

YANKS HOLD GAINS IN SPIRE OF RAIN BLOWS

Boches Assault Americans in Positions Near Meuse.

MANY GAS SHELLS USED

Battle in Wooded Region Is Most Desperate, but Germans Gradually Forced Farther Back.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 26. (Special.)—The German effort to break up the American positions in the Meuse region has been lessened somewhat today. From the extreme left to right artillery was employed, but without materially altering the situation.

Since the Americans began the present battle they have inflicted more than 70,000 casualties on the enemy, freed 40 villages and 437 square kilometers of French territory and have captured 400 prisoners besides the German wounded who fell into their hands.

WITH AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, 2 P. M., Oct. 26.—The gains made Friday by the American troops east and west of the Meuse were maintained today in spite of violent enemy opposition and harassing artillery fire against the American front lines and the areas in the rear.

On the extreme left the Americans have strengthened their hold on the high ground in the southern part of the Bourgoigne wood.

The American position in Bourgoigne wood is such that the Germans no longer are able to harass the Americans with machine gun fire from the ridge at the edge of the woods.

Americans Are Shelled. In the center of the line west of the Meuse the German artillery is bombarding the American lines heavily with high explosive and gas shells. On the right the enemy made an unsuccessful counter attack during the night from 2 to 6 o'clock this morning they shelled the American lines there heavily, the bombardment at times reaching the intensity of a gas attack, but there was no further infantry action.

One new division and one new regiment have been identified as having been added to the German divisions against the Americans. The division is a second-class one which is reputed to have traveled more than any other in the German army. It has been successively on the eastern front, the Italian front, on the Somme and before St. Mihiel. The regiment belongs to the crack 28th German division.

Violent enemy reactions continue east of the Meuse and there has been desperate fighting all along the line. The American position today is being cleared between the Belleu wood and the Etrayee wood. The enemy's determination to hold the high ground east of the river is shown by the fact that he has thrown in one of his last remaining reserve divisions to check the American advance in the Belleu wood, where the enemy is counter attacking persistently.

Meuse Crossing Feared. The following document has been captured: "The enemy's crossing of the Meuse is to be prevented absolutely. Should he succeed in crossing he is to be thrown back into the Meuse at once. The enemy must not get a foothold on this side of the Meuse under any circumstances."

The last three words are capitalized. Not only in a defensive way, but by counter attacks the Germans are fighting desperately to carry out this order. This is shown by the futile attack made Friday in the region south of Bantheville wood, north of Rappes wood and in the valley north of Bantheville.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Heavy fighting on the Verdun front is described in General Pershing's communication for Friday. Strong German counter attacks east of the Meuse everywhere were repulsed except in the Belleu woods, where four successive assaults forced a partial withdrawal by the Americans. West of the Meuse the American lines were further advanced in face of determined resistance.

The statement reads: "On the Verdun front the battle has continued with violence east of the Meuse. Late yesterday our troops enlarged their important gains south of the Conservoy-Banville railroad and occupied completely the Bois d'Ormont. Today the enemy counter attacked repeatedly with strong forces on the front from the Bois d'Ormont to the Bois d'Etrayee."

Boche Losses Are Great. Although supported by violent artillery his attacks were repulsed with extremely heavy losses. Only in Bois Belleu did he succeed in slightly pushing back our line. At this point after three assaults had failed before the stubborn resistance of our troops, the fourth attack forced us to withdraw from the eastern part of the wood. Hostile forces which attempted to penetrate our positions northwest of the Bois Belleu were driven back after a severe struggle lasting throughout the day.

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GERMANS UNMOVED, WATCH AS TURKS MASSACRE CHRISTIANS

One Power That Could Have Arrested Hand of Murderous Ottoman in Armenia Refuses to Intervene.

BY HENRY MORGENTHAU.

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Yet everywhere in diplomatic circles there seemed to be a conviction that the American Ambassador was responsible for the wide publicity which the Armenian massacres were receiving in Europe and the United States. I have no hesitation in saying that they were right about this. In December my son, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., paid a visit to the Gallipoli peninsula, where he was entertained by General Liman von Sanders and other German officers. He had hardly stepped into German headquarters when a General came up to him and said:

"Those are very interesting articles on the Armenian question which your country is publishing in the American newspapers."

"My father has been writing no articles," my son replied.

"Oh," said the officer, "just because his name isn't signed to them doesn't mean that he is not writing them!"

German Resort to Threats. Von Sanders also spoke on this subject. "Your father is making a great mistake," he said, "giving out the facts about what the Turks are doing to the Armenians. That really is not his business."

