

BATTLE OF AISNE BECOMES GIGANTIC ARTILLERY DUEL WITH GERMANS DEFENDING

army rests upon the last of a great semicircle of hills which lie from the northwest to the southeast across

northeastern France, having carls as the approximate centre. Behind it lie flat plains stretching to the Meuse.

VON KLUK SURROUNDED, SAYS LONDON REPORT

LONDON, Sept. 17. Sweeping 60 miles north of Paris, a French army commanded by General D'Amade is striking at the rear of the German right wing in an attempt to cut General von Kluk's army off from the main German forces, according to reports that reached London today.

There is a possibility that the aim of General D'Amade's army has already been accomplished. A correspondent telegraphing from Amiens says: "The German right wing is encircled. I was able to join friendly French Zouaves a little south of Peronne. Near there a French battery was in action about 100 yards on our left."

Peronne is 22 miles southwest of Maubeug and 15 miles south-northwest of St. Quentin. If Maubeug is uncaptured, as the French Government insists, a sortie of the garrison there in co-operation with the attack of General D'Amade's army would put General von Kluk in a perilous position, from which he might be unable to extricate himself. A dispatch sent by Geoffrey Young

to the Daily News from Amiens says it is reported there that General von Kluk's army has been surrounded, and then continues: "His right has been overlapped by an army advancing from Rouen and passing through Amiens, which led to the eastward turn from Compiene and his evacuation from Amiens."

"If he is really lying as supposed his rear is in danger, but it is impossible yet to discover what is the German force that is facing northwest against the Amiens army, whether it is only his late Amiens garrison or new supporters, or whether von Kluk has wheeled his right north in a sharp curve. "The western French army has passed east and southeast of Amiens, using pontoons over the river where the bridges have been blown up. I could get near enough only to make certain that the French line had been advancing east since yesterday, pressing on to St. Quentin."

"Turoes and Zouaves are now pouring up the Amiens-St. Quentin line in great heart and hope. But the march is fatiguing and the roads heavier after the rains."

ALLIES' ATTACKS FAIL, SAYS OFFICIAL REPORT

BERLIN, Sept. 17. This official announcement was made here today: "The attacks of the allied British and French forces on our front continue without success. Some advantages have been gained by our troops, but they will not press the offensive until the enemy has exhausted itself."

"The rapidity with which the German armies accomplished the invasion of France made it necessary that they should be given a brief respite. This they are obtaining."

The General Staff today declared the French attack is spent and that the German positions are well maintained. Meanwhile, all needed supplies are being concentrated at the front.

The official announcement declares that the French are everywhere again on the defensive and that at no point of the line are the German forces threatened. The investment of Paris, it is stated, while temporarily halted, will take place when the present campaign is completely worked out.

GREAT BRITISH LOSSES REPORTED FROM BERLIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. After almost a week of complete isolation from its Government, the German Embassy today received as its first dispatch by wireless from the Foreign Office in Berlin a sweeping denial of the claims of French and British victories. The communication follows: "Reports of the allies victories in France are untrue. The German retreat of the western wing was a tactical

maneuver not affecting the strategical position. "French attempts to break through the centre of the German position were victoriously repulsed. "German successes at several points of a long-extended battlefield have been confirmed. "The Temps, a Paris newspaper, reports that the losses of the British in the recent fighting amount to 12,000 dead and wounded."

ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE, FRENCH EMBASSY HEARS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. News of the continued advance of the French and English troops toward the new German line of defense was reported to the French Embassy today from the War Office at Bordeaux and confirmed earlier reports that the battle now begun is at least 70 miles to the north of the most advanced position by the German invaders. The dispatch reads: "On September 14 and 15 the rear of the enemy was forced to encounter the advance guard of our army. Other German troops reinforced the enemy's rear guard, and they were compelled to accept battle along the entire front.

In many places they were strongly posted. "The French advance guard is familiar with the country about Noyon. "The allies are on the high hills on the north of Vic-sur-Naiese, Soissons and Laon and on the high hills of the north of France. They are also on a line on the north of a place called Ville-sur-Turve, which is situated on the west of the Argonne mountains. "The line continues over the Argonne mountains from the north of Vereines. This latter place has been evacuated by the enemy, who have reached the River Meuse close to the forest of Forges on the north of Verdun."

