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OPEN BATTLEFIELD

Men Assume Holiday Spirit in Engagement With the Roumanian Forces.

NEW FOE IS NO MATCH

Numerically Greater Force at Predeal Is Beaten by Flank Movement and Terrific Artillery Fire on Hills and Town.

AT THE HEAD OF PREDEAL PASS, Roumanian Frontiers, with General Von Falkenhayn's Army, Oct. 24.—(By courier to Berlin, via London, Oct. 24.)—In yesterday's battle around Predeal Pass the Associated Press correspondent visited various German and Hungarian positions, where the men, undisturbed by Roumanian fire, kept up a fearful bombardment of the opposing positions in the campaign for the invasion of Roumania. The men went to their work in almost a holiday spirit, for it is with a sense of deep relief that the Germans and Hungarians here, off from the trench warfare of other regions and thrown themselves into open field maneuvers against the Roumanians.

It was scarcely believable that after two years of strenuous life the front line infantrymen should rush to the assault with such vigor, yet it is a fact, to which the universal feeling here of dealing with a foe who has yet to learn every trick of modern warfare contributes much.

Though the German and Hungarian infantrymen were about to rush into the fire of Roumanian rifles and machine guns, they viewed the situation complacently, saying the worst of open field work was preferable to trench duty.

Officers explained that the change virtually would make the troops fresh forces, owing to the novelty and the fact that the central powers' troops are best suited for maneuvering because of their training along that line.

The Predeal battle is one of the few open-field actions witnessed in this war by correspondents, who were able to approach within less than 3000 yards of the skirmishing line.

The entire action centered around Predeal, which the Roumanians were defending in expectation that the Germans and Hungarian infantry contemplated a frontal attack over the slope upon which a serpentine road ascends to the summit of the pass. Some infantry fire actually developed here as a feint, but the actual attack was made on the flanks of the Predeal position, mainly from the east where the Roumanian infantry was holding the slopes of Sasulati and other mountains. The Roumanian artillery was so placed that it could fire only on the slopes directly north of Predeal during the greater part of the action.

Unknown to the Roumanians, German and Hungarian infantry had on the previous day reached the base of Sasulati and now was ready for the assault. At 11 o'clock German artillery opened a desultory fire on the Roumanian trenches on the Mountain, 3000 feet high, which an hour later reached its maximum fury. The fire was then directed mainly against the mountain, for some 500 feet below the summit. For a quarter of an hour the Roumanians stood to their trenches. Word coming from the artillery officers that the Roumanians thus far seemingly had not been impressed, the artillery increased its fire. The Roumanian infantry still held on for a time, but finally broke across the slope like a swarm of ants as the German and Hungarian infantry came in view. German artillery followed up the fleeing Roumanians with shrapnel and the manner in which the fire pursued the Roumanians appeared to be very effective.

On a ridge leading from Sasulati Mountain the Roumanians finally reached their present position. A contest ensued. A few minutes before 2 P. M. it was decided to resume operations. German artillery, ably supported by some Hungarian batteries, repeated the work of the morning and the infantry then rushed forward. In a comparatively short time the objective was gained.

Half of Town Blown Up. The ground being extremely difficult, the Roumanians endeavored to forward infantry reinforcements through the town of Predeal, with the result that heavy German and Hungarian guns inside of 15 minutes blew up half of the town. The Roumanian forces were obliged to seek shelter in the forest above the town, passing through German infantry fire at long range.

The Predeal battle was not remarkable for severity of artillery fire or other action, but great interest centers in it because of the German and Hungarian infantry, unaccustomed to mountain fighting, was able to cope with the difficult work of the terrain.

thrower. The losses of the Russian and Roumanian reinforcements hastily sent in are heavy.

"The fortress of Bucharest has been once more bombarded."

Germans on Western Front.

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The text of today's announcement as to the fighting in the west is:

"October 23 was like the preceding day, characterized by battles of great violence. To break through at any price the British and French continued attacks in which strong forces were employed.

"In spite of their use of masses of troops north of the Somme, they suffered a heavy and sanguinary defeat. It is reported from the front that rows of dead are lying one upon another, especially west of Transloy. The conduct of our troops was as splendid as was possible. Brandenburg Infantry Regiment 64, Brunswick Reserve Infantry Regiment 93, Rhennish Infantry Regiment 29 and Bavarian Infantry Regiments 1 and 15 won especial distinction.

"South of the Somme the French prepared an advance in the Ablaincourt-Chailleux sector, but our annihilating fire made development of the attack impossible.

"Army group of the German Crown Prince—the enemy's main force—met the attacks on the Somme by attacks near Verdun. Our positions on the east bank of the Meuse were strongly shelled by artillery. Hostile infantry was held in its trenches by our strong and efficient artillery fire. Attempts to attack were thus frustrated."

French.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—Today's official statement on military operations reads: "On the Somme front there was a fairly lively artillery struggle in the region of Blaches and Ablaincourt. There was no infantry action."

