



VIOLENT ATTACKS ON ALLIES' LINES BY THE GERMANS ARE ALL REPULSED

Desperate Assaults Made by Kaiser's Forces at Nieuport, Dixmude and La Bassee Met With Great Energy, Says Official French Report—Bombardment of Cattaro, Dalmatia, Continues With Great Violence—Engagement Between German Torpedo Boats and Hostile Submarines in the Baltic, Near Rugen Island, Off Prussian Coast, Is Reported From Stockholm

Paris, Oct. 21, 2.40 P. M.—The French official communication given out this afternoon says that the attacks yesterday of the enemy on Nieuport, Dixmude and La Bassee all were repulsed by the allies. The text of the communication follows:

"During the day of yesterday the attacks of the enemy were particularly violent at Nieuport, Dixmude and La Bassee. They all were repulsed by the allied armies with great energy. "At all other points the situation is without notable change."

BOMBARDING OF CATTARO

Rome, Oct. 21, 3.50 P. M.—Late news from the Adriatic is to the effect that the bombardment of Cattaro, Dalmatia, continues with great violence.

ENGAGEMENT ON THE BALTIC

London, Oct. 21, 10.05 A. M.—An engagement between German torpedo boats and hostile submarines in the Baltic near Rugen Island off the Prussian coast, is reported from Stockholm, according to a "Central News" dispatch from Copenhagen. No details of the fight or its result are given.

Violent attacks and counter attacks for possession of the seacoast in the extreme north of France continue without decisive results.

Only one official statement—that from Paris—had come through early this afternoon. It threw little light on the situation, being brief and referring to events of yesterday. The attacks of the Germans especially severe at Nieuport, Dixmude and La Bassee, Tuesday, were repulsed, says the French War Office. There was no noteworthy change elsewhere on the battle front.

News dispatches indicate the sharpest fighting in the vicinity of Lille with a renewal of activity at various points all along the line. Counter claims regarding the situation in the east leave much to speculation. There appears, however, little doubt that the German advance in Russian Poland has been so successful that Warsaw is seriously threatened. Przemysl remains in possession of the Austro-German forces.

There has been a renewal of activity in Eastern Prussia without definite result. A statement from Vienna issued yesterday says that the fighting in Central Galicia has become more severe and that the Austrian attacks are progressing.

A news dispatch from Copenhagen says that German torpedo boats have been engaged with an enemy in the Baltic off the Prussian coast. No details were given. Albania looms again as a possible influence upon the attitude of Italy towards the war. The Italian government to-day denied that Italian troops had occupied Avlona, which has been threatened by insurgents since the abdication of Prince William. At the same time the Giornale D'Italia of Rome declares that there is a state of anarchy at Avlona. Estimates that Greece is taking advantage of the disturbed conditions, and declares that the Italian government has notified the powers that it will not tolerate a violation of the integrity of Albania; Rome reports officially that the Anglo-French fleet is still bombarding Cattaro, Dalmatia.

Turkey's attitude is a matter of concern of all the belligerents. The Sublime Porte is reported to have forbidden warships to enter the gulf of Smyrna. The inhabitants of Smyrna recently were said to have been in great fear of a naval attack. An Athens dispatch says:

A revolutionary outbreak in Portugal is reported. Beyond the statement that the movement was suppressed few details are given in a message from Lisbon. It is probable that the Royalists have seized the opportunity afforded by the departure of a large contingent of the army for Portuguese possessions in Africa.

There are further rumors of a German intention to begin a great aerial campaign. Following reports that air sheds were being constructed at Brussels and Antwerp,

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U. S. PROTESTS TO GREAT BRITAIN ON SEIZURE OF AMERICAN OIL TANK VESSEL

Washington, Oct. 21.—The United States has protested to Great Britain against the seizure by a British warship of the American tank steamer, John D. Rockefeller. This was announced to-day by Acting Secretary Lansing, of the State Department.

