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FRENCH ANNOUNCE GERMAN AGREEMENT

Little Further South Allies Are Attempting to Advance Towards Lille for the Relief of the Besieged City

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Fighting of the most desperate character is in progress in West Flanders and northeastern France. The Belgian army, supported by the allies, is holding stubbornly to the line of the river Yser and has thus far successfully halted the efforts of the Germans to advance along the coast.

This was announced in a French official communication and admitted in German army reports. A little further south the allies are attempting to advance toward Lille for the relief of that city, which has been in German hands for some time. Their efforts yesterday to advance on Lille, where the Germans hold strong positions, were repulsed according to German reports. Southward at the head of the line, the Germans continued to make furious but futile attempts to break the French line. Along the Meuse in the east, according to the French account, the Germans failed to repulse the French, who debouched along the territory in which is situated the Camp des Romains, now in the hands of the Germans. In an attempt to cut out that part of the German army which had been thrust forward at Muhl, the Germans are throwing every available man in Belgium into the firing line. The Austrians claim to have repulsed the Russian attacks in Galicia and they are making progress toward driving out the invaders. The Russians, on the other hand, say they are taking large numbers of prisoners. Heavy fighting is going on around Przemysl. An Italian correspondent says that the cupolas of the forts have been destroyed by the Russian siege guns and the forts mined and dismantled. The same correspondent states that the Russians are strongly entrenched along the Vistula river and the entire front is furnished with powerful guns, which day and night are hurling thousands of projectiles at the enemy's lines.

Generally speaking, the French claim to have made some detailed progress along the front. Paris reports that the allies have destroyed fifteen machine guns, two of which were armored, near La Basse and a battery of heavy German artillery in the environs of Muhl. Both sides are bringing reinforcements to the western front, where one of the supreme struggles of the war is on.

The Germans seem to have the railroads working well, although they must have been seriously damaged during the battles of August and September. Troops are being transported over them and Dutch sources report train after train of wounded being taken back to Germany. In the fighting in this open country, where the men do not have the protection of elaborate entrenchments, such as they have on the Aisne river, the losses must be very heavy, especially where endeavors are made to carry positions by assault.

The Austrians and Germans, adds the correspondent, are obliged to remain on the defensive, but they have repulsed a great cavalry attack west of Warsaw.

Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, according to a report from Nish, is completely enveloped by Servians and determined efforts are being made to

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People Of Paris Pleased With Late War Bulletins

PARIS, Oct. 20.—Increasing satisfaction was shown by the people of Paris today on reading the latest reports from the front. These indicate that the allies are continuing their offensive operations, which, in the opinion of French observers, promise the best results. The action of the Belgian army and the squadron of warships in repulsing the attack of the enemy was the subject of particularly favorable comment.

The public was equally gratified by the announcement of the situation in Alsace. This was the first time in some days that the war office had indicated definitely the French positions. It is now seen that the French troops have almost reached the outlet of the valley leading to the plains of the river Ill, which flows through Alsace and empties into the Rhine.

The French now consider they are firmly established in Alsace on territory doubly dear to them. Word was

SAY JAPANESE LOSE HEAVILY

PEKING, Oct. 20.—Refugees from Tsing Tau are authority for the statement that up to the time they left the Japanese had lost several thousand men before Tsing Tau, while the casualties of the Germans were not more than several hundred. Reliable information reaching Peking shows the British detachment sustained a number of casualties in crossing the land mined by the Germans. Arrivals from Siberia say Russian troop trains are traveling westward over the Trans-Siberian railway hourly. An uncensored letter received in Peking from a reliable correspondent within the Japanese lines says the Japanese attacked Tsing Tau several nights ago, but were invariably repulsed. Once, the correspondent says, the Germans followed the Japanese successfully for a short distance.

Conferences On Finances Held In Washington

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Interest in financial affairs centered chiefly in Washington, where were held further conferences in which representatives of the British finance minister, officials of the United States treasury and some prominent banking interests of the country were participants. The outcome of the negotiations is expected to have a direct bearing not only on existing foreign exchange conditions, but also on the re-opening of the New York and London stock exchanges.

A hitch was reported relative to the proposed cotton pool, the chief obstacle to which is said to be the disinclination of the federal reserve board to assume full responsibility for the project on the ground that other and more pressing duties are now before it.

The decline of exchange on London is generally associated with recent heavy foreign demands for our commodities. Advances from Chicago indicate that yesterday's grain exports were a record breaker.

The depression in steel and copper continues, with lower prices for copper metal and a steady diminution in finished steel from the leading mills.

