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GERMAN RAID ON CHANNEL PORTS CHECKED BY ALLIES THIS WEEK'S FIGHTING

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All the nations engaged in the mighty struggle in Belgium and the North of France are silent with regard to the actual happenings In the battle scarred zone. So far as is known there has been little progress on either side, but from the accounts that have filtered through from various sources, this stern engagement which has been going on incessantly for several days may be characterized as the fiercest of the

whole war. Thousands upon thousands of German reinforcements have been added to the great masses of troops which have been endeavoring to force their way to the northern ports of France. It is said that this ceaseless pushing forward of vast bodies of German soldiers is by direct order of the emperor, whose eye is fixed on England, a campaign against which at an early date is considered among the possibilities, pro-vided a suitable base can be found from which to direct the forces. Similarly the Allies have been strongly reinforced, and among the new troops at the front are the British Indians, who, according to all accounts, have been bearing themselves well.

Similarly the Allies have been strongly remores, and among the new troops at the front are the British Indians, who, according to all accounts, have been bearing themselves well. A new rebellion in the Union of South Africa has broken out. Gen-erals DeWet and Beyers, both notable figures in the South African war, have placed themselves at the head of a revolt in the Orange Free State and Western Transvaal. The extent of the rising is not known nor can its importance be foretold, but already, the South African government, which had knowledge of the prospective movement, had issued a procla-mation to the people calling for their assistance and has taken meas-ures to quell the rebellion. The British Admiralty issues a warning to vessels whose course may carry them to the waters to the north of Ireland, as in these wa-ters German mines have been laid, with the sesuit that one British steamer, the Manchester Commerce, has been blown up. Additional channels in the river Thames have been declared closed to navigation by the Admiralty in order to frustrate hostile attempts by hostile ships to reach London.

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has committee suicide by snooting at Bruges. London, Oct. 27, 9.45 p. m.—The German raid on the Channel ports as it is called here, seems to have been checked for the time being or, at at any rate, the Germans have made little, if any progress since they succeeded in crossing the Yser Canal on Saturday last. They are, how-ever, still pushing on with all the forces at their command, and are meet-ing with most stubborn resistance from the French, British and Belgian

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The losses on both sides continue to be in proportion to the merce-ness of the battle, which means that they are greater than those in any battle since war was declared, now nearly three months ago. Along the coast, where the Allies have the assistance of British and French warships, they have apparently more than held their own, and after inflicting very heavy losses on the Germans, have compelled them to try for an opening further inland. Up until yesterday the Allies had been forced to give way at some points, but today, according to the been forced to give way at some points, but today, according to the French official communication, they have succeeded in holding their po-sitions at every point, from the mouth of the Yser to the Lens district and have again advanced between Ypres and Roulers, where there has been some of the hardest fighting of this sanguinary battle, and where the British Indian troops have made their first appearance in the firing

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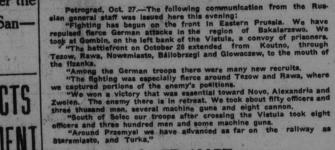
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Cabinet Busily Engaged Allotting Work to Factories all

Over Canada.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Oct. 27.-Most of the con-tracts for the equipment of the second Canadian contingent have now been let and long before the force is ready to heave for England the men will be fully equipped. The uniforms and equipment will be distributed amongst the local divisional centres as fast as they are ready. The sub-committees of the cabinet which is engaged in allotting the con-tracts for military supplies has been meeting daily and held a long confer-ion the sub-committees of the cabinet which is morning and again tonight when further heavy contracts for piothing and equipment were let. The pointacts are being disturbuted as widely and impartially as possible with an employed. The members of the sub-committees the sub-committees of the sub-committees of the sub-committees the sub-committees of the sub-committees of the sub-committees the sub-committees of the sub-committees the sub-committees of the sub-committees of the sub-committees the sub-committees of the sub-committees of the sub-committees the sub-committees of the sub-committees of the sub-committees of the sub-committees of the sub-committees the sub-committees of the s

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OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

Paris, Oct. 27 (11.10 p.m.)—A very brief official statement was is-sued tonight by the French war office regarding the great battle which is in progress in Belgium and Northern France. The text follows: "There is nothing to report, except some progress on our part in the region to the south of Dixmude."

