

GERMANS GIVING GROUND ALONG WHOLE FRONT, IS FRENCH REPORT; MAUBEUGE FORTRESS CAPTURED

Kaiser's Troops Attempt to Offset Checks on Right, but Fail to Gain, While Desperate Fighting Continues

AS A RESULT OF THE MOST FURIOUS FIGHTING IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, IN THE GREAT BATTLE WHICH HAS BEEN RAGING FOR SOME DAYS, THE GERMAN CENTRE IS NOW GIVING AWAY SLOWLY BUT STEADILY BEFORE THE FIRCE AND SUSTAINED ASSAULT OF THE FRENCH LEFT WING.

German Indemnities Total \$140,000,000. London.—The Standard says: Indemnities exceeding a total of \$28,000,000 (\$140,000,000) already have been demanded by the Germans from the towns and districts they have occupied.

Washington.—The taking of Maubeuge was the subject of a number of despatches from Berlin received at the German Embassy by way of the Sayville wireless station. The first said: "Maubeuge has fallen. We have captured 400 guns and 40,000 prisoners, including four Generals."

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London.—The British Official Press Bureau issued the following announcement: "The general position continues satisfactory. The allies are gaining ground on their left all along the line of the Ourcq and the Pett Morin Rivers. The British have driven the enemy back ten miles."

Each side in succession was reported charging desperately, with a goodly part of the general fighting of the hand to hand variety. The Germans were said to have been pushed by sheer weight of numbers, the British cavalry and infantry charging en masse along a battle front of nearly twenty miles.

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This, the most important battle since the war began, with the possible exception of Charleroi, began on the plains of the Marne, with favorable results to the French.

The line described swings in a semi-circle, of which the point nearest to Paris is Meaux, twenty miles away. The battle line extends for 150 miles, beginning at Nanteuil-Le Haudouin, about 30 miles from Paris, going southeast to Meaux, turned almost due to east to Vitry-Le Francois where it bends sharply to the north-east, stopping at Verdun.

The German strength in the region from Vitry le Francois to Verdun is declared to be enormous. Included are believed to be the most of the troops withdrawn from Alsace-Lorraine. In addition to the armies of the Crown Prince Frederick William, the Duke Albrecht of Wurttemberg and the Crown Prince of Bavaria are all reported as engaging in this operation.

Reports say that the Kaiser himself has been directing this new movement and that he joined the army that is directed by his heir. It is conceded that the present move of the Germans is a general attempt absolutely to crush the allied armies, but more especially the French center and right, which includes thirteen or fourteen army corps.

The allied armies now occupy a line of siege both to the east and west of Paris. The German plan, according to popular speculation, is not to besiege Paris, but to attempt to force a breach in the chain of fortresses with their newest Krupp guns, and gain entrance to the capital as they did at Liege and Namur.

WAR NEWS TOLD IN TABLOID FORM

Berlin officially reported the surrender of the French fortress of Maubeuge with 40,000 prisoners and several hundred guns. An official announcement from the French War Office in Bordeaux said the German armies had been pushed back a total of twenty-five miles.

The occupation of Mikolajoff, a strong Austrian fortress in Galicia, twenty miles south of Lemberg, by Russian forces on Sept. 5, with the capture of forty guns and a year's supplies, was announced in Petrograd.

KAISER CABLES WILSON PROTEST Sends Wire Personally on Use of Dum-dum Bullets by Allies.

WASHINGTON.—President Wilson received a personal cable from Emperor William of Germany protesting against the use of dum-dum bullets and the participation in the war by civilians of Belgium. The message expressed also the German Emperor's deep regret at the destruction of the Belgian city of Louvain.

Russians Capture Two Austrian Strongholds

Nicolajeff and Mikolajow, 25 Miles South of Lemberg, Fall—Only Three Towns Bar Czar's Advance on Berlin.

Petrograd (St. Petersburg).—The fortress of Mikolajoff (Mikolajow or Nicolajeff), twenty miles south of Lemberg and commanding the Austrian State Railroad's crossing of the River Dulester, was taken by the Russians after severe fighting. Forty heavy guns and stores of all kinds sufficient for a year were captured.

North of Lemberg the main Austrian army, which has been beaten back from its invasion of Poland, is reported retreating all along the line between the Rivers Bug and Vistula. This retreat spells more than defeat—it is disaster, owing to the nature of the country through which the Austrians must make their escape.

Berlin Reports Victories

EVACUATED RHEIMS TAKEN BY 13 TROOPERS, WIRELESS ADVICES DECLARE.

Washington.—A German account of the manner in which the French fortress town of Rheims, in the second French line of defense, was occupied by the Kaiser's forces was made public by the German Embassy.

Paris.—The veil of secrecy over the western area of the fighting—the country north of Paris—never has been harder to penetrate than during the past twenty-four hours. There is no evidence at hand to show that the persistent advance of the Germans has been appreciably checked; on the contrary, at least one point of the German contact is now within striking distance of the outer fortifications of Paris.

CZAR ANNEXES GALICIA AS RUSSIAN PROVINCE

St. Petersburg.—An official announcement was made that Galicia has been made a Russian province and that Count Bobrinsky has been appointed Governor-General.

WAR HITS ENGLISH TRADE.

Export and Import Business Drops \$165,000,000 in Month. London.—The effect of the war on British trade is seen in the Board of Trade returns for August. Imports, compared with the corresponding month last year, show a decrease of upwards of \$65,000,000, while exports have fallen off nearly \$100,000,000.

The Markets

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 red, new, 119 1/4; new No. 2 hard, 118; new No. 1 Northern Duluth, 124, and old No. 1 Northern Manitoba, 127 1/2 nominal c i f Buffalo.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat—Car lots, in export elevator, No. 2 red, spot and September, \$1.12@1.17; No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$1.31@1.36; No. 2 red, Western, \$1.18@1.23.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—No. 2 red, spot, 118 1/4, sales and bid; September, 118; October, 119 1/4; No. 2 red, Western and spot, 118 1/4; October, 120.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 32@32 1/4; creamery, choice, 30@31; creamery, good, 28@29 creamery, prints, 32@34; creamery, blocks, 31@32; ladies, 22@23; Maryland and Pennsylvania, rolls, 21@22; Ohio, rolls, 21; West Virginia, rolls, 21; storepacked, 21; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, dairy prints, 21; process butter, 26@28.

Live Stock. PITTSBURGH.—Cattle steady; choice, \$9.50@9.85; prime, \$9@9.25. Hogs—Prime heavies, \$9.75; mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$9.80@9.85; light Yorkers, \$9.60@9.75; pigs, \$9@9.50; roughs, \$8.25@8.75.

ST. LOUIS.—Hogs—Pigs and lights, \$7@9.45; mixed and butchers', \$9@9.45; good heavy, \$9.30@9.40.

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