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BATTLE INTENSELY **HEAVY IN BELGIUM**

Yser Canal Still Obstinately Defended.

ARMIES SENT FROM BRUGES

Fighting Reported to Be of Most Sanguinary Character.

PARIS SHOWS UNEASINESS

Fate of French Capital Believed - Again in Balance-Engagements in Progress Within Hour's Ride by Motor.

LONDON, Oct. 24 .- Flerce fighting is going on in the district between Nieuport and Ostend, as well as around Thourout, Thielt and Deynze, according to a late dispatch received by the Wight, Reuter Telegram Company from Sluis,

Holland, by way of Amsterdam.
"The Year Canal is being obstinately defended by the Belgians," the dispatch continues. "The bombardment was kept up all night, but this morning (Saturday) both sides rested for a while At noon heavy firing was resumed, but the battle has not yet been decided.

Germans Guard Lighthouse,

"The Germans are guarding the lighthouse at Knocke, close to the Dutch frontier on the North Sca, as a measure of precaution against a possible landing by the British. The sand dunes are also being guarded. German marines have occupied the village of Hoyst and the villages between Sluis and Bruges.

"Great movements of troops have taken place from Bruges and yesterday an army corps arrived from Ant-werp, Bruges and Ghent on its way to Thourout and Westende, from which point many wounded are being brought back. Long trains conveying wounded soldiers have arrived at Bruges, where it is impossible to accommodate all the unfortunates.

Fighting Is Sanguinary.

"The fighting has been of sanguinary character. One German soldier relates that at one point be-

PARIS, Oct. 24 .- With no decisive news of the battle on which the safety from a heavy howitzer. The German of the capital, and perhaps of France itself is believed to depend, anxiety in

Paris has been increasing all the week. our's ride of Paris by swift motor when the roads are clear. Some per- received here from Berlin by the Marsons say that when the wind is right coni Wireless Telegraph Company. cannonading can be heard north of the

Some German Advances Admitted.

by the allies, was disquieting because of other admitted advances by the Ger mans. It was also reported in Paris, but not officially, that the Germans were drawing their net closer around

Germans back, it is admitted, to save ber 16. He continues: the fortress, which, it is admitted is as little likely to withstand bombard- toward which the Germans cast covetment by the big siege guns as the forts ous eyes, has been really but little in Belgium at which they were directed. damaged.

sembly of cavalry killed 30 of the sume made only a small inroad upon

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BULLETINS

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 24 (vin London. -A dispatch from Berlin says it is of-ficially announced there that the Geran submarine which sank the British cruiser Hawke has now returned safel The sinking of the British steamer Giltern of Leith by a Germa submarine near the Norwegian coast is also officially confirmed.

BORDEAUX, France, Oct. 24 (via Paris.)-Minister of War Alexandre Millerand, on the representation of Fornand David, Minister of Agriculture, has given leave to the territorial reservists, under arms at depots of the interior, that they may work 15 days sowing crops either for themselves or others. This is done in the general nterests of France.

LONDON, Oct. 24. - The Norwegian steamer Heimland, which had been re-ported from Amsterdam as sunk, prob-ably by a mine, arrived at Aberdeen today bringing the crew of the British steamer Cormorant, which was de-stroyed by a mine recently. The Helmland came from Amsterdam.

LONDON, Oct. 24 .- A private Berlin ent of the Central News at Copenhagen says that the battle raging between Nieuport and Dixmude is the most violent and most important of the war. He adds that Zeppelins are said to have given the Germans considerable sup-

LONDON, Oct. 24,-The French ship Marie Henriette, with wounded soldiers on board, is ashore near Cape Barfleur, 16 miles east of Cherbourg, according to a telegram received here from Lloyd's signal stations at Cowes, Isle of

LONDON, Oct. 24.-A German submarine has been reported sunk by the British destroyer Badger off the Dutch const. The Budger's bow was somewhat damaged. The official announcement was made today.

BERLIN, Oct. 24 .- (By wireless.) -In newspaper Popolo Romano, the Italian General, Bomplani, estimates the strength of the Germany army at 5,-000,000 thoroughly instructed soldiers and 4,000,000 recruits.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Petrograd orrespondent of the Central News ends the following: "Soldiers from the Warsaw front say that Emperor William was personally on the field of battle. He was almost taken a captive, barely escaping by automobile.

