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Fighting of the Most Desperate Character Is in Progress in West Flanders and Northwestern France--Germans Continue Furious Attempts to Break the French Lines.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 20.—Fighting of the most desperate character is in progress in west Flanders and north-western France. The Belgian army, supported by the Allies, is holding stubbornly to the line of the river Yser, and thus far has halted determined efforts of the Germans to advance along the coast.

This is announced in the French official communication issued this afternoon and it is admitted in the report of German general headquarters, which stands at the crossing of the river near the sea.

Further to the south the Allies are attempting to advance toward Lille for the relief of that city, which has been in German hands for some time. They also are pushing on to the north and south of Arras. Their efforts yesterday to advance on Lille, where the Germans hold strong positions, were repulsed, according to the German report.

To the south, at the bend of the line, the Germans continue furious but futile attempts to break the French line. Along the Meuse, in the east, according to French account, the Germans have failed to repulse the French who debouched along the territory in which is situated the Camp Des Romaines, now in the hands of the Germans, in an attempt to cut out that portion of the German army which is the outposts towards St. Mihiel.

Generally speaking the French claim to have made progress at various points along the front. Paris reports that the Allies have destroyed fifteen German machine guns, two of which were armored, near La Bassée, and a battery of German heavy artillery in the environs of St. Mihiel.

Both sides are bringing reinforcements to the western front, where a supreme struggle is on. The Germans are not bringing new troops from the East but are throwing every available man in Belgium into the firing line. They 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 that train after train of wounded is being taken back to Germany.

In the fighting in this open country where the men have not the protection of elaborate entrenchments the losses must be heavy, especially where endeavors are made to carry positions by assault.

German and Russian reports agree that the situation in the East has not changed, although the armies are in close touch along the east Prussian frontier and across Poland and Galicia. In Galicia, however, the Austrians claim to have repulsed Russian attacks and to be making progress in their campaign to drive out the invaders.

The Russians, on the other hand, say they are taking large numbers of prisoners. Heavy fighting is going on around Promysl and the cupolas of the forts surrounding the town, says an Italian correspondent, have been destroyed by the big Russian siege guns while the forts have been mined and dismantled and the magazines blown up. The town itself, however, has not been damaged.

The same correspondent says the battle continues on the Vistula, San and Dniester rivers. There is a system of great entrenchments on the Russian side and the entire front is furnished with powerful guns which day and night hurl thousands of projectiles into the enemy's lines. The Austrians and Germans, adds the correspondent, have been obliged to remain on the defensive but have repulsed a great cavalry attack to the west of Warsaw.

Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, according to a report issued at Nish, is enveloped by Servians and determined efforts are being made to take the town before the end of the trial of the alleged assassins of Archduke Francis Ferdinand.

In South Africa the rebellion of Colonel Maritz virtually has been broken up. Another lot of officers and men have been captured; others have surrendered voluntarily.

Italians have denied the report that she had occupied Aviano, Italian people are growing more antagonistic to the Austrians because the Italian fishing industry has been interrupted by Austria mines in the Adriatic and because the service of many steamship lines has been suspended for the same reason.

Sweden has ordered all lights on her coasts extinguished so they cannot be of use to the navies of the belligerent powers.

The food shortage in Belgium is growing more serious and American officials are making efforts to hurry relief, especially to Brussels, where the need is greatest.

ROBERT E. LEE PASSES AWAY

Was Youngest Son of General Robert E. Lee, the Confederate Commander.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Word was received here today of the death of Captain Robert E. Lee, youngest son of General Robert E. Lee, the Confederate commander, at Upper-ville, Va., last night. He had been seriously ill for some time. The body will be interred at Lexington, Va., Friday morning.

Captain Lee was educated in private schools and in the University of Virginia. At the outbreak of the Civil War Captain Lee joined the Flockbridge (Va.) artillery as a private. He took part in numerous engagements and was later promoted to the rank of captain of artillery on the staff of his brother, General W. H. F. Lee.

Captain Lee was the author of "Recollections and Letters of General Robert E. Lee." He was born at the old Lee mansion, now part of Arlington national cemetery, October 27, 1843.

Bryan Completes Tour of Kansas

WICHITA, KAN., Oct. 20.—William J. Bryan completed here tonight a two days' campaign tour of eastern and southern Kansas. He spoke in 24 towns.

