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### GERMAN CENTER GAINING SLOWLY AGAINST ALLIES

Official Announcement from Berlin  
Says Power of Resistance of  
French Relaxing.

GERMANS TELL THEIR OPINIONS  
Details Related of Von Hinden-  
burg's Resistance Over the  
Russian Hosts.

UNIVERSITY HONORS GENERAL  
Victorious Leader Receives Four De-  
grees from Famous Kiels-  
berg School.

OPTIMISTIC AS TO OTHER FIELD  
Abandoning of Positions Near Paris  
Strategical Movement.

NO REAL REVERSES MET WITH  
Berlin Asserts So Long as Battle  
Continues Undecided, with Possi-  
bility of Throwing in Fresh  
Troops, Chances Better.

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—(Via Lon-  
don.)—The following official  
announcement was made at the head-  
quarters of the general staff the  
evening of September 17:

"No decision yet has resulted in  
the battle between the Oise and the  
Meuse, but certain signs indicate  
that the power of resistance of the  
enemy is relaxing.

"The endeavor of the French  
troops to break through the German  
right wing collapsed without any  
great efforts on the part of our  
troops.

"The center of the German army  
is gaining ground slowly but surely.  
"On the right bank of the Meuse  
the allies from Verdun have been  
easily repulsed."

BERLIN (Via Rotterdam, Sept. 17), Via  
London, Sept. 18.—Crown Prince  
Friedrich Wilhelm today telegraphed to the  
Zeitung Amnitzer as follows:  
"Please collect and forward as early  
as possible woolen underwear and socks  
(Signed.)

for my soldiers. Greetings. (Signed)  
"WILHELM, Crown Prince."

It was only a few days ago that  
the crown prince, who evidently has  
the comfort of his soldiers always in mind,  
telegraphed to a Berlin newspaper asking  
it to collect and forward tobacco  
and cigars for his soldiers.

The healing of the wound of Prince  
Joschkin, the youngest son of Emperor  
William, is progressing normally, but it  
will be several weeks before he is fully  
restored, according to an announcement  
at the imperial court today.

No news from official sources for  
publication has been received since the mid-  
night bulletin, whose reports of attacks  
and counter attacks indicate that the  
battle is still progressing. Otherwise  
there is little illuminating news for the  
German public and not the slightest hint  
of the movements or positions of  
the German army for the last few days has  
been disclosed by the military authorities,  
who are determined to veil the situation  
in absolute mystery until a decision has  
been reached. They decline to discuss  
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### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity  
—Fair; not much change in temperature.  
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday

Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	56
6 a. m.	57
7 a. m.	57
8 a. m.	57
9 a. m.	57
10 a. m.	57
11 a. m.	57
12 m.	57
1 p. m.	56
2 p. m.	56
3 p. m.	56
4 p. m.	57
5 p. m.	57
6 p. m.	57
7 p. m.	57
8 p. m.	57

Comparative Local Record.	
1914	1913
Highest yesterday	57
Lowest yesterday	56
Mean temperature	56
Precipitation	.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:	
Normal temperature	56
Excess for the day	0
Total rainfall since March 1	.443
Normal precipitation	.59
Deficiency for the day	.59
Total rainfall since March 1	2.45
Deficiency for year period, 1913	1.17
Deficiency for year period, 1914	2.98

Station and State	Temp.	High	Rain
Cheyenne, clear	76	82	.00
Denver, clear	54	62	.00
Des Moines, clear	58	65	.00
Dodge City, clear	50	58	.00
Lander, clear	52	56	.00
North Platte, clear	50	54	.00
Omaha, clear	57	65	.00
Pueblo, clear	50	58	.00
Rapid City, clear	50	54	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	68	76	.00
Santa Fe, partly cloudy	74	82	.00
Sheridan, partly cloudy	54	62	.00
Sioux City, clear	54	62	.00
Valentine, clear	54	62	.00

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

LOUVAIN IN RUINS—This is the first photograph of the ruined city of Louvain to reach America. It was made by a photographer who was especially permitted to pass through the German lines, under an escort of German soldiers, there to make photographs showing the present condition of the place. In accompanying views the Hotel de Ville is seen in the midst of wreckage, but preserved from harm to this historic piece of Gothic architecture.



### ARTILLERY DUEL WITHOUT DECISION

Great Battle at River Aisne Continues to Be Without Advantage to Either Army.

