

SOISSONS AGAIN IN HANDS OF FRIENDS

Ancient City Abandoned by Captors and French Drive on Across Aisne.

MANY TOWNS LITTLE HURT

Senlis, However, Is Mass of Ruins and Germans Are Accused of Destruction—Effects of Artillery Noted Everywhere.

SOISSONS, France, Sept. 15, via London, Sept. 16.—The German right wing in its retreat abandoned Soissons yesterday (Monday), at the same time leaving also the southern bank of the River Aisne.

The French artillery is today heavily in action on the other bank of the Aisne. The only interruption of the almost Sabbath-like stillness here is the crash of French artillery, concealed at a point scarcely 300 yards from Soissons, mingled with the lessened roar of other guns farther distant.

City's Traditions Include Caesar. Here had been a fine little city of 15,000 inhabitants, with traditions since the time of Caesar. A few hundred persons were in the streets back of the river. The rest had left before the Germans returned.

Directions were to find bridges and routes to neighboring towns were painted on the walls of buildings at the corners of streets in the German language.

German soldiers named Schneider, Schultz and Schwartz had written their names in chalk on the steel shutters of the shops.

Prince Joachim, the youngest son of Emperor William, was here five days ago, before he was wounded.

Last Week's Wounds. The last German shell fell into the town this morning, wounding a woman. On the roads behind the army are supply trains, huge automobile trucks, built to carry four and a half tons or two-wheeled carts, each with one or two led horses, so that if one gives out another may take its place, crowd the way.

In the wide track where the nine days' fighting took place over the 75 miles of country between the Marne and the Aisne, singularly little physical damage was evident.

Senlis, a town of 6000 inhabitants, appears to have been intentionally destroyed by the Germans. The whole place is a mass of ruins. Early today a black kitten seemed to be the sole inhabitant of this French town, but presently some of the inhabitants came from their battered homes, and one says that no fewer than 1900 persons were really in the town. Some of the inhabitants affirm that the Germans organized the incendiary, setting house after house on fire, and that as though everything would burn.

Civilians Burying Dead. Other towns and villages in this vicinity, except for the damage done by artillery and rifle fire, show no signs of the recent conflict.

Silence reigns over the country back of the fighting line, and few persons are seen moving about. Small parties of civilians are burying stray dead in the fields where they fell and burning or burying dead horses. An occasional buzzard is seen wheeling in the sky. The wheat ricks stand untouched close to the intrenchments with which the countryside is lined. Rows of trees along the fine roads show the effects of artillery fire. An occasional tree trunk a foot thick has been cut off sharply by a single projectile, and at points along the highway where the fire was hottest branches litter the ground.

FIGHT IS ON 110-MILE LINE

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ated tonight announces that headquarters sends no new details of the battle now being fought along the Aisne River.

Outcome Not Predicted. The text of the announcement was as follows: "General headquarters has communicated no new information tonight about the action going on along our front."

"As has been remarked before, it is not to be wondered that during the course of a battle which has lasted several days no definite conclusion of any kind can be inferred. We know, however, that up to 4 o'clock tonight we have not weakened on any position."

The fact that the battle is raging within a short distance of Paris passes almost unperceived at the French capital. The trains filled with prisoners or wounded do not pass through the city, but around it over the belt line railway to provincial centers. Those of the wounded who are able to converse declare that the fighting is fierce, but that the allies feel success in the end is certain.

Berlin Denies Victory by Foes. The general staff has authorized the announcement that nowhere along the line of battle have the British or French forces won a victory.

No details of the fighting in France are given out, and it is said that no decisive turn of events seems probable for some time to come.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—An official dispatch today to the French Embassy from Bordeaux says: "On our left wing yesterday the Germans resisted north of the River Aisne on a line formed by the Forest Laigues and the Craonne."

"At the center their line of resistance yesterday was north of Rheims and the camp of Charlons towards Vienna (a town at the western border of the Argonne). The hostile forces south of the Argonne have accentuated their movement westward between the Argonne and the River Meuse."

"They were holding yesterday evening a front at Varennes and Consenvoye. On our right wing the Germans are retreating toward Metz."

FIGHTING MAY LAST DAYS German Reports Say Battle Line Is 180 Kilometers Long.

BERLIN, Sept. 15, via Rotterdam to London, Sept. 17.—The battle of the Marne, according to reports received from general headquarters, is still in full progress along the entire front from Paris to Verdun. There has been no decisive result. A staff officer de-

clared today that it might take several days more of hard fighting to decide the issue.

