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The Battle of the Aisne.

The battle of the Aisne has now been waged for twelve days. According to Sir John French's statement it commenced on September 12th, and it is spoken of in the American press as the greatest battle in history. It will be remembered that General Joffre foretold that it would be a stubborn and long contest. He stated that the Germans were well entrenched and occupied ground favourable for defence. A century ago Blucher declared that 25,000 troops could hold that part of the plateau north of Rheims against any odds, and the Germans have 100,000 troops entrenched there, and the attack against them covered by excellent artillery. The German line of defence, as we pointed out last Friday, had other natural advantages. The front was protected by the river Aisne and the flanks of the main armies by the river Oise on the west. The American Military Officer who offers expert opinion on the situation in the New York Herald said last Friday:—

"Military men here credit the Allies with achieving much in having gotten their forces across the Aisne in the face of the German resistance. If the Germans could have held the passages of the Aisne it would have indicated at the outset an ability to withstand the oncoming British and French, but they were not able to hold the Aisne and instead of having that river between them and the Allies the Germans now have an important stream, the Meuse, at their own back. This spells increased difficulties such as attend the crossing of a large stream should it be found necessary to fall back still further. It can be put down as a certainty that the loss of the present battle to the Germans will mean the end of offensive operations on the part of the Germans in France. Germany can never in the present war be stronger than she is at present. Her full military strength is being exerted. She has no more reinforcements forthcoming and disaster now along the Aisne and Meuse is an end to all ambitions in France. On the other hand, failure now on the part of the Allies to break through the German line of defence will mean a check only until those great acquisitions which Lord Kitchener has arranged for come forward. To many military men the conviction is already formed home that what ever the outcome of the action on the Aisne, Germany is even now fighting for the defence of the German front."

er, and that failure now to hold back the Allies will necessitate retreat out of France and to the protection of the first line of German forces. This means a line but slightly in advance of the Rhine. According to the intelligence received since Friday, the Allies have more than held their own and have succeeded in driving the Germans back some ten or twelve miles from their left wing. Moreover the news of their turning movement in this quarter points to further success, and this is borne out as we stated yesterday by the rushing of German troops from northern Belgium to the neighbourhood of Douai and Tournai. Additional news in this connection will be found in the despatch we received to-day. Not only are the Allies holding their own with the troops at their disposal, but the future is with them. Troops are being prepared in Britain to strengthen the allies. The Dominions have also men in readiness in India gives an indication available, and the flogging answer of the lay head of the 59 million Mohammedans in India gives an indication of the men there, ready and willing to be trained to do battle with Prussian militarism. More than this, the pressure of the Russian millions will be more and more felt as the days go by. They have already played havoc with Austrian armies, and they will be in a position within a few weeks to strike hard at Germany and to follow it up with other millions of men not yet at the front.

LATEST From the Front.

11.15 A.M. RUSSIAN NAVAL SUCCESS. Special to Evening Telegram: LONDON, To-day. A Paris despatch credits the sinking of a German cruiser and two torpedo boats in the Baltic by the Russian cruiser Bayan. FIELD MARCHAL KILLED. PARIS, To-day. Field Marshal Count Von Moltke, has been killed fighting at Esternay. HEAD OF INDIA'S SIXTY MILLION MOHAMMEDANS ANSWERS THE KAISER. LONDON, To-day. Agathan, who is recognized as the temporal head of sixty million Indian Mohammedans, says that Germany guessed wrong about India's loyalty; that they understand German Imperialism well, and will fight to the last ditch to stem it. He can furnish seven million men for war. DUTCH STEAMER FOUNDERS. LONDON, To-day. A despatch from Rotterdam says it is said the mining Dutch steamer Automaat, bound from Grimby for Rotterdam, foundered. A Swede is the sole survivor of the Automaat's crew of twenty men. GERMANS PREPARING FOR RETREAT. LONDON, To-day. Fifteen hundred Germans arrived this morning at Ath, fifteen miles north-west of Mons, Belgium, coming from France. The outskirts of Brussels everywhere have been mined and strongly entrenched. The entire German garrison has left for Ath, Tournai and adjacent districts where the "richeards also have been built to prevent the Belgians falling on the north-western flank. The Germans should be compelled to retreat from France. ALLIES PUSHING BACK GERMAN ADVANCE. PARIS, To-day. Joffre is devoting much attention to the Western wing on the battle line, where the fighting has been incessant day and night. The allies since the beginning of the battle on the Aisne have pushed back the German advance nearly eleven miles, forcing them to seek further defensive positions on plateaus and in the rough country, which, however, offers excellent opportunity for entrenchment. The Headquarters Staff has been enabled to make a long movement from the west towards the North. The town of Soissons has been subjected to furious German bombardment for nine days. The cannonade starts each day at dawn, continues until eight o'clock in the morning, then ceases and begins again at four o'clock, continuing until seven in the evening. Noyon is also suffering from German gun fire, but the fine cathedral up the present has escaped. Yesterday the advance of the Allied troops entailed very severe fighting, in which the artillery played a large part. The combat had lasted for twenty four hours but eventually the Germans yielded ground after sustaining a large number of casualties. Large numbers of seriously wounded British officers and men have been transported to the American and other hospitals in Paris. Among the killed to-day were General Dupis, Commander of the 67th Infantry Brigade. 1400 SAILORS WENT DOWN. LONDON, To-day. A Harwich despatch says it is learned from reliable sources that the death roll of the British cruisers Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy will be about 1,400. The survivors explain the affair happened in so brief a period of time that it seemed like a nightmare. One of the crew of the Aboukir said he was in the water for about four hours. In his opinion all the men between the decks must have gone down with the ship. He thought that for the past three weeks submarines of the enemy had been observing cruisers, waiting for a fine day, risk a torpedo shot at them. They must have known that cruisers were patrolling the same waters for weeks and seeing their opportunity took it. 12.50 P.M. 3 TRAIN LOADS OF GERMANS. PARIS, To-day. Three trains bearing prisoners and wounded German soldiers arrived yesterday afternoon at the North Station. TWO CAFFEAINS SAVED. Special to Evening Telegram: LONDON, To-day. The Admiralty is publishing a list of casualties of officers serving aboard the cruisers Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue, says the "list contains 24 names from the Aboukir, 25 from the Cressy, and 11 from the Hogue." In the list

