

BATTLE BECOMES SIEGE, WITH GERMANS HOLDING PERMANENT DEFENSES

British War Office Announces That Kaiser's Troops Are Strongly Entrenched, With Plenty of Powerful Artillery, Indicating That the Defenses Were Planned Before Decisive Stage Was Reached at Battle of Marne.

GERMANS ARE SOLIDLY ENTRENCHED MORE THAN HALF ACROSS FRANCE

Germans Announce Their Forces Are Gaining Along the Meuse, While French Claim Slight Successes Between the Argonne and the Meuse, Though Changes Are Admittedly Slight.

(United Press Leased Wire) London, Sept. 29.—"A growing resemblance to a siege," announced the British war office today, discussing the allies' campaign against the Germans in the Oise and Aisne region in north-eastern France...

"Naturally the chief reason for this is that the Kaiser's troops are very strongly entrenched and have plenty of well mounted artillery."

"It is plain, from the observations of British aviators, that their position was not selected by chance. In fact, it is certain that their defenses are of almost a permanent nature."

"They had time to entrench themselves solidly more than half way across France and the line along the Aisne had been put in condition before the battle of the Marne had entered a decisive stage."

"Because of this it is considered certain that the choice of position was not haphazard but that the Germans knew just where they were going and there is abundant evidence that the selection was made by the German general staff in anticipation of just what afterward happened."

GERMAN RIGHT IS RETREATING, SAYS REPORT

London, Sept. 29.—The German right wing is retreating from its fortified positions between the Rivers Aisne and Somme, it was declared in Paris dispatches received here tonight.

The same messages said the allies had succeeded in cutting the German line of communications and that part of General von Kluck's army was in danger.

These reports, said the British war office, lacked official confirmation, and it was unable to add anything to the formal French statement to the effect that the Germans were still attacking the allies' left.

FIGHTING IS GENERAL BUT STILL UNDECISIVE

Berlin, via The Hague, Sept. 29.—"Fighting is still general in France," the war office announced today, "but no place is apparent where the conflict has entered upon a decisive stage."

"The German right has been severely pressed but all attempts by the allies to penetrate it have been repulsed with great loss to the enemy."

"At the center there has been no change for a week. Fighting continues. Our forces are still gaining along the Meuse."

"Reports from the eastern front show that fighting is still in progress in Galicia. Przemysl is holding out and the garrison, in a series of sorties, has inflicted heavy loss upon the Russians. One sortie resulted in disabling two of the czar's main siege guns whose fire was damaging the fortress' outer walls."

"All Russian attempts to assume the aggressive in east Prussia have failed."

FRENCH GAIN BETWEEN ARGONNE AND MEUSE

Paris, Sept. 29.—"The German attacks on our left," stated the Bordeaux war office in a message received here this afternoon, "continue day and night but all have been repulsed."

"At our center the enemy is contenting himself with shelling our positions, the cannonading being continuous."

"Between the Argonne region and the Meuse the French have gained slightly. Elsewhere the changes have been very slight."

"On our left, north of the Somme, between that river and the Oise," said the war office's latest statement today, "the Germans have continued their night and day attacks but in every instance they have been repulsed with heavy losses."

ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SINKING OF GERMAN CRUISER MAINZ



The German cruiser Mainz sinking off Heligoland in longitude 28. The two funnels and the masts had been 5000 feet away when the photograph was taken from the deck of a British cruiser. A few minutes after an officer snapped the picture the Mainz went to the bottom.

AUSTRIANS DRIVEN TO HUNGARY, FOLLOWED BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

Petrograd, Sept. 29.—Austrian troops have been completely cleared from eastern Galicia, it was asserted here today.

The remnants of their forces were said to have fled through the Carpathian passes into Hungary, with the Russians in pursuit.

The main Austrian army fell back upon Cracow, it was added, with the main Russian force following.

Germany's offensive in Russian Poland has been halted, the war office asserted. Attempts to penetrate General Rennenkamp's line were said to have been repulsed with heavy loss.

Zeppelin Fleet Is Massing, Is Belief

St. Vincent de Paul, Dynze, Sept. 29.—The opening of aerial warfare on a large scale was looked for here today.

Zeppelins were reported floating over the parts of Germany. It was believed they were massing.

They dropped four bombs at Dynze and two at Thiel. At Dynze the station of St. Vincent de Paul was damaged.

Krupp Officials Honored

Berlin, via The Hague, Sept. 29.—Seven Krupp officials who have been at the front in the western fighting zone in charge of the Germans' new howitzers received iron crosses today.

WAR MOVES EXPLAINED BY J. W. T. MASON

New York, Sept. 29.—The large amount of space given by General French, commander of the British forces in the field against the German espionage system, is significant.

It undoubtedly is meant as an explanation of the allies' failure to make an impression on the German defenses. The tightening of the censorship, the new regulations curtailing war correspondents' activities, and this report by General French on the matter of espionage, lead inevitably to the conclusion that the Germans have been able to piece fragments of news together so accurately as to anticipate all the allies' moves on the Aisne.

