

FIGHTING AGAIN IS HEAVY IN BELGIUM

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GERMANS BOMBARD ROULERS

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GREAT ARMIES WATCHFUL

Allies Compelled to Give Way at La Bassee, Southwest of Lille, but Report Making Gains Around Armentieres.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Oct. 23.—A heavy battle is raging in Belgium, about 20 miles south of the Ghent-Bruges line and north of Roulers, according to the Telegram's correspondent in Sluis, Holland. Roulers was bombarded by the Germans again on Thursday.

"Fugitives from Roulers declare," the correspondent says, "that 40 inhabitants of that town were shot by the Germans during the invaders' occupation, and that all the prominent citizens were taken as hostages."

German Defeat Unconfirmed.
"There is no confirmation of the report that the allies have broken through the German lines near Eecloo," PARIS, Oct. 22.—The French today captured Altkirch, Upper Alsace, at the point of the bayonet.

Watching each other's every move in order to take advantage of the slightest weakness at any point, the two great armies continued their attacks and counter attacks throughout last night and today, according to statements made by officers and officials arriving from various sections of the battle line.

Allies Forced to Give Way.
These assaults did not effect any noticeable change in the positions, although the allies were compelled to give way a little at La Bassee, 13 miles southwest of Lille.

At Armentieres also the fighting was exceedingly stubborn and the allies gained some more ground.

Two officers in British uniforms halted today the motors belonging to an ammunition convoy as it was proceeding to the British lines at Armentieres with supplies.

Supposed Comrade Shot.
The captain in charge spoke to the two officers, who were driving a British automobile. After a few words had passed the captain noted that the man who had issued the order spoke with a slight accent, whereupon he drew his revolver and shot both his supposed comrades in arms. At the same moment a squadron of German cavalry appeared a short distance away.

The British captain then ordered the truck drivers, most of whom were London motorbus chauffeurs, to dismount with their rifles and take a position in a ditch beside the road to defend the convoy. The German cavalry was ordered to charge and a detachment of German infantry had arrived on the scene when from the other side a French battalion appeared. A sharp fight followed and the Germans retired with heavy losses.

Allied Commanders Encouraged.
The allied commanders regard the results of today's fighting as favorable to their troops, since it has proved their ability to withstand frequent and formidable shocks from the powerfully reinforced German army without perceptibly giving way. In fact, they have advanced somewhat at various points.

In the vicinity of Arras the forcing tactics of the Germans were again in evidence today, but the invaders made no progress, the artillery duel was exceedingly heavy. French guns silenced three German batteries, while the damage done to the allies was small. In the eastern district the battle of the Vosges continued vigorously.

BOTH SIDES LOSE AND GAIN
French Report Says Situation, Generally Speaking, Is Unchanged.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—"On our left wing the action continues with great violence, probably around Arras, La Bassee and Armentieres," the French official communication tonight says. "The allies have lost some ground at some points around La Bassee, but have won some at the east of Armentieres."

Generally speaking, on this part of the front the situation remains the same.

"To the north of the Aisne our artillery has destroyed three German batteries."

The Berlin report says that the British "are bombarding the open town of Ostend," and continues: "On the Yser Canal yesterday we gained successive successes."

"To the south of Dixmude our troops advanced."

"To the west of Lille our attacks were successful; we took possession of several villages."

"On the rest of the western front it is generally quiet."

BULLETINS

BERLIN, by way of The Hague and London, Oct. 23.—Field Marshal von der Goltz, military governor of Belgium, has issued a proclamation declaring that the Belgian government's orders summoning three military classes to the colors is without validity. The relatives of those who obeyed and left their homes are therefore made responsible.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Swedish steamer Alice, homeward bound from London, has been blown up by a mine in the North Sea. She sank in three minutes. All the members of her crew were saved.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—In a dispatch from Warsaw the correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company says the German retreat from Warsaw was so precipitate that the soldiers had to abandon their food supplies. Many prisoners taken were exhausted from hunger. One complete unit of 800 men has been captured by the Russians.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 23.—Official confirmation was received in Petrograd of the reported shooting by the Germans of Count Thomas Potocki, a Polish breeder of race horses.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 23.—Bishop Anastasia reports that during the first invasion of the Province of Kholm, Germans and Austrians pillaged all churches which fell into their hands. In comparison with this, the bishop relates, the Slav soldiers have respected all places of worship.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 23.—In those portions of Russia Poland occupied by the Germans previous to their last defeat, all fruit orchards were destroyed, according to information made public here.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 23, via London.—The German authorities, according to advice received here, have seized the English church at Wilsbuden, requesting Rev. Mr. Freese to give them a list of the church property.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—An official statement issued tonight says that the government has prohibited the importation of sugar into the United Kingdom, with the object of preventing German and Austrian sugar reaching here from neutral countries.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—Two German aeroplanes were seen coming toward Paris today from Compiègne, but a squadron of French machines pursued the German planes, who disappeared to the northward.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—(By wireless).—The Danish steamer Koff, from New York for Christiania, carrying 20,000 tons of corn, has been captured by a British cruiser and taken into Scotland.

