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FRENCH AND GERMAN VERSIONS DIFFER ABOUT BATTLE TODAY

Terrific Struggle Along French Frontier Has Continued Three Weeks Without Either Side Gaining Decisive Advantage—Both Versions

FRENCH CLAIM TO HAVE REPULSED GERMANS AND GAINED GROUND

Germans Say Allies Have Been Repulsed and That Effort to Turn General Von Kluck's Flank Has Failed—Eastern War Reports Are Conflicting

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Oct. 3.—The French and German reports agree that the fighting continues at the western end of the fighting line in Northern France without a decisive advantage to either side. Apparently the great battle has raged for three weeks now with neither side obtaining an important advantage. The French statement says a violent action progresses in the region of Roye, but that the allies have repulsed all German attacks on the left wing. The German official version claims the right wing of the German army has repulsed the renewed effort to outflank it, while to the south of Roye the French have been dislodged from their positions. German advances in the Argonne region were recorded while the situation on the center is unchanged. The turn of the tide of battle is expected either on this wing or on the eastern wing where the French declare the Crown Prince's army has been driven back in the Argonne district.

Reports from the eastern area of war continue to be conflicting. The most dependable reports indicate that the really great battle is being fought at Cracow, where an unnumbered Russian force is attacking the Germans and Austrians, who are united in immense strength. Still further apart are the contrary claims regarding the struggle of the Austrians and Servians and Montenegrins. An official statement from Serbia says the Balkan allies gained a brilliant victory at Vafrosenica. The Austrians claim the invaders of Bosnia are being scattered. According to Rome advices, a cabinet crisis is approaching, due to the differences as to the attitude of Italy.

CZAR LEAVES FOR FRONT TO DIRECT RUSSIANS IN BATTLE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
PETROGRAD, Oct. 3.—Emperor Nicholas, it is announced, has left for the theatre of war.

SERVIANS ADVANCE ON SERAJEVO

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
PARIS, Oct. 3.—A dispatch from Cetinje says: "The Servian and Montenegrin advance guard has reached the mountains where are situated the first fortifications of Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia."

CHINESE MAKE HOT RETORT TO JAPANESE NOTE TODAY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
PEKIN, Oct. 3.—The Chinese government today replied to the latest Japanese note. The former declared again that it considered Japanese occupation of Wei Hsien a breach of neutrality and asserted if the rest of the railroad in Shan Tung province was occupied, such action would constitute further violation.

POPULATION NEAR VERDUN STARVING

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
BERLIN, Oct. 3.—A correspondent who has witnessed the military operations in the Argonne forest and north of Verdun, says the bombardment of Verdun still continues. Population of the district is starving.

RIOTS IN SOUTH AFRICA OVER WAR

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Oct. 3.—A dispatch from Pocheftrom, in The Transvaal, says an attempt by General Christian Dewet to address a meeting of protest against the government's action in regard to the war resulted in the breaking up of the meeting after a demonstration which approached the proportions of a riot.

JAPANESE MINE SWEEPER SUNK; PREPARE TSING TAU ATTACK

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TOKIO, Oct. 3.—An official announcement states that another Japanese mine-sweeping boat at Kiao Chow has been sunk by a mine. Four were killed and nine wounded. The boat was sunk in Laoshan Bay. German forts and ships are constantly shelling the Japanese army, which is slowly preparing for a big assault on Tsing Tau.

A German aeroplane from Tsing Tau has made two unsuccessful efforts to attack Japanese warships. Japanese aeroplanes went in pursuit of German air craft and were subjected to bomb fire. A captive balloon, which has been seen above Tsing Tau, has been hauled down. It is believed to have been damaged.

ITALIAN SHIP SUNK WITH 50 BY AUSTRIAN MINE NEAR TRIESTE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

VENICE, Oct. 3.—A report has reached here of the sinking of another Italian boat and the death of her crew of fifty men at a point near Trieste as a result of coming in contact with a floating mine.

ALLIES CLAIM GERMANY FAILS IN MOVEMENTS AT MANY POINTS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Oct. 3.—In the Belgian field, the Germans are bombarding the front today southeast of La Place d'Anvers, without being yet able to produce any considerable effect on the works, says an official statement. They delivered many infantry attacks, which were repulsed.

In the Russian field of operations, a strong German army of four corps has taken positions between the frontier of East Prussia and the River Niemen. Its left wing has been thrown back on Mariampol and Suwalki. At the center, the city of Augustovo has been taken by the Russians. On the German right wing the struggle continues around Ossovotz. In Galicia the rear guard of the Austrians has retreated in disorder as far as the Vistula River.

DR. SCHENCK IS REPORTED DEAD GERMANS GIVE ALL TO COUNTRY

Former Head of Biltmore Forest School Said to Have Been Killed in Battle

Cornell Lagerstrom of the C. A. Smith Company this morning received a letter from Chas. L. Trabert, secretary of the Smith companies at Oakland, in which it was stated that he had just been informed by the Forest Service that Dr. Schenck had been reported killed in action. He said that the report had not been confirmed.

