

RUSSIANS OFFER BATTLE TO SAVE DVINSK FROM FOE

Germans Driven From
Trenches by Vigorous
Assault at Manze

SLAV GAINS IN VOLHYNIA

Austro-Germans There Dis-
charge Shells Charged With
Poisonous Gases

PETROGRAD, Sept. 22.

The official report on operations issued at the War Office at midnight records successes for the Russians near Dvinsk and in Volhynia. On the Dvinsk front the Germans are using asphyxiating gas.

"In the region northwest of Dvinsk," says the statement, "we drove the Germans from their trenches near the village of Manze with a vigorous attack. South-west and south of Dvinsk fighting continues on the front of Novo Alexandrovsk and Lake Dusiatiy."

"German heavy artillery bombarded certain sectors of the Volhynian front, frequently discharging poisonous shells."

"We made a counter-attack and entered the enemy's position. Part of the Austrians fled. Those remaining were bayoneted, except 10 officers and 600 men, who surrendered."

"Capturing a redoubt near the village of Slon, southeast of Lutsk, we took 50 prisoners, quantities of cartridges and engineering appliances. After a skirmish on the river Dniestr, southeast of Czortkov, we threw the enemy back across the river, capturing 5 officers and 200 men."

GERMANS TAKE OSTROW.
HINDENBURG ALSO GAINS

BERLIN, Sept. 22.

Prince Leopold's army has captured Ostrow, the War Office announces.

His forces have crossed the Pinski Canal near Telechany. Troops of his command have stormed the Russian positions on the Mischanka River, on both sides of the Brest-Litovsk-Minsk Railway, capturing 100 prisoners and five machine guns.

Telechany is about 30 miles north of Pinski. The Ostrow Canal connects the Vistula River with Lake Wygonow. It is about 20 miles long. Lake Wygonow lies near Malowid, south of the Schachnara River. Ostrow lies south of Baranovitch.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg's troops have pierced the Russian positions over a front of nearly two miles southwest of Dvinsk (Dunaburg). It was officially announced by the German Staff at this afternoon.

The Germans captured nine officers, 2000 men and eight machine guns.

BULGARIA CAN RAISE
ARMY OF 700,000 MEN

Trained Veterans for
Fighting Machine to Be
Put in Field

BULGARIA, with its population of 4,000,000, can put an army of 700,000 men, many of them seasoned veterans, in the field.

Bulgaria's fighting machine is made up as follows:

Service—Universal and compulsory, from 20 to 45.

Infantry—Thirty-six regiments of two battalions, or eight companies, each.

Artillery—Nine regiments of two divisions, or 11 guns, each; 12 mountain batteries, and three battalions of fortress artillery, respectively, of 48 and 12 guns.

Cavalry—Nine line regiments or 37 squadrons.

Miscellaneous—Three battalions of pioneers, one railway battalion, one pontoon battalion and one telegraph battalion.

The victories of arms of the Central Empires in Russia and the prolonged campaign of the Entente Powers at the Dardanelles have evidently encouraged the Sofia Government to proclaim a war zone over that part of Macedonia owned by Serbia and Greece since the Treaty of Bucharest of 1913, so that about the Teutonic armies reach Nish in their assault on Serbia they would, with Bulgaria's consent, have the use of the Orient Railway, which runs from Nish to Constantinople, to bring reinforcements of munitions, and perhaps of men, to the Turk.

Rumania, too, would be automatically drawn into the struggle, for, with her people fully in sympathy with the cause of the Entente Powers, she has hitherto maintained an armed neutrality, hoping with the Entente Powers that the concessions in Macedonia, which Serbia and Greece were disposed to make to Bulgaria, would be a sufficient inducement for the latter to give up her neutrality and even give pledges to the Entente Powers to that effect.

Added to the moral effect of the Teutonic victories in Russia has been the political effect on the Bulgarian Government of the Turkish concession engineered by German agents, of land on a right bank of the Moritza, which is enable the Dodecanish Railway to be entirely Bulgarian territory.

This concession was made of July 22. It is understood that, although the Bulgarian Government sees its best interest served by setting up an armed neutrality with Teutonic sympathies, possibly to be followed by intervention, the Bulgarians themselves are not unanimously of this opinion, and Ministers of State have not hesitated to warn King Ferdinand of this.

