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GERMANS BARELY ESCAPE TRAP LAID BY FRENCH COMMANDER

General Von Kluck's Timely Discovery of Plan Prevents General Joffre and Allies Gaining One of Most Brilliant Victories of History

OVER 800,000 GERMAN TROOPS USED IN CAMPAIGN TO CAPTURE FRENCH CAPITAL

Allies' Presence on Flank of Von Kluck's Army Discovered Just In Nick of Time—German Leader Lauded by Military Critics for Action

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
PARIS, Sept. 12.—The only ones outside of the military authorities who knew the whereabouts of the French forces at the beginning of the great battle were the Germans. They learned it none too soon and their diversion from the route to Paris, heretofore attributed to fear of the Paris defense works, was a clever maneuver to escape a desperate situation. The Germans penetrated France in three columns, but the force consisted of five armies and at least 800,000 men. The plan evidently was for a quick, direct attack on Paris by General Von Kluck while the armies of General Von Buelow, Princes of Wurtemberg and Saxony and the Crown Prince dealt with the other armies of the allies. The audacious commander of the German right, surprised by the allies' resistance at Guise and Compiegne, became cautious and must have discovered the presence of the Paris army on his flank. He showed his resourcefulness by a sharp counter movement against this protecting force. Critics give Von Kluck full credit for his skill. Referring to General Joffre's plans they say it is a match between masters. Joffre failed, they believe, by the narrowest margin, in gaining one of the most brilliant victories in history.

GERMAN CRUISERS LEIPZIG AND NURNBERG AGAIN NEAR CALIFORNIA

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 12.—Fearing capture by a German cruiser, the British mail steamer Maitai, bound from New Zealand to San Francisco, put into neutral waters off here. Early today the German cruiser Leipzig was reported off point Lomax. It is also said that the German cruiser Nurnberg was sighted between San Francisco and Santa Barbara channel.

GERMANS ACCUSE BELGIANS OF AWFUL CRIMES ON WOUNDED MEN

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Gouging out of eyes, cutting out of tongues, cutting off limbs, murdering those ready for the hospital and treacherous assaults were among the atrocities performed on wounded Germans in Belgium by the lower class Belgians, according to a letter from Prince Henry of Rouss to Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador to the United States.

RUSSIA CLAIMS AUSTRIA HAS LOST 130,000 MEN IN GALICIA

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Sept. 12.—A Central News dispatch from Rome says: "A telegram received from Petrograd states that the second battle in Galicia resulted even more satisfactorily to the Russians than the first. Losses of the Austrians are estimated at 130,000, including 90,000 prisoners."

ENGLISH CAPTURE GERMAN ISLANDS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Sept. 12.—The Admiralty announced this afternoon that the British fleet has occupied Berbershoehoe on Blanche Bay, the seat of government of the German Bismarek Archipelago and Solomon Island, off the north coast of Australia and southeast of the Philippine Islands

FRENCH CLAIM GERMANS ARE GIVING AWAY ALL ALONG LINE

Official Report Says That Kaiser's Cavalry Seems to be Exhausted and Armies Offer Feeble Resistance to French and English Pursuers

MANY POINTS EVACUATED AND LARGE QUANTITY OF SUPPLIES LEFT BEHIND

Anglo-French Forces Reported to Be Following Close and Taking Up New Positions—Belgians Renew Activity Against Germans Near Antwerp

BELGIANS DEFEAT GERMANS
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Sept. 12.—An Ostend dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "The Belgian troops have just gained important successes at Cortenberg, between Louvain and Brussels, cutting up the German corps and taking a number of prisoners. The line toward Liege has been occupied by Belgians."
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Sept. 12.—An official communication says: "On our left wing the Germans have begun a general retreating movement between Oise and Marne. Yesterday their front lay between Sissions, Baine and Fiamess and the mountains of Reimes. Their cavalry seems exhausted. The Anglo-French forces, which pursued them, encountered yesterday only feeble resistance. At the center on our right wing the Germans have evacuated Bitry Le Francois where they had fortified themselves. They also evacuated the Valley of the Saulux River. Attacked at Sermaize and Revigny, they abandoned a large quantity of war material. The German forces which have been occupying Argonne region, have begun to give way, retreating north through the forest of Bellanone. In Lorraine, we have made slight progress. We occupy the eastern boundary of the Forest of Champenoux, Rechainvillers and Gerbenvillers. The Germans evacuated Sain Dieu. In Belgium, the Belgian army is acting vigorously against the German troops before the fortified position of Antwerp."