Last night's bulletin showed that the armies of General Von Kluck and General Von Bülow were in engagements Sunday and Monday and that the other armies yesterday joined in the general action, including that of the Crown Prince of Germany, who hitherto had his hands full with Verdun.

The Tages Zeitung's military expert, in summarizing the situation, gives the battle line as 180 kilometers from Crepy to Verdun. He declares the opposing armies have closed their gaps and are now in contact along the whole front.

General Von Stein's reassuring announcement to the Upper Silesians that no greater danger is threatening them seems to have been due to the retirement of the Austrians under General Dankl and Auffenberg, dictated, it is thought here, by a possible flank movement by the Russians.

An official warning has again been issued to East Prussians not to return to their homes in certain parts of the province which are still considered unsafe.

The North German Gazette today published the text of President Wilson's call to the people of the United States to be impartial with regard to no war that has now been made public in Germany. Commenting on the call the paper says:

"It is with satisfaction that we learn of this noble and worthy announcement. Referring to assertions made by the foreign press concerning peace the newspaper declares: "Our German people will not lay down their arms in the war until the guarantees necessary for Germany's future position in the world have been secured in the struggle."

WAR IS COSTING BRITONS ALONE \$44.80 A SECOND.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The cost of the war up to today, including the losses resulting from commercial paralysis, has been \$11,246,000,000, according to figures compiled here.

The cost to England alone, based on figures covering 48 days from August 1, has been \$265,900,000. This is at the rate of \$5,522,000 a day, \$161,537 an hour, \$2689 a minute and \$44.80 a second.

MINNESOTA TO GO TO ATLANTIC, SAN FRANCISCO REPORT Only One Line Under American Flag Will Be Left If the Great Northern Acts on Plan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—There was a persistent rumor in railroad circles today which, however, could not be confirmed in this city, that the Great Northern was planning to take the steamship Minnesota out of the Pacific and transfer it to the Atlantic.

The Minnesota is the largest vessel on the Pacific with a capacity of 28,000 tons and now plies between Seattle, Japan, China and the Philippines, handling Oriental trade.

If the Minnesota is transferred, the only line flying the United States flag to be left on the Pacific will be the Pacific Mail.

It was learned today that certain patrons of the Great Northern Steamship Company had negotiated with the Pacific Mail to carry to the Orient certain refrigerated commodities. The Great Northern is known to have an affiliation with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha or Japan Mail Steamship Company, that in the event that it should take its big ship off the Pacific it could still handle traffic to the Orient.

BRAZIL DELAYS STEAMER Clearance Refused Robert Dollar as American Vessel.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Brazilian authorities at Rio Janeiro have refused clearance to the former British steamer Robert Dollar, recently transferred to the American flag, and the State Department has taken up the situation through the American Ambassador.

When the captain of the Robert Dollar raised the American flag, the British Consul at Rio Janeiro is reported to have refused his consent to the transfer and the Brazilian government accordingly declined to grant a clearance.

Representative Kahn, acting for California owners of the ship, has been in frequent conference with Secretary Bryan, and today the State Department cabled instructions to Ambassador Morgan to ask Brazil to recognize the transfer and clear the vessel.

DOUGLAS 'DRYS' BEGIN WAR Campaign Opened at Roseburg, 150 Attending W. C. T. U. Feast.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The "dry" campaign, as far as Douglas County is concerned, was opened in Roseburg last night when 150 men of the city gathered at a banquet served under the direction of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Speakers included B. L. Eddy, O. P. Coshaw, J. E. McClintock and others. It is planned to hold these banquets frequently from now until election.

The "wets" also are at work. Several orators advocating a "wet" Oregon have spoken here, and others are booked for dates before the campaign closes.

LONDON MAY GLITTER SOON Official Hopes Precaution Against Air Attack Will Be Needless.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—In a statement issued tonight Sir Edward R. Henry, Commissioner of Police in the metropolis, expressed the hope that the restrictions placed on street and shop illuminations as a precautionary measure against Zeppelin raids on London may be modified later.

For the present, Sir Edward says, he is advised by the air department of the Admiralty that it is desirable in the interests of public safety that they be continued.

FOREIGN TEACHERS BARRED Germany Also Closes Schools to Pupils of Hostile Nations.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—The correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company of Amsterdam telegraphs that the German ministry of education has ordered the dismissal of teachers and professors in the schools and high schools of Germany who are subjects of hostile states.

