

SLAVS REFORM FRONT; ATTACK TEUTON CENTRE

Retard Foe's Progress in North Sector, but Make No Advance at Dvinsk

GERMANS GAIN AT VILNA

LONDON, Oct. 2. The Russians appear to be making a much better effort to hold their position...

The Petrograd correspondent of the Reuter's Telegram Company sends the following: "Military writers, in the light of the latest despatches, are of the opinion that the great German thrust east of Sventslany on the main line of the Warsaw-Vilna-Dvinsk railroad may be considered at an end."

PRESIDENT WILSON PRAYS AT CABINET MEETING

On His Knees Offers Thanks That Country Has Been Spared From War

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2.—Bishop William F. Anderson, speaking before the Methodist Episcopal Conference here, told the delegates how at a recent meeting of the Cabinet President Wilson knelt in prayer offering thanks to God that this country had been spared from the horrors of war.

GREAT LANDSLIDE IN PANAMA CANAL WORRIES OFFICIALS

Impossible to Say When Great Movement Will Be Checked

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Officials of the War Department and the Panama Canal Commission are greatly exercised today over the big landslide which has blocked the canal.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast WASHINGTON, Oct. 2. For eastern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy tonight; Sunday fair and slightly warmer; gentle to moderate winds mostly west.

FRENCH TAKE NEW LINES AT VIMY HILLS

Continued from Page One enemy's front, notably at the railway junction of Guinecourt.

Following a let-up in the storms that have been sweeping the Vosges mountains, hard fighting has broken out in upper Alsace.

The eighth day of the mighty battle in the western theatre found no slackening in the power of the Anglo-French drive.

Between Auberville and L'Epine de Vedrange, in the Champagne, where the French are close to a narrow gauge railway, the Germans are using as one of their lines of communication, the Germans fired many volleys of poison gas shells.

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SLAVS CAPTURE GERMAN CONVOYS; STORM TOWN

PETROGRAD, Oct. 2. The War Office at midnight made public the following official communication: "German attacks in the region of Mieshof, on the railway east of Mieshof, were unavailing. German aeroplanes threw bombs on the Ust-Dvinsk-Riga railroad and the station of Oger, but without causing any military damage."

ITALIANS HOLD MAIN PART OF RECENT GAINS

War Office Admits Loss of Some Ground to Austrians—Fogs Deter Advance

ROME, Oct. 2. The Italian War Office admits loss of part of recent gains made in the Tolmino region, but claims to hold firmly a good portion of the new line.

TERRENO CONQUISTATO ED ABBANDONATO NEL SETTORE DI TOLMINO

I Successi dell'Artiglieria Italiana in Alta Montagna Hanno Destato l'Amministrazione del Mondo

ROMA, 2 Ottobre. Il Ministero della Guerra ha pubblicato il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna:

"Nella parte menzionata del teatro delle operazioni frequentissime e di considerevole importanza si sono svolte le nostre truppe durante la notte del 30 settembre attaccando il nemico su tutto il fronte dal Monte Nereo—della regione di Monte Nereo e delle alture di Santa Lucia a Santa Maria, riuscendo, nonostante le enormi difficoltà del terreno, rese ancora più grandi dal cattivo tempo, a conquistare fortissime posizioni trincerate dal nemico ed a fare un certo numero di prigionieri."

Qui a Roma ha prodotto soddisfazione un discorso di lord C. Curzon, ministro degli Esteri, in cui ha parlato in termini assai simpatici dell'Italia e del suo successo militare.

GERMANS REGAIN TRENCH

It is officially admitted that the Germans were able to regain part of their lost positions on the British northwest front of Hulluch, but the Allies have again launched such a violent series of assaults in that region that the German troops holding the La Bassée salient are in danger of being surrounded and cut off.

Extensive mining operations are reported from West Flandria. The net results of the recent fighting as drawn from the British, French and German official statements, are believed to be these: ALLIES GAIN GROUND.