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE WINS VICTORY OVER ALLIES TODAY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
BERLIN, Sept. 12.—A German counterstroke to the Anglo-French offensive near Paris was delivered by Crown Prince Frederick William's army, which captured a fortified French position southwest of Verdun, enabling closer co-operation between the Germans.

The attack on the barrier forts south of Verdun supported by the German siege artillery, promises, if successful, the completion of the encirclement of Verdun. The attempt of the garrison to break through the line has been expected for several days. The commander of the second Bavarian army corps, forming part of the sixth army now in Lorraine, has issued orders today to the troops, conveying the thanks of the general headquarters to the sixth army for holding out so stiffly, heroically and successfully, thereby preventing the enemies from sending reinforcements northward and intimating that the time is not ripe for an offensive movement by this army.

Russians Driven From Germany
The victory of General Von Hindenburg will probably clear German territory for the time being of Russians, whose flood of invasion has swept almost to the gates of Kieningsberg. The Lokal Anzeiger assumes that the right wing of the defeated army was not far from Kieningsberg and left in the vicinity of Gumbinnen.

GERMANS REPORT RUSSIANS ARE BADLY DEFEATED IN EAST PRUSSIA

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—The German Embassy today received the following wireless from Berlin: "General Hindenburg's victorious progress in East Prussia continues. The Russians attempted to relieve pressure on their defeated left wing by launching the twenty-second army corps against Hindenburg's flank but were defeated. Several batteries were captured from the main Russian forces."

ENGLISH DO NOT BELIEVE WAR HAS REACHED DECISIVE STAGE

Officials Warn Public Not to Place Too Much Confidence in Retreat of Germans as it May be New Movement Which Will Turn French Line.

EFFORT TO BREAK THROUGH FRENCH CENTER SUCCEEDS, ARMY AT NANCY WILL BE IN DANGER

Says That Allies Driving Back Germans Right and Center is Not Decisive and Kaiser's Troops May Rally Like The French and British Did

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Sept. 12.—News of a decisive character east of Vitry Le Francois where the Germans are fiercely striving to break through the French right and center still hangs fire. The anxiety of both forces grows keener as it is recognized the result in this quarter is likely to have a decisive result on the whole line. Should the Germans smash the French center in this district, they would turn the line of the French frontier forts, seriously endangering the rear of General Castleman's sixth army corps, engaging the Germans before Nancy. It is fully realized here that the driving back of the German right and center is in no way conclusive and that the France-British forces rallied after their long retreat, so may the Germans turn and retrieve their present reverses. The public is warned that the present situation merely is the first phase of a great struggle which will continue while the main armies remain intact.

GERMANS HOLD BACK NEWS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
BERLIN, Sept. 12.—No details of the battles east of Paris and around Verdun have been received either from the general staff or correspondents attached to the headquarters.

UNITED STATES TO JOIN POWERS IN PROTEST AGAINST TURKEY'S ACT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The United States will probably join the protest of the Powers against Turkey's abrogation of the capitulations which granted foreigners extra-territorial rights. A definite course of action has not been finally decided upon by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. The Washington government is disposed to await the initiative of the European powers.
GERMANS REPORT ETAOIN

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

The French War Office announced at 3 o'clock this afternoon that the Germans were retreating generally, offering only a feeble resistance. British official announcements say the British troops crossed the River Oureq and are pursuing the German right wing. It is declared that the third French army captured all the artillery of one German corps. The latest official German advices said that their forces captured a fortress southwest of Verdun. News dispatches indicated the German's purpose is to surround and cut off the strongly fortified city of Verdun. News dispatches indicated that the Russians have not overwhelmed the Austrians in Galicia as they had claimed. Fresh and stubborn fighting is reported there. This causes speculation that the German corps brought from the west have been thrown into Austria instead of East Prussia. The East Prussian situation is in doubt. Nothing indicates that the Russians have made any notable advance since their Allenstein reverses. A Rome dispatch says Pope Benedict XV charged the foreign cardinals to urge their governments to cease hostilities. A Petrograd dispatch says the Servians continue successful offensive operations against Austria.

PROTEST AGAINST TURKEY'S ACTION

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 12.—Ambassadors of the great powers have presented an identical note to the Turkish Grand Vizier, protesting against the decree issued by the Porte recently in which treaty rights accorded foreigners were abolished.