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FRENCH CLAIM GERMANS RETREATING AFTER GREATEST BATTLE IN HISTORY

GREATEST BATTLE IN HISTORY NOW WAGING ON FRENCH SOIL

For Five Days the Tide of Battle Has Ebb'd and Flow'd Between Germans and French and English Forces Without Decisive Victory Being Known

FRANCE SAYS THAT INFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE DRAWN UNTIL MORE DECISIVE RESULT OBTAINED

Germans Trying to Drive Wedge Into French Lines Near Verdun and Admit Repulses of Right Wing by English—Russians Driven Back by Germans

PARIS REPORTS GERMANS DEFEATED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Sept. 11.—It is officially announced that the German center, as well as the right wing, is retreating.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Conflicting claims in official communications issued at the headquarters of the opposing forces emphasize the prudence of advice in the latest French communication against drawing inferences from phases of the struggle before a decisive result is obtained. The key to the ultimate outcome of what perhaps will be the greatest battle in history, still raging on the Champagne Plains east of Paris, lies in the center. For five days the tide of battle there has ebb'd and flow'd, bearing Germans and French alternately on its crest with terrific loss on both sides, but without permanent advantage to either.

The Germans appear to be making headlong efforts to drive their wedge into the French line south of Verdun. On the German's right, where the Germans are opposed by the British, Germany officially admits retirement, but not defeat. From the extreme right of the French line comes a report that Mulhausen has again fallen into French hands. If this is true, it will be the fifth or sixth time this Alsatian town has changed hands in the present war.

On the eastern battlefield the Russians appear to have been driven back in East Prussia, but Petrograd advises say the Russians continue punishing the Austrians. Careful scrutiny of the news leads English observers to conclude both sides are still operating on a huge scale, but without the impetuosity which characterized the first month.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The official press bureau today issued the following: "A general retirement of the enemy continues. British forces yesterday captured 1500 prisoners, including wounded, and several guns and a large quantity of transport. The enemy is retreating rapidly east of Soissons in some disorder. A later telegram declares that from further information, captures yesterday are higher than first reported, considerable bodies of infantry being found hiding in the woods. These surrendered at sight. Pursuit of the enemy is being vigorously pushed."

UNITED STATES AND TURKEY IN SQUABBLE OVER TREATY RIGHTS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—The Turkish Ambassador explained to Secretary Bryan today the meaning of Turkey's abrogation of all conventions and capitulations restricting the Porte's sovereignty. The Ambassador made it clear that the American missions and schools would continue to be protected although American citizens would lose their extra-territorial rights in civil and judicial cases.

President Wilson today sent a personal letter to Secretary Bryan asking that the Turkish Ambassador's attention be called to the President's recent statement to the American people regarding neutrality which was published throughout the country. Reports that the Ambassador's recall was to be asked because of certain of his recent statements were denied at the White House.

President Wilson today asked Secretary Bryan to call the attention of the Turkish Ambassador A. Rustem Bey, to the recent statements attributed to him in newspapers and to inquire if they were authorized.

GERMANS REPORT VICTORY OVER ALLIES IN TWO DAYS BATTLE

Claim They Captured Several Thousand Prisoners and Fifty Guns and Retired in Face of Superior Attacking Forces—Allies Did Not Pursue

VIENNA REPORTS AUSTRIANS AGAIN TAKING OFFENSIVE IN NINE DAYS' BATTLE NEAR LEMBURG

Claim Russia Has 450,000 Infantry and 4000 Cavalry and about 3500 Big Guns Arrayed Against Them—Austrians Annihilate Servian Division

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—The Germany Embassy today received the following wireless from Berlin: "The headquarters Thursday in its first official report says that in the battle east of Paris, the Germans held their own in the heavy two-days' fighting against superior forces, attacking them between Meaux, Montmirail and from the direction of Paris. We captured fifty guns and several thousand prisoners, but retired when the advance of a strong hostile column was reported. The enemy failed to pursue."

The headquarters also reports fighting west of Verdun and on the eastern scene of war.

Vienna reports that the Austrians have assumed the offensive in the region of Lemburg. This marks the second stage of the nine-days' battle in which 450,000 infantry, 4000 cavalry and 1500 machine guns and 2000 field pieces were engaged on the Russian side.

Sunday night the Austrians annihilated the entire Servian Tiuvek division near Mitrowitz.

BALKAN NATIONS AGREE TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Telegraphing from Rome, the Daily Telegraph correspondent declares that he has learned from diplomatic sources that Roumania, Greece and Bulgaria have signed an agreement which may be regarded as a real alliance under which these three nations have agreed to interfere whenever necessary to prevent Turkey from aiding Germany and Austria in the present war. If Turkey remains neutral, these states will do the same.

