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### GERMANS FAIL TO CIRCLE RUSSIANS IN EAST PRUSSIA

**Czar's Men Have Been Most Successful in Fighting Retreating Austrians All Along Front.**

#### GERMANS LEAVE SILICIA

**Headlong Flight from Many Districts Because of the Numerous Russian Victories.**

#### RUSSIAN PATROL SPREADS OUT

**Austrians Say Czar Has Twenty Fresh Men for Every Ten Killed in Battle.**

#### GRODECK IS NOW OCCUPIED

**Position Eighteen Miles West of Lemberg, Near Lakes.**

#### MOSCISKA IS ALSO REACHED

**This Strong Position is Forty Miles West of Lemberg, Leaving Russians but Nineteen Miles from Fort Przemysl.**

**NEW YORK, Sept. 17.**—Colonel Golejewski, military attache of the Russian embassy, today gave out at the Russian consulate here the following message from Petrograd:

"The fighting against the Austrian rear guard continues all along the line. Reports about prisoners, guns and war stores being taken are coming in from all our armies."

"On the left bank of the river San we attacked successfully the retreating Austrians. In eastern Prussia, in spite of all the efforts of the Germans to surround a part of our retreating force, their plan did not succeed."

**Austrians Retreat.**  
LONDON, Sept. 17.—In summing up recent Russian operations, the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company says:

"The Russians have been successful in the fighting with the retreating Austrians along the whole front and news is continuously coming in of the capture of further prisoners and guns. On the left bank of the river San the Russians have successfully attacked the Austrians, who are retreating."

"In eastern Prussia all of the German efforts to surround a portion of the Russians have failed."

A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says:

"The news of the Russian victories, say German abandonment of Liege, but it corresponds at the front, have caused a headlong flight among the Germans in the districts of Czestochowa, Klobucko, Sieradz and Kalisz, between Poland, Long transports of munitions and stores are moving and every day loaded trains leave Czestochowa and Kreuzburg, Silesia."

"Russian patrols are constantly widening their radius of action. The inhabitants of Zdonkawola, southeast of Kalisz, have been given notice to evacuate the town in three days, as it is to be fortified. A special train is being provided for those who wish to go to Germany."

**Plenty of Reinforcements.**  
VIENNA, Sept. 17.—(Via Paris.)—Messages from special correspondents in Galicia lay stress on the numerical superiority of the Russian forces.

### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity:  
Partly cloudy; not much change in temperature.

| Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Hour                            | Deg. |
| 5 a. m.                         | 59   |
| 6 a. m.                         | 60   |
| 7 a. m.                         | 61   |
| 8 a. m.                         | 62   |
| 9 a. m.                         | 63   |
| 10 a. m.                        | 64   |
| 11 a. m.                        | 65   |
| 12 m.                           | 66   |
| 1 p. m.                         | 67   |
| 2 p. m.                         | 68   |
| 3 p. m.                         | 69   |
| 4 p. m.                         | 70   |
| 5 p. m.                         | 71   |
| 6 p. m.                         | 72   |
| 7 p. m.                         | 73   |
| 8 p. m.                         | 74   |
| 9 p. m.                         | 75   |

Comparative Local Record.

| 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911 |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| High                   | Low |
| 84                     | 43  |
| 83                     | 42  |
| 82                     | 41  |
| 81                     | 40  |
| 80                     | 39  |
| 79                     | 38  |
| 78                     | 37  |
| 77                     | 36  |
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| 9                      | -32 |
| 8                      | -33 |
| 7                      | -34 |
| 6                      | -35 |
| 5                      | -36 |
| 4                      | -37 |
| 3                      | -38 |
| 2                      | -39 |
| 1                      | -40 |

Excess for the day..... 45  
Total excess since March 1..... 452  
Normal precipitation..... 19 inch  
Excess for the day..... 26 inch  
Total rainfall since March 1..... 20.45 inches  
Deficiency cor. period, 1912..... 7.86 inches  
Deficiency cor. period, 1911..... 2.89 inches

**Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.**

| Station and State               | Temp.   | High | Rain- |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|-------|
|                                 | 7 p. m. | est. | fall  |
| Cheyenne, cloudy.....           | 72      | 73   | .00   |
| Denver, part cloudy.....        | 82      | 85   | .00   |
| Des Moines, clear.....          | 80      | 84   | 2.34  |
| London, part cloudy.....        | 78      | 80   | .00   |
| North Platte, part cloudy.....  | 76      | 79   | .00   |
| Omaha, part cloudy.....         | 76      | 80   | .00   |
| Pueblo, part cloudy.....        | 76      | 80   | .00   |
| Rapid City, cloudy.....         | 80      | 86   | .00   |
| Salt Lake City, pt. cloudy..... | 82      | 84   | .00   |
| Sioux Falls, cloudy.....        | 78      | 80   | .00   |
| Sheridan, cloudy.....           | 74      | 80   | .00   |
| Sioux City, clear.....          | 78      | 80   | .00   |
| Valentine, clear.....           | 74      | 78   | .00   |

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### VON HINDENBURG LEAD EASTERN ARMY

**German General Urgently Summoned from East to Command Division in France.**

**HESITATE TO TELL OF LOSSES**  
Authorities of Both Armies Are Reluctant to Discuss the Terrible Toll of the Fighting at Marne and Aisne.

**COPENHAGEN (Via London), Sept. 17.**—General von Hindenburg, who has been directing the German forces in East Prussia, has been urgently summoned from East Prussia to take command of a division in the western area, according to a message received here from Stockholm.

**Occupy Ledge.**  
LONDON, Sept. 17.—Along a ninety-mile front the German armies are occupying a ledge across the river Aisne, which was won after one of the most spectacular and thrilling river crossings ever made by an attacking force under fire.

For the last two days there have been sporadic attacks from both sides along this line but, according to admissions from the rival headquarters, they have not produced any definite results. Both sides have suffered enormously during the last week and the present pause undoubtedly is being used to bring up reinforcements and supplies.

Petrograd reports that the flower of the German corps, detached for service in east Prussia, are again hurrying back to the western front and Stockholm learns that General Von Hindenburg, flushed with victory against the Russians in the east Prussian frontier, has been urgently summoned to command the western army.

Something of the horror of modern warfare is indicated by the hesitancy with which the authorities discussed the terrible losses marking the progress of the armies from the Marne to the Aisne. The stories are told with great restraint, but with enough gruesome details to make even military men shudder.

**Austrians Reorganizing.**  
The terribly battered Austrian army is safe under the guns of Przemysl, but with the Russians only nineteen miles away. Desperate efforts probably will be made to form a junction with the fourth Austrian army with the idea of reorganizing with Cracow as the base.

The Russians have crossed the river San and are hammering at the retreating Austro-German forces. Despite their unprecedented losses the forces of the Germanic allies seem to retain their fighting organization and if they gain Cracow they may prevent the Russian right from making a march on Berlin from Warsaw.

The Petrograd military critics express the belief that the Germans, having recognized the strategic unimportance of eastern Prussia, will take that place and begin a march on Warsaw, thus forestalling a Russian offensive of Berlin from that direction.

**German Answer to Proposal of Peace is Noncommittal**

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.**—President Wilson announced today that he had received from the imperial chancellor of Germany a noncommittal reply to his inquiry into the report that Emperor William was willing to discuss terms of peace.

President Wilson said there was nothing to indicate whether the inquiry had been brought to the attention of Emperor William. The opinion prevails in official circles that a further reply is expected.

**Bourgeois Tells of Alleged Atrocities**

**PARIS, Sept. 17.**—Leon Bourgeois, former premier and senator from Marne, who has just returned from a tour of the district recently occupied by the Germans, has made a detailed report of his observations, a copy of which has been given to the American ambassador Myron T. Herrick for transmission to the government at Washington.

The report recites an attack on women at Montmirail and the shooting of a father and his twelve-year-old son. A number of witnesses of this alleged incident are named in the report.

When the Germans were announced an approaching Chalmers many of the inhabitants rushed to the station and begged trains that were leaving, but most of the population retained their composure.

The arrival of the Germans, the report said, was preceded by a short bombardment, in which shells fell on the hospital and the children's asylum.

**IN THE TRENCHES BEFORE MALINES**—Here some of the most desperate of the fighting took place, the Belgians resisting the German invasion with the utmost courage. The men shown in the picture are typical Belgian infantrymen.



### FOURTH ENGLISH ARMY IS BUILDING

**Third One is Being Formed on New Camping Ground, Asserts Lord Kitchener.**

**STRENGTH OF FORCES IS SHOWN**  
More Than Six Divisions of Troops and Two of Cavalry Maintained at Full Strength in France.

