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

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GERMANS IMPERIL ALLIES' WHOLE LINE 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 Cambral, 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 Aisne 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 Germany

threatening the forts of the Toul-Ver-

On the eastern edge of the western

theatre of war the Germans are keep-

ing up a terrific bombardment against

To the south of Verdun a heavy

French force, sent northward from

Nancy and Toul, is pressing vigor

Ruprecht of Bavaria, Attack follows

The value of German strategy

becoming more and more apparent, I

did not intend to hold the heights im

mediately north of the Aisne, as the p

sition to which they have fallen had

is infinitely stronger. The key to th

ural horseshoe of stone quarries ex

tending around the Oise from Girau

mont and Antheuit to Machemok, Th

whole position is marked by Mon

Gauelon, opposite Complegne, from

which the steep sides of a plateau ex-

belief that General Joffre, the French

commander-in-chief, and Field Mar-

shal Sir John French, the Britis

commander, are rallying all the

strength for a final effort against th

is being sent to the front, while the

usiy against the army of Crown Prince

the works about Verdun

attack in quick succession.

dun line

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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 east 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 Oise-Aisne region and retreat 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 von Kluk's line of communication.

It was regarded as possible that the British reinforcements might co-operate with the north in a general moveand the forces of General von Boshm defending the German line of that are communication.

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

"The fighting at St. Quentin has been severe. The French were in control 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 Germans by bombarding St. Quentin, but it was feared that the city would be destroyed.

The Germans are reported merely holding their entrenched positions in fensive, although the French are keepassaults, feeling out the weak place in the lin

Germans are giving ground before the been attempted. French at the northern part of the prevent the advance of the Germans Cernay

commanders of the alled troops of the two wings have been ordered t redouble their exertions in their efforts to turn the German flanks.

southeast.

tary men who have so far studied the send them to the west to German campaign believe that it is the object of the Kaiser's forces to allow the Allies to wear themselves out T(en-Tain.) 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. extreme French right, ac- but the real German offensive movecording to the latest information, the, ment all along the line has not yet

As the result of a four-day fight beginning September 18, the Germans French right where it joins the centre. have been forced back from the Wesbut it has been found impossible to serling Valley (in upper Alsace) to

> Reports of desultory fighting are n from the Vosges, but it is

STRIKING SCENES INCIDENT TO SUNDAY SCHOOL PARADE

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

tend toward the northeast and the Occupation of Wei-Hsien, 80 Miles From Japanese Operations Against Tsing-Tao, Regarded as Aggression.

PEKIN, Sept. 26

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

(Wel-Hsion is about 50 miles from Tsing-Tao and twenty miles west of the boundary of the German territory of Kiao-It is on the railroad running to

The Jupanese took possession of the railroad station and the cars. Though there were Chinese troops 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.

NISH. Sept. 28 A battle, which already has been



schlager, Margaret Francis and Marion Campbell, three of the 16 peace envoys, d Director of Flealth Harte, who acted for Mayor Blankenburg. The lower picture shows Catherine Littlefield, another of the peace messengers, about to speed by auto to the First District, her plea for cessation of war in her

men of the city joined heartily in the movement. The result was that a big central meeting was held in the Chamberg-Wylie 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 per-sonal 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 fo 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 Russell H. Conwell, of

Temple University. Then came the spe cial 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 car-ried a beautiful American flag, and the boy was followed by the 1s 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 courlers and then sent them away, each with the Mayor's peace message tightly clasped in her hand.

Outside automobiles were waiting 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 16 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 As it passed northward on both side

and children, all of them carrying flags and banners, and the cheerful words of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," were spread on the breeze from tens of thouands of voices. THE MATOR'S MESSAGE. The message from Mayor Blankenburg was: "To the Sunday School Scholars, Teachers and Officers of Philadelphia: "As Mayor of the City of Brotherly Love-the city of William Penn, founded with his message of peace-it is gratifying, indeed, particularly at this time, to find you expressing throughout the city, in your parades, assemblics and reviews, good will towards all in

WHITE STAR LINER CRETIC IMPERILED BY FIRE IN HOLD

Destruction of Vessel.

Officials of Company Sus-

Sixteen Girls Bearing Golden Cotton Ignites and Threatens Crosses Act as Mayor's Messengers in Demonstration-Churches Aid.

