

# THUNDERING AWAY THE SLAUGHTER WAS COLOSSAL

## Terrific Battle of Aisne Continues, But Experts Declare It Must End Soon

## Allies Trying to Flank Von Kluck

## German General Holds the Heights and Pours Down Terrific Fire on Road Leading to His Position—England Expects to Soon Hear of German Retreat

London, Sept. 21.—England waited in vain today for confirmation of the report that the bulk of the German army has begun retirement from France. The 10-day battle along the river Aisne, so far as known, remains undecided. Official reports say the allies are gaining ground, but the progress is small like. The public is beginning to feel the turning point will not come until one side or the other is outflanked. For days the press has talked of von Kluck's peril, but there is no indication the allies have yet been successful in turning his flank. Naturally there is no German confirmation of the reported retirement, but some observers here are convinced that the invaders will not attempt the offensive on French soil and that unless this is done the army must soon be withdrawn to the frontier.

### Battle Terrific.

Paris, Sept. 21.—A terrific battle along the Aisne continued with little change today and the best military opinion here looked for no early definite results of frontal attacks, because of the equality of forces. The extreme left of the allies lines is again bearing the brunt of the battle and minor successes of each side apparently have counter-balanced each other thus far, although French experts claim the allies have won better positions on the higher ground and are now able to pursue the offensive on more equal terms against the strongly entrenched German batteries. Both sides are using extensive earthworks to screen their operations from the terrific artillery fire that has raged day and night since the Germans made their stand.

### Ancient Cathedral Destroyed.

Official dispatches tell of destruction of the historic cathedral of Rheims by the German guns during the bombardment eliciting bitter comment here. It is stated that France will lodge a protest with the powers against deliberate destruction of the ancient structure in which several hundred German wounded were being cared for, when the rain of shells began. The Germans were taken out at great risk to the French hospital corps and the people demonstrated against them only to be checked by French priests and officers. Letters found on the prisoners indicate the Germans are very short on supplies. One letter said the writer's command had lived nine days on beans and sugar and described the battle losses as enormous.

A Petrograd message says the Russians captured 15,000 Austrians and many guns in Galicia during the last three days.

It is also reported that the Japanese have destroyed two important forts at Tsingtau with bombs from aeroplanes.

The Germans are charged with using the petroleum shells in the fortnight's bombardments of Rheims.

An official statement this afternoon says the allies left wing advanced to the heights of Lassigny West Noyon, on right bank of the Oise, to the east of Oise and to the north of Aisne, the Germans giving evidence of renewed activity. In the region of

onet charges were repulsed by the allies. Near Rheims the Germans are not attempting infantry attacks, confining themselves to the artillery. In the center the French have taken Mesnil Les Hurlus and Massiges. In the Woivre district the enemy still holds the region of Thiaucourt and has bombarded Massonchattel. There are no important movements in Lorraine and Vosges.

### A Rhems Dispatch Says the German Battery made the cathedral the particular target and the building is only an empty shell, though it is not determined to what extent the stone work was injured. The shells set fire to the scaffolding and roof despite the Red Cross flag.

### Puttending Away at Von Kluck.

London, Sept. 21.—The allies are exerting every ounce of strength to turn back the flank of General Von Kluck's right wing of the German army, while the Germans are attempting a similar move on the opposite end of long battle line near Vedun Rains have made task of the allies unusually difficult, as Von Kluck's guns are entrenched on the heights and their fire sweeps the valley of Oise, through which the natural route for the allies advance lies. The fact that the German guns are found in cement emplacements indicates they selected the ground for the battle with the greatest care. Rumors are circulating here that the Germans are preparing for withdrawal in general to defend the frontier, leaving a sufficient force to protect the retreating columns. In Galicia the Russian advance was checked by the strong fortress of Przemyel, which is now being invested. The Montenegrin forces are reported to be pressing their advance against the Austrians and expect to enter Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia within a week.

### An officer just returned from Soissons says aeroplane scout reports have given rise to the conviction that the Germans are withdrawing their main forces with heavy stores, believed to be bound to the German frontier to establish a defense, while 200,000 remain to defend the fortified positions and protect the retreat.

### Military experts here and in Paris believe definite results of the battle of Aisne must come in a few days.

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### FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS OF EUROPE'S MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN RUINS



A general view of the wrecked city against which King Albert's commission is now in this country to protest to President Wilson. At the right is seen the American House, one of the few hotels undamaged when fire and shell swept the city.

## FURIOUS HAIL OF SHOT ON RHEIMS

### Bombardment of The French City All Sunday Was Terrific.

### MANY FIERCE CHARGES MADE

### French Soldiers Carried Some Spots at Point of Bayonet. Desperate Hand-to-Hand Fighting—Protest Made to United States.

Chalons Sur Marne, Sept. 21.—The Germans continued their bombardment of Rheims yesterday. Last night the greater part of the cathedral, museum, hospitals and city hall were destroyed and several inhabitants were killed. They failed, however, to take the city, which is desired probably because it commands the railways to Charleville, Verdun and Chalons. The allies made several counter charges against the storm of shrapnel. They showed magnificent bravery. The first ranks suffered terribly, but the gaps were promptly filled and desperate hand to hand encounters followed, when the lines reached the Germans, who were forced to give ground, except on the heights of Brimon, which they recaptured with terrific machine gun fire.

### The French infantry carried the heights of La Pompelle at the point of the bayonet, French Turkos afterward with hands clutched on the throats to their antagonists. Soldiers of both sides were constantly drenched with rain, which fell in torrents during the fighting. The chalky clay about Rheims was so softened by the downpour that the desperation of German attacks was attributed to the fear they would be unable to withdraw artillery if forced back to the river Savourez, already out of bounds.

