

Allies Batter German Lines.

French Column Reaches a Wood Only a Few Miles From Aitkirch—Fierce Fighting in Belgium.

The French continue to batter the German lines all the way from the North sea to Alsace, according to the reports from Paris.

The French made distinct gains at four different points, they assert, and admit losing ground to the Germans at only one point.

The gains claimed by the French were in the region to the northwest of Rheims, in the forest of La Grurie, near the Ravine of Courte Chaussee and in the forest of Le Pretre.

In Alsace the Germans regained one of their old trenches in the vicinity of Steinbach.

The allies are continuing their determined resistance in Belgium and beat back two attacks in the region of the Dunes and to the southeast of St. Georges.

To the north of the Lys and from the Lys to the Oise the only engagements of the day were artillery duels. Concerning other operations of the day the French war office report declares:

"In the valley of the Aisne and in the Sector of Rheims our batteries gained the upper hand over those of the enemy, reducing them to silence. At a point northwest of Rheims it is reported that certain of our troops have made an advance of about 100 yards.

"In the Argonne there developed a very spirited action, which permitted us to retake 300 yards of trenches in the forest of La Grurie, at the same place where there was recently a slight giving way, as previously reported. From Bagatelle and from Montaine Madame there were delivered two violent German attacks, each of which was repulsed.

"Near the ravine of Courte Chaussee we blew up by exploding a mine 800 yards of German trenches, half of which we subsequently occupied.

"In the region of Thann (in upper Alsace), in spite of a violent cannonading, we retained the gains achieved the night before at Steinbach, as well as in the trenches to the southwest and to the northwest of this village. The enemy succeeded in reoccupying one of his former trenches on the eastern flank of a nearby height, the summit of which, however, remains in our possession.

"It should be set forth that in the Argonne, near the ravine of Courte Chaussee, at the point where we blew up the German trenches, the attacking regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Garibaldi delivered a vigorous attack against the breach made by the explosions. The Italians captured 120 prisoners, including twelve under officers, and took one machine gun and one caisson. The chief adjutant of this regiment, Constantine Garibaldi, brother of Lieutenant Colonel Garibaldi, was killed during this attack."

But all the fighting has not been in favor of the allies, as the Germans also claim to have made some gains. French trenches in the Argonne were occupied by German troops, and in upper Alsace French troops were driven away from a position near Sennheim (Cernay), according to the German official statement.

"The French continued their systematic bombardment of villages situated behind our front," the statement says. "They seem indifferent to the killing of their own countrymen and to the destruction of French homes. In any event, this bombardment causes us very little trouble.

"At Souain and in the forest of Argonne we captured several of the enemy's trenches and made prisoners of two officers and 200 men.

"The French again obtained a foothold on the much-fought-for height west of Sennheim (Cernay), in upper Alsace, but they were again driven off after a strong bayonet attack. They have not dared to attempt further advances. Fifty Alpine chasseurs were taken prisoners by us."

FRENCH TRAITOR EXECUTED

He Gave Germans Tip That Caused Air Raid.

A French railway employe, who had furnished the Germans with information that resulted in their aerial raid upon Furnes while President Poincare was there, was executed on a charge of treason.

The president had a narrow escape from death when a bomb dropped from one of the German aeroplanes exploded a short distance from him.

Germans Arrest Cardinal Mercier.

A dispatch that was received by the Amsterdam Tijd from Rosendael, Belgium, says Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium and archbishop of Malines, has been arrested by the German authorities and held a prisoner in his own archiepiscopal palace at Malines under a military guard.

German Armored Train Shattered.

In a fight between German and French armored trains in Flanders the latter came off victorious. The German train was shattered.

Two Drink Bay Rum: Die.

Charles McKee, thirty-three years old, and Hugh Beck, forty-five years old, died at Perryopolis, near Uniontown, Pa., as a result of drinking bay rum in a Perryopolis barber shop on Sunday. Each man is said to have drunk a half pint of the liquid.

Smallpox Among Austrians.

An epidemic of smallpox has broken out in the Austrian armies, according to a dispatch from Trieste, and has spread to the interior. General vaccination has been ordered.

GERMANS ON THE OFFENSIVE

Von Hindenburg Huris Great Army Toward Warsaw in New Drive in Poland.

Broken remnants of the Turkish army that invaded Trans-Caucasia are being pursued by the victorious Russian forces.

The defeat of the Ottoman forces was a rout. The Russians are reported to have taken 35,000 prisoners, besides vast quantities of war munitions and many guns.

The Ninth Turkish corps (40,000 men) was annihilated and the Tenth corps was so badly shattered that it was unable to offer any organized resistance.

Grand Duke Nicholas notified the war office that the Russian victory was complete, and paid a tribute to the valor of the Russian troops.

The Ninth and Tenth Turkish corps were in the army which crossed the frontier near Sari-Kamysh, on the road to Kars. Another column, which took Ardahan, two days ago, has been driven from that town and is reported to be almost surrounded by Russian troops, which hold the main roads.

The Russian victory at Sari Kamysh and the recapture of Ardahan, an important junction point of the mountain roads from the Turkish frontier to Kars and Tiflis apparently removes whatever menace to those cities was presented by the Turkish invasion.

The German invaders of Poland have renewed their activity in the north. The line from Thorn to Plock is swarmed with Teuton troops, and it is believed the German command-in-chief has as his objective the capture of the right bank of the upper Vistula. This would indicate a German advance on Warsaw by way of Nowo Georgievsk.

