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NORTHERN FRANCE AND BELGIAN COAST SCENE OF FIGHTING

No Decisive Results Reported From Great Struggle to Determine Who Shall Hold French Seaports Near England - French Claim Allies Holding Their Own

NO DIRECT NEWS FROM BERLIN YESTERDAY CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS

English Claim That Invading Germans are Being Repulsed - French Claim Russians Gaining Ground Near Warsaw - Heavy Fighting Along Austrian Border

LONDON, Oct. 22.-Northern France and the coast of Belgium still are the fields where most of the important battles in the western theater of war continue with utmost stubbornness, but as yet without active results. The French war office announces that the Allies are holding their own despite the furious onslaughts of the enemy, while news dispatches to London assert that developments generally are against the invaders. No confirmation of the reported evacuation of Ostend has been received. Berlin has not been heard from since yesterday. Lacking the German report, the situation is being reported only from the side of the Allies. British warships are playing an important part in the operations. The fighting is going on night and day, and the Allies are said to be approaching close to the German positions at Lille. Paris says officially that the Russians in the vicinity of Warsaw have driven the enemy back eight miles. There has been hand to hand fighting in the vicinity of Bionie and Prouschkoff, in Russian Poland. Petrograd says that fighting south of Pzemyel has been going on six days with heavy losses on the part of the Austrians.

GERMANS CLAIM ARTILLERY HAS DISABLED ENGLISH DESTROYER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.-The German Embassy received the following wireless message from Berlin: "The heavy fighting is continuing on the Yser Canal. The enemy is supported from the sea, northeast of Nieuport, where German artillery disabled one of the British destroyers. Fighting is also proceeding west of Lille where the Germans have taken the offensive and repulsed the enemy. Two thousand English were made prisoners, and several machine guns captured."

GERMANY SENDS 10,000 MARINES SOUTH FROM ANTWERP TO AID

ROTTERDAM, Oct. 22.-Travelers from Antwerp report that on Tuesday night, 10,000 German marines with machine guns left Antwerp, proceeding in a southerly direction. Later, a long line of carts bearing wounded, entered the town. The garrison of Antwerp is greatly reduced. The Germans are on friendly terms with the population. German reinforcement, mainly marines, with two 17-inch Howitzers, arrived in Antwerp from Liege, according to a Rotterdam dispatch. The reinforcements are going in the direction of Bruges.

GERMAN PAPER REPORTS GAINS AGAINST RUSSIA NEAR WARSAW

BERLIN, Oct. 22.- (Via The Hague.) - The fighting at Warsaw goes on. The fact that the Russians were compelled to accept battle there may be regarded as a success for us," says the Berliner Tageblatt. "The struggle of the Austrians to penetrate the fortified lines between the San River and Sambor and the occupation of the city of Stry are reported as opening the way to Dniester in the against Lemberg."

GERMAN LOSS 12,500. BERLIN, Oct. 22.-A German casualty list issued today contains the names of 12,500 killed, wounded and missing.

Steamer Rochelle Total Wreck Near Mouth Of Columbia

TWO SHOT IN BANDIT BATTLE

Canadian Custom Officer and Robber Dead - Sedro Woolley Bank Robber

BLAINE, Wash., Oct. 22.-One man was instantly killed and others wounded this morning in a battle between a posse composed of Canadian and American deputy sheriffs, custom officers and immigration inspectors and five men supposed to be the gang who robbed the First National Bank of Sedro Woolley, Wash., of \$20,000 last Saturday and killed a boy who was on the street during the robbery. The one killed was an unidentified handit. The dead handit was apparently a foreigner. In a belt which he wore was found \$2500 in gold. The other four robbers are surrounded in the woods at Hills Prairie, B. C., close to the border. Their capture is expected soon. The posse learned last night that the robbers, after an encounter with the officers at Ferndale yesterday, were moving afoot toward the Canadian border. The posse encountered them today on the Great Northern right of way. United States Immigration Inspector Burke called on the men to halt. Their leader drew a pistol, but before he could fire Burke shot him dead. In a moment the firing became general. Adams fell dead, Burke's hat was perforated by a bullet, Canadian Customs Officer Smith was shot through the head and seriously wounded. The robbers fled and were hotly pursued. A Vancouver, B. C., dispatch says that the robbers have been surrounded at Hills Prairie, two miles from the boundary line on the Canadian side. Detective Keith of the Great Northern Railway was also wounded. Posses have been sent out from New Westminster and Vancouver.

