

ANGLO-FRENCH LINES ARE BENT BACKWARD BUT REMAIN INTACT

Is Statement Given Out By French Embassy In London As Supplementary To Official Report Which Was Made Public In Paris Last Night.

GERMAN TROOPS REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT ANTWERP

It Is Presumed They Will Replace Those of Western Army Who Were Sent By Kaiser To Resist The Advance of Russia in East Prussia.

The absence of news concerning the progress of the European war to-day was most marked. Not since the early days of August when the military operations first took serious form has there been such a dearth of intelligence, official and otherwise.

It is evident that there is a concerted effort on the part of both the English and the French authorities to keep the world at large in absolute ignorance of what is transpiring in northern France. No official statement was issued in either London or Paris or Berlin. Such news as has come to hand is decidedly fragmentary and unsubstantiated and is of minor importance, without real significance. This veil of secrecy was drawn tighter to-day than at any time in the last thirty days, and it may be taken as an indication of events of importance transpiring in northern France.

A similar silence was observed during the fighting last week around Mons, Cambrai and Lecateau.

The latest official report on the situation north of Paris was issued last night. It is said that the French left, owing to the progress of the German right wing, has been forced to mark a new retirement. Explaining this announcement, the French embassy in London said to-day that the Anglo-French army corps has given ground, but nowhere have they been broken through.

The fighting to-day, in which the allies are believed to be opposing the German advance, is thought to be centered around Lafere, a strongly fortified French position on the river Oise, 75 miles northeast of Paris. The fate of the French capital may hang on the outcome of these operations.

A news dispatch from Dieppe says a great battle was fought at Croisilles and probably still is in progress. No details are given and there is no news of such a battle from any other sources. Croisilles is ten miles southeast of Arras and 15 miles from Cambrai.

Rome has received a report from Roumania that the Russians inflicted a crushing defeat on the Austrians in Galicia. The Austrian loss is reported to have been 20,000. Reports from the eastern theatre of war are conflicting, both St. Petersburg and Berlin claiming victories.

THE TURKISH ARMY BEGINS ITS MOBILIZATION NOW

Rome, via Paris, Sept. 1.—A telegram from Berlin announces the mobilization of the Turkish army. Seventy-two German officers have been incorporated in the Turkish army and will participate in the war. This is interpreted to mean that Turkey will fight on the side of Germany.

London, 12:20 p. m., Sept. 1.—The Anglo-French army corps have had to give ground, but nowhere have they been broken through, is the statement given out at the French embassy to-day. This announcement is a summary of that part of the official communication of the French war office referring to the German attack on the French left wing, made public in Paris last night.

FRENCH LEFT FLANK IN NEW RETIREMENT

Owing to Fact That Germans Have United Their Best Corps at That Point, Says French Official Statement.

Paris, Sept. 1.—The following official statement was issued by the war office last evening:

"The situation in general is actually as follows: First, in Vosges and in Lorraine, it must be remembered, our forces which had taken the offensive at the beginning of the operations and driven the enemy outside of our frontiers afterward underwent serious checks. Before Sarrebourg and in the region of Morhange, where they encountered very solid defensive works, our forces were obliged to fall back and to reform, one part on Couronne De Nancy and the other on the French Vosges.

"The Germans then assumed the offensive, but our troops after having thrown them back upon their positions, resumed the offensive two days ago. This attack continues to make progress, although slowly. It is a veritable war of sieges, as each position occupied is immediately fortified.

"This explains the slowness of our advance which is, nevertheless, characterized each day by fresh local successes.

"Second, in the region of Nancy and southern Woerwe since the beginning of the campaign this action between Metz, on the German side, and Toul and Verdun, on the French side, has not been the theatre of important operations.

"Third, in the direction of the Meuse, between Verdun and Mezieres, it will be remembered that the French forces took the offensive in the beginning toward

Longwy, Neufchateau and Paliseul. The troops operating in the region of Spincourt and Longuyon have been able to check the enemy's army under the command of the German crown prince.

