

Rzgow, where the Germans were entrenched in a slight rise of the ground. The Siberians deployed and attacked the German position from two sides. The unexpectedness of the Russian assault surprised the Germans, and the first trenches were quickly taken. The Germans soon recaptured them. In the next few hours these trenches were taken and retaken three times.

MAP SHOWING COURSE OF BATTLE FRONT IN EAST PRUSSIA, POLAND AND AUSTRIA.



On being dislodged finally at Rzgow the Germans retreated northward, being pounded by the Russians until the main body of Germans was reached. A rough cross surmounted by a peaked helmet and another cross on which rests a Siberian cap, blood-stained and bullet-holed, now marks the field where thousands of dead lie side by side.

Troops Taken from West. It is interesting to note that the withdrawal of Poland has now twice been officially confirmed. The withdrawal was effected without destroying the symmetry of the western front. Whole army corps have not been withdrawn, only a certain proportion from the various units.

FRANCE, FEARING SPIES, SUSPECTS ALL ALIENS

Endless Red Tape Renders Travel Difficult, Especially in Zone of Military Operations—"Makes One Feel Like a Criminal," Says Correspondent.

By GORDON GORDON-SMITH. Chalons-sur-Marne (via Paris), Dec. 4.—To see the great camps of Chalons one could imagine that the French were facing the Germans on a battlefield of 400 kilometers.

KINGS SHAKE HANDS NEAR FIGHTING LINE

George V Visits Albert in Flanders—Meet on a Muddy Road.

(By Cable to The Tribune.) Dunkirk, Dec. 5.—There was an historic incident on the roadside in a Flanders town this morning, when King George met King Albert. The King of the Belgians, as the host, was first at the rendezvous. He was dressed in his usual quiet uniform of dark blue. As he alighted from his motor car and walked toward some old cottages here he waited and exchanged kindly words with Belgian soldiers who came out of a neighboring inn to touch their hats to their monarch.

Chalons, of course, is of immense importance from the strategic point of view. It is situated almost at the apex of the triangle formed by the fighting line running from the North Sea to Rheims and from Rheims to Verdun. The men in the camp can in a few hours reinforce any point of the front north or east. It is only about twenty-five miles from the zone of operations. In fact, when the wind is favorable the booming of the guns of the German heavy batteries can be heard day and night.

But it is not a comfortable place of sojourn for a civilian, the more so if he is a foreigner. It is difficult to get a passport for any other country, and all I had to do was to sit tight till the train reached the city. Trouble began two days later, when I wanted to leave the city. After being allowed to get on the train at the next station the commissary of police entered the train and made a second examination of papers.

He declared that my pass was "highly irregular" and insisted on my leaving the train at once and accompanying him to the chief military authority, the Commandant de la Place. The latter was at first most amiable, but the police commissary managed to infect him with his suspicions, for finally he decided that I must be sent to the headquarters of the army corps, ten miles distant. Thither I proceeded in a big military automobile.

We had no luck, however. On reaching headquarters we found that the general commanding the whole army, accompanied by two Russian generals, had just arrived on a visit. The result was that the chief of staff had other things to do than worry about the papers of a foreign journalist. I was therefore forced to wait in my hotel for nearly three hours until my case could receive official attention.

French System Admirable. I did not, however, regret the delay, as it gave me the opportunity of seeing the inside workings of the staff of a French army corps in time of war. It proved to me that this department of the French army works smoothly and as admirably as the rest of the military machine.

Once in possession of the indorsement of the chief of staff I was able to take a train to Paris, but what I thought excessive was that the general at where I changed trains for Paris should insist that I should have to tramp to the other end of the village to get the visé of the Mayor for my "laissez passer." Why the "laissez passer" of the chief of staff of an army corps should require the approval of the Mayor of a village of 1,200 inhabitants is a mystery.

As, however, by that time I had reached a stage of lamblike patience in the receipt of passes, signatures, counter signatures and visés, I obeyed without a murmur.