AMSTERDAM (vin London), Oct. 25. -All Japanese efforts to capture the German positions at Tsing-Tau have failed, says a message to the North German Guzette, of Berlin. The Japanese losses are said to have reached 2000 killed and wounded. The German, losses also are heavy.

BERLIN, Oct. 24., vin London. Frankfurt Zeltung says that two Japatween Ostend and Nieuport 1500 of his ness men-of-war and the British man-comrades were buried in a single of-war Triumph have hombarded the Tsing-Tau forts but without result so far. The upper deck of the Triumph was plereed on October 14 by a shot

LONDON, Oct. 24 .- "A British fleet is Fighting is proceeding within one of its guns has been heard at Maditor (probably Maldos)," says a di

CHAMPAGNE SUPPLY SAFE

The official report today, while asserting some advances had been made Great Cellars of Rheims Suffer Little

From Invasion.

the front near Rheims about a week ago, says the bembardment of Rheims The French field army must hold the was still in progress on Friday, Octo-

"The wonderful champagne district, Beigium at which they were directed. damaged. The growers and vinters Meuse, a quadrangular mound of black, The French aviators continue to give are confident of excellent results from ploughed-up earth on the hillside roof of courage, at the same time add-this year's crop. The great cellars marked the location of Fort les Paproof of courage, at the same time add- this year's crop. The great cellars ing considerably to the list of German suffered but slightly, as the amount of One bomb thrown during an as- wine which the invaders could conthe millions of bottles in the stocks the Roman legions centuries ago had In another case two bombs killed of the leading cellars, many of which run for miles underground.

BATTLE OF VERDUN IS VITAL TO ARMIES

Germans Leveling Barrier Forts.

MORTARS IN ACTION

Concealed Armies Give Impression of Deserted Field.

COUNTRY SEEMS AT PEACE

War Machines Pounding Shells Into Ranks of Foe Seem Like Great Industrial Operations-Austrian Guns Employed.

WITH THE GERMAN ARMY BE-FORE METZ, Sept. 30 (by courier to Holland, and mair to New York.)-(Correspondence of Associated Press.) -A five-day trip to the front has taken the correspondent of the Associated Press through the German fortresses of Mayence, Saerbruecken and Metz, through the frontier regions between Metz and the French fortress line from Verdun to Toul, into the actual battery rian heavy artillery were pounding their eight and 12-inch shells into the French barrier forts and into the ranks of the French field army, which has replaced the crumbling fortifications of steel and cement with ramparts of flesh

and blood. Impressions at the end are those ome great industrial undertaking with owerful machinery in full operation and endless supply trains bringing up the raw materials for fabrication rather than of war as pictured.

French Hold Obstinately.

"From a point of observation on hillside above St. Mihlel, the great battlefield on which a German army is indeavoring to break through the lin of barrier forts between Verdun and Toul and the opposing French forces could be surveyed in its entirety. In the Meuse, with the towns of St. Mibie and Bannoncour nestling on the green landscape.

Beyond and behind the valley rose tier of hills, on which the French at this writing obstinately hold an intrenched position, checking the point of the German wedge, while French forces from north and south beat on the sides of the triangle trying to force it back across the Meuse and out from the vitals of the French fortress line. Infantry Cunningly Hidden.

Bursting shells threw up their coledge of the panorama. Cloudlets of white smoke here and there showed where a position was being brought under shrapnel fire. An occasional aeroplane could be picked out, hovering over the lines, but the infantry and the field battery positions could not be discerned, even with a high-power field glass, so cleverly had the armies taker over. The uninitiated observer would almost believed this a deserted LONDON, Oct. 24.—The correspond- have almost believed this a deserted ent of the Daily Telegraph, who left landscape, rather than the scene of a great battle, which, if successful for the Germans, would force the mein French army to retreat from its entrenched positions along the Aisne

Fort Silenced by Mortars.

About three miles away, across the orches, which had been silenced by the Camp des Romanes, so named because selected this site for a strategic en-(Concluded on Page 2.)

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Germans Retire as Far as Skierniewice.

RETURN, HOWEVER, EXPECTED

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WARSAW IN PREPARATION

Austro-German Army South of River Pilitza Forced to Engage in Se-Vistula Again On.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 24.-The follow ng official communication was issued by the general headquarters tonight: "Our troops beyond the Vistula are pressing the armies of the enemy in retreat. North of the Pilitza River the Germans are offering only feeble resistance. They have been driven back as far as Skierniewice.

