

British Fleet Reported Bombarding Ostend

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RUMOR OF BATTLE IN BALTIC SEA OFF PRUSSIAN COAST

Report from Copenhagen Says German Torpedo Boats Are Engaging Fleet of Submarines.

GERMAN CRUISER EMDEN ACTIVE

Five British Steamships Are Sunk in Indian Ocean and Another is Captured.

AUSTRIAN BATTALION TAKEN

Dispatch from Petrograd Tells of the Capture of Troops that Had Marched into Ambush.

BATTLE REPORTED RENEWED

German Assaults Along Line in Russian Poland Repulsed.

GERMAN STORY CONTRADICTED

Russian Official News Agency Report Says Losses Around Przemysl Less Than 1 Per Cent of Kaiser's Estimate.

BULLETIN.
LONDON, Oct. 21.—An engagement between German torpedo boats and hostile submarines in the Baltic, near Rugen island, off the Prussian coast, is reported from Stockholm, according to a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. No details of the fight or its result are given.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The German cruiser Emden has again been sinking British steamers. This time at a point 150 miles southwest of Ceylon, British India, according to a report by the admiralty from Colombo, Ceylon. It has sent to the bottom the British steamers Chikana, Troilus, Benmor and Claar Grant and the Dredger Ponnabbe, bound for Tasmania. The British steamer Eford was captured by the Emden.

Austrian Battalion Taken

PETROGRAD, Oct. 21.—(Via London.)—Correspondence from Warsaw, giving the details of the recent capture of an Austrian battalion in the region of Strzygalica, relates how the Austrians, bearing branches of trees heavy with foliage to screen their movements, advanced at night fall. The Russians, feigning ignorance of their approach, lessened the darkness by fire, allowing the Austrians to draw near, but meanwhile bringing their machine guns and light artillery into position.

In the morning, as the story goes, the Russians opened an unexpected and deadly fire on the Austrians, who after a momentary hesitation surrendered without resistance before a Russian bayonet charge. Among the prisoners taken were fifteen officers. Six machine guns were captured.

A correspondent on the east Prussian front says that activity has been resumed along the entire line from Suwalki to Lyck, where the Germans have been repulsed. German assaults were repulsed and sharp Russian counter attacks made. The Germans are engaged in skirmishing and foraging and appear to have no intention of advancing in force.

Department Orders.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The name of the postoffice at West Cherry county, Nebraska, has been changed to Toga. Margaret A. Coble is continued as postmaster.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday:
For Omaha, Cloudy Buffs and Vicinity—Unsettled; probably showers; no important change in temperature.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	54
6 a. m.	57
7 a. m.	59
8 a. m.	59
9 a. m.	59
10 a. m.	59
11 a. m.	59
12 m.	59
1 p. m.	57
2 p. m.	55
3 p. m.	55
4 p. m.	57
5 p. m.	59
6 p. m.	59
7 p. m.	59
8 p. m.	59

Comparative Local Record.

	1914	1913	1912	1911
Highest yesterday	60	58	52	58
Lowest yesterday	50	50	40	52
Mean temperature	56	56	46	54
Total excess since March 1	10	10	10	10
Deficiency since March 1	0	0	0	0
Normal precipitation	47	47	47	47
Deficiency for the day	0	0	0	0
Total rainfall since March 1	3.39	3.39	3.39	3.39
Deficiency since March 1	1.31	1.31	1.31	1.31
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912, 4.30 inches				
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913, 2.35 inches				

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Low	Wind
Cheyenne, cloudy	54	61	40	fall
Denver, clear	58	74	40	fall
Des Moines, clear	56	70	40	fall
Dodge City, cloudy	54	60	40	fall
Lander, cloudy	54	64	40	fall
North Platte, cloudy	54	60	40	fall
Omaha, cloudy	59	65	40	fall
Pueblo, cloudy	52	50	40	fall
Rapid City, cloudy	50	54	40	fall
Salt Lake City, cloudy	50	54	40	fall
Sioux Falls, cloudy	50	54	40	fall
St. Louis, clear	54	60	40	fall
Valentine, clear	54	60	40	fall

ANOTHER SIDE OF THE WAR

Duffel, during the German advance.

peasant women bringing walnuts to soldiers in the trenches near Lierre and Antwerp.



GERMAN ATTACK IS DRIVEN BACK

Reports from Berlin and Paris Show Teutons Have Again Taken the Offensive.