Discussing here the accomplishments of the administration, Mr. Bryan mentioned the federal reserve act, saying:

"We've moved the money center of this country from Wall street to Washington. During the recent financial stringency Secretary McAdoo went to the White House—former secretary of the treasury went to Wall street—and formed a plan to meet the difficulty. He said to the nations, 'come to Washington and get your money and not to Wall street,' and the panic folded up its tent, like the Arab, and quietly stole away."

Allies Have Made General Advance

LONDON, Oct. 21.—(4:20 a. m.)—The Daily Chronicle's Dunkirk correspondent, telegraphing Tuesday, says:

"The Allies fighting mainly with artillery, have made a general advance. The test work is being done by the British heavy guns. Large numbers of French and Belgian prisoners have been taken from the retreating Germans."

"The aid rendered by the warships in bombarding the German lines advancing on Nieuport has been an important factor."

"On account of the large number of spies captured in Dunkirk an order has been issued forbidding any foreigners to remain in the city and requiring that all leaving the town go in a westerly direction."

Great Effort to Recruit Men to Army

LONDON, Oct. 20.—(10:25 p. m.)—Tomorrow—Trifalgar Day—will be made the occasion of a great effort to recruit men for the army. Hundreds of wreaths have been banked at the base of the Nelson monument, where great crowds gathered today.

Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and South Africa sent floral pieces.

In addition to the flowers the entire base of the monument is enveloped with recruiting banners bearing the words, "Your King and Your Country Need You."

German Torpedo Boat Destroyed by Japanese

TOKYO, Oct. 20.—It was announced officially in Tokyo today that the German torpedo boat S-90, which escaped from Tsing Tiao under cover of darkness, has been found aground and destroyed by the Japanese, at a point sixty miles south of Kiao Chow Bay.

Preparing a Way for German Retreat

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 21 (2:57 a. m.)—The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent says three zeppelin sheds are being built at Brussels and four at Antwerp.

The correspondent adds that the bridges have been erected over the river Meuse between Liege and Vise preparing a way for a German retreat.

SAD EVENT FOR LAURENS FAIR

SCORES INJURED, AND SOME WILL PERHAPS DIE

GRANDSTAND FELL
In Beginning of Program for County Fair, New Grandstand Collapsed.

Special to The Intelligencer.
LAURENS, Oct. 20.—The annual Laurens county fair came near having a tragic end here today when the newly erected grandstand holding somewhere between five hundred and a thousand people suddenly collapsed, precipitating its precarious burden to the ground beneath, throwing the people in wild confusion and seriously injuring scores of people.

At this time, a few hours after the terrible occurrence, no one has succumbed to injuries, but several of the hurt are in a precarious condition. Mrs. Joel Smith of Waterloo, Mrs. J. R. Ellis of Laurens, Royes Todd, little son of Mr. D. E. Todd of Burdette Station and a little son of Mr. John Glenn, who lives near the city, are the most seriously injured.

Immediately following the accident wild rumors went over the city that there had been a wholesale loss of life, but these rumors were later authentically denied.

Those on the stand, and those who saw it fall consider it nothing but miraculous that a great loss of life did not take place. When the vast crowd on and around the grandstand first recovered from the shock of the fall, scores of women and children were seen in and on top of the wreckage, many apparently in an insensible condition. When the heavy boards were pulled off of them and physicians present had revived them with water and anesthetics, it was discovered they were all alive, but more or less injured and frightened. Fortunately no one was underneath the stand as the fall had just begun and all were watching the entries. After order had been restored and the injured carried to the Julia Irby hospital, the doctor's offices and private homes, the fair directors proceeded with the program as they felt they could do nothing towards the relief of the injured. The physicians of the city and the staff at the Julia Irby hospital, as well as the citizens of the town generally, immediately proffered their services and everything is now being done for the comfort of the injured ones. Automobile owners made improvised ambulances of their cars and assisted in getting the wounded to places where they could be treated. Nothing is being left undone which could detract from the comfort of the unfortunate ones.

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Inconvenienced By Lack of Hospitals

LONDON, Oct. 20.—(10:05 p. m.)—"The Russians at Warsaw," says a Marconi despatch from Berlin, "are greatly inconvenienced by inadequate sanitary arrangements and lack of hospitals."

"Kiev, Moscow and other places in Russia are overcrowded. Troops from Bessarabia are being sent to the Caucasus to crush a rebellion."

"There is a shortage of Russian officers."

"Despite the numerical superiority of the enemy's forces at Warsaw, General Von Hindenburg is confident of victory."