NO WAR FOR ITALY, SAYS STATESMAN

A. B. Fasola, an importer of oils and wines, of 95 River St., Hoboken, and a cousin of Enrico Benedetta, private secretary to the Italian Secretary of State, received yesterday a cable message from the Italian Foreign Office to the effect that the chance of Italy entering the European war is remote. Fasola, who owns extensive properties in Italy, became alarmed at recent press dispatches, which stated that Italy would declare war in the near future, and called to Benedetta for information. He received the cable message from the Secretary of the Italian Foreign Office.

"No cause for worry," it read. "Italy will maintain strict neutrality under all circumstances." According to letter advice which he has received lately Italy is the only European country through which the Germans and Austrians can receive their food supplies, Holland having yielded to the representations made by the Allies and prohibited the passage of food to Germany.

According to Fasola, who says he is in close touch with Italian affairs, the commercial relations between Italy and her former allies, whom she refused to join in battle, have increased to such an extent since the war began that her paralyzed financial condition has materially improved during the last few months, and it would be folly for her to throw away the chance of replenishing her depleted exchequer.

ITALIAN CHAMBER SUSTAINS PREMIER

Expresses Confidence in Government by Vote of 413 to 49.

PRINCE VON BUELOW'S MISSION DISCUSSED

Sent to Rome Post to Use All Possible Influence Against the Allies.

Rome, Dec. 5.—The Italian Chamber passed a vote of confidence to-day in the government, 413 to 49. The formal announcement that Prince Bernard von Bülow, former Chancellor of the German Empire, had been placed at the head of the German Embassy here, while the present ambassador, Herz von Platen, is to be absent for three months on account of his health, has aroused much interested comment in Rome, it being considered remarkable that a former Chancellor should become the head of an embassy which in the German diplomatic service.

Some statements say the appointment is Germany's answer to the declaration of Premier Salandra to the Italian Parliament on Thursday to the effect that there was no chance in any treaty binding Italy to participate with the Teuton allies in the conflict and that Italy would maintain her attitude of watchfulness and armed neutrality.

Some observers are of the opinion that the appointment means that Berlin is about to exercise strong pressure to prevent Italy from passing to the side of the Allies.

Berlin, Dec. 4 (via London, Dec. 5).—Commenting on the declaration of Premier Salandra in the Italian Chamber of Deputies to-day, the "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says that Italy's attitude in reserving for herself the right to take a hand in the political readjustment of Europe, so far as her own interests are involved, should make a great impression in Europe.

"Premier Salandra made it clear," says the newspaper, "that Italy's neutrality is self-imposed and voluntary on her part. For this reason Italy has reserved the right to act independently. Should developments threaten her position as a world power, she has the right of aloofness maintained up to the present time would no longer be binding."

"For the friends and allies of Italy," the "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" continues, "this announcement comes as no surprise. The Salandra Cabinet is sure to have the support of the majority of the Italian Parliament. This national patriotic policy Italy's allies realize fully that the Italian kingdom could not be excluded from a European settlement."

VICTORIA CROSS TO BRITISH PRIVATE

King George Bestows the Order of the Bath on General Ferdinand Foch.

London, Dec. 5.—The Victoria Cross has been bestowed on Private George Wilson, 2d Battalion, Highland Light Infantry, for "most conspicuous gallantry in attacking a hostile machine gun."

The official announcement, describing Private Wilson's gallantry, says: "He was accompanied by only one man when the latter was killed by a bullet in the chest. The private, however, remained alone and shot the officer and six men who were working the gun, which he captured."

SLEEPING TROOPS BETRAYED BY SPY

London, Dec. 5.—Hew 500 French soldiers were betrayed by a spy on Tuesday last in told in dispatches from Dunkirk.

The soldiers were sleeping in a church at Lampernisse. A spy, who gained access to the belfry and displayed lights which notified the German artillery of the presence of the troops. A bombardment immediately followed, and the exact names being known to the enemy, the sleeping men, before they could make their escape, were cut to pieces by exploding shells, which also set fire to the straw on which they had been lying.

AUSTRIAN AVIATOR ATTACKS CETTINJE

London, Dec. 6.—An Austrian aeroplane dropped two bombs yesterday on Cettinje, according to a Reuter dispatch from the Montenegrin capital. No damage was done.

