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BATTLE OF THE AISNE "MOST MOMENTOUS OF WAR"

VERVINS

GERMAN NIGHT

FAILED.

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in chief, who possesses the confidence of mans made a formidable effort, notably the people more than ever in that he against the extreme left, where the does not claim success prematurely, has | English occupied the French left censent to the Ministry of War this tele- tre. Ten times they were repulsed and gram:

satisfactory progress in its offensive The engagements at this time, said this operations. The enemy's right has now officer, "were the most murderous of receded beyond the Oise near Noyon. any in which I assisted during the cam-He has fortified his line from Berry- paign." He added: au-Bac, southeast of Laon, to the

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the Meuse around Montfaucon. The actions east of Verdun, between Etaln success. and Thiancourt, are unimportant."

Crown Prince at Montfaucon.

Montfaucon, which is northwest of Verdun, is where Crown Prince Frederick William is making his stand. His position may be the key to the battle. If, as is the purpose of the allies, he can be cut off from supporting armies and hurled toward Luxemburg short work would be made of the German armies to the west, in the opinion of French military critics.

Montfaucon, the height which the Germans are fortifying, is described as a domelike peak which arises in the middle of a plain. It is an observation point rather than an impregnable milltary position. Its value would be greatly limited unless the Germans succeed in carrying heavy artillery up the slope. Even in that event the sur- General, "that shell would have caused rounding plain, which contains depressions and broken country, furnishes

have been heavy reirs in that district pieces of a shell. "This is certainly no and it is supposed that the manœuvring of heavy guns is a difficult matter.

At the far east of the whole battle French have unquestionably been victors in a series of engagements, pattles which would be great at any other time but which are minimized by the titanic struggle of the Aisne. WOMEN, CHILDREN SLAIN. The Germans have been driven from the region about Nancy, a triumph par. Old Men Also Killed in Night Bomticularly pleasing to the French people because Emperor William was, it has been stated, in personal direction

several days. French progress in Al- number of women and children and old day): sace is said to be steady, with the men were killed when the Germans bom- "No decision yet has resulted in the further report that the Germans are barded that practically unfortified town, battle between the Oise and the Meuse, offering little resistance in that province. These conflicts do not affect the be one of the first places to be attacked main struggle on French soil.

Details of the Fighting.

From London some inspiring details midst of a thunder storm. Most of the of the fighting along the Aisne have been received here. On Thursday the those who heard the report thought at battle was raging fiercely north of the first that it was thunder. Another Aisne, from Vic-sur-Aisne as far as shell followed and immediately all the Berry-au-Bac. The Germans had been inhabitants took to the cellars. forced to withdraw from Solssons, which In a short time the reply of French had been occupied by the allies. In artillery to the German bombardment a quarry north of the town the Ger- was heard and before 1 o'clock the bommans had posted two heavy batteries bardment ceased. The people rushed which maintained a constant fire, the out of the cellars of their houses to in- the following official announcement: shells failing in Solssons and doing vestigate the damage. There were fires much damage to public buildings and in several places, but these were soon Meuse rivers still is continuing, but there monuments. There has not been much extinguished by the firemen. In the lose of life. A line of hills on the small section where the shells struck is failing. north of the Aisne was turned to the the damage was comparatively small. best account by the German engineers, who threw up strong earthworks and GERMANS IN DARING ATTEMPT. in which heavy batteries were placed. It was against these times that the Disguised as French Officers, They Br tish troops buried themselves. This

u-Bac, on the right, by numerous and powerful columns of French troops, many of whom were quite fresh, hav- as French officers made a daring at- by the enemy." ing been hurried to the battle line from. tempt to blow up the railway bridge six depots. They relieved the wearied soldiers who had fought since before was obviously to sever railroad com- Berlin Despatch Says Aviators Killed the battle of the Marne.

ten times they returned to the attack "The Anglo-French army is making in a vain effort to break the allies' line.

