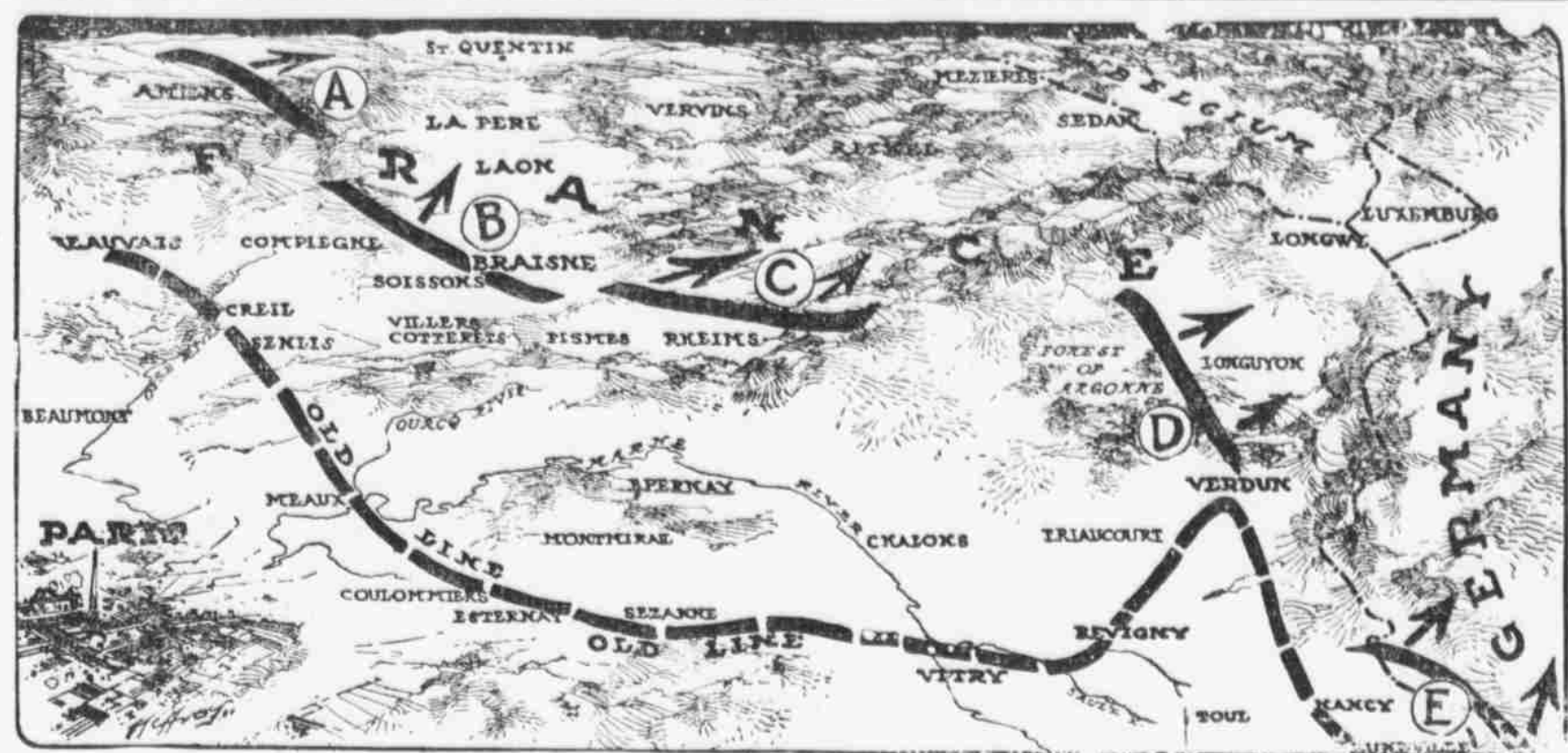


PRESENT AND FORMER GERMAN BATTLE LINE ON THE FRENCH BORDER—The old battle line of the German army is shown by the heavy dotted line. The latest bulletins from the front show that this line has now been broken into large units. The various units are indicated by letters, namely: A—The army commanded by General von Kluck and part of General von Buelow's forces are shown to have fallen back from Amiens and Laon. B—The balance of Von Buelow's army has withdrawn from Campagne and Soissons toward St. Quentin. C—The armies commanded by the prince of Wurtemberg and General von Hausen are moving north toward Rehel. D—Crown Prince Frederick William and the crown prince of Bavaria was forced back from the neighborhood of Argonne. E—The major part of General von Heeringen's army has been thrust across the French border out of the region between Nancy and the Vosges.