Vessel Which Formerly Plied Out of Coos Bay Total Loss at Clatsop Beach

CAPT KILDAHL AND ENTIRE CREW SAVED

Point Adams Lifesavers Rescue Men - Vessel Turns Turtle and Then Burns

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 22.-The steam schooner Rochelle which went aground on Clatsop Spit at the mouth of the Columbia last night is a total loss. She was bound for Portland with a cargo of coal from Boat Harbor, B. C. Captain Kildahl and crew of 18 men and pilot Mathews were rescued by the Point Adams life saving crew early today. Mathews says the wreck was due to one of the channel lights being out. Shortly after the crew was rescued, the vessel keeled over and caught fire, and was burning fiercely when last seen. When the grounded rockets were sent up which were seen by the life-saving lookout and the tug Wallula. The Rochelle was of 582 gross tons. She was owned by the Columbia Steamship Company, which recently purchased her. Name Is Discovered.-Charles Benson is the name of the old man who was killed yesterday afternoon by the outbound passenger train. The name of the man was not known at the time of the accident as there was nothing found on the body to admit his identity. Chief of Police Carter went down to see the body and pronounced it that of Charles Benson, who had been in jail last Tuesday night for being intoxicated. The man will be buried tomorrow. It is believed he has no relatives.

CANNON FIRE RAZES TOWN WHERE GERMANS WERE LOCATED

LONDON, Oct. 22.-A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Dunkirk, says the British naval bombardment has utterly destroyed the town of Slype, which the Germans had in force. A house occupied by the German headquarters staff was blown to bits. A British signal man, in a stationary balloon, was shot down by the Germans.

FRENCH DECLARE GERMANS HAVE NOT BROKEN THROUGH WING YET

PARIS, Oct. 22.-An official announcement this afternoon says: "On our left wing, German forces in considerable strength have continued violent attacks, particularly in the vicinity of Dixmude, Warniton, Armentieres, Radinghem and Labasse, but the position occupied by the Allies has been maintained. On the rest of the front the enemy has delivered only partial attacks. These all have been repulsed. We have made slight progress in the Argonne district and in the Southern part of Woevre, in the forest of Mortmare."

U. S. PROTESTS TO ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.-Acting Secretary Lansing, of the State Department, announced today that the United States had protested to Great Britain against the seizure of the American steamer Brinilla, now at Halifax, N. S., as unjustifiable, and demanding its immediate release.

GERMANY SUPPRESSES REBELLION

THE HAGUE, Oct. 22.-Magna Bell, a native chief of the German Kamerun, has been executed because he attempted to foment among the natives a rebellion against Germany. The German governor of Kamerun is said to have announced his execution.

WAR REVENUE BILL PASSES

Senate and House Adopt Conference Report on Measure Today

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.-The conference report on the war revenue bill was adopted in the Senate by a vote of 35 to 11. Three Senators who did not vote were counted as present to make a quorum. By a vote of 156 to 52 the House adopted the conference report on the war revenue bill after one hour's debate. The final agreement was a strictly party vote, the Republicans voting against. The conference restored the House provision that the new taxes go into effect the day after the passage of the bill.

CONGRESS TO END TONIGHT

Arrangements Practically Completed for Adjournment of Extra Session

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.-The adjournment of Congress at 6 o'clock tonight was arranged by the administration leaders of both houses today and a formal resolution to that effect was prepared. There were some rumblings of a filibuster by the southern members who want legislation to relieve the cotton situation, but the Democratic leaders seemed sure of their plans.