UKASE AGAINST ALL VODKA

Becky states that no obstacle will be placed in the way of efforts to curb the sale of vodka in Belgium.

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—(Via Amsterdam and London.)—An official announcement given out by the German military headquarters today says:

"Severe fighting continues on the Yser canal. The enemy's artillery was supported from the sea north-west of Nieuport. The fighting west of Lille continues. Our troops, taking the offensive, repulsed the enemy at several points. In the eastern theater of war no decision yet has been reached."

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The Paris correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company says the latest information from the front indicates that the French are making marked progress on the right bank of the River Meuse and that the great battle raging in the north is as yet without definite result.

PARIS, Oct. 21.—The French official communication given out this afternoon says that the attacks yesterday by the enemy at Nieuport, Dixmunde and LeBasse all were repulsed by the allies.

The text of the communication follows: "During the day of yesterday the attacks of the enemy were particularly violent at Nieuport, Dixmunde and LeBasse. They all were repulsed by the allied armies with great energy."

"At all other points the situation is without any notable change."

German Resumes Offensive.
LONDON, Oct. 21.—A comparison of the official reports from Paris and Berlin leads to the conclusion that all along the western battle front in France and Belgium the Germans have resumed the offensive, with their supreme efforts directed against the allies' left.

The news, supplementing these official communications, however, indicate that on the left at least the allies are making desperate efforts to hurl them back. Late reports through Dutch sources declare that the Germans have been repulsed six miles from Ostend and that guns are now heard near that city. Other late reports which lack confirmation say the Germans have abandoned Bruges. If these reports are true it would indicate that the allies are meeting with some success in their efforts to reconquer the sea coast.

The movements along the coast now...

Uncle Sam Protests Against Seizure of American Ship with Neutral Cargo

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The United States has protested to Great Britain against seizure by a British warship of the American tank steamer, John D. Rockefeller. This was announced today by Acting Secretary Lansing of the State department.

As the Rockefeller was American owned and flew the American flag and no charge of hostility was involved, the American government considers the seizure unwarranted. It had American officers and crew. The ship was bound from one neutral port to another, leaving Philadelphia on September 2 for Copenhagen and carrying illuminating oil, which Secretary Lansing said had not been classified as contraband in any notification received from Great Britain. The vessel was taken to the Orkney islands.

Mr. Lansing said that no representations or protest had been made in the case of the steamer Brindilla, taken recently to Halifax and that he was awaiting further information as to the character of its cargo and the conditions under which it was seized.

CHRISTMAS SHIP IS GETTING ITS CARGO

Gifts for Children of Europe Coming into Omaha in Boxes, Barrels and Bundles.

OMAHA PEOPLE WAKING UP

Hundreds of Packages Reach the Bee Office Containing All Sorts of Useful and Valuable Presents.

Even Santa Claus himself must smile as he contemplates the big piles of goods that are being gathered together for the Christmas ship.

Goods are coming in from every direction, in bundles, packages, boxes, barrels and bales. Some are completely labeled, and others are without name or address or any mark whatever to identify the giver. But the same spirit actuates them all, and all are welcome.

From Syracuse, Neb., come three boxes and a promise of the fourth. Two of these boxes contain \$500 worth of goods from the store of Haas & Holm, a Syracuse firm, and the third is filled with goods collected by the Syracuse Commercial club. The fourth box will be filled with offerings from the school children and Sunday schools of Syracuse. This will just about be the banner offering, when the size of the box is considered.

Woodbine Comes Strong.
Woodbine, Ia., is another place that comes in with such an offering as makes certain the fact that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Two boxes and a big barrel come from there, and a lot of stuff that was not packed, but which will be included in the shipment, and which will make glad forlorn hearts in Europe on the coming Christmas.

To Gather the School Offerings.
Plans were perfected yesterday for the gathering of the offerings of the Omaha public schools. Auto trucks will call at the school houses on Friday afternoon and gather up the presents between the hours of 1 and 2 and bring them to the Bee office. Superintendent Graff and the principals are all heartily co-operating, and the children are reported as entering on the spirit of the affair with a zest that means a big showing for them. Omaha merchants have been most lib-

War Summary

Violent attacks and counter attacks for possession of the sea-coast in the extreme north of France continued without decisive results.

Only one official statement—that from Paris—had come through yesterday. It threw little light on the situation, being brief and referring to events of the day before.

