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WAR NEWS FROM ALL FRONTS IS OF A CHEERING NATURE

British Renew Attack on Germans Along the Somme

Gas Successfully Used Against Enemy Trenches and Some Prisoners Captured---Serbians Win Victory Over Germans and Bulgars---Russian Troops Cross the Danube.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The British opened an attack this morning on both sides of the Ancre River, on the northern part of the Somme front. The War Office reports the capture of a certain number of prisoners.

The text of the statement reads: "This morning we attacked on both sides of the Ancre, capturing a considerable number of prisoners. Hostile artillery activity continued during the night on our positions in the neighborhood of Les Boeufs and Guedecourt. Gas was successfully discharged by us against enemy trenches opposite Rans. The enemy's trenches were entered by us southeast of Armentieres."

PARIS, Nov. 13.—The Serbians have won a brilliant victory over the Germans and Bulgarians in the Cerna river district southeast of Monastir, the War Office announced today. The Serbians, supported by French artillery, forced the Teutonic allies to retire a distance of nearly two miles, and captured about 1,000 prisoners. The retreat of the German-Bulgarian forces was compelled after a battle lasting for two days.

The prisoners taken raises the total captured since September 12, says the statement, to 6,000 men, together with 72 cannon and 53 machine guns.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Russians have crossed the Danube into Dobrudja at two points south of Tchernavoda, and the Russian fleet has renewed the bombardment of Constanza, according to Petrograd advices received today by wireless by way of Rome. Field Marshal Mackensen has been continuing his retreat with demoralized forces and with one third of the effective forces with which he opened his campaign lost.

A Bulgarian Official Statement Admits

That the Serbians Have Made Some Headway

SOFIA, Nov. 13, via London.—An advance for the Serbians in the Cerna Bend is admitted in the Official statement issued by the War Office today. The text of the statement follows:

"West of the Monastir-Florina railway there was a lively artillery action. Eastward and in the Cerna Bend there was a desperate battle throughout yesterday and part of last night. All enemy attacks were broken but the enemy succeeded in holding the heights and making a salient before our positions northeast of Peleg.

"In the Monogelinia valley there was weak artillery fire. West of Vardar vigorous cannonading took place. It was calm on the other fronts except on the Dobrudja, where fighting occurred at our advanced positions without important results."

Lieut. Col. Bullock Tells Londoners Why

He Donned the Khaki on Behalf of Liberty

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Lieut. Col. F. C. Bullock, the only clergyman to command a battalion of British troops, is now in London, where, without doffing his khaki, he has been preaching in a Unitarian church. He is in command of one of the American Legion battalions raised in Canada.

In answer to a question why he, an American minister, had joined the British army as a combatant, the Colonel said: "I hold it is wrong to tell another man to go out and shoot without you go and do likewise. The men I have the privilege of commanding, and more, came voluntarily. They realized as I did that this was a war of principles, not of nations, and that the United States was affected by the outcome just as much as the Allied nations.

Shall the Mailed Fist Rule?

"It was a question whether the mailed fist should rule civilization or whether the principles of the man whose fists were nailed to the cross should prevail. And the sinking of the Lusitania was the casting of the die. Then I announced I had furlined my flag, that it never again should be carried by the breezes until the country which had been so long my home should declare itself against such a damnable outrage.

"I then took a commission and combatant rank, and helped to raise a battalion of Americans to fight. That one battalion grew into eight," added the Colonel with a smile.

"In America," he continued, "there is a ubiquitous sign, 'safety first.' There is no more ignoble cry unless it be 'too proud to fight.'"

THE BRITISH ADVANCE ON THE ANCRE

London, Nov. 13.—The British troops in the new offensive north of the Ancre river have advanced to a maximum depth of one mile, capturing from the Germans the town of Beaumont-Hamel and St. Pierre-Divion, according to the correspondent of Reuters Telegram Co. at British headquarters.

Fighting is still going on between the German and British troops around the town of Serre.

Two thousand prisoners already have been taken by the British.

Duke and Party Arrive at Ottawa

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and party were tendered a state and civic reception and welcome by an assemblage of several thousand people on arrival in the capital shortly before noon today.

The party came by special train from Halifax. Premier and Lady Borden, Mayor Porter, members of the cabinet and their wives and invited guests made up the official reception party.

Fire Loss Appraised.

The insurance loss on the L. A. Curry Estate warehouse, which was damaged by fire last week, has been appraised at \$209,556.

The Black Feather.

