



GERMANS' FIERCE DASH PIERCES ALLIES' LINE; 2500 PRISONERS TAKEN

Fierce Onslaught by Teutons in Mammoth Array Opens Seventh Day of Combat—Determined Assault Made to Force Back Advancing British.

French Deny Repulse Along Lorraine Border—Terrific Bombardment of Rheims Continues, Says Unofficial Dispatch; Denied in Bordeaux.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—German forces today broke through the 120-mile battle line, along which 2,000,000 are in death grapple, according to news received here.

It is unofficially reported that Rheims is undergoing terrific bombardment, with the city burning in various sections.

The Thirteenth, Fourth and parts of several other German corps have conducted a successful operation south of Noyon, it is stated.

Contrary to the reported reverses along the allies' right, it is officially announced that the allies' left wing is making progress and that the German Crown Prince's army continues its retreat.

Unofficial, but apparently reliable, reports received here today say that the Germans have taken up a position near the Sappe River, east by northeast from Rheims, and are bombarding that city.

Several sections of Rheims are reported to have been set on fire from burning shells, which were directed against the French troops in that city.

This report is contradicted, unofficially, from Bordeaux in this statement: Rheims is no longer threatened by the Germans, who bombarded it on Thursday.

According to word received from the front, the Germans have withdrawn their artillery at that point toward Chateau Porcien, and the infantry has fallen back with the supporting guns.

Unofficial estimates place the German losses at 100,000 men, and the allies at half that number—a total of 150,000 in killed, wounded and missing.

The fighting on the left, where combined armies of Generals von Kluck and von Buelow are massed, increases in intensity, but the allied lines are slowly being pushed forward, according to reports received by General Gallen.

The Germans retired to new positions constructed in the rear of their original ones as the pressure increased. But at no point have they actually been defeated.

Along the rest of the line the great battle continues as an artillery duel. There has been almost no fighting by the infantry for 36 hours, both sides realizing the futility of sacrificing men while the entrenched positions remain intact.

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German forces, on the left wing, continuing the gigantic seven days' battle, crushed through the allies' lines and captured the town of Beaumont, according to Berlin advices. In the seizure 2500 French soldiers were taken prisoners.

It is said the allies have suffered the heaviest casualties in attempting to storm the Teutons' fortified positions. Night attacks have characterized the fearful onslaughts against the allies, the Germans using searchlights to guide their movements.

In East Prussia's campaign Berlin reports the advance of General von Hindenburg's army from Lyck to invade Russian Poland, with Oswiec, a strongly fortified strategic point, as the immediate and Warsaw as the ultimate objective.

Success in this campaign will mean German aid for the Austrians in Galicia. Vienna War Office states that Austrian armies have concentrated on a line connecting Cracow, Tarnow and Przemyel.

Under the strategic direction of the German General Staff, and with German reinforcements, they will resist the advance of the Russians, who have reported winning constantly in the region between the San and the Vistula.

Vienna characterizes as exaggerated the reports of decisive Russian successes in this vicinity, but admits an attack against Przemyel is expected momentarily. Further claim is made that the decisive battle in Galicia has not yet been fought.

French War Office announces satisfaction with the progress of the allied troops and officially reports the rout of the determined German night assault by English forces.

The War Office adds: "On the left in the valley of the Oise we occupy Manarque Eglise, Cariecot and Cuts. To the north of the River Aisne we have advanced slightly. Three attacks attempted by the Germans against the English army have been checked at Troyon between Soissons and Craonne."

German General Staff expresses confidence in the outcome and states that the French are weakening, while the Kaiser's lines are being strengthened and the troops more numerous.

The reported shortage in ammunition is denied. Reinforcements are reported on their way to join the Germans. Capture of Beaumont, with 2500 French soldiers is officially announced.

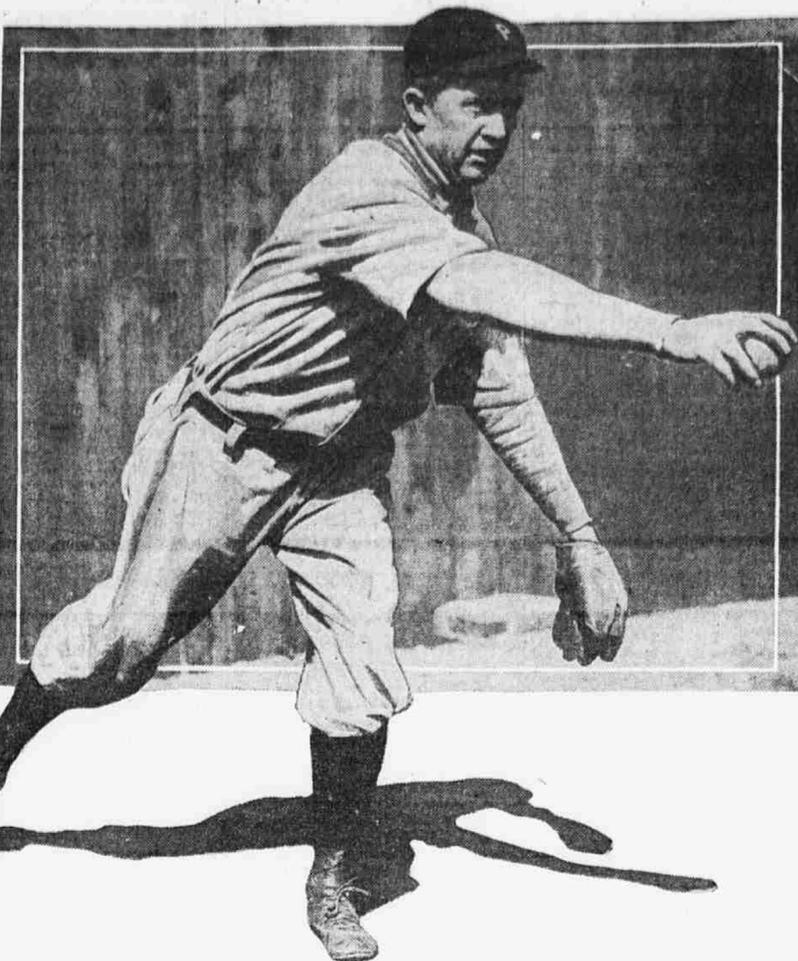
Petrograd War Office in briefest statement of the war says: "Military operations continue successfully." The main attack on Przemyel awaits the arrival of Russian siege guns.

