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EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1914.

GERMANS IMPERIL ALLIES' WHOLE LINE

Continued from Page 1 tegic importance, is the centre of the Allies' assault. This town had been taken by the Germans after desperate fighting.

The Germans have made a supreme effort to check the allied advance along the Oise and to push their line forward so as to split the allied forces between Noyon and St. Quentin, but they have been unsuccessful.

The new allied armies, which moved cast from Amiens and Doullens, are reported to have so strongly entrenched the Allies' left that the capture of St. Quentin is considered certain within a short time. If the Allies can take St. Quentin and the railway lines between it and Noyon, the Germans must abandon their strongly entrenched positions in the Olse-Aisne region and refreat speedily to the northeast or be cut off and forced to surrender.

Terrible street fighting is reported from St. Quentin, where the French are fighting the troops defending General you Kluk's line of communication.

It was regarded as possible that the British reinforcements might co-operate with General d'Amade's French troops in the north in a general movement against General von Kluk's rear and the forces of General von Boehm that are defending the German line of communication

An unofficial dispatch from a correspondent who has been at the front makes no mention of any British seldiers at St. Quentin. This message

"The fighting at St. Quentin has been severe. The French were in control tend toward the northeast and the of the city, but a superior force of Germans engaged them and secured a firm foothold. There was furious hand-to-hand fighting in the streets. the Germans using Maxim guns against the French, who were forced to retire before the steady fire. The French had artillery and possibly they could have expelled the German's by bombarding St. Quentin, but it was feared that the city would be destroyed."

The Germans are reported merely holding their entrenched positions in the centre. This is believed due to the fact that they have been compelled to withdraw large forces of men and artillery and send them to the west to reinforce the German right. As a consequence, they must remain on the defensive, although the French are keeping up their assaults, feeling out the

Lata an The set out Door a of a

On the extreme French right, ac- but the real German offensive move-Germans are giving ground before the French at the northern part of the beginning September 15, the Germans

artillery, which commands every point blows the bridges to pieces

The German line now begins at Mons, in Belgium, swings west to St. Amand, south through Cambrai, St. Quentin, on the main road through Ham to Noyon, and then is unchanged from the past few days at any material point in its spread across France in a southeasterly direction, following the heights of the Alsne to a point north of Rheims and then directly east to Varennes, taken on Thursday by the

Germans. From there the line of the Meuse is followed with the Germans threatening the forts of the Toul-Ver-On the eastern edge of the western

theatre of war the Germans are keeping up a terrific bombardment against the works about Verdun.

To the south of Verdun a heavy French force, sent northward from Nancy and Toul, is pressing vigorously against the army of Crown Prince Ruprecht of Bavaria. Attack follows attack in quick succession.

The value of German strategy is becoming more and more apparent. It now seems certain that the Germans dld not intend to hold the heights im mediately north of the Alsne, as the po sition to which they have fallen back is infinitely stronger. The key to the position of the German right is a nat ural horseshoe of stone guarries ex tending around the Oise from Giraumont and Antheuit to Machemok, The whole position is marked by Mont Gauelon, opposite Complegne, from which the steep sides of a plateau ex-

There seems to be evidence for the clief that General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, and Field Mar shal Sir John French, the British commander, are rallying all their strength for a final effort against the German lines. Every available man is being sent to the front, while the commanders of the allied troops the two wings have been ordered to redouble their exertions in their efforts to turn the German flanks.

The schemes of the German General Staff, of course, are secret, but military men who have so far studied the German campaign believe that it is the object of the Kalser's forces to allow the Allies to wear themselves out in attacks upon the strong positions held by the invaders. It is necessary for the Germans to assume the offensive in a certain degree at some points.

cording to the latest information, the ment all along the line has not yet been attempted. As the result of a four-day fight

French right where it joins the centre. have been forced back from the Wesserling Valley (in upper Alsace) to

STRIKING SCENES INCIDENT TO SUNDAY SCHOOL PARADE



CHINESE RESENT SEIZURE OF TOWN **OUTSIDE WAR ZONE**

Occupation of Wei-Hsien, 80 Miles From Japanese Operations Against Tsing-Tao, Regarded as Aggres-

PEKIN, Sept. 26. Japanese troops have selzed the Chinese own of Wei-Hsien, in Shan Tung Province, and the Chinese Foreign Office today sent a protest to the Japanese Legation, pointing out that Wei-Hslen is far outside the zone of fighting fixed for the campaign against Kiao-Chau.