As hints of this kind made no impression on the Germans, they evidently decided to resort to threats. In the early autumn, Dr. Nossig arrived in Constantinople from Berlin. Dr. Nossig was a German Jew, and came to Turkey evidently to work against the Zionists. After he had talked with me for a few minutes, describing his reply to the German Jew, and came to me that he was a German political agent. He came to see me twice; the first time his talk was somewhat rambling, the purpose of the call apparently being to make my acquaintance and insinuate himself into my good graces.

The second time, after discoursing vaguely on several topics, he came directly to the point. He drew his chair close to me and began to talk in the most friendly and confidential manner.

"Mr. Ambassador," he said, "we are both Jews and I want to speak to you as one Jew to another. I hope you will not be offended if I present to you a few words of my little advice. You are very active in the interest of the Armenians and I do not think you realize how very unpopular you are becoming in several quarters of the authorities here. In fact I think that I ought to tell you that the Turkish government is contemplating asking for your recall. Your protests will be useless. The Germans will not interfere in behalf of the Armenians and you are just spoiling your opportunity for usefulness and running the risk that your career will end ignominiously."

Martyrdom Would Be Honored. "Are you giving me this advice," I asked, "because you have a real interest in my personal welfare?"

"Certainly," he answered; "all of us Jews would hate to see your career end disastrously."

"Then you go back to the German Embassy," I said, "and tell Wangelheim what I say—to go ahead and have me recalled. If I am to suffer martyrdom, I can think of no better cause to which to devote myself than to die for the Jew who has been so unjustly persecuted. I can think of no greater honor than to be recalled because I, a Jew, had been exerting all my powers to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Christians."

Dr. Nossig hurriedly left my office and I have never seen him since. When I next met Enver I told him that there were rumors that the Ottoman government was about to ask for my recall. He was very emphatic in denouncing the whole story as a falsehood. "We would not be guilty of making such a ridiculous mistake," he said. So there was not the slightest doubt that this attempt to intimidate me had been hatched at the German Embassy.

Hun Ambassador Returns. Wangelheim returned to Constantinople in early October. I was shocked at the changes that had taken place in the man. As I wrote in my diary, "he looked the perfect picture of Wotan." His face was almost constantly twitching; he wore a black cover over his right eye and he seemed unusually nervous and depressed. He told me that he had obtained little rest; that he had been obliged to spend most of his time in Berlin attending to business. A few days after his return I met him on my way to Haskeyev; he said that he was going to spend most of his time in Berlin attending to business.

Bulgaria's Influence Lost. "No, I did not say that," I replied. "I admit that I have sent a large amount of information to Washington. I have sent copies of every report and every statement to the State Department. They are safely lodged there and whatever happens to me, the evidence is complete and the American people are not dependent on my oral report for their information. But this particular statement you make is not quite accurate. I merely informed Mr. Lansing that any influence Bulgaria might exert to stop the massacres has been lost, now that she has become Turkey's ally."

We again discussed the deportations. "Germany is not responsible for this," Wangelheim said.

"You can assert that to the end of time," I replied, "nobody will believe it. The world will always hold Germany responsible; the guilt of these crimes will be your inheritance forever. I do not claim that Germany is

responsible for these massacres in the sense that she instigated them. But she is responsible in the sense that she had power to stop them and did not use it. And it is not only America and your present enemies that will hold you responsible. The German people will themselves some day call you to account. Crimes like these cry to heaven. Do you think I could know about things like this and not report them to my government?"

Big Problem Winning War. "All that you say may be true," replied the German Ambassador, "but the big problem that confronts us is to win this war. Turkey has settled with her foreign enemies; she has done that at the Dardanelles and at Gallipoli. She is now trying to settle her internal affairs. Talaat has told me that he is determined to complete this task before peace is declared."

"The Armenians, anyway, are a very poor lot. You come in contact in Constantinople with Armenians of the educated classes, and you get your impressions about them from these men, but all the Armenians are not of that type. Yet I admit that they have been treated very badly. I sent a man to make investigations and he reported that the worst outrages have not been committed by Turkish officials, but by brigands."

Wangelheim again suggested that the Armenians be taken to the United States and once more I gave him the reasons why this would be impossible.

Human Problem Ignored. "Never mind all these considerations," I said. "Let us disregard everything military necessity, and let us look upon this simply as a human problem. Remember that the people who are being treated in this way are old men, women and helpless children. Why can't you, as a human being, see that these people are permitted to live?"

"At the present stage of internal affairs in Turkey," Wangelheim replied, "I shall not intervene."