ASKS HELP FOR BELGIANS

Mme. Vandervelde, Wife of Minister of State, Comes to America.

TELLS OF SUFFERING OF MANY Prominent Belgian Woman Undertakes Mission to United States with Approval of King and Queen of Nation.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Madame Vandervelde, wife of the Belgian minister of state, reached New York today aboard the Cretic with an appeal to the men and women of America for aid for the people of Belgium, whose homes have been laid waste by war.

Madame Vandervelde made the following statement: "Madame Vandervelde, wife of the Belgian minister of state, has come to the United States from Antwerp to appeal to the generosity of the great democracy on behalf of her countrymen—men and women—whose land has been ravished by the horrors of war through no fault of their own, and thousands of whom are now destitute. Thousands have lost all they had, land, houses, farms, money and the very tools with which they got their daily bread. Thousands are even without clothing and have become wanderers and outcasts at the gates of the earth.

Madame Vandervelde wishes to tell the American people what she has seen herself in the stream of refugees leaving Malines; the bombardment, the murderous raids of the Zeppelins, and the story of the burning of Louvain. She wishes to tell them also of the sublime courage of the Belgian people. "A few hours before she left Antwerp, King Albert of Belgium sent his secretary to Madame Vandervelde to wish her good luck and to tell her that the king approved her intention of appealing for help for the Belgian refugees to the people of America. She brings with her also a letter from Queen Elizabeth, in which the queen approves of her mission.

Madame Vandervelde implores the American people to help Belgium to repatriate all these poor people to start them again in life in new homes. Their sufferings are unutterably terrible and hundreds of the breadwinners, fathers, husbands and sons, have been killed in the war. "It is not right and fitting that those who can help should do so at this moment? Madame Vandervelde is convinced that her cry for help will be heard, that it is not in vain that she is appealing to the American people."

Shackleton Expedition Off for the South

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Sir Ernest Shackleton and the members of his trans-antarctic expedition left London today in two sections for the south polar region. One party, headed by Sir Ernest Shackleton, departed for South America; the other half of the expedition left for Ross sea, on the New Zealand side of the Antarctic by way of Tasmania.

Sir Ernest hopes to meet the Ross sea continent in April of next year or failing in that by March of 1915. The Shackleton section will have seventy dogs and also motor sleds and sledges. The other party will have twenty-six dogs.

One great difficulty that confronted the expedition was the lack of scientific instruments. These had been ordered in Germany, but had not been delivered because of the war and it was necessary to replace them in England.

The Ross sea party will board the exploration ship Aurora at Hobartstown, Tasmania. Sir Ernest hopes to leave Buenos Aires October 15 by the ship Endeavour, which is now enroute to South America.

GERMANS PRINT INVITATIONS TO ITALY TO JOIN THEM IN WAR

ROME, Sept. 17.—(Via Paris, Sept. 15.)—Germany continues to try to influence public opinion with all kinds of publications, the latest being a pamphlet in Italian, which has been widely distributed and which bears the title "The Truth About the War." Among the collaborators of the article are Count Ernest von Reventlow, the naval expert; Mathies Erberger, leader of the clerical center in the German Reichstag; and Joseph Friedrich Naumann and Count Oppendorff, also members of the Reichstag.

The preface of the pamphlet ends thus: "With German energy we have determined to win and we invite the Italians to win with us."