The Black Feather was repeated at the Opera House on Saturday evening by Mr. Albert Brown and his excellent company. There was a large audience and the play was much enjoyed. The company went to St. John this morning.

Mr. Emile Allain, of Campbellton, is at the Barker House.

GALLANT WORK OF AMERICAN AMBULANCE SERVICE

Praise Bestowed in French Army Orders—Officers and Staff Give Proof of Brilliant Courage and Devotion—Huns Giving More Attention to Aerial Fighting.

PARIS, Nov. 12.—Gallantry as a section of the American Ambulance field service has again been cited in army orders:

"Under the command of Lieut. Robt. E. Dersauson de Pennefret and Herbert Townsend, an American officer, says the citation, "the section in August and September of 1916 assured the evacuation of three divisions successively under particularly dangerous circumstances. It asked the favor of continuing the work, and both officers and staff gave proofs of most brilliant courage and most complete devotion."

Conquest of the Air.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Times has received the following despatch from its special correspondent with the armies in France: "The German airmen have grown better. They are making a more serious attempt to dispute us. This winter will probably see some bitter air fighting.

"Aerial fighting is now much closer and savage than ever it has been. The importance of air mastery has been most clearly demonstrated, and is now freely conceded."

Enemy Aeroplanes Brought Down.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—An official statement issued today regarding military operations in Saloniki and Mesopotamia says: "At Saloniki three enemy airplanes were forced to descend in their lines. In Mesopotamia two British airplanes successfully dropped bombs on Turkish irregular troops on the river Euphrates."

The Usual Cannonading.

PARIS, Nov. 13.—There was only the usual cannonading during the night along the front in France, says today's announcement by the War Office.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS READY TO DEAL WITH SUBMARINE SITUATION

States That His Course Has Met With Public Approval and Will Proceed With a Free Hand---German Newspaper's Views.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—President Wilson returned to Washington tonight ready to take up waiting public problems and begin framing plans for his second term in the White House. He has been away two months. One of the first problems to be laid before the President tomorrow will be the situation resulting from recent activities by German submarines.

Secretary Lansing is expected to lay before him a summary of recent developments collected at the State Department, dealing particularly with the Marina, Columbian, Arabia and Lannao cases. No secret is made of the belief of some of the officials that the situation is serious.

Policy Laid Down in Previous Notes to

Germany Will Be Strictly Adhered To

The President has made it clear to friends that the policy towards submarine warfare laid down in the notes to Germany concluding with the correspondence on the Sussex case, will be followed strictly.

In his campaign speeches President Wilson declared that in case the administration was defeated at the election it would have difficulty in dealing with foreign problems between now and March 4. Now that he has been re-elected, however, he is known to feel that his course generally has been approved by the nation and that he can proceed with a free hand.

President Wilson probably will have another conference in the near future with Mr. James W. Gerard, American Ambassador to Germany, now in this country.

German Paper Thinks Wilson is Gradually

Adopting a More Unbiased Attitude

BERLIN, via London, Nov. 13.—President Wilson's attitude toward the warring nations of Europe is gradually changing, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung, which, in discussing Mr. Wilson's re-election says:

"Germany's relations with America depend in the highest degree upon the future views and sentiments of this hard and self-willed personality, but certain signs indicate that President Wilson is gradually taking a more unbiased standpoint than hitherto. How does it happen that large circles of American people, including women voters, prefer Wilson to Hughes for sentimental reasons? Because they assume his ambition remains to keep the republic out of the gigantic conflict of the earth's great powers.

"Whatever one says about the vitality of the pacifists, the idealists will commit the gravest error in under-estimating their power over the American nation. Von Bethmann-Hollweg would probably shrink from being regarded as a sentimental dreamer, yet he unequivocally proclaims the goal of humanity to be 'agreements and understandings.'"

French Officer Calls Upon Great Britain

To Take Over More of the French Front

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Express features an article in today's issue by a French military writer, Capt. Philippe Millet, calling on Great Britain to take over more of the western front and relieve the French.

Capt. Millet says it is necessary to speak plainly, that the alliance of Great Britain and France cannot be based on a mere exchange of compliments, and that all Frenchmen are wondering whether the English fully realize what is happening in France. He says the French recognize gratefully what Great Britain has already done, but feels that the time has come for the British Army to relieve the French more efficiently.

The writer cites utterances of French deputies to support his claim and remarks that the British are holding only 150 kilometres of the front, compared to the French 580 kilometres.