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GERMANS BOMBARDING INNER RING OF ANTWERP'S DEFENSES; SAY CAPTURE OF CITY CERTAIN

Forts Kessel and Brochem of Outer Ring Captured, Announces Berlin War Office; Claims Made That Franco-British Resistance Is Weakening Along Great Battle Line in Several Places and Right Wing Is Gaining.

PRESIDENT POINCARE OF FRANCE VISITS FIRING LINE, RETURNS GREATLY CHEERED

French Announce German Cavalry Is Unusually Active in the Northwest, but Say That Elsewhere Nothing of Importance Has Developed; German Attacks Bitter.

By Karl H. von Wiegand

Berlin, Oct. 7.—(By wireless via Saville)—The German capture of Forts Kessel and Brochem, of Antwerp's outer ring of defenses, was announced by the general staff today.

It was added that the bombardment of the inner ring of fortifications was now in progress.

Antwerp's early fall was declared a certainty. The German right wing's successes in France were said to be uninterrupted, and the allies were reported gradually falling back.

At several other points, it was announced, the Franco-British resistance was weakening. It was admitted that the fighting was extraordinarily bitter.

In the eastern field of war, it was asserted, the Germans were on the offensive along their entire front, and an immense battle was expected.

POINCARE VISITS FRONT

Paris, Oct. 7.—President Poincare, Premier Viviani and War Minister Millerand arrived here today after a visit to General Joffre's field headquarters.

They denied that the seat of government would be transferred immediately from Bordeaux back to Paris, but said they were hopeful it could be done soon.

All were confident the Germans would shortly be expelled from France. The president was especially elated by the conditions he found at the front.

The French chief executive brought with him from Bordeaux six captured German standards which were suspended this afternoon in the Hotel des Invalides among the military trophies of Napoleon's day.

General Gallieni, Paris' military governor, took the president the rounds of the city's fortifications and entrenchments.

Poincare, Viviani and Millerand were scheduled to return to Bordeaux tomorrow.

In the fighting zone northeast and east of Paris neither side had yet gained a decisive advantage today.

The Germans were still acting offensively. It was denied at headquarters that they had made any important gains. The allies were stubbornly resisting all German attempts to break their line.

Events in Lille Mysterious.

No detailed information had been received concerning the progress of events in the vicinity of Lille, where both sides seemed to be attempting enveloping movements.

That the Germans were trying to cut the allies' lines of communication with the coast, to prevent them from securing reinforcements from that quarter, was admitted, but it was said steps had been taken to prevent this. Just what these measures were was not stated.

Part of the Teutonic forces operating in the extreme north were said to be Austrians who had reached the front by way of Cologne. Whether they were direct from the east or were transferred northward from Alsace-Lorraine was not known.

From Belgian sources came the statement that no German troops of the first line had been operating in Belgium for five weeks past, the first-line having been pushed to the front and their places taken by members of the landsturm and the landwehr.

Battle Reaches Lens.

Messages from Antwerp were to the effect that the German bombardment of that city's defenses was increasing in violence. Naval reserves were said to be being increased. Continued violent fighting between the allies' left and the German right in the extreme north of France was reported in the official statement issued this afternoon.

The Germans, it was said, were still pushing their enveloping movement and the battle had extended to the vicinity of Lens and La Bassée. The war office was of the opinion that the struggle was being prolonged by strong forces of German cavalry centered at Armentieres.

In the Woeve district the Germans were reported vainly trying to check the French advance.

German Destroyer Sunk.

The Hague, Oct. 7.—News of the sinking of another German destroyer in the North sea, either by a mine or a torpedo, reached here today. Where the disaster occurred was not known. One of the kaiser's cruisers, it was stated, saved the destroyer's crew.

German Loss 300,000.

Rome, Oct. 7.—German casualties in the war thus far were placed today at 300,000, it was stated in a message received here from Berlin. This included killed and wounded.

War Moves Explained by J. W. T. Mason

Former London Correspondent for the United Press.

