

GERMANS RAISE SIEGE OF VERDUN

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At All Points the Allies Are Holding Fast--German Right Wing is Reported Encircled, and it is Reported That General Von Kluck's Line of Retreat is in Danger.

Paris, Sept. 17 (3 p.m.)—That the Germans have been compelled to raise the siege of Verdun, was considered certain here to-day when an official announcement was received from Bordeaux that the crown prince's army has again been forced to give ground before the combined French central armies. The German centre has been shoved north and east of Varennes.

It is stated at Gen. Gallieni's headquarters that the battle line of the army of the kaiser's heir is now rapidly encroaching on the headquarters at Montfaucon. It is expected that he will now be compelled to move his headquarters to the Meuse river in a direct line to Steunay Gap.

At all other points on the line, it is stated that the forces of the allies are holding fast although it is admitted that the Germans have now been heavily reinforced and are making a determined stand.

German Right Wing Encircled.

London, Sept. 17.—The Daily News this afternoon prints a despatch from a correspondent at Amiens, which says the right wing of the German army has been encircled by the allies, and that Gen. Von Kluck's line of retreat is in danger.

Russians Capture Austrian Fortress.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The Matin has received a special despatch from Petrograd which says the Russians have occupied Przemysl on San river. Przemysl is a most important Austrian fortress and has been reported for the last few days as invested by the Russians.

Germans Fiercely Resisting.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The war office statement indicates that there has been no changes of movement in the positions of the contending armies and that the Germans have not succeeded in assuming the offensive. "The battle continues along the entire front between the Oise and the Meuse," says the statement, "with the Germans fiercely resisting the French attack, and fortifying their positions along the lines previously indicated."

Rain Bad For the Germans.

Paris, Sept. 17.—Reports from the front to-day say that a cold drizzly rain is falling everywhere, and it seems certain that the rainy season is now well begun. This will harass the Germans far more than it will the French, inasmuch as the Germans are badly battered and far from their supply bases, while the French can bring up all of their supplies and be able at all times to retreat if necessary.

The Germans are reported as very short of food and forced to cook oats and beets which they gather from the surrounding country already well stripped. The French troops, reports from the front say, are extremely well fed. According to the stories told by the German prisoners, the German ranks are greatly disillusioned by their defeats, and by their theatrical entry into French cities only to immediately be forced to abandon them. The French soldiers are cheerful in the rain, singing constantly and finding no fault.