IN PLEA FOR PEACE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN MARCH

Sixteen little girls, in immaculate white, ach carrying a large white flag decorated with a large golden cross, were sent by Mayor Blankenburg this afternoon 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

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 .- Fire started early today in the forward hold of the White Star liner Cretic as she lay at her plor at the foot of West Eighteenth street, and for a time threatened to destroy the vessel. The Cretic was scheduled to sail at

pect Incendiarism.

noon for Genoa and Mediterranean ports with a cargo of cotton. A sailor discovered the blaze in

ward haich No. 3 and sounded the firs alarm. Captain Howarth, master of the liner, led the fire fighting force of sallors, while city firemen under Deputy Chlef Martin fought to save the big ship from destruction

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

In the meantime, the smoke pouring 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 pier was ablaze. Lying next to the Cretic was the great liner Olympic, which was scheduled to sail for Liverpool. The pier was crowed sail for Liverpool. The pier was crowded to with this liner's passengers and then friends. In their excitement men and women ran aimlessly about on the pler the way of the firemen and hampering

firemen were able to control the flames, but the interior of the Cretic was badly

HOME DEDICATED TODAY

and Jenerson streets, Germanova, institution has been created through the generosity of Theodore Presser, a music publisher in this city, who conceived the

lace 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 concentration. All those who made addresse 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. Other who made addresses were Hugh A. Clark, John C. Freund, and Charles Heber Clark

Madame Maud Powell, David Bisphan and Henri Scott, noted soloiats, gave a number of musical selections. Mr. Presser, in an address at the dedi-

ation ceremonies, speaking of the object and purpose of the institution which h mas founded, said: "As a class, music teachers do not ac-cumulate worldly possessions. They ar-rive at a time in life when their useful-

ness 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 leachers, who, as a class of workers, are performing a great and useful service."

ere were thousands of men, women

water over the forward deck of the

he fire-fighters. After a vigorous three-hour battle the

RETIRED MUSIC TEACHERS'

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

Home for Retired Music Teachers as dedicated this afternoon at Johnson and Jefferson streets, Germantown, The

dea of providing a home for those me

Mihiel. They have not, however, been not certain that the French were able progress two weeks, is raging between able to cross the river. Every time to hold Cernay and Thann, both of Servian and Austrian troops in the mounthey string their ponteous the French , which places they claim to have taken, tain pusses southwest of Krupani,

ALLIES RETREAT 12 MILES ALONG OISE, BERLIN STATES

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

Official announcement 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 basic 12 miles. It also was stated that on the eastern end the Germans had useended the Meuse Heights after mard fighting southeast of Verdun and were advancing steadily despite strong resistance.

The statement follows:

Following repeated attacks along the Qiao by the enemy, who seem to have been strongly reinforced, our troops took the offensive and drove the foe back 12 miles. Fighting continues on the western end of the opposing lines. Along the Meuse, southeast of Verduc, we have gained the heights on the east bank. Tho French opposed our advance there with fresh troops, and the fighting was severe. We continue to advance, while our artillery main-

tains its bombardment of the French forts. The general situation in France re-

mains favorable to the Germans, the War office says, although there has loen no decisivo result. The German armies of the centre and left are slowly hat surely breaking down the French defense, and important developments are housd for in this sec-

GERMAN CHARGES REPULSED ON RIGHT, LONDON REPORTS

The press bureau of the British Got- Germans.

of the Cormans were being rejuited. have been withdrawn and sent around

French and Eritish,

shortly before h o'closed, says:

considerable loss is being inflicted upon mittedly now most formidable the eneruy

Provincially the War Office had ad-

Bt. Quentin

strongly intreached positions, from presence feit,

LONDON Sept 26. | which they are now bombarding the ernmont broke its long effective on the its is reported here that many great battle in France One offernoon concurs 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

tion of the battle line.

Considerable borow are being af- to and General you Kluk, while a part floted upon the Germans by the oil ins army thit was engaged under Cioneral von Buelow has been trans-The statement, which was given out ferred to the Crown Prince and the gaps filled with the landwehr and the

"There is much activity along the referres. The object of this naturally line in France. Heavy counter attacks, is to put fresh men at various lines. of the Germans are being repulsed and Ab a result you. Kluk's army is ad-

However, while admitting these fants, the British military officials say there is no reason for discouragement. mitted German gains near Noyon, but They again referred today to the simsaid the Allies had won back must of ligrity between the present battle and the lost ground. A severe engagement the situation presented in the Russois in progress in the adiabiourbood of Japaness war, lesisting that, while the

times and by the saurifice of hundreds The Germans are heavily intrenched of men to advance at certain points. on the hills north of the town, and they were not at any place in a posiif the Allies had tried to hold it they tion to break the French line, now would have been compelled to face a eral Joffre has thrown a large part of constant rain of shells from the Ger- his reserves into the battle line, and man big guns. In order to avoid need- these fresh troops, aided by the fresh less savrifice of life, the British with- British troops that have just reached drew to the west, and have taken up the firing line, must soon make their

That is the only place where the Austrinns have been able to secure a foothold on Servian soil, although they have been trying to launch invasions all along the Igrina, Save and Danube Rivers. Both sides have suffered enormous losses, and very house in Krupani has been turned nto h hospital.

