

REVOLT GROWING AGAINST PENROSE IN VARE DISTRICT

Opposition to Selfish Leadership Takes Definite Form Among Foreign Residents of the Downtown Wards.

Revolt against Penrosism and Varelism is now spreading in the heart of the VARE district downtown. There are signs of a general uprising against the Organization leaders. It is contended by many of the downtown voters that they have been used solely to aid the Vares in their personal political ambitions, and the leaders of the anti-Vare crusade declare that there will be no change in conditions unless there is a change in political leadership.

ROADS, ENCOURAGED BY PRESIDENT, WILL RENEW RATE EFFORT

Probably Will Make Application to Commerce Commission for Reopening of "Five Per Cent. Case."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—New applications by railroads for authority to increase freight and passenger rates to bolster up dwindling revenues are expected to follow the President's compliance with the railroad presidents' request to call the attention of the country to their serious financial plight.

JAPANESE AND GERMANS BATTLE IN KIAO-CHAU

Troops Within Sixty Miles of Leasehold in China.

PEKING, Sept. 15.—German and Japanese forces engaged in a battle in the vicinity of Chi-Mo, near Kiao-Chau, on Sunday, according to a dispatch received here today. The Germans are using an aeroplane for scouting purposes. It was fired upon by the Japanese, but escaped harm. Thousands of Japanese troops are reported to have reached a point 60 miles northwest of Kiao-Chau.

LINER MAURETANIA DAMAGED

Vessel Became Unmanageable in a Gale at Liverpool.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—An exchange telegraph dispatch from Liverpool states that while the liner Mauretania was entering her berth there, last night on arriving from New York, she became unmanageable in a heavy gale and was damaged by striking the landing.

STORM ON THE WAY

Weather Bureau Warns of Disturbance in the Bahamas.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—The Weather Bureau today issued the following storm warning:

BERLIN REPORTS ALSACE CLEARED OF FRENCH

Fighting Still Going On Near Altkirch and Belfort.

BERLIN, Sept. 15.—It was officially announced here today that General Von Heeringen, taking the offensive in Alsace, has driven the French out of that region, forcing them westward through the passes of the Vosges. Fighting is still going on northwest of Altkirch, north of Belfort and around Giromagny.

KANSAS CITY AGAIN FLOODED

Four Inches of Rain Cause Waters to Rise.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 15.—Four inches of rain fell here today within a few hours, almost duplicating the floods of last week. Residents of the flooded district have again been driven from their homes by the rising waters.

GENERAL ROQUE KILLED

Death Shortly Follows After Promotion to Head Division.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—General Charles Roque, who had just received his promotion to the head of an army division, is named in the latest casualty list.

WEATHER FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate winds, mostly north-east.

PROTECTED BY WHITE FLAG ZEPPELIN DROPS 4 BOMBS

When Russians Cease Firing German Airmen Suddenly Attack.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Moscow quotes the assistant station master at Miava, on the Russo-Polish frontier, in a story telling of the capture of a Zeppelin. He said: "We were on the platform when the Zeppelin appeared about 500 feet above us. Our artillery opened fire, damaging three of its motors, but it proceeded, using the remaining motor. The Zeppelin then hoisted a white flag and the Russian officer ordered his soldiers to cease firing. They did so but the Zeppelin immediately hurled a bomb and the effect of its explosion was terrible, many being wounded. Three more bombs were thrown which killed 23 persons and wounded sixty. The airship then came to the ground a short distance away where the Germans succeeded in riving their vessel. The crew, consisting of four officers and four soldiers, were captured."

STEEL CARS PLUNGE OVER EMBANKMENT, 40 BELIEVED DEAD

Passenger Train On Frisco Road Wrecked Near Lebanon, Mo.—Twenty-six Bodies Recovered.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 15.—A Frisco passenger train bound from St. Louis to Texas points was derailed near Lebanon, Mo., early today. All wires from Lebanon to St. Louis are down as a result of the wreck and only indirect reports, by way of Springfield, have so far been received. These reports state that at least two score persons are missing and were probably killed in the wreck, but officials here have been unable to get any confirmation.

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Plea of Not Guilty Withdrawn on Four Counts and Penalties Imposed on Grain Men and P. R. R.

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MERCHANT VESSEL'S SWIFT RUN TO ESCAPE WARSHIP

Covers 700 Miles in Five and a Half Days When Threatened.