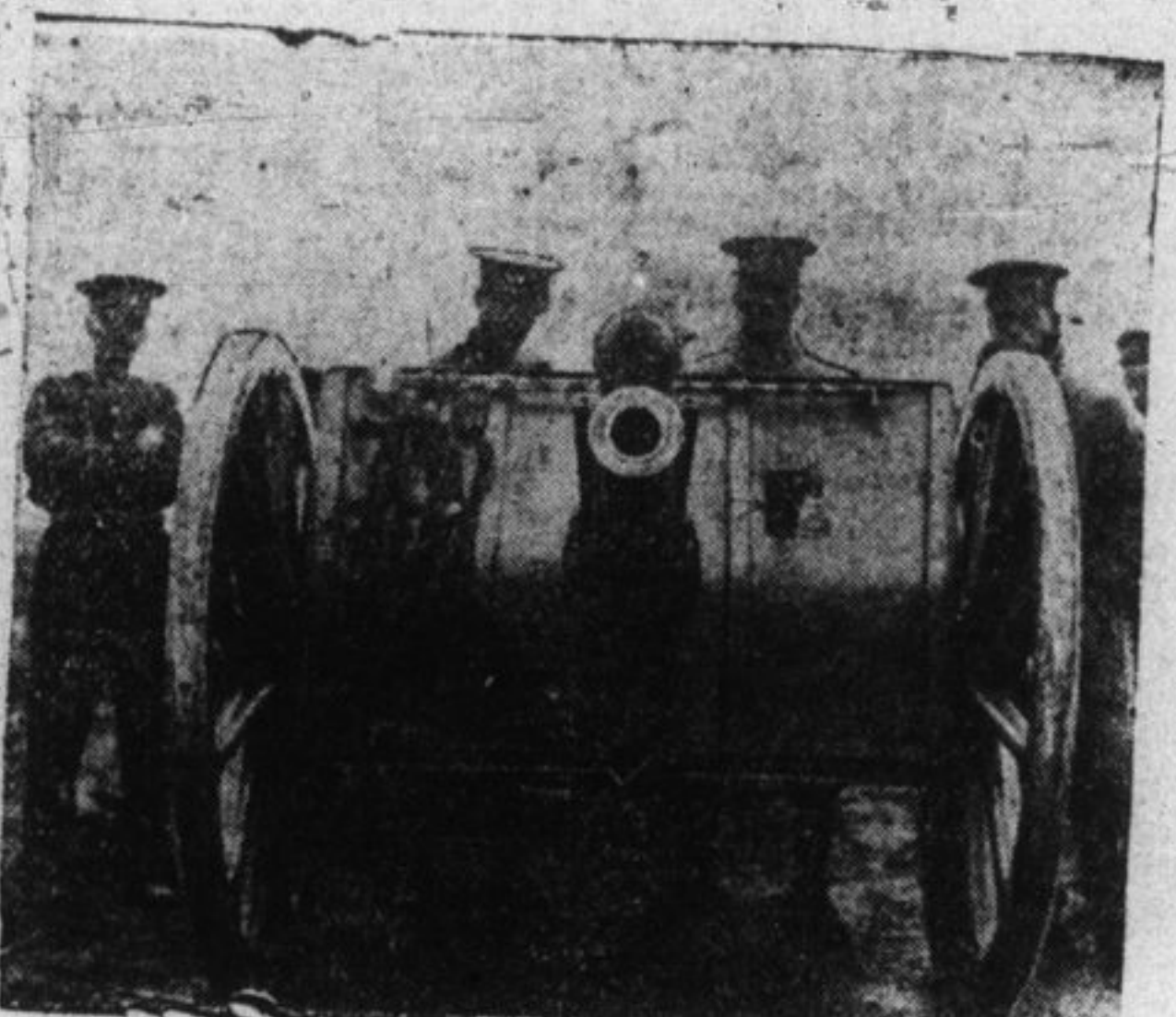
Expect To Fight in Germany.

London, Sept. 17.—Germany is striving desperately to resume the offensive in France, but so far every effort has been nullified by the fierceness of the British-French attack. This fact was emphasized at the foreign office this afternoon, where it was also stated that the general battle continues with the slight advantage so far noted entirely in favor of the allies.

It is admitted at the war office that the Germans are fighting with desperate valor, but it is also insisted they are being forced to fall back on their centre and left. Especially is the army of the crown prince being hammered and already his battle line has been forced back between eight and twenty miles at various points.

Advices received from various points in Holland say it is reported there that the Germans have been greatly strengthening the fortifications all along the Rhine. This is the first confession by the German general staff that they may finally have to assume the defensive within their territory.

THE FIRST PRIZE GUN OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT



This gun belongs to "B" battery of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, Kingston, now at Valcartier, with its crew. Shown above is considered the very best of Canada's artillery which is noted for its efficiency. This gun and crew took the cup at Petawawa this year for general efficiency in firing and taking position. It is expected that the R.C.H.A. will be about the first to leave Valcartier for the front. They are regulars and have a maximum of training.

Austria Loses 250,000 Men In Galicia

London, Sept. 17.—The official press bureau issued the following announcement last night: "It is stated from Russian official sources that the rout of the Austrian army in Galicia is complete, though full details have not been received."

The Austrian loss since the taking of Lemberg is estimated at 250,000 killed and wounded, 100,000 prisoners and 400 guns, many colors and vast quantities of stores.

The Germans made desperate efforts to save the Austrian army, but failed completely.

At one point the Germans lost thirty-six pieces of heavy artillery and at another several dozen pieces of shot artillery."

SHOT THROUGH MISTAKE

De la Rey Killed; Police Believe Him Desperate.

Cape Town, Union of South Africa, Sept. 17 (via London)—General Jacobus Hendrick de la Rey, the well-known Boer general, has been accidentally shot near Johannesburg.

