

GERMANS DEFEND STAND ON AISNE

NEW BATTLE OF GREAT SIZE BEGINS ON FRENCH SOIL, SAYS PARIS DISPATCH

ATTACK ON VERDUN IS DENIED

Army of Crown Prince Continues to Retreat Declares Message—Capital City Continues to Fortify

PARIS, Sept. 15.—French army headquarters gave out a statement today to the effect that the Germans still held a strong position north of the River Aisne, and that the opposing armies were in conflict along the entire line. The army of the crown prince, Frederick William, it was declared, had been forced to retreat still further and was on the line marked by Varennes, Consmeyre and Orpes. The allies have recaptured Rheims. The retreat of the Germans, said the report, was made more difficult by the rains, which stalled heavy guns and impeded the movement of various kinds. The official communication issued by the French government tonight says that the allied armies are in close contact with the Germans everywhere and that the forward movement continues between the Meuse and Argonne. The text of the communication is as follows: "On our left wing our armies are in close contact with the enemy on the whole front from the heights north of the River Aisne west and south of Rheims. On the cent our forward movement between the Argonne district and the Meuse continues. "It is absolutely untrue, as has been published time and again by the official Wolff agency, that the army of the crown prince is besieging and bombarding Verdun. This city has never been attacked. Only the fort of Troyon, which is not a part of the defenses of Verdun, but protects the heights of Meuse, has been bombarded on several occasions. "It is known that the violent attacks of which it has been the object have not succeeded and that since yesterday it has been relieved. "There is nothing to report concerning the right wing."

MINERS TO ACCEPT TRUCE
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—President Wilson was notified this afternoon by the convention of the United Mine Workers of America that his three-year truce plan between the miners and operators of Colorado was acceptable to the miners. The convention met today at Trinidad, Colo. Report comes from Seattle that at the special meeting of the Northwestern league last night, Vancouver was awarded the pennant and delegates were elected to take the annual meeting of the minor leagues at Omaha. It was decided to hold the annual meeting December 15.

ROUMANIAN CABINET QUILTS SAYS REPORT

CONGRESS MAY CHANGE ITS PLAN OF COLLECTING A WAR TAX

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Central News agency published a report today that the Roumanian ministry had resigned. No details were given. It is known, however, that there has been friction in Roumania over the country's war policy for some time. The reigning house is pro-Austrian; the people pro-Russian. The government recently agreed with Bulgaria and Greece to remain neutral, unless Turkey should enter the fight, in which case they proposed to unite in attacking the Turks.

May Drop Freight Tax.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—After a conference with President Wilson today, Representative Underwood, chairman of the house ways and means committee, announced that the freight tax proposed in the war tax bill will be dropped, if it fails to meet with the approval of the Democratic caucus tonight. He said he had arranged another plan, which he was sure would be approved. The new plan, it was believed, provides a stamp tax on commercial paper.

Treaties Signed.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Secretary Bryan thinks the peace treaties signed today with America by England, China, Spain and France will make war with these countries almost impossible, so far as the United States is concerned. Treaties with 26 foreign nations have been signed so far, but there are several more yet to be ratified by the senate. The signing of the treaties took place in the presence of the members of the cabinet.

ONLY ONE GAS LINE WILL CROSS RIVER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Senator Lane learns that the war department has granted permission to the Clackamas Gas company to lay a main across the Willamette below Milwaukie, but refused a permit to lay another main across the bend of the river at Milwaukie, holding that the same purpose could be gained by laying a pipe on land. Miss Florence E. Olson protested against granting the permit.

ROADS ASK FOR INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Representing the railroads affected by the 5 per cent rate increase decision, President Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio road this afternoon filed a petition for further relief with the Interstate Commerce commission. The effect of the European war on the railroads was cited as the reason for the petition.

DREYFUS, SHUNNED ONCE, NOW FIGHTS FOR FRANCE'S LIFE



CAPTAIN DREYFUS

Major Dreyfus, the famous Captain Dreyfus of the Dreyfus trial fame, has obtained a commission in the French army and is reported to be at the front. All the world remembers the great Dreyfus case, in which this official was accused of selling military secrets. His conviction and subsequent vindication from one of the greatest political cases of our times.

