

BRITISH INFLECT EXTENSIVE DEFEAT

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ENEMY'S LOSSES SEVERE

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BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 7.—The Germans attempted to counter-attacks of importance along the new battle front during Friday night and both sides were taking a breathing spell after the arduous work of the last two days. The artillery of course, maintained its ceaseless firing at various points.

A cold drizzling rain was falling yesterday morning, adding still more to the discomforts of the men lying in the mud and water in this inhospitable zone. At some places along the line the Germans found themselves in such exposed positions as the result of Friday's drive, that they appeared to have pulled their defenses back a short distance to more favorable ground. British patrols, which pushed out into enemy territory, found the forward shell-hole defenses in one section abandoned.

Prisoners Number More Than 4000.

The prisoners already counted number more than 4000. Many of the enemy's losses were suffered when at least five divisions of troops which had been massed for a pretentious attack were caught in the British artillery barrage and crushed in its overwhelming sweep.

Not only were thousands of men wiped out, but the well-defined plan of the German high command for an attack was utterly disrupted.

The collapse of this scheme, the extensive defeat inflicted by the British and the heavy toll in the German ranks are things which it is difficult to explain to an army which has already shown marked signs of deterioration in morale.

German Morale Broken.

The diminution in the fighting spirit of the German troops along the Ypres battlefield is generally admitted by prisoners and has been evidenced in the tactics employed recently. One German officer said that the worst effect on the morale of the Germans was occasioned by the British artillery fire, which he characterized as too terrific for words.

The manner in which the German command conducted the defense Thursday is significant as the result of their custom, they threw in various units promiscuously among the whole battlefield in an attempt to stem the advance, but a striking feature was the mixture of the units, the lack of cohesion between them and the confusion arising as a consequence. This tends to indicate lack of organization.

Artillery Fire Weak.

The artillery work of the Germans also gave evidence of imperfectly laid plans. The German fire was comparatively weak and scattered through the day.

The British morale and organization on the other hand, have never been at a higher pitch than at the present. Every side one hears the comment, "when Spring comes and the Americans are in the line with the allies nothing can hold us back."

ALIENS FORCED TO FIGHT

REICHTAG DISCUSSION DEALS WITH AMERICANS.

Socialist Declares Attempts Made to Impress United States Citizens Into Army Because Passports Expired.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 7.—Dispatches received here from Berlin reveal that the discussion in the Reichstag main committee on compulsory war service for aliens dealt almost entirely with Americans, although Belgians and Poles were mentioned. Herr Hausz, deputy from Alsace, asserted that foreigners were simply declared without nationality by the police and then incorporated into the army. America had already threatened reprisals, he added, and men without nationality composed the majority of the deserters to the enemy.

Colonel Marquardt promised that the matter should be remedied as soon as it was established that the incorporated men were foreigners. Herr Landsberg, Socialist, asserted that it was a fact that attempts had been made to impress Americans into the army merely because their passports had expired and that this procedure was in every respect very objectionable.

Herr Gothien, progressive, sharply condemned the practice complained of because the incorporation of such men was of no service to the German army.

