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TEUTONS SHAKEN STILL POWERFUL, WESTERN FRONT

American Official Statement on War States Fighting Stamina of Germans Deteriorating—Superiority of British Shown—Wastage of Enemy's Man-Power Feature.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Shaken, but still powerful, is the estimate of Germany's defensive strength on the western front given in this week's official communique, issued by the war department.

The superiority of the British over their enemies, the communique says, has been proven conclusively by the last week's fighting, while it has demonstrated that the fighting stamina of the German is deteriorating.

Of the activities of the American force in Europe, the communique says absolutely nothing. Of the forces at home, it reports mobilization of the national guard and the national army proceeding satisfactorily.

The analysis of the situation on the west front, which the communique says remains the principal battle of the war, follows:

Battle of Menin Road.

"The battle of Menin road (Ypres salient) which promises to be one of the great battles of the war, is following its normal course. Last week we recorded the gains of the British in this sector. This week we must note the desperate attempts by the Germans to retake the lost positions. Beginning Sunday last, the constantly increasing violence of the counter-attacks reached a culmination on the 27th instant, when seven powerful onslaughts by the picked 'storm battalions' of the enemy endeavored vainly to regain the lost objectives. The village of Zonnebeke, the center of the conflict, is now firmly held by the British.

"It is evident that the efforts of the enemy in this sector are not actuated merely by the desire to regain lost terrain of little more than tactical value, nor must the persistent attacks be considered merely the normal reaction of a modern field engagement, in which counter-attacks invariably follow upon attacks, but rather it is to be noted that the enemy realizes fully the immense strategic importance of the British thrust along the Menin road.

Threatens Belgian Coast.

"This new British advance in the Ypres salient now definitely threatens the enemy's line of communications to the Belgian coast. The Ostend-Lille railway, which in a large measure feeds the German naval bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge, the latter the home port of the German high seas submarine flotillas, now comes within the range of the fire of the British guns.

"The superiority of the British over their enemies was conclusively proved during the engagement of the past week. The battle of Menin road, furthermore, shows that the fighting stamina of the Germans is deteriorating, not that the enemy did not display great skill and dogged determination in his repeated counter-attacks."

Of the fighting on the French front the communique says:

Of French Fighting.

"The outstanding feature of the recent engagements is the wastage of the man-power of the enemy. If we compare the combat front along the Aisne in 1917, held by fourteen divisions, both of practically the same length, it is found that during the same period of time, from May to September, 1916 and 1917, respectively, the enemy engaged along the Verdun front twenty-five new divisions.

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KAISER'S JEWELS GIVEN TO PAY WAR DEBTS

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 1.—The Zeitung Am Mittag of Berlin says the German emperor and empress have placed a large number of valuable jewels at the disposal of the Reichsbank, with instructions to use them to diminish Germany's obligations to foreign countries.

TURKS DEFEATED IN MESOPOTAMIA BY THE BRITISH

Brilliant Victory Reported—Several Thousand Prisoners Already Taken and Entire Turkish Army Surrounded—Italians Make Progress—German Attacks Repulsed.

By Associated Press, Oct. 1.—While Flanders apparently is witnessing the preparation of another offensive stroke by Field Marshal Haig, which the Germans are trying to anticipate by counter attacks and retaliatory fire, the German crown prince's army is again attempting to harass the French in the Verdun region.

Attacks by the Germans were delivered last night both east and west of the Meuse in the Verdun sector, where the artillery fire has been intense for several days past. The blows were repulsed by the French defenders, Paris announces.

After yesterday's three futile attempts to drive the British back from the high ground they occupy on both sides of the Ypres-Menin road in Flanders, the Germans contented themselves with keeping up a heavy artillery fire during the night.

Italians Push Ahead.

News from the Italian front is gaining added interest with evidence at hand that General Cadorna is pushing forward again east of the Isonzo, driving forward on the Bainsizza plateau, near the southeasterly edge of which he has almost reached the Chiapovano valley.

Interest also attaches to the Mesopotamian war theater, from which the news of a brilliant victory by the British was telegraphed yesterday. Several thousand prisoners are already in British hands as the result of a sudden and well executed stroke which resulted in the surrounding of an entire Turkish army in the Remadze region, northwest of Bagdad.

Russian troops have made another advance in the Riga region, according to today's war office announcement. German posts were pressed back south of the railways in the Spitzka farm sector, the Russians advancing between 800 and 1000 yards.