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The Germans appeared to be strongly reenforced

"The German leaders were des-Argonne and between the Argonne and perately prodigal with the lives of their men, but nowhere had any permanent

"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 has been gained by either side in the great battle which in caves in their houses till the two

hours were up River Oise, on the west, to beyond the Meuse, on the While the Prefect of the Marne was east walking in the town with a French General a shell exploded twenty paces and intrenched in the hills north of the Aisne. They are away. "Twenty yards nearer," said the also strongly intrenched north of Chalons, where they have thrown up covered earthworks parallel to trenches promotion in the army and the adminisand outer defences. tration." An English General passing shelter for attacking columns. There through the town, was bespattered by

comfortable," he said. The inhabitant of Soissons says further that in the whole region be tween the Marne and the Aisne the German soldiers were always calling for champagne. When they got it they invariably became intoxicated.

bardment of Nancy. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 18 .- The PARIS, Sept. 18 .- News has been re- German General Staff issued the followof the German operations at Nancy for ceived from Nancy to the effect that a ing official statement last night (Thurs

but certain signs indicate that the powe The people expected that Nancy would of resistance of the enemy is relaxing. "The endeavor of the French troops to and were prepared to sacrifice their break through the German right wing town. The first German shell fell in collapsed without any great efforts or Nancy shortly before midnight in the the part of our troops. "The centre of the German army is people were asleep at the time and gaining ground slowly but surely. "On the right bank of the Meuse the sallies from Verdun have been easily repulsed."

> No German Airships Destroyed or Captured. BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, L. I.

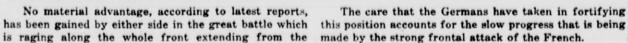
September 18 "The battle between the Oise and the

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are sure indications that the enemy's force The French attempt to cut through of Argonne.

easily repulsed. "All the German airships came up to tierce offensive was maintained at Vie-sur-Aisne, on the left, and at Berry-au-Bac, on the right, by numerous and the London "Daily Mail." "All the German airships came up to expectations after undergoing long and dangerous flights. Some of the air craft are concealed, but it is being attacked ALLI



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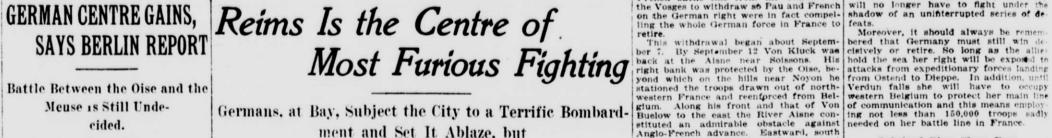
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The French claim that they have made slight progress on their left wing and the Germans say that the attack upon their left failed and that the sortie from Verdun on the right bank of the Meuse was repulsed.

The fall of Maubeuge has released to the Germans a the allies from striking at it as Von Kluck large force and it is thought that these troops will be had struck at the British from Mons to time the allies will have received the sent to reenforce one of the armies along the Aisne.



Fail to Take It.

FRENCH INFANTRY READY FOR DASH ON FOE

By G. W. PRICE.

correspondent of THE SUN London "Daily Mail."

Special Cable Despatch to THU SUN 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. This point is the key of their posi tion. To the west their right lies on The German General Staff has issued the Aisne, where they were vigorously attacked yesterday by the allies from the direction of Soissons. To the east of Reims they hold the wooded crests of iow hills that stretch toward the forest

the German right wing was broken down. Along this line the Germans have held, endeared by years of memories and without notable exertion on the German their ground for three days. Their generations of traditions, now nothing The German army is advancing heaviest guns are hidden in forests, and

ALLIES WELL PLACED.

at Stake on the Aisne Decisive Defeat Cannot Be Denied if Great Battle Now **Raging Is Lost by Armies of**

Entire German Campaign

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 in their first terrific drive into France. In a word the battle of the Aisne, if the great German offensive was brought the Germans lose it, will probably prove the ruin of the whole gigantic operation for which the German General Staff has to a halt, its right flank turned, its change from the offensive to the defensive determined. The effort to envelop the ailled armies and cut them off from Paris had failed at Cambrini on August 26. At the which brough England into the war, and Marne the effort to pierce the centre, iso-late Paris and the eastern barrier forts failed also. There was to be no Sedan, of no Waterloo for the allies in the opening week of the war.