(Wel-Hsien is about 50 miles from Tsing-Tao and twenty miles west of the boundary of the German territory of Kiao-Chau. It is on the railroad running to Tien-Tain.)

The Japanese took possession of the railroad station and t. e cars. Though there were Chinese troms at Wel-Hsien, they made no attempt to oppose the Japanese.

TERRIFIC FORTNIGHT'S FIGHT AS SERBS REPEL INVASION

Austrians Losing Ground in Only Foothold on Servian Soil.



The upper picture shows the Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tompkins, Lilly Aleschlager, Margaret Francis and Marion Campbell, three of the 16 peace envoys, and Director of Health Harte, who acted for Mayor Blankenburg. The lower picture shows Catherine Littlefield, another of the peace messengers, about picture shows Catherine Littlefield, another of the peace messengers, about to speed by auto to the First District, hr plea for cessation of war, in her hand

RUSSIAN HORDES

WITHIN ONE DAY

persedes Austrian Control

and Civil Authorities Flee.

Przemysl Fall Imminent.

and the archbishop have fled from the

Meanwhile the main Russian army is

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN MARCH IN PLEA FOR PEACE

tion-Churches Aid.

BY FIRE IN HOLD Cotton Ignites and Threatens Sixteen Girls Bearing Golden Destruction of Vessel. Crosses Act as Mayor's Messengers in Demonstra-

Sixteen little girls, in immaculate white each carrying a large white flag decorated with a large golden cross, were sent by Mayor Blankenburg this after- her pler at the foot of West Eighteenth noon as messengers of peace to more than 100,000 Christian men, women and children, assembled in 16 sections of the city, joining in what probably was the greatest church demonstration ever held in Philadelphia.

The occasion was the fifth annual Sunday school parade of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association, but it was far more than a parade. It was a monster demonstration made by men, women and children in more than a score of sectional parades. It was a magnificent appeal for peace throughout the world

In these days when all the leading nations of Europe are engaged in terrible conflicts, the officials of the Sunday School Association decided to make the annual demonstration one for peace. Mayor Blankenburg and other prominent men of the city joined heartily in the movement. The result was that a big central meeting was held in the Chambers-Wylle Presbyterian Church, Broad street, below Pine, and the 15 white-clad children, ranging in ages from 3 to 10 years, were there presented with the personal message from the Mayor, and were escorted by the Review Committee to their different sectional assemblies where the messages were turned over to the marshals in charge and read to the thousands of waiting Sunday school officers,

teachers and pupils. CHURCHES MAKE APPEAL.

The meeting in the Chambers-Wylle Church was an enthusiastic appeal for peace and good-will to all men. Following the singing of "Stand Up for Jesus,"

a peace prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. J. Grant Newman, the pastor, and then John Walton, president of the County Association, spoke a brief word of welcome. This was followed by more sing-ing and greeting by John Wanamaker and President Russeli H. Conwell, of Temple University. Then came the special demonstration for peace. George H. Streaker, chairman of the

general committee in charge of the parades and meetings, received on the platform little Richard Moore, who carried a beautiful American flag, and the boy was followed by the 16 small girls, who unfurled their banners of gold and white. Director Harte, of the Department of Health, as the representative of Mayor Blankenburg, spoke briefly to the young couriers and then sent them away, each with the Mayor's peace message tightly clasped in her hand.

Outside automobiles were walting for the messengers and the reviewing party. Headed by two motorcycle policemen and an automobile in which were Marshall Streaker and some of his aides, the li machines carried the girls down Broad street to Ritner and then the party countermarched and continued up Broad street as far as Hunting Park avenue.

and purpose of the institution which he has founded, said: "As a class, music teachers do not ac-

rumulate worldly possessions They ar-

Officials of Company Suspect Incendiarism. NEW YORK, Sept. 26 .- Fire started early today in the forward hold of the

White Star liner Cretic as she lay at street, and for a time threatened to destroy the vessel. The Cretic was scheduled to sail at

WHITE STAR LINER

CRETIC IMPERILED

noon for Genoa and Meditevranean ports with a cargo of cotton. A sailor discovered the blaze in forward hatch No. 3 and sounded the fire alarm. Captain Howarth, master of the

liner, led the fire fighting force of sailors, while city firemen under Deputy Chief Martin fought to save the big ship from destruction.

