

GERMANS GAINING ON RIVER SOMME

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British Declared to Be Resuming Offensive.

FRENCH ARMY CONFIDENT

Ex-Commander-in-Chief Says Germans Take Great Risks in Lengthening Lines of Communication.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—"The progress of the German right wing has obliged us to yield ground on our left," says an official statement issued here tonight.

"According to Liberte, the Germans have penetrated a short distance farther on the river Somme.

"The British, in conjunction with the French left, have resumed a vigorous offensive. Farther west the French troops have checked the enemy's advance guards. At the other extremity of the line, on the Meuse, the French are offering a strenuous and successful defense, which extends along nearly the whole front.

French Offensive Checked at Left.

"Our offensive movement succeeded on our right, but was checked on our left. The Germans gained ground, as announced, toward La Fere. At any rate, we hold firm even under attack—a sure sign of the confidence of our army."

General La Croix, co-commander-in-chief of the French army, considers that the Germans are taking great risks in lengthening their lines of communication.

"One step gained by them in France is a step lost by them against Russia," he said. "My feeling is that the German advance must soon come to an end."

General La Croix, who is military editor of the Temps, takes a hopeful view of the situation, saying:

"The Germans continue their turning movement on their right. We have replied by assuming the offensive at Novion Foren and at Guise. The result is indecisive in the first direction, but our attack will be resumed."

General Pau in Paris.

General Pau was in Paris today for a brief visit to the Minister of War. He will return to the front soon.

The number of popular restaurants for victims of the war is increasing. For 4 cents one may be assured of a wholesome meal.

Count von Schwerin, nephew of the German Emperor, was among the prisoners sent toward the West from the zone of fighting. His hands and feet were chained because he refused to give his word that he would not try to escape. He had with him a sword given him by Emperor William.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—The correspondent at German army headquarters of the Deutsches Tages-Zeitung reports the defeat of the English at St. Quentin, accompanied by great losses. The army, utterly defeated, he says, found its retreat barred by masses of German cavalry.

NORTH BELGIUM FREE OF FOE

German Forces Holding Cities Reduced to Minimum.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—An official Belgian dispatch sent by the correspondent of Reuter's Telegraph Company at Antwerp says:

"The territory north of the Demer River is free of the enemy. Diest has been evacuated and the Campine country is calm."

"There are no Germans in the region of Ghel, Moll, Turnhout, Merchem and Londerseel.

"Refugees from Brussels say it is possible to enter Liege easily. They estimate that the Germans have not more than 3000 troops there. Slight engagements are said to be taking place constantly north of Brussels.

"Gatherings of more than 300 persons are forbidden in Brussels. All lights are extinguished at 9 o'clock."

"Provisions are comparatively cheap. Peasants have begun again to bring vegetables to market, but meat is scarce, the Germans having requisitioned all cattle."

"Major Louis Livingston Seaman, delegate of the American Red Cross, by agreement with the Belgian government, has cabled a long report to the United States relating to atrocities committed in Belgium by Germans."

JAPANESE HELP WANTED

French Statesman Suggests Hundreds of Thousands Could Come.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—Stephen Pichon, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an article in the Petit Journal, asks why the Japanese army should not take part in the war in Europe. He says he is convinced that all that is required is an agreement between London, St. Petersburg and Paris to enable several hundred thousand Japanese to be sent to France. In closing the article he says:

"I need not add that we should hasten."

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The French Embassy, in a statement today, denied that "any such aeroplanes bombarded the open city of Nuremberg," as was alleged in a statement by Count von Bernstorff in New York.

Paris, Aug. 30.—The Ministry of War announced that it has been decided to call out the class of 1914, which will give at least 200,000 additional troops, and also to call out the active reserve and the eldest classes of the territorial reserve.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The official information bureau announces that Apis, a scaport of Upolu, Samoan Islands, and capital of the German part of the group, has surrendered to the British.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Admiralty announces that the British casualties in the naval engagement off Heligoland were two officers and 27 men killed, 19 seriously injured and 19 others slightly wounded.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The official information bureau announces that Vice-Admiral Augustine Boche de Lapeyere, commander-in-chief of the French navy, has assumed command of the combined Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean. As a consequence, Rear-Admiral Sir Archibald Berkeley Milne, who is senior to the French Admiral, has given over his command of the British Mediterranean fleet.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Tien-Tsin today says Japanese troops have been landed at several points on the coast near Kiau-Chau.

BASEL, Switzerland, Aug. 30.—(via Paris).—Two German aeroplanes made an unsuccessful attempt early today to destroy with bombs the dirigible balloon hangar at Belfort, France, which is 35 miles northwest of here.

NISH, Serbia, Aug. 30.—Serbian troops entering (name of town deleted by censor) found half the town had been pillaged by the Austrians. In two of the main streets every house had been looted and some of them burned. In one house 20 girls were found. Sixty Serbian prisoners are said to have been executed.

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EUGENICS BUILDING READY

92 Entries in for Columbia River Fair Baby Contest.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special).—The eugenics building for the contest to be held at the Columbia River Interstate Fair, September 7 to 12, was completed Saturday. Mrs. V. H. Limber, who handled the contest last year, again made up the contest last year. Entries must be made on or before September 2. Ninety-two entries have been made from Oregon and Washington. At its exposition that month will be on hand to enter in the contest.

A few mothers have felt uneasy about having their babies taken into a contest where there are so many others. When the baby is taken into the building, he must go through a reception room, where physicians and nurses will be on hand to look for traces of illness and skin rashes, and if the child is found to be in any way affected he will not be allowed to enter the contest, but must be taken away at once.

After passing through the examination and measuring rooms the babies will be placed out at the other end of the building, avoiding all confusion.

PEOPLE URGED TO AID GOD

Big Guns, Says German Clergyman, Will Help Right Decision.

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 30.—The practical war in which the Germans view the war is well illustrated by a story told here today by A. R. Miller, of Louisville, Ky.

"A certain Protestant clergyman of Hanover," said Mr. Miller, "addressing a large congregation on the morning following mobilization, said, among other things:

"We are face to face with a peculiar situation. No doubt the Russians, French and English will pray God to give them victory, but there is but one God and since he is just and impartial and they are also his children, we in order to win, must work as well as pray. We must fight harder than the others. God may not always side with big guns, but big guns will certainly help him make a right decision."

NOVEL EXCUSE PUZZLES

House Sergeant-at-Arms, Fearing Epidemic, Investigates.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—When does homesickness become a bona fide ailment, incapacitating a legislator to a point where he is unable to attend to his duties? Is a problem confronting Sergeant-at-Arms Gordon, of the House of Representatives.

Representative Burke, of Wisconsin, one of the healthiest looking men in the House, was the cause of the agitation. He has been attending to Congressional duties in Washington for 18 months without a vacation and he would like to get away.

"Are you sick?" he was asked.

"Yes," he replied, "I have nostalgia. I'm very homesick."

Thereupon the sergeant-at-arms, fearing an epidemic which would again disrupt the legislative forces of the House, began an investigation.

GERMAN HONORS HIS FOE

Heroic Defender of Longwy Urdged to Retain His Sword.

ROME, Aug. 30.—(Via Paris).—A dispatch from Berlin says the defense of Longwy, France, was the most heroic since the beginning of the war. The town surrendered only after an extraordinary display of valor. Of 36 siege guns, all except one had been dismantled.

The Germans so admired the brilliant resistance that Crown Prince Frederick William begged the French commander at the moment of surrender to keep his sword.

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