

GERMANS RETIRING ON WESTERN FRONT

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side as to whether a further retirement by the crown prince is in prospect. He was virtually compelled by the superiority of the new French positions to fall back at least as far as he has. The probabilities seem that he will take up a position on the heights just north of the Ailette, which command the approaches to Laon, keystone of the German western front at its southwesterly bend.

The Germans have retreated from the hilly front of the Chemin des Dames, northeast of Soissons and south of Laon, according to Berlin, which however, fails to define the limits of the retirement accurately. The French official statement of Friday night has not yet reached this country and the other side of the Berlin report is not known. The German statement says the troops of the German crown prince systematically withdrew their lines "unnoticed and undisturbed by the enemy."

Retire Across River

Probably the Germans have retired across the Ailette river from Chavignon to Craonne, a distance of about thirteen miles, or they may have started on a retreat paralleling that of last March on the Somme when they finally fell back before Anglo-French pressure from Arras to Soissons.

Even if they have only withdrawn across the Ailette it is not unlikely because of General Petain's successful drive of last week when he reached the Oise-Aisne canal eight miles southwest of Laon and captured more than 12,000 prisoners. From the positions gained then the French could and did bombard the Germans clinging to the hilly strip between the Chemin des Dames and the Ailette.

The hills of the northern bank of the Ailette generally are not as high as those on the south and the crown prince may have gone back to the line of the river Ardon, which runs southwest from Laon and joins the Ailette north of Chavignon. It is improbable that the Germans did not retreat across the Ailette as not to do so might place them in a worse position than on top of the ridge.

Might Involve Lines

The retirement might include Laon, the largest southern citadel of the Hindenburg line of last March but if the front of the Ailette is given up a line from St. Quentin through La Fere, Laon and Montjeu to Neufchateau-sur-Jene, along the railroad between La Fere and Neufchateau might offer a good halting place. A retirement only to the northern bank of the Ailette between Chavignon and Craonne might not effect the line from Chavignon north to St. Quentin but a further retreat would involve the present lines as far as La Fere at least. On the eastern end of the Chemin des Dames, if the retirement is not made secure quickly, there is a possibility of a French blow in Champagne which might straighten out the entire front from Craonne to Verdun.

Facing Hun

General Cadorna has halted on the western bank of the Tagliamento momentary in order to face the incoming Austro-Germans. The eastern bank of the river, Berlin reports has been cleared of Italians from the south bank the Trentino. Tagliamento turns westward near Tolmezzo to the Adriatic.

Italian guns are bombarding the invaders along the new line but apparently the Austro-Germans have made by the Austro-Germans force a crossing of the river. There are no indications as to the whereabouts of the Austro-Germans reports from the Alps early in the attempt to turn the flank of the Tagliamento. Reports from Switzerland say the Germans are hurrying forward and guns are being moved. This might mean either to strengthen the Austrians there or to start a drive south from Trent in an attempt to cut off the Italians now on the Venetian plains.

Von Hertling Appointed

Count Von Hertling, it is announced officially from Berlin, has been appointed German Chancellor in succession to Dr. Michaelis who retires to another, but unnamed, official position. The new chancellor apparently has the support of all the political elements except the Socialists and the Conservatives. The Socialists, however, will give no active opposition under the count's policies are known more clearly.

French Close on Heels of Retiring Germans in West

Paris, Nov. 3.—The French are advancing between the Oise canal and the region of Corbeny and have reached the south bank of the Ailette river, the war office announces. The Germans have retreated to the north bank of the river. The bridges across the Ailette were destroyed by the Germans. Since October 23 the French have captured 422 guns and 720 machine guns.

The announcement that the French troops continued to make progress between the Oise canal and the region of Corbeny and reached the south bank of the Ailette river over this entire front. (Friday night's official French communication in which the beginning of this movement evidently was announced, has not been received.)

Dauphin County Court Highly Complimented on Its Election Decisions

The Philadelphia North American, commenting to-day upon the decision of the State Supreme Court upholding the nominations of the reform, or town meeting, candidates in the Philadelphia election, says that the election decisions of the Dauphin county court, Judges Kunkel and McCarrell, having rendered decisions upon which the reform candidates were elected. "It may also be said that such rights as independent voters possess are due very largely to the uniformly fair and impartial decisions of the court. This court is the first appeal tribunal in election law cases and its decrees are of great weight throughout the state. Had it not been for those decisions, the political contractor interest probably would have found its regular weekly meeting last night at the Technical High School. About 200 heavy guns and field guns, 222 trench cannon and 720 machine guns.

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun) there were several artillery engagements in the region of Chaume wood. An enemy attack north of St. Mihiel was without result. The night was calm everywhere else.

"In the period between October 21 and 31 twenty-three German airplanes were brought down. Of these twenty-one were destroyed by our pilots after combat and two by our special cannon. Furthermore, twenty-eight enemy airplanes were damaged seriously and descended within the German lines."

Russian Commander Predicts Great German Drive Around Bothnia

By Associated Press Petrograd, Nov. 3.—General Tcheremisinoff, commander-in-chief, on the northern front, who has just made a trip to Petrograd, said the Germans were planning operations on a large scale, including the landing of troops on the shore of the Gulf of Bothnia under the protection of their fleet.