ITALIAN GUNS SILENCE
AUSTRIAN BOMB HURLERS

Make Successful Counter Attacks in
Pizzo Valley, Rome Reports

ROME, Sept. 22.—The following official statement was issued here last night:

"Nothing important occurred yesterday, outside of small but favorable counter-offensive operations undertaken in the Travençolo Valley, on Monte Tono, at Traversa and on Mount Ronzon, in the Pizzo Valley."

"In the Sarajevo region the enemy succeeded in throwing a few incendiary bombs over Pula and Pola. Our artillery drove them back from our positions."

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BATTERIE AUSTRIACHE RIDOTTE AL SILENZIO NELLA VAL PAULARO

Il Generale Cadorna Annuncia
Soltanto Combattimenti di
Poca Importanza su Varii
Punti del Fronte

LE BOMBE INCENDIARIE

ROMA, 22 Settembre.

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava ieri sera il seguente comunicato ufficiale sulla situazione al fronte italo-austriaco:

"Nulla di importante si è avuto ieri, ad eccezione di piccoli combattimenti e piccole operazioni offensive iniziate da noi nella valle di Travençolo, sul Monte Tono, al Passo di Volla e sul Monte di Ronzon, nella zona di Pizzo."

"Nella regione della Carnia il nemico riuscì a lanciare poche bombe incendiarie sul villaggio di Paularo. La nostra artiglieria ridusse al silenzio le batterie nemiche delle nostre posizioni nella vallata del Paularo."

IL SOTTOMARINO PAPI.

Un telegramma da Parigi dice che il Ministero francese della Marina in un comunicato in cui dà i particolari delle operazioni compiute recentemente nell'Adriatico, dal sottomarino francese Papi, dice che il Papi navigava al largo di Capo Bianca quando avvistò alcuni cacciatorpediniere austriaci.

Il sottomarino attaccò subito questi sottomarini nemici che erano del tipo Husear, ma una loro manovra lo costrinse a ritirarsi. Tra i cacciatorpediniere ed il sottomarino, e questo allora si ritirò la torpediniera. Il comandante del Papi dice di credere che la sottomarina austriaca non era la "51," ma una di tipo più moderno.

BULGARIA CONTRO SERBIA.

I dispetti che vengono dalla Penisola Balcanica sono oggi di una gravità prevista ma eccezionale. La Bulgaria, si dice, ha già mobilitato una buona parte del suo esercito ed ha ammassato truppe al confine della Serbia, come per dimostrare che farà la guerra al regno di re Pietro, e la Serbia, si dice pure, ha già demantato immediate spiegazioni alla Bulgaria circa questa mossa che è palesemente una provocazione.

In seguito a questo atteggiamento bellicoso della Bulgaria la Rumania e la Grecia fanno preparativi militari contro la Bulgaria, e non è improbabile che da un momento all'altro la Penisola Balcanica sarà presa nel vortice della guerra.

NO PROBABILITY OF BAD
SUBWAY DISASTER HERE

Such a Catastrophe as That in New
York Thought Impossible

There is no probability that, during the construction of the subway here, a catastrophe such as occurred in New York this morning will take place. This was the positive statement of S. M. Swaab, of the Keystone Construction Company, chief engineer in charge of the work on the Broad street subway, which was recently started.

Conditions are entirely different in this city," Mr. Swaab said. "The character of the work presents an entirely different problem. There will be some blasting, but it will be of a trivial nature. All of this work will be handled with the utmost care and is positively no danger of such an accident."

"In fact the proposition is so different from that in New York that a comparison is hardly possible. In Broadway there are rocks just a few feet below the surface, but we don't have anything of that sort here. In order to dislodge the rocks there, no doubt, heavy blasts were necessary, but our blasting here will be simply a matter of dislodging dirt."

"I can hardly believe that the officials in charge of the work were negligent. Everybody connected with such an undertaking realizes the dangers and extra precautions are taken. In all probability it was an accident that was unavoidable."

Mr. Swaab pointed out that when the Market street subway in this city was built, similar methods to those in New York were used, but that there were no serious accidents, although traffic over the street was continued.

This method will be followed in the construction of the Broad street subway, and traffic will continue on that thoroughfare while the workmen below will be busy constructing the transit tunnel.

Before the tunnel is carried under the Market street subway lines and the trolley tracks on the street level, steel and concrete pillars will be set in place to support the tracks, which will be stronger than any timber supports could possibly be made.