New York, Oct. 7.—The critical position in which the German western front is placed is itself the result of the allies' success in massing troops heavily on the Franco-Belgian frontier.

It is unlikely, however, that the allies are taking any serious risk of being flanked, at the northern extremity of their battle line. The German mounted force in Lille's neighborhood is said to be 20,000 strong, far too small a number to attempt flanking operations.

Nevertheless, as a diversion, 20,000 cavalrymen, with motor guns, can make themselves highly effective.

The leaders who, in our Civil war, revolutionized cavalry tactics showed how disconcerting a rapidly moving raiding body can be to a far greater number of less mobile troops held to fixed bases. The addition of equally mobile artillery most enormously has increased this power.

The Germans at Lille, therefore, though they cannot inflict anything resembling a crushing defeat on the allies, may seriously interfere with offensive operations, and if the allies' line is thin, it may even be forced back a few miles from Arras.

This artillery, a recent German invention, enables heavy guns to keep pace with cavalry for the first time in the history of warfare. By turning the cannon loose before cavalry advances en masse, the horsemen's offensive power is greatly increased.

The degree of efficiency shown by these two opposite arms of the service, used in combination, will determine the effectiveness of the German resistance to the allies' northern maneuvering.

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GERMAN MOTOR CONVOY DESTROYED BY A PATROL OF FRENCH DRAGOONS IN FOREST OF VILLERS-COTTERETS



This forest is northeast of Paris and nearly due west of Rheims. Copyright by International News Service.

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By Karl H. von Wiegand

Berlin, via The Eagle, Oct. 7.—The kaiser's right wing in France had forced the allies to retreat considerably today, the war office announced this afternoon.

To save the French from actual disaster, it was declared, General Joffre has been compelled to reinforce it from his center, correspondingly weakening himself at the latter point.

More than this, it was asserted, the vigor of the German right's offensive was constantly increasing, and the allies' left was not only being repulsed but developed.

That the French had recaptured certain positions in the vicinity of Saint Mihiel was admitted, the explanation being given that the German troops were withdrawn from them because they were wanted elsewhere.

Operations against Antwerp were being pushed, the war office stated, fresh artillery was being mounted before the city and the inner ring of fortifications was being bombarded.

In the eastern field of war, it was said the Germans had defeated the Russians near Lyck, in east Prussia.

Vienna, via Rome, Oct. 7.—Having repulsed the Russians on the Danube river, the Austrian and German defenders of Cracow have recaptured the town of Wozow Sandec, the war office here announced today.

On the Russian front, it was said, a number of days ago was also denied. It was declared that the garrison had successfully resisted all assaults.

Paris, Oct. 7.—"On our left," says today's official statement, the battle continues with great violence. The opposing fronts have extended into the region from the front to the rear.

"In the Woeve region the enemy continues his attempts to arrest progress, but all his attacks have been repulsed.

"In Russia, the German army, defeated in the battle of Augustow, which lasted from September 25 to October 3, is attempting to check the Russian pursuit along a line from Wirballen to Lyck.

"In general the German offensive in the Wisney district terminated in a complete rout, with heavy losses."

Petrograd, Oct. 7.—Heavily reinforced, the Germans were stubbornly resisting the Russian advance in East Prussia today, and the progress the czar's troops was making was slow.

They held what was originally the German defense line, from Wirballen to Lyck.

Tokio, Oct. 7.—Badly damaged by Japanese shells, the German unprotected cruiser Cormoran and two of the kaiser's gunboats have been beached in Kiao Chau bay to prevent them from sinking, the government announced today.

Japanese and British warships, it was stated, continued their bombardment of the German shore forts, which were being gradually demolished.

CHRISTIAN MASSACRE BEGINS IN ALBANIA; ITALY INVESTIGATING

Report From Athens Says the Mohammedans Wiped Out Villages Near Beral.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Oct. 7.—Mohammedans are massacring Christians in Albania, according to a news agency dispatch received here from Athens today.

