

ENEMY MUST RETREAT IS THE EXPERT OPINION GIVEN OUT TO-DAY

Impossible to Make a Headlong Dash on Paris by the Coast—The German Front Has Been Badly Broken Up in Some Parts.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The Herald's military critic to-day says:

If the enforced retreat of the German army of occupation in Flanders continues, as has been indicated by several reports of the fighting in Western Belgium, General Von Kluck, the ubiquitous strategist of the Kaiser's forces, will again have to assert his remarkable military skill and energy in extricating his command from a precarious situation. From the past performances of the German army in this campaign there appears little likelihood that the German retreat will degenerate into a rout, or even assume the semblance of disorder.

History holds no better example of mastery generalship than the transformation from disastrous retreat to vigorous defensive at the Aisne. This was made possible by the efficient and effective construction of field works by the German engineer corps, who undoubtedly have subsequently been occupied in constructing similar lines at advantageous positions behind the battle front.

In Belgium, however, the nature of the terrain, especially in the west, does not lend itself to the throwing up of strong defensive works, while the entire littoral the Dutch frontier south has been rendered untenable to the Germans by the British naval forces. If the German general staff contemplated an aggressive operation against the coast towns of Northern France, therefore, it would appear that the activity of the British fleet in co-operation with the land forces has effectively defeated the project.

While reports of the battle, or rather series of engagements, in Belgium vary concerning the positions of the opposing forces, it would appear from the consensus that the Germans have by no means effected a united front such as obtains from Lille in a tortuous curve to the German frontier. That the allies have made incursions in force beyond what was conceived to be the connected German front is apparent.

Meanwhile the wedge-like drive to the northeast of Lille, which, if pursued with vigor and sufficient force, will seriously menace the German lines of communication in Belgium and threaten the line of retreat of the German forces in Northern Flanders, appears to be continued. The first thrust was effected when the allies occupied Ypres, a commanding position from a strategic standpoint inasmuch as it is a junction from which important highways and railways radiate.

Of no less importance, however, is the new location of the thin line of wedge of men and metal at Menin, on the high road about ten miles due north of Lille, across the Belgian frontier. Menin also is a railway junction, and one line runs direct to Arras, and the southwest, strongly occupied by the allies. If the advance is carried further to the eastward the evacuation of Lille by the Germans will naturally follow, in order to protect the entire front.

The possibility of the isolation of the German troops in Northern Belgium is not regarded seriously, however, by military experts, and only by the concentration of a force of vast numerical superiority could the flank of the German front be effectually turned. From the present aspects of the situation, however, an orderly retreat of what had hitherto been the extreme right wing of the German front is likely, and if the Germans develop a determined offensive, it will probably take shape at another position of the line.

A repetition of the initial pivotal advance upon Paris by way of the coast may have formed part of the latest rearrangement of the German scheme of campaign. That it is still seriously considered is possible only in connection with the contemplated reinforcements of remarkable strength in Belgium.

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ARE ORDERED OUT
LONDON, Oct. 23.—A despatch from Rotterdam to the Daily Telegraph states that the English and French still in Ostend and other Belgian coast towns have been ordered to leave within two hours. They are obeying the mandate and are crossing the Dutch frontier.

CHILDRENS CONCERT TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR BRANTFORD SOLDIERS WHO ARE AT THE FRONT

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Holds Dinner Napkin
"By a happy accident I have discovered the facts about this picture. It shows Mr. Churchill in Antwerp. He is in undress uniform. He has just stepped out of his hotel on to the sidewalk. He holds in his left hand a strivette, or, as the Americans would call it, a dinner napkin. He has just left his place at the table, in the midst of a great official dinner, to come out to the sidewalk and listen to certain distant sounds. The intense expression on his face and his wide hearing show his deep interest. The British First Lord of the Admiralty, listening to the opening guns that

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