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## BATTLE RAGES NEAR THE AISNE, WHERE GERMANS ARE MAKING STRONG STAND AGAINST ALLIES

And is Even More Vital for the Nations Concerned Than Even the Recent Great Battle in Which the Allies Forced the German Troops to Retreat

GERMANS ARE IN STRONGER POSITION THAN THEY WERE AT BATTLE OF THE MARNE

But Have Had no Success in Some Assaults Upon the British and French, in Fact Have Had to Give Ground—Allied Left Bearing the Brunt

ALLIES POSSESS A VERY BIG ADVANTAGE

Are Bringing in New Troops Through Rouen and Amiens to Attack the German Flank—Fate of the Germans Will be Largely Decided by This Battle

London, Sept. 18.—Another big battle, even more vital for the countries concerned than those which preceded it, is now in progress on a line extending from the region of Noyon, on the River Oise north-west of Paris, to the River Meuse north of Verdun. The front is somewhat shorter than was the case of the battle of the Marne, but this will only result in a more fiercely contested battle, with masses of troops throwing themselves at each other, and every available piece of artillery concentrated in a determined effort of the armies to break through the lines.

Are Fortified.

The Germans, who a fortnight ago had abandoned their first swift endeavor to destroy the armies of France and Britain and capture Paris, have now fortified themselves in the mountains north of the River Aisne, through the plains of Champagne and in the Argonne Mountains, through which the Meuse flows.

They are in a stronger position than they were for the battle of the Marne, and have been strongly reinforced with fresh troops.

From the northeast they have attempted some counter attacks against the Allied troops, which flushed with victory, have been trying to prevent them from entrenching themselves.

Were Repulsed.

According to the English and French reports these attacks have been repulsed, and the Germans have been compelled to give way at certain points.

It would appear that the western wing of the two armies of the German right and Allies' left, are again hating the heaviest part of the fighting.

Upon the armies of General Von Kluck and General Von Buelow depends the safety of the rest of the German army, should retreat be decided upon or forced upon them; and besides holding the front, they have to be prepared to withstand another attempt on the part of the allies to outflank them.

In Good Position

These German forces hold a position from a point near Noyon on the Oise along the district north of the Aisne to a junction of the latter river. With supplies behind them are splendid lines of railway running in all directions which facilitate the movement of troops from St. Quentin, Guine and Mezieres, so that in this respect, they are well placed.

The Allies on the other hand, it is believed are bringing new troops through Rouen and Amiens to threaten the German flank. In fact, nearly whole country north west of France is now open to the Allies, the Germans having withdrawn most of their scattered troops eastward toward Oise.

In centre between Rheims they continue to fortify themselves while between Argonne and the Meuse they are entrenching themselves at Montfaucen.

Progress Must Be Slow.

French officials warn the public that, as the Germans occupy positions prepared for defence and are

supported by heavy artillery, any progress must be slow. The Germans are preparing for every eventuality and are maintaining a force superior to that of the Belgian army in Belgium to cover the retirement of the main army, should that become necessary. They are reported to be strengthening the fortifications on the Rhine, where, if necessary, they could continue a long defensive.

## FRENCH, A GREAT GENERAL

Gets a Great Eulogy From Earl Kitchener in the House of Lords For His Splendid Work

ANTICIPATED EVERY PROBLEM

And, Under Him, the British Army Have Been Able To Throw Terror Into the Enemy

London, Sept. 17.—In the House of Lords to-day Lord Kitchener declared that the tide had turned everywhere in favour of the Allies. He stated that while the struggle was bound to be long, England has good grounds for looking forward to its end in quiet confidence.

In opening his address he spoke in highest eulogy of Sir John French, the British Commander-in-Chief, who, he said, had met every difficulty presented by the situation in a manner that has proved his worth as a soldier.

Superb Leader

"Thanks to his superb leadership," continued Kitchener, "the British army has been able at all times to fight a fight that has thrown terror into the enemy. Nothing has been wanting, his every move has shown he has foreseen what was to come, and has so distributed his forces that strongest German blows have spent their weight without bringing the disaster the corps had planned."

Latest devices from the front do not change published statements. The Government has taken the people of the nation into his confidence, so far as it is able. Every bit of information that properly can be made public is published.

Good Showing

Our troops have met the difficulties of a hard campaign with a good heart, and when the word comes, England can depend on her soldiers to give an account of themselves; of which all true Englishmen will be proud.

Although the struggle is bound to be a long one, England can look forward to the final outcome with quiet confidence.

England now has in the field more than six divisions of troops and two cavalry divisions.

## WAS DROWNED AT WESTERN BAY

Deputy Minister of Justice Hutchings had a message from Western Bay today that James A. Loveys was drowned this morning while saving wreckage.