WEATHER TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—For Arizona—Local rains in the north.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT FAVORS CANDIDACY OF DEMOCRAT

(Associated Press Dispatch) ERIE, Pa., Oct. 20.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt in a campaign speech here late today endorsed the amalgamation of the democratic and Washington parties of Pennsylvania, supporting Vance C. McCormick, a democrat, for governor.

(This was the first state in which the former president has given such an endorsement. W. D. Lewis of Washington (progressive candidate), withdrew in favor of McCormick several weeks ago. The colonel declared he wanted Gifford Pinchot elected senator from this state, and said that Pinchot would not withdraw in favor of Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, the democratic candidate. He gave it as his opinion that Pinchot "is the only man that can beat Penrose.")

Hears Nuns' Story

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Five nuns of the Sacred Heart who were driven out of Mexico, after enduring insult and hardship, were visited by Colonel Roosevelt yesterday, although the news did not leak out until today. The colonel listened with clenched teeth to the story of how the nuns and forty-three of their sisters were driven at the bayonet's point from their convent at Guadalupe and how they were crowded into a two-room hotel, where they lived on bread and water for six weeks and finally were rescued and brought to San Francisco on a tramp steamer. They lived in the hold near the steerage compartment set aside for Chinese passengers.

MARINES CRUSH TEUTON ADVANCE IN DENSE FOG

German Attempt to Extend Lines Along the English Channel Meets With Vigorous Resistance By Allied Forces

THREE BATTALIONS ARE ANNIHILATED

French Mine Important Positions on Elbow of Line With Dire Results to Invaders — Berlin Admits Stubborn Fighting

FROM BATTLEFRONT, Oct. 20.—The German invaders are meeting with vigorous resistance in the effort to shorten their lines and rest their right wing further to the southwestward upon the English channel. Much fighting has been done in the obscurity of fogs. French marines gave a good account of themselves yesterday when a thick fog covered the entire region. The marines, accustomed to such weather conditions, crept toward the German trenches and got within thirty feet before being seen. Their coming was heralded too late for the defenders, who were hounded in their trenches as they ran. Four hundred German prisoners were taken.

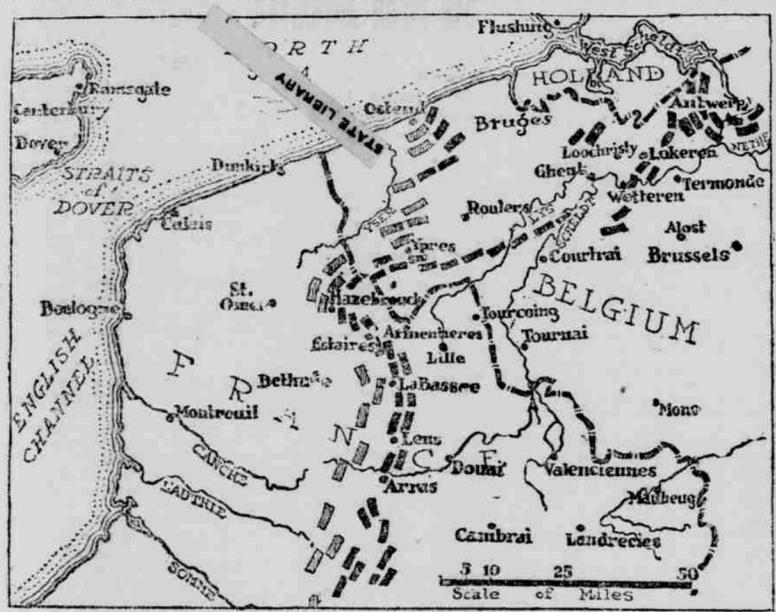
An important position near the elbow of the line has been taken and retaken frequently during the last three weeks. The French held the position for the twelfth time ten hours when a German battering ram of troops forced the French back. The Germans began fortifying, but there was a deafening explosion. The French had mined every foot of the ground during the ten hours. It is estimated that three German battalions were annihilated.

The strength of the German position north of Roye, which facilitated their movements toward Lille is explained by the fact that they were occupying the unfinished canal as far as Reisel. The Germans were found in deep, broad-cutting, magnificent entrenchments in which they only had to install artillery batteries.

Officers of the allies say they noted that only about forty per cent of the shells from these guns explode. They also say the prodigality of fire from them apparently depleted the German's supply of ammunition, as the intensity of the fire has lately diminished. The French artillerymen are so careful in getting ranges that they waste few shells. In an artillery duel near Arrantieres they fired half a day into thickets that had been abandoned some time before. When

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HERE'S POSITION OF OPPOSING ARMIES IN WESTERN EUROPE



The map shows the present situation in Belgium and northern France. The German troops are indicated by black rectangles and the allies by light shaded rectangles. The Belgian army has been practically driven from Belgium.