After the battle of the Marne the Gering operations of the allies, then prevent ling the whole German force in France to feats. Mor

stituted an admirable obstacle against Anglo-French advance. Eastward, south of the Aisne but north of Reims, stood the armles of Von Hausen and the Grand

Duke Albrecht. Beyond the Argonne the Crown Prince was struggling back from the attempted investment of Verdun, now abandoned because of the general retreat.

The stand of the Germans could be indestroyed. 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 they were six weeks ago. In them remains no sign of life-not even a prowling dog. The cindered streets are unutterably dismal. What has become of the street are of the street are of the street are unutterably dismal. The stand of the Germans could be in-terpreted as meaning several things. It might have been a new attempt to save miry roads and now halting the retreat of the main army. It might mean an ef-tor to help the Crown Prince, patently in of alled troops from the left and centre on is front. It might mean a desperate in France until fresh troops sent south streets are unutterably dismal.

residents of these vitiages—those who did not fly before the coming of the Germans? That probably well never be known. Some of those who fled before the Germans arrived I saw returning to their villages. They were weary and wet. As they draw near I saw them gasp in horror and incredulity. They saw the buildings in which they had been born and brought up, houses endeared by years of memories and generations of traditions, now nothing but shapeless cinders, heaps of brick and plaster. Just at the entrance of tre devastated street they stopped retreat.

fore making another stand. This would more.

Meaning of Germans' Stand.

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slowly but surely. A sortie from Verdun the French artillery has not yet been and plaster. Just at the entrance of on the right bank of the Meuse was most able to gain the mastery. The German tre devastated street they stopped

retreat infancy is intrenched along the edges forced themselves to look, then burst

resistance. For the allies, then, the battle of th Reenforced, their wings intact, the Ger-mans can hereafter withdraw if the num-bers and resources of the enemies prove too great. Such a withdrawal would mean a surrender of the offensive in the west-ern field for long weeks at best, because, they would have to retire to the Meuse, not impossibly to German territory, be-renders, and the survey of the defensive, but pathably striving to get in motion once there. Reenforced, their wings intact, the Ger-

of war the German armies stand on the French frontier again the most conservative of German war experts will no longer be able to decry the decisiveness of German defeat. man problem was to bring their right. Von Kluck and Von Buelow, out of dan-ger, get it solidly rooted beyond the flank-advance to the Marne, another effort to Isolate Paris and the barrier forts is inevitable. A new battle of the Marne will have to be fought. But in the meanhad struck at the British room alons to Compeigne. Exactly as the British re-treat had compelled the whole Anglo-French battle line from the Channel to the Vosges to withdraw so Pau and French on the German right were in fact compel-shadow of an unifterrupted series of de-

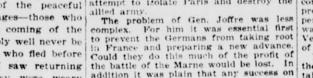
> Moreover, it should always be reme of communication and this means emplo-ing not less than 150,000 troops sai needed on her battle line in France.

Original Plan Clear Now.

We see now precisely what German plans contemplated. There was to be a rush through Beigium to northern Franc-Once the main German army sweet south of the Aisne the Crown Prince was to encircle the barrier forts from the west, Ger von Heeringen was to come in on the eas and south of Nancy, Verdun, Toul and the it connecting forts were to be reduced. The

attempt to isolate Paris and destroy the alled army. The problem of Gen. Joffre was less peril because the French offensive her

yielding to superior numbers or to flank pressure. A defeat for the allies would mean the loss of much that was gained at



What has become of the peaceful

An eyewitness of some of this fight-Paris. ing who came to Paris to-night by motor

to praise the pluck and courage of the stant assaults against the German in-British troops, who not only made contrenched positions but who were compelled to turn out at night to withstand to pass guards and patrols. counter attacks from the Germans. This at Gisors, dashing through the blood can long endure.

and through patrols that challenged This observer estimated that it would them at Gournay. They were shot at loan has been closed. require two or three days to drive the by gendarmes, but they escaped and Germans from their strong positions all traces were lost. They were finally caught at Oisset which were crected fully a fortnight ago in preparation for a possible re- after they had alighted from the motor Correspondent of "The Sun" Sees This was interesting, as indi- cars and were in the act of carrying explosives toward the bridge. cating that the Germans were not so ut-

terly confident, after all, of their ability quantity of explosives was found in the cars. The prisoners confessed that they to crush the allies and capture Paris. had received orders to blow up the

NO CHANGE, SAYS LONDON.

