

## Official Report Declares German Attacks In West Lack Their Former Vigor

Seem to Have Adopted the New Policy of Attempting to Wear the Allies Out by Vigorous Bombardment

**BUT THESE TACTICS ARE UTTER FAILURE**

And Report Declares it Nothing but a Prodigal Expenditure of Ammunition—Indians Score Success

London, Nov. 18, 9:35 p.m.—The official press bureau has issued the following account dated Nov. 10 of the movements of the British forces and the French armies in immediate touch with it:

"In describing the operations for the six days from Nov. 4 to 9, it can be said that during the period, the Germans have nowhere along our front made an attack in great force, such as was launched against Ypres at the end of October. What they may be contemplating remains to be seen. Their policy has appeared to be to wear us out by a continual bombardment interspersed with local assaults at different points.

"As regards their artillery attacks, which have now continued without cessation for days, wonder is aroused as to when this prodigal expenditure of ammunition will cease, for it has not produced its obviously calculated effect of breaking the defence in pre-

paration for an advance of their infantry.

### Infantry the Sufferers.

"So far the latter have been the chief sufferers from the tactics employed. On Wednesday, Nov. 4 they renewed the attack east of Ypres, but their effort bore no resemblance to those which preceded it, being more in the nature of a demonstration in force than a serious attempt to drive in our line, and was beaten off with ease.

"By then our men had been reinforced, had enjoyed some rest, and had had time to improve their trenches in different ways, moreover the consciousness that they had repelled one great effort of the enemy was a moral factor of no small value.

### Indians Score a Success.

"On the right our Indian troops scored a success by capturing and filling in some trenches in which the enemy had established himself, only fifty yards from our lines, under cover of some heavy artillery brought up after dark.

"On our extreme left one of our howitzer batteries, whose fire was being most effectively directed, selected as its first target a farm from which a machine gun was harassing our infantry. It scored a hit at the first

round and knocked out the machine gun.

"The second target was a house occupied by snipers. This was set alight by a shell and when the occupants bolted, they came under the rapid fire of the infantry. The third target was another building, from which the Germans were driven and then were caught in the open by shrapnel. One of our heavy batteries also obtained several direct hits.

### Comparatively Quiet.

"Thursday (Nov. 5) was another comparatively quiet day, there being no attempt at an infantry attack against any point of our position. South-east of Ypres the Germans maintained a heavy bombardment of one section of our front, but, generally speaking, their artillery fire was not so heavy as it had been somewhat to the south.

"The French made some slight progress and recaptured some ground farther to the south. Two villages which the enemy had captured and their line of ridge close by, were heavily bombarded by British and French artillery from the high ground to the west. The effect of this cannonade could be seen to some extent, though the villages under fire were partially obscured from view by the smoke of bursting shells, and resembled craters in volcanoes belching forth. At one place the gable wreck of an old church tower and the blackened remains of a few houses around it would emerge for a moment, only to be blotted out in a pall of smoke. The long and straggling villages, when they became temporarily visible seemed to melt away, and assume odd and fantastic shapes as the houses crumbled and blocks of masonry were thrown hither and thither by the blasting effect of the lyddite.

"The result of this artillery work was most satisfactory. When the Germans were seen to be running for snifter, from which had ceased to act as such, they were caught and mowed down by the rapid fire of the French field artillery. Against a suitable target the action of the French 7.5 centimetre field guns is literally terrific and must be seen to be realized.

"On the whole the ground which the Germans have gained in this direction has so far proved a somewhat barren acquisition. It is so exposed that it proves a death trap for their troops, and they can derive no advantage from its possession.

"Along the rest of our line, nothing of special interest occurred.

### Success of Allied Airmen.

"Farther south our aeroplanes and those of the French scored a success by partially destroying two of the old forts of Lille. Fort Engles was blown up on the fourth and Fort Carnot on the fifth. They were most probably used as magazines and may have been of some tactical importance as points of support in the line of outposts.

"On Friday the sixth, the attack was renewed south of the Meuse-Ypres high road but was repulsed without difficulty. Again the south-east of Ypres, which town had been subjected to a bombardment during the night and was also shelled during the day, a fairly strong advance was made in the afternoon and the enemy gained some ground.

"The French, however, made a counter-attack, supported by us, and by nightfall had recovered all the lost ground. A French attack on two villages which had been shelled on Thursday, made considerable progress, one point being captured, but the enemy contrived to render the positions untenable, and our allies had retired from the hill by dusk."

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## KEEP PEOPLE IN THE DARK

Germans Are Ignorant of the Many Reverses to Their Troops in the East

Copenhagen, Nov. 18.—Profound dismay has been caused in Berlin by the news which had been carefully suppressed by the censor, that the Russian invaders have again crossed the eastern frontier and have advanced into the Province of East Prussia, and Posen. The news, though not published in the newspapers, has reached Berlin through refugees from the frontier districts of the invaded provinces, who fled to escape the horrors of war.

The memory of the earlier Russian invasion of East Prussia was just beginning to fade from the memory of Berliners, and practically all the fugitives, who, after those earlier days, when they fled to the capital, had been re-established in their homes. Their re-appearance in Berlin and other towns of the interior in a state of greater panic than ever has thus created a much greater impression than the earlier flight.

The news of the latest Russian advance is being carefully suppressed by all the German and Austrian newspapers. The Austro-German forces are still thought to be in the heart of Russian Poland and on the verge of capturing Warsaw.

### L. O. A. Presentation

The special meeting of Lemming Lodge, L. O. A., Thursday night was largely attended.