"In the regions of Neufchateau and Paliseul, on the other hand, certain of our troops have received partial checks which obliged them to retire upon the Meuse without having their organization broken up. This retiring movement has compelled the forces operating in the neighborhood of Spincourt to withdraw also toward the Meuse.

"During the last few days the enemy has endeavored to spread out from the Meuse with considerable forces, but by a vigorous counter-offensive they were repelled with very great losses. In the meantime, fresh forces of Germans advanced to the district of Rocroy, marching in the direction of Bethel.

"Now a general action is taking place between the Meuse and Bethel and it is still impossible to see definitely the issue of this.

"Fourth, operations in the north—the French and British forces originally took up positions in the Dinant and Charleroi country and at Mons. They endured several repulses and the forcing of the Meuse by the Germans near Givet upon our flank, compelled our troops to retire.

"The Germans seek continually to move toward the west. It was under these conditions that our English allies attacked by the enemy greatly in superior numbers in the region of Liecourt and Cambrai, have withdrawn toward the south at the moment that our forces were operating in the district of Avesnes and Chimay. The retiring movement was prolonged during several days.

"In the meantime, a general battle took place in the region of St. Quentin and Vermin and at the same time in the Ham-Perennes district. This battle was

NUMERICAL STRENGTH REMAINS UNCHANGED

Universalist Y. P. C. U. of Vermont and Province of Quebec Hears at Annual Convention in Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Sept. 1.—The 81st annual convention of the Universalist society of Vermont and the Province of Quebec this morning finished the business of the Young People's Christian union. Dinner was then served in the Universalist church and the delegates went on an automobile ride about town, returning in time for the opening of the afternoon session shortly after 2 o'clock.

RESERVISTS TAKEN FROM U. S. VESSELS

Two Liners Were Halted by British Warships Off Hong Kong and Six Germans and Austrians Were Taken.

Honolulu, Sept. 1.—The American liners Manchuria and China of the Pacific Mail Steamship company's oriental fleet were halted by British warships off Hong Kong and forced to surrender 60 German and Austrian reservists bound for the European war from the Philippines. This was the news brought by Captain Thompson of the China, which arrived here yesterday afternoon from San Francisco.

According to officers of the China, the Germans and Austrians, before starting on their journey, asked for and received assurances from Washington that they could not be molested on an American registered vessel. They then took passage for San Francisco, via Hong Kong, Shanghai, Nagasaki and Honolulu.

On arriving at Hong Kong the vessels were halted by ships of the British fleet, the passengers were summoned for inspection, and required to give their nationality at the call of the purser's roll.

Those who appeared to be Germans or Austrians and could not prove otherwise were taken in a navy tender to Stonecutters' island for detention.

Two Germans aboard the China claimed Swiss citizenship and were not held.

All German residents of Hong Kong have been held, Captain Thompson reports.

U. S. NOT ALARMED.

State Department Awaiting More Definite Information.

Washington, Sept. 1.—State department officials did not regard as unusual the reported removal of German and Austrian reservists from American ships off Hong Kong, provided the incident occurred within the three-mile limit of the British port. Inasmuch as Hong Kong is under British jurisdiction, her warships could arrest the nationals of any belligerent within territorial waters.

What might be the opinion of the American government if the reservists were taken from American vessels on the high seas is undetermined. State department officials said last night no complaint of that character had been placed before them.

The right of search for contraband cargoes on the high seas is accorded by all nations to belligerent ships; but the right to take a passenger from a neutral ship on the high seas has long been in dispute, and no official of the department was willing to express an opinion.

ST. PETERSBURG GETS A CHANGE OF NAME

Henceforth the Capital of Russia Is to Be Known as Petrograd by Imperial Order Issued To-day.

London, 10 a. m., Sept. 1.—A dispatch to Reuters from St. Petersburg says that by imperial order the city of St. Petersburg, the capital of the Russian empire since 1712, will henceforth be known as Petrograd. This change eliminates the Teuton construction in the name by which the city has been known since it was founded by Peter the Great in 1703.

WON'T DESERT POST.