DR. WHITE IS COMING HERE

Secretary of Board of Health Makes Personal Investigation of Camps

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 22.-In response to a petition from residents near Coos Bay, Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, left Eugene this morning over the Willamette Pacific to make an inspection of the Willamette Pacific railroad camps where 1200 men are quartered under alleged improper conditions. Dr. White will probably be gone a week, and he states that his inspection will be thorough and detailed. He is prepared to live in the camps as a workman. The petition sent from Marshfield refers to the conditions of the laborers as unbearable, deplorable and filthy, and specifies the camps of Porter Brothers and Grant-Smith company. "The men are forced to work twelve hours a day under unsanitary conditions with cheap, indigestible food, and forced to sleep in filthy bunks reeking with vermin," the document states. "It may be sent by disgruntled employees," said Dr. White before he left, "but it warrants investigation."

Willamette Pacific Engineer.-Thomas Dixon, assistant engineer of the Willamette Pacific, came in from Eugene today and expects to be here for a few days inspecting the work along the line.

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RUMOR GERMANS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO EVACUATE OSTEND

No Confirmation of Report That Germany Has Been Forced to Back Up in Advance Towards French Seacoast - English Navy Aiding Allies

GERMANY GETS SUBMINES INTO BAY OF OSTEND MUCH TO ENGLISH SURPRISE

Must Have Picked Their Way Through English Mine Fields - Eleven English Men of War Engaged in Bombarding German Field Positions - Do Damage

LONDON, Oct. 22.-The rumored evacuation of Ostend has not been confirmed, but from Berlin itself came the report that British ships were shelling the town, while another dispatch said the guns of the warships had destroyed Slype on the canal between Ostend and Bruges. It is clear now that the warships are playing an important part. The Admiralty announces that the Monitors Severn, Humber and Mersey not only bombarded the German positions south of Ostend, but landed marines. Eleven warships were reported in action. The monitors so far have been able to dodge submarine attacks, though they have been targets for torpedoes. How the German submarines got to Ostend is unknown, but presumably they crept down the Dutch coast, submerging whenever sighted by a British patrol and then picked their way carefully through the British mine fields.

JAPS SEEK GERMAN FLEET

TOKIO, Oct. 22.-The Japanese squadron, it is officially announced, is seeking the German fleet in the neighborhood of Hawaii.

REPORT ITALY HAS LANDED TROOPS IN ALBANIA TODAY

LONDON, Oct. 22.-A dispatch to the Evening News from Berlin says: "A company of Italian marines landed at Avalona today. The Italian 47th infantry at Lecce is said to be ready to also embark to Avalona. It is stated that telephone communication with other parts of Albania has been severed in order to prevent the spread of the news of landing." The Italian Embassy at London has no confirmation of the foregoing.

ENGLAND NOTIFIES U. S. THAT OIL SHIP HAS BEEN RELEASED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.-British Ambassador Spring-Rice was informed today by the London Foreign Office that the American tank steamer John D. Rockefeller, seized by British cruisers, had been released. The Ambassador received no word concerning the other American ships, the Brindilla and Paltruria. His advices were communicated at once to the White House and that was taken in official circles as the indication of the personal interest President Wilson has taken in the cases. The Rockefeller, like the other ships, carried illuminating oil, which Great Britain is understood to have declared contraband. She was seized and taken to the Islands off the coast of Scotland. The Ambassador's advices were that the Rockefeller's cargo was consigned merely "to order at Copenhagen" and that the British cruisers which took her had no difficulty in establishing her destination.

AUSTRIANS CLAIM MORE GAINS AGAINST RUSSIANS IN GALICIA

LONDON, Oct. 22.-An official statement issued in Vienna regarding the fighting in Galicia says: "We have gained ground in several spots in a heavy stubborn attack on fortified positions of the enemy from Plotzyn to the high road east of Medyka, while the Russian attack could nowhere penetrate. Our troops captured the heights north of Nizankowice. Tuesday we captured the Cablonki Pass in the Carpathians, the last pass held by the Russians."