FEDERAL JUDGE WANTS SEDITIOUS SENATORS SHOT

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 1.—Judge Walter R. Burns of the United States district court, in charging the Harris county grand jury today, after calling by names Senators Stone of Missouri, Hardwick of Georgia, Vandamm of Mississippi, Groun of North Dakota, Gore of Oklahoma and La Follette of Wisconsin, said:

"If I had a wish, I would that you men had jurisdiction to return bills of indictment against these men. They ought to be tried promptly and fairly, and I believe this court could administer the law fairly; but I have a conviction as strong as life that this country should stand them up against an adobe wall tomorrow and give them what they deserve. "If any man deserves death, it is a traitor. I wish that I could pay for the ammunition. I would like to attend the execution, and if I were in the firing squad I would not want to be the marksman who hid the black shell."

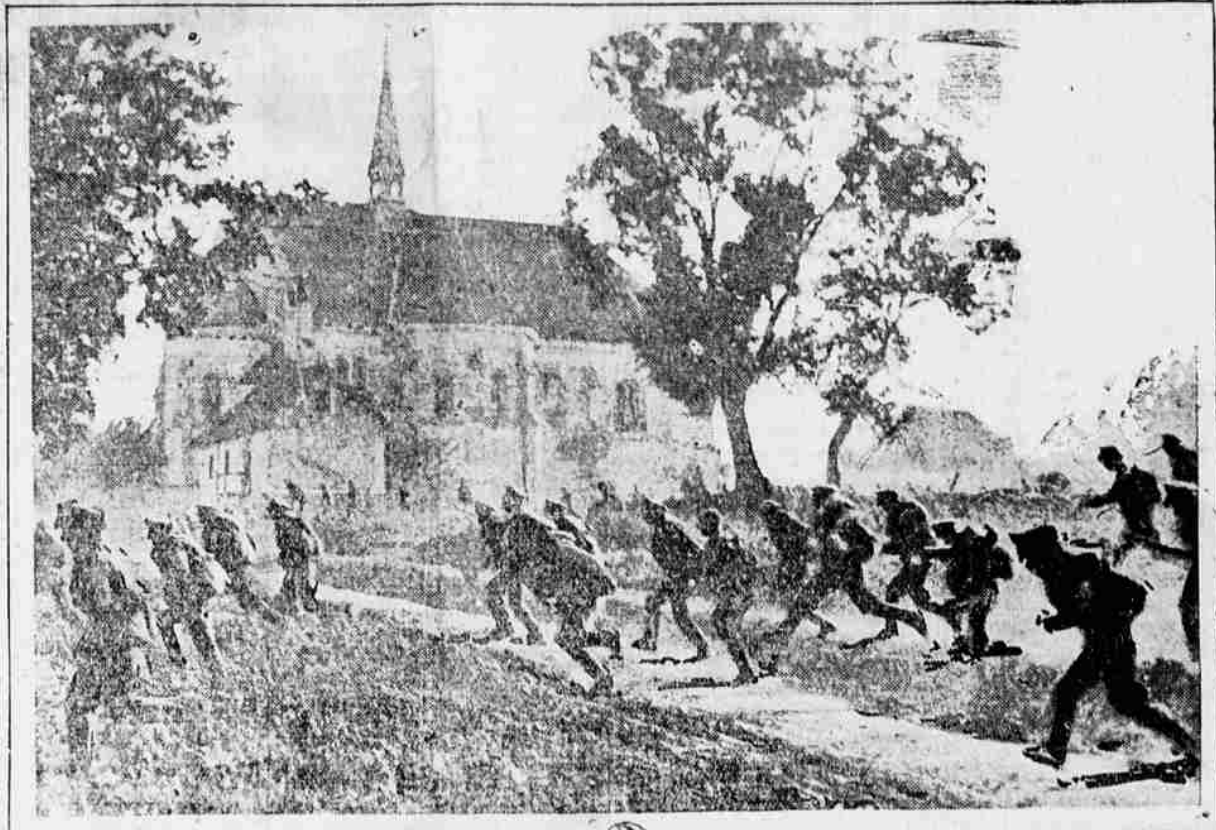
AMERICAN PATROL SHIP IS RAMMED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—An American patrol ship on duty off an Atlantic port was rammed and sunk early today by an unknown craft.

The incident reported to the navy department was officially announced as follows:

"A coast guard vessel on patrol duty off an Atlantic port was rammed and sunk by an unknown ship early today. The work of raising the sunken vessel will be begun at once."

THIS SNAPSHOT OF FLEEING RUSSIANS MAKES VIVIDLY REAL THE SLAV RETREAT



The photo shows a striking scene during the recent retreat of Russian soldiers on the eastern front. At the cry "The Germans are coming," the German cavalry had broken thru the front line spread among the Russian troops. Note that practically all of the fleeing soldiers have thrown down their rifles and kept only their roll of blankets and food.