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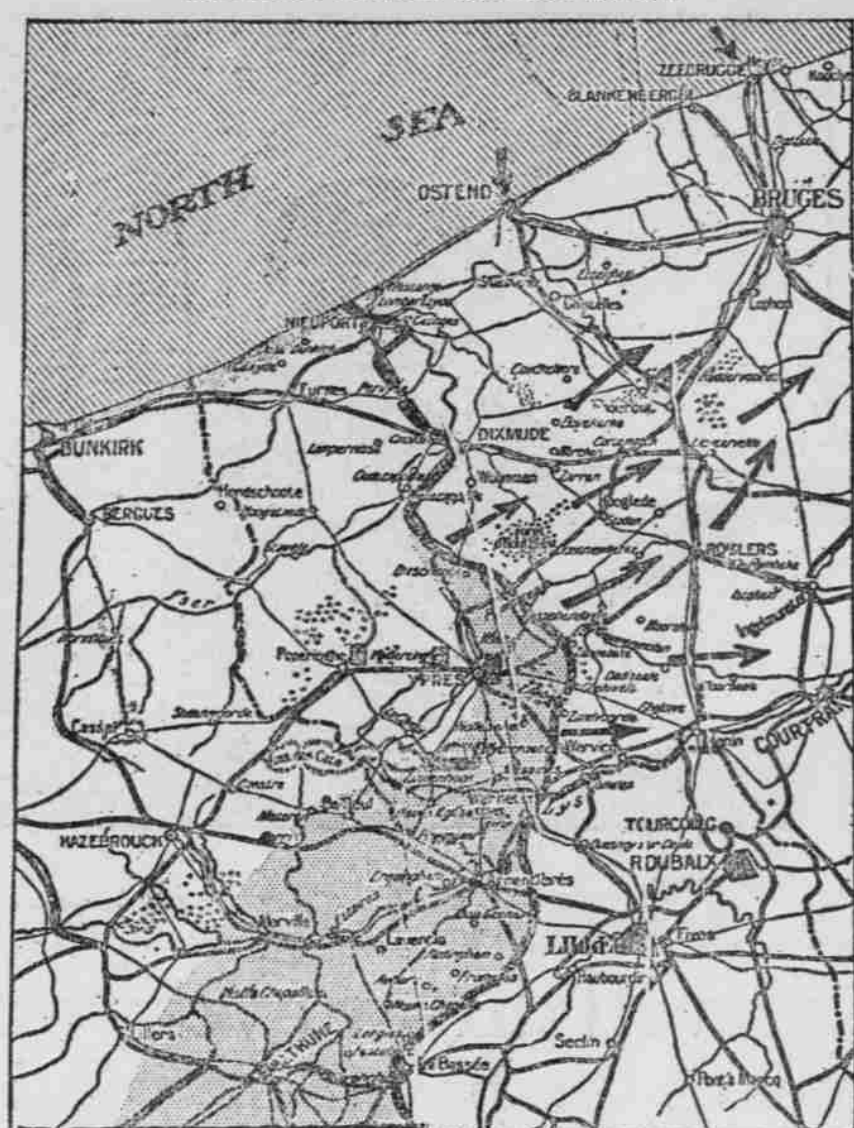
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SCENE OF LATEST BRITISH DRIVE.



The English in their new offensive in the sector east of Ypres have as their objective Ostend, Zeebrugge and the German submarine and aeroplane bases along the Belgian coast of the North Sea. The drive apparently is being made in the direction of Bruges and Central. The purpose evidently is to work in behind the German coastal lines and force the evacuation of Ostend and Zeebrugge. Shaded portions on the map show recent British gains.

General Haig's new thrust has been long in preparation. The barrage fire in the opening battle near Ypres is reported to have been the heaviest of the war on the west front.

Others speaking generally joined in condemnation of the practice.

Dr. Krieger, director of the Foreign Office, said that in cases of Americans who had been naturalized only in America, such citizenship expired after two years of residence in the home country.

Where, however, they had obtained American passports and always had these renewed, he added, they thereby proclaimed their wish to remain Americans and could not be incorporated in the German army. If, under certain circumstances, these passports were not obtainable that situation would be taken into consideration.

SHIPS TO BE UTILIZED

GOVERNMENT IS NEGOTIATING FOR NEUTRAL BOTTOMS.

Permission to Sail Withheld Until Promise Is Made Nieuw Amsterdam Will Return.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Indications that the American Government and the allies are determined that the Northern European neutral countries shall not hold their shipping idle were seen here Saturday in the refusal of the export administrative board to permit the 10,000-ton Dutch steamer Nieuw Amsterdam to sail with a cargo of foodstuffs for Belgium unless assurances are given that the vessel will return. Negotiations for the use of neutral tonnage have been progressing for some time between the United States and the neutral governments. Some of the countries are ready to turn over a large number of ships in exchange for foodstuffs, but this Government will not let food go forward until assured that it will in no way be used to aid Germany.

The special Dutch mission, now here, has recommended to the Dutch government, it is said, that assurances be given that the Nieuw Amsterdam will return to the United States. If the vessel is allowed to sail and return, the American Government wishes her put into the Pacific trade, where the shortage of ships has greatly increased ocean freight rates.