SPEAKER IGNORES SHELLS

Belgian Minister of State, Socialist, Addresses Troops Under Fire.

HAVRE (via Paris), Oct. 23.—While cannon roared and shells passed overhead, Emile Vandervelde, Belgian Minister of State, delivered an address of encouragement to the Belgian troops at Nieuport today.

M. Vandervelde, who is the Republican Socialist leader, went to Nieuport on the invitation of King Albert. On his return here he said the Belgians were full of courage and determined to fight to the last.

"Vandervelde's meeting with King Albert today was his first. He said that the ruler's manner was most simple and affable. He added: "The Socialists support the government because they are defending their homes. They are loyal to the fatherland."

494 OF CREW ARE MISSING

Death List of British Cruiser Hawke May Be 496 Men.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—A list of casualties among the crew of the cruiser Hawke, which was sunk recently by a German submarine, shows that two men were killed and 494 are missing. These figures are contained in the list issued by the Admiralty. It is feared the men reported as missing must be regarded as having been lost when the vessel sank, according to the Admiralty's statement.

Previous reports showed that of the crew of 569 officers and men 52 were saved by a trawler and 21 others were picked up from a raft on which they had escaped from the Hawke.

GERMANS CARE FOR FRENCH

Women and Children of Burned Districts Aided by Military.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—(By wireless).—According to information given out officially today, the German military authorities, when they discovered that certain dwelling houses in the neighborhood had been burned by the French, took care of the French civilians to the number of 140, who had been living therein. Among them were many women and children, near Karlsruhe, where they were sheltered in the arsenal.

ROXBURGH IS WOUNDED

Husband of Former Miss Goelt in Service With Scots' Guards.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that the Duke of Roxburgh, Captain of the Scots' Guards, was wounded while on service in France. His wounds, however, are not dangerous.

The Duke of Roxburgh is well known in the United States, especially in New York, where, in 1902, he married Miss May Goelt. The couple have one son.

GERMANS RETREAT STILL, SAYS RUSSIA

Austrians Take 2 Field Fortifications.

PRUSSIANS ABANDON STORES

Czar's Army Crosses Vistula on Large Front.

ONE CAPTURED TOWN LOST

Troops of Kaiser's Ally Retake Czernovitz and 3400 Men in Recent Engagements and Are Still Gaining Ground.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 23.—"The energetic offensive of our armies, which have crossed the Vistula on a large front, encounters no resistance on the part of the Germans, who continue to retreat," the official communication issued by the Russian general staff tonight says.

"In the trenches below Ivanogorod we took large quantities of war stores and ammunition abandoned by the reserve corps of the Prussian guard in his hasty retreat."

Austrians Are Stubborn.
"The Austrian armies continue to fight with stubbornness on the Vistula, on the San, and particularly to the south of Przemyel."

"In East Prussia there is no change in the situation."

BERLIN (via London), Oct. 23.—An official announcement from German army headquarters, dated October 23, says:

"In the eastern theater of the war, the Russian attacks near West Augustowo have been repulsed. We captured several machine guns.

Southeastern Field Silent.
"There is no definite news from the southeastern field of war."

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BERLIN, Oct. 23 (by wireless).—According to official announcement made in Vienna, Czernovitz, capital of the crown land of Bukovina, which has been in the possession of the Russians since early in the war, has been retaken by the Austrians.

They have captured also two Russian officers.

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CZAR DECORATES OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief and Captain Are Honored.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Emperor Nicholas has conferred the Order of St. George, third class, on Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, and the same order, fourth class, on Captain Martinoff.

Captain Martinoff, though wounded, remained for three days on an unprotected observation post, exposed to shell and shrapnel fire, directing the artillery fire. When a shell started a fire close to a powder magazine he led the party which extinguished the flames.

