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GERMANY RUSHES 600,000 TO AID RIGHT WING ADVANCE

Outcome of Battle on Line From Lille to Belgian Coast Will Determine Future of Kaiser's Campaign Against France.

ZEPPELINS BEING RUSHED IN TO OFFSET AID GIVEN ALLIES BY THEIR NAVY

No Details of Work of Zeppelins Told in News Dispatches Except That Number of Aircraft is Being Constantly Increased.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—By mutual agreement both the German and English newspapers characterize the conflict along the front from Lille in France to the Belgian seaboard as the greatest struggle of all. London newspapers were quick to seize the suggestion of German military experts that this is the crucial conflict of the whole campaign and whether this be so, it is contended that the outcome is likely to decide the future of the German operations in France.

Reinforcements of 600,000 men are said to have been rushed to the German right wing and it seems no exaggeration to say these operations spell the supreme effort of the German invaders to break through the Allies' lines.

Being denied the use of warships, which have been rendering good service for the Allies, Germany is throwing her air craft, particularly the Zeppelins, more and more into the fray and news dispatches relate the operations of the Zeppelins have been marked features of the fighting southwest of Ostend, toward which seaport the troops of France, England and Belgium are said to be working their way.

GERMANS CLOSING IN DAILY ON FRENCH FORCES AT VERDUN

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The German ring around Verdun is becoming closer daily, says the Cologne Gazette. All French attacks have been in vain. Colonel Grey, brother of the British Foreign Secretary, who was captured when an aeroplane was brought down by the Germans, has been sent to the prisoners' camp at Darmstadt.

ENGLAND HOPES EMDEN HAS BEEN SUNK OR CAPTURED

LONDON, Oct. 24.—England is hoping today that the career of the famous destroyer Emden is ended. Their hope is based on two cryptic cables from Bombay, one issued by the Bombay government declaring all sea routes may be considered reasonably safe from 9 p. m. of the 21st, and the other an unconfirmed report from Bombay that the Emden has been accounted for.

JAPS CAPTURE GERMAN SHIP WITHIN SIGHT OF HONOLULU

HONOLULU, Oct. 24.—In sight of marine observers at the mouth of the harbor, the Japanese battleship Hizen captured today a small German steam schooner, supposed to be from the Marshall Islands. The Hizen has at no time entered territorial waters and it was not possible to learn the prize's name.

ENGLISH SUBMARINE SUNK

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Admiralty today issued a list of the officers and men of British submarine E-3, with the statement it is feared no hope for the safety of the submarine can now be entertained. Berlin official dispatches recently announced that the E-3 was sunk October 18th by German warships in the North Sea.

Germaes Report Gains in Battle Along Yser Canal

SAY KAISER WAS ALMOST CAPTURED

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—German official announcements today say: "Fighting continues severely around the Yser Canal. In the North we succeeded in crossing the canal with great forces. East of Ypres and southeast of Lille our troops have been slowly advancing."

WILSON FOR PEACE

PITTSBURG, Oct. 24.—The peace commission treaties of the kind negotiated between the United States and many foreign countries were spoken of here today by President Wilson as a means for "shedding light" on disputes which will make the use of force unnecessary. President Wilson addressed a mass meeting in celebration of the seventeenth anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. movement.

MORE ROYALTY

MADRID, Oct. 24.—A son was born this morning to Queen Victoria of Spain. He is the queen's sixth child, the others being three sons and two daughters.

CONGRESS IS ENDED TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—The second session of the sixty-third Congress ended today when both houses adopted resolutions adjourning at 4 p. m. to the December session. The filibustering of the southern members for legislation to relieve the cotton situation collapsed at the last moment after holding up the adjournment for three days. At the opening of the afternoon session, the House passed a resolution to adjourn, 56 to 27, and the Senate then also passed a resolution to adjourn and both houses marked time until 4.

M'KAY STREET NOW PROBABLE

Eastside Bids in Amount of Taxes Against Lots Whose Owners Would Not Pay

Eastside bid in the amount of taxes levied against each lot for the opening of McKay street which still remained unpaid, this morning at the Eastside City hall. The amount involved is \$4,715. Attorney McClure remonstrated against the sale being made, stating that he appeared as a private citizen and also as the representative of the Chadwick heirs in opposing the opening of the new street for the train-bay ferry. With this action completed the citizens of Eastside are confident that the street will now be opened. The city has practically accepted the bid of a contractor for the completion of the elevated road to the harbor line and a petition will now be presented to the county court asking that the \$200 which has been designated for use in the repairing of the present elevated road be transferred to the new project. Three or four months ago this money was promised by the county for this use providing that Eastside could show that they would have the long pier built at once. Unable to do this the county court then gave orders to proceed with the repair of the present long pier. That the work, as soon as it is commenced, will be enjoined, is the general belief and this is to be done on the grounds that the new pier is unnecessary. To this argument Eastside points to their charter, which specifies that the council may declare what streets shall be opened and hence, having declared the opening of this street the improvement is beyond court jurisdiction. To raise the \$4,715 the city will probably issue warrants against the city fund and then bend to take up these warrants.

