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Britain and Holland have an understanding as to the n of foodstuffs from Holany of the countries at war, and powerful searchlights to point out the positions and to blind the defense during night attacks are being used by the Germans in the battle to the north and east of Paris, which is still without defi-

ments.

Military science is frequently lost sight of, and the contest be-comes merely the hurling of forces against one another. Night combats have become an element in the action. an element in the action. They are telling on the stamina of the

troops on each side, many of whom already are worn out on the firing line in the seemingly The French public, who through-out have shown calm, are patient-

ly awaiting a decision. The changing actions at various points along the battle line, as indicated by the war office statement, fur-nish opportunity for diversified comment as to their significance. Lieut.-Col. Rousset, the military critic of La Liberte, sees in the latest manoeuvres of the Germans somewhat of the daring. A large spreading movement on the flank of an adversary, he says, can have the inconvenience, generally grave of enlarging the space which exists between the moving troops and those on the front. This must necessarily have a reasonable limit under the risk of transforming the plan into a detached operation simply, which would be very perilous for those executing it. Such a movement, moreover, says Lieut.-Col. Rousset, has hardly a chance of succeeding, and onso when not discovered, which loes not appear to be the case, judging from the war office state-

General Pierre Cherfils, in com-

tainly the German army is only

unanimous in saying that the Ger-mans have had excellent practical instruction, and that from a technical point of view, they fight with a remarkable method. The Germans know, he says,

how to be patient and to wait They realize the ground with real art. There they make themselves invisible, and give many a grue-some surprise to the impetuousity of the French. Their machine guns are very numerous and sometimes grouped. They have one company of machine guns per regiment. They are always hidden, often set at the edge of woods, seeking to have an oblique fire.

The Germans first lines of march, General Cherfils continues, are covered with sheaves of corn or are well concealed otherwise. In the advance of them are their eite marksmen. Nearly all the French officers who lost their lives says the general, were killed by these firers, who always were hid-den. Their junction with diverse units is complete, and the accord between the artillery and infantry s of a permanent intimacy. The infantry advances only when supported by the artillery.

If their technical supremacy is manifest, their moral inferiority, he says, stands out. They fight only two or four against one, and nearly always flee in front of the bayonet.

SANK GERMANS

TOKIO, Oct. 7.—The belief was expressed at the war office to-day that the German cruiser Cormoran .and two other German gunboats had been sunk in Kiao-Chow Bay. The Japan-ese army has occupied the Shan-Tung railroad as far west as Chi-Nan.....

the enveloping movement of the allied armies. To-day that resourceful commander, having obtained fro man unknown quarter heavy reinforcements, is apparently engaged, in his turn, in at-tempting to outflank the French and British lines. This counter stroke is viewed here as the supreme feature in the

situation in the western theatre of the war, and its full significance can be gauged only by the actors, who alone are privileged to witness the drama in which they are engaged. Simultaneously with his newly-

(By Special Wire to the Courier]

LONDON, Oct. 7.-(1:10 p.m.)

-The conflict along the rivers of

Northern France, although now in

its twenty-sixth day, shows fewer

signs of an early end than it did

two days ago. Then General Von Kluck ap-

peared dangerously threatened by

launched turning movement, Gen-eral Von Kluck has been trying to cut right through the centre of the Allies' extended left at Lassigny. The official French com-munication says that this attempt was foiled, but it is not doubted

that the effort will be renewed, and in the event of success it would compel the left wing of the French army to retire towards the coast in order to escape the Ger-man lines stretching out simultaneously from the north and east. The fighting in this neigh-borhood, described in the official French report as "more and more violent," must, it is believed, reach to Antwerp and largely influence the fate of that fortress. The surest way of raising the siege of the temporary Belgian capital would be the success of the French turning movement on the Neither the German or French commanders have claimed any decision in this unprecedented strug-gle. Indeed, the German report states that nothing decisive has yet resulted from the attacks and

counter-attacks in the district ex-tending from Lille to Roye by way of Lens, Arras and Albert. "Both the Germans and the Austrians claim to have checked the Russian offensive and gained success, but as usual the state-ments fail to agree with those of their opponents. The German headquarters in Berlin announced

that the Russian advance on the East Prussian border not only was checked, but that Emperor Nicholas' forces have been successfully attacked in Suwalki, the scene of so much recent fighting Further south on the Vistula, German and Austrian forces are said to have dislodged the Russians from their entrenched posi-tions between Opatow and Ostrowiec, with heavy Russian losses in prisoners and guns. The Austrians also claim successes in Galicia.

On the other hand, the Russians are reported as steadily advancing to the westward and southward. "The most recent British victim of mines is the steamer Ardmount, which is variously report-ed as sent to the bottom by Brit-

ish and German mines. The official report is not yet available, but it is claimed that if steamers are following the sailing direc-tions there is no danger to them from the British mine field. This mine field is now regarded, it is said, as essential, as it has securely sealed the channel in prepara-tion for a period of fogs in long nights when the lookout by air craft will no longer be possible."

