

BATTLE OF THE AISNE "MOST MOMENTOUS OF WAR"

In chief, who possesses the confidence of the people more than ever in that he does not claim success prematurely...

The Anglo-French army is making satisfactory progress in its offensive operations. The enemy's right has now receded beyond the Oise near Noyon...

Crown Prince at Montfaucon. Montfaucon, which is northwest of Verdun, is where Crown Prince Frederick William is making his stand...

At the far east of the whole battle line the French have unquestionably been victors in a series of engagements, battles which would be great at any other time but which are minimized by the titanic struggle of the Aisne...

From London some inspiring details of the fighting along the Aisne have been received here. On Thursday the battle was raging fiercely north of the Aisne, from Vie-sur-Aisne as far as Berry-au-Bac...

Details of the Fighting. From London some inspiring details of the fighting along the Aisne have been received here. On Thursday the battle was raging fiercely north of the Aisne...

Discussed as French Officers, They Try to Blow Up Bridge. By ALEC RUTHERFORD. Special correspondent of The Sun and the London Daily Mail.

GERMANS IN DARING ATTEMPT. Discussed as French Officers, They Try to Blow Up Bridge. By ALEC RUTHERFORD. Special correspondent of The Sun and the London Daily Mail.

WAR'S GREATEST BATTLE. Germans Repulsed Ten Times in Effort to Pierce Line. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

WAR'S GREATEST BATTLE. Germans Repulsed Ten Times in Effort to Pierce Line. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

WAR'S GREATEST BATTLE. Germans Repulsed Ten Times in Effort to Pierce Line. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

men made a formidable effort, notably against the extreme left, where the English occupied the French left center. Ten times they were repulsed and ten times they returned to the attack in a vain effort to break the allies' line...

On the 16th the situation was unchanged and the night of the 16th was relatively calm. But at dawn on the 17th the allies took the offensive and drove the enemy back a dozen kilometers, taking 600 prisoners and capturing several guns...

An inhabitant of Soissons describes the bombardment of that place, which took place three times a day, from 6 to 8 in the morning, from noon to 2 P. M. and from 5 to 7 P. M. At these hours when the whistling of the shells began to be heard the inhabitants hid in caves in their houses till the two hours were up...

WOMEN, CHILDREN SLAIN. Old Men Also Killed in Night Bombardment of Nancy. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—News has been received from Nancy to the effect that a number of women and children and old men were killed when the Germans bombarded that practically unfortified town. The people expected that Nancy would be one of the first places to be attacked and were prepared to sacrifice their town...

GERMANS IN DARING ATTEMPT. Discussed as French Officers, They Try to Blow Up Bridge. By ALEC RUTHERFORD. Special correspondent of The Sun and the London Daily Mail.

GERMANS IN DARING ATTEMPT. Discussed as French Officers, They Try to Blow Up Bridge. By ALEC RUTHERFORD. Special correspondent of The Sun and the London Daily Mail.

JOFFRE KILLS WRITERS' HOPES. Refuses to Let Correspondents Accompany the Army. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

MAJ. STIVERS AND BIRD SAVED. Retired U. S. Army Officer Was Stranded Near Paris. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

FAMOUS CORPS, PRIDE OF THE KAISER, Suffers Practical Extinction. PARIS, Sept. 18.—All reports received here from the front agree that the famous Prussian Guards corps, the elite of the German Empire and the especial pride of the Kaiser, has been practically blotted out in the battles along the Meuse, Marne and Aisne.

FAMOUS CORPS, PRIDE OF THE KAISER, Suffers Practical Extinction. PARIS, Sept. 18.—All reports received here from the front agree that the famous Prussian Guards corps, the elite of the German Empire and the especial pride of the Kaiser, has been practically blotted out in the battles along the Meuse, Marne and Aisne.



No material advantage, according to latest reports, has been gained by either side in the great battle which is raging along the whole front extending from the River Oise, on the west, to beyond the Meuse, on the east.

The Germans appeared to be strongly reinforced and entrenched in the hills north of the Aisne. They are also strongly entrenched north of Chalons, where they have thrown up covered earthworks parallel to trenches and outer defences.

GERMAN CENTRE GAINS, SAYS BERLIN REPORT. Battle Between the Oise and the Meuse is Still Unclear.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 18.—The German General Staff issued the following official statement last night (Thursday): "No decision yet has resulted in the battle between the Oise and the Meuse, but certain signs indicate that the power of resistance of the enemy is relaxing."

No German Airships Destroyed or Captured. BERLIN, via London, Sept. 18.—The German General Staff has issued the following official announcement: "The battle between the Oise and the Meuse rivers still is continuing, but there are sure indications that the enemy's force is falling."

MORE BOMBS IN PARIS. Berlin Dispatch Says Aviators Killed Several Persons.

GERMANS INTRENCH ON SAMBRE. Correspondent of "The Sun" Sees Many Defensive Works.

WALES MUST STAY AT HOME. Earl Kitchener Thinks Prince's Training Not Sufficient.

CORPSES POISON PARIS WATER. Battle of the Marne Has Contaminated the City's Supply.