General de la Rey was born in 1848. He commanded the Lichtenburg burghers during the Boer war, during which he won a high reputation as a military leader. After the war he went to England with Generals de Wet and Botha, and took an important part in the peace negotiations.

General de la Rey, accompanied by the General Beyers, who has just resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the defence forces of the Union of South Africa, was returning yesterday evening by automobile to his farm when the police, who were watching for a gang of desperadoes known to be using a car similar to that of General de la Rey, challenged him.

It is evident that neither General de la Rey nor the man in the car with him heard the challenge, for they proceeded without stopping. The police fired at the car and a bullet entered the general's heart.

The shooting of the general has caused a great sensation through South Africa.

CLAYTON GROCER BURNED.

In Critical Condition at Watertown Hospital.

Watertown, N.Y., Sept. 17.—The condition of Edward A. Burlingame, the Clayton grocer, brought to the City Hospital suffering from burns received in his store, was reported at the hospital as critical.

How Mr. Burlingame received his injuries is not known. He was found unconscious, with his clothing on fire, in the basement of his store, by passers who saw smoke coming from the store. He is about fifty years of age and has been a well-known merchant of Clayton for years. Besides his wife, he has a daughter, Miss Emily Burlingame, now in Syracuse university.

BIG GERMAN LINER SUNK.

At Sea By the British Cruiser Lancaster.

New York, Sept. 17.—The North German Lloyd liner Kron-Prinz Wilhelm has been sunk at sea by the British cruiser Lancaster, now of Ambros channel lightship, according to information brought ashore to-day. Where and when the Kron-Prinz Wilhelm was sunk was not stated.

Later—Pilot Nichols, who told the story about the alleged sinking of the Kron-Prinz Wilhelm, by a British cruiser, this afternoon, admitted that his story was untrue. He said he had only been romanc-

Allies Trying To Dislodge The Germans

Paris, Sept. 17.—The German armies who failed to pierce a road for their retreat by way of the frontier toward Metz, apparently have decided to fight another great battle for supremacy in the territory northeast of Paris.

They have taken up a line almost as extensive as that of the battle of the Marne and for the last two days there has been in progress a desperate struggle in which the entire German force which made the rapid advance on Paris has been engaged.

The allied troops, strengthened by new arrivals, also are bringing their whole strength into play. Their purpose is to dislodge the Germans who in some quarters are believed to be suffering from exhaustion due to their long continued marches and countermarches.

The Germans are stationed on a great plateau of undulating country, interspersed here and there with wooded heights.

GERMAN MILITARY CRITIC

Says French Advance Will End A German Bid.

Berlin, Sept. 17. (via Rotterdam and London).—A military critic of a Berlin paper says: "We must accept the news from French sources concerning the retreat of the Germans with Dutch calmness and not imagine that the French already are before Berlin."

"If the French pursue the Germans with the same haste as they were pursued by the Germans they will get into the same difficult position in which the Germans were."

The French, however, have an advantage in the support of the Belgian army, but even if the Germans were beaten back over their own borders the aspect of the situation would be no better for the French than it was at the beginning of the war."

CONVICTED BY HIS OWN EVIDENCE

Prussian Soldier Writing Home Tells of Brutalities of the Sacking of Louvain.

Paris, Sept. 17.—By their own admission the Germans at Louvain behaved themselves like veritable brutes. Here is a passage from a letter published in the Frankfurter Zeitung written to his parents by a German officer:

"The houses in which ammunition and suspected persons were found were burned and the rascals shot. About thirty were thus shot on the night of Tuesday to Wednesday."

"Later we shot those who killed and wounded several of our men. Then we set fire to that quarter."

"On Wednesday we were fired upon and then we fired still other houses. We shot fifty or sixty persons, among whom were a certain number of Belgian soldiers in civilian clothes."

"Then I went with my detachment to search several houses on streets which had remained intact, in order to seize in them any arms or ammunition. There occurred there scenes which would break your heart, but it was necessary."