"The Austrian offensive in Galicia is making progress. The Russians in their attacks before Premysl lost 40,000 men, where the Austro-Hungarian casualties in the same engagements were only 500."

Was Not Executed As Was Reported

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Oct. 20.—Jose Bonales Sandoval was not executed as was reported when he appeared recently at the headquarters of General Villa as the emissary of Felix Diaz but is held prisoner at Chihuahua, according to information received today by friends of Diaz. Headquarters also declare the report that Sandoval was put to death is untrue.

General Diaz, who arrived here tonight from Laredo, declined to comment on the report other than to express a belief that his agent was still alive.

FILE PROTESTS AGAINST OUTRAGES

Soldiers Holding up Delegates and Demanding They Shout "Long Live Villa."

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 20.—General Zapata will go in person to the peace convention at Aguas Calientes. He is to reach there late this week and all action on formation of a provisional government will be suspended until his arrival.

Many protests are being filed against alleged outrages by Villa's soldiers, who are said to be holding up delegates and at the point of the pistol demanding that they shout "Long Live Villa." It is declared that generals, too, have been accosted in this manner.

A protest also has been made that the neutrality of the convention is being violated by the presence of 15,000 Villa troops within an hour's ride of Aguas Calientes. They were brought up from Zacatecas. The delegates claim the city is in a state of siege.

A resolution was passed today forbidding scrutiny on either side while the peace conference is in session.

Border reports that Villa had arrested several Carranza delegates at Aguas Calientes. Carranza denies today from Villa agents here. The unexpected entry of the northern leader into the conference city at the head of several hundred troops has caused much anxiety to the Carranza followers.

Villa himself, it was reported officially, has left Aguas Calientes for Durango City with a strong column.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Recent developments, it became known tonight, have shaken the belief of officials here that the contest between Carranza and Villa for control of the political situation in Mexico was about to be adjusted.

Reports that Villa had moved a large force into the vicinity of Aguas Calientes and had attempted to coerce peace conference delegates were doubted, but a more serious view was taken of dispatches announcing that Carranza had repudiated the claim of the convention to sovereign power in Mexico. There was no official confirmation of the report that the first chief had declared he would deliver the executive power only to a man elected by the people; but officials admitted they did not regard it as unlikely that interruption of the work of the Aguas Calientes convention was due to a cause. Some interpreted the adjournment, ostensibly to await the arrival of Zapata representatives, as really to allow some of the delegates to confer with Carranza and determine what the course of action should be.

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Movement to Raise Big Strike Fund

SCRANTON, PA., Oct. 20.—A movement to have the American Federation of Labor raise a national strike fund of millions of dollars in an effort to obtain a closed shop in the textile industry was endorsed by the United Textile Workers of America in annual convention here today. If the proposition meets with approval of the federation, it is planned to appeal all labor organizations affiliated with that body and also to enlist their moral support.

Bomb Explosion Kills Two Men

MONTREAL, Oct. 20.—Two men were killed, a dozen injured and a tenement block wrecked here tonight by an explosion supposed to have been caused by a bomb.

The block was occupied mainly by Russians.

THE GERMANS ATTACK ALLIES AT MANY POINTS ON THE BATTLE FRONT

German Forces Have Met With Strong Opposition at the River Yser, Where Fighting Has Continued Since Sunday--German Marines Are Leaving Antwerp to Join the Fleet.

The Germans not only are attempting an advance along the north Sea coast to French ports but have attacked the Allies at many points on the battle front from the extreme north to the heights of the Meuse. In the north the Belgian army has held its ground tenaciously, while at La Bassée, around Arras, between Peronne and Albert, to the east of the Argonne and along the Meuse the German offensive has been repulsed.

This is the substance of the French official report and in a measure it agrees with the Berlin official report which while not attempting to describe the battle in detail, declares the German forces have met with strong opposition at the River Yser. Fighting there, it adds, has continued since Sunday but otherwise the situation favors German arms, particularly in the vicinity of Lille, where the French have been attacking desperately for several days and have been repulsed with heavy losses.

Thirty thousand Germans are reported to have occupied the coast between Ostend and Nieuport and to have dug trenches along the dykes from Middlekirke to Westende but later advices declare they have been repulsed near Westende and that their guns now are near Ostend, which they still occupy.

The Russian commander-in-chief announces tersely that there is no change in the situation, although the Russians are in contact with the enemy at various points in Galicia and East Prussia. With this the Berlin official statement agrees.