Furthermore, the children of subjects of hostile nations are to be excluded from the schools of the empire.

WILSON IS NEUTRAL ON KAISER'S PLAINT

Reply Made to Germany's Charge Allies Use Dum-Dum Bullets.

PEACE WILL CURE EVILS

Washington Says Conference at End of War, With All Facts at Hand, Will Punish Wrongdoers and Lay Blame Correctly.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—President Wilson today replied to Emperor William's protest that the allies were using dum-dum bullets. The President's reply follows closely the statement he made today to the Belgian commissioners protesting against the alleged German atrocities. His reply to President Poincaré's message will follow the same lines.

The text of the President's reply to Emperor William was: "I received your imperial Majesty's important communication of the 7th and have read it with the gravest interest and concern. I am honored that you should have turned to me for an impartial judgment as the representative of a people truly disinterested as respects the reasons for an truly desirous of knowing and accepting the truth."

Day of Accounting Coming. "You will, I am sure, not expect me to say more. Presently, I pray God very soon, this war will be over and the day of accounting will then come, when, I take it for granted, the nations of Europe will assemble to determine a settlement. Where wrongs have been committed their consequences and the relative responsibility involved will be assessed."

"The nations of the world have fortunately, by agreement made a plan for such a reckoning and settlement. When such a plan cannot be made, the opinion of mankind, the final arbiter in such matters, will supply."

Final Judgment Deemed Unwise. "It would be unwise, it would be premature, for a single government, however fortunate, to take the lead from the present struggle, it would even be inconsistent with the neutral position of any nation, which, like this, has no part in the contest, to form or express a final judgment."

"I speak thus frankly, because I know that you will expect and wish me to do so as one friend should to another, and because I feel sure that such a reservation of judgment until the end of the war, when all its events and circumstances can be seen in their entirety and in their true relation, will commend itself to you as a true expression of sincere neutrality."

"WOODROW WILSON." The President made a similar reply to the Belgian commission which visited the White House, protesting against the alleged atrocities committed by the Germans in Belgium.

The Belgians were headed by Baron D. Wiert and accompanied by Minister Havenith to the office of Secretary of State Bryan, who escorted them to the White House, where they were received by President Wilson.

GRAIN INCREASE WANTED CANADA TO URGE FARMERS TO RAISE MORE WHEAT.

Government to Urge Sowing of All Available Land in Order to Meet War Conditions.

OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—As a war measure the Canadian government will endeavor to have the wheat acreage doubled next year. A conference has been held between the Department of Agriculture and experts in wheat production to devise means to enlarge the wheat acreage of Canada for the coming crop. It was learned today.

Through agricultural papers and lecturers farmers will be advised that it will be good business and good patriotism to seed every acre of their disposal to wheat. Efforts will be made to have new land plowed for barley and oats that the cultivated areas may be seeded to wheat alone.

The British government has asked the dominion to co-operate in the work of increasing production so that the food shortage in Europe resulting from the employment of men in war may be met. Later it is likely the Canadian government may give aid towards plowing and planting, and where necessary it may advance seed to those who require it.

ALBERT REPLIES TO CZAR Belgian King Says His Soldiers Deserve All Honor.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Reuter's Antwerp correspondent says King Albert has sent a telegram to Emperor Nicholas, gratefully acknowledging the honor conferred on him by the Emperor in the bestowal of the Cross of Knight of the Military Order of St. George.

"I hope Your Majesty will permit me," King Albert's message said, "to bestow all the merit on my valiant soldiers. Your Majesty's eulogy of the Belgian people and army particularly touches me, and will be received with lively gratitude and praise by the entire nation."

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TEUTONS FEAR SPIES

Newspaper Man Outwits Germans at Brussels, He Says.

WRITERS ARE SUSPECTED

Belgian Capital Charged With Suppressed Excitement and Bearer of News From Foes Are to Be Shot Unceremoniously.

BY PAUL SCOTT MOWSER. (Correspondent of the Chicago Daily News.) GENEVA, Belgium, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—In Brussels during the last week the atmosphere has been violently charged with suppressed excitement. The German officers appeared to be nervous and the German authorities have become exceedingly suspicious.

So far as I know I am the only newspaper man who has been in Brussels within the last ten days. If the Germans had discovered my activities they would doubtless have sent me a prisoner to Aix-la-Chapelle. If by any mischance they had captured one of the couriers whom I was sending through their lines with unsigned dispatches my fate would have been much worse.