BERLIN ADMITS LOSS
OF POSITIONS ON MARNE

Report They Evacuated Blockhouses
on Canal After Destroying Them

BERLIN, Sept. 22.—The following statement on war operations in the western theatre of war was issued today by the German army headquarters:

"In the Soissons-Arras section the French artillery is keeping up a strong fire almost uninterruptedly. In the neighborhood of Neuville hand grenade engagements developed."

"Blockhouses at Saigneul, on the Aisne-Marne Canal, northwest of Reims, which we reduced to ruins yesterday, were evacuated during the night in accordance with our plans, after the remaining parts had been blown up, without our coming into touch with the enemy."

"Several hand grenade attacks at Harmanneville were repulsed."

"East of Perthes and in the Argonne mines were blown up in enemy positions."

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BULGARS MASS 80,000 MEN ON SERB FRONTIER

Declaration of Hostilities
Expected Within 24
Hours

ULTIMATUM EXPECTED

LONDON, Sept. 22.

Bulgaria has mobilized the 1st, 6th, 7th and 10th divisions, totaling 80,000 men, on the Serbian frontier, according to a dispatch from Athens.

The Balkans are aflame with the war spirit today. Serbia has demanded an immediate explanation of the massing of Bulgarian troops on her border, according to Rome dispatches. Rumanians are hurriedly leaving Bulgaria. The Greek Cabinet is reported to have met in special session last night to prepare mobilization orders.

An Athens dispatch today predicted a Bulgarian declaration of war against Serbia within 48 hours. Other reports from the Balkans said Bulgaria was preparing to send an ultimatum to Nish, demanding the immediate cessation of Serbian Macedonia. Formal notice of the sending of such an ultimatum will be followed by mobilization of the Greek armies in the interest of Serbia.

Serbia is making every preparation to defend herself against the expected attack from both sides. The Serbian Legation today received orders from Nish directing all Serbians between the ages of 15 and 20 in England to register at the Consulate immediately and prepare to rejoin the colors.

All Bulgarians residing in Germany and Austria have been recalled to the colors. All Bulgarian officers on leave of absence in Greece and France were ordered to return at once, according to a dispatch from Athens.

King Ferdinand signed the royal decree mobilizing the Bulgarian army on Sunday. Some cavalry regiments have already left Sofia equipped for field service.

Dispatches today said that the Bulgarian Premier Radoslavoff, addressing deputies of the Government party, declared that Bulgaria "cannot remain unmoved in the presence of the quickly developing situation. Therefore mobilization is necessary as a precautionary measure," he added.

Brief dispatches from Bucharest and Athens were received here this afternoon. London, however, counts confidently upon the support of the Greek and Rumanian armies for the Allies in Bulgaria enters the war.

With reports that Bulgaria is about to strike come rumors from Swiss sources that Austro-German strategy calls for the beginning of the Serbian invasion early next week. German newspapers, Geneva dispatches asserted, comment confidently on the Balkan situation, and assure their readers that Bulgaria will invade Serbia when the first Austro-German troops force their way across the Serbian boundary.

Despite these disquieting reports, the belief was still held in some quarters today that Bulgaria may yet be kept out of the war. Several well-informed diplomats here took the view that Bulgaria, if the reports were confirmed at Sofia, is attempting to frighten Serbia into offering further concessions by a show of armed force. If Serbia refuses, they held, Bulgaria will withdraw from her menacing attitude without striking a blow.

SOFIA, Sept. 22.—General Michael Savoff, formerly Minister of War and Commander-in-Chief of the Bulgarian army in the first Balkan war, was summoned to Sofia today by King Ferdinand.

It is believed that General Savoff will be reinstated as Commander-in-Chief of the army.

King Ferdinand is holding daily conferences with his Cabinet, and it is believed that the country is on the verge of taking a definite step in favor of the German side.

In view of the recent note of the allied Governments, Bulgaria must make known her intentions by the end of this month.

SUCCESS OF WAR LOAN
CONFERENCES SEEN

Discussions Approaching Close
and Satisfactory Result
Is Predicted

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—"Conference" was the password in New York's banking circles today. American bankers and members of the Anglo-French financial commission were holding them, nearly one a minute. As a result the \$50,000,000 war loan plans were greatly facilitated.