BRITISH BARRAGE IN AIR CHECKS FIFTH AIR RAID

Two Enemy Machines Destroyed and Two Others Brought Down—Sunday Night's Raid Is Fifth in Week and Only Results in Killing Nine and Injuring Forty-two.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—British naval air patrols destroyed two enemy machines and brought down another, says an official announcement. A Gotha was also brought down and is believed to have been damaged. All the British machines are safe.

The air raid Sunday night—the fifth within seven days—as far as available details show, accomplished nothing important for the enemy. The claim that the "new air barrage" acts as a powerful deterrent to the raiders seem to have been justified further in the latest attack. An immense number of guns of various calibres were in action.

Barrage Effective.

Indeed, it was they, and not the invaders, who were putting up the show. There was an intense and far-reaching search of the skies in all directions; the flashing of bursting missiles showing brightly in the heavens, notwithstanding the extreme brilliance of a full moon. Even more impressive was the terrific din of the guns.

Nine persons were killed and 42 injured in last night's air raid, it is announced officially.

One invader was driven from London by the guns of the fleet. Southwest of the capital another was seen over the Thames estuary. It was hummed in by shell fire and wriggled for half an hour trying for an exit from what seemed a triangle of bursting shells. It finally escaped seaward.

Nearly Hit Hospital.

A half dozen bombs were dropped in a suburban district without causing casualties or important damage. One of the bombs narrowly missed striking a hospital.

The newspapers, while commending the vigor of the defense, still call for other measures and advocate reprisals on German towns. They insist on this point with greater vehemence. The Times contends that it would be absurd to suppose that the problem of successful defense had been solved. It points out that the intense gun fire is only a partial deterrent and warns that air warfare is capable of infinite expansion and that new methods will have to be found to combat it. The Times advocates a great air fleet capable of carrying the war into Germany.

The week end air raids established a record as the noisiest that London has experienced. This was due entirely to the increased number of anti-aircraft guns and the continuity of the firing.

Last night the only unusual incident of the raid was the cheering which was heard from different parts of the metropolis, due to the belief that some of the raiders had been brot down.

The public which has been looking forward to the darker nights that are approaching for a cessation of the raids, has been warned that although the recent raids occurred on moonlight nights, there is on reason to assume that as more experience is gained they may not be attempted on any night when the atmospheric conditions are favorable. The taking of necessary precautions to provide shelter is urged.

PORTLAND BRANCH OF RESERVE BANK OPENS

PORTLAND, Oct. 1.—With over \$1,000,000 in gold in its vaults as reserve funds, the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve bank opened for business today. More reserve gold is expected to arrive soon from San Francisco.

All the eighty-four national banks in Oregon are to keep their reserves in the Portland branch bank. The directors of the new bank have not been named, but it is expected the board will include five representative Oregon bankers.

BIG DRIVE FOR LIBERTY LOAN BONDS STARTED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The big drive for the second liberty loan bonds began at noon today throughout the country. It will last four weeks.

The campaign is planned to raise at least \$3,000,000,000 in subscriptions and treasury officials have set the "amount expected" at \$5,000,000,000. Half again as large as the first liberty loan, the second offering is the largest the people of the United States have ever been called on to absorb.

Secretary McAdoo formally opened the campaign with a speech in Cleveland, the first of many he will deliver on his tour of the United States. Clubs, chambers of commerce, commercial organizations, schools, patriotic societies and like organizations have been enlisted in the great army of "boosters" for the loan. Newspapers, hand bills, posters and speakers on the platform and stage will assist in the great drive.

Postmaster General Barleson has ordered that between October 1 and 27 all postage stamps be cancelled with a stamp bearing the legend, "Back the boys in the trenches. Buy a liberty loan bond. Inquire at any bank or post-office."

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN IS MUCH IMPROVED

PORTLAND, Oct. 1.—United States Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who is suffering from appendicitis in Washington, D. C., continued today to improve, according to messages received here. His physicians have decided no operation is necessary at this time.

The senator has been advised by the physicians to do no more work this session, but to leave Washington as soon as he is strong enough to travel.

DEPORT FOREIGNERS FROM GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 1.—The Telegram says a bill is being prepared in Berlin authorizing the German government, in view of the scarcity of foodstuffs, to remove from the country all foreigners not employed in war industries. The bill probably will be enforced within a month.

PROFITS OF COAL DEALERS DEFINED BY MR. GARFIELD

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—An order of Fuel Administrator H. A. Garfield, made effective today defining the profits of retail coal and coke dealers throughout the country is expected to effect an immediate decrease in the prices now charged the consumer. Gross margins over production cost are limited to the average of 1915 plus a maximum increase of 30 percent with a check provision that the average margin of July this year not be exceeded. Compliance with the order will be enforced in the several states.