A Rotterdam dispatch says German marines are leaving Antwerp to join the fleet and that the ships at Kiel have been extensively provisioned, portending possible activity on the part of the German navy, which has been at anchor for the past two months in Germany's well protected harbors.

Vienna officially reports Austrian successes in Galicia east of Chyrow and Przemysl and adds that the Austro-German armies have repulsed a great cavalry attack in Poland.

Japan announces the occupation for military purposes of important islands in the Marianne, Marshall, East Caroline and West Caroline Archipelagos. All the Marianne group have been occupied except Guam, which was acquired by the United States in 1898.

Peking reports on the authority of refugees from Tsing Tau that the Japanese have lost several thousand men in their campaign against the German concession in China.

It is estimated that there are not less than 2,000,000 Belgians outside the borders of their own country and that there are at least 500,000 wounded in France.

According to a Rotterdam dispatch three zeppelin sheds are being erected at Brussels, and four at Antwerp. If this is true it may be a preliminary to the threatened raid on London across the channel.

Latest News From the Battle Grounds

THE BATTLE FRONT, (via Paris).
Oct. 20.—The German invaders are meeting a vigorous resistance in their effort to shorten their lines and rest their right wing further southwestward upon the English channel. Much of the fighting is being done in the obscurity of fogs.

French marines yesterday gave a good account of themselves. German troops tried a surprise attack on them Sunday, but the French force held the field works against superior numbers. The fight lasted all day, and the Germans contented themselves with cannonading the position of the marines.

A thick fog covered the entire region Monday and the marines, accustomed to such weather conditions, crept close to the German trenches. "No shooting," was the order; "use the bayonet."

The marines got within thirty feet of the trenches before they were seen. Their coming was heralded too late for defenders, who were bayoneted in the trenches and beyond the trenches as they ran. Four hundred German prisoners were taken.

One of the places where the French had been most harassed was near the elbow of the western line. The important position there had been taken and retaken frequently during the last week.

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RUSSIAN EMPEROR FORBIDS SALE OF ALCOHOL IN RUSSIA BY GOVERNMENT

PARIS, Oct. 20.—(7:15 p. m.)—A Petrograd dispatch to the Havas Agency says the Russian press is enthusiastic over a declaration by the Russian emperor that the sale of alcohol by the government is forever forbidden in Russia.

The Russian Union of Abstinence, which devotes its energies to the combating of alcoholism, addressed Emperor Nicholas a request that he forbid the sale of spirituous li-

Postpone Action Upon the Cotton Warehouse Bill

Claim That Certain Amendments Are to Be Added—Lively Fight Over Attempt to Take Up-Fate Joint Resolution Proposing to Close All County Dispensaries Until Peace is Restored in Europe.

Special to The Intelligencer.
COLUMBIA, Oct. 20.—The Mc-Laurens State cotton warehouse bill was lauded and condemned this morning in the house, but action upon it was postponed until tomorrow on the plan that certain amendments were to be offered.

The senate has already passed the Mc-Laurens bill, which creates a State system of cotton warehouses under the control of a State warehouse commissioner. Advocates of the measure hold that it warehouses receipts for cotton are guaranteed by the State they will be more readily negotiated. Opponents of the Mc-Laurens bill declare that the system of State warehouses can not be put in operation in time to affect the present situation and the measure as passed by the senate is full of serious defects.

A lively fight was forced in the house by the attempt, just before adjournment this morning, to take up the Fate joint resolution proposing that all county dispensaries be closed until peace was restored in Europe. By a vote of 45 to 41 the house refused to take up the resolution, under rules that only legislation having

a direct bearing on the financial and commercial condition of the State will be considered at the special session. The appropriation bill, to meet the expenses of the special session of the legislature and certain departments of the State government, was passed to third reading today with notice of general amendments. The bill authorizes the borrowing of \$100,000 on the credit of the State. The senate is undecided whether cotton acreage reduction should be reached through a tax on production or by limiting the acreage to be planted. The upper chamber was in the midst of debate on the Sullivan amendment to the acreage bill already passed to the house to allow 2,500 pounds of lint cotton to the work animal with a tax of 5 cents per pound on all amounts over that when a recess was taken from 2 to 4 o'clock. Senator Laney, of Chesterfield, advocates both a limiting of acreage planted and a tax on production, and he has sent up to the desk an amendment to this effect. The senate this morning took up the cotton acreage bill passed by the house limiting the acreage to 25 acres to

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