

GERMANS PREPARE BIG NAVAL ATTACK

Fleet, Believed to Contain High Seas Ships, Making Way Into Baltic.

DIVERS LEAD FLOTILLA

Russian Batteries Drive Off Enemy Ships in Gulf of Riga and Irbensk Sound—Tenton Trawlers Are Observed.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 8.—It is reported by the Svenska Dagbladet that German naval forces of considerable strength have been observed in the southern Baltic, taking a northerly course.

The leading squadron, it says, consists of submarines and torpedo-boats, with cruisers following them. It is believed to be the German Baltic fleet, reinforced by part of the high seas fleet.

A great naval attack on Russian Baltic Coast towns is expected.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—German war craft again have been sighted in the Gulf of Riga and have been shelled by the Russian coast batteries, the War Office announces.

Russian torpedo-boats discovered a German submarine and enemy ships, apparently trawlers, were observed in the Irbensk Sound. They were forced by the Russian batteries to retire.

KAISER PRAISES MEN AT RIGA Victory, Obtained Sooner Than Expected, Thrills German Nation.

BERLIN, Sept. 8, via London.—In thanking the Eighth German Army for the capture of Riga, Emperor William in an address to the victorious troops at Riga, on Thursday, declared that such victories increase the prospects that the end of the war will come soon.

The Emperor, according to an official statement, spoke as follows: "Riga is free. When this news ran through all the districts of Germany a storm of jubilation and enthusiasm arose everywhere in the fatherland and in the foremost trenches in the enemy country."

"This town, founded by the spirit of the old German Hanseatic League, with a German history, and which always has endeavored to maintain its German origin, has gone through heavy times. By the German army, in which is incorporated all the German tribes, this town again is liberated from long oppression."

The operation, which by the command of the supreme army commander and under the direction of Prince Leopold, of Bavaria, was begun and undertaken with confidence in the efficiency of the troops which in over three years of war so brilliantly have stood the test, has been carried through by all arms more quickly and more energetically than was expected, and was a surprise to the enemy. A crushing blow hit him and so he lost his bridgehead.

The liberation of Riga is the deed of the Eighth Army and its well-liked commander. It again has proved that our steel-army will to victory will defend us, no matter how long the war lasts, but such blows as the battle of Riga increase the prospects that the end will come soon. They add to the glory of our arms and give fresh laurels to the troops participating.

"Therefore, I express to you my thanks for the brilliant feat of arms, the fatherland's thanks and the enthusiastic thanks of the German people, stand behind you watching your deeds, but who also create and labor with their hands and hearts to give us our daily bread. The present harvest, now well brought in, will feed us. "Also in this respect, the Lord of creation has and will continue to help us, and no matter how long it may last, on then, upon the enemy with joyful hearts and iron will to victory over all the enemies of Germany."

GERMAN DRIVE IS SLACKENED Russians Entrench Near Venden and Will Hold Dvinsk Firmly.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 8.—Leading German military circles consider that with the capture of the important naval bases of Riga and Dvinsk, operations on the Riga front virtually have been ended, says a Berlin dispatch to the National Tidende. It is considered too late in the year to advance further. This would require the building of new roads and the establishment of depots. On this account, the dispatch says, it is unlikely that Marshal von Hindenburg will permit the troops to continue the advance with Petrograd as the objective.

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FIELD "THRONE" OF BRITAIN'S MONARCH.



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KING GEORGE ON BATTLE FRONT.

Although the "throne" of England is popularly believed to be the huge upholstered chair at Buckingham Palace, there is an old legend to the effect that "where ye King sits, there ye throne of England stands."

If this be true, the humble, battle-scarred kitchen chair shown in the above photograph is particularly exalted, for it not only holds his majesty, George the Fifth, but has actually enthroned him on the ruined battlements of the Chateau Thiepval in Northwestern France.

England and France, fighting side by side, have only recently wrested Thiepval back from the German hosts, who seized it many months ago. A British General in explaining the battle of the Somme, who is a close student of strategy, and is quick to reward a victorious leader.

ITALIANS LOSE 6000 Austria Retakes Ground in Hermada Sector.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—In the Hermada sector on the front northwest of Trieste, the Austrians have recaptured ground gained by the Italians, according to an undated official statement from the Austrian War Office received here today.

The statement says the Italians can no longer boast of having gained a yard of ground. Up to the present time, according to the announcement, the Austrians have taken more than 6000 prisoners in the Hermada region.

According to official announcement, the Austrians pressed back the Italians from Monte San Gabriele, northeast of Gorizia. The Italians are said to have fled.

The announcement follows: "Our troops in hand-to-hand fighting yesterday pressed back the Italians from Monte San Gabriele. At noon the enemy fled west across the Dol. He was caught by our annihilating fire. He concentrated fresh reserves and attacked once more at 8 P. M., suffering heavy losses. The enemy's heavy artillery shelled the mountain day and night without interruption. During the early hours this morning the fire increased. Attacks against Panovitz and Solo were easily repulsed.