British War Office statements express confidence in the outcome of the struggle along the line, but admit losses of the allies have been terrific. British forces repulsed ten attempts of the Germans to assault their positions by night.

Italy is the scene of popular demonstrations against the Government's neutrality. The Russian and German Ambassadors have engaged in an un-diplomatic war of words in the effort to enlist Italy's aid.

The Germans have distributed broadcast pamphlets urging Italians stand by the Triple Alliance and "win with us." Washington officials were somewhat discouraged over prospects of mediation.

GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER, PHILLIES' STAR PITCHER



Alexander, in the first game of today's double-header against St. Louis, held the visitors to two hits. The great twirler fanned 11 of the opposing batters. Today's victory marked his 25th of the season.

BOTH ENDS OF DOUBLE BILL WON BY THE PHILLIES

First Is Landed From St. Louis by Score of 7 to 0. Final Game of the Day by 7 to 6.

Table with columns: ST. LOUIS, AB, R, H, B, O, A, E. Lists player statistics for both games.

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PHILADELPHIA BALL PARK, Sept. 19.—The Phillies took both games of the double-header from the Cardinals, 7 to 0; 7 to 6. Alexander let his opponents down with two hits in the first, winning his 25th game of the season.

ATHLETICS LOSE CLOSE GAME TO DETROIT TIGERS

Mackmen Are Nosed Out, 4 to 3, by Hughie Jennings' Squad, But Only After a Thrilling Contest.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 19.—The Athletics knocked Tiller Cavet out of the box in the ninth inning today, but too late to save the game.

First Inning: Murphy grounded to Bush. Moriarty threw out Barry. Collins beat a grounder which glanced off Cavet's glove.

Second Inning: Walsh playing centre instead of Strunk. Baker popped to Bush. McInnis tripled to centre.

Third Inning: Schang is catching for Athletics instead of Lapp. Schang grounded to Burns. Plank threw out to Moriarty.

Fourth Inning: Barry flied to Cobb. Collins grounded to Bush. Crawford got under Baker's long foul.

Fifth Inning: McInnis grounded to Bush. Vitt got Walsh's roller. Oldring hit by pitcher's ball.

Sixth Inning: Schang hit by a pitched ball. Plank flied to Bush. Moriarty grounded to Bush.

MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE R. H. E.

Table for National League First Game: St. Louis 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2; Phillies 0 0 0 4 0 2 1 X 7 11 0.

Table for National League Second Game: St. Louis 0 0 3 0 1 1 0 0 1 6 13 3; Phillies 1 0 0 5 1 0 0 0 X 7 9 0.

Table for American League First Game: Cincinnati 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1; Brooklyn 0 0 5 0 0 0 1 0 X 6 10 2.

Table for American League Second Game: Cincinnati 3 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 1 11 2; Brooklyn 1 0 0 1 1 1 2 2 X 8 14 1.

Table for American League Third Game: Pittsburgh 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 10 3; Boston 0 1 0 0 0 7 1 0 X 9 8 1.

Table for American League Fourth Game: Chicago 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 4 4 0; New York 3 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 X 5 10 7.

Table for American League Fifth Game: Athletics 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 3 8 1; Detroit 2 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 X 4 9 0.

Table for American League Sixth Game: Boston 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 7 0; Cleveland 2 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 X 5 9 1.

Table for American League Seventh Game: Washington 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 1 0 4 5 1; St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 4.

Table for American League Eighth Game: Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 4.

Table for American League Ninth Game: Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 4.

Table for American League Tenth Game: Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 4.

Table for American League Eleventh Game: Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 4.

Table for American League Twelfth Game: Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 4.

Table for American League Thirteenth Game: Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 4.

Table for American League Fourteenth Game: Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 4.

Table for American League Fifteenth Game: Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0; St. Louis 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 6 4.

2500 FRENCH CAPTURED IN SEIZURE OF BEAUMONT

BEAUMONT, Sept. 19.—(By wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—The following official statement was issued at headquarters today: A decisive attack has been made by the Thirteenth and Fourth Corps and parts of other divisions south of Noyon.

Beaumont has been stormed, and taken and 2,500 French prisoners have been captured. While not officially stated, it is believed that Beaumont was captured by the army of Prince Rupprecht.

FIRE IN PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Stage Settings Burn, Causing Loss of \$200. Fire among the stage settings in the parochial school of the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 53d street and Lancaster avenue, today caused a loss of \$200.

WEATHER FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature; moderate winds, mostly northeast.