The enemy is employing light river boats, armed with machine guns, to aid this movement, but the Russian commanders are confident that their overwhelming superiority in numbers will preclude success by Germany in this new plan of campaign. Large Russian forces now occupy that territory.

By entrenching the troops on the front in central Poland, Field Marshal von Hindenburg has so strengthened his defenses that he has been able to withdraw at least five army corps (200,000 men) from the central front and throw them into the new attack from the north.

Austrians Are in Flight.

The Russians report another victory over the Austrians in the Uzk Pass of the Carpathian mountains.

Emperor Francis Joseph's army in this region is declared to be in full retreat in a mountain pass deep in snow, while a violent snowstorm is raging, and the Russian cavalry is attacking on the flank and rear.

By forcing this pass the Russians gain control of some of the most valuable oil fields in the Austrian empire, and thus shut off another of the sources of supplies which the Austro-German armies are said to be so much in need of. This, however, has been only part of the Russian task.

While forcing back the Austrians, the Russian troops are holding the line of the Mazurian lakes in East Prussia, are fighting strenuously to withstand the German offensive in north Poland, are advancing toward Cracow and have crossed Bukovina, which is now virtually in their possession.

In north Poland the weather is proving a useful ally to Russia. The Germans are making only slow progress with their offensive operations, while the Russians are advancing toward Cracow and South Silesia.

Three Die in Chair at Trenton.

New Jersey's first triple electrocution took place Wednesday when three slayers were put to death at the state prison in Trenton. Those who died were Richard Sparks, seventeen years old, and George Green, twenty-four years old, both negroes, who killed Charles A. Ely, and Griffin J. Johnson, a negro, who killed Laura Smith.

To Exchange War Prisoners.

Pope Benedict has been notified in Rome that both Germany and Austria had accepted his suggestion that prisoners of war incapacitated for further service should be exchanged. The pontiff regards the action of the Teutonic allies as indicating success in his efforts to relieve, in part at least, the useless suffering caused by the war.

Try to Blow Up Church.

An attempt to blow up St. Joachim's Roman Catholic church in Trenton, N. J., was frustrated by the failure of a fuse to ignite twenty-six ounces of dynamite in a can, found in the vestibule of the church by the janitor.

The fuse had been ignited, but was extinguished before it had burned its full length. The police are investigating the finding of the explosive.

State Senator Hall Dead.

Word has been received in Ridgeway, Pa., that State Senator James K. P. Hall is dead. He was taken to Tampa, Fla., several weeks ago, after being critically ill in a Cleveland, O., hospital. The funeral of Senator Hall will be at Ridgeway next Saturday afternoon.

Heads Philadelphia Schools.

William C. Jacobs was chosen superintendent of schools of Philadelphia. Dr. Jacobs has been associate superintendent for nine years. He will succeed Governor-elect Brumbaugh.

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With the Churches of the County. Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY. Service Sunday 10:45 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 9 1/2 E. High street.

WATCH FOR THE FLAG. FLAGS DISPLAYED! Thursday of this week flags were displayed at certain homes in our community.

These neighborhood prayer meetings mark the first services in the interest of the Union Evangelistic meetings which begin January 17th. The borough and outlying sections have been divided into sixteen divisions, and a "captain" has been placed over each of these divisions. Homes are secured, leaders appointed, and all arrangements made for prayer meetings. All christian people living in the vicinity of a home that displays a flag are invited "to turn in hither."

Plans are being perfected for meetings Sabbath, January 10th. Men will come from Sunbury who passed through the Stough campaign there. Men will come from Phillipsburg who passed through the Peacock campaign there.

Contracts for great spiritual quickening. Yours for a great spiritual quickening. G. E. HAWES.

The slogan for Bellefonte is—Revival—let everybody catch it. January 10th, the great day of preparation. All church machinery to be side-tracked or headed toward the salvation of men and the glory of God.

"Lost—a Boy," will be the subject of a sermon for children next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Reformed church. Parents come and bring your children.

All good things have imitators. The only genuine "OIL OF GLADNESS" is prepared by Moyer Brothers, Bloomsburg, Pa. 25c and 50c sizes.

Pennsylvania Legislature Meets. The general assembly of Pennsylvania started its 130th session, when both branches of what is commonly called the legislature met in Harrisburg on Tuesday.

In the house the new speaker, Charles A. Ambler of Montgomery county, urged the members to support Dr. Brumbaugh in his policy of carrying out his pledges to the people.

The senate adopted a resolution offered by Senator McNichol, of Philadelphia, providing for a committee composed of three senators, three representatives, the speaker and the president pro tem. of the senate, to confer with the governor-elect as to the introduction of bills advocated in the Republican state platform and in the platform of Dr. Brumbaugh.

In the senate Charles H. Kline, of Allegheny, was re-elected president pro tem., receiving all the Republican votes. Charles W. Sones, of Lycoming county, received the complimentary vote of the Democrats. The one Washington party senator, Raymond E. Smith, of Crawford county, also voted for Mr. Sones.

Harmon W. Kephart, of Fayette, chief clerk of the senate, and W. Harry Baker, secretary, were re-elected without opposition, as were Herman P. Miller, librarian, and James R. Bagshaw, sergeant-at-arms.

Kineman of Taft Dies in Cab. Horatio Taft, second cousin of ex-President William H. Taft, died in a taxicab in Rockford, Ill., while on his way to a hospital for treatment for pneumonia and Bright's disease.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS. COUNTY TREASURER. We are authorized to announce that James E. Harter, of Penn township, will be a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primaries on the third Tuesday of September, 1915.

The New Grocery.

Have You Resolved to SAVE MONEY?

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