**LONDON, Sept. 17.**—Speaking in the House of Lords today Field Marshal Earl Kitchener revealed the strength of the British expeditionary force in France and described what he believed must be done to assure a successful issue of the conflict.

A steady flow of reinforcements was required, he said. There were already in France, he said, more than six divisions of British troops and two divisions of cavalry, which were being maintained at their full strength. Further regular divisions and additional cavalry were being organized from units drawn from overseas garrisons.

There were now being occupied by territorials and volunteers. A division of territorials already had left for Egypt, a brigade had gone to Malta and a garrison force to Gibraltar. Referring to the two new armies the secretary said the new divisions were now being collected at the training quarters.

**Third Army Forming.**  
The third army was being formed on the new camping grounds and the fourth army was being created. Meantime Indian divisions were on their way.

"In his dispatches from the front" Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary forces, had omitted, the secretary continued, one aspect of the situation—the consummate skill and calm courage of the commander himself.

The government appreciated, however, the full value of the officers and men. The latest advice from General French did not materially change the situation as it was already known from published statements. The troops were reported to be in good heart and ready to move forward "when the moment arrived."

**Territorials Make Progress.**  
On the subject of recruiting Earl Kitchener said:

"A country which prides itself on outdoor sport as does England should have no difficulty in finding men capable of making officers. The territorials are making great strides in efficiency and before long will be able to take their part in the campaign. Meanwhile reserve units are being sent to augment the expeditionary force and their places are being filled by territorials."

"While England has good ground for quiet confidence it should be borne in mind that the struggle is bound to be a long one and it behooves us to develop armed forces to carry on and bring the mighty conflict to a successful conclusion. It will be necessary, in order to keep the army at its full strength, to maintain a steady flow of reinforcements."

**LONDON TO ACT AGAINST HOSTILE STOCKHOLDERS**  
LONDON, Sept. 17.—The London Stock exchange committee today announced that it shortly will fix a date after which American stocks in the name of alien enemies will cease to be good for deliveries.

### ARTILLERY FIRE IN AINSE BATTLE

**Huge Guns on Each Side Engaged in a Tremendous Struggle for Supremacy.**

**GERMAN AEROPLANES VANISH**  
French and British Aircraft Are Unable to Locate the Well Masked Batteries of the German Forces.

**NEW BRAINE, (On French Left Center, Wednesday, Sept. 16.)**—Via Paris, Sept. 17.—There is an incessant roar of artillery along the entire line of battle in the vicinity of Braine, where, for the last four days the great forces of the allies and the Germans have been in close grips.

The field itself over which the armies is fighting is broken; consequently there is comparatively little visible evidence of the terrific struggle in progress, although hundreds of thousands of men are engaged in this vicinity. Detachments of artillery from the allied front fire shells with great rapidity at the German positions.

Overhead French and British aeroplanes are flying hither and thither endeavoring to locate the positions of the big German guns. These, however, are so well masked that their emplacement has not yet been discovered and they continue incessantly to launch their projectiles in the direction of the allied forces.

German aeroplanes appear to have vanished from the scene of action. For about a week past none has been observed and British sharpshooters declare that they have accounted for so many that the others now hesitate to take the air.

Many dashing incidents are being recorded of the extraordinary reckless bravery of the French troops.

**Italian Attache at Berlin is Insulted**

**PARIS, Sept. 17.**—According to an article in the newspaper *Avanti* of Milan, Italy, the military attache of Italy has quit Berlin because of insulting remarks concerning the attitude of Italy made in the salon. It is said that the Italian attache vigorously resented the remarks.

**Two German Generals in West Replaced by New Commanders**

**BERLIN, Sept. 17.**—(By Wireless via Sayville, L. I.)—An official report given at army headquarters at midnight says that the French front remains unchanged. The French attacks on a number of points Tuesday night and Wednesday were successfully repulsed by the Germans, who made a number of victorious counter attacks.

Owing to illness, General von Hausen, former commander of the second, or Saxon, army, has been replaced by General von Finck, former minister of war. General von Hausen is 85 years old.