The Roll of Honor.

Lieut-Commander Harvey Goes Down With the Cressy. Word was received last night by the Hon. John Harvey from the Admiralty that his brother, Lieut-Commander Bernard Harvey was not among the reported saved from the cruiser Cressy. Lieut-Commander Harvey was gazetted as a Lieut-Commander on Dec. 31st, 1912, and a few months later joined the Cressy, which was part of the fleet with her station at the Nové. At the time of the disaster he had been much longer connected with the Cressy than any of his brother officers. He was educated at Bishop Field College and was prepared there for his entrance examination to join the training ship Britannia. He was a bright boy with a happy manner and a most pleasing disposition. In the Navy he had a bright career before him, but he has been called upon to pay the toll for the Admiralty, and in doing so did his duty.

Pullman Loaves

8 cents each. JOHN B. AYRE. To Be Taken off Route. Various rumors were circulated to-day concerning the Red Cross Liner Florizel, which arrived to-day. So far as is known now she will not go back to New York from this port and shippers generally here were advised this morning by Harvey & Co., Ltd., the Agents, that the ship is not taking any freight, nor can any passengers be booked. In view of the Florizel coming off her regular route there was an opinion got about at first that the ship was going to Halifax from here, later to be engaged to convey some of the Canadian Volunteers. Confronting the Agents here with this statement, we were informed that such was not the case and that they were unable to say anything definite until sometime this evening when instructions are expected to arrive from Head Office at New York. Reids' Boats. The Argyle is due at Placentia from the Westward this afternoon. The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.25 a.m. to-day. The Clyde left Lewisporte at 10 a.m. to-day. The Dundee arrived at Port Blandford at 3.30 p.m. yesterday. The Ethie arrived at Clarendville at 7.15 p.m. yesterday. The Glenoe left St. Lawrence at 8 a.m. to-day, coming east. The Home arrived at Lewisporte at 6 p.m. yesterday. The Kyle is north of Twillingate, the Lintrose leaves North Sydney to-night. The Meigs left Humbermouth at noon to-day. The Sagona left Twillingate at 5 a.m. to-day, coming south.

Here and There.

DUE HOURLY.—The R. M. S. Pomeranian is due hourly from Philadelphia. FOGGATA.—The Foggata, left Joe Batt's Arm at 9.30 a.m. to-day, coming South. LOCAL ARRIVES.—The local from Carbonare via Brigus arrived in the city at noon to-day, with about 30 passengers. FISH CARGO.—The schr. Hlawatha has left St. Lawrence for Halifax with 3,161 quintals of codfish. ADVENTURE DUE.—The s.s. Adventure is now due from Sydney with coal to A. Harvey & Co., having left that port at midnight Tuesday. WEATHER.—It is calm and fine along the line of railway to-day with the temperature ranging from 60 to 70 above. MR. F. J. KING, Organist, &c., of St. Andrew's Church, has resumed teaching. For terms, apply 46 Queen's Road.—sep23,4i BOWRING'S SHIPS.—The Prospero left Bonavista at 9.40 a.m. to-day. The Portia left Channel this forenoon, coming east. PIANO FOR SALE.—I second hand Piano by first class manufacturer, in splendid condition. Will be sold for about half its value and with a written guarantee from us. CHESLEY WOODS, Nfld. Agent, 140 Water St., upstairs.—aug31,tf REACHED TRINITY.—The schr. Gladys W. with 30 qts. Eleanor E. 200, Mary Avery 200, Annie M. K. 250, British Empire 160, R. Grey 230, J. & G. 600, R. B. Fowlow 450 have arrived at Trinity from the Labrador. BRICE PASSENGERS.—The s.s. Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.25 a.m. to-day with the following passengers in saloon: W. A. Carroll, Miss E. J. Maddox, M. C. Messervey, J. B. Orr, R. T. and Mrs. Oldford, Miss Katie Costello and E. Prince. Stafford's Prescription "A" is one of the best stomach preparations for sale in Newfoundland. Price: Small size, 25c; post, 5c. extra. Large size, 50c; post, 10c. extra.—sep19,1f BORN. On the 22nd inst., a daughter to Conductor R. and Mrs. Gaul. MARRIED. At St. Thomas's Church, this morning, by the Rev. A. Clayton, Mr. Edmund Maidment to Miss Jessie Ash. DIED. On September 23rd, after a short illness, Mr. Peter Walsh, carpenter, leaving a widow, two brothers and two sisters to mourn. Funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 108 Duckworth Street.

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