LORD OF ADMIRALTY ADOPTS GRIM SLOGAN

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Under the auspices of the National Liberal and Constitutional clubs, two great rival political organizations of the metropolis, an enthusiastic meeting was held tonight in support of the prime minister's call for recruits. The chief speakers were Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty; F. E. Smith, director of the official press bureau; and Will Crooks, labor leader in the house of commons. "In a battle taking place on a front of over 100 or 150 miles one must be careful not to build too high hopes," said Mr. Churchill. "But when every allowance has been made, the situation tonight is better, far better, than calculations could lead us to expect in this early stage of the campaign. But had this battle been as disastrous as, thank God, it appears to be triumphant, I should have come before you tonight with unabated confidence that we have only to continue our efforts to bring this war to the conclusion which we intend."

PECKINPAUGH TAKES CHARGE.
NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Frank Peckinpaugh formally retired this afternoon as manager of the New York club of the American league. He plans to leave for California tonight, making the trip in his automobile.

120,000 BALES STATE HOP CROP ESTIMATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 10.—Those in closest touch with the hop trade and crop of the Pacific northwest are today forecasting a crop of 110,000 to 120,000 bales for Oregon and 40,000 bales for Washington. Latest returns from the yards that have been gathered show a decrease of 20 to 50 per cent from a year ago, and the average loss is figured about 30 per cent. While this year's crop of hops in both Oregon and Washington is disappointing as compared with last year's big output, still the returns are in line with what the trade had generally expected during the last few weeks. While there has been a loss in quantity, quality is better than usual, and this will make up somewhat for the smaller crop. The losses are especially significant around Newberg, St. Paul, Sherwood, Hillsboro, Laurel, Woodburn, Mt. Angel and Silverton. Some small trading is again reported in the hop market at Willamette valley points. During the last few days McNiff Bros., of this city, purchased about 700 bales in the valley at 17 to 18c a pound.

BANKER DENOUNCES BELGIAN REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—A wireless message received this afternoon from Berlin by the German embassy here said: "Director Nelfferich, of the Deutsche bank, recently toured Berlin, and states that reports in newspapers of the destruction of Belgium towns have been greatly exaggerated. "Nelfferich said: "Verriers, Trierment and the industrial centers are intact. Louvain and Dinant were only partly destroyed. "The Nation, an Egyptian publication attacks the British government; declares England brought about the war under a futile pretext, and that Germany had never been unfair to the nations lined up against her."

TURKISH DIPLOMAT DEFENDS STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—President Wilson early today wrote Secretary Bryan to inquire of A. Rustem Bey, the Turkish ambassador, whether a recent published statement attributed to him was authentic. The ambassador had a long conference with Mr. Bryan at the state department, after which the secretary conferred with the president. The ambassador, it is understood explained that the statement as published was accurate, but was intended in no way to reflect on the United States government. It was understood that with this explanation the incident will be closed.

END OF WAR A LONG WAY OFF.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—First lord of the admiralty Winston Churchill's reference in a speech Friday night to the fact that Great Britain would be ready to put 25 army corps into the field in continental Europe "by the summer of 1915," was the subject of much comment today. The opinion was freely expressed that the government leaders believe the public is over-optimistic as a result of the allies' success in France the past few days and are trying to prepare the people's minds against a disappointment.

Submarine Is New Factor.
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GEN. SMITH-DORRIEN HEADS SECOND CORPS OF BRITISH IN FRANCE



GEN. SIR HORACE SMITH-DORRIEN

General Horace Smith-Dorrien has just been appointed to command the Second army corps of the British expeditionary force in place of the late General Grierson, who died suddenly. General Smith-Dorrien was commander in chief at Aldershot from 1907. Each army corps is composed of two divisions organized into twenty-four infantry battalions, six cavalry regiments, eight batteries of horse artillery of six guns each, eighteen batteries of field artillery of six guns each, two howitzer batteries of four guns apiece and troops of the engineer corps, signal corps, army service corps and other details. The general makeup of the expeditionary force is therefore approximately 72 infantry battalions, 18 cavalry regiments, 24 batteries of field artillery with 144 guns, 54 batteries of field artillery with 324 guns and six howitzer batteries with 24 guns. The first corps is commanded by Lieutenant General Sid Douglas Haig and the third by Major General W. P. Ullenteny.

AMERICAN TROOPS TO LEAVE MEXICAN LINE

ALL LARGE WARSHIPS WILL SAIL FROM REPUBLIC'S COAST GARRISON'S ORDER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—A formal order for American troops to evacuate Vera Cruz was issued today by Secretary of War Garrison. It was also said at the war department that all troops will be withdrawn from the Mexican border except small patrols. All large warships soon will leave Mexican waters for the Virginia capes, where they will participate in target practice. Admiral Fletcher will succeed Admiral Haddock tomorrow as commander of the Atlantic fleet. The withdrawal of the American troops from Vera Cruz will be completed by October 15. Six transports from Hampton Roads and 10 from New Orleans and Galveston will start south soon. Provisional President Carranza will be asked to appoint some one formally to receive Vera Cruz from General Funston. Customs funds collected by Funston, including the percentage claimed by France, may be held temporarily in escrow.