In a record run down the coast from St. John, N. B., to this port with a cargo of latex, the bark Matanzas, was chased one night by a strange warship. Members of her crew told the story today. When 20 miles east of Nantucket Light the war vessel abandoned the chase. Five and a half days was all that was required to make the run to this port, a distance of 700 miles, and Captain E. E. Walls, master of the square rigger, said he would have cut the lime down had he not been blanketed in fog for nearly a day shortly after leaving port.

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The Luxenburg Goes Aground Off Zealand Coast.

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President Woodrow Wilson passed through Philadelphia this morning on his way to Washington from Cornish, N. H., where he spent a short vacation. The Federal Express train, which the President's private car, Ideal, was attached, stopped at the North Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania Railroad at 6:19 o'clock for a few minutes and also at the West Philadelphia station at 6:29 o'clock. Few persons knew the President was to go through the city and as a result the usual crowd did not gather at the stations. The President had not yet awakened when he passed through the city.

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VON KLUK SURRENDERS; ENTIRE ARMY REPORTED CAPTURED BY ALLIES

The European War Country by Country

France.—The army of General von Kluk has been surrounded and forced to surrender near Mezières, according to reports. More than 25,000 soldiers are said to have laid down their arms. The general is probably among the prisoners. At Verdun the Crown Prince attempted to take the offensive this morning against the allies, but his force was repulsed. The German armies are being centralized along the Aisne River, west of the forest of the Argonne for a final stand against the British and French forces. Victory is reported along the entire line of the allied army.

The War Summary

General von Kluk, commander of the German right wing, is reported to have surrendered with 14,000 men in the vicinity of Mezières. The report lacks confirmation from the British and French War Offices.

For the last ten days the German right wing has sustained a terrific attack from the allies. On Sunday the British extended their lines near Rheims, and it is now believed that the Aisne has been crossed and the Germans surrounded near Mezières.

In a supreme attempt to prevent the German armies being repulsed from French soil, the Kaiser is centralizing the forces of Von Buelow, Von Hausen and the Duke of Wurtemberg along the Aisne to the west of the storied forest of the Argonne. The fighting in this vicinity has begun. Today the army of the Crown Prince attempted to take the offensive, but was speedily repulsed. This is the first time the German centre between the forest and Verdun has wavered.

The Belgians are reported to have defeated the army of General von der Goltz in a four-day battle. Brussels has been evacuated by the German troops and the capital, it is said, will be entered by native soldiers today or tomorrow. The defeated German army is rallying in the vicinity of Louvain. Western Belgium is free from the Germans.

Austria, defeated in virtually every engagement with the Russians, its armies demoralized, torn by internal dissension, is offering feeble resistance to the armies of the Czar. Galicia, under control of the Russians, is now forming the open road to Berlin, against which the hosts of the North are now moving. Emperor Nicholas has fired the enthusiasm of the army by declaring he will ride at the head of his troops into the German capital.

It is apparent that the Russians have abandoned their intention of attacking Budapest or Vienna, leaving the southern campaign to Serbia while a centralized movement against Germany is in progress. Now that the passes of the Caucasians are held by the Cossacks and the Austrian army depleted, little fear is entertained that Poland may be invaded and the Russian army in Galicia and Germany cut from the base at Warsaw.

Serbia continues the offensive against Austria, having defeated 90,000 men in an engagement yesterday. More than 10,000 Austrians are reported to have fallen. The battle took place along the Drina and Save Rivers.

Powerful German Right Wing Cut Off and Surrounded at Roye by French Forces Aided by Fresh British Troops From the Coast.

Allies Push Between Invaders North of River Aisne and Capture Army of 25,000—German Crown Prince Defeated and Retreat Continues.

PARIS, Sept. 15.

Reports have reached here that the allies' extreme left, after a circling movement by way of Roye and Ham, has joined forces with fresh troops from the coast and the Boulogne district, and compelled General von Kluk, in command of the German right wing, to surrender with 14,000 men, a quantity of guns and much war material.

Another estimate places the prisoners at 25,000.

Official confirmation of the report cannot be obtained.

The German troops have now reached the line of defense prepared by their sappers following their complete defeat in the battle of the Marne.

As a result their retrograde movement has been halted and they are reforming under cover of their entrenched rear guard, preparing to renew the battle.