Announce Today That They Have Thrown Great Force Across Stream

BATTERED ENGLISH FORCES FIGHT HARD

Sir John French's Army Fifty Miles Northwest of Mons —Day's News

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ENGLISH REPORT

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Admiralty report says: "All yesterday the monitors and other British vessels fought in concert with the Belgian army. All the German attacks on Nieuport were repulsed."

STATES OF BATTLE

Sir John French's Battered English Forces Fighting Hard. LONDON, Oct. 24.—Two months ago the British army began a retreat from Mons. Today the battered forces of Sir John French are fifty miles northwest of Mons. In the intervening period the impetuous German advance penetrated almost to the gates of Paris, only to be hurled back. Today's reports throw little new light on the course of the battle. On the fighting on the plains of Flanders, in the opinion of the Germans, French and British, depends in a large measure the outcome of the whole campaign. A French official statement admits that the Germans have advanced to the north of Dixmude and in the neighborhood of Labassee, but as a counter stroke the French claim to have pushed forward from Nieuport and in the region between Armentieres and Lille. Petrograd reports a continuation of the pursuit of the Germans retreating from Warsaw and admits an unexpectedly stubborn resistance to the Russian offensive from the Austrians on the River San.

UNITE COOSTON AND EASTSIDE

Merger to Eastside Almost Unanimously Supported—Ferry Connections

By an overwhelming vote by the people of Cooston and Eastside the merger of the two towns was effected at the election of yesterday. When the votes were counted at seven o'clock last evening the results showed a vote of 27 to 6 for the merger in Cooston and in Eastside a count of 43 to 10 in favor of the consolidation.

With that move the town of Eastside becomes almost a city, at least in point of size, bringing into their corporate limits several square miles of territory with the Coos river dividing the two parts of town. The judges of the election in Eastside were, E. A. Stonecipher, W. E. Byrly and Mrs. Minnie McLagan; the clerks were, R. T. Whitty, L. S. Wilde and W. C. Weaver. At Cooston the judges were, W. L. Walker, Armstrong Bailey and A. J. Arnot and the clerks W. E. Homme, M. L. Hunt and L. G. Meeks.

At the present time communication between the two towns is held up because of the absence of a wagon road and a bridge or ferry on the river. Several propositions have been broached whereby a ferry could be established on the river to connect with roads which have been proposed for extension from each side of the Cooston and Eastside, which will now go under one name of Eastside.

Practically no opposition was made the merger, the people of Cooston being firm in their belief that only in this way could they secure size and votes enough to force the absentee landlords to pay their share for public improvements. The Port Commission has recently had the bucket dredge Oregon at work on the Willanch Inlet up to Cooston and thus have given to North Eastside a navigable channel far into the town. It is probable that the work will be continued when the Oregon has finished dredging on some of the upper inlets.

GERMANS TO KEEP OUT OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—German Ambassador Von Bernstorff said today that early in the European war he had assured the United States that whatever the outcome of the conflict, Germany would respect the Monroe doctrine.

Count Bernstorff said he had filed with the State Department on September 3, soon after his arrival in this country from Berlin, a written official statement that Germany would not infringe on the Monroe doctrine, no matter what the outcome of the war. He said the statement was made because of British assertions that Germany would not respect the Monroe doctrine and would not tempt colonization schemes in South America.

WASHINGTON GAME

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 24.—The University of Washington football team opened the season here today when it met Whitman College. Washington has not lost a game in six years and the eleven is determined to add the seventh northwest championship to its string of consecutive victories.

ELEVEN DIE IN TEXAS FLOOD

Over 2000 Others Rendered Homeless Along San Pedro Alazan Creek

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 24.—Relief work among the destitute sufferers from yesterday's flood along the San Pedro and Alazan creeks, in which eleven persons were drowned and two thousand were made homeless, is well under way today. Nearly 2000 houses were swept away. The flood was confined to the lowlands where the poorer classes lived. Several persons are still missing and it is feared that the death list may be increased.