If an arrangement is put through by which the neutral ships are obtained for American trade routes, many of the smaller ones will be put into coastwise service under the special act of Congress.

The exports board issued an order yesterday that seaboard elevators do not load neutral ships with grain until export licenses have been obtained for the cargoes.

TROOPS IN FINE SPIRITS

AMBASSADOR PLEASANT WITH APPEARANCE OF AMERICANS.

Things Seen in This War Which Could Not Be Exaggerated, Says Mr. Sharp.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—Professor Paul Van Dyke presided at a dinner given Friday night in honor of the American Ambassador, William Graves Sharp. The Ambassador, who had just returned from a visit to the American troops, said that the American troops were in fine spirits. There were things in this war, he said, which even a correspondent could not exaggerate, such as the devastation by the Germans and the bravery of the British and French troops.

Resolutions adopted referred to the activities and effectiveness of the American navy and the high morale, both among the troops and people of France and Italy, denounced the deliberate destruction by the Germans of cities having no strategic importance and the carrying off into captivity of the daughters of whole communities.

The enemy is described as eager for peace, but still unable to realize the nature of the many terms whereby it can be secured.

The final resolution warns that every word spoken in the United States which can be distorted into the semblance of disloyalty or willingness for an indecisive peace quickly reaches the Germans and the bravery of the British and French troops.

Scattered broadcast as evidence of dissonance, thus tending to prolong the war and increase the sacrifices.

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FATHERLAND PARTY PURPOSES SCORED

Socialist Interpellation Gives Rise to Sharp Debate at Reichstag Session.

DEPUTIES GROW EXCITED

Minister of War Asserts Political Agitation Is Not Allowed Within Army, but Lectures, Plays and Newspapers Are Used.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 7.—The Reichstag, according to Berlin dispatches, started its discussion of the Socialist interpellation concerning the Reichstag session. The Socialist party, the new German fatherland party, the Socialists, declared that the new party of the pan-German institution, its particular object being to obtain support for its leaders by means of war profits and the purchases of newspapers to influence public opinion and set forth Germany's war aims which would give them increased dividends. The Socialist, on the contrary, declared Herr Landsberg, demanded that the freedom of the nation should be promoted, because the war was a greater strength. Referring to the agitation in behalf of the new party's propaganda, against the Reichstag peace resolution, Herr Landsberg said:

Disorder Delays Debate.

"We must get out of the suffocating atmosphere of siege. The War Minister must admit that he protects the agitation as he himself is writing a polemic against the Reichstag resolution."

Herr Landsberg told how clergymen and the state authorities agitated among the population in behalf of the fatherland party and how officers, by speeches and the distribution of pamphlets, carried on a propaganda among the soldiers against the Reichstag resolution.

Minister of War von Stein, in replying to Herr Landsberg, declared that the army command did not permit political agitation within the army. This caused a stir and cries of "Oh! Oh!" from the left. Thereupon the president pointed out the impossibility of further debate under such conditions and begged the deputies to resume their seats.

Minister von Stein, in continuing, said:

Soldiers Are Instructed.

"The explanations given in the army are quite different tendencies and put in view of the enemy's lies, who are circulated all around the soldier, it is clear that our soldiers must be enlightened concerning the real causes of the war and the enemy's intentions and the consequences if we lost."

"The army hunger for intellectual nutrition and therefore the army command has issued general instructions regarding lectures, plays, cinema, pamphlets and army newspapers. There is no word of politics in this."

The War Minister then declared that enemy agents were endeavoring to induce dissension and vacillation among the German people, therefore principles had been laid down for the army in the field and for the army at home. He declared that the enemy, who were not at all at the level with which it entered on the campaign," he asserted.

MICHAELIS GIVES DUTIES

POWERS OF VICE-CHANCELLOR TOLD TO REICHTAG.

Authority Is Said to Be General and Not to Be Within Province of Secretaries of State.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 7.—Dr. Georg Michaelis, the German Imperial Chancellor, in explaining to the Reichstag the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, according to a Berlin dispatch, said it was not intended to make the Vice-Chancellor an intermediary between the Chancellor and the Secretaries of State or to make his post superior to those of the latter.

