

GERMANS WIN DIXMUDE FROM ALLIED FORCES

French Official Statement Says Allies Generally Successful in Maintaining Front, But That Enemy Seized Possession of Contested Town—Allies Elsewhere Progress.

PARIS, Nov. 11.—The official French statement this afternoon that the fighting was renewed with very great severity between Nieuport and the Yser. The French forces generally were successful in maintaining their front, but it is admitted that the Germans toward the end of the day succeeded in taking possession of Dixmude. The British troops are described as having repulsed the enemy at several points.

At other points on the line the French claim slight progress.

The text of the statement follows: "On our left wing the fighting was resumed yesterday morning between Nieuport and the Yser, with a very great degree of severity. Generally speaking, our front was maintained in spite of the violence and the strength of the German attacks directed against certain of our points of support."

"To the north of Nieuport we were even able to reconquer Lombardzede and advance beyond this town, but toward the end of the day the Germans succeeded in taking possession of Dixmude. We still hold our positions on the approaches to this town, along the canal from Nieuport to Ypres, which has been firmly occupied. The fighting was very hot at these places."

"The British troops, attacked also at several points, succeeded everywhere in stopping the enemy."

"On the rest of the front the general situation shows no change, with the exception of slight progress by our forces to the north of Soissons and in the region to the west of Vailly, on the right bank of the Aisne. Outside of these points, the state of the weather permitted only minor engagements, which resulted successfully for us. Particularly at Comcourt, three kilometers north of the forest of Parroy, we routed a detachment of the enemy."

FEW TROOPS LEFT IN TYROL TO GUARD MOUNTAIN PASSES

VENICE, Italy, Nov. 11, via Paris, 2 p. m.—According to the Corriere Della Sera of Milan, few troops are left in Tyrol. Some 2000 troops, mostly Rumanian, are guarding the mountain frontier to prevent the passage of deserters. Nevertheless, desertions continue daily. Many convalescent wounded are fleeing into Italy instead of rejoining the Austrian army.

When the deserters are minors, the Austrian authorities visit the parents, the paper says, and inquire whether they are glad their sons have escaped. If the answer is "yes," the parents are immediately arrested. If the reply is "no," they are required to sign documents demanding the Italians send their sons back to Austria.

Work on the fortifications in the mountains along the frontier is proceeding actively and the passes are being closed. Few still remain open. Hangars for Zeppelins are being constructed in Trent and Innsbruck.

ORDER WAR SCRIBES OUT OF ZEELAND

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 11, via London, 1:18 p. m.—The Netherlands military authorities have issued orders that all foreign newspaper correspondents leave the province of Zeeland.

The Netherlands province of Zeeland is directly north of Antwerp. Through it flows the river Scheldt from Antwerp to the sea.

STATE UNABLE TO PROVE DEATH OF TWO NELMS GIRLS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 11.—The charges of murder against Victor Innes and his wife here for the alleged deaths of Miss Beatrice Nelms and Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis, sisters, of Atlanta, Georgia, will be dismissed Monday, District Attorney Linden announced in court today.

The state has been unable to establish the fact of the Nelms sisters' death and therefore would not undertake trial.

TURKISH SUCCESS CLAIMED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—The Turks are meeting with considerable success in their operations in the Caucasus and on the Egyptian frontier, according to official announcement made by the Turkish government and given out in Berlin.

They have occupied Sheikzar fort at El Arish, Egypt, and taken four field guns from the enemy. The Russians in the Caucasus have been forced to retire to their second lines of defense.

El Arish is on the Mediterranean near the boundary of Egypt and Palestine. It is of importance as a point of water supply.

JAP TORPEDO BOAT IS SUNK

TOKIO, Nov. 11, 2 p. m.—Official announcement is made that torpedo boat No. 33 of the Japanese navy was sunk by a mine early today at the mouth of the Kia Chow bay while dragging for mines. A majority of the crew was rescued.

Many of the men aboard the German cruiser Emden, which was beached and burned on Coeos island, in the Indian ocean, after a fight with the Australian cruiser Sydney, were killed or wounded in the battle, according to an announcement made here today.