3 Army Corps Reinforce Germans. By The Sun and the London Daily Mail.

3 Army Corps Reinforce Germans. By The Sun and the London Daily Mail.

The care that the Germans have taken in fortifying this position accounts for the slow progress that is being made by the strong frontal attack of the French. The French claim that they have made slight progress on their left wing and the Germans say that the attack upon their left failed and that the sortie from Verdun on the right bank of the Meuse was repulsed.

Reims Is the Centre of Most Furious Fighting. Germans, at Bay, Subject the City to a Terrific Bombardment and Set It Ablaze, but Fail to Take It.

FRENCH INFANTRY READY FOR DASH ON FOE. By G. W. PRICE. Special correspondent of The Sun and the London Daily Mail.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—I have just come from Reims, where from a church tower I watched the fighting. The Germans are at bay on the ridge of a line of low, wooded hills northeast of Reims. They are occupying the old dismantled forts and are furiously bombarding the unfortified town, regardless of the rules of warfare.

Along this line the Germans have held their ground for three days. Their heaviest guns are hidden in forests, and the French artillery has not yet been able to gain the mastery. The German infantry is entrenched along the edges of the woods in which the heavy guns are concealed, but it is being attacked alternately by artillery fire and infantry charges.

There are the best of reasons for asserting that the battle will be long drawn out. The Germans are fighting from hilltops with concealed artillery, while the French are attacking over an open plain.

NO FRIENDSHIP NOW. British-German Society Dissolves and Divides Its Funds.

NUN KILLED ON BATTLEFIELD. Head of Dames du Sacre Cœur Shot While Aiding Wounded Man.

NUN KILLED ON BATTLEFIELD. Head of Dames du Sacre Cœur Shot While Aiding Wounded Man.

destroyed. These once pleasant and prosperous little places, which ought to have been busy and thriving after the rich harvest, are now nothing but blackened shells, charred skeletons of the happy towns that were six weeks ago. In them remains no sign of life—not even a prowling dog. The cinder streets are unutterably dismal.

ALLIES WELL PLACED. Are Forcing Germans Out of Defensive Position. By GEOFFREY YOUNG. Special correspondent of The Sun and the London Daily News.

BOULOGNE, Sept. 18.—The position in France is still stationary. The allies are forcing the Germans out of their strong defensive position and the question is one of time and endurance. The French and British have the advantage of excellent facilities for getting reinforcements by rail. It is still difficult to say whether the German right is fighting a rear guard action in retreat or intends to hold its present lines.

TERMONDE SHELLED, BUT IS HOLDING OUT. Town Is in Ruins After Bombardment by the Germans. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

TERMONDE SHELLED, BUT IS HOLDING OUT. Town Is in Ruins After Bombardment by the Germans. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LOUVAIN NOT ALL RUINS. Most of Public Buildings and Art Safe, Germans Report.

LOUVAIN NOT ALL RUINS. Most of Public Buildings and Art Safe, Germans Report.

LOUVAIN NOT ALL RUINS. Most of Public Buildings and Art Safe, Germans Report.

Entire German Campaign at Stake on the Aisne

Decisive Defeat Cannot Be Denied if Great Battle Now Raging Is Lost by Armies of the Kaiser.

ISSUE IS NOT VITAL TO THE ALLIED FORCES. From THE EVENING SUN of yesterday.

At the battle of the Marne ten days ago the great German offensive was brought to a halt, its right flank turned, its change from the offensive to the defensive determined. The effort to envelop the allied armies and cut them off from Paris had failed at Cambrai on August 26.

After the battle of the Marne the German problem was to bring their right, Von Kluck and Von Buelow, out of danger, get it solidly rooted beyond the flanking operations of the allies, then prevent the allies from striking at it as Von Kluck had struck at the British from Mons to Compiègne. Exactly as the British retreat had compelled the whole Anglo-French battle line from the Channel to the Vosges to withdraw so Pau and Compiègne on the German right were in fact compelling the whole German force in France to retreat.

Original Plan Clear Now. We see now precisely what German plans contemplated. There was to be a rush through Belgium to northern France. Once the main German army swept across the Aisne the Crown Prince was to encircle the barrier forts from the west, Gen. von Heering was to come in on the east and south of Nancy, Verdun, Toul and the connecting forts were to be reduced.

Meaning of Germans' Stand. The stand of the Germans could be interpreted as meaning several things. It might have been a new attempt to save trains and heavy artillery moving over muddy roads and now halting the retreat of the main army. It might mean an effort to hold the Marne, partly in difficulty by preventing the concentration of allied troops from the left and center on his front. It might mean a desperate venture to hold the position they occupied in France until fresh troops sent south permitted a new drive forward, a second attempt to isolate Paris and destroy the allied army.

TERMONDE SHELLED, BUT IS HOLDING OUT. Town Is in Ruins After Bombardment by the Germans. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

TERMONDE SHELLED, BUT IS HOLDING OUT. Town Is in Ruins After Bombardment by the Germans. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LOUVAIN NOT ALL RUINS. Most of Public Buildings and Art Safe, Germans Report.

LOUVAIN NOT ALL RUINS. Most of Public Buildings and Art Safe, Germans Report.

LOUVAIN NOT ALL RUINS. Most of Public Buildings and Art Safe, Germans Report.

CARPET CLEANSING. RUBS AND ALL FLOOR COVERINGS. THE THOS. J. STEWART CO.