As the Rockefeller was American owned and flew the American flag and no change of registry was involved, the American government considers the seizure unwarranted. She had American officers and crew. The ship was bound from one neutral port to another, leaving Philadelphia on September 2 for Copenhagen and carried illuminating oil, which Secretary Lansing said had not been classed as contraband in any notification received from Great Britain. The vessel was taken to the Orkney Islands.

Mr. Lansing said no representations or protest had been made in the case of the steamer Brindilla taken recently to Halifax and that he was awaiting further information as to the character of her cargo and the conditions under which she was seized.

The protest was made to the British government through Ambassador Page at London, who was instructed to ask for the immediate release of the Rockefeller.

As the cargo of the Brindilla was the same as the Rockefeller's, the government's action to-day was taken to foreshadow another protest and demand for release, unless some difficulty in the change of the Brindilla's registry not yet developed, comes up.

STANDARD OIL STEAMER IS SEIZED BY BRITISH SHIPS

New York, Oct. 21.—The Standard Oil Company steamer, Platania, flying the American flag has been seized by British warships off the coast of Scotland and taken into Stornoway, a port in the Lewis Islands, according to cablegrams received here to-day by the company from her captain.

GERMAN CRUISER EMDEN SINKS FIVE BRITISH SHIPS

London, Oct. 21, 4.55 P. M.—The German cruiser Emden has again been sinking British steamers, this time at a point 150 miles southwest of Cochin, British India, according to a report received by the Admiralty from Colombo, Ceylon.

She has sent to the bottom the British steamers Cimikan, Troilus, Benmehr and Clan Grant and the dredger Porraballe, bound for Tasmania. The British steamer Exford was captured by the Emden.

GERMANS ABANDON DIXMUDE AFTER BIG ARTILLERY DUEL

London, Oct. 21, 4.40 A. M.—The Germans in force attacked French positions during the night of October 16-17, says the "Times" Dunkirk correspondent, telegraphing Tuesday.

The assault began about midnight. Large numbers of infantry advanced against the trenches outside the town. The troops holding them were outnumbered and compelled to retire on the town, where they held on grimly in the outskirts.

"Reinforcements arrived about dawn, when a counter-attack was delivered and with the help of the artillery fire, the Germans were driven back and the trenches won again. During the course of the day the heavy artillery duel continued with the result that the Germans withdrew from Dixmude."

LOSS OF NATIONS IN WAR WITH GERMANY PLACED AT 750,000

Berlin, Oct. 21, by Wireless.—The military expert of the "Kreutz Zeitung" estimates the losses of the French, the British, the Russians and the Belgians, in killed, wounded and prisoners at least three quarters of a million men.

Allied Front Withstands Attacks
London, Oct. 21, 10.10 A. M.—The Bordeaux correspondent of the "Star" sends the following:

"On Tuesday the Germans made another great effort to burst the narrowing circle of steel that is hemming them in. They tried vainly at no fewer than six points to discover a weak spot on the allied front, the main effort being made at La Bassee."

SAW MRS. CARMAN WITH A REVOLVER AFTER SHOOTING

Negro Maid Gives Evidence Damaging to Woman Accused of Killing Mrs. Bailey

SWEARS ACCUSED SAID: "I SHOT HIM"

Servant Also Asserts That Doctor's Wife Exclaimed, "Oh Celia, What Did I Kill That Woman For? I Hope God Will Forgive Me"

By Associated Press.

Mineola, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Celia Coleman, the negro maid in the Carman household and star witness for the State, testified to-day at the trial of Mrs. Florence Conklin Carman, accused of the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey, that Mrs. Carman had appeared, revolver in hand, a moment after Mrs. Bailey had been shot, and said:

"I shot him."
Celia thought Mrs. Carman referred to her husband, Dr. Carman.
"The next morning about daylight Mrs. Carman came to my room," Celia continued. "She said, 'Oh, Celia, what did I kill that woman for? I hope God will forgive me. You stick to me and if anything happens to you I'll take care of your little boy.'"