The city firemen had not been sum-moned immediately, as Captain Howarth believed his firemen could put out the blaze. As the cotton became ignited, however, the blaze spread to such an extent that putside aid was hurriedly extent that outside aid was hurriedly summoned. The fireboats Duane and Willett rushed to the scene and hurled tons of water over the forward deck of the iner.

In the meantime, the smoke pouring skyward caused intense excitement along West street and in the vicinity of Eighteenth street, as persons believed that the White Star pler was ablaze.

Lying next to the Cretic was achieved liner Olympic, which was scheduled to sall for Liverpool. The pier was crowded with this liner's passengers and their friends. In their excitement men and women ran almlessly about on the pler in the way of the firemen and hampering the fire-fighters.

After a vigorous three-hour battle the firemen were able to control the flames, but the interior of the Cretic was badly damaged.

RETIRED MUSIC TEACHERS' HOME DEDICATED TODAY

Event Marked by Tributes to Those Who Devote Lives to Art.

A Home for Retired Music Teachers was dedicated this afternoon at Johnson and Jefferson streets, Germantown. The institution has been created through the generosity of Theodore Presser, a music publisher in this city, who conceived the idea of providing a home for those men who, after having devoted their entire lives in faithful and unselfish work for the art of music, not infrequently find themselves helpless in their old age. The exercises at the dedication were simple. All those who made addresses took the opportunity, in the brief space of a few moments, to pay tribute to the music teachers of the world. The Rev. Herman L. Duhring, who took for his sub-

ject the relation of music to religion, spoke of the part it plays in bringing man closer to God. Mayor Blankenburg spoke of the relation of music and the music teacher to the community. Others who made addresses were Hugh A.: Clark, John C. Freund, and Charle, Heber Clark,

Madame Maud Powell, David Bispham and Henri Scott, noted soloists, gave a number of musical selections. Mr. Presser, in an address at the dedi-cation ceremonies, speaking of the object

prevent the advance of the Germans Cernay. along the Meuse in the direction of St. Mihiel. They have not, however, been able to cross the river. Every time to hold Cernay and Thann, both of they string their pontoons the French | which places they claim to have taken.

Reports of desultory fighting are coming in from the Vosges, but it is

not certain that the French were able tain passes southwest of Krupani.

ALLIES RETREAT 12 MILES ALONG OISE, BERLIN STATES

BERLIN (by way of Amsterdam),] Sept. 25.

Official unnouncement was made to-

day that the western end of the German forces in France had taken the offensive against the Allies and had driven them back 12 miles. It also was stated that on the eastern end the Germans had ascended the Meuse Heights after hard fighting southeast of Verdun and were advancing stead-Hy despite strong resistance.

The statement follows:

Following repeated attacks along the One by the enemy, who seem to have been strongly reinforced. our troops took the offensive and drove the fee back 12 miles. Fighting continues on the western end of the opposing lines. Along the Meuse, southeast of Verdun, we have gained the

heights on the east bank. The French opposed our advance there with fresh troops, and the fighting was severe. We continue to advance, while our artillery maintains its bombardment of the French forts.

The general situation in France remains favorable to the Germans, the War Office says, although there has been no decisive result. The German

slowly but surely breaking down the and Pratza. French defense, and important developments are hoped for in this section of the battle line.

GERMAN CHARGES REPULSED ON RIGHT, LONDON REPORTS

LONDON, Sept. 26. | which they are now bombarding the The press bureau of the British Gov- Germans.

ernment broke its long slience on the It is reported here that many great battle in France this afternoon changes are taking place in the Gerwhen it issued an official statement man line. Parts of the troops which saying that the heavy counter attacks formed the army of the Crown Prince of the Germans were being repulsed. have been withdrawn and sent around

Considerable losses are being af- to aid General von Kluk, while a part flicted upon the Germans by the of the army thit was engaged under French and British.