The Vice-Chancellor was only to be entrusted with general powers which were not within the province of the Secretaries of State.

The Reichstag, according to a dispatch from Berlin on October 5, decided the action of the main committee in providing that the office of Vice-Chancellor should expire on March 31, 1919. Dr. Karl Helfferich held the post for a time previous to the retirement of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg as Chancellor and was retained in the new Ministry under Dr. Michaelis despite considerable opposition to him in the German press.

Vast Tonnage Building.

"The largest ship construction plan in history is being carried out by the Navy, comprising hundreds of vessels of various types from superdreadnoughts to submarine chasers. Months' contracts were let for every destroyer the American yards could build and a considerable extension of shipbuilding facilities has been arranged to build a large additional number."

"Navy yards have been enlarged, immense foundries, machine shops and warehouses erected. Work is being pushed on drydocks, shipways and pier. A big projectile plant is being erected at Charleston, W. Va., and a \$1,000,000 aircraft factory at Philadelphia."

The Shipping Board has under construction and contemplation a total tonnage of nearly 11,000,000 deadweight capacity, requiring a total authorization of about \$1,750,000,000.

Fifteen Billions to Be Disbursed.

The Treasury Department will have disbursed more than \$15,000,000,000 of Government securities within a few months, when the second Liberty loan campaign is completed.

Each department has contributed efficiently to the war programme in numerous ways, says the statement.

The Agricultural Department and food administration have done effective work to increase the food supply and the systematic scheme of shipbuilding the fuel administration to encourage proper production and distribution.

One of the accomplishments of the Council of National Defense and its advisory committee pointed to is the mobilization of 252,000 miles of railroads and of wire communication and the systematic scheme of shipbuilding which the statement says has resulted in great economies.

The exports administration "is now engaged in conserving the food supply of this country and regulating its export so that the products of America will not reach her enemies."

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U. S. ARMY IS TOO MUCH

Trouble Starts With Attempt to Arrest Couple of Disorderly

Soldiers Near Theater in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—James F. Meagher, 115-pound famous deaf boxer and wrestler and one of the two deaf men in the United States with police powers, now an instructor at the Washington State School for the Deaf, attempted to arrest a couple of soldiers near the Liberty Theater, Tenth and Main streets, about midnight, and in the melee got his oft-broken nose fractured again.

Here is how the deaf policeman told the thrilling tale in the ever-expressive sign language today:

"At 12:10 Sunday morning I saw a group of soldiers quarreling around an automobile in which sat some girls. As I went up one soldier suddenly knocked another one down. His head hit the pavement and he lay as if dead. Naturally I did my duty, grasped the aggressor and in clear verbal tones said: 'You're under arrest.'"

"He curled his lip in scorn and hit me full on my oft-broken nose. I kept my grip with one hand, the other being useless (nearly lost two fingers in the school's new linotype a week ago), so could not strike back. Two other soldiers jumped from behind and hit me on the head with their fists. I was hit home blows. The heavens opened and soldiers seemed to rain down from all points of the universe, the non-commissioned officers trying to quell the private and the privates trying to do us up."

"The pupils realized we were outnumbered and ran to the police station for help. I held out two minutes longer, but I couldn't fight the entire United States Army. One soldier came on the run and threw himself so hard into the melee that we were forced through the big plate glass window of the Flynn furniture store. The man who started it was nearest the window and received some severe cuts, including one over the right eye. That put him out of subsequent events."

"When the others began to kick at my vulnerable parts I decided one good hand was not enough to cope with the six or eight fighters, and as I had no handcuffs or gun I ran for the police station for the reserves. We passed each other on the way, and my glasses being broken, I was unable to see them. When we reached the scene of the carnage the soldiers were gone. My face was badly battered and my nose broken again."

Physician Is Acquitted.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—F. G. Hewitt, the independence physician who was indicted by the grand jury the first of the week on a charge of performing an illegal operation on a girl of this county, was found not guilty by a jury in the Circuit Court Friday.

The jury, after a deliberation of about an hour, returned its verdict at 1:30 p.m. The physician was released on his own recognizance.

