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SITUATION OF THE ALLIES  
LEFT WING IS REPORTED  
AS QUITE SATISFACTORY

[By Special Wire to the Courier]  
LONDON, Oct. 15.—Tele-  
graphing Wednesday morning  
from Calais the Daily Chronicle's  
correspondent says:  
"The position of the Allies' left  
wing, which is now the most im-  
portant section of the long battle  
line, grows daily more satisfac-  
tory. The fighting around Lille  
has been extremely satisfactory to  
the Allies.  
"The Germans have been turned  
out of the semi-circular positions  
which they held around Lille and  
the corner of French territory  
which juts into Belgium there.  
"The Germans have been push-  
ed back as far as Courtrai (in Bel-  
gium, 26 miles southwest of  
Ghent), where they are entrench-  
ing. It appears that they will

make a stubborn endeavor to hold  
the line of Blankenberghe, Bruges  
and Courtrai.  
"It was the German intention to  
make a dash on Calais coincidently  
with the taking of Antwerp.  
In accordance with this plan they  
advanced in force on Hazebrouck,  
Mont Cassel and Saint Omer. The  
Allies' guns near Mont Cassel  
mowed down the oncoming Ger-  
mans, who fell back, leaving sev-  
eral hundred wounded. The Al-  
lies followed up their advantage,  
throwing the enemy back over the  
Belgian border.  
"During the fighting near Saint  
Omer a bomb from a German  
aeroplane killed three persons and  
injured six others. A French aero-  
plane pursued the German bomb-  
thrower and killed the pilot and  
his companion with rifle shots."

Urges England  
to Get Ready  
for Aero Attack

[By Special Wire to the Courier]  
LONDON, Oct. 15.—The  
Times' military critic discussing  
possibility of Germany attempt-  
ing an invasion of England, thinks  
the Government ought to instruct  
the people and the authorities  
how to act in the event of such an  
attempt and to make up their  
minds whether it is proposed to  
fight regularly or irregularly in  
repelling an invasion. The Times  
points out that there is no com-  
mander-in-chief in the British

Isles except Lord Kitchener and  
that unless one mind presides  
over the numerous garrisons and  
various armed forces which would  
be used in defence there can be  
no unity of action.  
"Desperate as the attempt  
would be," the writer adds, "the  
lack of great success on the con-  
tinent may tempt Germany to  
risk a blow at England, and the  
more completely we are as pre-  
pared the less likely is the at-  
tempt to be made."

Russian Retirement to  
Warsaw Not Considered  
a Setback by Experts

[By Special Wire to the Courier]  
(By Courtesy of the New York  
Herald Company.)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—In to-  
day's review of the war situation  
in Europe The Herald's military  
critic says:  
"Since the days when Napoleon  
measured wits with Wellington  
and Blucher in Belgium, a re-  
markable change has been  
wrought in the terrain over which  
the opposing armies marched by  
the construction of an unusually  
complete network of highways  
and railways. The manoeuvring of  
large forces of troops and their  
maintenance in the field are in  
consequence materially facilitated.  
In the Eastern theatre of opera-  
tions, however, very different con-  
dition obtains. While there are a  
few well known established rail-  
road routes, in the country, the  
Poland through which Napoleon  
and his grand army swept en  
route to Moscow is the Poland of  
to-day with comparatively few  
changes. Steam railway lines are  
scores of miles apart and good  
roads are unknown in some sec-  
tions.  
The vastness of the front main-  
tained by the opposing armies  
and the tremendous difficulties of  
troop transportation and of ordi-  
nance and supply, entails much  
delay in effective concentration  
of forces. Difficulties which were  
surmounted with comparative ease  
during the last few weeks, how-  
ever, have now been increased a  
thousand fold by the advent of  
winter, bringing heavy rain falls  
and some snow.  
In nearly all of the somewhat  
vague accounts of fighting in East  
Prussia, Poland and Galicia the  
great expanse of swamp land are  
shown to have proved fatal to the  
orderly retreat of the defeated  
forces and almost invariably after  
every consequential action, vast

quantities of war material have  
changed hands.  
The shifting of the center of ac-  
tivity from the region before  
Cracow in Galicia to Warsaw,  
the capital of Russian Poland,  
does not mean that the Russian  
forces have received a setback.  
As a matter of fact it is necessary  
that the German force operating  
in the general direction of War-  
saw should be met with a suffi-  
cient counter-stroke to permit of  
an advance along the whole vast  
Russian front, which extends over  
territory of three nations. In the  
form of a giant lobe 200 miles in  
width, Russian Poland extends  
between Eastern Prussia and Gal-  
icia and the center of the Russian  
battle line now beginning to as-  
sume tangible shape, must neces-  
sarily advance through Poland  
in maintaining the general align-  
ment of the entire front. At pre-  
sent the two flanks have  
after having fought decisive ac-  
tions against the Germans on the  
the frontier into Prussia and  
against the Austrians in Galicia.  
"Now the combat, which in all  
probability, has already commen-  
ced, will be along the Vistula.  
Conditions which in the western  
theatre of war make possible the  
speedy transfer of strong forces  
of troops to various portions of  
the line to meet the sudden shift-  
ing of the direction of the offen-  
sive by the enemy are not avail-  
able in the east. Aerial recon-  
naissance is undoubtedly being  
employed, but it is not as effective  
where the facilities of quick trans-  
port are missing.  
"The battle of the Vistula there-  
fore, will be fought out more  
along the lines followed before  
the introduction of what is now  
regarded as one of the most poten-  
tial forces in modern warfare,  
aero scouting. That a strong force