They are outnumbered by the allies and officials here do not believe that they will attempt more than a momentary stand, during which they will withdraw their heavy siege artillery and reft their regiments, which have been greatly depleted by the last fortnight's fighting.

Reports of the capture of General Von Kluck and 25,000 of his picked troops are discredited at British army headquarters. It is pointed out there that if there was any truth in this account, sent by a correspondent from Dieppe, it would already have been confirmed by the French War Office, which is absolutely mum on the subject. Likewise the report that Maubeuge had been relieved by the French with 12,000 German prisoners taken is not confirmed and not generally credited.

It is stated officially that hundreds of prisoners have been taken, but that totals are not yet available. Heavy rains are interfering with the campaign in France. The situation in the north is especially bad from the German viewpoint, as they are far from their bases of supplies and the roads are rapidly becoming impassable for the German heavy supply trains and automobiles.

Official information was given out today by the British Government Press Bureau in the following statement: "The enemy still occupies a strong position north of the River Aisne. Fighting is going on all along the line. "The German Crown Prince's army has been driven farther back and is now on a line through Variennes-en-Artois, Conservoye and Ornes.

"The allied troops have occupied Rheims, taking 6000 prisoners and 12 guns. "Rain has made the roads heavy and increased the difficulties of the German retreat."

This report shows that the Germans are making a desperate stand all along the line to stem the forward movement of the French and British. The extreme right wing of the German army has been pushed eastward, apparently, until it is not far northwest of Rheims.

The official bulletin issued from the French War Office at 3 o'clock this afternoon shows that the German retreat has been checked and that they are now putting up a strong rear guard resistance. The report indicates the new line of battle and is as follows: "The Germans on Monday began to resist the French advance on a line that they have established north of the River Aisne and on a line through the forests of LaAigle and Craonne (mid-

way between Lion and Rheims) and at the centre to the north of Rheims and Chalons."

This is the first admission from the War Office since the German turning movement began that the German forces are returning to the attack. It is believed that they have now reached the entrenched positions previously prepared by the sappers and that another battle will soon be commenced.

Continuing, the official statement stated that the Germans are retreating between the Argonne forest and the Meuse River. Last night they held a front through Varennes and Conservoye.

The French right, it is stated, has gained a decisive victory and continues to force the Germans back. In this connection the official statement says:

"On the French right the Germans continue their retreat. Their line now runs from Etain, on the Oisne River, 12 miles northeast of Verdun, through their stronghold of Metz and then south to Chateau Salins in the Vosges. "In Alsace the situation continues unchanged."

Supported by reinforcements from Belgium, the right wing of the retiring German army under General von Kluk rallied and gave battle to the allies along a line north of the River Aisne. Farther to the east, north of Rheims, the Germans are also resisting, but the retreat east of the Argonne forest is reported to be continuing.

The centre of the German army, composed of the forces under the Crown Prince, attacked the French troops stretched along the Meuse between Verdun and Toul in an effort to break through.

This information was contained in an official statement issued at 11 o'clock.

The evident intention of the Crown Prince was to pierce the French lines so that his army can form a junction with troops east of the Meuse.

The following is the official statement: "The Crown Prince's army attempted to break through along the Meuse between Verdun and Toul. He has bombarded Troyon, which resisted valiantly. The German forces were repulsed.

"It is believed in well-informed circles that the German army will retreat into the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and into the Belgian province of Luxembourg, and endeavor to rally behind their fortified positions."

The German lines now extend in a southeastern direction, beginning at a point northeast of Amiens and stretching parallel to the Aisne, some 25 miles north of Rheims, near Rethel. German troops are massed in the forest of Argonne; another section is concentrated east and southeast of Verdun.

(According to the French War Office statement issued early today, the French have succeeded in relieving the fortress of Troyon, in the Woëvre district, about 12 miles southeast of Verdun.)

Although the German Crown Prince has been compelled to move his headquarters rearward 15 miles from Ste. Menchoul to Mont Faucon, this section of the German army will undoubtedly make terrific efforts to hold its position so it can act as a pivot for the balance of the German line.

An unofficial report to the effect that Maubeuge had been relieved and 12,000 Germans had been taken prisoners there was in circulation here, but lacked confirmation. Such a development at Maubeuge would compel the Germans to retire through the narrow gap flanked by Maubeuge and Verdun, if they continued their retreat.

(It had been officially announced by the German Government in Berlin last week that Maubeuge had been cap-