U. S. Ambassador Herrick Declares He Will Stay in Paris.

Paris, Sept. 1, 8:15 a. m.—In reply to a question whether the United States embassy would leave Paris in the event of the investment of the city by the Germans, Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, said:

"The American embassy will remain here. My government offered me the choice of returning to the United States or remaining here. I chose to remain because many Americans will be here who will need not only my support but my protection.

THE BLAZING LAKE STEAMER REACHED BREAKWATER JUST IN TIME

Several Hundred People Were Taken Off Breakwater by Tugs

SAVED ALL PASSENGERS

Chicago, Sept. 1.—With several hundred passengers aboard, the excursion steamer, City of Chicago, coming from Benton Harbor, Michigan, caught fire several miles off Chicago early this morning. Putting on full speed, the steamer made for the government breakwater just off the harbor, where all the passengers were landed safely a moment before the boat sank. The passengers, most of whom were women and children, huddled on the breakwater until they were rescued by tugs.

VESSEL SANK JUST AFTER DEBARKATION

FUNERAL OF ALDEN FREEMAN.

Was Held at His Home on the East Hill Yesterday Afternoon.

Funeral services for Alden Freeman, whose death at his home on Trow hill early Saturday morning removed a resident of that locality for the past 67 years, were held at the house Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

HOME TEST FOR DIRTY MILK

Is Recommended by the Vermont State Board of Health.

A good portion of the September number of the quarterly bulletin issued by the state board of health is taken up with a report of the recent health officers' school in Rutland. The analytical work performed in the state laboratory during the months of April, May, June and July, 1914, included 834 cultures for diphtheria bacilli, the examination of 701 specimens of sputum for tubercle bacilli, 250 specimens of blood, for the malarial parasites, 235 specimens of milk for compliance with the standards, 128 specimens of food products for compliance with legal standards, 29 examinations made for the department of justice, 783 samples of liquor examined for the secretary of state, and 233 miscellaneous examinations, making a total of 3,230 examinations. Every one of the 783 samples of liquor examined was found to be legal.

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\$35,000 DAMAGE BY FIRE

Brusa Granite Co.'s Plant at Northfield Wiped Out This Morning and 40 Stonecutters Were Thrown Out of Employment—Also Other Property Endangered

CHIEF EDDIE INJURED BY STREAM OF WATER

Cause of the Fire Is a Mystery, the Flames Breaking Out at 1:30 O'clock in the Boiler-Room—It Is Not Known Whether or Not the Plant Will Be Rebuilt

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARIES TO-DAY

There Was No Republican Candidate Opposing Senator Gallinger but There Was Three-Cornered Fight Among Democrats.

IN TWO MINUTES FLAT.

Directum I Went Two Heats in Record Time in Syracuse.

THREE CARLOADS OF FINISHED WORK LOST.

But practically all the buildings of the Brusa plant were completely destroyed, together with valuable machinery and a quantity of granite work in finished and partially finished stages. There were three carloads of finished work inside the shed, all boxed and ready for shipment; and that property was lost, as well as much granite that was in the various stages of completion.

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BEAT McLOUGHLIN.

Williams Took the American Title in Straight Sets.

MAY RETURN TO NEW ENGLAND.

President Wilson Left Cornish To-day for Washington.

SWANTON BARN BURNED; ALSO HORSE

Fire of Unknown Origin on Jewett Street Also Cracked Windows in Grocery Store on Opposite Side of Street.

REMOVED TO NEW ENGLAND.

Cornish, N. H., Sept. 1.—President Wilson planned to leave for Washington at 2:46 this afternoon, bringing his short vacation to an end. He spent the forenoon on the golf links at Hanover. He may return to New England about Oct. 1 for a visit to his daughter, Mrs. F. B. Sayre, at Williamstown, Mass.

CHIEF EDDIE'S INJURIES.

Chief Eddie was resting as comfortably as could be expected at his home to-day, and no last but results were expected from his contact with a heavy stream of water. It is said that there were not firemen enough at the nozzle of the streams of water which were being directed on the burning stonework and that the force of the stream caused the hose to get away from them. Chief Eddie was standing not far away and he was struck in the face and knocked unconscious. He was picked up and carried to his home and given every attention. To-day he was troubled with blood coming from his eyes, but it is not thought that his injury will be permanent.

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