

### FLUCTUATIONS MARK CONFLICT ON BATTLE LINE

PARIS, Oct. 24, 2:54 p. m.—The official communication given out at the war office this afternoon says the Germans have made progress to the north of Dixmude and in the vicinity of La Bassée, but that the French have made material advances to the west of Nieuport, in the region of Langemarck and between Armentières and Lille.

The text of the communication is as follows:

"The battle continues on our left wing. The enemy has made progress to the north of Dixmude and in the vicinity of La Bassée. We have made very perceptible advances to the east of Nieuport, in the region of Langemarck, and in the region between Armentières 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 several German attacks by day and by night have been repulsed. At various places we have made slight progress. In the Woevre district our advance has continued in the direction of the forest of Mortmare, to the south of Thincourt, and in the forest of Leprie, north of Pona-a-Mousson.

"Russia—The Germans are retreating to the south of Warsaw as well as to the west of Ivangorod and Nova Alexandria. Desperate fighting continues in Galicia, on the Sandomir front. At Przemysl the Russians have taken 2000 Austrian prisoners.

### SUBMARINE BACK AFTER SINKING SHIPS

AMSTERDAM, via London, 5:28 p. m., Oct. 24.—A dispatch from Berlin says it is officially announced there that the German submarine which sank the British cruiser Hawke has now returned safely to port. The sinking of the British steamer Glitera of Leith by a German submarine near the Norwegian coast is also officially confirmed.

### RUSSIA AGLOW WITH VICTORIES OVER GERMANS

PETROGRAD, Oct. 24, via London, 3:10 p. m.—Petrograd is aglow with official reports of the recent successes of the Russian armies—the repulse of the Germans at Warsaw and in the vicinity of Ivangorod, fresh captures of prisoners and the precipitate flight of the Austrians.

The military authorities, however, instead of resting in a sense of security or magnifying the importance of the German retreat, are preparing now for the anticipated attempt of the Germans to resume the aggressive. Hence Russian reinforcements and ammunition trains are streaming steadily toward Warsaw and Ivangorod. Without minimizing the effect of the German failure, the authorities call the recent repulse not so much a decisive engagement as a necessary German retreat to avoid a Russian outflanking movement.

Warsaw and Ivangorod are ready for any attempt of the Germans. A return movement is expected soon.

Dispatches from Grand Duke Nicholas, commander of the Russian forces in the field, declare that the struggle south of Przemysl is of great intensity and show that the center of activity has for the moment shifted to the southward. The Austrian corps constant efforts to cross the river San have been defeated and the Russians are now reported to have traversed this stream at several points.

#### Today's Football Results

- Princeton, N. J.—Princeton 16, Dartmouth 12.
- West Point—Army 14, Holy Cross 0.
- Columbus, O.—Ohio State 6, Wisconsin 7.
- New Haven, Conn.—Yale 7, Washington and Jefferson 13.
- Syracuse, N. Y.—Syracuse 20, Michigan 6.
- Annapolis—Navy 48, Western Reserve 0.
- Cambridge—Harvard 13, Pennsylvania State 13.
- Stanton, Illinois 33, North-West 0.
- Iowa City, Iowa—Minnesota 7, Iowa 6.
- Chicago—Chicago 21, Perdue 0.

### MONROE DOCTRINE TO BE RESPECTED AGREES GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The German Ambassador Count Von Bernstorff said today that early in the European war he had assured the United States government 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.

The ambassador said that his assurances had first been given informally in a conversation with one of the officials of the state department; he could not recall whether it was Secretary Bryan or Counsellor Lansing. Mr. Lansing said today the assurances had not been given to him and that he did not know of them. Secretary Bryan is in the west speaking in the congressional campaign.

The ambassador said the statement was made because of statements from various English sources that Germany, if successful, would not respect the Monroe doctrine, and doubtless would attempt to make great colonization schemes in South America.

The ambassador said that he later put the matter in writing.

### BRITISH LEAVE COMMERCE FREE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—British cruisers hereafter will not interfere with American commerce at the gateway of New York. Attention of the British government was called to the practice at the suggestion of the navy department, and orders have been given for its prompt discontinuance, it was made known today.

Since the beginning of the European war several British cruisers off Sandy Hook have signalled and stopped neutral ships to establish their identity, destination and the nature of their cargoes.

### MEXICAN CONVENTION TAKING A RECESS

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 24.—The Aguas Calientes convention has recessed temporarily, pending arrival of the Zapata delegates, according to unofficial reports received here today. The convention had issued orders to several military men and this action was looked on as offensive by Carranza, who instructed all chiefs to recognize only orders issued by himself.

### PLAN NORMAL SCHOOL RALLY FOR OCTOBER 35

The several women's clubs of the city are uniting in a plan for a monster rally in behalf of the Southern Oregon Normal school to be held at the Library next Thursday night. A splendid program of music and speakers is being arranged. The women of Medford are awake to the fact that this school belongs to all this part of the state and has an important bearing on the efficiency of our schools, those of Medford in particular.

"Not because it is a southern Oregon institution, but because we want better common schools," was the key note of a strong address by Ben Sheldon before a meeting held under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers association at the Presbyterian church last night.

"Normal schools are a fundamental part of our common school system and regulate its efficiency," declared the speaker. He analyzed the normal school's function and pointed out how its influence was brought to bear powerfully on the rudimentary schools. He quoted C. E. Spence, master of the state grange in saying: "The normal school comes closest to the average citizen for it trains the teachers who train our children. Good schools are only possible by having trained teachers."

The speaker emphasized the fact a simple consideration of economy required that the \$5,200,000 spent in Oregon annually on common schools, must be through trained teachers to bring the tax payers an equivalent in value. The experience of other states that have proven that a normal school's field of service is necessarily limited, were mentioned.

A comparison was made between Oregon with one normal where 80 per cent of the applicants for teachers licenses had had no education

above the eighth grade, and California with eight normals where 85 per cent of the teachers are normal trained.

The speaker concluded with a rousing appeal for a united front by Jackson county in support of the measure, No. 312, to reopen the southern Oregon normal at Ashland.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Germans have undertaken a general offensive movement along the line extending from the mouth of the river Yser, on the North Sea, to the river Meuse and while they have compelled the allies to give ground in some places, they themselves have lost positions in others. This is a few words, is what is gathered from official reports coming this evening from the French and German headquarters.

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Paid Adv. Oregon Society for Dental Education, M. C. Raymond, Sec., 528 Morgan Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

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