All of the bankers were optimistic today and declared that an early consummation of the discussions was virtually assured. Today the commissioners and the American bankers were in conference at the Biltmore, apparently clearing up the last of the details of the loan.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co.'s participation in the loan was apparently still in doubt.

BRIDGE GIRL SEES HER
FINGER AMPUTATED

Young Suffragist Never Winces
at Pain, After Refusing
Anesthetic

SARAH EHRLMAN

"If I lived near Rittenhouse square and had a lot of money," said 16-year-old Sarah Ehrman today, "I might have fainted when I lost my finger. But I didn't faint. What's the use? I don't care much about losing the finger, because it will give me a chance to read."

The girl, who lives at 1502 North Orkney street, was employed at the Diamond Label Company. Shortly after starting to work yesterday morning her finger was caught in a machine. Other girls employed in the building screamed at the sight of blood, and Raymond Wright, head of the firm, who was summoned, became so weak that he had to take aromatic spirits of ammonia to revive himself.

Miss Ehrman, however, simply bit her lips to keep from screaming and directed the efforts of her rescuers. Then she was taken in her employer's office to the homes of two physicians, and finally to the Northwestern Hospital. It was two hours after the accident before she received treatment, but she never flinched.

She walked into the accident ward of the hospital and calmly told the interne in charge not to waste time administering an anesthetic. Accordingly, her crushed finger was amputated at the first joint. When it was bound up the girl said she was able to walk home. She positively refused to let anybody make a fuss over her.

At her home today Miss Ehrman was kept busy for some time refusing the offers of lawyers to take her case. "I'm going to settle it with the owner of the mill," she said. "He'll give me a square deal."

Four Estate Inventories Filed

Inventories filed with the Register of Wills today include those of Clara M. C. Graham, of which is appraised at \$23,925.70; Katharine Zeppelstein, \$978.97; Jacob Loewenstein, \$157.65, and Mary C. Woodmansee, \$423.11.

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By Joseph C. Ferguson, Jr.

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ALLIES' AIR FLEET BOMBARDS GERMAN RAILWAY CENTRES

British Aviators Shell Troop
Train in Motion—Drop
Bombs on Middlekirch
Camp

FRENCH AIRCRAFT BUSY

PARIS, Sept. 22.

Allied aviators bombarded German railway junctions and troop trains with marked success in attacks at several points near the battle front last night.

Several English airmen attacked German camps at Middlekirch, emptied their machines of bomb supplies and returned safely, despite heavy German fire. Another English air flotilla sped along the Bruges-Thourout Railway, bombarding a troop train below with good results.

French airmen threw bombs on the railway station at Confians.

This afternoon's communiqué reported violent rifle fusillades around Boesinghe and Arras. The rifle action followed a prolonged bombardment from both sides.

Intermittent cannonades occurred during the night between the Somme and the Oise. This afternoon's communiqué also reported artillery actions north of Camp Chalons, between the Aisne and the Argonne and in Lorraine.

The Germans have been for weeks past preparing concrete works near Hamper for the installation of heavy long-range pieces capable of reaching the regions of these two important cities. The French, according to the communiqué, managed to get the range on their works, and efficient and destructive fire enabled them to frustrate the German attempt.

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BERLIN YIELDS ALL U. S.
CLAIMS IN U-BOAT WAR

Every Cause for Discord Re-
moved by Instructions
to Commanders

BERLIN, Sept. 22.

All causes for discord between the United States and Germany over the latter's submarine warfare against British shipping have been removed. President Wilson's demands have been met in full. It is learned, from a Government source, that submarine commanders have been instructed, in case of doubt as to the intentions of liners, to take a safe course and permit the ships to escape rather than run the risk of the slightest error.

These orders supplement commands previously given that merchant ships of the enemy are not to be attacked without warning and that all passengers be given a chance to escape.

"Ad" Agents Held Under Bail

Harry Fox, of Kensington avenue and Cambria street, and Eli Rubin, of Kensington avenue and Somerset street, were held under \$500 bail each for court today, on complaint of William Vanneman, of 2nd street and Glard avenue. Vanneman says the men inserted an advertisement in a program that he had not authorized, and then started an argument in his store when he declined to pay.

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no more room than an ordinary
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damper I get just the draft I
want, and the oven thermometers
tell exactly what's going on
inside."

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