



BATTLE TIDE EBBS AND FLOWS; ALLIES REFUSE ARMISTICE

Germans, Reinforced by 600,000 Men, Advance Near Dixmude and La Basse. French Claim Gains North of Lille and East of Nieuport.

Invaders Demand Respite at Thiancourt in Order to Bury Dead, But French Decline—London Hears Zeppelins Have Attacked Fleet Off Belgian Coast.

The French official statement issued this afternoon admits the Germans have advanced in the fighting north of Dixmude and around La Bassee, but says the Allies have made very appreciable progress to the east of Nieuport and between Armentieres and Lille.

German demands for an armistice at Thiancourt, half way between St. Mihiel and Metz, have been refused by the French.

The extreme left wing of the Allies is in danger of being cut off, according to Berlin statements, as a result of the determined advance of German troops.

Reinforced by 600,000 fresh troops, the German armies have advanced between Lille and Arras toward Lens and La Bassee after severe fighting.

The triangle in Belgium, bounded by Nieuport, Dixmude and Roulers, again is the centre of a desperate struggle.

Dispatches from Paris admit the Allies are feeling the pressure of superior numbers.

Unofficial reports say the French have captured Altkirch, in Alsace, but the movement against Metz apparently has been checked.

Official statement from Berlin says German forces are drawing closer to Verdun and declares French sorties have been repulsed.

The Kaiser and his General Staff are reported to have established their headquarters at Mezieres, a few miles from Sedan.

Germans are leaving Antwerp, according to a report from Flushing. Wives of German officers, it is said, have been warned to depart within 48 hours.

Petrograd reports terrific disaster to the Germans in their attempts to cross the Vistula. In the movement at Ivangorod the German casualties are set at 60,000. The Vistula battle, the War Office admits, has not yet reached the stage of decisive victory, as the re-formed Austrian army has to be taken into account on the left, while the German centre is being reinforced by fresh troops from Silesia.

Austrian forces have moved into Poland and, according to Vienna official advices, have defeated two Russian divisions in the lower Vistula. This offensive movement, if the report is to be credited, is highly significant, as it indicates an early junction of the Austrian forces in Galicia with the Germans, who have been in difficulties along the Vistula as far north as Warsaw. The Austrians also claim continued success in pushing the Russians beyond the River San.

Tsing-Tao, the principal city of Kiao-Chau, German leasehold in China, is reported captured by the Japanese.

Hope for the safety of the British submarine E-3, reported lost, was given up by the Admiralty. The Press Bureau announced the list of officers and men of the crew.

Seventy British warships are scouring the seas in search of raiding German cruisers, which have wrought such havoc with shipping. An unconfirmed report from Bombay was that the Emden, which has wrecked 13 British vessels, had been sunk or captured.

A French ship, bearing wounded soldiers, was reported aground near Cherbourg.

FRENCH REFUSE ARMISTICE DEMAND NEAR ST. MIHIEL

PARIS, Oct. 24.—After several days of obscurity the operations along the eastern frontier of France were thrown into bold relief by the announcement today that a demand for an armistice by the Germans to bury their dead had been refused in the neighborhood of Thiancourt. This is about half way between St. Mihiel, where the Germans have crossed the Meuse, and Metz, against which the French armies with headquarters at Nancy and Toul have been advancing.

It is believed here that the French have gained materially in this section, and that as a result they may now be able to force the Germans to retire from St. Mihiel. In addition, they are also believed to be in a position absolutely to prevent a junction between the German army operating with Metz as a base and the army of the Crown Prince, which has been vainly trying for several weeks to take Verdun and batter down the Verdun-Toul line of forts.

The Germans have mounted Austrian 42-centimetre guns at St. Mihiel and also at Camp-de-Romains, and the French have been compelled to fall back from the front of this line. It is believed, however, that if they can make material gains toward Metz they will also be in position to direct a flanking assault against the Germans at St. Mihiel which will make their positions there untenable.