Allied Cavalry Busy, but Without Definite Result.

LONDON, Sept. 18, 8:10 P. M .- An announcement issued by the official press bureau this evening says:

"According to a report received this afternoon there is no particular change in the situation.

"There has been some activity on the part of the allied cavalry, but without at the present time any definite result."

WAR'S GREATEST BATTLE.

Germans Repulsed Ten Times in Ef- French armies, and that Gen. Joffre had fort to Pierce Line,

Special Cable Despatch to THE SON.

PARIS, Sept. 18 .- Military experts MAJ. STIVERS AND BIRD SAVED. agree that the battle of the Aisne is of the Marne. Lieut.-Col. Rousset in the Petit Parisien says it will be the most important battle of the war and PARIS, Sept. 18.—In response to an vice, the result will have a great effect in appealing letter from E. J. Stivers, a clarifying the situation. He adds:

the era of great German operations on French soil."

A wounded French officer who has returned from the battle of the Aisne. which is now raging, says the battle became general early on the afternoon of September 14. At first it was defensive on the part of the Germans, as Famous Corps, Pride of the Kaiser, it was evident that they wished to await menforcements. On the 15th the situaveenforcements. On the 18th the situa-tion was marked by sizernate ad-vances and retirements without de-figure result

of the Kaiser, has been practically blotted out in the battles along the Meuse, Marne On the night of the 15th the Ger- and Aisne.

Special Cable Despatch to THE STN LONDON, Sept. 18 .- Germans disguised miles and a half from Rouen. The plan munication between Havre, Rouen and

A large

Try to Blow Up Bridge.

By ALEC RUTHERFORD.

bridge in order to prevent reenforce-

Refuses to Let Correspondents Ac-

company the Army.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

mitted eventually to accompany

out any possible exceptions.

Paris, Sept. 18 .- The protracted dis-

The authorities, in reply to inquiries,

Joffre, commander in chief of the

said that the decision had been left to

Stranded Near Paris.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SU

army, aged 80, who was living with

Paris, the American Embassy here sent

out an automobily last night and

brought in Major Stivers and his niece,

two trunks, several parcels and a pet

PRUSSIAN GUARD WIPED OUT.

Suffers Practical Extinction.

PARIS, Sept. 18 -- All reports received

French army.

night

bird.

Several Persons.

LONDON, Sept. 18 .- Wireless reports re-The French officers' uniforms worn car said that he could find no words by the Germans fitted well and every tors dropped bombs in Paris on September ceived from Berlin say that German aviaman carried the necessary identification 16 killing several persons and injuring that the Germans are making a most

prisoners whose uniforms were used, who escaped. At Hamburg business is at a stand-By means of their papers they were able still. Crews of 1,500 idle ships are ashore Information was circulated Wednes- and in need of food. All butter and milk sort of fighting has been going on night day that two touring cars carrying has been taken for the hospitals and and day and is more than flesh and French officers had acted suspiciously children have to go without. Crowds are town ask ng help from all the municipalities. The subscription to the German war

GERMANS INTRENCH ON SAMBRE.

Many Defensive Works. By THE SUN'S and the London "Daily Mail's"

War Service. OSTEND, Sept. 18 .- The Germans are open plain. intrenching strongly on the Sambre Furthermore, Reims is a strategical

important defensive works at Sobre, the junction of all roads leading to the effe. Many of the inhabitants have been mirail and other points. For fifty miles

JOFFRE KILLS WRITERS' HOPES. forced to labor on these works. "I have been told that the same kind cussion of the question as to whether formation to be accurate."

or not correspondents would be perthe WALES MUST STAY AT HOME. French armies, was settled finally to-

Earl Kitcheuer Thinks Prince's Training Not Sufficient.