ANXIETY PREVAILS AT FRENCH WAR OFFICE

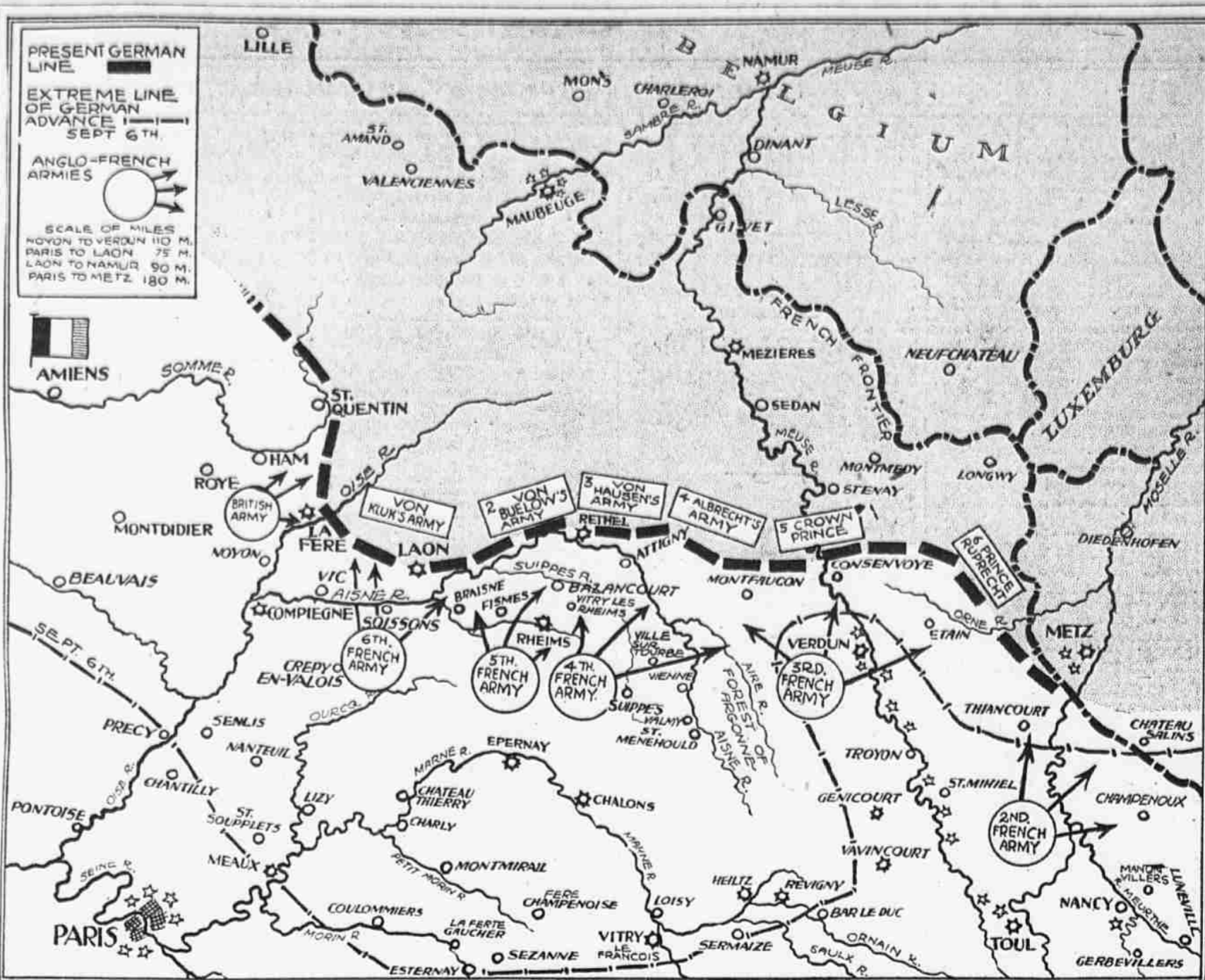
BORDEAUX, Sept. 17. Tense anxiety prevails at the War Office today. Minister of War Millerand went to Paris on a special train last night shortly after a statement was issued declaring that the French had not been forced from any position. The statement was not regarded as reassuring and was taken rather to indicate that the German armies, or part of them, had taken the offensive

and were pressing heavily upon the allies. The sudden departure of the Minister of War was accompanied with considerable mystery. Coming so soon after the statement from the War Office it was taken as significant that M. Millerand was not completely satisfied with conditions at the front. No official news has been received at the War Office today, and the attaches say that they had no information regarding the battle along the Aisne.