FRENCH TO HONOR BELGIAN

Academy Expected to Admit Maurice Maeterlinck by Acclamation.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—There is a possibility that Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian author, may be elected to the French Academy by acclamation, to fill the seat of the late Jules Claretie. The members of the Academy are considering such action as recognition of the close relations at the present time between France and Belgium.

If Maeterlinck is elected it will be the first time a foreigner has become a member of the French Academy.

BRITISH TROOPS ARE REINFORCED

Share in War Growing in Importance.

TWO BATTLES IN PROGRESS

Artillery Actions Hampered by Foggy Weather.

COUNTRY FULL OF TRAPS

Fighting Zone Presents Melancholy Aspect, Once Prosperous Hamlets and Homesteads Being Literally Torn to Pieces.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The official information bureau has given out another account by an eyewitness of recent operations. This recital is dated October 17, and explains that, with the arrival of reinforcements, the British have been able to play a more prominent part, assisting in the gradual extension to the northward, which has thrown British troops to the Franco-Belgian border.

"Until recently," says this statement, "the extension northward had been carried out by the French alone."

Two Battles in Progress.
The narrative goes on to explain that there have been actions in the two western fields of the war, from Nieuport south and along the Aisne, and continues:

"In both these theaters the results attained, without being in any way decisive, have been entirely satisfactory and in furtherance of the general scheme which the allied armies are carrying out in co-operation."

"In the southern of the two spheres, in the Aisne, our right wing has been maintaining its pressure without actually moving forward, while in the northern sphere our left wing has advanced a considerable distance in face of opposition."

Bayonets Used at Night.
"On the Aisne, since the repulse inflicted on the enemy the night of October 10, there has been no serious fighting and less artillery action than usual because the misty, rainy weather has rendered observation almost impossible. On the night of October 13-14 the enemy commenced an attack which was not pushed through. Our patrols have been active with the bayonet at night, and they have accounted for numerous small parties of German infantry left to occupy their front positions. But the positions of the opposing forces have remained practically unchanged."

"In the north of France the fighting

Friday's War Moves

THE Germans have undertaken a general offensive movement along the line extending from the mouth of the River Yser on the North Sea to the River Meuse, and, while they have compelled the allies to give ground in some places, they themselves have lost positions in others. This, in a few words, is what is gathered from official reports coming from the French and German headquarters.

The German attack yesterday was particularly severe in the west, where their right wing, strongly reinforced by fresh troops, attempted an advance against the Belgians, who are holding the allies' extreme left. This left rests on the coast and is supported by English and French warships and by Anglo-French troops, which form a front extending from a point somewhere in the vicinity of Dixmude southward to La Bassee Canal. Each side claims successes, but the French alone admit that in places they have been compelled to fall back.

Generally, however, there is little or no change in the situation, the lines swinging and swaying as they have done for weeks.

Although it is now just two months since the allies concentrated on the Franco-Belgian frontier to oppose the German advance and the invaders have been almost to Paris and back in the interval, no decisive battle has been fought. Neither side has destroyed, or even partly destroyed, an army. Even the Belgian army escaped almost intact after that country was overrun by the Germans. The same can be said of operations in the east, where the armies of Russia, Germany and Austria are fighting, except in the case of Lieutenant-Colonel Samsonoff, the Russian commander, whose army was partially destroyed by the Germans in the battle of Tannenberg, East Prussia.

In the present battle on the River Yser, from the Yser south to the River Pilsa, the Russians have scored an important victory in driving the Germans back, and have captured many prisoners, besides guns and ammunition. But the defeated army, when it gets back to its selected position, can trench and start another siege battle, such as that which occurred on the River Aisne, in France, southward of the Pilsa the Germans still hold the River Vistula, except in front of the fortress at Ivanogorod, where they were driven back by attacks from that stronghold.

The Austrian army, which was so often described as routed and destroyed in the battles of Galicia, has sprung into life again and is attacking the Russian left wing. The Austrians, however, apparently have found an impenetrable barrier at the River San, north of Jaroslavl.

The German assertion of victory over the Russians west of Augustowo, Suwalki, following fighting reported by them yesterday in the direction of Osovets, south of Augustowo, shows that the Germans are attempting another advance from East Prussia into the government of Grodnowo to the east of Suwalki, with the object of compelling the Russians to reinforce their army in that region.

All those movements, however, have brought the belligerents no nearer their goals, which cannot be attained until an army is destroyed or one or the other of the contending forces becomes too exhausted to fight further.