General Joffre's able strategy during the allies' retreat toward Paris, and the stamina shown by both the British and French troops throughout the battle of the Marne, provide material for arguing a man-to-man equality on their part with the Germans.

Nevertheless, something occurred between the battles of the Marne and of the Aisne which gave the invaders an advantage. Spy system is perfect. This new element undoubtedly was the German espionage system. It must have been prepared long ago and perfected with true German thoroughness during the advance on Paris.

SECOND DAY BETTER THAN THE FIRST AT OREGON STATE FAIR

Salem, Sept. 29.—Attendance was increased at the state fair today and the exhibits were more complete than yesterday, some shipments having been delayed on the road.

Woman's Club and Good Roads day and appropriate programs were given. Enthusiastic crowds of yesterday helped to advertise the fair everywhere and trains were crowded with incoming visitors during the forenoon.

In the Woman's day program Mrs. Clara Waldo had for her subject "The State Grange," and she gave an interesting discourse on the purposes and aims of the organization.

Mrs. Mattie Beauty had for her topic "State Federation of Women's Clubs," and she told of what had been accomplished by that organization.

On the subject of "Oregon Congress of Mothers," Mrs. W. J. Hawkins told of the aims of the congress and how it had progressed.

This afternoon a reception was given in the old auditorium by the women's state organizations.

Boys' Camp Attracts. The boys' camp, in which boys from each county in the state are housed during the fair and entertained because of their excellent progress in the schools, is the center of interest for many visitors.

The boys wear uniforms, are drilled, hear the lectures, are taken around and told how to judge stock, and see entertainments. This is the plan of the State student-church to stimulate interest in the fair.

The participation of Eastern Oregon in the fair is largely due to the advertising through school industrial clubs, it is admitted. Field Workers Maris and Harrington showed the people.

When the Germans, in turn, were forced to retreat, their spies evidently stayed behind to furnish them with a constant supply of information. Their work must have been profoundly disconcerting since it drew from the British commander-in-chief so lively a description of their daring.

Every time the allies attempted to penetrate the German lines, the Germans have been at that exact spot in sufficient force to keep the former at bay.

The battle front now extends 65 miles south from the Belgian frontier and 150 miles east to the German border.

Allies Fail to Use Advantage. Length of battle line is always of advantage to an offensive army, because, theoretically, it can mass suddenly at chosen points, while the defensive army must distribute its strength.

The allies, in this case, on the offensive, have not lived up to one of the primary rules of warfare. The explanation for their failure must be the German espionage system. They undoubtedly found weak spots in the German line, but their preparations for massing against them evidently were not kept secret from the Germans. The only secret has been the manner in which the German spies have communicated with their headquarters. Until this difficulty is overcome, there will be no advantage to the allies in attack, and the Germans will remain fastened in France.

OMISSION IN EDITORIAL REVEALS BIG COLORED MAN IN THE WOODPILE

Is the Oregonian the friend or the foe of the direct primary? Among the measures to be accepted or rejected by the voters in the November election is one which was framed for the purpose of putting the knife to the direct primary.

The Oregonian said editorially yesterday morning: "There is a measure on the ballot to legalize a primary assembly, but before the work of soliciting signatures to the initiative petitions commenced the Oregonian editorially condemned the measure."

Note the stars which separate the last two sentences. Those stars indicate that a sentence has been omitted. In other words, the Oregonian has garbled its own previous utterances. Why? This is what the Oregonian said on

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WHY THE OMISSION?



MANY WOUNDED LEFT TO DIE ON FIELD OF BATTLE

Surgeon in Charge of Hospital Train Describes Conditions on Front as Hellish in Accumulated Horror.

TROOPS IN TRENCHES HALF FULL OF WATER

Slightest Sign of Activity Along the Front Is Signal for Rain of Shells.

By Karl H. von Wiegand. Berlin, Sept. 29.—Wireless via Sayville, Sept. 29.—Leaders of the German campaign in France predict a break in the allies' lines within a week, according to dispatches received here from the front today.

The surgeon in charge of the hospital train on which I returned from a visit to Ab-la-Chapelle said many of the wounded had to be sacrificed because of the scarcity of doctors at the front. He accused the French of disregarding the Red Cross completely and declared many German physicians had been killed while attending the wounded.

Conditions at the front he described as "hellish," speaking of the fighting as the fiercest in history, and as incessantly in progress, day and night.

It alternates, he explained, between artillery duels and charges by one side or the other, usually checked by machine gun volleys and sometimes actually at the point of the bayonet.

The troops, he said, were compelled to remain constantly in trenches half filled with water, the slightest sign

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Deputy Sheriff Lose One of Prisoners

Victor McRosky, Accused of Stealing Otto Nelson's Auto, Escapes From Train at Arlington.