GERMAN OFFICER LOSS HEAVY

PARIS, Nov. 11, 2:50 p. m.—A Havas Agency dispatch from Petrograd says: "It is said here that during the recent fighting in East Prussia the Germans lost 70 per cent of their officers. From October 23 to November 5 the total Russian captures amounted to 323 officers, 21,750 soldiers, four mortars, 52 cannon, 52 quickfiring and a large amount of munitions of war, including a quantity of provisions."

TEUTONS ON DEFENSIVE 100TH DAY

LONDON, Nov. 11, 1:38 p. m.—The hundredth day of the war, which engaged virtually half the world both in respect to land area and population, finds the Teutonic allies practically on the defensive, according to opinions expressed today by English students of the situation, at least temporarily, in both the main areas of hostilities.

This role is perhaps more pronounced in the eastern field of operation, where the Germans have been thrown well back behind their own frontier lines at several points in East Prussia and Posen, than in the western field, where, although the successes of the last two weeks have enabled the forces of Great Britain, France and Belgium to inaugurate a vigorous offensive, the Germans are still disputing every foot of ground with bloody hand-to-hand fighting, which is proving more deadly than has any previous phase of this most

SLAV INVASION OF EAST PRUSSIA AN ACTUALITY

Petrograd Reports Brilliant Success Followed by Crossing of German Frontier—Cossacks Attacking Cracow and Przemysl Reinvested—Infantry Dominant Force.

LONDON, Nov. 11, 10 a. m.—Coincident with the news that every German soldier has been swept from Russian soil comes a whisper of peace negotiations in the report from Petrograd that Berlin has approached Russia with overtures looking toward a cessation of hostilities.

Contrary to the German report that the Russians had been checked on the frontier of east Prussia, Petrograd declares that a brilliant success in that region has been succeeded by an actual invasion of German territory. An equal triumph is reported from the other end of the long Russian battle line. With Cossacks raiding within twenty miles of Cracow, the commandant of that fortress has ordered the civilian population of the city to leave. Przemysl is said to be fully invested again and its reduction is likely to precede any further advance by the Russians' left wing.

Contrary to practice, infantry and not artillery has been the dominant force used by the Russians along their western battle front in pushing the invaders back across the border. Showing disregard of the German batteries, superior forces of Russian infantry time after time have advanced and won positions by the use of cold steel.

From Moscow comes a report that during the fighting near Aeradz, on the river Wartie, the Russians' commander General Von Makenze, commander of the seventeenth German army corps, together with members of his staff. It is reported also that General Von Liebert, in command at Lodz when the Germans occupied that city, has been captured by the Russians.

Rome reports that the Austrian army is abandoning entirely its positions in western Galicia and will winter at the foot of the Carpathians, renewing the war from that base in the spring. But the stubborn determination to defend Cracoe hardly confirm this report.

SUFFRAGE WINS IN MONTANA

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 11.—Opponents of woman suffrage conceded today that the equal suffrage amendment which was voted on in Montana last Tuesday, had carried. Official returns from twenty-nine counties out of thirty-nine in the state and unofficial figures from two additional counties give equal suffrage a lead of 3689. The remaining counties to be heard from are expected to increase the suffrage lead. The counties are not thickly populated.

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AUSTRALIAN CRUISER NOT DAMAGED IN FIGHT WITH EMDEN

HONG KONG, Nov. 11.—The Australian cruiser Sydney was not damaged in her fight with the German cruiser Emden off Coron Island, according to reports reaching here today. The captain of the Sydney, according to these dispatches, said he had seen only 30 survivors of the 390 men supposed to have been on board the Emden. The German cruiser was a veritable shambles. Four officers and 22 other men were made prisoners.

JAP WARSHIPS OFF TO FIND GERMANS

HONOLULU, Nov. 11.—The Japanese battleship Hizen and cruiser Asama, which entered this port a little less than twenty-four hours ago for coal and provisions, left here early today for an unknown destination.

Rumor has it in the Japanese colony that the warships will rendezvous with a Japanese fleet now nearing the coast of Chile, where it is supposed to seek the German cruisers which defeated Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock's squadron.