By Central News of London. of Wales has applied to go to the bardment from the French artillery, and

As the Prince has not completed his military training Field Marshal Earl the Prince should go into active ser. over their beads.

retired Major of the United States CORPSES POISON PARIS WATER.

to-day that because of the battles on the banks of the Marne, which is the largest tributary of the Seine, the water of the ng purposes without being beiled. Philip Rader, an American volunteer aviator, who has just returned from the valley of the Meuse, says that corpses lie he ped up on the banks of the river.

3 Army Corps Reenforce Germans. By Tus Sus's and the London "Daily Mail's" War Service. Special Cable Despatch to Tur SUN

army corps,

ilternately by artillery fire and infanwere damaged, but now all of them have been repaired. None has been captured try charges. The assaults of the French Are Forcing Germans Out of Defeninfantry are being driven home right into the heart of the woods in which MORE BOMBS IN PARIS. the German batteries are masked.

Every night the Germans have made counter attacks, but these have been invariably repulsed.

German Stand Firm.

From personal observation I can say papers, obtained of course from the numbers. Shots were fired at the aviators, determined stand along the line of these wooded hills. The stronghold of their position is Nogent l'Abbesse, three miles east of Reims. There the Germans occupy sites which were forts before the defences of Reims were dishold its present lines. If the latter it is mantled. The bombardment of Reims in danger from the overlapping left of is being carried on from these old forts. the allies and their movement from the At 4 o'clock this afternoon Reims was northwest. on fire in eight different places.

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

ments and supplies from reaching the from Maubeuge to Namur. I have seen point of the utmost importance. It is Farciennes, Tamines and Flor- north from Chalons, Epernay, Montto the east of Reims there is a great of works are being thrown up on the open tract of almost deserted country. Meuse from Givet to Namur, but it is At Reims, where four railway lines conimpossible for me to cross the Sambre verge, it is of the utmost importance to pursuers and prevent them as long as French in penetrating the German cen- ruin.

possible from getting past Reims' cathedral city. The hills from which the Germans are to-day sending shells them. Success on our right would im-LONDON, Sept. 18 .- An official state- that fall in the centre of the city will replied absolutely in the negative with- ment was made to-night that the Prince be subjected to a tremendous bom-

the French infantry, now lying in trenches beyond the city, will be still more momentous than the battle Retired U. S. Army Officer Was Klichener, Secretary of State for War, launched against the German positions replied that it was not desirable that while shells from their own guns fly

On the way to Reims I passed through many villages which had been ruined by "It is no simple rear guard action, bis nice at Vaumoise, in the Marne Marne Has Coutami-but a supreme conflict which will close country, sixty-nine kilometers from nated the City's Supply. seemed to have been wrecked deliberseemed to have been wrecked deliber-PARIS, Sept. 18 .- Parisians were warned ately. Furniture had been hammered to splinters. The Germans had gone to the trouble of punching holes in here must not be used for drink- every picture or looking glass with wine bottles. Such wine as they hadn't been able to drink they threw away and there were piles of bottles behind every house

Buoy was a picture of peace compared to some villages I passed through. I began to make a list of the names of these hamlets along the line of the PARIS, Sept. 18.—It is stated that the Germans have been reenforced by three German retreat. Mailly, Montmort, Champabert and La Gaure were utterly ing the head of a wounded soldier.

sive Position.

By GEOFFREY YOUNG. Special correspondent of THE SUS and the London "Daily Neurs." Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

TERMONDE SHELLED, BOULOGNE, Sept. 18 .- The position in BUT IS HOLDING OUT 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 excel- Town Is in Ruins After Bom- saved Ghent. lent facilities for getting reenforcements by rail. It is still difficult to say whether bardment by the the German right is fighting a rear guard action in retreat or intends to

> Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, September 19.