I saw that it was useless to discuss the matter further. He was a man devoid of sympathy and human pity and I turned from him in disgust. Wangelheim rose to leave. As he did so he gave a gasp, and his legs suddenly shot from under him. I jumped and caught him just as he was falling. For a minute he seemed utterly dazed; he looked at me in a bewildered way, then suddenly collected himself and regained his poise. I piloted him downstairs and put him into his auto. Two days afterward he had a stroke of apoplexy. On October 24 I was officially informed that Wangelheim was dead. And thus my last recollection of Wangelheim is that of the Ambassador refusing to exert any influence to prevent the massacre of a nation. He was the one man, and his government was the one government, that could have stopped these crimes, but, as Wangelheim told me many times, "our one aim is to win this war."

Wangelheim Is Buried. A few days afterward official Turkey and the diplomatic force paid their last tribute to this finished embodiment of the Prussian system. The funeral was held in the garden of the German Embassy at Pera. The inclosure was filled with flowers. The procession formed; German sailors carried the bier upon their shoulders, other German soldiers carried the huge bunches of flowers, and all members of the diplomatic corps and the officials of the Turkish government followed on foot.

The Grand Vizier led the procession; I walked the whole way with Enver. All the officers of the Goeben and the Breslau, and all the German Generals, dressed in full uniform, followed. Wangelheim was buried in the park of the Summer Embassy at Therapia by the side of his comrade, Colonel Leising. No final resting place would have been more appropriate for this had been the scene of his diplomatic successes, and it was from here that, I repeat, he had followed. He had directed by wireless the Goeben and the Breslau, safely brought them into Constantinople, thus made it inevitable that Turkey should join forces with Germany, and paved the way for all the triumphs and all the horrors that had necessarily followed that event.

(To Be Continued.)

ITALIANS PRESS NEW OFFENSIVE FOR GAINS

Over 2000 More Austro-Hungarians Captured.

MONT PERTICA CONQUERED

Extremely Difficult Position Is Won Despite Desperate Character of Foe's Resistance.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Violent fighting continued today on the line where the Italians with the British co-operating launched a new offensive against the Austrians yesterday. A Rome dispatch to the Italian Embassy says the fourth army has frustrated attempts of the enemy to reconquer territory lost yesterday and has enlarged its gains.

The message also said that Italian troops continued to advance along the lower Tiber in Albania and that the Albanian tribesmen are taking up arms against the Austrians and fighting under Italian colors.

More Prisoners Captured. Of the fighting on the Italian front, the dispatch adds: "During the last 24 hours 47 officers and 2102 men have been captured. The shock troops of the Penzaro brigade were especially responsible for the Italian success in the Grappa region."

"Monte Pertica has been conquered by the troops of the 150th and 230th regiments in the last 24 hours. This extremely difficult position has been possible only as a result of the valor of these troops, who have beaten the desperate resistance of the enemy."

"The Aosta brigade has conquered Monte Validera by a storming action. The enemy has been beaten all over the front in every attempt of counter attack."

"Considerable aerial activity had been displayed by our aviators. Over 700 tons of explosives have been dropped over the enemy positions behind the lines. Numerous fires have been noticed as a consequence of these bombing expeditions. Fires have been observed also at San Giovanni di Medua."

ROME, Oct. 26.—In the successful assaults against the Austrians along the Piave and west of that river, the Italians have captured more than 2000 prisoners in the last 24 hours, the War Office announced today.

Italians Maintain Positions. Heavy fighting continued all day Friday in the Monte Grappa region, but the Italian fourth army maintained its positions and extended them at some points.

The strong position of Monte Pertica, northwest of Monte Grappa, was carried by the Piave brigade and detachment.

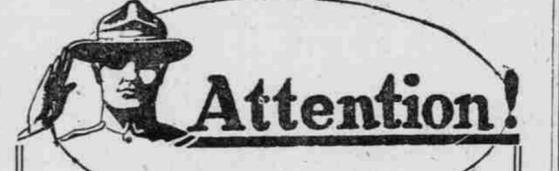
LONDON, Oct. 26.—Italian cavalry has reached the Bulgarian border near Egri Palanka, 50 miles southwest of Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, according to reports reaching here today.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Kravelo, 60 miles northeast of Nish, has been occupied by the Serbian troops, says a Serbian official statement issued today. In the same region the Serbians have crossed the Terna River.

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Big Deficiency Bill Progressing. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The House today adopted the conference report on the \$6,000,000,000 military deficiency bill and sent it to the Senate, where it is to be acted upon Monday.

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Havoc Wrought by Typhoon. TOKIO, Oct. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Belated reports filtering in from Southwest Japan show that a typhoon which occurred early in September caused considerable loss of life and extensive damage to property. The bodies of 273 persons were washed ashore on the coast of Tramu, on the Sea of Japan.



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