Two Japanese merchantmen at Hilo are due to clear shortly, but in view of the sinking of the Emden and the known presence of the remainder of the German Pacific squadron off the coast of South America, it is not believed that the Hizen and Asama will be detailed to convoy them.

SEVERE FIGHTING WITH SERVIANS

VIENNA, Nov. 10, via Amsterdam and London, Nov. 11, 7:15 a. m.—An official communication issued by army headquarters today regarding the fighting with the Servians, says: "Severe fighting at the foot of a mountain on the line from Shabats to Lesniza, continued all day yesterday. Some strongly fortified positions were stormed."

"South of Planina our troops further advanced in the district east of Lesniza, Kroupani and Ljubvoka. Some heavy skirmishing took place with the rear guard of the enemy, which was repulsed at all points. Numerous prisoners and some heavy guns were taken."

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KING REQUESTS PARLIAMENT FOR WAR FUND

Monarch Opens Parliament With Medieval Pomp and Ceremony—Discusses Rupture With Turkey and Says Moslem Subjects Remain Loyal—Half Billion More Needed.

LONDON, Nov. 11, 2:28 p. m.—Londoners who recently have been deprived of all spectacular incidents, today thronged the route of the royal procession to Westminster palace, where King George opened parliament and a wave of patriotic cheering followed the king and queen from the start to the finish of their drive.

Their majesties rode in a less conspicuous state levee carriage, drawn by six black horses, instead of the gold and glass chariot heretofore used.

The king in his speech from the throne said:

"Since I last addressed you, the area of the war has been enlarged by the participation in the struggle of the Ottoman empire. In conjunction with my allies and in spite of repeated and continuous provocations, I strove to preserve in regard to Turkey a friendly neutrality. Bad counsels and alien influence have driven her into a policy of wanton and defiant aggression and a state of war now exists between us. My Mussulman subjects know well that our rupture with Turkey has been forced upon me against my will and I recognize with appreciation and gratitude, the proofs which they have hastened to give of their loyal devotion and support. My army and navy continue through the area of conflict to maintain in full measure their glorious traditions. We watch and follow their steadfastness and valor with thankfulness and pride, and there is throughout my empire a fixed determination to secure at whatever sacrifice the triumph of our arms and vindication of our cause."

"You will be asked to make due financial provision for the effective conduct of the war, and the only measures which will be submitted to you at this stage of the session are such as seem necessary to my advisers for the attainment of the great purpose upon which the efforts of the empire are set. I confidently commend them to your patriotism and loyalty and I pray that the Almighty will give His blessing to your counsels."

AUSTRIAN WARSHIP CREW SINK OWN VESSEL

PEKING, Nov. 11.—The Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth, which took refuge at Tsing Tau before that port was invested by the Japanese, had eight members of her crew killed during the Japanese attack on Tsing Tau. This news was transmitted by the commandant of the cruiser to the Austrian legation here. The legation says that the Kaiserin Elizabeth was sunk by her crew after the ammunition on board had become exhausted.

RUSSIA ACTIVE AGAINST TURKS

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—Special dispatches received from Czernowitz, in Bukovina, report important movements of Russian troops are taking place in Bessarabia and East Galicia, apparently inspired by the campaign against Turkey. The Vienna Fremdenblatt has published a dispatch from Czernowitz saying that the Russians on November 9 threw shells into that city, but their batteries speedily were silenced. An advance guard skirmish before Czernowitz ended in a Russian retreat.

Constantinople reports the continuation of Turkish offensive movements on the Caucasian border in spite of snow. Other reports received here from Athens declare that the Turkish operations against Egypt are progressing, and that there is much military activity in Syria. The Turk-

CARRANZA BRANDED REBEL AT CONVENTION OF MEXICAN CHIEFS

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 11.—A telegram from Aguas Calientes says that a meeting of the convention last night General Carranza was branded a rebel. General Panfilo Natera, a vice-president of the convention, rose and declared that the deposed "first chief" should be considered a rebel because the allotted time had expired for him to recognize the sovereignty of the assembly of chieftains. His remark was greeted with wild applause.

