

FRENCH DRAGOONS WRECK FLEET OF GERMAN PLANES

Detachment of Engineers Destroy Flying Machines with Pickaxes.

HAND-TO-HAND FRAY FOUGHT

War Office Describes Daring Attack on Teutons by Night in Woods.

OFFICER HEARS OF LOCATION

Learns from Gossip of Peasants of Presence of Craft in the Neighborhood.

MANY GAULS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Teutons Only Partly Surprised and Rapid Fire Gun Opens.

THRILLING STORY OF BATTLE

Courage of Aviation Warriors in Engagement Described in Statement Issued at Paris.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The French war office supplemented its official statement today with an account of the exploits of a squadron of dragoons during the early part of September.

"During the night of September 9," the account reads, "a lieutenant of dragoons who had become isolated from his squadron in the midst of the German lines and had taken refuge at a farm, learned of the presence of part of German aeroplanes on the road leading from Viviers to a factory between Solsois and Compeigne. According to the gossip of peasants, the aeroplanes had landed about 7 o'clock in the evening and had been joined about 10 o'clock by an automobile convoy, consisting of from seven to nine machines, which had kept company with them during their flight. The lieutenant decided upon an immediate attack. It was then 1:30 in the morning. It was proposed that two platoons on foot should approach the convoy and fire three shots. A mounted platoon would hurl itself upon the automobiles and charge with their bayonets those who sought to escape. Another mounted platoon was to remain in reserve.

Many Frenchmen Killed. "The two platoons on foot approached within forty meters of the automobile and when challenged opened fire. Scarcely had the fire ceased in conformity with orders, than the mounted platoon charged at a gallop, shouting "Vive la France." "Unfortunately, the Germans were only partially surprised and a rapid fire was opened. Three French officers were killed and the platoon literally annihilated. No one of the troops reached the automobiles. Seeing this, the lieutenant in command of the two dismounted platoons also ordered an assault. The German machine guns were silent, the gunners having been killed. The dismounted troopers opened fire at a distance of (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Britons Say Proposed Neutral Zone is Impracticable

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Since the United States indicated that it was willing that England should deal direct with Colombia and Ecuador concerning alleged violations of neutrality, the British foreign office has taken no further action. Nevertheless the details that a German wireless station is being operated in Colombia and that islands belonging to Ecuador are being used by the Germans for naval operations are not accepted as finally disposing of the case.

The suggestion of South American governments that the belligerents withdraw their warships from South American waters is declared by English officials to be impracticable. The same view is entertained concerning the creation of a neutral zone off the coast of South America. This, it is contended, would afford an even better chance to warships to lie in wait for steamers engaged in the over-sea trade.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity: Fair; warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 2 columns: Hours and Temperature. Rows show temperatures for 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m.

Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday... 54. Lowest yesterday... 34. Mean temperature... 46.

PART PLAYED BY ARTILLERY IN THE WAR—For weeks the dispatches from Europe have told of the almost incessant activity of the great guns that make up the batteries used on both sides. Never did the world see such display of artillery practice as is now being shown. All the belligerents are depending on this arm of the service for offense and defense. The picture shows a German field battery in action in West Flanders.



NEBRASKANS KEEP UP RELIEF FUNDS

More Than Twenty Thousand Dollars Gathered So Far by Local Organizations.

MORE MONEY TO BE RAISED

German-American Alliance to Give Twenty-Five Thousand and Others Will Also Double Amounts for War Sufferers.

Belgian Relief Fund... \$ 500.00 Hungarian Relief Fund... 500.00 German Relief Fund... 10,000.00 Jewish Relief Fund... 2,700.00 British Relief Fund... 2,900.00

More than \$20,000 has been donated by Nebraskans toward relief of victims in the European war zone. At least as much more will be raised, say those in charge of the relief work.

Henry Pollack, in charge of the Hungarian relief work, has been ill, and the fund remains at \$500. It is the plan of the Hungarian committee to raise \$200 more and then stop.

Witmer Will Join Czar's Air Force

DECATUR, Ill., Nov. 28.—Charles C. Witmer, an American aviator, today notified relatives here of his appointment by Czar Nicholas of Russia to the Russian airship corps.

French Say All is Quiet Along Front

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The following official communication was issued tonight: "As on yesterday there is nothing of importance to report."

German War Office Reports Fighting is Without Result

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—(Via London).—The German war office gave out an announcement this afternoon as follows: "In the western arena of the war the situation today is unchanged. French attacks in the Argonne forest have been repulsed. In the forest northwest of Apremont, and in the Vooges we occupied some French trenches after an obstinate resistance. Only unimportant engagements are reported from East Prussia. At Lowitz our troops have commenced their attacks and the fighting continues."

