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WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Decisive ascendancy for the allies in the supreme test of battle strength now taking place on the bloody fields of Flanders is claimed by Secretary Baker in the weekly review of war operations issued tonight by the War Department. While it may be premature to assert that the British have forced a decision on the Germans, Mr. Baker says, the victories of the past fortnight, threatening the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast, are conclusive indications of the allies' superiority. With favorable weather, he thinks, these victories will be repeated and extended.

The review, which is for the week ended last night, makes no reference to the American forces in France or to the great preparations for war going forward at home.

"The attention of the world," it says, "is focused on the titanic struggle now going on in Flanders. The battle raging there is proving an engagement of wholly unprecedented scope and potentialities."

Germans Launch Counter Attacks.

At the beginning of the week, owing to bad weather, the Germans were able to launch counter attacks against the positions recently gained by the British. Notwithstanding the fact that the Germans made use of smoke screens and liquid fire and brought into action an imposing array of artillery in their attack against the advanced British lines between the Tower Hamlets and Polygon Wood, as well as along the Menin road, their efforts proved futile.

"It is significant on the other hand, that while the British were sustaining the shock of German assaults successfully, they were able to bring up sufficient fresh troops in order to launch another offensive action on an even larger scale than the preceding one, in the face of the enemy's onslaught."

Delicately Sensitive.

"Slowly, but therefore the more irresistibly, the allied drive at the heart of the German line in the West is sweeping forward."

"The wisdom of the British in maintaining a great density of front would appear justified by the results achieved during the past week. It must be borne in mind that it is due to the depth of the British line as much as to any other factor, that while the enemy is still feeling under attack, the allies are ready to deliver another and still a third."

"It has been characteristic of the campaign in Flanders hitherto, that neither belligerent has attained what we may call a decisive success."

"The full success of these operations means that the Belgian coast, with its numerous submarine bases, will become untenable to the enemy. Zeebrugge, Ostend, and the system of canals leading out of Bruges are threatened."

Supreme Test Taking Place.

"The supreme test of the battle strength of the contending belligerents is taking place. Allied ascendancy would appear decisively established."

"The two immediate contributing factors of this success are air control and shell supply."

"The enemy realizes the danger he is facing. We may expect him to counter attack in force. He may even regain certain secondary objectives temporarily, but the British war machine is moving forward, and if the permits and the combat season remains open, the allied victories of the past two weeks will in all probability be repeated."

The review sketches briefly the week's news from other fronts, with the comment that reports from the Russian front are more encouraging.

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Catcher McCarty was hurt when Leibold collided with him at the plate and Harden donned the mask for the Giants. Then Jackson singled to right, putting McMillin and E. Collins across the plate and Herzog stopped the massacre by clutching Felsch's pop fly and doubling Jackson off second, unassisted.

Sox Seem Superior.

Both at bat and in the field the Sox maintained the tactical advantage which they showed in the opening game. The offensive and defensive methods and play of the American League standard bearers was far superior to that shown by the New York club, and in no department of the national sport did the Giants appear to have the edge over the Western rivals.

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