

## GERMAN RESERVES CHARGE AS ALLIES FIGHT WAY TO SEA

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Official reports, the Germans have secured a foothold on the coast, at Blankenberghe, about 12 miles east of Ostend. German cavalry in strong numbers is reported from that district.

The 24th day of this record shattering engagement finds the battle front nearly 300 miles long and still the main lines of both armies remain intact.

The Germans are pushing with feverish energy every advantage gained at Antwerp. They are throwing into the field every element of force at the command of the German General Staff. The invaders are reported to be rushing 30,000 Landwehr reservists to the western front, but these citizen soldiers, who have been hastily equipped, lack the fighting qualities of the first

line soldiers, and their chief use probably will be the guarding of railway lines and prisoners.

The chief evidence of the Allies' success in the last four days has been the increased number of prisoners from the North. The British and French are said to have taken nearly 50,000 captives this week, most of whom are in very bad condition.

Both General Joffre and Field Marshal Sir John French report that the losses of the Allies in prisoners is small.

A mystery has developed regarding the Belgian army. No one in authority seems to know just where it is. At last reports it was either in Ostend or was making its way westward from Ostend toward the sheltering wing of General d'Amade's forces.

## UHLANS IN SIGHT AS LAST SHIP SAILS FROM OSTEND

LONDON, Oct. 15.

While there is no official information regarding the situation in Belgium, it is generally accepted that the Germans have occupied Ostend. When the last boat left there yesterday the advance guard of the Uhlans was already in sight. Communication has been interrupted, which would indicate that the Germans are in the coast city.

Meanwhile it is reported here that heavy rain is again falling over the entire Belgian-French theatre of war. This of itself naturally will slow up operations of the Allies, who avoided the German circling movement, inasmuch as the roads have become difficult for travel in their terribly torn-up condition and the trenches filled with water.

The Germans now are attempting a new general advance. Advice from the front confirm the earlier reports that heavy reinforcements are being sent through Aix-la-Chapelle. It is accepted here that these troops comprise the first line of the new army, as it was reported about ready to take the field.

It is believed that the reinforcements will be required to hold the German positions. All of the information obtainable indicates that there have been material changes in the general battle line as the result of gains by the Allies during the last few days.

Germany plans to mount her newest and greatest guns along the Bel-

gian seacoast. With them the Kaiser hopes to force the British fleet to stay far off shore. These guns already are mounted on trains that wait inside the Belgian border. They are ready on signal to be rushed to Ostend and other seacoast cities where, if past performances are any guide, the concrete bases on which they are to be set are constructed.

But at the Admiralty it is declared that if the Germans take Ostend or any of the other Channel ports they will find it impossible to hold the cities or to mount their guns. Already the British warships are established at rendezvous where they can strike at a couple of hours' notice. The British airmen have kept the General Staff posted on every new development by the Germans. They have given timely warning of every movement of German troops to reinforce their line, and it was due to their excellent work that the British-Belgian forces were able to escape from Antwerp. They will be depended on to locate these guns and to furnish the range, so that it will be impossible for the Germans to mount them.

Meanwhile there is less apprehension here today over an invasion of England by the Germans than was in evidence earlier in the week. The various newspapers bitterly rebuke the Times' military expert for his suggestions, and affirm their belief that the fleet will continue to furnish adequate protection to the English coast.



BELGIANS DESTROYING THEIR HOMES NEAR ANTWERP SO AS NOT TO IMPEDE USE OF BIG DEFENSE GUNS

## CZAR'S GUNS POUND AT PRZEMYSL FORTS; CITY IS IN DANGER

### Annihilation of 3000 Austrians in Attempts to Escape From Beleaguered Fortress.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 15.

The War Office has issued the following statement concerning operations in Galicia:

"Russian troops are subjecting the Austrian stronghold at Przemyśl to a ceaseless bombardment. The incessant fire of our troops is having a demoralizing effect on the Austrian garrison. Many of the Austrians are deserting and arriving daily at the Russian camp."

"On Wednesday 3000 Austrians attempted a sortie from the city. One of the Russian regiments, perceiving the movement, allowed the enemy to approach within easy range, and then opened fire on the Austrians with mitrailleuses. The Austrians were completely annihilated."

"The reduction of the fortress is only a question of days."

(The Austrian official statement issued at Vienna claimed that the Russian siege of Przemyśl had been lifted; that the Russians had been driven back and that the city was no longer in danger from bombardment.)

## SWISS VILLAGE SUFFERS FROM COMBATANTS' SHELLS

### French and Germans Again Waging Artillery Duels in Alsace.

GENEVA, Oct. 15.

During an artillery duel between Germans and French, near Pffertershausen, in southern Alsace, ten shells fell upon Swiss soil, doing considerable damage in the village of Largin, near Bonfel, according to information received here today.

