

GERMAN LEADERS MAKE BLUNDERS

British Headquarters Report Asserts Effort of Enemy Without Any Cohesion.

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LONDON, Oct. 3.—The official press bureau issued tonight a statement from the headquarters of the British expeditionary force, under date of September 29, concerning the movements of the British force and the French armies in immediate touch with it. The statement follows:

"The general situation, as viewed on the map, remains practically the same as that described in the last letter, and the task of the army has not changed. It is to maintain itself until there is a general resumption of the offensive.

"No ground has been lost. Some has been gained, and every counter attack has been repulsed—in certain instances with very severe losses to the enemy.

"Signs of inferior leadership. Nevertheless, the question of position is only a part of the battle and there has been considerable improvement in the situation in another important respect. Recent offensive efforts of the enemy have been made without cohesion, his assaults being delivered by comparatively small bodies, acting without co-operation of those on either side. Some of them, indeed, evidence clear signs of inferior leadership, this bearing out statements made by prisoners as to great losses in officers suffered by the enemy.

"Further, the hostile artillery fire has decreased in volume and deteriorated both in control and direction. The first is probably due to the transfer of metal to other quarters but the two latter facts may be the direct result of the activity of our air craft and their interference with the enemy's air reconnaissance and observation of his fire.

"German Observation Methods. The Germans recently have been relying, to some extent, on observations from captive balloons sent up at some distance in the rear of a front line, which method, whatever its cause, is a poor substitute for the direct overhead reconnaissance obtainable from aeroplanes.

"As a consequence the damage being done to us is wholly disproportionate to the amount of ammunition expended by the enemy. For the last few days it has amounted to pitting certain areas with large craters, and in rendering some villages unhealthy, as the soldiers put it. A concrete example of this was on one occasion achieved against our infantry trenches in given later.

"Passage of Aeroplanes. Of recent events an actual narrative will be carried on from the 25th to 28th, inclusive. During the whole of this period the weather has remained fine though it has not been so bright as it was. On Friday, the 25th, comparative quiet ranged in our sphere of action. The only incident worthy of special mention was the passage of a German aeroplane over the interior of our lines. It was flying high, but drew a general fusillade from below, with the result that the pilot was killed outright and the observer was wounded.

"The latter, however, was able to continue the flight for some miles, but was then compelled to descend, his petroleum tank having been struck. He was captured by the French.

"Germans Repulsed. That night a general attack was made against the greater part of the allies' position and it was renewed in the early morning of the 26th. The Germans were everywhere repulsed with loss. Indeed, opposite one portion of our lines, where they were caught en masse by our machine guns and howitzers firing at different ranges, it is estimated that they left 1,000 killed or wounded.

"The mental attitude of our troops may be gauged from the fact that the official report next morning from one corps, of which one division had borne the brunt of the fighting, ran thus laconically: 'The next day was quiet, except for a certain amount of shelling both from the enemy and ourselves.'

"Attack on Right. At 3:40 a. m. an attack was made on our right. At 5 a. m. there was a general attack on the right of the division but no really heavy firing. Further ineffectual efforts to drive us back were made on Saturday at 8 a. m. and in the afternoon and the artillery fire continued all day.

"The Germans came on in 'T' formation, several lines shoulder to shoulder followed almost immediately by a column in support. After a few minutes the men had closed up into a mob which afforded an excellent target for our fire.

"On Sunday, the 27th, while the German heavy guns were in action, their brass bands were heard playing hymn tunes, presumably as a divine service. The enemy made an important advance on part of our line at 6 p. m. and renewed it in strength at one point with, however, no better success than on the previous night. Sniping continued all day along the whole front.

"Night Attack Made. On Monday, the 28th, there was nothing more severe than a bombardment and intermittent sniping and this inactivity continued during Tuesday, the 29th, except for a night attack against our extreme right.

"An incident that occurred Sunday, the 27th, serves to illustrate the type of fighting that has for the last two weeks been going on intermittently in various parts of our line. It also brings out the extreme difficulty of ascertaining what is actually happening during an action, apart from what seems to be happening and points to the value of good entrenchments.

