

## RUSSIA RENDS AN ARMY

### Backbone of Austrian Forces Broken

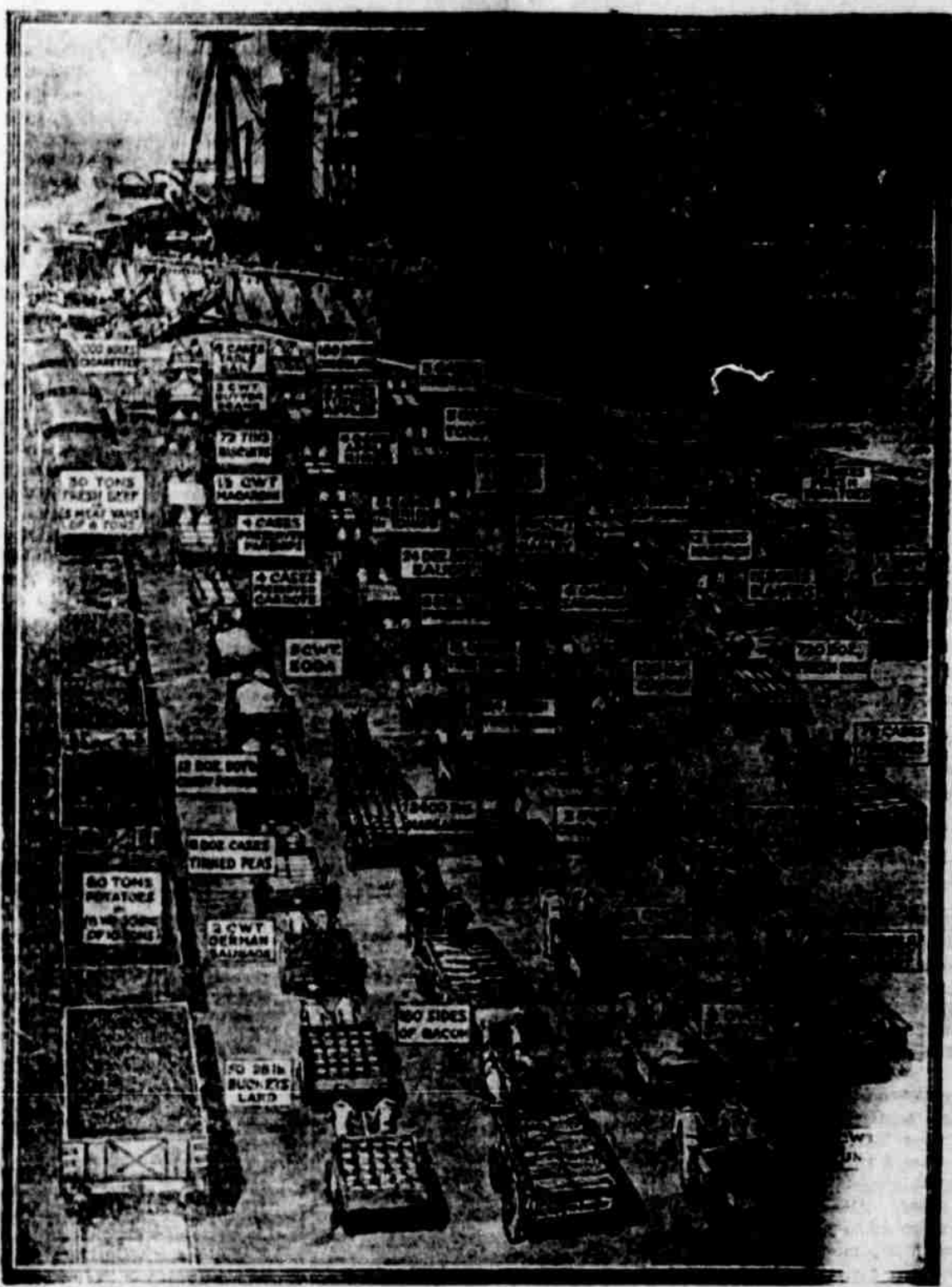
United Press Service  
 ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 1.—Austria's army has been crushed. Grand Duke Nicholas, leading the czar's forces in the "on to Berlin" movement reports that the retreat from Lemburg comes after a week of fighting, and the bloodiest battle in modern warfare.