In the fighting which occurred yesterday the Germans are reported to have lost between 600 and 800 men. The casualties of the French are not known.

## BRITISH LOYALISTS ROUT BOER REBELS IN FIRST SKIRMISH

### Leaders of South African Revolution Arrested and Reports Say Disturbance Is Being Quelled.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 15.

The first encounter between the rebellious Boers and the Loyalists has resulted in a victory for the latter.

A force of South African native troops, under the command of Colonel Britts, sent against the rebels, defeated a band of them and took 90 prisoners.

Secret arrests of Boers and others suspected of having anti-British sympathies continue. Premier Botha reports that all vestiges of rebellion are being stamped out and that the army is loyal.

A correspondent with Brigadier General Lukins, leader of the British force sent against German Southwest Africa, sends the following report of operations:

"The Germans have withdrawn into the interior, leaving a belt about 50 miles wide of sheer desert between our camp and theirs. They have polluted water holes. The week of October 10 was marked by numerous sharp encounters between their patrols and ours. About half a dozen Germans were captured."

"The prisoners stated that a number of their wounded were lying in the hills dying of thirst. They feared to surrender because they had been warned that the British would execute them summarily. The British expeditionary force numbered 20 men, with two pieces of light artillery and two Maxims. The German force consists of between 150 and 200 men, with ten pieces and six Maxims. It is impossible to give the enemy's losses, but the impression is that they have had about 25 killed."

## JAPANESE SHIPS BATTER FORTRESSES AT TSING-TAO

### British Aid in Bombardment—One Seaman Killed.

TOKIO, Oct. 15.

It is officially announced that both British and Japanese warships are bombarding the German forts at Iltis and Kiel-Chan in the German leasehold of Kiao-Chau.

Bombs from aeroplanes have destroyed part of the batteries at the forts.

At the time official announcement was made one British seaman had been killed by the German fire and two others wounded.

## MEXICAN WOMAN SHOT

### Had Taken Refuge on American Soil During Fight at Naco.

NACO, Oct. 15.—A Mexican woman who had taken refuge on the United States side of the border was shot and seriously wounded early today during fighting between the Villa forces under General Maytorena and Carranza adherents under General Benjamin Hill, near Naco, Sonora, just over the line.

Two shells fell upon American soil near United States troops, but failed to explode.

## EVERY AID TO COTTON FUND

### Washington Officials Working for Success of Undertaking.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The report that the Federal Reserve Board has expressed doubt of its power to administer the proposed \$50,000,000 cotton fund if it should be raised is entirely incorrect," declared Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in a statement today.

"The Federal Reserve Board and the Secretary of the Treasury are doing everything possible to help raise this fund and will lend every possible assistance in its administration if the effort to secure it is successful. It cannot be stated too emphatically that the disposition of everybody here is to do everything within the limits of human power to help the cotton situation."

## AN ARMY UNDER GROUND

### German Trenches Subterranean Towns Where Thousands Live.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

Describing the German trenches G. Ward Price, writing in the Daily Mail, says they are very elaborate there trenches in which, for weeks at a time, the great host of the German army has been living like a gigantic long-drawn-out warren of green-gray rabbits.

"They are floored, many of them with cement," he says; "they are roofed over with boards covered with sods that serve both to keep out the rain and to hide them from French or British aeroplanes; they are divided into chambers, communicating by doors. There are, of course, several lines of them. These rearward trenches are connected with the foremost line by parallel passageways, and there are other parallels in which machine guns are posted to fire over the heads of the men that line the parapet."

"A whole semi-subterranean town, in fact, with main thoroughfares and side streets, and telephone wires running all along, where hundreds of thousands of men eat and live and sleep, and yet so well concealed that from a little way down the hill in front you see nothing to tell you of its existence unless it were a hardly noticeable little bank of earth raised slightly above the surface of the ground."

## PRZEMYSL COMMANDANT SCORNS DEMAND TO YIELD

### Sends Back Bearer of White Flag With Curt Refusal.

VIENNA, Oct. 15.

A Russian demand for the surrender of the Austrian fortress at Przemyśl has been rejected. The following account of the Russian general's demand and its answer was given out by the War Office today:

"On the afternoon of October 2 the commander of the fortress at Przemyśl received through a messenger hearing a white flag a request to surrender at once to prevent useless slaughter. The demand was signed by General Dimitrieff, the Bulgarian general, who is leading the Russian army that moved against Przemyśl."

"The commandant of the fortress refused to dignify the demand with the lengthy reply. He rejected it with a short message."

The Austrian General Staff announces

## RETREATS FOR STRATEGIC REASONS, STATES BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 15.

In an official statement issued by the German General Staff today, the entire situation, both in the eastern and western theatres of war, is described as excellent. So far as the situation in France is concerned, it is stated that at no point have the French succeeded in making any important advances.