"At a certain point in our front our advance trenches are on the north of the Alps, not far from a village on a hillside, and also within a short distance of German works, being on a slope of a spur formed by a subsidiary valley running north and a main valley of the river. It was a calm, sunny afternoon, but hazy from our point of vantage south of the river it was difficult to locate on the far bank the well concealed trenches.

"From far and near the hollow boom of guns echoed along the valley and at intervals in a different direction the sky was flecked with the almost motionless smoke of anti-aircraft shrapnel.

"Shells Fall in Village. Suddenly and without any warning for the reports of the distant howitzers from which they were fired could not be distinguished from other distant reports, three or four heavy shells fell into the village, sending up huge clouds of dust and smoke which ascended in a brownish

Officers of High School Association



Victor Graham Pres

Louis Robbins Secy.

The Omaha High School Student association after a week of political campaigning elected Victor Graham, first lieutenant and adjutant of the second cadets' battalion and a member of the Laral, to the presidency. His opponents were John Jenkins and Fred Eyer. All three boys were graduates of the same class at Lothrop school four years ago.

The remaining officers elected were Lyman Phillips, vice president; Louis Robbins, secretary; Ralph Benedict, chairman of the reception committee; Donald Kiplinger, chairman of the advertising committee; Paul Fithow and Russell Larmon, student members of the athletic board; and Robert Patton, Arthur Shrum and F. Sanders, cheer leaders.

gray column. To this no reply was made by our side.

"Shortly afterwards there was a quick succession of reports from a point some distance up the valley on the side opposite our trenches and therefore rather on their flank. It was not possible either by ear or eye to locate the guns from which the sound proceeded. Almost simultaneously, as it seemed, there was a corresponding succession of flashes and sharp detonations in the line which appeared to be our trenches. There was then a pause and several clouds of smoke rose slowly and remained stationary, spaced as regularly as poplars.

"Succession of Reports. Again there was a succession of reports from German quick firers on the far side of the misty valley, like echoes of detonations of high explosives; then the row of expanding smoke clouds was prolonged by several new ones. Another pause and silence, except for the noise in the distance.

"After a few minutes there was a roar from one side of the main valley as our field guns opened one after another on a more deliberate fire on the positions of the German guns. After some reports there was again silence, save for the whirr of shells as they sang up the small valley. Then followed flashes and balls of smoke—one, two, three, four, five, six—as the shrapnel burst over what in the haze looked like some ruined buildings at the edge of the wood.

"Again, after a short interval, the enemy's guns opened with a burst, still further prolonging the smoke, which was by now merged into one solid screen above a considerable length of the trenches, and again did our guns reply and so the duel went on for some time.

"Ignore Hostile Guns. Ignoring our guns the German artillerymen, probably relying on concealment for immunity, were concentrating all their efforts in a particularly forceful effort to enfilade our trenches. For them it must have appeared to be the chance of a lifetime and with their customary prodigality of ammunition they continued to throw high explosives or common shells into our works.

"Occasionally, with a roar, a high angle projectile would sail over the hill and blast a gap in the village. One would only pray that our men holding the trenches had dug themselves in deep and well, and that those in the village were in cellars.

"In the hazy valleys, bathed in sunlight, not a man, not a horse, not a gun, nor even a trench, was to be seen.

"There were only flashes and smoke and noise. Against the blue sky several round white clouds were hanging. The only two visible human souls were represented by a glimmering speck in the air. On high, also were to be heard more or less gentle reports of the anti-aircraft projectiles.

"Big Selves Well In. 'But the deepest impression created was one of sympathy for men subjected to the bursts along that trench. Upon inquiry as to the losses sustained, however, it was found that our men had

been able to take care of themselves and had dug themselves well in. In that collection of trenches on that Sunday afternoon were portions of four battalions of British soldiers—the Dorsets, the West Kents, the King's Own Yorkshire light infantry and the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Moot Print It—Now Beacon Press. Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Granden Co. Fidelity Storage and Van Co. Doug. 288. Dworkak accountant and auditor, D. 7406. Vote for Thomas W. Blackburn for congress.—Advertisement.

First Trust Company—Are still making city loans. Prompt closing. City Property—For results, list that house with Osborne Realty Co. D. 1474.

