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GERMAN REPORTS SAY LITTLE CHANGE ALONG THE BATTLE LINES

Announce that "Generally Speaking, Yesterday Was Quiet in Struggle Near North Sea," But French Attacks Were Repulsed Near Verdun and Ciry

CLAIM DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN ARENA HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE TO KAISER'S FORCES

Weather Conditions Improve in Vicinity of Dixmude and Germans Prepare for Renewal of Attack—Governor of Warsaw and Staff Captured by Germans

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—The German army headquarters issued an official report this afternoon as follows: "Generally speaking yesterday passed quietly in the Western arena of war. To the south of Verdun and northeast of Ciry, French attacks were repulsed. Operations in the Eastern arena made further favorable progress."

WARSAW GOVERNOR CAPTURED.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Among the Russian prisoners captured by the Germans in the battle of Kitno, were the Governor of Warsaw and his staff, according to a Berlin telegram.

WEATHER BETTER FOR BATTLE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 17.—The Telegraaf's correspondent at Sluis, Netherlands, states that artillery fire was again audible yesterday and the Germans were renewing their efforts to cross the Yser River near Nieuport. The weather is improving. Dixmude, including surrounding villages, have been entirely destroyed.

CRACOW REPORTS DIFFER

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The actual situation at Cracow is an enigma. A previous Petrograd report says that the town was invested by Russians and is in flames, is contradicted by a later Petrograd dispatch saying the Germans had reinforced the Austrian garrison.

PRINCE OF WALES GOES TO FRONT BUT DETAILS OF TRIP ARE SECRET

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The Prince of Wales is now at the front, but some disagreement exists as to the probable length of his stay. One report declares he went to escort home the body of the late Earl Roberts, while others agree that he is going out to become a member of the staff of Sir John French. There is little apprehension of the personal safety of the Prince.

LORD ROBERT'S FUNERAL.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Nov. 17.—In deference to a public wish, the body of the late Earl Roberts, will be laid at rest in St. Paul's Cathedral. He will be given a public funeral of an elaborate character.

RUSSIAN FLEET SAILS TO ENGAGE GERMAN BALTIC SQUADRON TODAY

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 17.—It has been learned from a German source that the Russian squadron left Helsingfors, Finland, and is steering southwestward, with the supposed intention of engaging the German Baltic squadron.

PRESIDENT WILSON DOES NOT FAVOR PUSHING THE EUROPEAN PEACE OFFERS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—The efforts by the United States to bring peace to Europe is still awaiting the time when one or more of the belligerents indicate a willingness to accept mediation. This became known authoritatively today from persons who have lately discussed the European situation with President Wilson. The President holds that the United States having shown a readiness to act, should now await the initiative of the belligerents.

Great Era of Prosperity Evident in United States

MEX. PEACE PACT SEEMS ASSURED

BATTLE IN MEXICO.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NAGO, Nov. 17.—Both the Maytorena and Hill forces resumed their fighting this morning, and stray bullets flying over the American border, struck Mrs. A. F. Krohn, wife of a Southern Pacific railroad official. The wound is not serious.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—

Sec. Bryan announced today the receipt of a message from American Consul Silliman at Mexico City, saying that the newspapers there had published the text of the telegram from Gutierrez approving the conditions set by Carranza for his own retirement.

Silliman reported that a telegram from Carranza to General Gonzalez, which was transmitted to President Gutierrez, stating the willingness of the first chief to deliver the executive power under certain conditions, was also published. Silliman's dispatch made no mention of just what these conditions were. Sec. Bryan said he had no advices from any other source to show what stipulations had been finally agreed upon, but there had been a discussion in previous dispatches of the wish of Carranza that he and Villa leave Mexico. The feeling of the officials was that an understanding had been reached which would bring peace.

ARTILLERY DUEL NEAR DIXMUDE

French Statement Claims Germans Checked—Allies Claim Gains Near Bixchoote

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Nov. 17.—An official communication this afternoon says: "From Nieuport to Dixmude and in the region of Ypres, cannonading was resumed with greater violence than in the preceding days. On the canal south of Dixmude our artillery checked the effort of the Germans to keep down the inundations. The enemy was compelled to evacuate a portion of the trenches that were filled with water. Two German attacks south of Bixchoote and Ypres failed. We made progress between Bixchoote and the canal. Between Armentieres and Lahaesse, there was a heavy artillery duel. German attempts to cross the Aisne near Vailly were frustrated. Up stream from Vailly and around Rhelms there was heavy cannonading."