The fighting in the north continues with utmost desperation. Despite every effort of the Allies, the Germans, by sheer weight of numbers, have been able to gain considerable territory north of the Dixmude region and also in the neighborhood of La Bassee. To offset this the Allies have advanced their lines east of Nieuport around Laussemare (Langhemarck) east of Roulers, and in the vicinity of Armentieres. The fighting is still of extreme violence, and it is agreed in all of the reports reaching here that it is still far from a decisive stage.

The official statement follows: On our left wing, the battle continues. The enemy has progressed north of Dixmude and around La Bassee. We have advanced very appreciably to the east of Nieuport, in the region of Langsemare and in the region between Armentieres and Lille. These are fluctuations inevitable on the line of battle, which is maintained in general. On the rest of the front numerous German attacks, both by night and by day, have been repulsed. At many points we have advanced slightly. In the Woerens region our advance has continued in the direction of the Bois-de-Mortmare, south of Thiancourt in the Bois-le-Pretri and north of Pont-a-Mousson. Almost every day brings fresh word of desultory fighting near Rheims. Many shells fall into the city, which is now a scene of desolation and wreckage. Verdun is the centre of a furious struggle on the eastern line. The French are striving vigorously to dislodge the Germans at Camp Des Romains on the Meuse. At that point the invaders have succeeded in getting a number of heavy Austrian siege guns in position. The unofficial news that the French have retaken Altkirch in upper Alsace at the point of the bayonet has caused much rejoicing in Paris. The French movement against Metz seems to have been checked. In the attempt on St. Mihiel, the Germans were able to occupy the strategic peninsula of Camp des Romains, formed by a bend in the Meuse River, and it will require hard fighting to dislodge them. It was evidently the object of the German...



THE "WORM" TURNS

PRESIDENT REVEALS VISION OF PEACE TO PITTSBURGH Y. M. C. A.

Says Future International Difficulties Will Be Solved by Year's Study of Questions in Dispute.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 24.—Light cast upon international difficulties will be the future way of wiping out quarrels between nations, President Wilson told 6000 men this afternoon at the 70th anniversary celebration of the Y. M. C. A., in Exposition Hall.

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BODY OF WOMAN DROWNED IN DELAWARE RECOVERED

Mrs. Agnes Stroud Fell Overboard From Launch Last Sunday. CHESTER, Pa., Oct. 24.—The body of Mrs. Agnes Stroud, who was drowned Sunday afternoon by falling from the launch Mermad, was found today in the Delaware River at the foot of Fulton street by David Henry, 199 South Water street, Philadelphia. Henry is the cook on the dredge Lulu. Dr. H. Turner Taylor conducted a post-mortem. He will report his findings at the inquest.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT IN ARM

William Goodhall, 25 years old, 3312 North Hope street, was accidentally shot this afternoon in the right wrist by Fredrick Kopper, 23 years old, 113 East Tenth street. The men were gunning near B street and Erie avenue. Kopper was removed to the Episcopal Hospital.

CONGRESS WILL ADJOURN LATE THIS AFTERNOON

Agreement Reached by Leaders—Cotton Filibusters Abandon Fight. WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Congress will adjourn at 4 o'clock this afternoon, according to an agreement reached by leaders of the House and Senate today.

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TSING-TAO IS TAKEN BY JAPANESE, SAYS REPORT IN TOKIO

Celebration Over Rumored Fall of German Fortress Planned—Crew of Takachiho Sang as They Went to Death. TOKIO, Oct. 24.—Unofficial reports printed in the Japanese newspapers today say that Tsing-Tao has fallen. The Admiralty refuses to confirm these rumors, but the city is making preparations to celebrate a great victory.

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"JIM" PROVES HIS PROWESS AS AN EXPERIENCED BOUNCER

Subdues Three Trouble-makers With Expert Ease. A fight in the Palm Gardens, 631 Girard avenue, between Special Policeman "Jim," employed to maintain order in the place, and three young men caused considerable excitement there today and resulted in a victory for the "cop."

PENN CONFIDENT OF EASY VICTORY OVER THE INDIANS

But Carlisle's Blaring Band and Cheering Maidens Look for Tough Struggle as Franklin Field Stands Fill. FRANKLIN FIELD, Oct. 24.—Penn's football warriors faced the Carlisle Indians today with a confidence of winning born of their great victory over the Navy last Saturday.

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