The Germans have taken the stand in this war that newspaper men are merely privileged spies. Some good-natured officers, catching American newspaper men in their neighborhood, have provided them with special passes, but the next officer encountered is more than likely to destroy the passes and arrest the bearers.

Citizens Come and Go. A small but constant stream of civilians have been passing in and out of Brussels by way of the Minove interurban line since the German occupation of this road and searched the passengers several times.

A few days ago the German authorities in some mysterious manner obtained possession of a letter which an American living in Brussels had attempted to send to a brother in London by a courier. The writer in this letter expressed regret that he had not sent his mother and sister out of Brussels before the arrival of "those damned Germans." He further mentioned that a young American named

Lincoln County Fair Due. TOLEDO, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The Lincoln County Annual Fair will be held September 23 to 25. The fair board is working hard under the new County Fair law.

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The store is still open, and the great sale of their high-grade stock at cost prices continues.

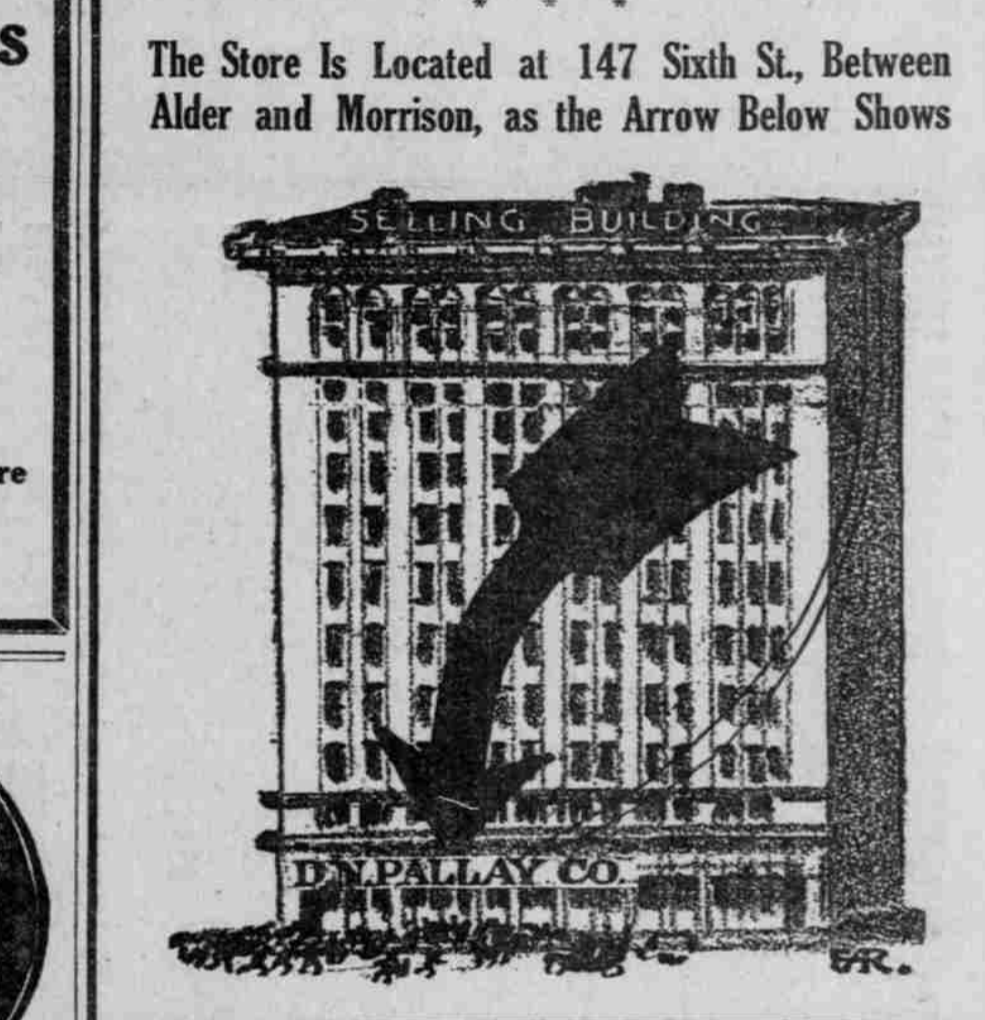
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