## Training Ship Fisgard Founders; 21 Lives Lost

London, Sept. 18.—The Admiralty announces that the training ship Fisgard II, formerly the battleship Erebus, has foundered during a gale in the English Channel.

Twenty-one members of the crew were drowned. At the time of the disaster the Fisgard was being towed. Boy Artificers were trained on the vessel. The Fisgard was a ship of 6,910 tons.

Fred Lawrence of Bonavista arrived by today's express for hospital.

to war, but at the same time does not want to lose any share of the spoils that might fall to her.

Kitchener Optimistic.

Field Marshal Kitchener, Secy. of State for War, speaking with full knowledge of the situation at the front, declared: "The tide has now turned," so that he although telling the public the war will be a long one, appears to be hopeful of the outcome which is pending.

The little British army that has fought so long and so hard is looking forward to support from the Indian troops, which should soon be at the side of the Englishmen, if not for the present battle, then for one which must soon follow it, no matter how it goes.

The engineers having closely followed the army, have repaired the railways and being reinforced on the whole line both as to positions and strength the forces of the opposing armies should be evenly matched. Except for the advantage of the Allies having an army to threaten Von Kluck's flank, the situation along the rest of the line is much the same.

## BRITISH A SURPRISE TO GERMAN GENERALS AT BATTLE OF MARNE

Thought They Had Been Too Badly Knocked About to Take the Offensive Effectively

THEIR VICTORY WAS GREAT ONE

And Heartened the Whole of the Forces of the Allies in Their General Advance

VALUABLE CAPTURES

Including Whole Artillery of German Army Corps—Great Feature of Battle Was Long-Range Artillery Duel

London, Sept. 18.—In an account of the operations of the British army in France and of the French armies in immediate touch with it during the period from Sept. 10 to 12, written by an officer attached to Gen. French's staff and issued by the Official Bureau, it says in part:

"On the 11th there was a general advance of the French along their whole line. Duke Albrecht of Wurtemberg's army being driven back across the Sault and elsewhere and the whole artillery of a German corps being captured. Several German colors also were taken.

"It was only on this day that the full extent of the victory gained by the Allies on September 8th was appreciated by them and the moral effect of this success has been enormous.

## FOOD SHARKS DEALT WITH

The Australian Government Seizes Supplies Unreasonably Withheld For High Prices—British Authorities Also Take Steps

London, Sept. 18.—A despatch to Reuters from Sydney, N.S.W., says: "The State Government, acting in accordance with the powers conferred upon it by Parliament at the outbreak of the war, to prevent gambling on food stuffs, to-day seized 140,000 bags of wheat, which its holders had refused to sell, for four shillings and two pence (\$1.00) an hundred-weight, the price fixed by the Government.

London, Sept. 18.—A proclamation was issued to-night authorizing the Board of Trade to take possession of any articles of commerce, which are being unreasonably held from the market, paying the owners fair prices for them.

## STEAMER SUNK 14 LIVES LOST

Quebec, Sept. 18.—The Dominion Government steamer Montmagny was sunk in St. Lawrence, 26 miles from Quebec this morning, being struck by the Dominion coal collier Lingan in the fog.

Fourteen lives were lost in the Montmagny. Second Officer Lechance and one officer were lost.

Among the lost were two women and eleven children, the families of the light house keepers on Belle Isle and Flower Island.

## Carson Married

London, Sept. 18.—Sir Edward Carson was married at Wincarton, Somerset, to-day to Miss Ruby Frewen, niece of Morton Frewen, Member of Parliament for Northeast Cork.

fire from building a pontoon bridge at Soissons. A large number of Infantry, however, crossed in single file on the girder of the railway bridge last standing.

During the last three or four days many isolated parties of Germans have been discovered hiding in the thick woods along the way behind our line. As a rule they seemed glad to surrender.

Behaved Well.

At Villiers Carterets the Mayor appears to have behaved very judiciously and though supplies far in excess of the capabilities of the place were demanded the town was not seriously damaged. The Germans evacuated the place on 11th September in haste.

Rheims was occupied by the enemy on the 3rd of September. It was recaptured by the French after considerable fighting on September 13th.

## WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)  
East Coast: Decreasing North to N.W. winds, clearing and cool. Saturday, fair.  
West Coast: Fresh North to N.W. winds, fair today and on Saturday.

## LIEGE ABANDONED?

London, Sept. 16.—A Rome despatch says it is officially admitted in Berlin that the Germans have abandoned Liege.

## GERMANS SLOWLY GIVE BACK

Paris, Sept. 17.—The Germans are slowly giving way in the great battle that continues to-day all along the line of the River Aisne, according to an official announcement made in Paris this afternoon.

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