

RUSSIAN MILLIONS MASS FORCES TO CRUSH LAST LINE OF THE AUSTRIAN RESISTANCE

proper, where every day and every night sees some fresh destruction done. While the city itself is immaterial from a standpoint of strategic importance, it is the centre of a district that is important.

German batteries are stationed north and northeast of the city; French cannon are stationed on hills south of the city. There are believed to be about 100,000 Germans massed upon the plateau of Craonne. This is a position of exceptional strength.

The battle line, roughly speaking, extends on the east from a point near St. Die, through Lunéville, Pont-a-Mousson, Etain, Consenvoye, Montfaucou, Souain, to the north of Rheims, Craonne, thence along the Aisne valley to a point between Lessigny and St. Quentin.

French forces have worked to a point near Peronne, 17 miles northwest of St. Quentin, where they are attacking the advanced position of the Germans.

The French force is evidently the Sixth French Army, which was sent to help the British in its turning movement against General von Kluk's forces. The French and their English allies have had to fight hard to gain and to hold every foot of conquered territory.

The weather was reported to be slightly improved today. But there can be little permanent improvement expected at this season of the year. The entire battle ground is a quagmire and this naturally has hampered movements of artillery.

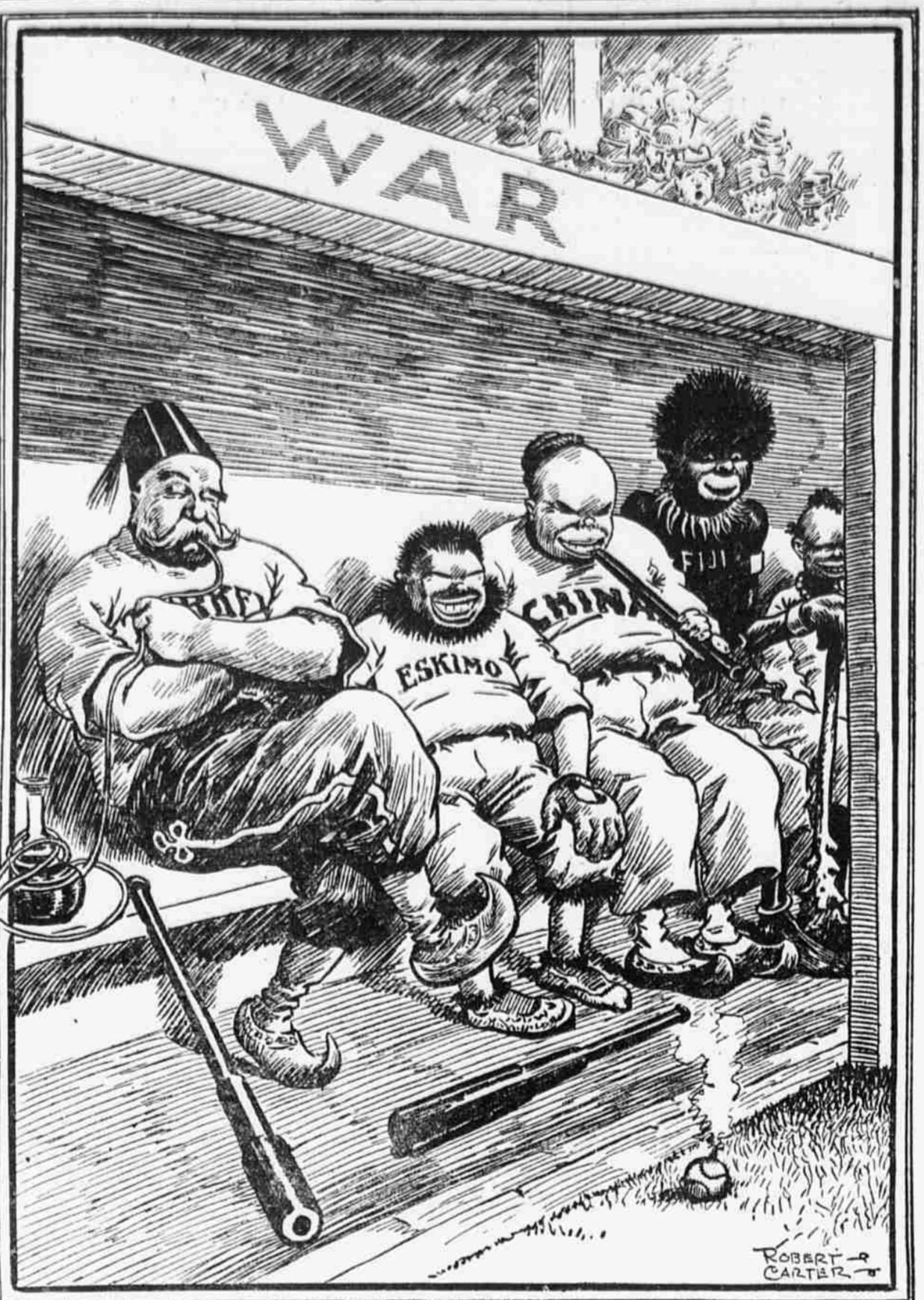
The statement that the French have eight army corps in the Lorraine region indicates that the Allies' right wing is trying to turn the German left. With the heights of Craonne held by the German centre, it will be possible to withdraw troops from there to strengthen both the right and left wings if they are threatened.