Under the questioning of District Attorney Smith, Celia told her story as follows:

Negro Maid's Story of Murder
"I am from Charleston, S. C. I went to work at Dr. Carman's May 18, 1914. On the night of June 30, I served dinner at 6.45 o'clock. After dinner I started to wash the dishes.

"While I was washing the dishes, Elizabeth, Mrs. Carman's daughter, came into the kitchen. Soon afterwards Mrs. Carman came in. She was dressed in a kimono and had a shawl around her neck. She told Elizabeth to go back into the house. Then Mrs. Carman went out the back door. A minute later I heard a crash of glass and the report of a pistol. Mrs. Carman came in the door again.

"I was standing in the door between the pantry and the kitchen. She said

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WINTER WARDROBE MISSING

Burglar Outfits Himself in Store of A. Garner to the Extent of \$100 Worth

A burglar with a 6-7-8 head, a thirty-seven chest measurement and a weakness for four-in-hand neckties outfitted himself in the haberdashery of A. Garner, 1209 North Third street, during the wee small hours this morning.

A little thing like the lack of money did not hamper this burglar, who went into the Garner store by prying open a shutter at the rear of the store and then pried off some iron bars on the inside of the window. One hundred dollars worth of vanished clothing and furnishings this morning bore evidence of his visit.

The thief took a new blue serge suit, thirty-seven chest measurement; a balmain light overcoat, a chinchilla overcoat, a raincoat, a brown felt hat, size 6-7-8; two sweaters, blue and maroon with shawl collars; six four-in-hand neckties and several of the latest round-cornered collars.

It was quite a haul and to get away more easily he packed his winter wardrobe into two suitcases from the stock and a handbag which is the personal property of Mr. Garner. He then made his escape from the window through which he gained entrance. The shoes to complete the outfit were stolen from a nearby store several weeks ago, probably by the same thief. In the chapter of petty robberies committed recently this has been the greatest haul.

WORK AGAIN FOR 500 MEN

Central Iron & Steel Company Will Resume Operation of Three Mills on Monday

Three of the four plate mills of the Central Iron & Steel Company, which have been idle during the last few weeks, will resume operations on Monday, giving employment to 500 more men, both a night and day force. Employees said they had been so informed to-day.

FIRST AWARDS IN BARGAIN CONTEST

Many Persons Entered Letters Choosing the Most Liberal Offer on Page of Ads.

3 PRIZES FOR BEST REASONS

Winning Communications Written by Fannie Maugans, E. P. Ochs and Mrs. A. A. Poist Were Judged on Merits of Subject Matter

The first awards for the three best letters submitted in the Star-Independent's Bargain and Educational Campaign are to-day announced by the Bargain Editor as follows:

First prize, \$3, Fannie Maugans, 623 Dauphin street; second prize, \$2, E. P. Ochs, 1251 Walnut street, and third prize, \$1, Mrs. A. A. Poist, 1813 North Sixth street.

From the appearance of the first page of bargains last Wednesday until the close of the contest last Monday noon many letters were received giving selections of what the writers considered the greatest bargain on the page, and stating reasons for the choice. The widespread interest which has been shown in the contest has been very satisfactory.

The prize-winning letters were selected by the judges without knowledge of the names of the writers, and penmanship and grammatical construction were not taken into account in making the selections. The winning letters give concise and logical reasons why the writers consider certain offers of local merchants the best bargains on the bargain and educational page, and according to the judges are more convincing in tone than other entries.

The letters winning the prizes are as follows:

Letter Winning First Prize

"Bargain Editor:
"Dear Sir—
"I consider B. B. Drums' advertisement the best because bargain price is convincing without printing the regular value for comparison; because it is an advertised saving, but an actual saving at a reduction of 20 per cent., proved by a comparison of market prices; because his advertisement tells he has a bargain; his selling price proves it is a bargain; he gives his articles standard as 'fresh pork,' 'the best sauerkraut,' 'Mity-Nice Bread' and the regular value has not been overated with a view of making the special price appear to be a greater reduction; also because he has told all that was necessary and has made his advertisement attractive by paying for enough space to properly display it."
"Fannie Maugans."

