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BOTH ARMIES HOLD OWN ON THE AISNE

Sharp Offensive Movement of Germans on West Wing Fails to Break Enemy's Line

BATTLE AT ROYE IS CONTINUING

Allies Claim to Have Taken a Large Number of Prisoners at the Latter Place—Rheims Again Subjected to a Short Bombardment

On the Battle Front via Paris, Oct. 9, 11.41 P. M.—The sharp offensive movement of the Germans on the western wing of the allies at the Belgian frontier evidently has failed in its object of bending or breaking the French and British line. The long extension of the battle line which now has gone beyond the four rivers, Scarpe, Somme, Oise and Aisne, was initiated by the allies in an endeavor to find a solution of the problem of thrusting the Germans from their strong position in Northeastern France. In these positions the Germans had been besieged nearly a month, since the conclusion of the bloody battle of the Marne, a frontal attack being considered inexpedient by the allies. The present front is within about sixty-eight miles of Antwerp where the Belgians have offered such heroic resistance to the bombardment of the heavy Germany artillery. Belgian officers who have arrived here from Antwerp, declare that the Belgians themselves destroyed forts Waulhen and Wavre-St. Catherine.

Rheims Again Bombarded
Further down toward the center of the line the severest fighting continued today at Roze, where the allies took a large number of prisoners. Rheims again was subjected to a short bombardment.

In other parts of the center the opposing forces remain constantly alert. The cannonade has diminished in intensity and the allied troops occupying the trenches are becoming thoroughly accustomed to the situation. Many of them spend the intervals between the spells of rifle firing reading newspapers to their comrades beneath the bomb-proof shelters.

The allied artillerymen seem indefatigable, relying with vigor whenever a German cannon opens fire. They throw themselves on the ground when they hear the noise of the enemy's shell and consequently the casualties in the section are few.

Everybody at High Tension
At night everybody is at high tension and few noises are heard. An occasional dull signal lamp or a lantern with its light turned away from the German lines indicates the number of a brigade or a division occupying the position and permits of the rare dispatch of a rider on a motorcycle to find his way along the rear to the commanding officers. All around the air is full of dirt and sand thrown up by the shells while the odor from the explosive is intense.

The French and Germans still generally utilize bugle calls and when these are heard searchlights immediately are flashed out. The British commands, however, are whispered along the trenches from mouth to mouth so that even in the silence of the night no sound reaches the ears of the Germans in their trenches so far away and no indication is given of any proposed movement or attack, until it is in full swing.

On the eastern wing the fighting is still very fierce around St. Mihiel with many night attacks. The Germans are extremely clever in constructing blind trenches against which the allies fire is often directed, while the Germans actually are posted some distance away in other trenches from which they can pour in an enfiladed fire.

WEALTH AS PERSONIFIED IN DRAMA "EVERYWOMAN"

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CHURCH OF GOD MINISTERS TO PREACH IN LANCASTER

To Consider Advisability of Employing an Evangelist and Helper for Work in Eldership Territory—Elect Beneficial Society

Lancaster, Oct. 10.—The preachers of the Eastern Pennsylvania Eldership of the Churches of God are now meeting at this place. The greater part of yesterday was devoted to the work of the committee of the whole. The committee completed its work and reported, recommending the adoption of the report of the standing committee in judicial cases. The report was unanimously adopted. Ministers were appointed to supply a number of the pulpits of the city next Sunday.

FUNERAL OF REV. J. F. SMITH

Services for Former Royaltown Pastor Attended by a Score of United Brethren Clergymen

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Middletown, Oct. 10.—Funeral services over the remains of the Rev. John Francis Smith, former pastor of the Royaltown United Brethren church, were conducted at the home in Royaltown and at the church yesterday afternoon, and were attended by no less than twenty clergymen of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Brethren church. The Rev. Dr. D. D. Lowery, of Harrisburg, presiding elder of the conference, read the eulogy at the church services and also had charge of the home services, assisted by the Rev. O. G. Romig, of Hershey. Addresses on the life and labors of the Rev. Mr. Smith were made by the Rev. L. H. Albright, of the Middletown United Brethren church, and the Rev. J. Moyer Hershey, of Hershey. The Rev. T. C. McCarrell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Middletown, represented the Middletown Ministerial Association and also spoke at the services.