### BATTLE RAGES ON FIELD OF AISNE

#### CITIES UPON RHINE PREPARING FOR A POSSIBLE ATTACK

**Four German Towns Strengthening Fortifications in Case Allies Cross the Border.**

#### REUTER REPORT TO LONDON

**Cologne, Dusseldorf, Wesen and Duisburg Are Places Said to Be Taking Such Measures.**

#### TEUTON CASUALTY LIST GIVEN

**Four Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-Three Names on Official Roll of Losses.**

#### MENTION OF HARD FIGHTING

**Berlin Statement Tells of Engagements in East Prussia.**

#### MAJOR GENERAL NIELAND SLAIN

**One of Kaiser's Chiefs Killed While Leading His Brigade in Street Fight in France.**

**LONDON, Sept. 17.**—Telegraphing from Maestricht, Holland, the correspondent of the Reuter Telegram company says that dispatches received in Maestricht from Cologne, Dusseldorf, Wesen and Duisburg indicate that these points are strengthening their fortifications to meet a possible advance of the allies.

On Rhine.  
The four towns mentioned in the above dispatch are on the Rhine. Cologne is forty-five miles northwest of Coblenz, an important military stronghold; Dusseldorf is twenty-one miles northwest of Cologne; Duisburg is fifteen miles north of Dusseldorf and Wesen is thirty-two miles northwest of Dusseldorf.

To the west of this group of cities is the frontier of Holland, from which they are distant from twenty to thirty-five miles.

**Latest German Casualty List.**  
BERLIN, Sept. 17.—(Via London.)—An official casualty list published today shows 4,563 names.

Mention is made of the hard fighting on the part of German Polish regiments in East Prussia. Three companies of the Fifth-ninth infantry, stationed at Oldau lost 356 men. The Forty-seventh infantry, with headquarters at Posen, suffered 28 casualties. A majority of both regiments are Polish.

A battalion of the Thirteenth infantry stationed at Straasburg lost 346 men, one company alone losing seven officers and 111 men.

A battalion of the One Hundredth and Forty-second infantry of Baden reported the loss of ten officers and 248 men. Two battalions of the One Hundredth and Forty-third infantry, stationed at Straasburg, lost thirteen officers and 495 men.

**Fight on Heroically.**  
Despite three losses the organizations fought on heroically, the official announcement says.

The total of the published German casualties to date are 35,786 killed, wounded or missing. Since last week the average daily losses are shown by the casualty lists to be 3,200. Among the killed on September 14 was Prince Otto Victor of Schoenburg Waldenburg, a first lieutenant of the Hussar guards and a brother of the Princess of Wied.

Major General Nieland was killed while leading his brigade in a street fight in a French city on August 27. Count Kirchbach, commander of the Tenth reserve corps, died on September 3. On being mortally wounded, he gave up his command to General von Ethen.

General Hindenburg's advance in East Prussia is described as having progressed to such an extent that a regulation concerning the importation of Russian cattle, which are being used for the army, is being issued.

Experiments made in the manufacture of a new bread composed of rye flour, potatoes and starch are declared to have had satisfactory results.

#### War Summary

The third day of the battle of the Aisne finds the hosts of the Germans and the allies facing each other along a line from Noyon, fifty-five miles northeast of Paris, southeast to the Swiss frontier.

The battle line proper extends roughly from Noyon to Nancy, about 150 miles. Here between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 men are engaged in a struggle that in ferocity and strategic importance bids fair to rival the battle of the Marne.

Each side claims a slight advantage—and no more. It is known only that the German retreat has been turned into a stubborn resistance.

The allies assert that they were so close on the heels of the Germans that the latter were compelled to turn about and fight to escape destruction. German reports represent their armies as reforming in strong positions following the withdrawal from the vicinity of Paris and taking the offensive.

Rain continues falling on the battlefield and has rendered parts of it impassable for guns and cavalry, adding greatly to the distress of the men.

Yesterday's official announcement at Paris says that a great battle continues all along the river Aisne and that the Germans are slowly giving way.

Conflicting reports of the situation in the eastern theater of the war are received from official and unofficial sources. The several German army corps sent into east Prussia appear to have been pushed back the Russian invaders of that territory with great loss to the Russians. It is thought that a part of the German force may be diverted to Russian Poland.

In Galicia the Russian successes seem to be continued, with the Austrians and Germans falling back on Przemysl.

The latest official announcement at Nish claims less for the Serbian arms than have earlier statements, indicating that Austria still has considerable forces available to oppose the Serbian invasion.