The loss of life was a veritable slaughter. Whole brigades were annihilated, and the Austrian army, by its losses and retreat, is said by Duke Nicholas to be entirely demoralized, and will be extremely difficult to reform into proper fighting units again.

The fighting continues, the Russians pursuing the retreating army. The war office announced that the Russian left wing, operating from the River Danube, captured what was considered an impregnable position from the Austrians. This was taken at the point of the bayonet.

While the victory was sweeping for the Russian army, there was a fearful loss of life. Five thousand Russian and Austrian dead, killed in hand to hand encounter, were intermingled in a comparatively small area. The Russians captured thirty-two cannon and a thousand Austrians, including the commanding officer.

## Vast Quantities of Provisions for One English Dreadnought



## ALLIES' RIGHT LINE HOLDS

### Germans Fail to Split the Defenders

United Press Service  
 PARIS, Sept. 2.—The war office reports that the center of the allies' line is still holding, despite the repeated assaults made upon it by the German forces. The left wing is retreating a trifle, and it is asserted that the crack German regiments, the backbone of the Kaiser's army are to be thrown into the attack on the right flank.

The allies' left is engaged from Montdidier to the Forest Compiègne. The heaviest infantry attack is at Montdidier. At the forest the German skirmishers, ahead of the advance guard of the force headed for Paris, are partly surrounded by French artillery.

General Pau now commands the French on the left wing. He is co-operating with General French, the British field marshal.

The fighting is desperate since daylight, as the Germans have been working to penetrate the allies' line and separate the British and French, to envelop and annihilate one force. Rapid fire guns, mounted on auto, were used near Amiens in this attempt.

It is reported that the British troops, in a sortie near Compiègne captured a number of cannon. The German casualties are said to exceed the British losses six to one.

The war office says of the other campaign: "We are slowly advancing in the region of the Vosges in Lorraine, where a regular siege is in progress against entrenched German positions. For two days we have been driving the Germans back."

## Americans Are Anxious to Go

## German Cruiser Takes Britisher

United Press Service  
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2.—The past few weeks there has been such bustling about by army and navy officers to get any influence they may have to bear upon the authorities to be assigned as "observers" with the various nations at war with each other in Europe.

The assignments already are practically completed, but other officers, anxious to go abroad, are still flooding the departments of war and navy with requests or suggestions that they are the men for the places.

The occupation of the baseball player is more dangerous than that of the chauffeur, if we may trust the standard rates approved by the New York state insurance department for workmen's compensation insurance.

Williamette Valley Southern will reach Molalla by October 1.

United Press Service  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—The shipping circles here have received a report that the German Cruiser Leipzig, has captured the British steamship Cotriana off the Mexican coast, taking off the entire cargo of coal and supplies.

## Cossacks Accused of Terrible Deed

United Press Service  
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2.—The Berlin foreign office has wired the German embassy as follows: "The papers are full of Russian horrors in East Prussia. The Cossacks cut off a mother's breast, and impaled her five children on a fence. Four Cossacks ravished a woman while handcuffed, and forced her husband to witness the crime."

## Say Germans Being Needlessly Slaughtered

United Press Service  
 PARIS, Sept. 2.—All of the military hospitals south of Paris are packed to capacity with the wounded sent in by the allies from the front. The war victims tell of terrible casualties on both sides.

Many of the wounded men are of the British divisions.

The wounded men are loud in their praises of the courage displayed by the German soldiers. They insist, though, that the German officers are needlessly sacrificing their men.

Some say that the fearful loss of the British divisions. German life is deliberate on the part of the officers, as they keep the infantrymen in action against artillery attack, or without seeking cover for the infantry.

Thousands of German prisoners have been captured, they say. Many of these were scouting parties, surrounded in the uplands.

A number of German officers who have been sent to the hospital say the resistance of the Belgians and allies was a great surprise to them.

## In Response To That Eternal Query "Where IS Hell?"

By MAJOR F. W. HARRER

Since the advent of Christ we have been taught to believe that hell is the worst punishment that can be inflicted upon an erring people.

It may be so, but the hell of Europe casts a shadow of doubt. Men whose vocation in life is the redemption of souls are warning us against the terrors of hell. Yet our brothers across the seas are plunged into a maelstrom of destruction which puts even hell itself to shame. The hell of biblical conception is pictured as a place of torment, inhabited by the souls of sinners to whom the gates of heaven are closed. The hell of Europe is a furnace of destruction for the good and the bad; the innocent and the guilty; for women and children and babes of a day.