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN TEXAS

Seven Firemen Injured in Conflagration in Big Southern Pacific Elevator in Texas

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

GALVESTON, Nov. 17.—Nearly a million dollars' damage was done and seven firemen were injured when the Southern Pacific grain elevator was practically destroyed by fire today. Six firemen jumped fifty feet into the life nets.

W. C. T. U. PRESIDENT.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 17.—Miss Anna A. Gordon of Evanston, Ill., was elected president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the general convention held here.

Government Officials at Washington Point Out Flow of Gold to America Now

IMMENSE ORDERS FOR SUPPLIES FOR ARMIES

America Now Has Balance in Europe and Prospect is For Business Improvement

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—Officials of the various government departments in close touch with this country's business activities feel confident that the most serious effects of the European war on American business have passed. Restoration of a credit balance with Europe has greatly eased the situation, the increasing European demand for food supplies and a sudden development of an abnormal trade in articles needed by the huge armies aiding to that end.

No later figures on contracts of the latter character are available, but orders for horses, mules, army clothing, harness and the like have flooded the factories and stockmen. It is said, including ammunition orders, that this business reaches the huge total of \$200,000,000. In several lines the factories are straining to their highest capacity to meet the demands.

Other factors which have aided in clearing up the situation are the opening of the federal banks, a system which business experts look upon as the backbone of the country's resources; the opening of the Panama Canal, which has already increased freight traffic on the western coast; and the entry of more than eighty foreign built ships into American registry under the emergency law passed at the last session of Congress. Huge shipments of grain are awaiting transportation in many ports. It is likely that this condition will result in renewed activity in behalf of the administration's federal merchant marine bill when Congress re-assembles.

BUSINESS BETTER IN NORTHWEST

E. W. WRIGHT SAYS MILLIONS COMING IN FOR WHEAT—IMPROVEMENT IN NEARLY ALL LINES.

That the country as a whole and the Pacific Northwest in particular, is on the verge of extraordinary prosperity is the belief of E. W. Wright, of Portland, who arrived here last evening to look after his Coos Bay properties.

Mr. Wright said that the wheat farmers of Washington and Oregon are rolling in wealth. Millions of dollars have come into Portland during the last few weeks for wheat and other lines of trade are beginning to feel the beneficial results. Bankers and moneyed men who have been withholding loans, he said, owing to the uncertainty of business conditions, are beginning to feel more sanguine and with the opening of the reserve banks yesterday, money will be easier for all legitimate projects.

"WOE TO NIPPON," SAYS BERLIN.

Vengeance in Future Promised for Tsing Tau Defeat.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 17.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, commenting on the German defeat at Tsing Tau, says:

"Germans will never forget the heroic fighting at Kiau-Chow and those who defended the colony. Never shall we forget the brutal violence of the yellow robbers nor England, who instigated them. We know that we cannot settle our account with Japan at present. For years she will enjoy her booty. Our mills will grind slowly, but even if years should pass before the right moment comes at last then a shout of joy will resound through Germany. Woe to you, Nippon."

GERMAN SHIP IS FORCED TO DISARM

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Nov. 17.—It was officially announced that the disarmament of the German cruiser Berlin, which put in at Trondhjem, Norway, had commenced. The Berlin, with a crew of 450, arrived at Trondhjem yesterday. The commander was given the choice of putting to sea within twenty-four hours or of disarming.

REVOLT BREAKS OUT IN BRAZIL

Rioting Follows Installation of New President and Cabinet —Riots Not Serious

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

RIO JANEIRO, Nov. 17.—Some public dissatisfaction with the new cabinet named and installed by President Braz, who was inaugurated on Sunday led to street rioting here. The disturbances thus far are not serious, but the government has taken strict measures to enforce order.