"Tonight's supplementary official statement says: "On the Verdun front, after intense artillery preparations, an attack on the right bank of the Meuse was launched at 11:40 A. M. The enemy line attacked on a front of seven kilometers (4.1-3 miles) was broken through everywhere to a depth which at the center attained a distance of three kilometers (nearly two miles).

"The village of the fort our line runs north of La Callette wood along the western outskirts of the village of Vaux and the eastern border of Fumiville and continues to north of Chenois wood and the Damloup battery.

"Prisoners are pouring in. So far 2500, including 1000 taken yesterday, have been counted. The material captured cannot be estimated. Our losses are small."

Roumanian.

BUCHAREST, via London, Oct. 24.—Roumanian troops made an attack yesterday on the whole Oltuz front, near the Transylvania-Roumanian border. The War Office announces the capture of 10 machine guns and several hundred prisoners. The statement follows: "At Yuzovka, where there was a minor action in which we took one machine gun. In the valley of the Buzeu there was artillery fighting. At Table Butzia calm reigned.

"The enemy launched three attacks at Predeal. Fighting continues along the border at this locality. In the region of Dragoslavia the enemy attacked violently. Our troops are maintaining their position.

"At Tulcea and Biczac and in the Trotus Valley the situation is unchanged. In the Uzoil Valley the enemy was driven westward. The fighting continues with violence.

"At Oltuz we attacked on the whole front. We have captured 110 officers, 203 men and 19 machine guns.

"In Dobrudja the enemy continued his attacks. Our left wing has been obliged to retire toward Tzara Murat. Constanza has been occupied by the enemy."

Turkish.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 23, via London, Oct. 24.—Turkish troops which, after about 100 miles, crossed the Constanza-Medjidie Railway line in Dobrudja, Roumania, are pursuing the retreating Russian and Roumanians, says an official statement issued today by the Turkish War Office. The text reads:

"On October 9 (Russian calendar October 21), German and Bulgarian troops fiercely attacked the Serbian Vardar division, without any success, the whole day. On the other hand, our first army advanced on its whole length and took the first Bulgarian trenches and a mortar trench.

"On the night of October 9-10 (October 21-22), severe fighting took place between our Vardar division and Bulgarian artillery of Vlasovo village, which ended in our favor."

British.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—"The ground gained by us yesterday in the neighborhood of Gudeucourt and Les Boeufs (on the Somme front) has now been fully secured," the War Office announced today. "In the night there was no attempt to report except intermittent shelling on both sides.

"In answer to the enemy's claim that the gains of Saturday between Schwaben redoubt and Le Sars were won only at the expense of heavy losses, on our part it may be noted that the troops engaged, which took more than 1000 prisoners, had only about 1200 casualties."

Italian.

ROME, via London, Oct. 24.—"Along the whole front yesterday there were 39 to 1. As nearly all armies in the present war have done, the Roumanian infantry shoots badly, though an improvement already is discernible."

British in Macedonia.

SALONIKI, via London, Oct. 24.—British troops on the night of October 23-24 raided German trenches north-east of Machukovo on the Serbian-Macedonian frontier, one mile east of the River Vardar, killing 40 Germans and capturing 18, says a British official statement issued today.

As a result of the secrecy of steam tonnage nowadays, a company has been formed in New Orleans to establish a service of large schooners equipped with machine guns between New Orleans, Cuba and Mexico.

SAZON IS SCORED BY EPISCOPALIANS

Formal Action Is Taken by General Conference First Time in Its History.

ENDOWMENTS ALSO GROW

Church Urged to Co-operate in Protecting Interests of Investors as Part of Its General Social Service Work.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 24.—For the first time in the history of the church, according to well-informed leaders, a stand on the liquor traffic was taken here today in the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. A resolution adopted by the house of deputies placed the church on record as favoring "such action in our legislative assemblies as will preserve the interests of temperance and the reputation of the liquor traffic."

The action was scored in the report of the committee headed by Rev. James E. Freeman, of Minneapolis, which considered the prohibition question. This said: "Our age is witnessing vast and universal readjustment with reference to the manufacture and sale of liquor, and it is generally recognized that the saloon has become more and more a menace to the best interests of our corporate and individual life."

1,000,000 Communicants Reported. A report showing that the church has more than 1,000,000 communicants and 5700 clergymen was presented to the house of deputies by the committee on the state of the church. The report also showed that about 1000 of the clergy are not engaged in parochial work and that there are about 63,000 school officers and teachers under the church, with approximately 450,000 pupils.

Baptisms, the report showed, have increased by about 14,000 over the preceding triennium. Parishes and missions number 8241, and the total number of church buildings is 7310.

The report added that the church controls endowments aggregating \$16,000,000, many educational and charitable institutions and has an average income of more than \$20,000,000 a year. Endowments for the support of churches for the triennium ending with the general convention totaled \$19,978,112.09, as against \$14,232,147 in the triennium ending in 1913. Endowments for the support of bishops totaled \$4,491,937 as against \$4,226,884, given in the previous three years.