As the devil wields his fork over the denizens of the fiery pit, so do the kings and emperors of Europe wield the sword of compulsion over the heads of their subjects, and force them into the jaws of an earthly hell. The patriotic spirit which permeates every human breast has taught us to respond to the call of country, whether that call be just or not. And this national spirit has permitted the rulers of the old world to launch a contest of blood and iron and destruction, which is shaking the very world to its foundation, and which may even yet involve every civilized nation of the globe.

Have we two hells? Or has the hell of tradition been transferred from the regions of satan to the blood soaked battlefields of Europe? We are solemnly warned to repent of our sins or suffer the eternal torments of hell. Be it even so. But what of this hell on earth? What of the mighty engines of destruction which are devastating a fair land and sweeping a once enlightened people into the presence of their maker? What of the changing of an area of civilization into a congested mass of struggling, snarling, destroying human beings, bent solely upon the annihilation of one another?

- What of the tremendous explosives hurled into cities, destroying soldiers and civilians alike?
- What of the terrible bombs dropped from the war hounds of the air into the midst of innocent and helpless women and children, taking the lives which God bade men to protect and cherish?
- What of the explosives lurking in the bosom of the seas and periling the existence of ships loaded with non-combatants?
- What of the broken and grief-stricken women and young girls who must toil in the fields that men may have bread while doing their utmost to obliterate the human race?
- What of the widows and orphans who must suffer through life because war has robbed them of a protector? What of the helpless babes who are dying of starvation because armies in the field must have the milk which otherwise would mean life to the little ones?
- What of the maimed who must go through life warped and twisted with pain?
- What of the gaping holes in human breasts, of limbs torn from their sockets, of mangled forms which even a merciful death refuses to release from their agonies?
- What of the millions of aged and infirm dependents who must face starvation before this hell has run its course?

WHAT IS HELL? WHERE IS HELL?

Whatever it is—wherever it may be—hell is hell, but this hell of Europe is one hell of a hell.

## Zepellins Drop Bombs in Antwerp

## Submarines to Hawaiian Coast

United Press Service  
 ANTWERP, Sept. 2.—At 3:30 this morning outlying forts signaled Zepellins approach, 6,000 feet up. The airships were fired at repeatedly, but were never hit. Searchlights were turned on the sky, but it was impossible to locate the ships, as they had extinguished their lights to conceal their location. Several bombs were dropped in the suburbs, in the lightly settled districts. Early reports of damage slight.

A twelve foot vein of coal has been struck at Roxy Ann, near Medford.

United Press Service  
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2.—The navy department, it has been learned, has just completed plans for mobilizing a powerful submarine fleet in the Pacific. The Hawaiian Islands will be the center of several powerful bases.

The plans include transfer of some of the submarines along the Pacific Coast to Hawaii. They will be towed by the battleships West Virginia and South Dakota. The navy general board believes submarine defense is an important factor of the Pacific defense policy.

## Missing Man Said to Be in Portland

Instead of being murdered, A. C. McLeod is in Portland or some other northern city, according to Frank Williams, who was arrested last night pending an investigation into the supposed transfer of McLeod's property to Williams, and the disappearance of McLeod. Williams is held in the county jail while the authorities are investigating further.

Although the authorities were investigated Tuesday, the matter was withheld from afternoon publication at the request of the authorities, in order to give them all the secrecy possible in their early work.

McLeod's place is on Lower Klamath Lake, about three miles below Midland. Since August 24th McLeod has not been seen there.

On Friday, Williams with his family moved into the place, and he produced a bill of sale for the McLeod belongings. This bill of sale has been questioned by the sheriff's office, and Tuesday Williams was placed under arrest on a charge of falsely making an instrument.

This charge is apparently a pretext to give the officials time to make a search for the whereabouts or remains of McLeod. The officers are working on the theory that Williams killed McLeod and made the bill of sale himself.

According to Williams, McLeod was in Klamath Falls on August 24, and that he left here the following morning, purchasing a ticket for the north. Two local business men also stated today that McLeod was here on the 24th.

Williams states that McLeod left here hurriedly, and that he disposed of his stuff to him at a sacrifice. Another man is also said to know that McLeod found it imperative to leave Klamath county without delay.