Minstrel Show Is Given by Sunday School Class

Members of the Mrs. H. B. McCormick's Sunday School Class of Pine Street Presbyterian Church, gave an entertaining minstrel show, at the Boyd Memorial building gymnasium. It was the first of a number of entertainments which will be given during the winter season.

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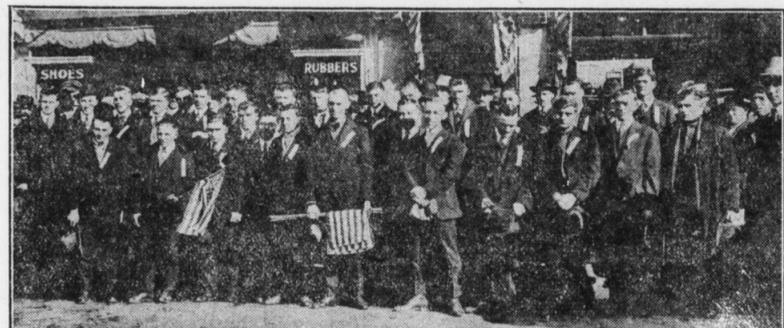
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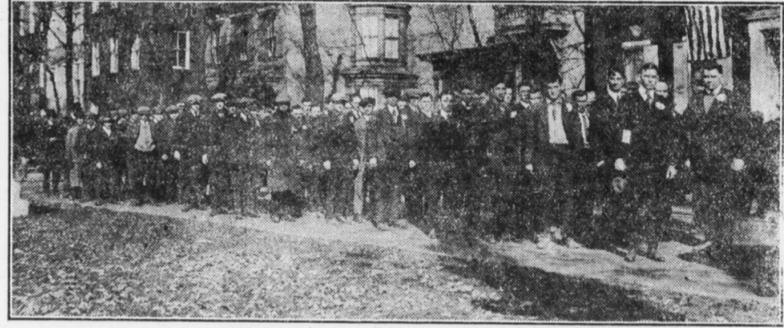
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PAXTANG BOARD'S CONTINGENT



LAST OF STEELTON'S MEN



CUMBERLAND AND PERRY'S QUOTA

On hundred and seventy-seven men from Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties are shown here as they appeared in Harrisburg's streets before entraining for Camp Meade. The single figure is that of Levi Brankovic, a Serbian, whose family was killed by the Hun invader. Brankovic waived exemption claims and is eager to face the ravishers of his home.

MINISTERIUM TO AID Y.M.C.A. WORK

All City Ministers to Take Up Movement at Services on November 11

In view of the approaching nationwide campaign which will be waged during the week of November 11 to 18 to raise funds for Y. M. C. A. work among our soldiers at home and abroad, members of the Ministerial Association at a recent meeting unanimously decided to have every preacher in the city to preach on this subject at some service on Nov. 11.

Canadian Officers Not Permitted to Teach Here

By Associated Press Montreal, Nov. 3.—Canadian officers are forbidden hereafter to offer their services to the American government in the various capacities for which they are being recruited, either directly or through the British embassy at Washington.

Gold Melting Pot to Aid Local Red Cross

That the Red Cross melting pot is a big success was shown yesterday afternoon when E. G. Hoover, jeweler, appraised the contents of the big copper kettle and found \$50 worth of gold, and a large amount of other metal in the pot. The metal will be deposited in the vaults of one of the trust companies and when there is metal to the value of \$100 gathered, it will be sent to Washington where the melt will be purchased.

Republicans of Harrisburg and Dauphin County Have Become Acquainted

While the success committee appointed by Mayor Bowman and Mrs. Jennings did not attempt to outline a definite program of activities many of these were touched upon in the talks during the conference to-day.

New Mack Patrol Finally in Service

The new Mack patrol arrived in the city late last evening in charge of Patrolman Patrick Hyland, who went to York yesterday where he received the patrol from the makers, the Hoover Wagon works. The patrol is a very substantial and roomy truck capable of taking care of any occasion that may arise. The truck was most to arrive in this city several weeks ago. Chief of Police Wetzel is highly pleased with the addition to the equipment of the department.

Charles E. Pass, the next prothonotary of Dauphin county, has been so much engaged in the various patriotic and national defense campaigns that he has not been able to see all his friends over the county, but these are assuring him that his unselfish work for Uncle Sam is his best campaign argument.

Hunters Get Receipts and Advice, but No License Tags

Dauphin county probably will have some strangely taxed hunters in the woods next week. County Treasurer Mark Mumma late yesterday issued the last of the 8,500 licenses and tags furnished by the state. To-day when applicants came for licenses they were given receipts and advice, but no license tags.

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He told of the courage of the field secretaries in looking after the comforts of the soldiers while under the fire of German guns. Picturing the surroundings of the men after their arrival in France and their need of diversion and comforts other than those supplied by the government, he said:

Housed in Hen Coops

"When the first large bodies of American troops began to arrive in France they were shipped to an inland district 'somewhere in France,' and there distributed in huts, groups among the little French towns of the district. Billeted in hen coops, pigsties, barns and outhouses, sleeping on straw, and eating the scraps of the kitchen, they were housed in the middle of dirty streets, which were mostly adorned with manure piles, and there distributed in huts, groups among the little French towns of the district. Billeted in hen coops, pigsties, barns and outhouses, sleeping on straw, and eating the scraps of the kitchen, they were housed in the middle of dirty streets, which were mostly adorned with manure piles, and there distributed in huts, groups among the little French towns of the district. 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