Letter Winning Second Prize

"Bargain Editor:
"Dear Sir—
"Pomeroy's bargain of 15 pounds of sugar for \$1.00. The above bargain I consider the best on your 'Bargain page,' for the following reasons: The majority of people deal by book or credit system, buying sugar in small

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TO FILL GAPS IN PARKWAY

Plans Are Started to Effect a Complete Loop About the City—Mr. Manning Departs

Warren H. Manning, of Boston, Mass., Harrisburg's landscape architect, who was here on a three-day park inspection trip, departed for his home last evening. By the time he visits Harrisburg again, which will be some time next winter, it is believed the Park Department will have acquired the ground necessary to complete the link in the Harrisburg parkway from the intersection of the Cameron parkway with the poor house lane around the city to the intersection of Reily street with Paxton creek.

Herman P. Miller has offered to the city a plot in the vicinity of Prospect Hill cemetery; the Dull estate, owning adjoining land, has made a similar offer, and negotiations are now under way for acquiring land owned by Bellet Lawson and the Rutherford estate.

After acquiring this ground and a small strip north of the city, officials will turn their efforts toward opening the parkway from Iron avenue to Cameron street. Then there will be a continuous parkway loop around the city.

Mr. Manning yesterday afternoon conferred with officials of the Pennsylvania railroad as well as the State Water Supply Commission regarding features of the proposed improvements, although no definite action was taken. It being decided first to prepare plans of the proposed South Harrisburg parkway, showing just what the city desires.

HOPES TO ADJOURN SATURDAY

Congress Still Hanging Fire on Differences in War Revenue Bill

Washington, Oct. 21.—After a conference with President Wilson on disputed points between House and Senate on the war revenue bill, Representative Underwood and Senator Simmons took under consideration a tentative proposal to reduce the Senate tax of \$1.75 a barrel on beer and to restore the House tax on gasoline.

GOES TO COURT ON A STRETCHER

Boy, 13, Testifies While Reclining Flat on His Back in Alderman's Office

ACCUSED MAN HELD FOR COURT

Jacob Albitz Charged With Having Given Beer to the Youth—Child Was Burned July 3 and Will Have to Undergo Skin Grafting

After being confined to his bed for sixteen weeks suffering from terrible burns as the result of an explosion of fireworks in his trousers pocket, Paul L. Erb, 13 years old, 236 Charles street, was taken from his bed on a stretcher in an ambulance this afternoon to be the principal witness in Alderman Murray's court in a case against Joseph Albitz, 27 years old, of Enterprise, who is charged with having provided the boy with liquor.

When the ambulance arrived at the Alderman's office policemen lifted the stretcher on which the boy lay and



PAUL L. ERB, 13 YEARS OLD

Boy Who Went in Ambulance to-day to Testify in Liquor Case

carried the youth into the building. The stretcher was placed on chairs in front of the Alderman's desk and young Erb gave his testimony from his reclining position.

Erb was visiting the Albitz farm, he testified, and was given beer and wine. He said it was given to him to make him rest easier because of the pain from the burns, principally at night.

Information made by Constable Grove charged Joseph Albitz with furnishing liquor to Erb on July 3. It was on that day that the boy was carrying a pocket full of "sparklers," when an older companion ignited them. The boy was terribly burned about the right hip before the fire was extinguished. It was two weeks before the boy was removed to his home in this city. Alderman Murray held Albitz in \$300 bail for court. Bail was entered following the hearing.

A large part of Erb's wound has failed to heal properly and a skin-grafting operation has been declared necessary. Dr. David L. Miller, the attending physician, has decided to perform this operation next week at the boy's home. Stewart Forney, a friend of the burned boy, will permit some of his cuticle to be transferred to the burned surface. About 80 square inches will have to be taken from Forney's body.

The trip to the Alderman's office on a stretcher did not endanger the boy's chances of recovery, according to the physician, and on request of Alderman Murray and the boy's relatives the police ambulance was pressed into service to haul the boy to and from the office.