GERMANS OCCUPY HIGH GROUND  
Teutons Have Their Batteries in Good Position and May Delay the Advance of Allies for a Long Time.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—As far as the public knows the great artillery duel along the line of the river Aisne continues to be a draw. In the pause of the thunder of the huge guns, the infantry and cavalry units scattered along the line of battle are being flung into the fray without appreciable effect on its outcome.

Roughly speaking the line of advance of the allies is threaded by six rivers, four of which have already been crossed. The crossing of the Marne, marking the assumption of the offensive by the allies, was purely a rear-guard action in which General von Kluck cleverly kept the German right from being outflanked. So far as the British were concerned, the passage of the Ourcq was not contested. The Vesle was only slightly defended by the Germans, while, as is now well known, the resistance of the Germans at the Aisne was and is still of the most stubborn character on both the French and British fronts.

More Rivers to Be Crossed.  
If the allies hold the shore across the Aisne, which they gained despite the heavy artillery fire from concealed German batteries from the heights above the river, two more rivers, the Ailette and the Oise, remain to be crossed. The country between the Aisne and the Ailette is ideal for defensive purposes, and if the German army holds the Aisne heights for a few days, defensive works can be constructed along the other two rivers which may delay the allies' advance on German territory for a long time.

On the other hand, if the Germans resume the offensive, the country now occupied by them affords an excellent operating base.  
Victory Helps Allies' Spirits.  
It is clear from reports coming in from the allies that the victory in the battle of the Marne and the assumption of the offensive had a tremendous moral effect on the Franco-British armies. Berlin acknowledges that while General Von Hindenburg's brilliant and daring movement across the border lake was successful in driving back General Rennenkampf's forces and the Russians were not completely outflanked and the previous East Prussian victory against the Russians was not duplicated, as the Russian general retired in good order, saving his artillery.

There is a lull in the operations in Galicia, where the victorious Russian army evidently are moving in an effort to cut off the retreat of the Austrians toward Cracow.

### Louvain's Fine Public Buildings Found to Be Not Seriously Damaged

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—(Via London.)—The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung publishes official dispatches from the German administration of Louvain stating that although from a fifth to a sixth part of the city is in ruins, most of the public buildings have been preserved, including the beautiful city hall, regarding which there has been so much discussion. The dispatches say that the damage to St. Peter's cathedral was such that the building can be restored easily and the art works were protected by German soldiers. The German officers did everything possible to check the fire. Many of the residents are returning and some of the shops have been reopened. Trains are being operated on the railway between Louvain and Brussels. The courts of justice have resumed their session in Louvain.

### BOYS ARE FIGHTING; ONE, 15, WOUNDED

German Students Mobilized in Different Regiments, According to London Story.

FRENCH TAKE DOWN BARRIERS  
Mother or Guardian Allowed to Authorize Enlistment of Ardent Youngsters in France's Army.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Bordeaux asserts that boys less than 15 years of age are fighting in the German ranks. The correspondent declares he saw one wounded in the Bordeaux hospital, whose age was 15 years and 9 months, and who told him all students over 15 years old had been mobilized and placed in different regiments.

BORDEAUX, Sept. 18.—(Via Paris, Sept. 18.)—A decree issued by the French government today permits the mother or guardian of a youth under twenty years to act as a substitute for the absent father in legally authorizing the young man to volunteer for the war. In the case of death of the mother or the guardian, the local magistrates may authorize the enlistment. This decree is designed to make it possible for a very large number of ardent volunteers to enlist. Physically they are fit, but they are under the legal age to join the army.

### Panic in Lemberg as Russians Approach

LONDON, Sept. 18.—An account of the capture of Lemberg, Galicia, as given by an English engineer who has just arrived in Petrograd from Lemberg, is contained in a dispatch to the Central News from its Petrograd correspondent.

"Panic broke out in the city on the approach of the Russian army," the engineer is quoted as saying.  
"The entire Austrian administration fled precipitately. No defense of the town was attempted. The Russians gave the demoralized Austrian military authorities three days in which to evacuate the city.  
"On the third day, as the appointed time approached, Russian scout airplanes appeared over the city watching for the departure of the Austrians. When the Austrians failed to leave the Russians made a show of opening a bombardment. Although no shells actually fell in Lemberg, the cannonading terrified the citizens, of whom 35,000 fled."

### THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS OF TEA FOR ALLIES

PARIS, Sept. 18.—Telegraphing from Petrograd, a correspondent of the Havas Agency says that Japanese tea merchants in the Russian capital have presented the Russian army with 300,000 pounds of tea. Two hundred thousand pounds are given to the English and French armies and 20,000 pounds to the Belgian army.

### NO LASTING PEACE IF GERMANLAND TAKEN

Kaiser's Representative Gives Warning Empire Will Never Yield to Dismemberment.

WILL NOT GIVE UP ONE INCH  
Ambassador Asserts from Military Viewpoint Germany is Not Seeking Peace Any More Than at Any Previous Time.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States discussed today the prospect of peace in Europe and the efforts of President Wilson to bring it about.

"Talk of peace was started by the people of the United States," said the ambassador. "Its continuance after the answer sent by the German government, through Ambassador Gerard, depends on the attitude of the allies.

"As long as they talk of crushing and dismembering Germany there is absolutely no possibility of peace. I am quoting Premier Aaquith and other Englishmen. I have no idea that Germany could be crushed or dismembered.

"No lasting peace would be possible if a square inch of German territory was given up. That applies to the colonies of Germany as well as the German empire itself. It is perfectly clear that if any territory was taken Germany would again arm to the teeth."

Count von Bernstorff was asked if it was possible that peace in Europe might lead to general disarmament.

"That," he replied, "would depend on the sentiment with which peace was entered into by the allies."  
Count von Bernstorff said that undoubtedly the German empire had been informed of the talk between Ambassador Gerard and the imperial German chancellor and that the answer given had been first submitted to the emperor. He added that it should be emphatically understood that from a military viewpoint Germany was not seeking peace at this time, anymore than before.

Little Prospect of Peace.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—President Wilson sees little prospect of peace in Europe reflected in the unofficial exchanges which American ambassadors have been conducting with Germany, Great Britain, France and Russia.

This was learned today at the White House. Until something more tangible and more definite in the way of overtures comes from the belligerents, the president feels that his hands are virtually tied. To undertake to elicit terms from Great Britain, France and Russia, as Germany suggested, would place the president, he believes, in a delicate position. In view of what Sir Edward Grey has told Ambassador Page.

The British foreign secretary recently took the position that the war had been fought on Great Britain; that the neutrality of Belgium had been disregarded, and that it would be necessary to crush German militarism before the allies could feel safe against new attacks and before a treaty of peace could be worth a "scrap of paper."

The president, it is understood, feels that in view of the neutral position of the American government it would be unwise to press either side to make overtures to the other. He hopes, however, that as the war progresses, one side or the other will make known its terms in some definite form, so that the American government can act.

### GERMAN FORCE CAPTURES BRITISH POST IN AFRICA

CAPE TOWN, Union of South Africa, Sept. 18.—(Via London, Sept. 18.)—A force composed of 550 German, together with three Maxim guns, attacked the British post at Nakob Thursday. The garrison consisted of seven policemen, who fought until their ammunition was exhausted. Those who had not been killed were taken prisoner.

### War Summary

An official statement issued at Berlin says that the battle between the Aisne and Meuse rivers continues, with sure indications that the allies are falling back. It is declared that the French attempt to cut through the German right wing failed and a sortie from Verdun on the right bank of the Meuse was repulsed. The German army is said to be advancing slowly but surely.

It was announced officially in Paris yesterday afternoon that the allies had progressed somewhat. The western wing was declared to have repulsed a vigorous German offensive.

When proroguing Parliament King George said that he was compelled to go into the war for the protection of the public law of Europe and the vital interests of the empire, and that fighting for a worthy purpose Great Britain would not lay down its arms until that purpose had been fully achieved.

Austrian advices report that the Servians have evacuated Semlin, the town which they seized when they began their invasion of Hungary. Servian reports are to the effect that their successes continue.

The Germans, successful in driving the Russian invaders from east Prussia, are reported pushing their way into Russian Poland. The Austrian armies, following their disastrous clash with the Russians in Galicia, are believed to be attempting to reform at Cracow.

A dispatch from Cetinje says the Montenegrins have been received with enthusiasm by the inhabitants of the Austrian province of Bosnia.