The news comes as a great shock to Coos Bay, as Dr. Schenck had won many warm friends on the Bay during the two or three seasons he spent on Coos Bay with his school. When he closed the Biltmore school he returned to Germany and stated that he would spend the balance of his life there. It was not known that he had gone to the front until the word was received of his being killed.

Gravel Sifted for Bridge.—Along the spur of the S. P. lines near the depot are at least 500 carloads of gravel, just brought here from Myrtle Point and which is now being screened for concrete to be used in the making of the eleven big piers of the Willamette Pacific bridge. From here in about three weeks scows are expected to take the concrete to the scene of action. At North Bend there are also many carloads of gravel for the same purpose. A crew of men is screening the gravel at present.

Kaiser's Subjects in Rome Contribute Their Valuables For Fatherland

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
ROME, Oct. 3.—A meeting of Germans was held here today to collect funds to present to the fatherland for war purposes. Women in attendance gave all the valuables they possessed and a chambermaid insisted on giving her bank book calling for \$600 although she was urged to keep part of it.

MEX. BATTLE IS STILL ON

Gov. Maytorena Fires on Naco But Failed to Make Announced Attack

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
NACO, Oct. 3.—The Villa forces under Governor Maytorena continued through the night a desultory firing upon the outposts of General Hill's garrison, but ceased at daylight. The town's defenders are awaiting the attack which Maytorena informed Colonel Gullfoyle, commanding the United States border guard, would be delivered soon after daylight.

GERMANS CLAIM ALLIES FAILED IN EFFORTS TO TURN FLANK

Official Statement Says That Kaiser's Troops Are Winning at Many Points and French are Being Worst in Offensive Movements.

CLAIM TO BE MAKING GAINS IN ATTACKS ON FORTIFICATIONS BEFORE ANTWERP

States They Have Taken Part of Termonde Fortifications—Admit Russians Are Crossing Niemen River Against Germans in Province of Suwalki

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
BERLIN, Oct. 3.—(Via Amsterdam.)—The following official statement was given out at army headquarters last night: "The right wing of the German army in France has repulsed the renewed efforts on the part of the French to outflank it. To the south of Roye, the French have been dislodged. The situation in the center of the battle front is unchanged. The German troops are advancing in the Argonne region and have won substantial advances in a southerly direction. East of the River Meuse, the French troops from Toul undertook energetic night attacks but were repulsed.

Before Antwerp, Fort Wavre-St. Catherine and Redoubt Borpevelt with their intermediate works, were assaulted yesterday afternoon. Fort Wilhelm has been invested. The Western end of the important outer epaulement of the Termonde fortifications is in our possession. In the eastern area of war, advances of the Russians across the Niemen River against the Germans in the province of Suwalki seems imminent.

KING CHARLES' ILLNESS MAY BE FEIGNED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
ROME, Oct. 3.—A dispatch from Sofia says the condition of King Charles of Roumania has suddenly become worse. The well-informed, however, according to the dispatch, believe the illness is really a political step whose aim is to end popular agitation to have Roumania join forces against Germany.

PRINCE OSCAR LED IMPERIAL GUARD AGAINST BLACK ALLIES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
COPENHAGEN, Oct. 3.—A correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, who witnessed the battle of Verdun September 24, when Prince Oscar led the Imperial Guard, says: "Though the Germans fought like lions, the Turcos climbed trees like monkeys, hiding in the leaves. The Germans and Turcos fought and wrestled in a terrible hand-to-hand struggle and many German officers fell dead around the Prince, who thereafter had a heart attack as already described."

FRENCH CLAIM TO HAVE REPULSED GERMANS ALL ALONG THE LINE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
PARIS, Oct. 3.—An official announcement issued this afternoon declares a violent attack of the Germans at Roye has been repulsed by the allies. The official statement was as follows: "On our left wing violent action, which has been progressing since yesterday, continues without interruption, particularly in the region of Roye, where we have repulsed all attacks, although on this part of the front the enemy has been reinforced. On the center nothing is to be noted from Rheims to the Argonne region. In the Argonne district, the army of the Crown Prince, which attempted to slip by through the woods of Gruriem, has been driven back toward the north. In the Woevre district and on the Heights of Meuse, our progress is always slow, but continuous."

BELGIANS DRIVE GERMANS BACK

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
ANTWERP, Oct. 3.—There was heavy bombardment of the whole line of Antwerp defenses yesterday from Boom, five and a half miles northwest of Malines to Lierre, nine miles southeast of Antwerp. It was especially severe at the fort of Wavre-St. Catherine. During the morning the Germans penetrated to Wavre-St. Catherine fort but were driven back.