The statement, which was given out | ferred to the Crown Prince and the shortly before 5 o'clock, says:

line in France. Heavy counter attacks is to but fresh men at various lines. of the Germans are being repulsed and As a result von Kluk's army is adconsiderable loss is being inflicted upon mittedly now most formidable. the enemy.

mitted German gains near Novan, but They again referred today to the simsaid the Allies had won back most of liarity between the present battle and the lost ground. A severe engagement the situation presented in the Busso-T. is in progress in the neighborhood of to k Quentin.

** Eto "I don't hills north of the town, and they were not at any place in a posistrept v the answer lies had tried to hold it they most strongly held. In addition, Gen-"Didn't you's been compelled to face a eral Joffre has thrown a large part of stead of the nam of shells from the Ger- his reserves into the battle line, and saw the sketch?" In order to avoid need- these fresh troops, uided by the fresh Judge Brown sak life, the British with-, and have taken up the firing line, must soon make their

ed positions, from presence feit.

That is the only place where the Austrians have been able to secure a foothold on Servian soil, although they have been trying to launch invasions all along

the Drina, Save and Danube Rivers. Both sides have suffered enormous losses, and every house in Krupani has been turned into a hospital.

The Government today issued an official denial of reports concerning the conditions of the Servian army which are believed to have originated in Sofia. It says

"The report from Sofia saying that the morale of the Servian troops has become very bod is a pure invention. It is un-true that cholera has broken out in the army, nor is it true that mutiny has weakened our forces. Our troops are in good spirit owing to our continued victories.

'p to the present the Servian and Montenegrin armles invading Bosnia (Aus-trian territory) have occupied the fol-lowing places: Fotcha, Chanlee, Vishearmies of the centre and left are grad. Rogatitza, Vlassenitza, Srebrenitza

GERMANS COURTMARTIALED ON TREASON CHARGES

Alleged to Have Planned Escape of French Prisoners.

OSTEND, Sept. 26. It is announced here that German authorities at Brussels are trying a number of Bavarian soldiers, including some officers, charged with countying at the attempted escape of several thousand.

French prisoners of wer. It is stated here that the friction bethe stated nere that the friction be-tween the Bavarian and the Prussian troops has become so acute that many of the Bavarian regiments have been transferred from Belgium to other points on the fighting line.

KAISER SHIFTING HIS TROOPS Military Trains Moving Vast Num-

bers on French Border. MAESTRICHT, Holland, Sept.

Chau Stronghold.

gaps filled with the landwehr and the "There is much activity along the reserves. The object of this naturally For three days German military trains have been rassing back and forth be-tween Alx-la-Chapelle and the French

General von Buelow has been trans-

As a result von Kluk's army is ad-mittedly now most formidable. However, while admitting these facts, the British military officials say Previously the War Office had ad- there is no reason for discouragement. GERMANS WRECK AIRSHIP Japanese war, insisting that, while the Germans were able to maintain their Aerial Battle at Night Over Klao-

lines and by the sacrifice of hundreds e Germans are heavily intrenched of men to advance at certain points, CHE-FOO, China, Sept. 24-A Japanese hydro-aeroplane which was reconnoitertion to break the French line, now ing over Klao-Chau, was attacked by two German aeroplanes from the Tsing-Tau fortress last night. The Japanese machine was wrecked and the aviator was killed. Both the Germans and the Japanese

for scout duty. Almost every aviators can be seen high over Chau or the adjacent country.

NISH, Sept. 26. **BLOODY WATERLOO** A battle, which already has been in progress two weeks, is raging between Servian and Austrian troops in the moun-

FEELS TEUTON HEEL IN MARTIAL TREAD Belgian Aviators Report German General Staff Su-

New Lines of Entrenchment Designed as Haven for Right Wing, Shattered by Allies.

ANTWERP, Sept. 26. That the Germans are planning a new stand in southern Belgium which will place their reserves directly on the plains of Waterloo is believed certain here.

The Germans have rushed three army Belgian aviators who have made reconcorps into the region of Cracow, and are naissances over the German positions believed to have diverted their attention report the construction of lines of infrom the campaign in the north for trenchments north of Mons and at points strategic reasons.

on the Scheldt, Dendre and Senne Rivers If Cracow falls into Russian hands while the entire line of the Sambre also the whole German war plan against Rushas been made ready for defensive sla will have to be altered. operations.

city.

