## NEWS OF BATLLE OF AISNE RIVER MEAGRE; ALIIES HAVENT WEAKENED IN ANY PLACE

## GERMANS DRAWN UP FOR FIGHT ON LINE FROM NOYON TO BOIS FORGES

How the Enemy is Situated in Great Battle Now in Progress-Right Wing Now Seventy Miles Further Back Than Two Weeks Ago - Aisne River in Front, Hills of Rheims, and Forest of Argonne, Make German Position More Favorable for DefenceBeing Reinforced-Cover Several Lines of Retreat to the North-Their Only Chance of Escape in Case of Repetition of Marne Defeat-Right Wing Reinforced and Allies Will Find it Hard to Envelope it.

London, Sept. 16, 9.30 p. m.-The German army, which Tess than a fortnight ago was at the "gates of Paris," and the right wing of which then extended to the southeast of the
French capital, is tonight drawn up on almost a straight line, French capital, is tonight drawn up on almost a straight line,
extending from the neighborhood of Noyon, in the west, to extending from the neighborhood of Noyon, in the werth of
Bois Forges on the Meuse, north on the German fortress of Metz.
Dhus, the right wing, at least, has gone back more than
seventy miles in two weeks, while the rest of the army has had seventy miles in two weeks, while the rest of the army has had make another stand against the advance of the allies.

GERMANS IN STRONG POSITION.
That the Germans intend to give battle on this line, with the Aisne river in front of their right, forest of Argonne on thei left, there seems to be little doubt. They went back steadily before the French and English armies, fighting only rear guard actions until their right, in command of Gen. Von Kluck, got across the Aisne. Then they turned and delivered several counter attacks, which, however, according to the British official report, were repulsed, the Germans leaving 200 pris oners in the hands of the British.

These counter attacks were doubtless atlivered in the hope of giving the troops of the right wing, exhausted by the long advance, followed by an almost as long retreat, the op-
portunity of resting and preparing positions from which they could await reinforcements before taking up the offensive again.

The Germans are in the hily country around Noyon, on the plateau north of Vic-Sur-Aisne and Soissons, and north o Rheims, where they are digging strong entrechments and rece, ing reinforcements.

But even here this right wing, which has up to The present borne the brunt of the fighting in the advance and the retreat, is not altogether safe, for the French army operating from Amiens clings to its flank, whil
It is essential, however, that they should hold their positions, for they cover the lines of retreat to the north, which they realize this is shown by the fact that they have been contesting every foot of the ground with the allied armies, the last two days, and that both sides have suffered heavily.

BRITISH TAKING FULL SHARE OF THE FIGHTING.
The British army, as had been its lof since it landed in France, is taking its full share in this fighting, which on the the Aisne and made their first determined stand in the retreat from Paris.



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