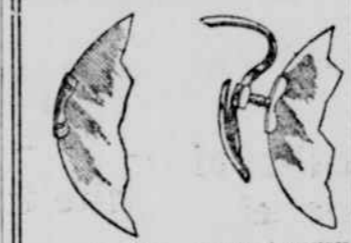
Antwerp Masterpieces Sunk in River Scheldt

London, Dec. 5.—There have been many reports since the Germans invaded Belgium regarding the places to which priceless art treasures were taken for safety. According to a statement made to-day to The Tribune representative by a person who enjoyed the confidence of the Belgian officials, a number of masterpieces formerly in Antwerp were sunk in the Scheldt in waterproof containers before the city was taken by the Germans.

The Tribune's informant said that it was rumored that Rubens' "Descent from the Cross," one of the masterpieces, was at the bottom of the Scheldt. The Germans, it is asserted, were billeted in some of the art galleries. It has been believed that many famous paintings were brought to England for safe-keeping.

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CRUISER AUSTRALIA REPORTED MISSING

Big Warship When Last Heard from Was Chasing Nuernberg.

Berlin (by wireless to Sayville, Long Island), Dec. 5.—Information given out to the press to-day by the German Official Press Bureau says that, according to a report received by the Italian newspaper "Corriere della Sera," the Australian battle cruiser Australia apparently is missing.

The Australia is a dreadnought cruiser of 19,200 tons. She is 578 feet long, 79 1/2 feet beam and has a mean draft of 27 1/2 feet. She was built at Clydebank in 1912, and is capable of travelling twenty-six knots. The vessel carries eight 12-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch guns and three 21-inch torpedo tubes.

The Australia was last reported in Haifa on the 24th of September, when the Waltham Navigation Company steamer and Wilhelm picked up a wireless message from the dreadnought saying that she was in full chase of the German cruiser Nuernberg.

SERVIA TO FORM NEW CABINET

Rome, Dec. 5.—A telegram from Nish, Servia, to the Stefani News Agency announces that the Servian Cabinet headed by Nikola Pachitch resigned to-day, and that Premier Pachitch is forming a new Ministry.

CABINET MEMBERS LEAVE FOR PARIS

Bordeaux, Dec. 5.—The members of the French Cabinet are returning to Paris, where it is expected the government will be re-established at an early date. Aristide Briand, Minister of Justice, left for the old capital to-day. Alexander Ribot, Louis J. Malvy and Gaston Doumergue, Ministers of Finance, the Interior and Colonies, respectively, will arrive here to-morrow. MM. Sembat, Guesde and Thomson will go to Paris on Monday.

PICTURES OF RUIN BARRED IN ANTWERP

Amsterdam (via London), Dec. 5.—The German military authorities at Antwerp, said the correspondent of the "Tribune" in that city, have prohibited the photographing of the ruins there by means of the following proclamation: "Whoever without permission photographs the ruins caused by the war, or distributes or sells such photographs, or displays in windows post cards or illustrated papers displaying such photographs, will be punished by a maximum fine of 5,000 marks (\$1,250), or by one year's imprisonment."

FINE ARTS, TOO, INVOLVED IN WAR

Paris, Dec. 5.—The Academy of Fine Arts has decided to cancel the appointments of the German and Austrian correspondents. Dazman, Boveret, professor of the Academy, has resigned as member of the Academy of Fine Arts of Berlin.

AVIATORS THROW BOMBS IN FREIBURG

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Hostile aviators dropped four bombs yesterday afternoon in the neighborhood of Freiburg, in Baden, not far north of the Swiss frontier. The intention of the aviators apparently was to destroy the railroad bridge there.

U. S. OFFICER AT AUSTRIAN FRONT

Genoa, Dec. 5.—Colonel John Biddle, of the General Staff of the United States army, attached as military observer with the Austrian army, departed for Vienna to-day. Thence he will go to the front to observe operations in the Austrian campaign against Russia.

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High Dyestuff Duty Urged

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"FIXED POST" TOTTERS

Only 158 Remain, as Police Phones Are Said To Be Better

The fixed post system in the Police Department, as carried out by former Commissioner Waldo, is on its last legs. Where a year ago there were 1,200 places in the city where a policeman might be found at all times from 10 p. m. until daylight, only 158 remain, and it is probable that by January 1 even these will be eliminated, except at a few points where traffic is congested at night.

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