REBEL OUTBREAK PUT DOWN

Head of Revolutionists in Portugal Has Been Arrested

Lisbon, Portugal, via London, Oct. 21, 12.37 P. M.—A revolutionary outbreak in the cities of Braganza and Mafra under the leadership of Adriano Beça, a former colonel, has been promptly put down, according to official announcement made to-day. Beça has been arrested and a band of the revolutionaries who went from Mafra are being pursued by the troops.

Beyond the cutting of the telegraph wires and the stopping of trains, nothing seems to have been accomplished.

Pardon Board Decisions
The Board of Pardons this afternoon held the case of Mike Peterson, convicted as a film-flammer, under advisement. A pardon was denied Florence Wilson, charged with keeping a disorderly house and pandering. Ray Timberlanke, charged with burglary, was pardoned.

PLANS SWEEPING CHANGES IN THE COMMISSION LAW

Committee of Third Class City League Is Here Considering Urging Amendments

A CITY MANAGER MAY BE FAVORED

Under This Plan the Commissioners Would Have Only Legislative Duties—Proposed Also to Give Mayors Power to Fire Policemen

Radical revision of the Clark commission form of government act, under which Harrisburg and all other third class cities of the State are now and have been governed since the first Monday of December, last, was being considered by a special committee of the League of Cities of the Third Class, which went into session in the Court House here this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.

The committee is composed of the city solicitors of the third class cities of the State and includes also Mayor John K. Royal, of Harrisburg; Mayor William J. Stine, of Erie; Mayor William Ward, Jr., of Chester, and Mayor Ira W. Stratton, of Reading.

The session this afternoon was the committee's first since the convention of representatives of cities of the third class, held during the summer, and it was not thought likely any final action would be taken before adjournment of to-day's meeting.

Some members of the committee are of the opinion that the work of formulating proposed changes,—which of course must be submitted to and sanctioned by the next Legislature,—could be accomplished more expeditiously through the appointment of a sub-committee of three or five, whose suggestions should first be approved by the general committee before being submitted as recommendations to the Legislature.

The City Manager Idea
Under tentative plans, committee members said, the object of the committee is to rid the Clark act of ambiguities and conflicting sections and also to effect such changes as will better apportion

WITHDRAWING U. S. FORCES

Mexican National Convention Approves Plan of American Consul Silliman and General Aguilar

Washington, Oct. 21.—The Mexican National convention at Aguas Calientes has approved the arrangement made by American Consul Silliman and General Aguilar for withdrawing American forces from Vera Cruz.

General Carranza is expected to issue a proclamation giving guarantees to citizens of Vera Cruz who have served the United States.

The convention granted all the requests made by the American government as prerequisite to the withdrawal of the troops. The United States asked that customs duties collected during the American occupation, as well as local taxes, should not be reimposed and that the Mexicans who had served the United States in a civil capacity and all clericals should be given every protection.

The American government, it is understood, however, will not order withdrawal of the troops or ships until General Carranza has formally issued his proclamation. There were some intimations that Carranza's authority to issue the manifesto might be doubted by the Villa faction and some pronouncement from the convention might be made in its place.

TRUANTS IN SUICIDE PACT

Fear of Punishment for Playing Hookey Probably Drove Lads to End Lives in Tragic Manner

Freeland, Mich., Oct. 21.—Albert Woodruff and Lloyd Pierce, aged 10 and 12 years respectively, are dead as the result of a double attempt at suicide last night caused, it is believed, fear of punishment for having played hookey during the afternoon.

The boys failed to appear at their homes for supper and when inquiries revealed that they had not been at school during the afternoon searching parties were organized and for three hours men with lanterns patrolled the nearby woods and river banks.

In the meantime the boys had been seen hurrying back toward their homes and a bystander informed them of the commotion their disappearance had caused. Ten minutes later two shots were heard. The lads were found lying side by side in front of the Pierce home. Each had a bullet wound in his forehead and a small revolver clutched in his hand.