No details of the situation at Rheims, beyond the fact that the town has been bombarded, have reached Berlin. The belief is growing here that the war is going to extend into the winter.

VON KLUK STANDS FIRM, GERMAN WAR OFFICE SAYS

Official denial that the Allies have forced General von Kluk to retreat seven miles is made by the War Office. The statement adds that the right wing is standing firm at all points, although the Allies have been heavily reinforced.

The north of Toul (13 miles east of Nancy) would have been surprised by our artillery. In the rest of the French war theatre there have been no engagements.



PINCH HITTERS!

GERMAN LINES STAGGERING, IS LONDON STATEMENT

The German lines are staggering under the continued hammering of the Allies and that they are slowly crumbling at important interior points is the consensus of opinion of the British military experts who are familiar with the exact situation.

A number of the papers print an uncorroborated rumor that General von Kluk has been compelled to withdraw his army headquarters to Mons in Belgium.

AUSTRIANS MASSES ALONG CRACOW LINE FOR FINAL STAND

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BRITISH WARSHIP IN PURSUIT OF GERMAN CRUISER, WHICH CAPTURED SIX MERCHANTMEN

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LEFT ADVANCES, STEEL WALL AT CENTRE, SAYS MILLERAND

Minister of War Millerand announced today that the extreme right wing of the Germans had given way, but the French had completed their line, bringing a steel wall up against

the German centre and that the Allies were making constant progress. He renamed the battle of the Aisne the "battle of two rivers" because of the fact that it is now raging along the Oise as well as the Aisne. He be-

SERBS OVERWHELM AUSTRIAN INVADERS; SARAJEVO OCCUPIED

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ONE ARMY WINS FOUR DAYS' BATTLE ON DRINA; ANOTHER, WITH MONTENEGRINS, CAPTURES BOSNIAN CAPITAL

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The Germans are keeping up a severe bombardment against Termonde, presumably for the object of preventing a sortie from the Belgian forts around Antwerp.

ACID THROWER HELD IN BAIL

Norman Pratt, 376 Lena street, Germantown, who threw carbolic acid yesterday into the face of his sweetheart, Theresa Fitzmartin, at her home at 562 Baymont street, was held today under \$1000 bail by Magistrate Pennock in court.

MEAT \$1.00 A POUND

PARIS, Sept. 22.—The figure says today: "Meat is nearly a pound in price. Two hundred baskets of potatoes were damaged," he said. "It can never be replaced."

GERMAN ENVOY INDIGNANT AT VANDALISM CHARGES

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PULMOTOR SAVES LIFE

Prompt Use Prevents Success of Suicidal Attempt. The prompt use of the pulmomotor saved the life of John Bailey of 192 South Fifteenth street, who is in St. Agnes' Hospital today recovering from the effects of inhaling illuminating gas.

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Japanese Report Destruction of Two Tsing-Tao Redoubts. A fleet of Japanese aeroplanes bombarded the German forts at Tsing-Tao. Two of the forts are reported to have been destroyed.

GOLD STEEL CHARGE BROKE UP GERMANS' DETERMINED DASH

Wounded Briton Tells How Invaders Were Stabbed in Back—City Troops Endure Noise Better. LONDON, Sept. 22. This grim story of a British bayonet charge in which the Germans were routed was related by a wounded soldier just back from northern France.

RUSSIAN HORDES BAFFLE GERMANS IN FIERCE ONRUSH

Avalanches of Troops, With Terrific Cossack Raids, Overwhelm East Prussia, Celerity Marks Moves. PETROGRAD, Sept. 22. Such success as has come to the Russian armies against the Germans in East Prussia has proved a welcome surprise to many of the veteran troops of the Czar who, at the beginning of the great European war, still smarted from the effects of their defeats by the Japanese.

"When we were within 20 or 30 yards of them there was an alteration. They knew then what we wanted, and they just threw down their rifles, turned about and set the pace. Some of them, as they went, chuckled off their packs, and a few even tried to pull off their tunics.

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DUTCH TANKER HARDENED TO HOLD-UPS ON HIGH SEAS

The American Stopped Six Times in Two Voyages. NEW YORK, Sept. 22. The Dutch tank steamer American arrived in port today from Rotterdam, putting an end to a round trip voyage during which it got the habit of being stopped by British cruisers.

BRESLAU BESIEGED BY CZAR'S FORCES FEARED IN BERLIN

Communications With Capital Suddenly Cease, Indicating That Russians Have Penetrated Silesia on Way to Berlin. BERLIN, by way of Rome, Sept. 22. All telegraphic and telephonic communication with Breslau suddenly ceased today. It is feared that the Russian centre may have pushed forward and be attacking the city.

GERMAN SHOOTING ERRATIC

The Germans played a mine forward, but the explosion still left the vessel afloat. The enemy then fired shells at close quarters. An eye witness says the shooting was astonishingly erratic and caused laughter.

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