### Depew's Whiskers Draw Cheers from the French Soldiers

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Chauncey M. Depew, former United States senator from New York, arrived today on the steamer Liverpool. "I was in Geneva when the trouble began," he said. "One morning I went to the bank and found I could get no money. We got the last train that left Switzerland for three weeks."

"Twenty minutes after crossing the border into France we stopped at a station. There was a sign there about two feet square calling the troops for mobilization. The station agent said the notice had been posted about twenty minutes. We picked up men joining the colors on the way to Paris until our train could hold no more.

"Whenever I stuck my head out into a corridor the soldiers would set up a cheer on seeing my side whiskers. They mistook me for an Englishman and said in French 'Long live the entente cordial.'"

"We stayed in Paris a week and then left for Boulogne. We were obliged to crowd into a coach as best we could. I sat on the running board all the way."

### Mrs. Bryan Favors Woman Suffrage

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—In a signed statement made public here today through the congressional committee of the national American Woman Suffrage association, Mrs. W. J. Bryan, wife of the secretary of state, declared herself in favor of woman suffrage. The statement was made public to set at rest rumors that Mrs. Bryan was opposed to the movement. It is as follows:

"I have never been an anti-suffragist or attended any anti-meeting. I have been a firm believer in suffrage without a sex qualification for twenty-five years, and wish success to the equal suffrage movement. Our oldest daughter has been a voter in Colorado, and the younger is a member of the college league at the Nebraska state university."

### Student Drowned in Swimming Pool

IDA GROVE, Ia., Sept. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Harold McCabe, 22, who intended leaving today to resume his studies of the third year of a medical course at Iowa university was drowned last evening in the new public swimming pool here. He dived and did not rise to the surface, but was not missed for half an hour. It was nearly four hours afterwards when his body was raised from the water. It is supposed he was seized with an attack of cramps. A great many persons were about the railing when the drowning occurred.

### War Pictures From the Front Full Page in The Sunday Bee

Deny Separate Offer to Belgium.  
AMSTERDAM, Sept. 18.—(Via London.)—The German consul general announces that there is no truth whatever in the report that Germany has offered King Albert of Belgium separate peace terms.

### ARMIES GRAPPLE ALONG A BATTLE FRONT OF MILES

Conflict in France Continues with Fierceness All Along the Lines of the Armies.

GERMANS YIELD SLIGHTLY

French Capital Says the Teutons Are Falling Back at Some Points in the Fight.

HAVE FEAR FOR THEIR REAR

Resumption of Activities on Part of the Belgians is Cause of Their Solicitation.

TO SAVE THE CROWN PRINCE

Some Think Latest Move is to Preserve His Army.

GENERAL BATAILLE IS KILLED  
Prolonged Ruins Make it Necessary to Have More Time to Get the Heavy Artillery Out of Mud of North Champagne.

BULLETIN.  
ON THE BATTLEFRONT, Sept. 18. (By way of Paris)—The gigantic battle, or more properly, battles, continue day and night along the entire front from Noyon to the frontier. The fighting does not consist of one sustained and combined movement, but in reality is several combats proceeding incessantly at the strongest point of the German's defending line along the River Aisne.

BULLETIN.  
PARIS, Sept. 18.—The allies have progressed somewhat on their western wing and are repulsing a vigorous German offensive movement, according to an official announcement made this afternoon by the French War department.

The communication follows:  
"The battle continued during the day of September 17 along the front from the river Oise to the Woivre, without important changes in the situation at any point.

"First—On our left wing, on the heights to the north of the river Aisne we have made slight progress against certain points. Three offensive counter attacks undertaken by the Germans against the English army failed. From Craonne to Rheims we ourselves repulsed some very violent counter attacks executed during the night. The enemy tried in vain to take the offensive against Rheims.

"Second—On the center from Rheims to the Argonne the enemy has reinforced himself by constructing important fortifications and has adopted a purely defensive attitude. To the east of the Argonne, in the Woivre district, the situation is unchanged.

"On our right wing, in Lorraine and the Vosges, the enemy occupied positions organized on a defensive basis in the vicinity of the frontier."

BULLETIN.  
LONDON, Sept. 18.—A Bordeaux dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph

### Early Today Prepare for Tomorrow

A whole lot of persons wanting to buy or to rent homes, apartments or rooms, will be busy tomorrow inspecting the offers in the classified pages of The Bee.

Early today send in your ad (or phone it) so that you offering will be considered by these careful, substantial tenants.

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