GALICIAN TRAITORS SIGNAL RUSSIANS: 1800 ARRESTED

Berlin Accuses Czar's Forces of Cruelty in Campaign. BERLIN (by wireless to Sarville, L. J., Sept. 17. The War Office announced today that it had received advices from Vienna showing that 1800 Galician traitors had been arrested and taken to Gratz in Styria, where they are now held awaiting sentence. They are reported to have confessed and to have admitted that they were paid by Russian agents to signal the positions of the Austrian armies. In support of its charges of alleged treason by the Russians the War Office declares that Lieutenant Tideman, of the Fifth Prussian cuirassiers, formed the

German recruits lying helpless on the highway. They had been surprised at a point in East Prussia the day before by Cosacks who had in some cases covered hands at the wrist, in others the feet below the knee, and in still others had cut off ears and noses. One Russian officer who was captured had cut off a woman's finger with a valuable ring on it and it was found in his pocket. The commander of the 11th German army corps, the War Office says, reports that Russians have cut off the fingers and hands of non-combatants. Officers of the German Landwehr report the finding of 20 persons killed, including one woman, whose breasts had been slashed off with a sabre. The War Office says that reports received by it show that the commander of the first French army published regrets because French troops plundered the town of Hambsvillers on the Mortagne, 15 miles northeast of Epinal.



The great battle line where the Germans are making a stand and along which a tremendous battle is now raging, runs from Noyon, on the Oise, to near Verdun, 110 miles almost due east. The Germans have been forced back from their positions on the Aisne to points north of it and their counter-offensive against the English and French troops has failed, the Allies holding their own and inflicting heavy losses on the German commands, which have been repulsed all along the line.

PRZEMYSL TAKEN, SAYS REPORT; ROAD TO CRACOW CLEARED

One Russian Army Hems Austrians On San, While Another Proceeds Through Poland to Silesia.

PARIS, Sept. 17. A Petrograd dispatch to the Matin says that the Russian army is reported to have occupied Przemysl, the Austrian fortress on the river San. (If this is the case the Austrians will be obliged to take a last stand at Cracow.) The War Office at Petrograd has received information that the Austrians are concentrating at Cracow and that they will have the assistance there of German forces that could not be sent forward into Eastern Galicia. It is stated, however, that no opportunity is to be given the Austrians, who have been so badly defeated, to retire in order from the San river positions. Instead, the Russians are crossing the river in force and planning a general attack on the flanks of the retreating Austrian armies.

RUSSIAN RETREAT IN EAST, BERLIN OFFICIALLY REPORTS

BERLIN, Sept. 17. An official statement issued by the War Office here today says: "The Russians in the East are falling back at every point and the Germans are taking many prisoners and also some guns, it is stated. "The Austrian armies have effected a complete junction and the Austrian General Staff wires from Vienna that they are now about to resume the offensive. The Austrians have also decisively defeated the Serbian armies commanded by the Crown Prince which essayed to invade Austria. They have been driven back across the Save River with heavy loss. In addition the Austrians have captured large quantities of munitions."

FOREIGN ATTACHMENT WRITS

Two Actions Brought Against George Brooks & Son Company. The Central Trust and Savings Company in Court of Common Pleas No. 1, today issued a writ of foreign attachment against George Brooks & Son Co. In which bill was fixed at \$2,867.42, and the Third National Bank and the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, were summoned as garnishees. A similar attachment also was issued against Brooks & Son Co., by A. Ruffer & Sons. In this case the bill was fixed at \$2,965.75 and the same institutions were summoned as garnishees. The counsel in the case was Dickson, Bellier & McCouch.