C. E. MEET AT LEBANON

Annual Convention of Evangelical Societies October 27

Lebanon, Oct. 10.—The twenty-first annual convention of the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor of the East Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical Church, will be held in St. Paul's United Evangelical church, Lebanon, Tuesday, October 27. The convention will be in session for two days. A fine program will be observed. President Walter Kleiser, of St. Paul's C. E. Society, will deliver the address of welcome, and greetings will also be extended by the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Eitelman. The Rev. Joseph Gross, of Lancaster, will be the presiding officer. A feature of the program will be addresses by the Rev. A. B. Saylor, of Allentown, formerly of Lebanon and Harrisburg, and the Rev. L. C. Hunt, of Bangor, Pa. Among the prominent visitors will be H. B. McCrory, Pennsylvania State field secretary, Pittsburgh, and the Rev. Dr. C. A. Woolston, of Philadelphia. Dr. C. Newton Dubbs, superintendent of the mission in China, now in America on a furlough, will address the convention.

GENERALS IN BRITISH CAMPAIGN



LORD KITCHENER Field Marshal Lord Kitchener, who is acting as British Secretary of State for War, and Field Marshal Sir John French, who is commanding the British forces in France, are the two most prominent generals pushing the British campaign against Germany and her ally.

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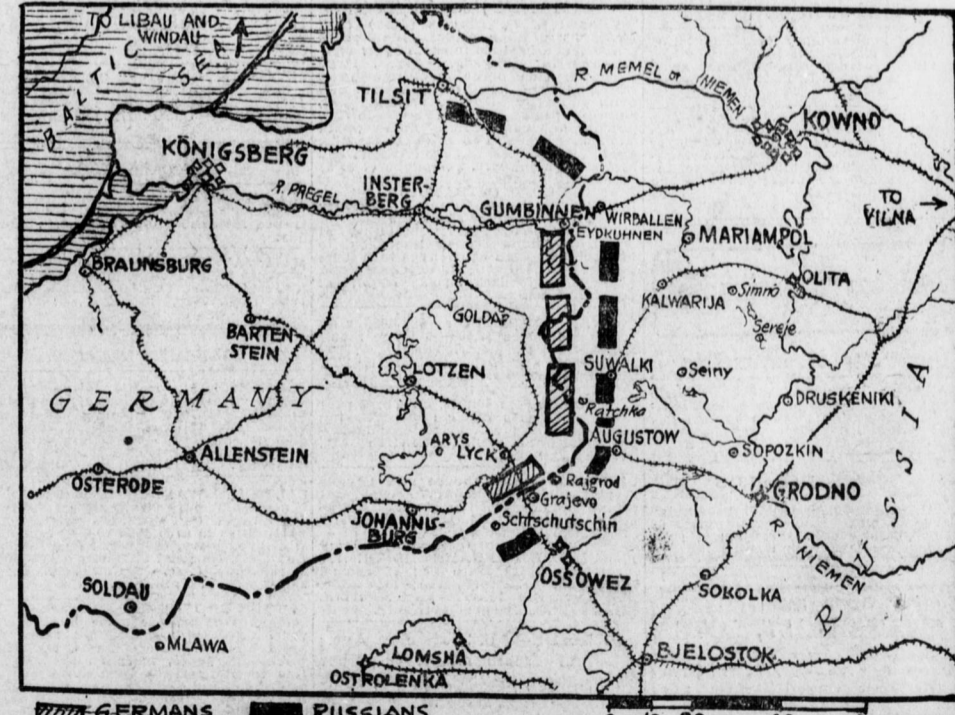
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This Photograph Shows Them Giving First Aid to a Wounded German Soldier.

GERMANS AND RUSSIANS IN EAST PRUSSIA



GERMAN AND RUSSIAN ARMIES OPPOSED ON THE EAST PRUSSIAN FRONTIER.

German official reports admit their defeat at Augustowo and Suwalki, and say their forces have assumed a "strategic offensive" on the East Prussian frontier, after having abandoned the bombardment of the fortress and burned the city of Ossowez. Russians pursuing them have reached the frontier and have again penetrated East Prussia at several points, notably in the direction of Lyck. The Germans have thus lost all the ground they had gained in their advance to the Niemen River, about fifty miles from the frontier.

MILLERSTOWN

Mrs. A. H. Ush Entertains Presbyterian Missionary Society

Millerstown, Oct. 10.—Mrs. Edith Barton, of Newport, and Mrs. Brinton Kell, of Chambersburg, were entertained at the home of A. H. Ush on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ritzman were in Harrisburg on Thursday.

Mrs. Jennie Byers and little granddaughter, Helen Diefenderfer, have gone to Strasburg for a visit.

Gilbert Rickabaugh, Emory Fry, Robert Shenk and W. C. Moore were in Harrisburg on Thursday to witness the firemen's parade.

The Rev. C. F. Himes is holding revival services at Lickesburg.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. A. H. Ush on Thursday evening.

Reformed Church Nearing Completion

Marietta, Oct. 10.—The handsome new edifice of the Reformed congregation at White Oak, near here, is rapidly nearing completion and will be dedicated November 1. Prominent speakers from all sections will be present and a very fine program of music is being arranged.