The attacks of the Germans, especially severe at Nieuport, Dixmunde and LeBasse, Tuesday, were repulsed, says the French war office. There was no noteworthy change elsewhere on the battle front. News dispatches indicate the sharpest fighting in the vicinity of Lille, with a renewal of activity at vital points all along the line.

Counter claims regarding the situation in the east leave much to speculation. There appears, however, little doubt that the German advance in Russian Poland has been so successful that Warsaw is seriously threatened. Przemysl in Galicia remains in the possession of the Austro-German forces. There has been a renewal of activity in Eastern Prussia without definite result. A statement from Vienna, issued yesterday, says that the fighting in central Galicia has become more severe and that Austrian attacks are progressing.

A news dispatch from Copenhagen says that German torpedo boats have been engaged with an enemy in the Baltic, off the Prussian coast. No details are given. Albania looks again as a possible influence on the attitude of Italy towards the war. The Italian government has denied that Italian troops had occupied Avlona, which has been threatened by insurgents since the abdication of Prince William of Wald. At the same time the Giornale D' Italia di Rome declares that there is a state of anarchy at Avlona; intimates that Greece is taking advantage of the disturbed conditions, and declares that the Italian government has notified the powers that it will not tolerate a violation of the integrity of Albania.

Rome reports unofficially that the Anglo-French fleet is still bombarding Cattaro, Dalmatia. Turkey's attitude is a matter of concern to all the belligerents. The Porte is reported have forbidden warships to enter the Gulf of Smyrna. The inhabitants of Smyrna recently were said to have been in great fear of a naval attack. An Athens dispatch says that two submarines and some aeroplanes are being shipped to Constantinople through Bulgaria. A few days ago a large quantity of munitions of war consigned to Turkey by rail were held up in Bulgaria.

There are further rumors of a German intention to begin a great aerial campaign. Following reports that airship sheds were being constructed at Brussels and Antwerp comes rumors of similar buildings under way at Tondern and Rostock.

Thousands of Belgians who fled into Holland are returning to their homes. There are, however, 100,000 Belgians in England and more on their way. Preparations to give employment to these later are being made.

Loss of Allies is Estimated at Three Quarters of Million.
BERLIN, Oct. 21.—(By Wireless.)—The military expert of the Kreis Zeitung estimates the losses of the French, the British, the Russians and the Belgians, in killed, wounded and prisoners, at least 750,000 men.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL IN TRENCHES AT ANTWERP.
LONDON, Oct. 21.—Winston Spencer Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty, who accompanied the British naval brigade and marines to Antwerp, was, according to one of the latter, with them in the trenches practically all the time and just before the order was given to retire urged the men to hold twenty-four hours longer when the big guns would arrive. One day he reconnoitered the position of the Germans in an aeroplane.

CHICAGO SYNDICATE NEGOTIATING FOR CUBS.
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Charles Thomas, president of the Chicago National League club, today confirmed the report that certain Chicago business men, whom he declined to name, have an option on the team.

"There are six of them; they are friends of mine and if they take the club I will retain the presidency," said Thomas.

BELGIAN SEAPORT SHELLED BY GUNS OF ENGLISH SHIPS

Marconigram from Berlin to London Says Ostend Being Bombarded by British Fleet.

GREAT BATTLE IS NOW RAGING
Dispatches to Bordeaux Assert Situation of Allies Eminently Satisfactory so Far.

CONFEDERATES HOLDING OWN
Paris Official Statement Announces Violent Engagement on Their Left Wing.

NO REPORT ON CENTER, RIGHT
Germans Forced to Retreat When Attempting Advance on Warsaw.

THEIR POSITIONS ABANDONED
Russians in Pursuit of Defeated Enemy and Have Captured Number of Prisoners, It is Declared.

BULLETIN.
LONDON, Oct. 21.—"It is reported that Ostend is being bombarded by the British fleet," says a dispatch from Berlin received here tonight by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company.

BULLETIN.
BORDEAUX, Oct. 21.—A great battle now is raging between Lille and Ostend, according to dispatches received here this afternoon. The dispatches add that the situation of the allies is considered eminently satisfactory thus far.

Allies Hold Ground.
PARIS, Oct. 21.—The official statement issued by the French war office tonight reports a violent battle on the left wing, with the allied forces holding their ground everywhere.

"On our left wing, from the North sea as far as La Basse on the several fronts from Nieuport to Dixmunde, from Ypres to Menin and from Warneton to La Basse, a violent battle has been fought during the day."

