

GREAT BRITAIN'S REPLY TO U. S. MAIL PROTEST TO SUGGEST WAY OUT

Due Today or Tomorrow—Plan Not Disclosed—Lansing Will Take to Shadow Lawn

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Great Britain will present to the United States, officially, a reply to the protest which the United States has made...

The new British reply to the American protest will be handed to the American Embassy in London either late today or tomorrow if present plans are unchanged. It was learned in diplomatic circles this afternoon that the reply reverts the British view that its blockade of Germany in every way justifies the holding up and searching of mail to and from America.

It will be admitted, it was learned, that the business men of the United States have been hampered in their dealings with neutral countries through the rigid enforcement of the mail search. But it will be set forth that plans already in effect and contemplated will obviate this.

Just what action will be taken by this Government on the new reply will not be known for some time. While it was admitted at the State Department that it was known the reply was coming officials refused to discuss its contents in advance.

To add to the complications comes the announcement, through German sources, that manufacturers there—undoubtedly acting under orders from the Government—are demanding acceptance of goods made to American orders under contract.

The State Department still is awaiting complete details of the new British restrictions on American commerce with Holland and the Scandinavian countries. Until all facts are available no action will be taken by this Government.

BRITISH TROOPS ROUT TURKS IN SURPRISE ATTACK EAST OF SUEZ, LONDON ASSERTS

LONDON, Sept. 18.—British troops were defeated by a British flying column sixty-five miles east of the Suez Canal on Sunday, the War Office announced today. The attack came as a complete surprise to the Turks, who were led by German officers, and they suffered heavy losses.

The War Office statement describes the battle, which followed a forced march of sixty-five miles by the British, as follows: On the Egyptian front a mobile column of Anzac (Australian and New Zealand army corps), mounted troops and a camel corps, with artillery, left Bir el Jebel about September 16 to make a reconnaissance westward of El Arish.

Our aircraft fired on several parties, among whom were German officers. Riding rapidly back to El Arish, we took some prisoners. Our casualties were slight.

ITALIANS LESS THAN 13 MILES FROM TRIESTE; SEIZE THIRD LINE OF AUSTRIAN TRENCHES

ROME, Sept. 18.—The Italians have broken the Austrian third line in the region of Marosano after three days of fierce fighting.

On the whole front from Gorizia south to the sea the new Italian drive on Trieste is proceeding satisfactorily. A whole series of Austrian positions from Oppenheimella southward through Pietra Rossa have been seized and the Austrians driven back to trench positions in the valleys.

Heavy rainstorms have interfered with the progress of the offensive, preventing the artillery attack. But despite these obstacles Cadorna's men drove the enemy down the eastern slopes of Hills 144 and 208 and from several other dominant positions holding up the Italian advance along the Valis.

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GERMAN-BULGARIANS REPEL RUMANIANS



The Rumanians and Russians have received another setback in their proposed invasion of Bulgaria through the Dobruja and have fallen back to the line Cernavoda-Constanza. The former town is ninety miles east of Bucharest.

BRITISH FORCES ARE NOW CLOSING IN ON THIEPVAL

Continued from Page One wide stretch of difficult ground, strongly defended, wired one correspondent. The first news of success came from an airman's wireless, which said: "A tank is walking up the high street of Thiepval with the British army cheering behind."

"It was an actual fact. One of the motor monsters was there enjoying itself thoroughly and keeping down the German heads."

Other correspondents described how the "tanks" pushed their way through and over brick cottages, crushed German machine gun positions and dugouts and told how surprised were several German officers made prisoners and hauled aboard the land battle-ships.

One of the "tanks" gave wonderful help to the British fighting for Courcellette. The Germans were defending stubbornly from behind the ruins of a sugar factory when one of the new monsters, dubbed "some 40 months" was lumbering out toward the Teuton position, spitting fire.

"It advanced upon a broken wall, leaped up against it heavily until it fell with a crash of bricks and then rose on to the bricks and walked straight into the midst of the factory ruins," said one despatch. "From its sides came flashes of fire and a host of bullets and then it trampled around over the machine-gun displacement, having a grand time. It crushed the machine-guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine-gun teams with its deadly fire."

"Some of the monsters had wonderful adventures. They went straight through the shells of broken houses straddled on top of German dugouts and fired enfilade shots down the German trenches. From one dugout came a colonel with a white frightened face, who held his hands very high in front of the tank, shouting 'Kamerad, kamerad!'"

"Well, come inside then," said a voice from inside the beast and a human hand came forth from a hole opening suddenly, grabbing the German officer. For the rest of the day the tank led that unfortunate man around on the strangest journey the world has ever seen."

PARIS, Sept. 18.—French troops surrounded the village of Denicourt, south of the Somme, in heavy fighting last night, it was officially announced today. The Germans counter-attacked, savagely on the whole front south of the Somme, where the French scored important gains yesterday. Three particularly violent attacks were made east of the village of Berry and south of Denicourt, where the French repulsed the onslaughts and then made further progress, completing the encircling movement.

