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GREAT BATTLE RAGING NEAR STRYKOW

ANOTHER REPORT FROM FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH

Commander in Chief of British Forces in the Field is Very Optimistic Over the War Outlook---Says the Nature of the Fighting Has Been Very Desperate and the Enemy Has Had the Advantage in Numbers---German Losses Were Very Heavy.

London, Nov. 29—Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces in the field, speaks in an optimistic vein concerning the position of the Allies in a report issued today by the official press bureau. The report covers, in a general way, the activities of the British troops from Nov. 11 to 20.

Summing up the situation in concluding his report Field Marshal French says:

"As I close the despatch, signs are in evidence that we are possibly in the last stages of the battle from Ypres to Armentieres. For several days past the artillery fire of the enemy has slackened considerably and his infantry attacks have practically ceased.

"In remarking upon the general military situation of the Allies, as it appears to me at the present moment, General French continues, "it does not seem to be clearly understood that the operations in which we have been engaged embrace nearly all of the central part of the continent of Europe, from the east to the west. The combined French, Belgian and British armies in the west, and the Russian army in the east, are opposed to the united forces of Germany and Austria, acting as combined armies between us.

GERMAN PLAN FAILED.

"Our enemies elected at the commencement of the war to throw the weight of their forces against our armies in the west, and to detach only a comparatively weak force, composed of very few of the first line troops and several corps of second and third line troops, to stem the Russian advance until the western forces could be completely defeated and overwhelmed. Their strength enabled them from the outset to throw greatly superior forces against us in the west. This precludes the possibility of our taking vigorous offensive action, except when miscalculations and mistakes are made by their commanders, opening up special opportunities for successful attacks and pursuit.

"The battle of the Marne was an example of this, as also our advance from St. Omer and Hazebrouck to the line of the River Lys, at the commencement of this battle. The role which our armies in the west have consequently been called upon to fulfill has been to occupy strong defensive positions, holding ground gained and inviting the enemy's attack, and to throw back these attacks, causing the enemy heavy losses in his retreat, and following up with powerful and successful counter-attacks to complete his discomfiture.

"The value and significance of operations of this nature, since the commencement of hostilities by the Allies' forces in the west, lie in the fact that at the moment when the eastern provinces of Germany are in danger of being overrun by the numerous and powerful armies of Russia, nearly the whole active army of Germany is tied down to a line of trenches extending from Verdun, on the Alsatian frontier, to the sea at Newport, east of Dunkirk (a distance of 260 miles) where they are held, with much reduced numbers and impaired morale, by the successful action of our troops in the west.

PRaise FOR ARTILLERY.

"I cannot speak too highly of the services rendered by the Royal Artillery throughout the battle. In spite of the fact that the enemy brought up, in support of his attacks, guns of great range and shell power, our men have succeeded throughout in preventing the enemy from establishing anything in the nature of superiority in artillery.

"The skill, courage and energy displayed by the commanders of the Royal Artillery have been very marked. The Royal Engineers have been indefatigable in their efforts to assist the infantry in field, fortification and trench work.

GERMANS THREE TO ONE.

"I deeply regret the heavy casualties which we have suffered, but the nature of the fighting has been very desperate, and we have been assailed by vastly superior numbers. I have every reason to know that throughout the course of the battle, we have placed at least three times as many of the enemy hors de combat in dead, wounded and prisoners.

Throughout these operations General Foch has strained his resources to the utmost to afford me all the support he could. An expression of my warm gratitude is also due to General Dubail, commanding the Eighth French Army Corps on my left, and to General De Maud's Huy, commanding the Tenth Army on my right."

Discussing details of the engagement from Ypres to Armentieres, General French explains that he was impressed early in October with the necessity of giving the greatest possible support to the northern flank of the Allies in the resort to outflank the enemy and compel him to evacuate his positions. He says that the situation on the Aisne warranted the withdrawal of British troops from positions held there, as the enemy had been weakened by continual attacks, and fortifications of the Allies much improved.