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WAR TAX' FELT PROMPTLY

Collectors Instructed to Make Assessments at Once.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—No time was lost by the Government today in preparing to collect the taxes imposed under the war revenue law. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborne tonight issued the following telegram to all collectors:

"Beginning with today tax accrues on all wines sold; 2 cents a quart on still wines; 20 cents a quart on champagne, other sparkling and artificially carbonated wines; 6 cents a quart on liquors, cordials and similar compounds and proportionate rates for other quantities. Until stamps are furnished, require dealers who sell to consumers to keep account of sales on and after today."

FRENCH SORELY IN NEED

Army Comes First, but 37,000,000 Others Are to Be Considered.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—The greatest problem for France this winter probably will be to take care of the people at home. The army will have the first call on the national resources. The 37,000,000 people at home must get on as best they can.

A wonderful spirit of gentleness and kindness in moving the French people to create a community of interest in everything they have, in which every person shall share. All private interests have shrank up. Nevertheless, contributions from the outside world are sorely needed.

WHEAT EXPORTS RECORD

Sale of 3,000,000 Bushels Highest Since Beginning of War.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—All 24-hour records for export business in wheat since European hostilities began were surpassed by the totals reported today, 3,000,000 bushels.

BOOTH AND WEST MEET IN DEBATE

Crowd Gathers Hours Before Time Set.

PRELIMINARIES CRIED DOWN

Senatorial Candidate Says Defense Is Not Personal.

ACCUSER'S RECORD SHOWN

Eugene Man Recites List of Allegations Made Against Him by Executive, Answering Each in Turn to Prove Innocent.

The controversy between R. A. Booth, Republican candidate for the United States Senate, and Governor West came to a culmination last night when both appeared at the old Heilig Theater, at Eleventh and Morrison, and in debate gave their answers to each other and made their defenses.

The intense interest of the public in the approaching debate was shown by the beginning of the crowd to accumulate about the theater as early as 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Hours before the debate was to begin the theater was packed and hundreds of people were still swarming about the entrances in hopes of securing admission.

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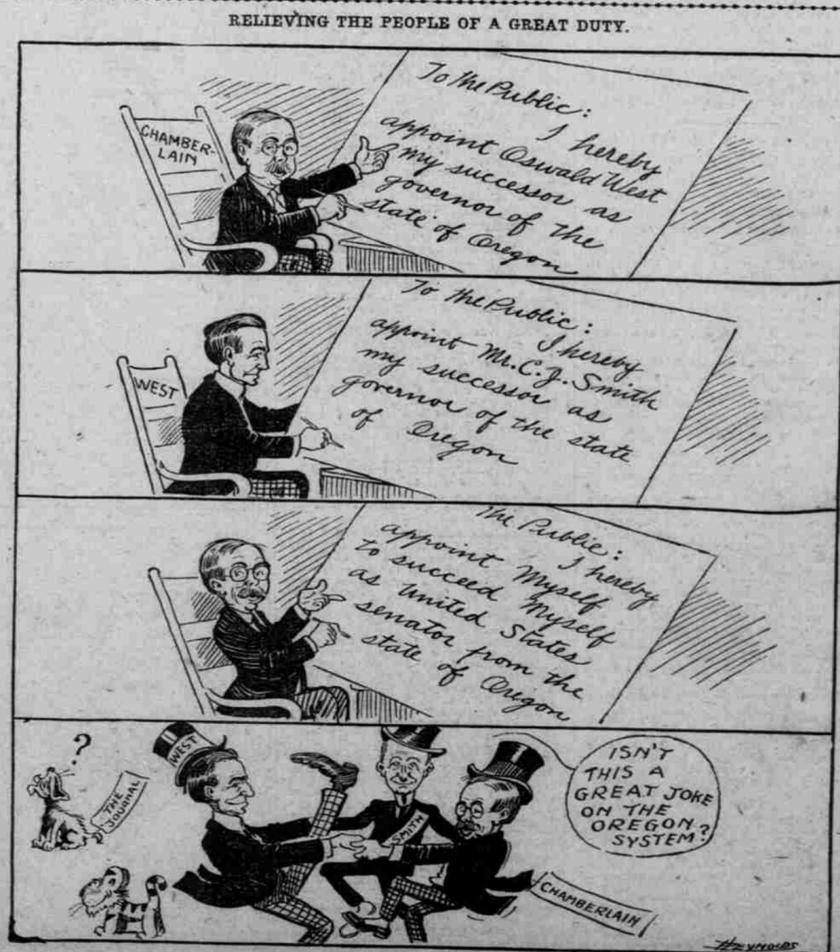
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