"Finally, last night they left us quiet. Nevertheless my troops were fired upon in another quarter of the city. That is why to-day the entire civil population was gathered together by force, and this afternoon the city will be razed to the ground by our heavy artillery."

Hon. Dr. Beland, M.P., is to join the Canadian force when it arrives at the front.

GERMAN RIGHT WING

Has Retired Seventy Miles In Two Weeks.

London, Sept. 17.—The German army, which less than a fortnight ago was at the "gates of Paris," and the right wing then extended to the southeast of the French capital, is now drawn up on almost a straight line, extending from the neighborhood of Noyon, in the west, to Bois Forges on the Meuse, north of Verdun, with left resting on the German fortress of Metz.

This right wing, at least, has gone back more than seventy miles in two weeks, while the rest of the army has had also to retire before the whole could find ground on which to make another stand against the advance of the allies.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT

Being Equipped For Two Years' War Service Abroad.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—The Canadian army division at Valcartier is being equipped for two years of service, the view taken by the authorities here being that the campaign will be a lengthy one. It is highly probable that the proposal to send a second army division to the front will be reconsidered. There is in the army sixty per cent. through casualities, illness, etc., and so in order to maintain the force at its strength, many drafts of fresh men will be sent from time to time to fill up the first contingent.

Next Governor.

Vancouver, Sept. 17.—Frank S. Barnard, former member of parliament, is understood to be the next lieutenant-governor of British Columbia. He is a brother of Harry Barnard, present member of parliament for Victoria. Gov. Patterson's term will run out in November.

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TO COURT-MARTIAL COMMANDER.

Ghent, Sept. 17.—The Belgians have refused to treat as a prisoner of war, Commander Meune, commander of the Landsturm at Louvain. He is being held as a criminal prisoner at Antwerp and will be court-martialed for gross infractions of the laws of war.

Three Bodies Found. Trenton, Ont., Sept. 17.—The bodies of Clair Jenkins, Fred Brown and James White, the three Belleville men drowned by falling out of a motor boat in Bay of Quinte last Sunday evening, were found in about sixteen feet of water this afternoon, by some men on G. W. Sedell's tug, which, passing over the location, stirred up the water so that the bodies came to the surface. A reward of \$75 had been offered.

A Nickel To See Prisoners. Paris, Sept. 17.—A Munich paper is quoted as saying that French prisoners at that city are enclosed in an encampment, where the public is admitted for a 20 pfennings (5 cents) entrance fee. It adds that the visitors are numerous and delighted to see the well-born French obliged to condescend with lowly Apaches, all eating at the same mess.

U. S. TARS SING "RULE BRITANNIA" No Doubt Where the Sympathies of Uncle Sam's Fighting Men Are.

London, Sept. 17.—A Times correspondent in France describes an incident at Havre when the United States cruiser Tennessee lay in the harbor and a British transport, the decks of which were thronged with soldiers, passed her. The American cruiser dipped the stars and stripes and suddenly the British Tommies broke into "Rule Britannia."

"Then," says the correspondent, "an amazing thing happened. I heard and was thrilled by it. The bronzed American sailors took up the rolling chorus: "Rule Britannia, Britannia, rule the waves. Britons never, never, never shall be slaves. 'It was the most brotherly act I have ever witnessed.'"

DAILY MEMORANDUM. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

Meeting of Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Auxiliary at 2.30 on Friday afternoon. Baymond Hitchcock in "The Beauty Shop," Grand Opera House, 8.15 p.m.

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- McLeod's Grocery, 51 Union St. W.
- Widley's Drug Store, 269 University Ave.
- Wool's Cigar Store, 255 Princess
- Proctor's Drug Store, 311 Princess
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- Low's Grocery, Portsmouth

BORN. FLEMING—At the Kingston General Hospital on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Noel Sanford Fleming, a daughter.

DIED. CULKLEN—In Hotel Men, Kingston, Sept. 16th, 1914, Elizabeth Egan, beloved wife of John Culklen, of Read, interment at Read.

McDONALD—At Gore Bay, Manitowish Island, on Sept. 15th, at the age of 82, Mrs. M. J. McDonald, beloved wife of Rev. John A. McDonald, interment at Carleton Place cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

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