AUSTRIAN TORPEDO BOAT SUNK

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ROME, Sept. 11.—The Tribuna says an Austrian torpedo boat has been blown up near Fasana, fifty-two miles south of Trieste, after striking a mine.

GERMANS ADVANCE AGAINST RUSSIANS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Sept. 11.—German troops transported from the west have concentrated along the banks of the River Alle and are marching eastward and crossing Masurie Lakes. The Russian advance guard is retreating eastward.

Developments Of The Day Reported By Associated Press Dispatches To Coos Bay Times

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Official German advices received in Washington declare that the Germans held their own in the two-days' fighting east of Paris, capturing fifty guns and several thousand prisoners, but the right flank is retiring in advance of a strong hostile column. Earlier dispatches from Berlin represented the Germans having lost fifty guns and several thousand prisoners.

The French Embassy has received reports of a marked advance against the German right wing. Paris announces that the Germans have retired in some places forty or fifty miles.

Important news comes from East Prussia where the Russians appear to be making little progress.

A Petrograd dispatch says the Germans concentrating on the River Alle are marching eastward, while the Russian advance guard retreats.

A general retirement of the Germans is reported by the London war information bureau. Renewed activity by the German navy in the Baltic is indicated in reports from Berlin and elsewhere.

Nish reports the Servian forces having occupied Semlin from which the Austrians began their original attacks on Servia.

A Switzerland dispatch says the French have recaptured Mulhausen.

FRANCE GIVES OUT STATEMENT OF GAINS AGAINST GERMANS

Claim That Allies Have Made Marked Advances Against German Right Wing During Last Two Days—Marne Valley Freed of Germans

CLAIM THAT SLIGHT GAINS BY GERMANS IN TWO OR THREE SECTIONS WERE WON BACK

Kaiser's Forces Attack French Stronghold on Meuse While Sixth German Army Made Advances in Lorraine—No Report of Maubeuge Surrender

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—The French Embassy today received the following dispatch from Bordeaux, dated today, but presumably written last night: "Today at eighteen o'clock (six p. m.) from indications given by the War Department, marked advances against the German right wing has been gained by our troops. North of La Ferte Sous Jouarre, the first Germany army was obliged to recross the Marne River. Marne Valley was free from German troops, according to reports by British aviation corps. Our troops at Champagne were forced by the third German army to retire to Gourgacon and Salons, but part of what we lost was regained. The fifth German army before Vassincourt in Argonne was attacked. We progressed slightly. Fort Genicourt in Meuse was attacked by the Germans. Slight progress was made on the road to Chatteau Saline in Lorraine by the sixth German army in the forest of Champenois. Part of that advance was lost. We have no official confirmation of Maubeuge being taken. The garrison is not half what the German agencies say."

SERVIANS CAPTURE SEMLIN TODAY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NISH, Servia, Sept. 11.—The Servians occupied Semlin, across the river from Belgrade, this morning after a bloody battle.

CROWN PRINCE MOVES HEADQUARTERS TO VERDUN

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen, Reuter's correspondent says Berlin dispatches announce that the general headquarters of the German Crown Prince have been established in a fortified position west of Verdun. Parts of the Crown Prince's army attacked the forts south of Verdun, which since yesterday have been bombarded by heavy German artillery.

BELGIANS PURSUE DEPARTING GERMANS

LONDON, Sept. 11.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Ghent says the Belgian troops are pursuing the German army corps which is marching toward France. An engagement has occurred on the right bank of the Scheldt in a triangle formed by Audenard, Courtrai and Renis. The Germans are said to have completely evacuated the region of the Scheldt between Antwerp and Ghent.

GERMANS CLAIM MANY VICTORIES OVER ALLIES AND RUSSIANS NOW

Official Headquarters Reports Crown Prince's Army Has Taken Part of Verdun Forts and Another Army is Attacking From Other Side.

CLAIM EASTERN ARMIES HAVE REPULSED RUSSIANS AT EVERY POINT WITH HEAVY LOSSES

Announce Czar's Troops Are Being Pursued Towards Niemen River—Report Russian Flank Broken and Way Opened For German Rear Attack

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—The German Embassy today received the following wireless from Berlin: "Official headquarters report the German Crown Prince's army yesterday took the fortifications of Southwest Verdun. The German Paris army is attacking the fortress of South Verdun. General Pindenburg, with the eastern army, outflanked the Russian left wing in Prussia. The Russians gave up fighting and are retreating everywhere. The eastern army is pursuing the Russians in a southeasterly direction toward the River Niemen."

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent says General Von Deneckendorff Und Von Hindenburg has defeated the left flank of the Russian army in East Prussia, thereby opening a way for an attack on the enemy's rear.