### Makes Formal Protest.

Bordeaux, Sept. 21.—A formal protest against the German bombardment of Rheims was sent to the Neutral Governments which denounces the destruction of the Cathedral as an act of vandalism.

### Washington Gets Protest.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The French

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## HEROIC DEATH OF GENERAL FINDLEY

London, Sept. 21.—Describing the death of General Neil Douglas Findley, of the Royal Artillery, a Daily Mail correspondent says while the British were advancing Saturday toward Soissons a terrific shell fire was directed toward the British guns. It seemed they would have to abandon the guns when General Findley took personal command.

"Boys we'll get every gun into position," he called. He then handed the chaplain his personal belongings and despite the urging of the staff aided in getting the batteries into action. One by one the guns began to blaze and the German fire slackened. The British began to advance with a cheer, when a German shell struck Kindley's horse and exploded, shattering the animal and rider.

## GERMAN WAR LOAN BEING QUICKLY RAISED

Berlin, By wireless—Sept. 21.—Subscriptions to the German war loan thus far received assure brilliant success. The call for \$1,050,000,000 is already over half collected without foreign subscription or sending subscription blanks to well to do Germans now in the field. Headquarters' reports last night stated the Germans assumed the offensive everywhere in France. Anders Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer, who is guest of the Emperor at headquarters, is to be allowed visit the eastern and western fronts in order to give a non-partisan account of the situation.

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## TRYING TO TALK THE BILL TO DEATH

### HAVE STRONG TICKET

Democrats of Brunswick County Hold Their Convention—Capt. J. J. Adkins Heads the Ticket.

### Special to The Dispatch.

Southport, Sept. 21.—The Brunswick county Democratic convention for the nomination of county officials and a candidate for House of Representatives was held at Supply Saturday. Mr. Peter Rourk, of Shallotte, was made permanent chairman, the convention being called to order by Secretary J. W. Lancaster in the absence of George H. Bellamy, Robert E. Ranson, Esq., of Southport, and Ralph M. Edwards, of Waccamaw, were made secretaries of the convention. Upon motion of J. R. Newton, Jr. of Southport, the chairman was requested to ask the candidates for representative to state their platform—particularly as to stock law and the fishing industries. J. W. Ruark, Esq., of Southport, was first called upon, and he was followed by Capt. J. J. Adkins, also of Southport. Both made interesting speeches, outlining their views. There being no other candidates the ballot was taken and resulted in the nomination of Capt. Adkins, who is regarded as one of the strongest men in the entire county—a man who numbers his friends only by the number of his acquaintances. The next matter was the selection of candidate for clerk of court. The present clerk, Mr. R. S. Newton, was given the nomination over Mr. W. O. McKeithan, of Town Creek, although Mr. McKeithan received a good vote. On motion of Mr. M. C. Guthrie, Treasurer C. A. Russ, Sheriff J. E. Robinson, and Register of Deeds G. H. Gray were nominated for a second term by acclamation. On motion of Robert E. Ranson, Mr. A. M. Chinnis was nominated by acclamation as one of the commissioners. There was a little disposition to give either Waccamaw, of Shallotte townships recognition on the board, and so Messrs. G. W. Kirby, David Ward, L. E. Formyduval, and T. M. Hickman were nominated for the other

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### Montana State Fair Opens.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 21.—The Montana State Fair opened in this city today for a week's engagement. The exhibits in the various departments this year of the finest. The mining display and the exhibits of live stock, machinery, and agricultural and horticultural products are all of an exceptionally high standard. The management expects the attendance during the ensuing five days to break all previous records.

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London, Sept. 21.—A Times correspondent near Soissons, describing the action on the Aisne after the allies crossed the river, says:

"On the fifteenth a severe attacks was made by the enemy who evidently had been reinforced and was determined to break through the line between the French and British troops. The attack was heralded by a tremendous burst of artillery, followed by a systematic advance of infantry and machine guns. The allies poured a deadly fire into the attacks, in some cases repulsing them at the point of the bayonet. The battle continued all night and throughout Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday night the Germans attacked the French furiously, near Rheims, but were repulsed three times with a heavy loss. Thursday they attacked the British near Soissons, and again met enormous losses. The first sign of weakening

was noticed Thursday afternoon, after repulse of the German charges in close formation and utter recklessness of life. Their losses were colossal. The whole idea of German strategy seems to be to throw plenty of weight, in the belief that some of it is bound to get through."

## POSTPONED BECAUSE OF EUROPEAN WAR

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 21.—The International Congress on Home Education, which was to have assembled in this city today, has been indefinitely postponed because of the European war, which prevents the attendance of foreign delegates who were to have taken a prominent part in the proceedings. Much interest had been manifested in the gathering, largely from the fact that it was to have been the first of its kind held on this side of the Atlantic. The last meeting of the congress was held four years ago in Liege, Belgium, and was attended by representatives of twenty nations.

## RUSSIANS CLAIM TO BE ADVANCING

New York, Sept. 21.—The Russian military attache gave out a statement today saying the Austrian rear guard in attempting to delay the Russian advance, near Baranow, was driven back with heavy loss and the Russians are now bombarding Jeroslau. Fighting with the garrison at Przemysl has begun. The Russian troops found batteries of abandoned guns in the woods.

### President Will Vote In Primaries.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The President will go to Princeton, N. J., tomorrow, to vote in the primaries, returning Wednesday.

"Ruth Roland," the favorite of the screen plays, the leading role in "The Deadly Battle at Hicksville." It's a great comedy at the Grand Theatre today.—Advertisement.