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TROOPS CALLED TO QUELL WAR SPIRIT IN ITALY

People Clamor for Abandonment of Triple Alliance and Cabinet Is Divided On Neutrality.

ROME, Sept. 17. Strong forces of troops are held in reserve, not alone in Rome, but in nearly all of the larger Italian cities, to quell spreading anti-neutrality demonstrations. There seems to be a general concerted movement, the source of which remains hidden, to force the hand of the Government, make it repudiate its Triple Alliance treaty obligations and amalgamate with the allies against Germany and Austria. The Government, up to the present, has refused to be impressed with the agitation, and has constantly insisted that the original proclamation of neutrality is to be rigidly adhered to. However, there are extremely strong rumors that changes in the cabinet are impending, and if they come it is expected the Government will be forced to take definite action. A number of newspapers today print stories declaring the Italian military attaché at Berlin has left there after vigorously objecting to severe criticism of Italy's attitude by high court officials. None of these stories is confirmed by the Foreign Office.

CURRENCY DEMANDS DECREASE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. Applications filed by national banks with the Comptroller of the Currency for an issue of emergency currency are gradually decreasing. The total amount of this currency applied for on Monday was more than \$5,000,000. Yesterday the applications had decreased to about \$4,000,000, and it was estimated that the total applications today would not be much over \$2,000,000.

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SIEGE OF VERDUN RAISED, SAYS WAR OFFICE AT BORDEAUX

Crown Prince's Army Forced Back On Headquarters at Montfaucon—May Move Up Meuse Valley.

PARIS, Sept. 17. That the Germans have been compelled to raise the siege of Verdun was considered certain here today, when official announcement was received from Bordeaux that the Crown Prince's army had again been forced to give ground before the combined French central armies. The German center has been shoved north and east of Vereines, and it is stated at General Gallien's headquarters that the little line of the army of the Kaiser's heir is now rapidly encroaching on his headquarters at Montfaucon. It is expected that he will now be compelled to move his headquarters to the Meuse River on the direct line to the Stenay gap. At all other points on the line it is stated the forces of the allies are holding fast, although it is admitted that the Germans have now been heavily reinforced and are making a determined stand.

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BELGIAN ENVOYS DECORATE TOMB OF WASHINGTON

Diplomatic Character of Mission Will Preclude Protest Against Alleged German Cruelty at Public Meetings.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The Belgian commission which came here to present to President Wilson evidence of alleged German atrocities in Belgium today went to Mount Vernon and placed wreaths on the tomb of Washington. No public meetings will be attended by any of the commissioners, nor in any other way will they depart, while in this country, from their diplomatic character, it was announced. They will return to New York by way of Philadelphia preliminary to sailing for Belgium next week.

"We are grateful to President Wilson," said Counselor of State Paul Hyman today, "for the kind reception given us, and we are deeply appreciative of the manner in which our visit has been received by the American people. We go today to lay a tribute of flowers at the tomb of Washington, chief of the founders of your Republic, on behalf of the Belgian people. "We shall not address any meetings in this country. The chief mission with which we were entrusted has been performed and within a few days we shall sail from New York for home. We shall stop first at Philadelphia and shall probably remain in New York several days prior to sailing. "How long the war will last or what will be its results for Belgium we cannot predict. Belgium has suffered much and all blame through the violation of its neutrality by one of the very powers that guaranteed its neutrality, it has been forced into this war."

KRONPRINZ WILHELM SINKING TOLD AS "JOKE"

Pilot Admits Story of German Loss Was Fake.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—After giving out a story to the effect that officers of the British cruiser Lancaster had told him the English warship had sunk the German liner Kronprinz Wilhelm, auxiliary cruiser in the German navy, Edward P. Nichols, a pilot, admitted a few hours later that his tale had been only a "joke."

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS CHARGED

Charged with cruelty to animals, Henry Strand, a Negro, 25 years old, of 322 Kensington avenue, was fined \$10 and costs this morning by Magistrate Borie, of the Frankford police station. Strand was arrested by policeman Baker upon a complaint made by a citizen who said that Strand was driving a team on Frankford avenue, near Solly street, when the horse fell and cut its leg, whereupon the driver began to beat the animal.

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