The latest word from the far east describes the Japanese troops as struggling through the floods north of Shang Tung peninsula trying to reach Kiao-Chow. There is no indication of an early investment that German stronghold.

The Turkish army is reported from Petrograd to be concentrating on the Bulgarian frontier.

**Turkey's Right to End Restrictions is Denied by Bryan**

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.**—The Washington government today awaited the reply of the Turkish government to its protest against the abrogation of the capitulations by the Porte.

Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople had been instructed by Secretary Bryan to inform the Turkish government that the United States does not acquiesce in the reported intention of Turkey to deprive foreigners of their extra territorial rights. "Furthermore," says Secretary Bryan, in a paraphrased statement of the cablegram to Mr. Morgenthau, "this government does not recognize that the Ottoman government has a right to abrogate the capitulations, or that its action to this end can have any effect upon the rights and privileges enjoyed under the capitulatory conventions."

**Boys Lose Pursuit in Stolen Engine**

**SEDALIA, Mo., Sept. 17.**—Escapes from the reform school at Booneville, Mo., a wild ride through the night on a stolen engine, pursued by detectives in a similar conveyance, and in imminent danger of being hurled into a wreck through a dispatcher's orders, was the experience last night of four boys, who were still at large today.

Seven boys ward in the party that evaded guards and left the school. Three were recaptured. According to the authorities, the remaining four made their way to Sedalia. Engine No. 708, one of the largest used by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, stood in the yards here with the steam up. Soon railroad employees noticed it was moving. Another engine was quickly obtained and with detectives aboard, started in pursuit. But the race was one-sided. No. 708, bearing the lads, quickly drew away. Orders were given by the train dispatcher to derail the stolen engine at Pilot Grove, thirty-five miles south of Sedalia.

With whistle blowing and bell ringing, the engine, traveling sixty miles an hour, reached Pilot Grove before the switch had been arranged and swept through the town. A mile further on, it was abandoned and the boys disappeared.

### ARMIES BATTLE ON EVEN TERMS; 3,000,000 FIGHT

**Conflicting Claims Indicate Advantages Gained by Both at Different Points.**

#### MAY DECIDE WAR IN THE WEST

**Germans Would Be Compelled to Fall Back to Meuse if Wing is Again Turned.**

#### REINFORCEMENTS ARE ENGAGED

**Slightly Curved Battle Line is One Hundred and Fifty Miles in Length.**

#### ITALY AND RUMANIA MAY CLASH

**Germany May Be Left Alone to Repel Russians.**

#### BERLIN DENIES ALLIED VICTORY

**Official Statement Says All French and English Reports of Victories in France Are Untrue—British Losses Heavy.**

**BULLETIN.**  
PARIS, Sept. 17.—The official statement issued today announces that the situation is without change.

**BULLETIN.**  
PARIS, Sept. 17.—The official report issued in Paris this afternoon on the progress of the fighting northeast of the capital, shows that the great battle is continuing with undeviating results.

The resistance of the Germans has not been broken, although at certain points they are described as giving back slightly. At other points they continue to fortify themselves.

The French have repulsed some of their counter attacks.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The world has once more been set the task of guessing how the terrific clash of arms on the heights northward of Aisne river is progressing.

Berlin claims that the attacks of the allies have been repulsed and that the German counter attacks have succeeded, while it is asserted officially in London that the German counter attacks have been repulsed and that the invaders are slowly giving way. Sympathizers with both sides are thus met with directly conflicting statements, which can be reconciled only on the assumption that the narrators are referring to different points in the vast field of action.

As the crow flies, the front of the opposing armies, which with the heavy reinforcements that have reached them, probably total in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 men, stretches 110 miles. Making allowances for the deviation north to Leun, the line must be 150 miles long, so there is ample room for success on one part of the field and reverses elsewhere.

The Germans are in their selected positions, with strong reinforcements rushed up from Lorraine, consequently this great battle may yet prove one of the most decisive of the war.

**Allies Repeat Turning Movement.**  
The British and French armies seem to be attempting to repeat on the Aisne the turning movements carried out so successfully on the Marne, and in the present case they have the additional incentive of the capture of the Aisne.

**A Comfortable House or Cottage**

Omaha is a city of desirable houses and cottages. It is surprising when you know what it is possible to secure at a modest rental.

In any section of the city may be found houses of all styles and sizes, modern, in pleasant surroundings, yards, porches, etc., which only the folks who have lived in one can fully appreciate.