The jury also found that the physician had performed the operation on the girl, but that he was not guilty of the charge of performing an illegal operation.

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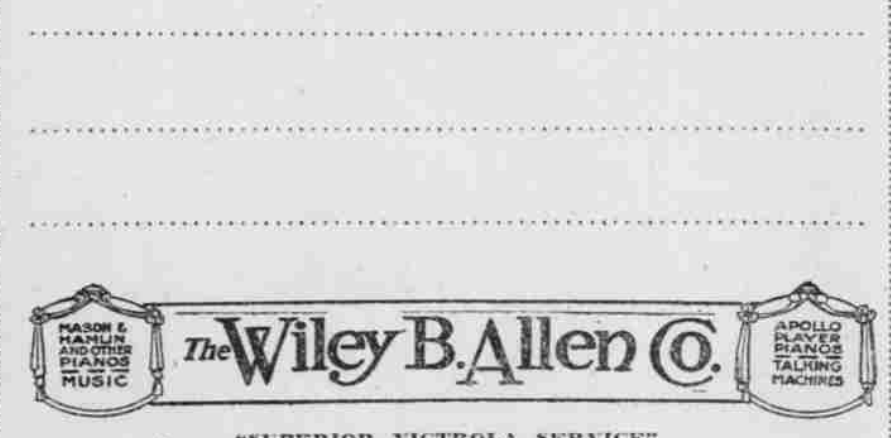


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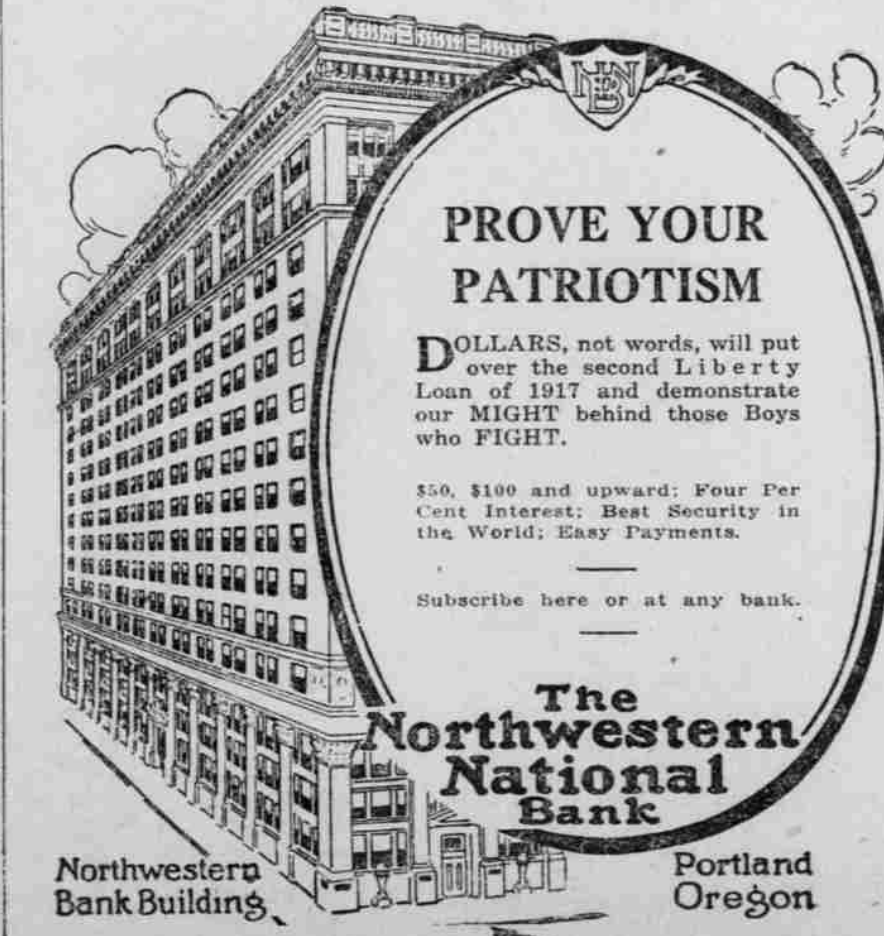
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