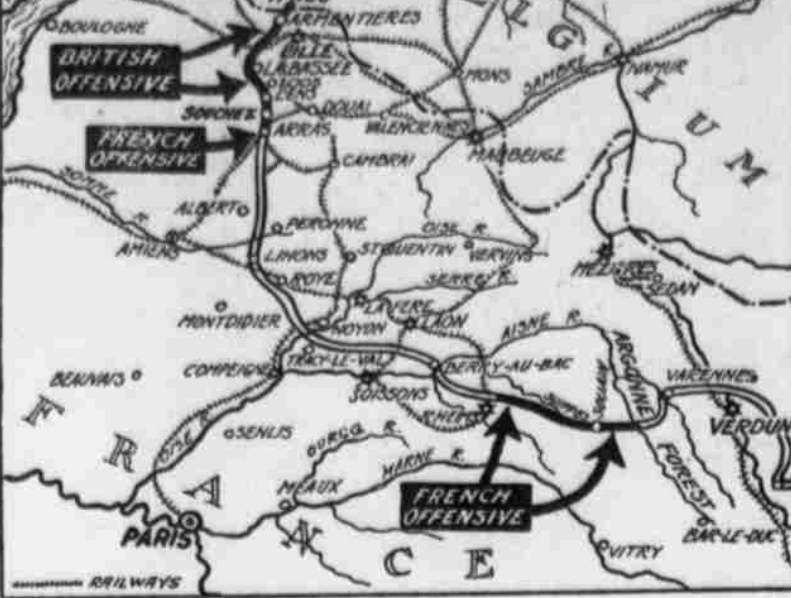
First, The British have gained ground on a five-mile front, completing their occupation of Loos and occupying important positions near Lens. Next, The British have lost some of the newly-captured ground through German counter-attacks and their advance, temporarily at least, appears to have been halted.

Second, The French have recaptured Souchez and an important height west of Vimy and continue to make slight progress in the Vimy region southwest of Lens. Third, The French have advanced a mile, two and a half miles on a 15-mile front in the Champagne region, and at points are within two miles of the Bazancourt-Challerange Railway, one of the lines supplying the Crown Prince's armies in the Argonne.

Fourth, The German attempt to halt the Allies' offensive by making a vigorous attack in the Argonne was a failure. Fifth, The German attempt to cut off the Allies' supply lines, according to Paris official claims, now includes nearly 200 German guns.

"German attacks in the region of Berhof, on Lake Medouk, or Medoum, and against the delta near the northern extremity of Lake Drisitata were repulsed. "We carried by assault the town of Duntlovich, northeast of Lake Medouk. This action was followed by the capture of the village of Ajouin, in the Duntlovich region, and from the Medouk station. "In the region of the village of Gouli, slightly east of Lake Narotche, our cavalry attacked and destroyed enemy convoys and seized a number of wagons and 70 prisoners. At another place we captured over one hundred wagons and horses and dozens of prisoners, many Germans being sabred in the pursuit. "Near the village of Gat, south of Lake Narotche, one of the German companies was cut up. The survivors were made prisoners."

PURPOSE OF ALLIES' DRIVE



A study of the military situation on the western front has led experts to believe that the forward efforts of the Allies north of Arras and east of Rheims are intended to be converging movements which eventually may meet behind the present German railroad center south of Laon.

BULGARIANS TO AID TEUTONS WIN WAY TO CONSTANTINOPLE

Attempt to Cut Path to Relieve Turks Due to Start a Fort-Night Hence, London Believes

LONDON, Oct. 2. With a fortnight Bulgaria will join the Austro-Germans in combined attempt to cut a path through the Balkans to Constantinople, according to information reaching here today from reliable sources.

The Central Empire's plan is to crush Serbia by squeezing her between three hostile armies. The Austro-Germans will attack on her western and northern frontiers. Simultaneously the Bulgarians are expected to strike at the Serbs from the East. They plan to occupy Servian Macedonia unless the Anglo-French troops provisioned Serbia by the Allies rear their invasion.

The allied capitals have no further doubts about Bulgaria's intention. Both London and Paris newspapers today accepted Sir Edward Grey's statement of yesterday as a certain forerunner of Bulgaria's entrance into the war.

Italy MASSING 200,000 MEN TO REINFORCE SERB ARMY

GENEVA, Oct. 2. Italy is preparing to send 200,000 troops to the Balkans to the aid of Serbia when the expected Austro-German-Bulgarian offensive begins, according to Rome advices today.

TURKS CLAIM MASTERY IN BIG ARTILLERY DUEL

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 2. Turkish artillery has today engaged the Allies in a big gun duel on the Dardanelles front, according to the following statement issued here today:

OPPOSED TO BRINGING ARMENIANS TO U. S.

Rev. H. Y. Yardumian Believes Misery of Exiles Would Be Increased

The transporting to America of all Armenians now being driven from their homes by the Turks would be to impose additional misery on a persecuted people, in the opinion of the Rev. H. Y. Yardumian, vice president of the Armenian National Defense Alliance of America.