A feature was the presentation by the Provincial Grand Master, Hon. R. A. Squires, of three beautiful enlarged photos taken during the visit of the Grand Lodge here a year ago, showing that body, and also the Grand Black Chapter at the Colonial Building, the banquet at the Methodist College Hall, together with one of the Grand Masters of the Provinces of Canada and Newfoundland with the Grand Master and Sovereign of British America.

Appropriate speeches were also made by the presiding officer, Major Cave, Capt. A. Kean, and others.

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## 5,558 Killed By U.S. Trains In One Year

Costs More to Bury the Dead and to Care for the Cripples Than it Would Take to Stop the Loss of Life

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Railroads of

the nation kill 5,558 persons annually an average of fourteen every day—because there are no laws penalizing trespassing on railroad tracks. R. C. Richards, general claim agent of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad told delegates attending the eighth conference of the Western Economic Society here. His address was on "Railway Accidents and Safety First."

"I think it is conservative to say that it would cost the States, counties and municipalities less to enact and enforce trespass laws than it

does to pick up and bury the dead, hold inquests on the bodies and care for the cripples," Mr. Richards said. 108,000 in 24 Years.

The speaker asserted that during the last twenty-four years there were 108,000 persons killed and 117,257 injured, while walking on railroad tracks, and "flipping" on cars.

He produced statistics showing that of the 10,954 persons killed on railroads last year more than half of the total were trespassers.

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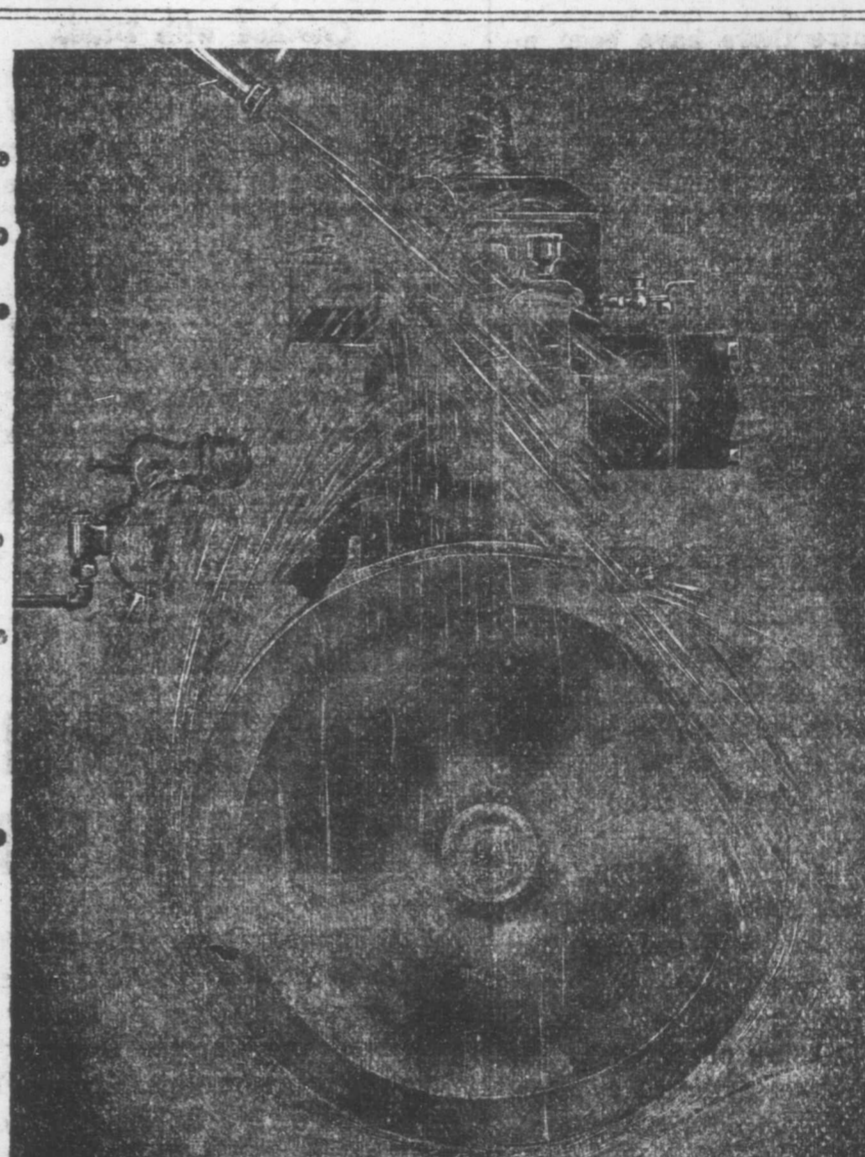
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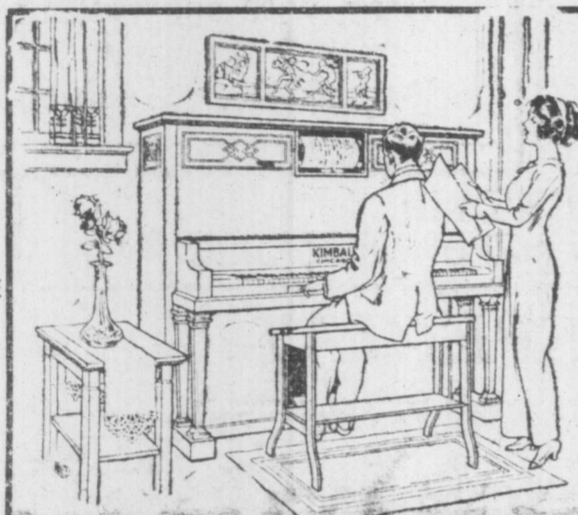
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