A strong German force has now as While it is admitted that these are sumed the work of defending that impurely the precautionary methods which portant fortification and a German genany army should take, it is believed eral detailed from the German General certain here that the Germans have pre- Staff has replaced the Austrian compared a haven to which their entire mandant, according to advices reaching

the Allies, can take refuge. The German intrenched positions, the reports resay that the capture of Przemysl is beleved imminent, all noncombatants hav-ing been permitted to leave the city. The Russian bombardment continues from all sides. Aiready weaknesses have been noted in the eastern forts, where the desor the Russian satility. ceived by the Belgian General Staff say, are being built with unusual strength

There are also indications that the Germans are again planning an attempt to

back into Belgium this will be absolutely necessary, as, even though they should mask the fortifications with a strong army, they would at all times he subjected to the danger of serial attack and would also be unable to conceal any

British and Belgian aviators, who could use the city as a base.

east of this city.

AND KILL JAPANESE PILOT **GERMAN CASUALTIES 73,240** New Lists Show Increasing Mortali-

names and increase the total losses of the Germana in the war to 73,240 killed, wounded and missing. Germany declared war on Russia eight weeks ago today, and or average weekly losses in the war have,

the Wisloka near Resease. But have been driven back by superior forces. The reports current that Cracow has been taken over by the Garmans, because of their disastisfaction with the Austrian plan of campaign, are given little cro-dence at the War Office. The latest lists show increasing mortal-ity among the officers. In some cases, almost all the officers of several regi-ments are listed as killed or wounded.

ind banners. 'Onward. Christian Soldiers,' were spread on the breeze from tens of thousands of volces.

THE MATOR'S MESSAGE. The message from Mayor Blankenburg was:

'To the Sunday School Scholars, Teachers **OF CRACOW GOAL** and Officers of Philadelphia:

"As Mayor of the City of Brotherly Love-the city of William Penn, found ed with his message of peace-it is gratifying, indeed, particularly at this time, to find you expressing throughout the city, in your parades, assemblies and reviews, good will towards all in our land and prayers for peace among

all nations. 'May every one of your schools have the richest blessings of divine love. May you prove a power for good in the pres-ent older and the rising young generan of Philadelphians,

'As you march through our streets PETROGRAD, Sept. 25. loyal to your country and to your Master, The Russian army operating in the may you truly be 'keeping step with south is pushing on toward Cracow and God's truth,' and may you show you fection for your fellows in your love for the "Prince of Peace." is believed to be within a day's march of it. The Austrian civil authorities

"Ever faithfully yours. "RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG. "Mayor.'

BROAD STREET REVIEW.

All the division demonstrations, with the exception of those in Kensington, Frankford, Germantown and West Philadelphia, marched into Broad street and were either marching or standing at attention when the automobiles, bearing the review parties, arrived. The machines with the child peace messengers stopped at each district's waiting place, and the

messages were received amid cheers and song. The other district celebrations were sent the Mayor's greeting also by the couriers in machines, so that it was read before all of the 100,000 and more persons who assembled at the sectional meetings, at Advices from the Galician front today which there were programs of singing, say that the capture of Przemysi is bemade addresses.

150 BANDS PLAY.

Each of the district columns was caded by a band, and the divisions and many of the schools also had musica rganizations with them, so that patri offe music was played in every section of the city by almost 150 bands. And all

along the lines the marchers joined in singing the oldtime hymns, and such stir-ring songs as "America" and "My Coun-try, "Tis of Thee," weer heard everywhere. The largest sectional demonstrations

took place at George's Hill, West Fairmount Park: Kingsessing Recreation Centre filst street and Kingsessing avenue: Strawberry Mansion, East Fair-mount Park; Hunting Park, Vernon Park, Germantown; McPherson and Nor-ris Siguares and in Fox Chase. Thousands of visitors from all parts of East Fair-irk, Vernon

Pennsylvania and New Jersey lined the streets and watched the Christian march-ers as they passed, and cheer upon cheer went up from their throats and 1 the Sabbath school workers on their mission of peace.