Daily Chronicle from Ghent as follows: lines there is vague skirmishing, some-"The German attack on Termonde was what similar to that in northern Flanders. The Germans and French repulsed, but the enemy has received realternately occupy the towns and vil- enforcements of infantry and artillery.

patrols or armored cars. The Germans fering a fresh bombardment on the whole are contracting their net. Lille is free; either army uses it. Cambrai and its neighborhood are still German on their line of communications Hotel de Ville, built in the fifteenth cen-The French are spreading up to the tury, is a ruin. Its belfry tower col-We can but wait the issue of the long last note. The Hotel de Ville was gutted are being beaten by the Belgians.

struggle on the Aisne. The greatest and everything of artistic and historic and see for myself. I believe my in- the Germans that they hold back their value would lie in a success of the value was swallowed up in the general

tre or left. Another success on our left, On to-morrow or the next day there although valuable, would only force another wanton outrage by the Kaiser's will be terrific work around the old back Von Kluck and Von Buelow to a soldiers. It could hardly have been so new position without seriously defeating peril their whole line and cut off their that one of the last acts of the beaten the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. right wing.

NO FRIENDSHIP NOW.

border again in a gentle wave.

and Divides Its Funds.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

and has divided its funds between Ambassador Gerard for the relief of distressed Britons in Germany and Ambassador Page for the relief of distressed Germans in Great Britain.

NUN KILLED ON BATTLEFIELD.

Head of Dames du Sacre Conr Shot While Aiding Wounded Man.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN PARIS, Sept. 18 .- The name of Mother Adrienne, head of the Dames du Sacre

Cœur, who formerly was Adrienne Bubet, appears in a long list of names of those killed on the battlefield. She was struck by a bullet from a German machine gun as she was rais-

Germans.

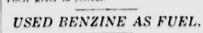
Martin H. Donohoe telegraphs ... the In the region north of the German lages near the frontier with small so the hapless town is in danger of suf-

"A tour of the streets to-day showed that the bombardment of the last few days had completed the terrible work which the torch began. The magnificent lapsed and the bells have sounded their

"Its destruction seems to have been thorough if the building had been ignited and soldiers whom I questioned affirm enemy previous to his retirement was to fire the building.

"The Gothic church, with its tapering British-German Society Dissolves machine guns on the widest platforms historic Hotel de Ville. of the church tower and opened fire on LONDON, Sept. 18 .- The British-Ger- right bank of the river. The Belgians can be restored easily. The art works man Friendship Society has dissolved brought field guns to bear on the tower, which were in the cathedral were protect which was repeatedly struck by shells. "Termonde is an object lesson of the horrors of war when waged by barbarian possible to check the fire.

Homeless women leading weephands. ing children were met at every turn. They have come to save some article of are being reopened. Trains are now run furniture or treasured object in the ruins. Their grief is pitiful."



Germans Made Certain of Burning of Termonde.

By T. M. KETTLE.

Special correspondent of THE SUN and the London "Daily News." Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

TERMONDE, Belgium, Sept. 18 .--- Here is the story of the wrecking of Ter-

monde, confirmed by me from dozen: of sources:

Following the German entry the commander demanded a levy of 2,000,000 francs. This money was not in the public treasury. The Burgomaster was not there to save his town, as Braun

Gen. Sommerfeld had a chair brough from an inn into the centre of the Grand Palace. He sat down on it. crossed his legs and said:

"It is our duty to burn the town." The inhabitants were allowed two hours to clear out. Then the soldiers went to work. Their apparatus consisted of small, portable pressure caissons filled with benzine and fitted with sprays

BLOW UP BIG BRIDGE.

Destroy Railway Crossing Over the Dender River.

Special Cable Despatch to The St ANTWERP, via Amsterdam, Sept. 18 .-The Belgians have destroyed the great railway bridge over the Dender River between Termonde and Brussels. The Germans retreating from France

LOUVAIN NOT ALL RUINS.

Most of Public Buildings and Art Safe, Germans Report.

BERLIN (via London), Sept. 18 .- Off by a bursting stray shell. The inhabitants despatches from the German military administration at Louvain, published that although from a fifth to a sixth of the city is in ruins, most of the public

buildings have been preserved. The build spire, also suffered. The enemy dragged ings preserved include the beautiful an

The damage to St. Peter's Cathedral the Belgians, who were intrenched on the described as being such that the building by German soldiers. The despatches sat that the German officers did everything

> According to the despatches, many o the inhabitants are returning and shot ning between Louvain and Brussels. T law courts also have resumed their sitting at Louvain.

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