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RUSSIANS ARE HARRASSING THE HUNS BY EFFECTIVE COUNTER ATTACKS; A BIG DRIVE BY ALLIES EXPECTED SOON

TEUTONIC FORCES ARE NEARING RIGA

Capture of Petrograd Railway Will Expose the Baltic Port to a Serious Enveloping Movement--Russians Are on the Offensive in Galicia--Artillery Duels Continue on Western Front--Premier Asquith Will Ask For Vote of Credit.

London, Sept. 14--The German drive toward Dvinsk goes forward unchecked, according to the Berlin official statement issued today, and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's army has taken five thousand prisoners in the encounters of the last twenty-four hours and forged ahead to within about thirty miles of the Dvinsk fortress.

Riga, for the time being, is left unthreatened by direct attack but should Von Hindenburg succeed in getting effectively astride the Petrograd railway further south, it would expose the Baltic port to a serious enveloping movement.

All the mid-Poland fighting, the Germans claim, is progressing in their favor but the Russians are still on the offensive in Galicia, pressing the Austrians with a vigor that recalls their dash through Galicia in the latter part of last winter.

The artillery duel in the west, as yet, has not abated. Both sides are making a prodigious expenditure of shells, leaving the public to guess when, if at all, any general infantry attack is coming.

After six weeks' recess, parliament reassembled at London, the first session developing nothing notable, except the premier's flat refusal to discuss conscription proposals.

The prime minister will move tomorrow a vote of credit, variously estimated at from \$750,000,000 to \$1,250,000,000.

VIOLENT FIGHTING.

Paris, Sept. 14--The following official communication was issued this evening:

"The artillery fighting is still violent around Arras, in the region of Roye and Noyon and on the Champagne front, especially near Auberville, Souain and Perthes.

"A rather violent cannonade is likewise reported in the Argonne forest, to the north of Flirey and in Lorraine in the region of Embervill.

PETROGRAD ENCOURAGING.

Petrograd, Sept. 14--The following official statement was given out:

"In the regions of Derajno and Klivan, the enemy assumed an offensive which was checked. By an energetic counter-attack we then advanced in the region west of Klevan, where, in fighting near the village of Oaeszw, we took over 1,300 prisoners.

"Yesterday the Russians, in the region west of Wysznewec, repulsed the enemy from Rydomel and the adjacent neighborhood. The enemy hurriedly retreated here, sustained great losses and was driven out of Postoka village. Up to the present the number of prisoners counted is twenty officers and two thousand men.

"Our fire checked attempts of the enemy who, in order to arrest our offensive, made a counter-attack in the region of the villages of Gontow and Dykowec, southwest of Wysznewec. We captured here also about 140 officers and 7,500 men, one heavy and six light guns, four caissons, twenty-six machine guns and much booty.

"In Galicia we are pursuing the retreating enemy in a westerly direction."

GERMAN REPORT.

Berlin, Sept. 14, via London--The following statement on military operations was issued today by German

THE BRITISH CABINET AND CONSCRIPTION

London, Sept. 14--Official admission was made today for the first time that the British cabinet is seriously debating the question of conscription.

The announcement was made in the house of commons when parliament reopened today by Premier Asquith.

The subject was raised when the motion for adjournment was made. It was brought up by both the opponents and the advocates of conscription.

Premier Asquith finally arose and announced:

"This is not a matter which has escaped the government. When the government, without undue delay and with due deliberation which the gravity of the subject demands, have arrived at their conclusions they will be presented to the house and will then become the subject of parliamentary discussion."

The Premier expressed regret that the question of the test was "in which this country shall meet the call to bring the war to a successful conclusion" had become a matter of public controversy. He hoped there would be no further debate on this subject for the present.

Premier Asquith rapped the knuckles of the official members of the house of commons who recently returned from the front and signed a memorial urging that the government hasten to adopt conscription. The premier repudiated any desire to close their lips, but he added that "they ought to feel themselves under the most strict sense of responsibility."

"Let them remember," said the premier, "that they sit in the commons, not as representatives of the army, but of their constituents. It would be most unjust that because they happen to be in the army they should pretend to come to the house with any mandate from the army. That would be an evil thing for the army, and a bad thing for the commons. It is a claim I would never admit."

The vote of credit which the premier will move tomorrow will, it is understood be at least \$750,000,000 and possibly more. In the house of lords, Field Marshal Earl Kitchener will review the progress of the war and explain the present state of recruiting.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS ASKED.

London, Sept. 14--The unusual amount of interest in the re-opening of parliament was shown by the large attendance today, but the most important matters which are absorbing public attention were postponed until tomorrow. Premier Asquith will then move a new vote of credit and will utilize the occasion to give the country a general review of the military and financial situation.

An attempt was made today to draw out the premier on the subject of conscription but he said he was not prepared to make any statement regarding the national service. As to the purpose of a deputation to call on him to take up this matter, Mr. Asquith said:

"I don't think this is a matter that can be dealt with conveniently by way of a deputation."

The question of defense against airship raids was brought up in an attempt being made to interrogate the house of commons today, an

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BRITISH CASUALTIES.

London, Sept. 14--Official announcement was made today in the House of Commons that the total of British war casualties up to August 21 was 281,938 officers and men killed, wounded or missing.

Detailed figures of the casualties were announced as follows:

Killed and died of wounds--Officers 4,965, other ranks 70,992.

Wounded--Officers 3,974, other ranks 241,086.

Missing--Officers 1,501, other ranks 52,406.

The figures refer to the army alone.

London, Sept. 15--While Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's cavalry is astride the Petrograd railroad and the Germans have made large captures of prisoners and guns in Courland. The Russians are again countering these efforts not only by checking the attempts of the Austrians to resume the offensive in Galicia, but by inflicting another reverse on the Austro-German forces in the same vicinity. Svient Sianw, where the German cavalry cut the railroad is half way between Vilna and Dvinsk and about four hundred miles from Petrograd. The Russians assert that this raid by the Germans has formed a dangerous salient in the line of which the opponents are likely to take advantage.

TO VOTE WAR CREDIT

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Sept. 15--Discussion in House of Commons today is to be turned from the absorbing topic of conversation to the voting of another huge war credit.

BIG OFFENSIVE SOON

Paris, Sept. 15--Artillery hand grenade and bomb fighting was general yesterday along the eastern front but no infantry engagement is reported. Correspondents predict a big offensive movement by the Allies soon.

REPORT UNCONFIRMED

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Sept. 15--Athens despatches says that report that Roumania has ordered the mobilization against Austria is not confirmed.

THE HUNT FOR SHARKS

London, Sept. 15--The Paris Figaro's naval correspondent, after visiting the British fleet, writes that the German submarines are hunted, not only with guns and explosives, but also with nets, that when they leave port, their commanders know that the chances for their destruction far exceed those of their return to port.

GERMANS MAKE ANOTHER RAID ON ENGLAND

London, Sept. 15--Another German air-raid was made over the east coast of England last night, but as far as appears there were no casualties, and no damage was done. A single Zeppelin was the raiding aircraft, according to the official announcement, which read: "A Zeppelin visited the east coast last night. Bombs were dropped. Anti-aircraft guns, field and mobile, were in action. "So far as can be ascertained there were no casualties and no damage was done."