"There is nothing to report regarding the center of the right wing. "Russia—the German army which had advanced on Warsaw was forced yesterday to beat a precipitate retreat, the enemy abandoning the positions, which they had established for defense. The Russians are in pursuit and have captured a number of prisoners."

LONDON, Oct. 21.—A newspaper correspondent at Dover has sent to London some details of the recent operations of British warships off the coast of Belgium. He says that last Saturday night the ships watched a force of Germans digging trenches along the coast under a flare of lights. This enabled the English boats to get the exact range, and at daylight they shelled the enemy's positions heavily.

A table aeroplane was brought down and later a Zeppelin, and it is declared that the guns of the British vessels accounted for 1,000 Germans in killed and wounded, in addition to putting six batteries of artillery out of action, in the meantime German submarines tried in vain to sink the British ships. This dispatch is not confirmed.

Expect Report of Big Victory.
While England today paid homage to Nelson on this, the anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar, the forces of Germany and the allies continued to fight back and forth along the battle line in France and Belgium, to the south from trenches, and to the north over a web of waterways, the presence of which

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GERMANS REPULSED ON BELGIAN COAST

London Correspondents All Report Teutons Meet with Reverses in Channel Country.

BRITISH BOMBARD TOWNS
Warships Said to Have Effectively Shelled Locations Occupied by Kaiser's Forces, Who Are Surprised Near Ostend.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The correspondents of the London newspapers in the field have detailed today in getting through some details of the fighting along the channel coast in Belgium. The reports agree that the Germans have met with a reverse and it is said that the Germans are retreating.

The Belgian correspondent of the Telegram in his account of the fighting, reports that British warships bombarded villages which the Germans had occupied and also the country to the south of these places.

"When the order was given for the infantry to advance," he says, "and the rattle of machine guns supplemented the noise of the naval guns. The Germans were caught between two fires and their line began to waver and slowly gave way before the pressure of the infantry."

"The strength of the attack was then increased and soon the whole German line resting on the coast was in full retreat."

Germans Driven Back.
In a dispatch from Ghent, sent at 1 o'clock this morning, the correspondent of the Daily Mail declared that the Germans appear to have been driven back in an engagement at Middelkerke, six miles southwest of Ostend. He says that cannon has now been placed near Ostend and adds that most of the German wounded has been removed from Bruges.

The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent under date of Tuesday night says that according to a German message a fierce battle is still raging between Furnes and Dunkirk. He continues: "On the march on Dunkirk the Germans met a large and unexpected body of troops which attacked them horse, foot and artillery, while the British warships co-operated with the land forces. The Germans are reported as falling back in confusion on Ostend and troops from all over the west of Belgium have been hurried to Nieuport."

"The Germans have received the greatest surprise of the war. A dispatch from Ghent says the result of this fighting has caused anxiety among the German officers, one of whom, a German general, committed suicide. Festivities announced to celebrate German successes were suddenly cancelled yesterday."

Packers Protest Against Tax on Oleomargarine
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Resolutions protesting against the government tax on oleomargarine were adopted at the closing session of the American Meat Packers' association convention here today.

FINDS NEW REASON FOR RATE RAISE

Strauss Fears Foreign Investors Will Unload Holdings if Dividends Are Not Increased.

CLEMENTS ASKS QUESTIONS

Commissioner Wants to Know if the Shippers Should Be Compelled to Guarantee Returns on All Stock Issues.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Statements of Sir George Fisher, the English financial expert, here to discuss with treasury officials questions of foreign exchange arising from the European war, were laid before the Interstate Commerce commission in support of the plea of eastern railroads for a general increase in freight rates.

Frederick W. Strauss, a New York banker, testified Sir George had told him today he was anxious that American railroad securities held in England should not be thrown on the market.

"Mr. Strauss urged that railroad dividends must be paid from greater earnings for the roads if they were to be made so desirable to European investors that they would not be unloaded when the stock exchanges were reopened."

Commissioner Clements, who presided (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

If you Want to Help Fill Up the Christmas Ship Telephone to The Bee Office, or to Mrs. C. C. Chase, Harney 65. Mrs. Chas. Offutt, Harney 162. Mrs. F. A. Nash, Harney 272. Mrs. M. T. Barlow, Harney 1311. Mrs. Gould Diets, Harney 61. Mrs. T. D. Crane, Florence 267.

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