is being concentrated toward the  
center of the Russian line to meet  
the German aggressive advance  
with counter-attack, has been in-  
dicated by the relaxation in the  
south. The fact that the German  
central force, after the setback  
in the north, continues to push  
the offensive vigorously in Rus-  
sian Poland, indicates its strength.  
"How much of the immense  
military strength of the Russian  
Empire confronts the Germans in  
the battle can only be conjectured.  
That it is superior in numbers to  
the German force is likely. The  
battle at Cracow will not develop,  
according to present indications  
until a decision is reached along  
the Vistula. If the Russians are  
defeated there they may be com-  
pelled to withdraw from the vicin-  
ity of Cracow without offering  
combat."

Spies Arrested

[By Special Wire to the Courier]  
NANAIMO, B. C., Oct. 15.—The  
ninety ton gasoline launch, Em-  
press Ninth, was captured by Can-  
adian authorities yesterday at  
Camrox Spit in Union Bay. The  
crew, two men and a woman, all  
giving the name of Kohle, were  
taken into custody.  
The launch had about nine  
months provisions and supplies  
aboard, carried three auxiliary  
engines and was equipped with  
wireless apparatus. It is sup-  
posed that the crew were inter-  
cepting messages from the wire-  
less station at Cape Lazo. Two  
other men also named Kohle, were  
arrested at Campbell River. They  
were charged with being German  
spies. Both parties were sent to  
Nanaimo to await further instruc-  
tions.  
The launch left Victoria a few  
days ago without clearance papers.

WAR SUMMARY

[By Special Wire to the Courier]  
The gloom which has enveloped  
England since the fall of Ant-  
werp, has been somewhat lightened  
by the news contained in offi-  
cial communications that the al-  
lies are more than holding their  
own in the furious fighting along  
the Franco-Belgian border, but  
this feeling of elation has been  
tempered by the growing realiza-  
tion that the Russian invasion of  
Silesia, which was believed to be  
imminent, must be postponed in-  
definitely pending the outcome of  
the battle in Russian Poland.  
Russia in the east seems to  
have been compelled to follow  
the steps of her enemy in the west  
and sacrifice the fruits of her vic-  
tories by sending reinforcements  
to another part of the long battle  
front.  
The resumption of the Austro-  
German offensive in Galicia was  
an outcome of the action of Rus-  
sia in sending heavy reinforce-  
ments to the River Niemen, evi-  
dently under the impression that  
the German invasion of the Su-  
walki district was a real menace  
and not merely a diverting move-  
ment. The withdrawal of Russian  
forces from Western Galicia, how-  
ever, is regarded here to be not  
as complete as first reported, for  
Vienna admits that Przemysl is  
still invested on one side, while  
Petrograd reports that the garri-  
son of this fortress has been in-  
vaded by disease and is on the  
point of capitulation. Other des-  
patches from the Russian capital  
refer to activity along the Vis-  
tula River, where several attacks  
are said to have been repulsed,  
and declare that the great battle  
probably is now under way, un-  
less the Austrian advance has  
been hampered with bad weather.

of British observers, but that the  
German army is making desperate  
efforts to reach the channel coast  
and that the allies are no less de-  
termined to prevent such an ex-  
tension of the battle line.  
The repatriation of Belgian fu-  
gitives promises to become a se-  
rious problem both in England  
and Holland, and these countries  
may call upon the United States  
to assist in this work.  
Further detachments of Cana-  
dian troops are landing to-day.  
Turkey continues in a truculent  
mood, and trouble may have al-  
ready begun in the Black Sea,  
where heavy firing has been  
heard, and where it is believed  
that the famous German cruisers,  
Goeben and Breslau, which have  
been sold to Turkey, may have  
been engaging the Russian fleet.

Ostend is now virtually a de-  
serted city, with its docks still  
crowded with terror-stricken refu-  
gees intent only on getting as far  
as possible from the scene of the  
suffering.  
Berlin reports the occupation of  
Lille, but declares that other than  
this there is nothing new to report  
on the western frontier.  
According to despatches reach-  
ing London, typhus is declared to  
have shown itself among the Ger-  
man troops along the western  
front, and rumors of the outbreak  
of various other diseases are in-  
creasing. England is taking note  
of these reports by sending to  
the front three of her most im-  
portant medical men as an advi-  
sory body to co-operate with the  
regular medical staff in the pre-  
vention of epidemics.  
A correspondent in Italy re-  
ports that the war fever in that  
country is abating, even the most  
determined anti-Austrians now  
agreeing that no belligerent move-  
should be made before next  
spring.



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Mr. Harold Ashton, whose vivid descriptions of the war have appeared in the London Daily News, has just returned from France and has supplied Mr. F. Matania, special artist for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, with material from which this drawing has been made. Every detail of the above drawing is guaranteed to be severely accurate. It was at Lassigny, a village on the high road between Montvidier and Noyon, that the fierce struggle reigned that is here so vividly pictured. Lassigny is in the heart of the cider country, and here they were taken by surprise by the French Light Cavalry.

DRAWN BY J. MATANIA