The Government today issued an ofcial denial of reports concerning the onditions of the Servian army which are bolleved to have originated in Solia. 11 803'8:

"The report from Sona saying that the iorale of the Servian troops has become ery had is a pure invention. It is unmue that cholera has broken out in the venkened our forces. Our troops are good spirit owing to our continued etorios.

to the present the Servian and Mon- stand in southern Belgium which will The for the present the myading Boshia (Aus-megnin armites invading Boshia (Aus-lien territory) have occuried the fol-tion territory, have occuried the fol-wing placest Fotcha, Chanise, Visite-of Waterloo is believed certain here. The Rogatitza, Vlassenitza, Srebrenitza ind Fratza.

GERMANS COURTMARTIALED ON TREASON CHARGES

Alleged to Have Planned Escape of French Prisoners.

OSTEND. Sept. 35. It is announced here that German auinvitios at Brussels are trying a number of Havarian soldiers, including some mosers, charged with conniving at the attempted escape of several thousand Prench principal of war.

It is stated here that the friction hesthe Bayarian regiments have nsterred from Beigium to other points in the righting line.

KAISER SHIFTING HIS TROOPS Military Trains Moving Vast Num-

bers on French Border. MARSTRICHT, Holland, Sept. 25. For three days German military trains ave been bassing back and forth betrains con Ax-la-Chapelle and the French

trains are filled with troops both ming to France and returning, indicat-ng that the German soldiers' positions are being shifted.

GERMANS WRECK AIRSHIP

CHER.FOO. China, Sept. St.-A Japanese sideo-aeroplane which was reconnoiterfortreas last night. au fortress hast hight. The Japanese machine was wrecked nd the aviator was killed.

Both the Germans and the Japanese Bold making use of acroplanes constantly for scout duty. Almost every hight aviators can be seen high over Kiao-Chau or the adjacent country,

BLOODY WATERLOO FEELS TEUTON HEEL IN MARTIAL TREAD

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

ANTWERP, Sept. 26. That the Germans are planning a new

Belgian aviators who have made reconreport the construction of lines of in- from the campaign in the north for

trenchments north of Mons and at points strategic reasons. on the Scheidt, Dendre and Senne Rivers while the entire line of the Sambre also has been made ready for defensive sia will have to be altered.

While it is admitted that these are purely the precautionary methods which | portant fortification and a German genany army should take, it is believed certain here that the Germans have pre- Staff has replaced the Austrian compared a haven to which their entire right wing now being hard pressed by the Allies, can take refuge. The Germust intremched positions, the reports restated here that the friction be-the Havarian and the Prissian ceived by the Belgian General Staff say, has become so acute that many are being built with unusual strength and are plainly intended for a winter

> 101111001101 ANTWERP ASSAULT PLANNED. There are also indications that the Gernana are again planning an attempt to attack Antwerp. Should they be forced back into Belgium this will be absolutely necessary, as, even though they should mank the fortifications with a strong

army, they would at all times he subjected to the danger of aerial attack and would also be unable to conceal any structure movies from the eyes of the British and Belgian aviators, who could

use the city as a base. Strong forces of Germans are reported Strong forces of Germans are to the dust of this city.

ty Among Officers.

BERLIN, Sept. 28 Two new lists issued here contain 9771 wounded and missing. Germany declared war on Russia eight weeks ago today, and her average weekly losses in the war have.

The latest lists show increasing mortality among the officers. In some cases almost all the officers of several regi-CARES ments are listed as killed or wounded,

RUSSIAN HORDES WITHIN ONE DAY **OF CRACOW GOAL**

Belgian Aviators Report German General Staff Supersedes Austrian Control and Civil Authorities Flee. Przemysl Fall Imminent.