Among the prominent persons who On the right of the southwest front, the attended the meeting at the Chambers-Russian forces are resting at Rzeszow, on the Wisloka, while the troops from attended the meeting at the Chamberg-Wylle Church and who reviewed the parade were the Rev. Russell H. Conwell, the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkius, John Wana-maker, Dr. George W. Balley, Director George D. Porter, Dr. Frank W. Lango, George H. Streaker, John Baker Tuttle, George G. Ziegler, John B. Klenk, John M. Doran, William H. Emhardt, Charley Rishoff, George H. Charv, John M. Neff, Henry G. Talmadge, Charles Franken-Baranow and Banizow are moving to-ward Tarnow and the bombardment of Przemysl continues. Some of the Rus-sian advance guards have tried to cross

Henry G. Talmadge. Charles Franken-berger, city officials and Rear Admiral Capertin, of the navy yard.

rive at a time in life when their usefulness ends after a life spent in education and sacrifice for the sake of art. It is then with great joy and thankfulness that we can, in a measure, at least, provide for the protection of these music teachers, who, as a class of workers, are performing a great and useful service.

HOLLAND PROCLAIMS SIEGE ALONG GERMAN FRONTIER

Steps Taken to Prevent Traffic in Contraband. THE HAGUE, Sept. 26.

The entire eastern frontier of Holland was today declared to be in a state of slege. This step was taken to prevent contraband traffic in goods, exportation of which has been prohibited.

The eastern frontier is that lying against Germany.

DUELS IN CLOUDS FATAL TO GERMAN AVIATORS

British and Belgian Airmen Win Through Superior Speed.

ANTWERP, Sept. 3.

Duels in the air in Beigium are now of almost dally occurrence. Yesterday a Belgian aviator attacked a German who was flying south from Brussels and killed him. Today an English observer, in a biplane, chased a Germon in # Taube for several miles from this city, finally managing to down htm. wrecking the machine and killing officer, observer

and pilot. The British aviator rose higher than the German, and by virtue of the superior speed of his biplane managed to get directly over him, and then riddled the German with the light automatic gun mounted on his machine.

PRIEST FIGHTS FOR KAISER

Former Assistant Rector at Paterson, N. J., Now German Soldier.

PATERSON, N. J., Sept. 26 -- Word was received here today that the Rev. John Schubert, a Silesian father, who, until a year ago, was assistant rector of St. An-

thony's Catholic Church, is fighting in the ranks of the German army-

Father Schubert left a year ago to take a professorship in a college. The college has since been converted into a hospital.

WRECKED CREW OF 72 SAFE

Tahoma's Men Cover Between Forty and Fifty Miles in Whale Boats. VALDEZ, Alaska, Sept. 26.-The steamship Alameda received a wireless measage today indicating that all the officers and crew of 72 men of the revenue cutter Tahoma, wrecked on the western end of the Aleutian Islands, are safe

It is reported that they used the ver-sel's whaleboats to cover between 40 and 50 miles of open water to reach Agattu be miles of open water to reach Agattu Island, where they are believed to be awaiting the awaiting the arrival of the steams Cordovs. The Taboma is a total loss.

without opposition, following the capture of Krukenice and Felsztyn, according to an official announcement issued here today. This gives the Russiara undisputed control of all the railways in Eastern and East Contral Galicia. Strong forces of Germans are reported north of Gheni and also directly to the AUSTRIANS RETREAT TO WISLOKA.

Dynow, on the San River, west of Przemsyl, haz also been taken. Severe fighting took place in the vicinity of Dynow before the Austrians retreated to the Wisloka River.

ty Among Officers.

BERLIN, Sept. 24. Two new lists issued here contain 9771

making use of aeroplanes constantly night Klao

right wing, now being hard pressed by this city.

and are plainly intended for a winter

campaign the fire of the Russian artillery has been exceptionally deadly. Two of the outer forts are reported as taken. ANTWERP ASSAULT PLANNED.

attack Antwerp. Should they be forced

continuing its movement along the rail-road lines both from Jaroslaw and Przemysł toward Crncow, it is now known that a desperate resistance will be encountered at Cracow. Russian troops on the southwest front have occupied the important rai road centre of Chyrow, southeast of Przemysi,

strategic moves from the eyes of the