BATTLE IIS

CONTINUEL

tern arena of the war, may to day be described as a gigantic **On the Allies Left Flank** "sniping" engagement in which riflemen have been replaced by batteries of heavy artillery masked along the heights of the Aisne and the Meuse. These desultory artillery duels seem to have suc-ceeded the desperate infantry chargs with which, during the early stages of the battle, it was sought to clear out the extended lines of entrenched troops on either side.

One result of the present stage of operations has been a very ap-preciable diminution in the casualties. Observers recently at the front declare that the allies are well content to play this waiting game; they now outnumber the Germans and for this reason can give their troops rest, while the invaders must keep their men constantly in the trenches.

The most important develop-ment of the fighting in France is the reported movement of a German army, said to be 20,000 strong, southward through Belgium by way of Temple Neuve, and Tournai, in the direction of the French border. Belgian mili-tary critics predicted recently that the allies would meet disas-ter if they stretched their line on the left wing too far, and it is be-lieved here that the Germans are now seeking to crush the enveloping movement which remorseless-ly has been closing around General Von Kluck, the commander. of the German right, for the past three weeks. The latest official Paris communication ignores this movement. It declares that the situation in this locality remains the same, but admits that the fighting along the left wing north of the Oise is becoming more and of the Oise is becoming more and more violent. Calm prevails in the center, with the allies gain-ing a little ground in the northern part of the heights of the Meuse. part of the heights of the Meuse. Count Zeppelin is at Wilhelm-shaven, on the North Sea, where his staff is working day and night preparing a great German air fleet for a raid on England. Following England's lead in the North Sea, where she felt compel-led to retaliate against the Ger-man procedure of mine laying, France has announced a similar

France has announced a similar course in the Adriatic, where sey-

eral, trading ships have been blown up recently by mines The only positive news made public in London up to the pre-

sent time from the eastern arena

sent time from the eastern arena is reports that the two Russian columns invading Hungary are converging on Hossunezze and Huszt, towns about 150 miles trom Budapest. These reports set

the great battle front in the westhese armies can hope to get in touch with each other.

Indirect reports current in London make the declaration that the German forces back in the direc-tion of East Prussia. The Ger-mans are declared to be greatly handicapped in this retiring move ment because of the enormous number of horses, which have dicd in the swampy country around Suwalki. As a conse-quence much of their artillery has had to be abandoned.

Another whisper of peace has been heard as a result of the efforts of the German peace asso-ciation, whose president has been at The Hague, to bring about a meeting of international pacifists. This meeting, however, is said to have failed because of transportation difficulties. The same reason has led to the abandoning of the attempt to convoke The Hague peace bureau.

BERLIN REPORTS INDECISION GREAT BATTLE

(By Special Wire to The Courier)

BERLIN. Oct. 7 .- via Amster-

BERLIN. Oct. 7.—via Amster-dam and London, 11.55 a.m.—The following official announcement was given out by the headquarters staff of the German army the evening of October 6: "Continuous French outflank-ing movements against our right wing has extended the battle front until it is now north of Arras. West of Little and west of Lens (nine miles northeast of Arras). Our advance guards are in touch with the enemy's cavalry.

Our advance guards are in touch with the enemy's cavalry. "No decision has yet been reached in our counter attacks along the line between Arras, Al-bert, Roye." "The situation remains un-changed along the battle front between the Oise and the Meuse, in the vicinity of Verdun, and in Alsace-Lorraine. "There is no news from Ant-

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werp. "In the eastern theatre of war the Russians advancing against East Prussia through the province of Suwalki have been checked. We have been successful in our attack against the enemy near the town of Suwalki. "This movement began yester-day."

day.

learning its business now. [By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Oct. 7 .- The correspondent of The Post in Petrograd, in a disquisition contrast-ing Russian and German strategy to the disadvantage of the latter, "Instead of following sound military principles of seeking out the enemy's strength and endea-vcring to smash it, the Germans seem to follow the lines of least

precisely the same trap. In the latter case the Russians left a gap of twenty miles open like a mouse trap door, and the Germans marched gaily in. They found no opposition until they met an un-pleasant surprise at the fanastic bends of the River Niemen, and resistance. Whether this is the result of basing war upon the ex-periences of the parade grounds while trying to force the Niemen, and manoeuvres arranged beforethe jaws of the trap closed upon hand, it is difficult to say, but cer-



[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Oct. 7.-The corre-spondent of the Times at Eper-

nay, France, telegraphing under date of Sunday, says: "The battle of the French Riv-ers has entered upon its fourth week, and unless some flanking

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PETROGRAD (via London, Oct. 7)—The Bourse Gazette learns that owing to favorable news from the seat of war subscriptions will be invited for an internal loan of 500,000,000 rubles, (\$250,000,00) at five per cent. A writer in the Army Gazette, esti-mates that the war with Germany will drag on for a year because the winter campaign can-not have an intensive character. The fighting will however, break out again in the spring with its preivous fury, he says.

War to Last

BROUGHT AERO DOWN

miles northwest of Troyes, that the French brought down a German aeroplane, while it was flying over that city yesterday.

Ontario spent \$2,500,000 on northern roads during the year.

Official Statement Given Out in Paris at 3 O'clock.

afternoon; "On our left wing the battle still continues with great vio-lence. The opposing fronts ex-

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[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Oc. 7, 3.08 p.m.-The following official communica-ion was given out in Paris, this

