

days yet before there would be any appreciable change. Both armies have been reinforced and at no point has there been any show of weakness.

Vienna, via Rome.—It was officially announced here today that German high officials have joined Grand Duke Francis Frederick, in command of the combined Austrian armies, and are directing a great battle, now in progress west of Lemberg all along the lines of the San river.

The Russian attempt to carry the fortified lines extending from Przemysl to Jaroslaw by storm failed. The Austrian lines held fast and the Russians were thrown back with enormous losses. The fighting is now general all along the line.

The Austrian armies have combined and are now heavily reinforcing. They are following out lines of defense determined upon by the German general staff, which has now accepted the responsibility of directing the campaign in Galicia.

Advices received from East Prussia show that Gen. Von Hindenburg is making a supreme effort to annihilate the Russian armies of Gen. Rennenkampf. His troops have succeeded in driving a good part of the Russian force into marshy lands, from which they have been unable to extricate themselves.

Paris.—The official statement, telegraphed from Bordeaux and made public by Gen. Galleni, adds nothing to the earlier reports that the situation is unchanged, with a number of German counter attacks repulsed.

Paris.—"The battle continues. Our lines are holding everywhere."

That was the comment at military headquarters today. It indicated that no change has taken place and that the allied armies were still unable to make any serious impression on the new German defense line stretching almost across Northern France.

With practically no rest the fighting goes on. Despite the rain there

has been no let up in the action. Fighting especially desperate on the left, where joint armies of Gen. Von Kluck and Gen. Von Buelow have been compelled to extend their extreme right in order to meet flanking movement in force. Military experts believe most significant developments must soon be reported there.

Because of extreme importance of the present battle, officials are chary of expressing opinions.

Berlin, via Hague.—War office official statement issued today admits that German lines are being subjected to enormous pressure, but declares they are holding fast. It says:

"The battle in France along the new lines occupied by our forces rages with uninterrupted ferocity. The only advantage that has been gained by our forces during the last two days has been the repulse of several French attacks in force.

"We are, however, holding intact all of the important positions recently taken.

"In the east the German successes continue. We have driven the enemy back at every point, taking many prisoners and several guns. The Austrian forces, it is announced in Vienna, have now effected a junction at every point and are driving the enemy back from the Jaroslaw-Przemysl district."

Vienna.—Russian armies led by Generals Rouszky and Brussloff are today making determined assault on the Austrian center which holds the line from Jaroslaw to Przemysl. The chief points of attack are the five forts at Przemysl, which command the San river.

The Russians are admitted to have occupied part of the Przemysl defenses to the south of the town, but so far they have been unable to make any impression on the main defenses.

The entire Austrian armies are now united. The right wing, now commanded by Gen. Boroewio, centers at Drohobycz and holds the railway line