Church Sittings Increase. Contributions for the aid of infirm clergy came to \$3,235,052 and for other purposes endowments totaling \$28,083,411 were made. Sittings in the churches in the triennium just ended totaled 1,504,890, an increase of 194,672 over the triennium ending in 1913. Church hospitals accounted for in the report number 135, as against 79 accounted for in 1913. Homes for the aged or indigent number at present 77, an increase of one.

The report outlined the work done in the missionary field, and asserted that the committee members appreciate that the Christian ideal includes the salvation of the individual and the salvation of society. It added that there are 24 theological institutions, 24 collegiate institutions and 128 academies under the control of the church.

Rural Life to Be Studied. A commission was appointed by the house of deputies to make an investigation of the conditions of living in rural communities and a study of the spiritual and economic problems of the farming people. This commission will report in Detroit in 1919.

The house of deputies also took steps to appoint a commission of three clergymen and three laymen to gather statistics concerning the number of communicants and the number of baptized persons in the church.

Co-operation of the church with organizations throughout the United States seeking to protect the interests of investors was advocated by Right Rev. Benjamin Brewster, bishop of Maine, speaking today in the social service forum of the general convention in session here today. He asserted also that the church should help make the welfare of workers rather than private profits the aim of every industry.

Toiler to Be Protected. "Bear in mind," said Bishop Brewster, "that today, through the complications of modern industry, many of us have manservants and maidservants, not under our roof, but scattered over the country in mills and mines, on ships

and perhaps remote forests of far-away lands. Think of them.

"How can we sincerely crave God's mercy and pray for his grace in regard to this law if we think only of the individual application to our own comfortable lives and fall to help practical and constructive care for the hundreds and thousands who, in remote and hidden places, are toiling to produce what we enjoy and who need the rest and opportunity for the higher claims of spirit which God on Sinai proclaimed as their right as well as ours?" Bishop Brewster reviewed the work of the Consumers' League and other such organizations, and gave them credit for much effective work. He said, however, that such purely voluntary organizations cannot accomplish for social justice as much as will be accomplished when the principle of the responsibility of the whole social body for the well-being of every member shall become woven into the structure of society itself.

PLANE KILLS POLO MAN

ALEXANDER BROWN FALLS INTO DELAWARE RIVER. Wealthy Philadelphia Student Aviator Loses Control of Machine on Eve of Test for License.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—Alexander Brown, the widely-known polo player of this city, fell from his hydro-aeroplane into the Delaware River at Essington, below this city, today, and was drowned.

Brown, with a number of other wealthy Philadelphians, had been making frequent flights at Essington. He was in the air last night, and today's flight was to have been his last in test for a license. Brown was about 100 feet up when watchers noticed that something was wrong and a moment later the machine dropped into the river.

Brown not only had an international reputation as a polo player, but was also known as a big game hunter. He was prominent in social circles of this city, New York and Newport.

Brown was a pupil of the Philadelphia School of Aviation at Essington. Weather conditions were ideal for his flight, and confidence had been expressed that he would have no trouble in winning his license. He was well down the river and had been in the air about 10 minutes when the hydro-aeroplane was seen to career as if the pilot had lost control. Before the plane could be adjusted the machine fell into the water near the New Jersey shore.

Attaches of the aviation school rushed in a speedy motorboat to the spot where Brown fell, but only the tips of the wings of the machine were visible. The machine was raised. Brown was found wedged tightly between stanchions. Efforts to revive him failed.

CHARGE DELAYS TRIAL

OFFICIAL FEARS STATE HAS BEEN "JOBBER" IN JURY.

Verdict in Case of Prosecutor Accused of Murdering Wife Is Improbable Before Election.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 24.—Development which may result, according to Judge Thomas F. Ryan, the trial judge, of the dismissal of the venireman selected for the trial of Oscar D. McDaniel, prosecuting attorney of Buchanan County, who is charged with the murder of his wife, followed the publication of a news story here late today purporting to quote John T. Barker, attorney-general of Missouri, heading the prosecution, as having said: "I can't get over the idea that the state has been 'jobbed' in this jury."

Feared that the jury would be read in court by Judge C. F. Strop, senior counsel for the accused prosecutor, who demanded an investigation or that Attorney-General Barker deny the alleged interview. Judge Ryan answered that he had drawn the panel himself and was certain that neither side "had been jobbed," but that he feared the effect of the article on the jury's decision. He will decide tomorrow on his action in that regard.

In the event the present panel is dismissed, Judge Ryan said he would attempt to draw a new one until the November term, two weeks from today. If that is done, a verdict cannot be reached before the November election, when McDaniel is a candidate for re-election. Much of the state's activities have been directed toward completing the trial before that time. Attorney-General Barker denied intention to criticize the jury in newspapers.

Grange Burns Mortgage.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the South Deer Creek Grange held Saturday night the mortgage and notes executed at the time the Grange Hall was erected were burned in the presence of many members of the organization. To celebrate the event the grangers held a dance, which was followed by a luncheon.

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