IMPROVEMENT FROM WITHIN IN NATION'S LAW

President Wilson in Address of Welcome Before American Bar Association at Washington Pleads for Humanization

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—To stem the tide of popular criticism of the law through improvement from within, was the keynote of the first day's session of the American Bar association. President Wilson's address of welcome pleaded for humanization of law by the incorporation of more justice into cases and less citation. Former President Taft emphasized in his address to judges of the country, gathered for the first time in a formal meeting, the necessity of removing delays in legislation. Associate Justice McReynolds of the supreme court urged judges to give more attention to public opinion.

FOR MURDERING MOTHER

Philip Kennedy is Accused in Los Angeles Courts

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—Philip Kennedy is accused of the murder of his mother, Mrs. P. A. H. Kennedy, a wealthy widow killed here on September 1. Percy Turwell, arrested in San Francisco as a suspect, made the charge in the last of a series of oral confessions. Turwell first confessed that he killed her himself, and later he said he made this statement in order to protect young Kennedy.

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UNLUCKY IN LIFE UNLUCKY IN DEATH

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—John Doyle had just celebrated his fiftieth birthday without ever having had any luck. Today he decided to end his life, and tried to, being unlucky. He tied one end of a clothline around his neck and the other end around the rails of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific road at Seventy-third street viaduct. Then he squirmed between the ties and prepared to drop to his death, when a switch engine came along and cut the rope.

Aviation Problem Is Well Handled By The Germans

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The aviation problem has been handled very wonderfully by the German forces, says a German official wireless from Berlin. The aeroplane work of the French is not to be compared with ours. So far the Germans have destroyed on the average one aeroplane daily. Portuguese troops has left for Angola and Mozambique, Portuguese possessions in West and East Africa respectively.

WILSON DISTRICT MEETING

The progressive county candidates went to the Wilson district last night and held one of the most successful meetings that has yet been held in any of the district school houses. George B. Wilcox, candidate for sheriff; L. S. Thompson, candidate for supervisor; H. A. Diehl and Paul Kautz for the house of representatives; and W. W. Coggins for the senate, together with Harry Propp, candidate for constable for that precinct, and Judge David Bishop, all addressed the crowd. The remarks

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YUMA GREET PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATES

With Democratic Meeting Being Held in Opposition, Progressive Speakers Are Royally Received in Colorado River Town

(Special to The Republican.) YUMA, Oct. 20.—Yuma county gave the progressive speakers a wonderful reception here tonight. A non-partisan committee received the speakers on their arrival from Phoenix. The evening progressive meeting is said by old timers to have been the best in the political history of Yuma and twice the size of the democratic meeting held here this evening.

Thomas D. Molloy presided. There were rousing speeches by E. S. Clark, of Prescott, who made a ringing address, his principal theme being the dry amendment. George U. Young of Phoenix, progressive candidate for governor, hit the present administration many body blows and Captain Joe Alexander caught the crowd with a vigorous speech sparkling with wit.

All the speakers were cheered again and again to the echo. At Somerton, in the center of the great agricultural valley south of Yuma, Dr. J. B. Nelson and Dwight B. Heard addressed a hastily called, but well attended meeting, where strong endorsement was given the progressives, especially on account of the ringing support of the dry amendment by the speakers. The meeting was presided over by E. L. Crane.

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CARRANZA'S REPUDIATION STIRS CAPITOL

Washington Circles Doubtful That Peace is Near in Mexico, Now First Chief Declares Against Aguas Calientes Convention

VILLA HAS 30,000 MEN CAMPED THERE

In Meantime Naco Stands in Fear of More Damage as Maytorena Has Five Field Pieces in Position Around Town

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—It is apparent that Carranza's repudiation of the claim of the convention of Aguas Calientes to sovereign power in Mexico has shaken the confidence of official circles that peace is near in Mexico. Officials doubted the reports that Villa moved a large force to the vicinity of Aguas Calientes to coerce the delegates.

Official reports they said, showed that while suspicion of such a move existed when Villa first arrived, it was dispelled by his frank statement to abide by the convention's decrees. Carranza's message to the convention, asking by what authority it proclaimed itself sovereign, declaring he would deliver the executive power only to the man elected by the people also dampened the Washington hopes that the contest for control of Mexico's affairs between Carranza and Villa was about to be finally adjusted.

Some of the officials interpreted the adjournment of the convention to await the arrival of Zapata delegates as merely a move on the part of some delegates to confer with Carranza on what their course of action should be.

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