SERBS SMASH SECOND LINE OF BULGARS IN MACEDONIA AND TAKE MUCH BOOTY

SALONICA, Sept. 18.—Serbian troops have smashed the second Bulgarian line of defense in Western Macedonia, it was officially announced here today. The Bul-

garian positions are now firmly in the hands of the Serbians.

On their defeat west of Lake Ostrovo the Bulgars retreated to a strongly fortified line along the heights of Kaimatchalan, but these the Serbians captured, together with a large quantity of supplies.

The official announcement of the new Serbian victory follows: The Serbians have captured the second line of Bulgarian trenches at Kaimatchalan. They took ten machine guns and a large quantity of war materials.

RUSSO-RUMANIAN FORCES RETREAT 50 MILES FROM THE BULGAR FRONTIER, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—Russo-Rumanian forces already have retreated more than fifty miles from the Bulgarian frontier and are falling steadily back on the Cernavoda-Constanza line, where a great battle is expected.

In an attempt to relieve the Teutonic pressure in Dobruja, the Russians are attacking in force at several places along the Austro-German front. At only one point before Halicz did the Russian attack meet with any success.

The Rumanians have abandoned many guns in their hasty flight before Mackensen's forces. German airmen report that the Rumanians are hastily strengthening their lines south of the Cernavoda-Constanza Railway, the capture of which would virtually cut Rumania off from communication with Russia via the Black Sea.

The Austro-Germans continue their retirement in central Transylvania and are holding their wings firmly against Hungarian attacks. The Rumanians have been

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unable to make any progress with their left wing since they occupied Greva.

SOPIA, Sept. 18.—Advance of Bulgarian troops and their allies into the Dobruja province of Rumania continues, the War Office announced today. There has been hard fighting at several points, the enemy suffering "enormous losses."

Repulse of enemy attacks on the Macedonian front is also reported. The official statement follows:

On the Macedonian front our right wing fought a stubborn battle at Lortze. On the left bank of the Vardar a weak enemy attack on Doidjeli was repulsed. We captured some prisoners and three machine guns. On the Struma front the enemy's infantry attacked, but was thrown back.

Rumanian front: At Bekla there was weak artillery fire on both sides. We sank a barge at Turnsevera. In the Dobruja our advance continues. The enemy occupied Kobadin. Our cavalry occupied the station at Adjemiar. Sixteen wagons of food were captured. A brigade of the enemy attacked our columns at Vultutche. It was repulsed with great losses, leaving prisoners, eight caissons, a gun and four machine guns.

Enormous losses have been inflicted upon the enemy.

HALICZ AGAIN THREATENED BY RUSSIANS; PETROGRAD EXPECTS CAPTURE HOURLY

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Gradually and irresistibly the Russians are closing around Halicz, sixty miles southeast of Lemberg. Twice reported taken, under bombardment for two weeks, the Teuton garrison still holds out, while the hostile tide breaks nearer the walls of the city. Experts here expect to hear officially at almost any moment of its capture.

The Russian War Office reported yesterday that fighting is in progress around Halicz, on the right bank of the Zlota Lipa, to the railway which connects Halicz with Podvacke. At both places important successes have been won by the Russians. At the two points named 3725 prisoners have been taken.

In the region south of Berezany, on the right bank of the Zlota-Lipa, stubborn fighting is taking place. Our troops, having dislodged the enemy, captured part of his positions, and took prisoner fourteen officers and 537 Turkish men.

In the region of the River Anarutvka and the railway line from Podvacke to Halicz fighting continues. The enemy here has already suffered great losses in killed and wounded and left in our hands about 3174 prisoners. The

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prisoners are exclusively Germans and include thirty-four officers. We also captured twenty machine guns and two trench guns.

Our gallant Crimean cavalry squadrons attacked two enemy batteries, and, having sabred the attendant gunners, threw three guns into the ditch and captured four limbers. The latter, however, they did not succeed in carrying away, as in approaching a German battalion, opened a fierce machine gun and rifle fire on our cavalry.

The German statement says: Front of Prince Leopold of Bavaria—Along the whole front south of Pinsk an increase in Russian firing activity is apparent.

West of Lutsk the enemy made attacks during the morning, afternoon and evening along a twenty-kilometer line from Zaturze, on the Turis, to Pastomly on troops under the chief command of General Terstansky and under General von der Marwitz with strong forces, which came forward in numerous waves. Both guard corps were among these forces. The thrust completely failed, with the most severe losses. Reports state that at certain places the losses were fearful. On the front of General von Boehm-Ernoldi, between the Sereth and the Stripa, north of Zborov, most vigorous attacks on the German lines under General von Eben broke down.

SIR CAVENDISH BOYLE DIES Former Governor of Newfoundland Held Many Government Positions LONDON, Sept. 18.—Sir Cavendish Boyle, who was Governor of Newfoundland 1891-1894, died here yesterday. Sir Cavendish Boyle, who was born in 1845, was knighted in 1897. He was Colonial Secretary, Bermuda, 1892-93, and Government Secretary in British Guiana, 1894-1895, and was delegate for British Guiana and Bermuda in reciprocal negotiations with the United States in 1895. In July, 1914, Sir Cavendish married Miss Louise Sassoon, a niece of the late Arthur Sassoon, who was an intimate friend of King Edward.

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