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THE GERMAN FORCES ARE GIVING WAY

(Continued from page one.)

steamer United States, in today from Christiansand, Norway, said that he had picked up a wireless in the North Sea containing the information that thirty British warships were on their way through the Kattegat to help the Russian fleet in the Baltic Sea.

Several days ago Swedish fishing vessels reported sighting thirty warships passing south along the Swedish shore of the Kattegat toward the western entrance to the Baltic Sea. No intimation as to their nationality was allowed to come through.

British naval operations through the waters around Denmark to close the eastern end of the Kiel Canal and so endeavor to attack or completely seal up the German battle fleet, have been expected for some time. It would be necessary, for the success of such blockade, to dispose of the German Baltic fleet, which seems to have practically confined the Russian fleet to defensive tactics along the Gulfs of Finland and Bothnia, far from German shores.

Invasion of Germany from the Baltic by landing a large army from Kitchener's million troops or hosts of Russians on the northern shores, would also require control of that sea.

GERMAN FLEET OFF WINDAU.

London, Sept. 30.—A despatch from Petrograd to the Reuter Telegram Company, says:

"An unconfirmed telegram from Mitau, in the Russian Baltic provinces, says that German warships have appeared several times since the war began in the waters off Windau, a seaport of Russia, in Courland, on the Baltic Sea.

"A large fleet with transports appeared on Sept. 24, but soon disappeared in a southerly direction. On Monday afternoon fifteen German destroyers and a cruiser came fairly near the coast and sent two boats to make soundings near Backhofen Lighthouse, eleven miles south of Windau. The Russian forts fired on the boats, which suffered some loss. The German destroyers then fired on the lighthouse and afterward put to sea."

PREPARING TO RETREAT.

Rotterdam, Oct. 1.—There is a wonderful transformation in the tone of the whole German press, articles appearing today obviously being intended to prepare the way for a great retreat in France.

An official message says the fighting during the last few days has been continued with redoubled ardor round Noyon, the action quickly taking on unheard of proportions.

The Vossische Zeitung says that the Germans are making superhuman efforts to break through the lines of the Allies, and that in all probability the fighting of the next few days will be decisive.

"The Allies," it proceeds, "have retreated a little, but at the same time are undertaking a gigantic attack with Verdun as the centre."

The Berliner Tageblatt more frankly suggests that the Germans are far from having their own way, and are in a difficult position. It says:

"Reports of very extensive attacks by the French on the flanks of our armies are not calculated to relieve our anxiety. We know that our fighting advance lines are almost impenetrably protected and are preparing against flank attacks, and we hope, therefore, that the result of the movement will be successful to our army."

If new French and English forces should penetrate still further in a northeasterly direction, we have troops enough to fall back to our strong positions and protect ourselves by a flanking attack.

"The influence of the English mass of troops is showing itself more and more. They are working through by force of masses and they don't stop either. Why not admit as an old military proverb says:

"Much enemy, much honor in victory."

"Victory must remain with us, and the more difficult it is, the more worthily won. The middle of the fighting line is for the time being silenced. The hard work has passed on both wings. Around Verdun a decisive movement is approaching. We have carved a way through, but find the foe on a high plateau, west of the Meuse, in a very strong position."

"The practicability and adhesion of the French defences, which always makes itself felt, justly deserves condemnation and has taught everybody, who expected an easy piece of work, a lesson."

This is the first time the German papers have ever referred to the British army except in tones of contempt.

DROVE GERMAN FROM QUARRIES

London, Oct. 2.—A correspondent of The Daily Telegraph in France describes the fighting between the Allies and the Germans in the quarries, where the Germans have been entrenched.

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"From some of these natural fortresses," he says, "the Germans have been driven at last. It is rumored that they left others owing to the unburied dead, whose bodies poisoned the air. A quarry near the forest of Aigue was attacked under cover of a mist by the French, who drove out the defenders after desperate fighting. Another quarry was won similarly by the French, who set fire to several buildings and attacked the batteries under concealment of the smoke."

"A prisoner taken here, who was formerly a professor in one of the universities, said that the casualties during the past fortnight have been terrible French bayonet charges have left the plains along the Aisne strewn with dead."

LOCAL NEWS

NEW FURNITURE.

New chairs and desks for the mayor and aldermen have been installed in the City Council Chamber and make a decided improvement. They were purchased from Colwell & Jennings.

VISITING FORMER HOME.

Mr. Timothy Sullivan, of New Haven Conn., is visiting his brother, Mr. John Sullivan, of Marysville. This is the first time that the brothers have seen each other in twenty-six years, when they parted in Ireland. It is "Tim's" first visit to Canada, and while here he has made many friends, by his genial off-handed manner.

TO SERVE WITH CANADIANS.

Col. H. H. McLean, M.P., has received word that his son, Capt. C. W. McLean, of the Royal Horse Artillery, will be attached to the Canadian artillery upon its arrival in England. Capt. McLean has only recently returned from India. He served in South Africa as a member of "G" Company of the First Canadian Contingent.

INVALIDED HOME.

Private Arthur Brown, who went to Valcartier with the first contingent from the 71st Pict., arrived home on the I.C.R. express this morning, having failed to pass the necessary medical examinations. Pte. Brown states that practically all the Canadian troops have embarked and it will only be a matter of a few days before they are on their way to England.

THE CASE SETTLED.

The McLellan-Nason suit was settled between the parties at opening of the court this morning. Defendant had completed his case before adjournment last evening. This morning the plaintiff intended to open up his rebuttal case. At a suggestion from the court, Counsel came together and finally announced that a settlement had been arrived at whereby Nason delivers to Plaintiff the team of valuable horses that were in dispute and which were claimed by McLellan. Both parties pay their own costs.

DROWNED AT ST. JOHN.

Ernest Pitt was drowned and two of his fellow workmen were injured at Sand Point St. John yesterday afternoon when a scow from which they were unloading stone for ballast for the cribs of new wharves, turned turtle. The scow was alongside a crib, that had been placed in position during the morning, and men were on the scow transferring the blocks of stone to the crib work. It was thought that the scow was partly filled with water and when the stone was removed from one side it immediately turned over, dumping the remainder of the stone as well as the men into the water.

REV. DR. CARMAN HAS RETIRED

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—Rev. Dr. Albert Carman who for over thirty years has been General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, will practically retire from active office when the Quadrennial General Conference, now in session here rises in a few days. This afternoon an unanimous vote of the conference decided in favor of the recommendation of the superintendence committee to appoint him as superintendant emeritus for the next four years, with the same salary as is paid to a general superintendent.

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, of Vancouver, was again elected General Superintendent, with the proviso that his term of office be for the next eight years.

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