WILSON CABLES TO KAISER AS A FRIEND

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—A reply to Kaiser Wilhelm's cablegram of protest against alleged Belgian atrocities was sent to Berlin today by President Wilson. The message said: "I received your imperial majesty's important communication of the 7th, and read it with the gravest interest and concern. I am honored that you should have turned to me for impartial judgment as the representative of a people truly disinterested as respects the present war, and truly desirous of knowing and accepting the truth. After repeating substantially the same language concerning the outcome of the war as that used in his speech to the Belgian protest commission, the president concluded: "I speak frankly, because I know you will expect and wish me to do so as one friend should to another, and because I feel sure such a reservation of judgment until the end of the war, when events and circumstances can be seen in their entirety and true relation, will commend itself to you as a true expression of sincere neutrality."

GERMANS ARE NOT CAST DOWN

PARIS, Sept. 16.—It is officially announced here that the Germans are fighting a strong and defensive battle along their front from Nancy, 55 miles northeast of Paris, to a point north of Verdun. The line thus runs nearly east and west. The battle, according to the report, is 110 miles long. The official communication says: "During the days of September 14 and 15 the rearguard of the enemy was overtaken by our pursuing force and obliged to turn and face us. Reinforced by large armies, the Germans waged a defensive battle along their entire front, on which certain of their positions show strong organization. This front is bounded by the region of Nancy, the plains to the north of Verdun, the heights to the north and to the west of Rheims and a line which runs thence to the north of Argonne, to the west of the Argonne region, and which is continued thence beyond the Argonne by another line, which passes north of Varennes, a point that has been evacuated by the enemy, and reaches the River Meuse in the neighborhood of the Forest of Forges, which is north of Verdun. "During the pursuit of the enemy executed by our troops after the battle of the Marne, the Germans abandoned numerous prisoners to our hands. To these men there has been added a large multitude of stragglers, who were hidden in the forests. "No exact accounting of these prisoners, or of the war material captured by us so far has been possible. It is for this reason that the minister of war, who does not want to give out figures which might be considered fantastic, refrains from announcing the details of these captures. Another official communication issued tonight announces that headquarters sends no new details of the battle now being fought along the Aisne river.

BATTLE WAGED ON A 110-MILE LINE

REPORTS FROM PARIS SAY THAT REINFORCEMENTS HAVE COME TO ALLIES AID

Capture of Many Prisoners on Previous Retreat Reported—No Battles—Lost, Says Tueton General

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BRITISH WANT BIGGER ARMY.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Premier Asquith today asked parliament to increase the British regular army by 500,000. It was believed it would be done immediately. He intended to ask for further increases later, the premier said, if 500,000 proved too few. The initial increase of 500,000, Asquith added, would bring the total establishment of regulars and territorials, or volunteers, up to 1,501,838 men.

CAPE TOWN, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE TOWN, Union of South Africa, Sept. 10.—A strong military force from German southwest Africa is entrenched on British territory near the boundary, Premier Botha told the colonial parliament today. He added that troops were on their way to dislodge the invaders and that all of German southwest Africa would be attacked.

Oceanic Is Wrecked.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Details were unobtainable today of the manner in which the White Star liner Oceanic, in service as a converted cruiser, reported wrecked off the north Scotch coast, met its fate. The official war news bureau announced only that the vessel was "a total wreck" without explaining whether it was driven ashore by a storm, stranded by accident or destroyed by the enemy. The crew, however, it was said, was saved.

GORDON BENNETT MARRIED

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—A Paris dispatch printed here this afternoon by the New York Sun said James Gordon Bennett, publisher of the New York Herald, was married in Paris today to Baroness de Teuton, widow of Baron George de Reuter. Baptist hens in Dallas will help pay the pastor's salary. An egg club has been formed by women members of the church who own chickens. All the eggs laid on Sunday will be sold and the proceeds turned into the pastor's salary fund. At the end of a year the women whose hens contribute the most eggs will be given suitable recognition.

The Enterprise says that farmers in the vicinity of Newberg are paying more attention to the growing of clover for seed.

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