and two nights, and the roar of artillery thunder has become so incessant that we can sleep without minding it."

"The German gunners are assisted by their aeroplanes, which go up every day and find the ranges. They report any troop movements and enable the Germans to turn their guns against our men when they move forward."

"The destruction is terrible. I cannot tell how many towns and villages I have seen with the buildings blasted and blackened with fire. Bridges are wrecked and railroad tracks are torn up. It will be many years before this country regains its former beautiful aspect."

"The men believe that they soon will be pursuing the Germans, and already we are getting winter equipment, so I guess the War Office looks for a winter campaign. We are well fed, but the wet, cold weather has caused a good deal of sickness in the ranks. We are better off than the Germans, however, for prisoners report conditions in the German camp as being almost unbearable."

"I don't care who you are," replied young Price. "The Prince promptly knocked the boy down with a blow on the nose, aimed with his left. The Devonshire lad got up and fought furiously for 20 minutes until the German party arrived and separated them. Both were marked, but the Prince had the worst of the fight."

An old lady of London, anxious to follow the European campaign with the aid of a war map which she had purchased, took it back to her studio complaining that it did not show the battlefield of Armageddon, about which she had heard so much.

ROSTAND AND HIS WIFE STONED BY PARIS MOB

Accused of Cowardice Because of Flight From French Capital. PARIS, Sept. 30.

The Intransigent says that Edmond Rostand, the famous poet and dramatist, his wife and the Countess Noailles, who were induced to leave Paris when the Germans approached on the argument that the enemy would make them hostages, were stoned by a crowd at Chateaufort during an automobile journey to Trierence.

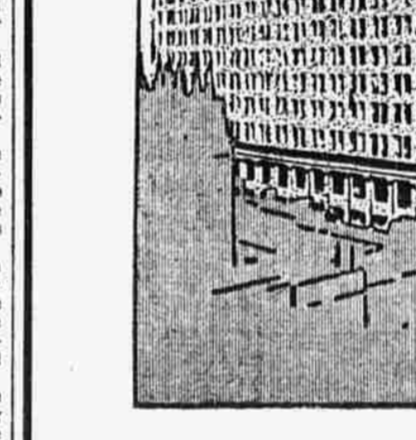
BRITAIN NOT RECRUITING MEN FROM UNITED STATES

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice Denies Enlistments in New York. WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Setting at rest a report that the British Consul General in New York was recruiting men for the British army, Sir Cecil A. Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, has issued a denial that any men are being enlisted in this country.

SENATE DEMANDS INQUIRY

Wants to Know Whether England is Interfering With Neutral Ships. WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—A demand for information whether Great Britain was interfering with shipments of copper from the United States to Rotterdam in neutral bottoms was made on the floor of the Senate today.

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