Courtesy to a prisoner on the part of Deputy Sheriff Lumsden, who returned yesterday from Cheyenne, Wyo., where he had gone to bring back A. L. Fenner and Victor McRosky, two 17-year-old boys charged with stealing an automobile belonging to Otto Nelson, was rewarded with treachery on the part of McRosky, who was allowed a little freedom while at Arlington, Or., because he complained of not feeling well, and took advantage of his opportunity to dart from the train as it started from town. Telegraphic descriptions have been sent out and Lumsden has returned to eastern Oregon to search for him. Fenner is being held in the county jail.

Italy Stays Out of Albanian Fracas

It Announces in View of International Situation It Does Not Consider Choice of Turk Warrants Action.

Rome, Sept. 29.—That Italy did not like the Albanian senate's choice of one of ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid's sons as king of Albania but would nevertheless refrain from action in the matter was announced by the Tribuna today.

"In view of the grave situation existing throughout Europe, Italy does not consider the offer of the Albanian crown to Abdul Hamid's son sufficiently important to necessitate intervention," said the Tribuna. It was believed other European governments would take the same view.

German Prisoners Taken by Japanese

Japs Within Three Miles of Main Kiao Defenses and Take Number of German Machine Guns.

Tokio, Sept. 29.—The Japanese were within three miles today of the German main defenses at Kiao, and in Monday's engagement they captured 50 German prisoners, and a number of machine guns. To care for the comfort of these and other prisoners, a special office has been opened by the government at Tokio. Officers are preparing quarters for them at Moji.

The Japanese Red Cross was contemplating today sending nurses to France.

Mrs. Marsh Leaves With Ex-Husband

Mrs. Della Marsh, who was tried and acquitted of the charge of the second degree murder of Bernard C. Jinstrom, left Portland last night in company of her former husband, J. E. Marsh. She said that her destination was her father's ranch at Weston and added that she hoped never to see Portland again.

It is said that the couple have no immediate intention of remarrying. Mrs. Marsh explained that her former husband would accompany her as far as Walla Walla and from there he would proceed to his home in Rockland, Idaho.

Braves of Boston Cinch Pennant

Boston, Mass., Sept. 29.—The Boston Braves won the National league pennant here this afternoon by defeating the Chicago Cubs 5 to 2, while the New York Giants were losing to Pittsburgh, 5 to 2. The Braves could lose the remainder of their scheduled games and still retain the lead even if the Giants won all of theirs.

CASUALTIES AT THE AISNE NOW TOTAL 280,000

Estimates in Paris Place German Losses at 180,000 and Those of the Allies at 100,000 Up to Date.

FLANKING MOVEMENT OF ALLIES IS GAINING

Decisive Battle Looked for on All Sides Before Advent of Winter.

By William Philip Sims. (United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Sept. 29.—The allies' flanking movement against the Germans in the Oise and Aisne regions continued to gain slowly today, it was announced at military headquarters here.

In this quarter and on the heights of the Meuse desperate fighting continued. Elsewhere in the northeast comparative quiet reigned owing to the complete exhaustion of the troops on both sides.

This did not mean, however, that the German bombardment of the Verdun-Toul line of fortifications had ceased. The big guns still roared and the German shells continued to explode over the French forts.

Reports were also current of renewed German activity farther south, in upper Alsace.

280,000 Killed, Wounded. Casualties in the battle of the Aisne were estimated at 180,000 Germans and 100,000 of the allies killed, wounded and missing. Not only was the German total higher than that of the allies, but it was said their proportion of killed was higher than the latter's.

The presence here of British officers wearing Indian uniforms was taken as proving conclusively that Indian troops were in the field.

A battle of attrition to end the war is looked for before cold weather by foreign military attaches who have been following the fighting in north-eastern and eastern France.

They predicted also that the battle of the Aisne will soon enter upon a decisive stage.

Spirit of Troops Excellent. A majority of them also prophesy that it will be followed by two conflicts simultaneously—one in Belgium and in the neighborhood of Rheims, and the other in the eastern theatre of war.

I talked with many French officers on my recent trip to and from the front and they shared this opinion. They said, too, that the spirit of the French troops was in the sharpest contrast with that of the Germans. I personally noticed the Frenchmen's cheerfulness and perfect willingness to fight day and night.

I was surprised to find regiments composed of men from shops, factories and various sorts of indoor employment disregarding exposure and in perfect health. They sang and joked with the most perfect indifference despite the cold rains and discomfort of constantly soaked clothing.

The inspector general said the average amount of sickness had been less than at maneuvers.

O. A. C. Student Body Puts Stop to Freshmen Hazing

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Sept. 29.—The Oregon Agricultural college student body, at Monday's meeting of the college council, decided to do away with all forms of hazing.

Hereafter, from now on, it will be "compulsory" for the freshmen to wear the green cap of servitude. They may continue to do so if they wish, as a body. Otherwise it is "curtains" for the cap along with the other hazing stunts.

Newly enacted college is the penalty proposed for violations of the anti-hazing edict.

Complete Sawmill Guitar, Etc.

"COMPLETE" sawmill ready for operation, capacity about 25,000 ft. per day; plenty of good timber; will sell for about 1/2 of actual value." Class. 20.

"WANTED—General merchandise or grocery store in exchange for desirable acreage near Goldendale." Class. 20.