The slaughter was said to have begun with the throne's assumption by Essad Pasha, as Prince Mohamed, that Essad had become ruler of Albania was news here.

It was announced several days ago that the Albanian senate had chosen a son of ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid for king, but it was surmised that Essad, being on the ground, had forestalled him.

Essad, or Prince Mohamed was Turkish military commander in northern Albania when the Balkan war broke out and distinguished himself by defending Scutari against the Montenegrins throughout a long siege.

After the war he was instrumental in seating Prince William of Wied on the Albanian throne and became war minister, but fell out with William later and was exiled to Italy.

Of his movements subsequent to William's flight from Durazzo nothing was known by the government here until he was mentioned in today's Athens message.

All the villages near Beral were declared to have been completely wiped out, men, women and children alike being killed and their homes burned.

An immediate investigation was begun by the Rome government and if the Athens reports were confirmed, it was thought likely an Italian expedition here until he was mentioned in today's butchery to put a stop to it.

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CAVE-IN ENDANGERS LIVES OF THREE MEN; \$1000 DAMAGE DONE

Huge Slide Occurs at Excavation for the New Meier & Frank Store Today.

Damage of approximately \$1000 was done and the lives of three men were endangered when a huge cave in of earth occurred along the south wall of the excavation for the new Meier & Frank company building at Fifth and Morrison streets shortly after 9 o'clock this morning.

A week ago Dr. Smith, in an open letter to Chairman Moores, proposed that the two gubernatorial candidates discuss the issues of the campaign from the same platform.

He offered to hold these meetings throughout the state. Chairman Moores replied that if Dr. Smith would limit the discussions to the tariff and Dr. Smith's record in the legislature he might take the matter up with Dr. Withycombe.

In his second letter Dr. Smith expresses the willingness to meet Dr. Withycombe on almost any terms, but points out that the people have a right to determine what issues are of interest to them.

"Those thousands of people are a higher power than you and Dr. Withycombe and I, and their interests should be consulted," he writes. "They will determine and have a right to determine the issues by which the worth of candidates is to be weighed."

Dr. Smith, however, agrees to discuss the hearing on the interstate commerce commission grants rates to the railroads, killing whatever benefits should be derived from water communication.

Further, the success of the plan will tend to point to the fact that the application of the operation of the fourth section and to establish rates to meet Panama canal competition from Chicago and Missouri river territory operated yesterday.

The appearances were more numerous than in any of the intermountain cases. There were several state commissions in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Diego.

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DR. SMITH RENEWS PLEA FOR JOINT TOUR WITH WITHYCOMBE

Democrat Insists People Have Right to Determine Issues to Be Discussed.

For the second time Dr. C. J. Smith, Democratic candidate for governor, has written to Republican State Chairman C. B. Moores in an effort to arrange for a joint speaking tour between Dr. Smith and Dr. Withycombe, the Republican nominee for governor.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 7.—Representatives of the transcontinental lines are meeting in Chicago this week seeking permission from the interstate commerce commission to make rates from Chicago and Missouri river territory that will, in effect, counteract the benefits of the Panama canal, it is said.

Rate experts who are interested in the shippers' side of the question assert that if the rates desired by the railroads are granted the lines will practically compel shipments between the coast and interior eastern points to go by rail, thus depriving the canal of its excuse for being. It will, they say, be a canal without ships, much as the Mississippi is a river without boats.

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ONLY ALASKANS REALIZE VALUE OF RAIL LINE

United States Marshal Louis W. Erwin, of Fairbanks, Pays Glowing Tribute to Senator Chamberlain.

WORK IN BEHALF OF BILL IS APPRECIATED

Northerners Regard Oregon Man Higher Than Own Delegate.

"With all your interest in the development of Alaska, you people of the northwestern states cannot begin to appreciate the importance of the passage of the Alaskan railroad bill as we do. We are well aware of the work that Senator Chamberlain has done for this measure and we appreciate him ten times as much as we do the value of our own delegate, James Wickham, in congress."