> PETROGRAD, Sept. 25. The Russian army operating in the south is pushing on toward Cracow and is believed to be within a day's march of it. The Austrian civil authorities and the archbishop have fled from the

The Germans have rushed three army corps into the region of Cracow, and are naissances over the German positions believed to have diverted their attention

If Cracow falls into Russian hands the whole German war plan against Rus-A strong German force has now

sumed the work of defending that imeral detailed from the German General according to advices reaching this city.

from the Galician front today say that the capture of Przemysi is be-lieved imminent, all noncombatants hav-lieved imminent all noncombatants hav-ing been permitted to leave the city. The Russian bombardment continues from all sides. Already weaknesses have been noted in the eastern forts, where been noted in the eastern forts, where

the fire of the Russian artillery has been exceptionally deadly. Two of the outer forts are reported as taken. Meanwhile the main Russian army is continuing its movement along the rail-road lines both from Jaroslaw and Przemysł toward Cracow. 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, without opposition, following the capture of Krukenice and Felsztyn, according to an official announcement maner here today. This gives the Russiars undisputed control of all the railways in Eastern and East Central Galicia. The Germantown: McPhemon and Nor-ris Squares and in Pos Chase. The manards of visitors from all parts of Dynow, on the San River, west of

'rzemsyl, has also been taken. Severe ighting took place in the vicinity of Dynow before the Austriana retreated to the Wisloka River.

On the right of the southwest front, the Russian forces are resting at Ezeszow, on the Wisioka, while the troops from Baranow and Banizow are moving toward Tarnow and the bombardsment of Przemyal continues. Some of the Rus-sian advance guards have tried to cross the Wisloka near Rzeszow, but have been

our land and prayers for peace among ill nations. "May every one of your schools have the richest blessings of divine love. May you prove a power for good in the present older and the rising young genera-tion of Philadelphians,

"As you march through our streets, loyal to your country and to your Master, may you truly be 'keeping step with God's truth, and may you show your af-fection for your fellows in your love for the "Prince of Peace."

"Ever faithfully your "RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG, "Mayor.'

BROAD STREET REVIEW. All the division demonstrations, with the exception of those in Kensington, Frankford, Germaniown 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

song. .The other district celebrations were sent the Mayor's greeting also by the courier In machines, so that it was read before all of the 100.000 and more persons who assembled at the sectional meetings, at which there were programs of singing, and prominent clergymen and laymen nade addresses.

150 BANDS PLAY.

Each of the district columns was headed by a band, and the divisions and nany of the schools also had musical organizations with them, so that patri-otic 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 count try, "Tis of Thee," weer heard every

The largest sectional demonstrations took place at George's Hill, Went Fair-mount Park: Kindsensing Recreation Centre, filst street and Kindsensing ave-

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

Among the prominent persons who Among the prominent persons who attended the meeting at the Chambers-Wylke Church and who reviewed the parade were the Rev. Russell H. Conwell, the Kev. Floyd W. Tomkins John Wavas-maker, Dr. George W. Bailey, Director George D. Porter, Dr. Frank W. Lange, George H. Streaker, John Baker Tuttle George G. Ziegler, John B. Klenk, John M. Doran, William H. Emhardt, Charles Rishoff, George H. Chew, John M. Neff. the Wisloka near rizeszow, but have been driven back by superior forces. The reports current that Cracow has been taken over by the Germans, because of their disastifaction with the Austrian plan of campaign, are given little cre-gence at the War Office.

HOLLAND PROCLAIMS SIEGE ALONG GERMAN FRONTIER

Steps Taken to Prevent Traffic in Contraband. THE HAGUE, Sept. 25.

The entire eastern frontier of Holland was today declared to be in a state of siege. 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. 25.

Duels in the air in Belgium are now of almost daily occurrence. Yesterday a Belgian aviator attacked a German who was flying south from Brussels and killed him. Today an English observer, in a hiplane, chased a German in 4 Tuube for several miles from this city, finally managing to down him, wrecking messages were received amid cheers and the machine and killing officer, observer

> and pllot. The British aviator rose higher than the German, and by virtue of the supe rior speed of his biplane managed b get directly over him, and then riddled the German with the light automatis 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 eceived 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 i

the ranks of the German army. Father Schubert left a year ago to take 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 steam ship Alameda received a wireless me sage today indicating that all the ? ficers and crew of 72 men of the revent r ficers and crew of 12 men of the revela-cutter Tahoma, wrecked on the uvated wind of the Aleutian Islands, are safe. It is reported that they used the ver-sel a whileboats to cover between 8 and 60 miles of open water to reach Agato Island, where they are believed to be awaiting the arrival of the steamably Cordova. The Tahoma is a total loss.

AND KILL JAPANESE PILOT GERMAN CASUALTIES 73.240 Germans were able to maintain their Aerial Battle at Night Over Kiao- New Lists Show Increasing Mortali-Chau Stronghold.

operations.

over Kino-Chau, was attacked by names and increase the total losses of two German aeroplanes from the Tsing- the Germans in the war to 73,249 killed,