OLD PIONEER CROSSES DEVIDE

Joseph Richards, Who Came Here in 1867, Passes Away at His Home—Aged 79

Joseph Richards, aged 79 years, one of the old and highly respected pioneers of Coos Bay, who has been ill for the past year, died at his home in Kittyville yesterday, surrounded by the members of his family. The funeral will be held from the Richards home Monday afternoon.

The deceased was an Englishman by birth, having been born there on April 26, 1835, and in 1867 he came from San Francisco to Coos Bay, where he was married seven years previous to his coming to America. Coming here in the early days when this section was wild and but few white people were in the country, the couple worked hard clearing the land on which they made their home and where they lived for many years.

In later years Mr. Richards has suffered from the effects of ill health and during the past year he has been confined to his bed part of the time, but in spite of this the old man bore up well and was cheery to the last. He is survived by a wife and six children. They are Mrs. H. L. Williams, of Redwood, California; Mrs. Harry Graves, Joseph Henry, George John and William Richards, all of the latter living here.

Michie Leaves.—The bar dredge Michie put to sea this morning and will go to Portland, where she will be inspected by Capt. Potter, the U. S. dredge expert, and a government designer, who will determine what changes shall be made in the craft. How long she will be kept there is uncertain.

FRENCH REPORT GERMANS GAIN IN PLACES AND LOSE OTHERS

Declares Changes Along BattleLine are Inevitable Fluctuations in Line of Combat—Kaiser's Forces Close in on Dixmude

ALLIES CLAIM GAINS MADE AROUND LILLE AND ARMENTIERRES AND WOEVRE DISTRICT

Paris Announces That Russia Has Germans Retreating Near Warsaw and That Austrians Lost Large Number of Prisoners Near Pryemysl.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—An official statement issued this afternoon follows: "The battle continues on our left wing. The enemy has made progress to the north of Dixmude and in the vicinity of Labassee. We have made very perceptible advances to the East of Nieuport, in the region of Langemarek and in the region between Armentieres and Lille. It is a question of inevitable fluctuations in the line of combat, which however, maintains itself as a whole. On the rest of the front German attacks by day and night were repulsed. At various points we made slight progress. In the Woevre district, our advance continued in the direction of north of Mertmare to the south of Thiacourt, and in the Le Petre forest, north of Pont A Mousson. The Russians have the Germans retreating to the south of Warsaw as well as the west of Ivangorod and Nova Alexandria. Desperate fighting continues in Galicia on the Sandomir front. At Pryemysl the Russians have taken 2000 Austrian prisoners."

AUSTRIANS CLAIM TO HAVE TRAPPED RUSSIANS ALONG SAN

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LODON, Oct. 24.—An official Austrian statement issued on the banks of the Lower San, where at several points we allowed the enemy to cross the river. There Russian forces now have been severely attacked and pressed against the river. At Zarzeca we captured over 1000 Russians. Parts of our troops appeared suddenly before Ivangorod and beat two Russian divisions, capturing one standard and 15 machine guns.

"Returning from a successful action on the River Save our monitor Temes was struck by a mine and sunk. Thirty three of the crew are missing.

JAPS WILL GUARD PACIFIC STEAMSHIP ROUTES CLOSELY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 24.—The Japanese battle cruiser Kongo and the Japanese armored cruiser Asama are standing off the heads of San Francisco Bay. The Toyo Kisen Kaisha and the liner of the Shinyo Maru, which arrived today from Honolulu brought word that she had been conveyed across the Pacific by the two warships and that, all told, Japan has stationed eight warships to guard the lanes of trade between America and the Orient. The Shinyo Maru brought a million dollars in Bullion and would have made a rich prize.

MONTENEGRINS ARE DEFEATED

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 24.—An official announcement at Vienna says: "Strong Serbian and Montenegrin forces which penetrated Southeastern frontier districts in East Bosnia were defeated October 22 after a severe three-days' battle in the region of Nokro and forced to retreat hastily."

HOSPITAL SHIP WRECKED

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The French ship Marie Henriette, with wounded soldiers on board, is ashore near Cape Barleur, sixteen miles east of Cherbourg. S. O. S. signals were received from her at Niton, Isle of Wight. A French ship is standing by.

JAPS ADMIT GERMANS SUNK BOAT

TOKIO, Oct. 24.—It has been officially announced that the navy department now believes the Japanese cruiser Takachijo, sunk in Kiao Chow harbor October 17, was torpedoed by German torpedo boat destroyer S-90. The German destroyer later was hounded to sea.