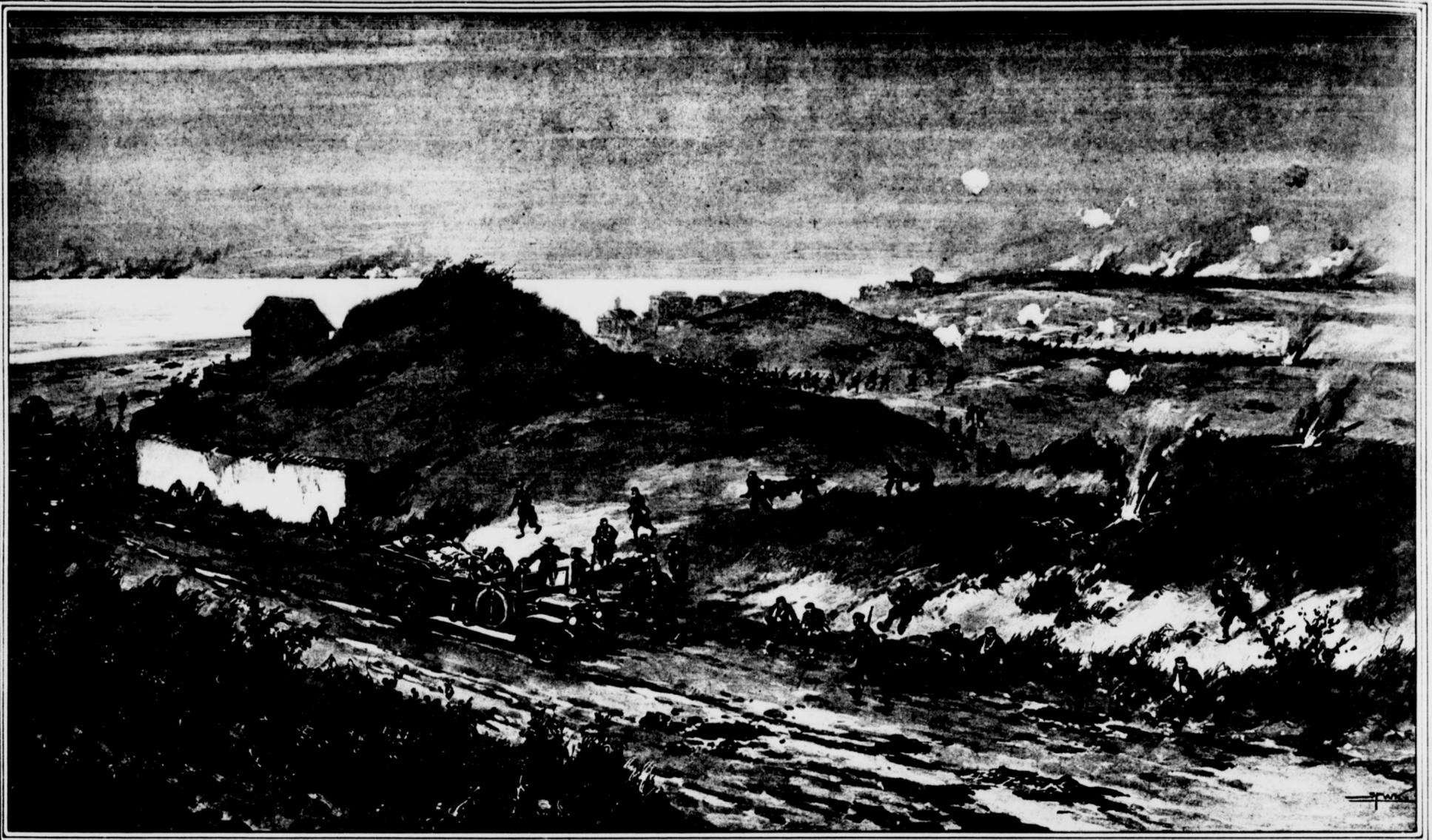


LAND AND SEA FIGHTING ON BELGIAN COAST



BRITISH WARSHIPS JOIN IN BATTLE ON BELGIAN COAST.

In describing his sketch Mr. Villiers wrote: "Under a heavy fire from the British squadron off the Belgian coast the advance of the Germans toward Dunkirk and Calais was checked near Nieuport. The Belgian infantry under cover of the ships' fire was able to attack the trenches of the enemy on the sand dunes and drive the Germans eastward. The British naval guns did terrific havoc in the enemy's trenches. From early dawn till sunset our fire was incessant. A certain Anglo-Belgian private ambulance run by English doctors did heroic work in succoring the Belgian wounded, hastily sending the more dangerously wounded as the fight progressed in motor cars to their base hospital." Drawn by H. W. Koekkoek from a sketch by Frederic Villiers.

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CHURCH AT DIXMUDE, WHERE THE FIGHTING HAS BEEN HOTTEST.

Some of the fiercest fighting of the war has centred around Dixmude, which has been repeatedly taken and retaken by the Germans and the Allies. One of the attacks lasted continuously for over forty hours. The whole place is a mass of ruins. The picture shows the wreck caused by a shell in a chapel of one of the churches. Statues of saints, together with a crucifix and religious pictures, were hurled to the ground. Lying amid the wreckage are bodies of Belgian soldiers.

Drawn by A. C. Michael from a sketch by Frederic Villiers.



SINKING OF BRITISH CRUISER HERMES BY GERMAN SUBMARINE.

The *Hermes* was torpedoed by a submarine in the Straits of Dover on the morning of Oct. 19 during the battle following the attempt of the Germans to advance along the seacoast from Ostend. Mr. Seppings Wright thus describes the sinking of the cruiser: "I was on the beach and listening to the roar of the big guns when we noticed an extraordinarily big cloud of smoke which was followed by a loud report. Destroyers and two French torpedo boats raced toward the spot."

Drawn by Norman Wilkinson from a sketch by H. C. Seppings Wright.