Dozen German-Owned Vessels Are Prizes in Australian Ports

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 8.—Australia fired its first shot in the war this week to prevent the escape of German owned vessels which were caught in Australian ports. There was a wild scamper on the part of nearly a score of German boats to get away. While the North German-Lloyd steamer Seydlitz and three other German vessels, the Lusenberg, Linden and Ulm, succeeded in their flight, there are upwards of a dozen German owned steam and sailing vessels which are held as prizes of war.

KING SIGNS HOME RULE LAW

Measure Gains Statute Books After Long Struggle by Supporters.

CHEERS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS National Assembly Opens Fall Session and Manifests Great Enthusiasm During Reading of King's Speech.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—King George's signature was today attached to the home rule bill, which thus gains the statute book. Enthusiasm unusual in the staid legislative chambers of Westminster palace was displayed today when the two houses of Parliament were prorogued.

While King George was absent inspecting the troops, his speech was read in the House of Lords by Viscount Haldane, the lord high chancellor, and in the House of Commons by John H. Whitley, the deputy speaker. When the announcement was made in the House of Lords that the royal assent had been given to the Irish rule and the Welsh disestablishment suspensory bills and to a number of emergency measures, cheers were given for the passing of the Irish and the Welsh bills.

On the announcement of the passing of the Irish home rule bill in the House of Commons nationalists and liberals broke into loud cheers, which were repeated again and again. Will Crooke, the labor leader, asked if it was in order to sing "God Save the King." Without waiting for permission he started the first verse himself and then broke down with emotion. The anthem was taken up by the spectators in the gallery, as well as by the members, and the singing was heard in the palace yard.

As the members filed from the chamber Mr. Crooke cried out, "God save Ireland." John Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader, replied, "God save England." Parliament will sit again October 27.

ARMIES GRAPPLE ALONG A BATTLE FRONT OF MILES

(Continued from Page One.) company states that the battle continues with great fierceness along the whole front. The death is announced of General Bataille, who was killed in action.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—As has been the case heretofore when the struggle along the vast battle line in France has been most acute, the public in Germany, as well as in France and England, has been forced to content itself with the most meager news of the progress of military operations.

Experience has shown that extended statements are issued only after the retirement or the temporary defeat of one army or the other. The information the morning sets forth laconically that the battle is raging with great fierceness along the whole front, which extends, roughly speaking, from the River Oise, near Noyon, to the German fortress of Metz; but, barring a slight retirement of the German right wing at certain points, no decided advantage is credited to either side. Presumably the efforts of the allies have been divided into three supreme struggles; first, to dislodge the Germans from the heights of the Aisne; second, to break through the fourth and fifth German armies at the center; third, to outflank the German right under General von Kluck. The position of the fourth and fifth German armies is considered not so strong as the remainder of the line, while if the flanking movement is successful, the railroad lines on which the Germans depend, would be cut. While the next move of either army is

waiting their forces to withstand the attack on the new line, the Germans are no doubt troubled about their rear. The resumption of activities by the Belgians means more than its troops have had time to rest, and no doubt there is good foundation for the many rumors that King Albert's forces have been reinforced although from where is only a matter of conjecture. Some experts still think that the battle is only intended to insure the safety of the crown prince's army, which had great difficulty in disengaging itself from the defiles of the forest of Argonne and is not yet, according to opinion here, by any means safe. The prolonged rains also make it necessary to have more time in which to get the artillery out of the chalky mud of northern and eastern Champagne.

The Pfalz, which was the only German vessel at Melbourne, attempted to escape shortly before daylight on the morning of August 3, but was stopped by a shot from the Queen's Cliff fort. A guard of marines was put aboard and the vessel brought back to port. The flag of the German trading steamer Germania, from Hong Kong, was torn off the vessel by dock laborers and cut to pieces.

The National Capital

Friday, September 17, 1914.

The Senate. Democratic leaders considered routing the river and harbor bill still further to and the filibuster, which continued unabated. The House. Ways and means committee continued work on the war revenue bill. Republican Leader Mann delayed business by forcing repeated roll calls for a quorum.

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