The text of the order fixing the margins says:

"On and after October 1, 1917, in making prices and sales to consumers the retail gross margin added by any retailer to the average cost of any size or grade of coal or coke for each class of business shall not exceed the average gross margin added by such dealers for the same size or grade for each class of business during the calendar year 1915, plus thirty percent of the said retail gross margin for the calendar year 1915, provided, however, that the retail gross margin added by any retailer shall in no case exceed the average cost by such dealer for the same size, grade and class of business during July, 1917. By this order retailers are required to fix a retail gross margin which may be less than, but shall not in any instance exceed, the margin added by them in 1915, plus thirty percent thereof."

NON-SLAVS FAVOR RUSSIAN REPUBLIC

PETROGRAD, Oct. 1.—The congress of non-Slav nationalities at its final session at Kiev adopted a resolution declaring that Russia must expel nationality comprising the population of Russia, including the Cossacks, the resolution says, must be granted a large measure of autonomy, the basis of which should be laid down by a constituent assembly especially constituted by each nationality.

The ministry of foreign affairs, it adds, should immediately establish a special commission composed of every nationality in Russia to prepare to defend their national interests at the peace conference. A council of nationalities would be set up to insure the realization of the principle of a federated government.

30,000 STRIKERS AT SAN FRANCISCO BACK AT WORK

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—After having been on strike since Monday, September 17, 30,000 ironworkers and other mechanics returned to work today in 200 shops in San Francisco and the Bay cities. Government shipping contracts to the extent of \$125,000,000, held up by the strike, will now be rushed to completion, according to declarations on both sides.

At the Union Iron Works, where \$100,000,000 worth of shipping is being turned out by the government, work was resumed on six of the latest type of submarines.

The municipal steam and electric trains operating between the residence and industrial districts were resumed after suspending operations during the strike. These trains take the place of United Railroads trolley lines, whose service is hampered by a strike of platform men.

The men returned under a tentative agreement calling for an increase in wages ranging from 10 to 20 per cent. The men asked for a 50 per cent increase.

This agreement was drawn up by the Iron Trades council, the two organizations of employers, and Attorney Gavin McNish, who was appointed a special strike mediator by President Wilson. It was ratified by all of the unions connected with the Iron Trades council with the exception of the boilermakers, who protested at the clause that no open shop should be discriminated against. Last Thursday night this union voted not to return, despite an order to their posts issued by the Iron Trades council.

ADELE PANKHURST WEDS AUSTRALIAN

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The marriage yesterday of Adele Pankhurst, daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English suffragette leader, to a seaman named Walsh is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Melbourne.

Miss Pankhurst has been in Australia for several months and has taken a prominent part in the agitation against conscription, having figured in a number of rallies which resulted. In August she was reported to have been sentenced to imprisonment for a month, on account of a demonstration by her outside the parliament building in Melbourne.

FAVOR EXPULSION OF LA FOLLETTE FROM THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Petitions from New York organizations asking expulsion from the senate of Senators La Follette of Wisconsin, Groun of North Dakota and Stone of Missouri were presented in the senate today by Senator Wadsworth of New York and referred without action to the senate privileges and elections committee.

The first step toward official consideration of the petitions was taken today when Senator Pomerene of Ohio, chairman of the privileges and elections committee, called a meeting for next Wednesday. It was decided to have the committee discuss a course of action. The present attitude of senate leaders was said to be in favor of tabling the petitions in the committee.

Vice-President Marshall also presented another lot of petitions, letters and telegrams from various organizations and individuals on the same general subject. Included were printed circular petitions indicating that many such are being circulated and probably will reach the senate in great numbers. In reply to one correspondent, Vice-President Marshall pointed out that while the senate may expel a member, the initiative must come from a senator and cannot be forced by an individual or organization.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 1.—The Chattanooga Bar Association today adopted resolutions "condemning in unmeasured terms" the acts of "Senators La Follette, Groun, Reed, Hardwick, Stone, Vandamm and others acting with them" in their attitude toward the war, and demanding "their expulsion from the American senate."

WHITE SOX CLOSE SCHEDULE, NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—The Chicago White Sox, champions of the American league, close their schedule here today at the Polo grounds against the New York Yankees. It was planned to play this game as part of a double-header on Saturday, but wet grounds on Friday resulted in arrangements being changed. Saturday the White Sox and Yankees broke even in two games.

The Chicago players will leave here tonight on their way home. They will play exhibition contests with the Cleveland Americans at Cleveland Tuesday and at Chicago Wednesday.