GERMANY

Builetin-Berlin, via Amsterdam and London, Oct. 27, 8.15 p. m.-General headquarters under date of October 27, announces: "The battle on the Yaer Canal, near Ypres and southwesterly from Lille, is proceeding with the same stubberness Yesterday the German troops made progress. "On the other battlefront in the western theatre no important events have occurred. "To the west of Augustowo the attack of the Germans is slowly pro-ceeding.

"To the west of August of Waresw our troops have repulsed all the estimate of atrong Russian forces. North of Ivangorod a new Russian army corps has proceed the Vistula."

AUSTRIA

AUGITUM Vienna, Oct. 27 via Amsterdam and London, 1.52 p. m.—An official statement given out today says the Austrian operations, the object of which is the clearing of Bosnia, are proceeding successfully. The Ser-vians were driven back to Vishnegrad October 24 and the Austrian pur-suit reached the Drina river October 26. Eastern Bosnia to the Drina is now completely cleared of the enemy. The Montenegrin divisions, separated from the Servians, have re-tired in a southwesterly direction. Vienna, Oct. 27, (Midnight)—An official statement issued today says: "The situation is unchanged in Central Galicia. Southwest of Ivangord our heroically fighting troops are opposed by superior for-ces. One of our corps has made 10,000 prisoners."



IS REPORT FROM FRANCE Germans Have Encountered Frightful Losses in Battle Around Yser — First-class Success for Allies Now Confidently Looked For - Re-

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organizing Belgian Army.

PROBS-SHOWERY

London, Oct. 27 (9.50 p.m.)—A despective of the seligians a thousand casual-tion of the Central News from "Northere France," says: "The Germans were yesterday after-noon, in great part, driven back ac-ross the Yser, with heavy losses, by the French infantry, added by the fire of the monitors. When the Belgians undertook the defense of the Yser they held it for a week. Then by sheer weight of artillery and men the Germans pushed the Belgians back but not before they paid the full pen-atty for the temporary gain. "At least two army corps faced the Belgians. Their object was to force them right into France and thus suc



Rumor in Vancouver that German Cruiser was Towed Into Esquimalt by Idzuma -Report Wounded in Hospital

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Vancouver, Oct. 27—Rumors are floating around regarding the mys-tery ship, the German cruiser Leipzig. This time, it is said on what resembles good authority, that the Leipzig was towed into Esquimalt harbor this morning by a Japanese warship, presumably the Idzuma, which has been on the coast for some time, and that she is in a bat-

From statements which have been made by a doctor who arrived in Vancouver today, there must have been a fierce engagement some-where in the Pacific, as the Leipzig had a large number of wounded who are now being attended. Beyond this statement no confirmation can be obtained of the story.



is Again in Field Against Great Britain — General De

STUBBORN BATTLE.

The opposing forces are so strong that it must be many days before decisive result is attained by either side, despite the great losses which they are suffering, and which grow greater as report follows re-

port. Along the old front, stretching from the River Oise to the Meuse, from which the Germans withdrew their best troops to strengthen the army, which is attempting to advance along the coast, the French have been taking the offensive, and to the north of Soissons have been en-gaing in an artillery duel with the Germans in which they have des-troyed several of the German batteries. They seem to have been play-ing at this game for some time, for the last three reports from Paris Mave announced the destruction of German guns. Further east, the offensive tactics of the French have driven the Germans, however, are so strongly entrenched along the long line that it is believed they are preparing to remain for the winter, holding their positions until their present objectives, the northern ports of France, have been attained. BATTLES IN POLAND.

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Very serious battles also are proceeding in Southern Poland and in Galicia without decisive results. The Russians, however, have crossed the Vistula north of Ivangorod with a fresh army corps, which should have a marked effect on the fortunes of the battle. They appear from their own account to be breaking down the resistance of the Austrians south of Przemysi and throughout Galicia where fighting of the most stubborn character has been going on for weeks.

REBELLION IN SOUTH AFRICA

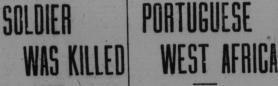
Another rebellion has broken out in South Africa—this time head-ed by Gen. De Wet and Gen. Beyers. Neither of these men have any political following, but it is feared that some of the burghers, who like themselves still retain some of the bitterness aroused by the South African war, will join them. (Continued on page 2)

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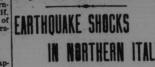
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