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Oct. 6—The success of the Russian army at Augustovo and Drusseniki is important, because it shows that the German soldiery is not invincible as against the Russian. The despatch of three British cruisers through the straits of Magellan has not been explained in despatches, but the reason can be found. All the German warships of any account at Tsing Tao, which is now being attacked by the British and Japanese, escaped before that German stronghold in China was invested. One of them, the Emden, is now plagueing British commerce in the Bay of Bengal. The cruisers Gniessenau and Scharnhorst, more powerful vessels, headed in the direction of South America. Any day we may hear of their arrival at some South American port, though Vancouver is foolishly apprehensive of their appearance off the British Columbian coast. It can be taken for granted that the British cruisers Good Hope, Monmouth and Glasgow were sent into the Pacific to head off these fugitive cruisers.

Oct. 7—The line of the allies in France has extended northward, but the upper part has fallen back westward slightly to meet "very important masses of cavalry," which was the only possible course calculated to prevent the allied line being outflanked. The allied troops that rounded the end of the German line at Douai have had to give up their advantage and retire in the direction of Lens and La Bassée. The capture of the fort des Romans, south of St. Mihiel, is not good news. After reducing the fort, the Germans tried to build bridges across the Meuse, but failed.

Oct. 10—The hope to which we clung for sentimental as well as for military reasons, that the Germans would be kept out of Antwerp, has not been realized. The fortress did not surrender, nor was the garrison annihilated. On the contrary, the brave defenders, finding that the German infantry had forced their way into the outer city through the suburbs of Berchem, on the south side, evacuated the place. The fortresses which have fallen victims to the immense German siege howitzers