"In the Hermada sector our troops, by a bold stroke, regained the territory previously taken by the Italians on the 11th battle of the Isonzo. The enemy can no longer boast of having gained a yard of ground. In vain the enemy exasperated, attempted by mad thrusts to reconquer what he had lost. The attacks were crushed by artillery and hand grenades. At this point up to the

MAP ILLUSTRATING CADORNA'S DRIVE ON TRIESTE.



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\$2.20 WHEAT PRICE TO BE MAINTAINED

Chief Protests Coming From North Dakota, Where Crop Is Failure.

PLAN RUNNING SMOOTHLY

Farmers Will Average 33 Per Cent More for Wheat Than They Did Last Year; Consumer Should Profit by 20 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The price of \$2.20 a bushel for wheat fixed by President Wilson will be maintained, it was today announced by the food administration, despite isolated protests from farming interests that the figure is too low.

Dr. R. A. Pearson, assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, is just back from a tour throughout the West with a report that he found the wheat price generally acceptable except in communities where crops were far below normal.

Farmers' Gain Is One-Third. The result of the price fixed, food administration officials say, is that the farmer will receive about 33 per cent more a bushel than last year.

On the other hand, through arrangements made for the elimination of speculation and the food administration will not depart one iota from the prices determined on by the President for Government purchases either now or through the year, he believes, the sense of support shown the Government in dealing with the difficulties of war is an ample guarantee that wheat will flow regularly to our consuming centers and to the allies.

Herbert Hoover, the food administrator, foresees some actual suffering among farmers in North Dakota and in localities in other states whatever the price. The wheat failure in some districts, he said today, means that some growers will lose money last year.

Plan Running Smoothly. "The plan generally," he said, "is running smoothly, except for the necessarily expected local misunderstandings and the food administration will not depart one iota from the prices determined on by the President for Government purchases either now or through the year, he believes, the sense of support shown the Government in dealing with the difficulties of war is an ample guarantee that wheat will flow regularly to our consuming centers and to the allies."

The arrangements made by the railroad permit their handling wheat more rapidly this year than last. So far the roads have been able to take care of all movement and probably continue to do so until a little later in the Fall. J. W. Sullivan, who represented the American Federation of Labor on the wheat price fixing committee today, said that if the price of wheat came up again for review labor would demand a lower figure.

FRENCH GAIN AT VERDUN

IMPORTANT POINTS AND 500 PRISONERS ARE TAKEN. British Patrols Also Inflict Considerable Casualties on Germans in Ypres District.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—The French troops made gains today on the right bank of the Meuse, Verdun sector, occupying important positions and capturing more than 500 prisoners. The announcement of the War Office tonight.

German attacks last night in Lorraine, east of Rheims and on the Aisne front, were repulsed. It is announced officially. The French took prisoners in successful raids.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 8.—The French have resumed the offensive in the Verdun region, according to today's War Office statement. They attacked last night on a 20-mile front, but were repulsed. It is declared. This morning the battle was renewed.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—In patrol fighting on the Ypres front last night the enemy suffered considerable casualties northeast of St. Julien, says today's official statement. "In the neighborhood of Gavrelle, a successful raid was carried out by a small party of our troops."

"Langemarck was heavily shelled by the enemy yesterday evening and there was some hostile artillery activity at that point later in the night. No infantry action developed."

AMERICAN DRIVERS CITED

Great Coolness Under Fire Wins Praise of French War Office.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—Robin Jay Flynn, of San Francisco, a driver of section 1 of the American ambulance, was cited today for courage and coolness when, a shell having destroyed the body of his car, he continued to carry wounded men from a perilous advanced post along a road constantly under the fire of gas shells.

The car was the fourth which has been destroyed when he was driving. Donald Belcher, of Newtonville, Mass., an American ambulance driver, has been cited in an order of the day for having gone to the rescue of officers and men of a battery of artillery who were being subjected to a violent bombardment by shells of large caliber and aided in removing the wounded.

The order of the day, in outlining the feat of Belcher, says he showed courage and devotion above praise.

A dispatch from Paris September 5 said the war cross had been awarded to Belcher.

FOREST GUARDS CALLED IN

Soaking Rain Puts End to Fire Danger in Eugene District.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 8.—Soldiers who have been guarding the forests of Oregon with orders to "shoot to kill" all persons detected in the act of setting traps and snares for the purpose of trapping and killing game animals, as a result of a soaking rainfall last night, it was the first rainfall in this section of the state in 77 days.

Fire danger for the season is believed at an end.

Advertisement for 'From Buenos Ayres' Surgical Elastic Garments. Includes text about the quality of the stockings and garments, and a small illustration of a person wearing a stocking.

Advertisement for 'Two Die in Arsenal' explosion. Describes an explosion at the Frankford Station that destroyed three buildings and injured two young women.

Advertisement for 'When Looking for Anything Musical See McDougall First.' Promotes 'Three Big Hawaiian Steel-Guitar Specials' and 'Biggest and Best Ukulele Sale of the Season'.

Advertisement for 'Lower Prices' and 'HAROLD S. GILBERT' pianos. Includes a coupon for a free medical advice and a portrait of a man.

From The Literary Digest. Portion of Italia Irredentia Already Reclaimed is Shown Between Front and Back Line Marking North Front and the Italian Frontier.