BATTLE OF NACO RESUMED AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Events at Naco have moved with "unexpected rapidity," according to a report to the war department today from Brigadier General Bliss. Secretary Garrison summarized the situation in this statement:

"There was heavy rifle fire all yesterday afternoon, which Colonel Hatfield interprets as an effort on the part of General Hill's forces to prevent General Maytorena from getting into position for attack. At 5:45 o'clock three guns firing shrapnel opened from the east and two from the southwest and continued firing until dark on Hill's position. Maytorena has informed Colonel Hatfield that what he was doing was a defensive movement and not an attack."

BROTHER MEDFORD MAN HONORED

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 11.—W. W. Connor of Skagit county has 67 state representatives signed to support him for speaker of the next house, 18 more than needed, and his election is certain, according to James H. Davis, representative for the Thirty-Seventh district, who returned today from a trip to Spokane and other eastern towns in behalf of Mr. Connor's candidacy.

Mr. Davis said in his conference he heard practically no unusual legislative schemes suggested.

"There will have to be changes in the primary law," said Mr. Davis. "Throughout the state there is a feel that the second choice feature for congressional and state offices is a failure and I believe it will be repealed."

Mr. Connor is a brother of Guy W. Connor of this city.

PEKING, China, Nov. 11.—Reports reaching here from Harbin, Manchuria, set forth that Russia is transporting her European prisoners of war as far east as Vladivostok.

AMERICANS TO QUIT VERA CRUZ IN NEAR FUTURE

Troops to Be Ordered From Mexican Port, Leaving Mexican Factions to Settle Their Own Disputes—Carranza's Decree Grants Amnesty to Mexicans Who Served Americans.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—American troops probably will be ordered out of Vera Cruz very soon, leaving the Mexican factions to settle their own differences, as a result of the recent developments, which have brought the guarantees the Washington government demanded.

Copies of Carranza's decree were received today by the state department. It grants amnesty to all Mexicans who served the American government, in reward for their patriotic spirit in rejecting the protection of the United States and trusting to the justice of the Mexican government. Nothing is said about protection for nuns and priests who took refuge in Vera Cruz. Oral assurances however, have been given that they would not be harmed and the general opinion is that the Washington government will not argue that question further.

The understanding among officials is that President Wilson is willing to withdraw the American forces, especially in view of the fact that a conflict of Villa and Carranza troops in that vicinity might raise further embarrassing and delicate questions for the United States.

The American troops will be withdrawn on the ground that the Aguas Calientes convention ordered Carranza to issue the decree which he has now proclaimed and all factions are agreed to support the conditions set forth by the United States as a prerequisite to evacuation.

The impression prevails in many quarters that the United States will await the determination of who is the executive of Mexico—General Carranza or General Gutierrez—before delivering the customs funds collected since the occupation of Vera Cruz.

BAVARIAN PRINCE'S MEDIEVAL APPEAL TO HIS TROOPS

BERLIN, via The Hague and London, Nov. 11, 8:40 a. m.—Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria has addressed a general order to his army, containing the following passage:

"Soldiers—The eyes of the whole world rest upon you. Our present task is not to relax our struggle with our hated enemy (ill we break his arrogance once for all. He is already weakening and already numerous officers and privates of the enemy have voluntarily surrendered, but the great decisive blow remains to be struck."

"You must hold out to the end and the enemy must be put down. You must persevere. Don't let the enemy slip from between your teeth. We must conquer."

The governor of the province of Brandenburg publicly calls attention to the fact that certain persons are trying to buy German gold for export, offering a slight premium. He appeals to the patriotism of the people to give no assistance to such efforts, and advise that they put a stop thereto by turning over "these agents of the foreign countries" to the police on the spot.

CHINESE BOMB PLOT AGAINST GENERAL LUNG

CANTON, China, Nov. 11.—Another bomb outrage committed by Chinese revolutionaries occurred today outside the residence of General Chi Kuang Lung, who is in charge of the Canton district. Thirteen persons lost their lives.