Beautiful All Modern Homes For Sale on the easy payment plan. Bankers Realty Investment Co. Phone Doug. 2854. Twenty-three girls at Central High school are taking the normal training course under the leadership of Miss Isaacson.

Leader of the Choir—Ross B. Tindall, son of Dev. D. K. Tindall, has been selected by the music committee of Trinity Methodist church to lead its choir for the coming year.

Divorce Decrees Granted—The following divorce decrees have been granted in district court: Walter J. Perry against Emma Perry, cruelty; Jessica A. Heru against D. King Heru, non-support.

Today's Complete Movie Program may be found on the first page of the classified section today, and appears in The Bee EXCLUSIVELY. Find out what the various moving picture theaters offer.

Bennetts to Address Club—John A. Bennetts, one of the Union Pacific attorneys, will address the newly organized Traffic club at the Commercial club Thursday noon, following the regular luncheon.

Chambers' Dancing Academy—The home of modern and classic dances, instructor of teachers, who are successful both in Omaha and other cities. Classes reopen September 23, 1914. Telephone Douglas 1871. The school to depend upon.

Ut to Visit Boyhood Haunts—John E. Ut, general agent of the Rock Island has gone to Oregon, Mo., where for a month, or so, he will be a boy again, picking wild flowers, seeking out the old swimming hole and roaming through the woods. Mr. Ut was born in the vicinity of Oregon and resided there until he left home. It has been close to fifty years since he has been back to the scenes of his childhood days.

Named the Right Man—"There's a bad looking nigger," exclaimed Detective Ed Fleming to his partner, Frank Murphy, as they watched a colored man in Tweed and Capitol avenue. They called him because of his looks, and an hour later a telegram came from the Kansas City chief of police asking the Omaha authorities to look for John Cope, wanted for grand larceny. The police looked for him, but found him in jail. He gave his name of Gugler on the blotter.

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FOREIGN 'CHANGE OFF AGAIN

Purchases of Bills on London and Independent Demand the Cause.

CABLES AND SIGHTDRAFTS DROP

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NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Purchase of bills on London by the \$100,000,000 gold pool and demand from independent sources brought about another decline in foreign exchange today, cables falling to 4.85% and sight drafts to 4.55%.

Trading in these remittances was again fairly extensive as the result of the week's heavy grain and cotton exports.

Grain shipments were some 2,600,000 bushels larger than in the preceding week and about 3,200,000 bushels in excess of the same week of 1913.

The inquiry for bonds, particularly those maturing within the next few years, was somewhat broader at concessions which placed most of them on a 6 per cent basis.

There were wide estimates regarding the weekly movement of cash, forecasts indicating a gain by local institutions of from \$15,000,000 to \$7,000,000. Further contraction of loans is expected, with a consequent reduction of the deficit in cash reserves. Time money is gradually coming back into the market and the middle of the month is likely to show an easier

tendency. This same condition will doubtless apply to commercial paper and other financial documents.

Announcement by a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation of its intention to cancel the existing wage agreement at the beginning of the coming year revived rumors of a general reduction in this and allied industries.

Bank clearings continue to record pronounced contraction, the total at leading cities of the country showing a decrease of over 32 per cent, compared with the same week last year. The only exception to this condition is in the middle west, where the abnormal activity in grain has resulted in an increase of exchanges.

Johnson and Hagerman Champs. During the season to date just two players have enjoyed the distinction of cleaning up the loaded bases with a

home. They are Walter Johnson of Washington and Pitcher Hagerman of Cleveland.

HUMANE OFFICERS GIVE MONK CHANCE FOR ALLEY

One concussion on the King's Highway is dark.

Humane officers last night objected to one of the ball throwing games on the ground of cruelty to animals. A monkey was chained in front of a canvas and boys and men for so much per peit were striving to hit the monkey with base balls while the monkey was trying equally hard to dodge.

The humane officers alleged that the monkey did not have a chance for his white alley because he was chained so they stopped the game.

BLACK the \$2.50 HATTER

Advertisement for Black Hat featuring a large illustration of a hat and two cats. Text includes 'FURNISHINGS', 'FURNISHED', and 'SOMEWHAT HEALTHY'. A testimonial from Mr. H. K. Martin is included: 'It's odd, but it's beautiful. It's a hat like my father wore.'

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