CATCHING CUSK

Cusk fishermen have been busy on the river during the past few days and have made some very good catches. The fish are reported to be quite plentiful this season.

THEIR BUSY DAY.

The fiscal year of the Bank of British North America and Canadian Bank of Commerce closes today, which means a busy time for the members of the staff of the two institutions. The local agency of the Bank of Commerce is now two years old.

AGED LADY'S DEATH

The death occurred at the home of Mrs. A. Hoyt of Gibson, last night of Mrs. Phoebe Banks, widow of Charles Banks. She had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. The deceased was a sister of the late Mr. Thomas E. Babbitt of Gibson. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mrs. Hoyt at 3.30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with services by Rev. H. H. Ferguson.

Russian Pressure is Reported to be Steadily Tightening Around Three German Army Corps---Russians Send Forward Fresh Troops to Meet the German Rescue Column

The Fall of Cracow is Imminent Says a Rome Despatch:--Russians are Shelling the Outer Fortifications and the City Has Been Set on Fire---British Squadron Assembling Near the Straits of Magellan and a Naval Battle Seems Probable---Berlin Reports Say That the Germans are Preparing for a Powerful Offensive Movement Against the Allies.

CRACOW IS DEVASTATED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Nov. 30---The fall of Cracow is imminent, according to advices from Petrograde, since Saturday the Russians have been shelling the outer fortifications and the fire of their Howitzers has reached the citadel of the City. A suburb is already burning and the entire city has been completely devastated.

GREAT BATTLE RAGING

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Paris, Nov. 30---The violent battle is still raging in the region of Strykow, says a despatch to the "Matin" from its correspondent in Petrograde. The Russian pressure is steadily tightening about three German army corps which were enveloped between Strykow and Breziny and fresh forces have been despatched to the front to meet the Germans reinforcing the rescue column which is advancing from the vicinity of Lenszyca. The Austrian army west of Cracow and Prygreck has been dismembered.

TURKS ARE ON THE RUN

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Petrograde, Nov. 30--The Turks have abandoned the forts of Kapeikoff, without offering any resistance. They are fleeing in the direction of Erzerumb, leaving quantities of ammunition and supplies and abandoning the area adjacent to the Russian frontier for many miles.

GERMAN KULTURE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Petrograd, Nov. 30---The Germans are preparing to blow up all the Government buildings, coal mines and other valuable property in Sosnowice and elsewhere in Russian Poland as they leave.

NAVAL BATTLE IMMINENT

Buenos Ayres, Nov. 30---Montevideo advices state that a British squadron of ten ships has been seen off Cape Poloncon, steaming west southward and that numerous other British vessels are assembling near the entrance to the Straits of Magellan. The Government has despatched a cruiser with orders to prevent at all costs a battle within the waters of Uruguay. The whereabouts of the German squadron is not known at present.

AUSTRIANS MOVING OUT

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Nov. 30---Vienna despatches state that the Austrians have evacuated Czernowitz and are preparing to leave all eastern Hungary. They are already moving municipal archives and valuables and the inhabitants are fleeing to Budapest.

WILL START SOMETHING

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Copeuhogen, Nov. 30---Berlin advices states that a powerful German offensive movement is anticipated for the purpose of breaking up the Allies line and reaching the coast!

A HEAVY WAR TAX

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Nov. 30---The Germans deny that the Kaisers naval base at Zeebrugge has been totally destroyed. The war tax on Belgium is 375,000,000 francs.

London, Nov. 29:--While deprecating the exaggerated reports of Russian successes in the battle in Northern Poland, where the German emperor has joined Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to offer his advice and to encourage his troops, the latest official reports from Russian headquarters state that the advantage in the fighting still lies with the Russian army.

It is also officially said that enormous losses have been inflicted on the Germans but no mention is made of the capture of German divisions, which have been so freely claimed by the Petrograd correspondents of London and Paris papers.

THE GERMAN STATEMENT.

Opposed to this is the German official report which says that the Russian attacks have been repulsed and that the German counter-attacks have been successful.

Some days must elapse before this battle, which promises to prove the most decisive of the war, is concluded

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