"The project seems humane on the surface," the Rev. Mr. Yardumian said, "but there is evidently a diplomatic handicap that hinders Mr. Morgenthau from doing something better than importing a dependent group of women, old men, children, diseased persons and cripples to the United States."

"I do not wish to say anything further on the political significance of the matter at the present time, but I can say that the bringing of these people to America would add to the misery of an already unhappy race. Such a sudden change would in itself be a sudden and crushing blow, but only which would please the Young Turks mightily, as it would further their desire to remove every Christian element from their Mohammedan country."

"The Rev. Mr. Yardumian then explained that the Turks have practically destroyed all of the young-able-bodied Armenians by putting them in the first ranks of battle, where they have been killed, and shooting as traitors those who objected to this manifestly unfair persecution. In addition to this he asserts that the exiled Armenian families have been split up, the children under 15 years of age being taken in hand by Turks to be converted to the Mohammedan faith, and the women sent to the most remote and pestilential parts of the empire."

"DIPLOMACY AND SWORD." "To induce these people to come to America and throw away every possibility of reassembling their families would not only be difficult, but cruel," he said. "Here is the only feasible plan which can be brought to the rescue of these people: "Diplomatic pressure, backed by the swords of the neutral countries, should be brought on the Turks to make them give the Armenians free passage to a place of safety on the western coast of Asia Minor, under the protection of the Red Cross of the United States, Holland and Switzerland. At the conclusion of the war it would be a simple matter to decide the future habitat of the exiles."

Eight Couples Wed at Elkton

ELKTON, Md., Oct. 2.—Only eight couples eloped to this town today and were married. They were John R. Kelly and Frances R. Moss, Benjamin J. Burt and Edith White, of Philadelphia; Carl Butler and Margaret Bennett, Chester; Harry Scott and Dell H. Wilson, Bryn Mawr; Jacob Zaretsky and Rose Auerbach, of Reading; Leo T. Mullin, Norris-town, and Emma S. Laverty, Conshohocken; Otto Schoenborn and Julia Mallock, Camden, N. J., and William Davis and Ethel Thomas, St. George's, Del.

Advertisement for Baker's Cocoa, featuring a woman in a dress and the text "Grand Prize, Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, 1915" and "Grand Prize, Panama-California Exposition, San Diego, 1915".

NAVY DEFENSE NEEDS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY PRESIDENT MONDAY

Secretary Daniels Expected to Ask for Four New Battleships at Conference With Wilson

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The first of the conferences on national defense which are expected to revolutionize the military policy of the United States, will be held at the White House next Monday, when the need of a stronger navy will be considered.

Participating in this conference will be Secretary Daniels, probably Rear Admiral Benson, Chief of Operations, Mr. Daniels said today that he has not yet settled upon the program he will ask Mr. Wilson to approve. It is known, however, that strong pressure is being exerted upon the Secretary by the Naval General Board, headed by Admiral Dewey, for four battleships. From all sides the necessity for additional anti-aircraft defense of the battle cruiser type is being urged.

"This is a sure indication that submarines are more popular than they used to be." Some close observers freely predict that the new program will call for 100 submarines, some 35 more than now are in commission. A liberal allowance for aircraft will be sought, and the development of an air fleet by appropriating \$1,000,000. It is likely that the forthcoming program will call for the expenditure of four or five times that amount. As to the need of a stronger navy, it is thought that about 10,000 additional men will be sought, of whom 2000 will be given to the marine corps.

In the near future President Wilson will hold a similar conference with Secretary Garrison and Chairman Hay of the House Military Affairs Committee, when the needs of the new army will be given consideration. Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels have received a series of reports from munitions factories in all sections of the country, showing their capacity for turning out guns, cartridges and other implements of war.

These figures were presented to the department with the understanding that they should not be made public. For this reason it was impossible today to get an accurate outline of the increased capacities during the last year. It is understood, however, that there has been an average increase of approximately 2000 per cent. in many of the plants. Ordnance experts now appear to be satisfied that the United States has reason to fear that the national defense would be weakened by a shortage of munitions in the event of war.

The figures collected by both departments have been tabulated and will be presented to President Wilson with the reports of the Secretaries.

More Cadets for Annapolis

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The Administration will endorse legislation in the next Congress, Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today, to increase the number of cadets at the Annapolis Academy to 1200. They are now 900. Chairman Padgett, of the House Naval Committee, will introduce the bill.

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Advertisement for Old King Coal, featuring a man and the text "Old King Coal May Levy Extra Toll! Your coal may cost you more this winter. Across Pennsylvania's great anthracite region there rumbles the sinister rumor of a coal war!"