LEGISLATURE MAY UNITE ALL OMAHA

Douglas Delegation Considering Advocating New Device to Bring About Consolidation.

QUINBY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Declares Would Have Suburbs Taken Right Into Omaha in Time to Give Residents Chance to Vote at Election.

Talk of legislation that will consolidate Omaha, South Omaha, Dundee, Florence and possibly Benson, into a Greater Omaha is to the effect that something along this line will be worked out by the Douglas delegation the coming winter.

Wants to Join Omaha Immediately. Senator Quinby openly favors immediate consolidation. "It would not be fair," says he, "to invite us out in Dundee to come into Omaha, and then keep us out until after you have chosen the managers of the municipal corporations for three years to come. We want to get it, but we want also to get in time to have say in the next city election."

Protest to Turkey Is Bearing Fruit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Turkey has assured the United States that mails between the embassy at Constantinople and the consulates scattered throughout the country will be safeguarded.

American Churches Wrecked by Moslems

PETROGRAD, Nov. 28.—(Via London).—A dispatch received here from Odessa describes an outbreak of fanatical rioting in Erzerum.

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"In case of a repetition of the violation of Swiss neutrality by France or England it will not be expected that Germany will respect Swiss neutrality on the Belfort frontier. The Swiss federal assembly has ordered that all aviators flying over Swiss territory be shot down without further orders."

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The Day's War News

England is confronted with the necessity of energetic action, according to advices today from Berlin to protect its interests in the near east. A report from Cairo to Berlin is to the effect that the movement against Britain in Egypt has assumed formidable proportions.

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LARGE TURKISH ARMY MENACING THE SUEZ CANAL

Force of Seventy-Six Thousand Men Ten Thousand of Whom Are Bedouins, Near Waterway.

BRITISH FORCE BARS THE WAY

Long Line of Entrenchments with Artillery Positions Guard Road Leading to Canal.

SITUATION IN EAST IS NOT CLEAR

Dispatches from Petrograd Intimate Russians Have Gained Victory Equal to Sedan or Moscow.

BERLIN AND VIENNA DIFFER

Official Reports from Teutonic Capitals Say Battle is Still On.

WESTERN FRONT REMAINS QUIET

Only Hint of Activity is Report from Holland that British Fleet is Once More Bombarding Zebrugge.

AMSTERDAM (Via London), Nov. 28.—According to a Berlin message to the Telegram, Cairo reports that 76,000 Turkish troops under Isset Pasha are marching against the Suez canal. This army includes 10,000 Bedouins, with 500 camels. The report also states that the Turks have built a field railway to the Einakel oasis.

The road to the Suez canal, according to the dispatch, is barricaded by the British with a long line of trenches and with artillery positions.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—While newspaper reports from Petrograd continue to claim a victory in northern Poland comparable, at least, to Sedan and even worthy to rank with the disaster which Russia inflicted upon Napoleon, official communications shed but little light on the situation in Poland.

An official dispatch from Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the field, while of considerable length, concerns itself largely with more or less isolated operations and does not claim the infliction of an overwhelming defeat upon the invaders.

The grand duke sums up the situation with the declaration that on the entire front between the Vistula and the Warta rivers the battle is progressing in favor of Russian arms.

Both Berlin and Vienna still claim that no decisive result had followed the recent operations in Russian Poland.

All Quiet in West. On the western battle front the lull still prevails, the only hint of activity being found in the report from Holland that the British fleet again is operating against the German positions on the Belgian coast.

The visit of Sir Roger Casement, who became famous as the investigator of the Putumayo rubber atrocities to the Berlin foreign office, is being prominently featured by the London papers. The comment, however, is rather reserved.

British Naval Position Secure. The British public has been greatly reassured by the statement of Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, concerning the naval position of the empire. This has been supplemented by the official French report that the combined fleet not only have command of the Mediterranean, but are maintaining a successful blockade of the Adriatic and the Dardanelles.

From Petrograd comes a much delayed account of a surprise attack by a Russian fleet, which, it is claimed resulted in serious disaster to the German Baltic squadron in September.

Editor of Stockton Labor Paper is Sent to Jail for Contempt

STOCKTON, Cal., Nov. 28.—F. P. Lamoreaux, editor of the Stockton Labor News, was sentenced today to serve five days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$50, for contempt by Judge C. W. Norton of the superior court. Lamoreaux began serving his sentence at once. Six other labor leaders cited for contempt were adjudged not guilty by the court.

Santa Claus Ship Sails for France

DEVONPORT, England, Nov. 28.—The United States navy collier Jason, bearing Christmas toys sent by children of the United States to children in belligerent countries, sailed from Devonport today for Marseilles. The Jason arrived at Devonport November 25 and having unloaded the part of its cargo destined for British and Belgian children, the vessel is now taking to Marseilles a further consignment of presents for French children.