LIVESTOCK ILL IN WASHINGTON

Foot and Mouth Epidemic Has Appeared Near Spokane—Shipped From East

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.—The state of Washington probably will be placed under quarantine today because of the discovery of cases of foot and mouth disease near Spokane. An inspector there reported that he believed that the infected cattle had been shipped west from the Chicago stock yards.

Later reports to the department from field agents in the state of Washington reported that the outbreak there was confined to one case in one yard, and officials said it might not be necessary to quarantine the state.

DEPUTIES CHOSEN FOR OFFICES

Alfred Johnson Names W. C. Laird and L. W. Oddy—Deputy Sheriff for Bay

Alfred Johnson, Jr., of Coquille, sheriff-elect, was here from Coquille yesterday on business. He is getting matters rounded up for taking the office and will spend some time in advance of that familiarizing himself with the duties.

It is understood that Mr. Johnson will appoint W. C. Laird of Coquille one of his three deputies. Mr. Oddy at present a deputy in the office, will be retained for a time. The county commissioners will probably at their next term determine whether Johnson shall be permitted to have a regular salaried deputy stationed on the Coos Bay side.

Robert Watson, county clerk elect will probably appoint Nels Oamundson chief deputy. Mr. Oamundson has been in the office for some time.

County Treasurer Dimmick is expected to retain Mr. Sullivan as his chief deputy.

LULL COMES IN FIGHTING IN NORTH AFTER TERRIFIC LOSSES SUSTAINED

Storms, Floods, Enormous Losses of Life and Awful Strain of Incessant Fighting Causes Cessation, but New Assaults Expected—Artillery Duel On Today

TURKS REPULSE RUSSIANS AND AUSTRIA AND GERMANY MORE ACTIVE IN EAST

Leader of Revolt Against English in South Africa Wounded—English Claim Allies Holding Their Own Against Germans Except in Occasional Spots

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Storms and floods, enormous loss of life and the incessant strain of incessant fighting apparently have taxed to the limit of human endurance the opposing forces facing one another in the death struggle in Belgium and Northern France. Another lull has come in the great battle, which presumably is but a prelude to one more desperate effort. Assault by the infantry and cavalry have been abandoned for the moment, except for minor engagements, and only the artillery's continuing operation with vigor undiminished. Meanwhile the Russian invasion of Turkish territory has been halted. The Germans resumed the offensive against the Russians in Russian Poland. In Serbia, the Austrian advance is being carried on, according to Vienna reports, with further success. General De Wet, one of the rebel leaders in British South Africa, is reported wounded in the head. The English claim his followers lack arms and are dispirited.

The latest British communication says the most that is being accomplished in the Western arena is that the allies have been able to hold their lines in the main, with here and there small retirements before the German assaults.

BURY FORTY THOUSAND AUSTRIANS IN ONE TRENCH IN GALICIA IN ONE DAY

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 17.—The Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant quotes a letter from a Galician priest stating that 40,000 Austrians were buried in one day in a grave six and one-half feet wide and a little more than four miles long. The bodies were laid in three layers.

TURKS CLAIM THE ENGLISH LOST ONE THOUSAND IN FIRST BATTLE

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 17.—An official Turkish statement says: "Yesterday we attacked the English near Fao (on the coast of the province of Basra, in the Persian Gulf.) They lost about one thousand in dead."

TURKS REPULSE RUSSIANS

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Nov. 17.—The general staff of the Caucasian army has issued a communication confirming a report from Turkish sources that the Russians received a check near Erzerum. The communication tells of a number of Russian successes on the march in Turkish Armenia and declares that the Turkish offensive movement on the route along the coast has failed.

U. S. STOPS TURKS' OUTRAGES

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

ATHENS, Nov. 17.—The American warship Tennessee arrived at the port of Vurla, Asia Minor, and put a stop to the ill-treatment of British, French and Russian residents. The authorities of Smyrna, fearing bombardment, left for the interior.

ENGLAND MAY CLOSE NORTH SEA TO TRAFFIC OF ALL KINDS NOW

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Premier Asquith stated in the House of Commons today that the British government had decided to declare the whole North Sea a military zone and all subjects of the enemy found on neutral vessels, Asquith said, would be liable to detention as prisoners of war. He announced that oil and copper would be declared contraband.