The foregoing statement was made by Lewis W. Erwin of Fairbanks, United States marshal of the fourth judicial district of Alaska, the largest of any of the districts that comprise the United States and its possessions, and the most important district outside of the one in New York city. Mr. Erwin arrived in Portland this morning with four insane patients for Morningside Sanitarium, near this city, where the government confines its insane patients.

With greatest interest, Mr. Erwin said, the progress of the Alaskan railroad bill was noted in congress, and its passage was the signal for celebration throughout the vast territory. The survey, starting last summer, was eagerly watched, and the surveyors received the warmest welcome.

"There is no question but that the railroad will go to Fairbanks," Mr. Erwin said.

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EVERYONE EXPECTED TO EAT AT LEAST ONE APPLE ON OCTOBER 20

Effort Will Be Made to Assist Growers in Disposing of Large Crop.

Every man, woman and child everywhere is expected to eat at least one apple today, October 20, Apple day, and by doing so they will assist the Pacific Northwest and especially Oregon growers in marketing a crop of most excellent quality for which at present there is little demand.

Apples were never so cheap in recent years as they are today and they are much better in quality than ever before. Putting them by the box is by far the cheapest way of securing them and excellent stock can be obtained from any grocer or fruit dealer at \$1 and \$1.50 a box.

The Portland Commercial club has proclaimed a movement for the sale of apples on national Apple day, Tuesday, October 20.

Every school child in Portland will be provided with an apple free on the national day and with each will be a history of the apple and various ways to prepare it for consumption. The Western Oregon Fruit-Distributors' association is preparing the sale of apples and these will be distributed through the superintendent of schools. Automobiles will be offered by members of the Rotary club to distribute the apples.

Every housewife will be asked over the hearing on the interstate commerce commission grants rates to the railroads, killing whatever benefits should be derived from water communication.

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BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS DESTROYER IN NORTH SEA BATTLE

German Vessel Is Blown Up Off Mouth of the River Ems by E-9.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Oct. 7.—After sinking a German destroyer off the mouth of the River Ems, British submarine E-9 has returned to its base, the admiralty officially announced tonight.

Earlier in the day a dispatch from The Hague reported the sinking of a German destroyer at some unspecified spot in the North Sea, with the additional information that the lost vessel's crew was saved by one of the kaiser's cruisers. It was thought possible the vessel mentioned in this message was the same as the one referred to in the admiralty's announcement.

There was evidence, at any rate, that the British were seeking revenge for the recent torpedoing of the cruiser Cressy, Aboukir and Hogue by a German submarine, and it was believed today's exploits would be followed by further submarine activity in the North sea, both German and British.

Austrians Sink Own Ships. Rome, Oct. 7.—Four Austrian torpedo boats and two destroyers have been sunk by mines which the Austrians themselves planted, since mine laying in the Adriatic began, according to a message received today by the Messagero from Ancona.

Oregon Rivers Get Good Appropriations

Secretary of War Garrison Gives Out Sums Apportioned from the Eivers and Harbors Fund.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Secretary of War Garrison announced this afternoon the apportionment of the \$20,000,000 appropriated in the rivers and harbors bill. Some of the principal appropriations are:

Los Angeles harbor, \$42,000. Oakland harbor, \$25,000. Humboldt bay and harbor, \$200,000. Sacramento and Feather rivers, \$20,000. Coos bay, Oregon, \$70,000. Columbia river, \$625,000. Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, \$200,000. Columbia river at mouth, \$1,000,000. Gray's harbor and bar, Washington, \$120,000. Columbia river between Bridgeport and Keith Falls, \$25,000.

Brownsville PostmasterShip. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Oct. 7.—Senator Chamberlain has had submitted to him general applications and endorsements in behalf of the following candidates for the postmastership at Brownsville, Henry H. Cooley, John H. Cooley, W. J. Moore.

