

CALAIS, DUNKIRK OBJECTIVE POINTS OF GERMAN ADVANCE

LONDON, Oct. 24, 19:02 a. m.—What a German military expert has called a life and death struggle for Germany is still raging along the coast end of the western battle front, and every indication shows that the invaders are hurrying their full strength against the allies in a determined effort to capture Dunkirk and Calais.

Strange reports came from captured cities in Belgium of evacuation, or the preparation for departure, of German forces, but these movements may merely mean that every available man is being thrown forward in the Franco-Belgian frontier and does not necessarily forecast the abandonment of positions. Antwerp is said to have been practically deserted and the wives of German officers in Brussels are said to have received orders to leave within forty-eight hours.

Desperate Fighting

Paris reports that the action on the allies' left continues with great violence, especially around Arras, La Bassée and Armentières, where some of the most desperate fighting of the war has taken place. Here the usual seesaw occurs between the two forces.

A special dispatch states that the allies have advanced further on Ostend, their lines now extending from the coast to a point between Styne and St. Pierre Chapelle. Other dispatches relate that the Germans, after a success on the Yser, are leaving the coast and working around by Dixmude to Lille, thereby clearing the way to Ostend and leaving their position open to a flanking movement by the allies.

Pursuit of Germans

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 San, while the official Vienna report, after detailing successes before Zerny and a dashing movement toward the Vistula, admits that the Russians were permitted to cross the San in several places.

England is hoping today that the career of the famous commerce destroyer Emden is ended. This hope is based on two more or less cryptic cables from Bombay, one issued by the Bombay government, declaring that all sea routes may be considered reasonably safe from 9 o'clock in the evening of October 21, and the other an unconfirmed report from Bombay to the Morning Post, dated the 22d, that the Emden had been accounted for.

Feeding Starving Belgians

The problem of feeding the starving people of Belgium is daily growing more acute and the American commission finds itself hampered by the food embargo prevailing here and the equally hopeless task of finding adequate supplies in Holland.

England's order against the importation of sugar is significant of the government's attitude toward the movement of any commodity that might assist its enemies.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SUNK BY GERMANS

LONDON, Oct. 24, 10:20 a. m.—The admiralty, through the press bureau, issued today a list of officers and men of the British submarine E-3, with the statement that it is feared no hopes for the safety of the submarine can now be entertained.

Berlin official advices under date of October 20, stated that the British submarine E-3 was sunk October 18, by German warships in the North Sea. The destruction of the E-3 is the first loss suffered by the British submarine service in the war. The boat was comparatively new, having been completed in 1913. She carried 16 men.

FEWER DESERTIONS IN UNITED STATES ARMY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Desertions in the United States army last year were lower by many hundreds than ever before in its history, according to the annual report today of Judge Advocate General E. H. Crowder.

This is attributed in large part to the beneficent legislation by congress mitigating the treatment of deserters and other military offenders.

FORTS USELESS IN MODERN WARFARE PROVEN AT VERDUN

LONDON, Oct. 24, 5:20 a. m.—The Times today prints a dispatch in which its correspondent at Nancy, France, under date of October 15, gives a vivid picture of the fighting on the right wing of the French army.

Though the French official communications continually state that the situation on the right wing is unchanged, he says, "they do not mean that the opposing armies are marking time. The Germans have made fierce efforts to get Verdun. These efforts were as fiercely repelled and the French field army still stands between the army of Metz and the coveted fortresses of Toul and Verdun.

Around Saint Mihiel

"In the attempt on Saint Mihiel the Germans were more successful. Hard fighting will be necessary to eject them, but the German objective—the junction of the army of Metz with the right wing of the crown prince's army of Argonne—has been prevented. The French are praying for a heavy fall of snow which would seriously hamper the enemy's movements of supplies and might even drive them into the open like wolves.

"The guns of Verdun have never yet been in action, and there is no prospect of the fall of Verdun unless the French field army allows the Germans to get their big guns within range.

Forts Are Useless

"The whole history of this war, however, goes to prove the utter uselessness of forts under present conditions. The best type of fortifications seems to consist of batteries from which the guns can be easily moved to a new point as soon as they are located by the enemy. The day of the fixed fort is gone. After the Germans had entrenched themselves at St. Mihiel their big guns made short work of the French forts at Troyon and Cramp Des Romains. The guns of the forts had a range of only five miles against the German siegors range of seven miles.

"The Germans have placed a battery of Austrian 42 centimetre guns on the site of Camp Des Romains, which commands St. Mihiel and a large part of the Woivre. It is most important that the French recapture this position, but it will take the most severe kind of fighting to do so."

GERMAN WING ABOUT VERDUN FIGHTING

LONDON, Oct. 24, 10:05 a. m.—The German wing around Verdun, according to the Cologne Gazette, is becoming closer daily, says a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. All French attacks have been in vain.

Coleonel Grey, a brother of the British foreign secretary, who was captured near Peronne, France, when a British aeroplane was brought down by the Germans, has been sent to the prisoner's camp at Darmstadt.

KAISER NEARLY TAKEN PRISONER BY RUSSIANS

LONDON, Oct. 24, 8 a. m.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Central News sends the following: "Soldiers from the Warsaw front say that Emperor William was personally on the field of battle. He was almost taken a captive, barely escaping by automobile."

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SUBMARINE SANK JAPANESE CRUISER DECLARES TOKIO

TOKIO, Oct. 24, 4:15 p. m.—It is officially announced that the navy department now believes that the Japanese cruiser Taka-shiho, sunk in Kiao Choo harbor October 17, was torpedoed by the German torpedo boat destroyer S-90. Previous official announcements had it that the cruiser had been sunk by a mine, but German and Chinese reports credited the S-90 with the feat.

Unofficial accounts say that the S-90, masked by heavy seas, dashed out of the bay and launched her deadly torpedo. She then ran the blockade and was pursued by the enemy's destroyers. For seeing her fate, her commander drove on the shore and fired the magazines. The captain and the crew of sixty escaped to shore and were interned by Chinese soldiers.

Vice-Admiral Sadakichi Kato, commander of the second Japanese squadron before Tsing Tau, reports that the condition of the wreckage of the Taka-shiho, the fact that flames from the explosion could be seen for twenty miles and the story of the survivors convince him that the Japanese cruiser was torpedoed. Immediately after the attack the magazines of the Taka-shiho blew up.

According to survivors, many Japanese sailors were blown overboard. These men united in singing the choruses of the national Japanese anthem and thus perished.

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