Where the French have gained ground, it is stated to be at points where for strategic reasons the Germans have withdrawn. This was especially the case where trenches were abandoned for sanitary reasons and because they could not be drained.

Doctor von Bethmann-Holweg, the Imperial Chancellor of the Cabinet, with a number of the members of the Cabinet, are now in Antwerp arranging details for the government of the city.

## U. S. TO PAY LEE'S WIDOW

### Comptroller Decides That Former Disloyalty Does Not Invalidate Claim.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Mrs. Ellen Bernard Lee, widow of Brigadier General Fitzhugh Lee, will receive the \$25,000 long-pending pay due her husband, despite the fact that he fought in the Civil War as an officer in the army of the Confederate States, according to a decision by Comptroller of the Treasury Downey today.

"Despite the contention that Mrs. Lee was not entitled to draw money due a former rebel, the Comptroller decided that the Revised Statutes permit her to draw the money, because General Lee served in the Spanish War volunteer army in 1898."

The decision also holds that the point that Mrs. Lee was herself disloyal to the Union is unavailing, because disloyalty cannot legally be imputed to a minor. She was not of age during the struggle.

## GERMANS HURLED BACK FROM OUTER WORKS AT WARSAW

### Within Seven Miles of the City Fresh Russian Offensive Drives Invaders to Their Bases at Lodz and Kielce.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 15.

The Germans have been checked in their advance on Warsaw and in Russian Poland, it was officially announced today. It was also stated that the campaign against the Austrians in Galicia and the efforts to take the Austrian stronghold at Przemyśl are meeting with continued success.

"After having advanced to within seven miles of Warsaw," says the statement, "the Germans were repulsed and driven back. They are now 30 miles from the city and heavy fighting is going on with the advantage in our favor."

"The fighting was most severe for two days. The Germans were cut in two and retired to a line from Lodz to Petruskow to Kielce."

"The Russian troops are advancing steadily and all along the battle line our troops have again taken the offensive with every advantage in our favor."

"The German loss was heavy, many being killed and wounded, and we have taken 10,000 prisoners."

"This report of Russian victory directly contradicts statements issued in Berlin that the German advance into Russian Poland is meeting with steady success and that the Russians were falling back before the German advance, suffering severe losses in the retreat."

## MURDERER DECLARED INSANE

LONDON, Oct. 15.—Found guilty of murdering his wife, Charles Henry Weston, formerly of Salem, Mass., was today declared insane and ordered committed to an asylum.

Weston's wife was found in her home on September 22 with her throat cut. She lived long enough to say the wound was inflicted by her husband.

## NURSES ARRIVE AT VIENNA

VIENNA, Oct. 15.—Two detachments of the American Red Cross have just arrived in Vienna. One proceeded to Hungary, where fighting is in progress, and the other will remain here.

## MILLIONS GRAPPLE AS GERMANS PRESS WAY INTO POLAND

### Four Mighty Columns Sweeping Toward Warsaw Faced Along Vistula by Aggressive Russians.

PARIS, Oct. 15.

The Austro-German army which is moving against the Russian grand army in Poland consist of four mighty columns of nearly 1,000,000 men, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Matin today. Following is the text:

"Four columns, including one of Austrian troops, are marching against the Russians. The first is moving by the way of Lodz against Warsaw; the second toward Sandomir; the third against Ivanogrod, and the fourth (made up of Austrian troops) along the Vistula. There are 20 German army corps and eight Austrian army corps in the advance. Against these forces more than 1,000,000 Russians are under arms."

"The battle is expected to last for several weeks, but furious fighting is already under way. The Germans have suffered one reverse. On Tuesday the Russians encountered three or four German army corps between Warsaw and Ivanogrod. The Germans were put to flight and left a number of guns and a quantity of munitions behind. The retreat was hindered by swampy ground, and the Russians were able to inflict severe losses."

Ludovic Naudeau, war correspondent of the Paris Journal, with the left wing of the Russian army, telegraphs as follows: "The fighting in Galicia is now of secondary importance. All eyes are turned to the great battle on the Vistula. As I write a huge procession of prisoners and wounded is passing to the rear. I am told that an engagement has been fought near Ivanogrod, a great Polish fortress, 20 miles southeast of Warsaw. This may be considered the beginning of a battle which may last for many days. I have no exact information as to the number of German troops in Poland, but every one believes that the Kaiser has the principal mass of his armed men in France."

"The Russian generals are full of confidence, and the morale of the troops is good. The Bulgarian General Radko Dimitrieff, the hero of Lule Burgas, has issued a proclamation to his troops, declaring that the Slavs will be victorious."

"The Russians are preparing to assume the offensive on a great scale, and it looks as though fighting will be continuous until cold weather puts an end to it or until the German lines are broken."

"The mention of General Dimitrieff in this dispatch contradicts recent reports to the effect that the Bulgarian general had been fatally wounded."

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