"South of the Pilitza, on the roads to Ranom, we have forced the Austrobattle.

Forests Carried by Bayonet.

"On October 23 the fighting line extended 40 versts (26 mlles). At cer-tain points the engagements took on the character of hand-to-hand encoun-

"In the forest around Radom severa of our infantry regiments successfully carried out bayonet attacks. At other points we have taken prisoners and

"Above the River Iljanka the Aus trian troops are seeking again to estab-lish themselves on the Vistula, but our troops have crossed the river and are offering strong resistance.

, Austrian Prisoners Taken. "Along the River San and south of

Przemysł desperate engagements continue, but the advantage is with our troops, who have here made thousands of prisoners. In taking the heights of Tytchentsea, south of Jaroslau, we have made prisoners of five Austrianompanies.

"In repulsing an attack on the enemy against our corps operating south of Przemysl, we have captured 500 prisoners and nine rapid-firers. The left wing of that corps, taking the of-fensive, made a number of prisoners and captured a quantity of arms and caissons. A column of the enemy which occupied Stry has been dispersed. A thousand prisoners were taken.

"There is nothing to report from East Prussia." Petrograd is aglow with official re prisoners and the precipitate flight of

the Austrians. The military authorities, however, in stend of resting in a sense of security or magnifying the importance of the Pastors today to urge congregations to vote German retreat are preparing now for in recall election Tuesday. Section 1. the anticipated attempt of the Germans page 16. to resume the aggressive. Hence Russian reinforcements and ammunition trains are streaming steadily toward Figures given by Lafferty shown to be garbled. Section 1, page 14.

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avoid a Russian outflanking movement. Warsaw and Ivangorod are ready for any attempt of the Germans. A return movement is expected soon.

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of Arras had been repulsed. The fighting between Lille and Dunkirk is described in Berlin as the great-est battle of the campaign and on its outcome is said to hinge the fate of

Saturday's War Moves

ato the titanic conflict raging in

Northern France, the Paris War Office

tonight asserted all attacks from the sea as far as the region to the south

the German invasion of France. Around Nieuport, where the French English fleet aided the allies' forces, the battle is said to have been massacre of the Germans, many

odies at that point still being washed on the beach by the waves.

Because of the deadly fire of the

to work around Dixmude toward Lille, a Berlin report claiming success on the Yser Canal. In their supreme effort to break through the allied line the Germans are reported to have stripped Brussels and Antwerp of their garrisons, and even to

have drawn reinforcements from the line before Rhelms. Zeppelins are also declared to have en used in bombarding the allied line after having practiced dropping bombs

at targets from a height of 7000 to The French commander-in-chief is the only one to admit reverses in the west and he does so only in cryptic sentences. It is difficult to judge

therefore, how the battles in France and Belgium are progressing, but it seems certain that up to last night none of the armies has succeeded in pushing its offensive far enough to bring appreciably nearer the end any of the engagements that have been going on for so many weeks. The Germans have taken the offensive

against both the left wing of the alled army, which rests on the sea, and that portion of the French army which is defending the line of fortifications between Verdun and Toul. In the former operations, in which every German soldier at the command of the officers in Belgium is taking part, the French report admits that the Germans have made progress at some points, but de-clares that at others the allies have been just as successful.

It is evident that along the coast the Germans have found it difficult to advance in the face of the hard fighting force drawn along the Yser Canal, aided by the British and French ships, troops of five nations are fighting—the Austrians and Germans on one side and the French, Belgian and British on the other.

The British monitors, gunboats and destroyers and submarines are fight-

Thus far the warships have had the better of it, for while they are reported to have inflicted terrible losses on the Germans trying to advance along the coast, they themselves have been coast, they themselves have coast, they have coast, t warded off attacks by submarines.

mans hold, there have been unusual fluctuations, the French gaining in one area, and the Germans in another not far distant. There has been so much fighting here, as well as farther south in the direction of Arras and Roye, that even the accounts of trainloads of wounded being taken daily to the hos-

pitals cannot be exaggerated. The same can be said of the district between the fortresses of Verdun and Toul, where two armies have been but tling for many weeks, with gains and losses amounting to virtually nothing

as far as distance is concerned. Now both sides claim success in a battle in which there were so many victims that the Germans asked for a truce to bury their dend. This plea-

the German invasion.

Farther south the Russians have win. failed to make the Austrians, who are now commanded by German officers ing Albert B Cummings (incumbent), Re-(Concluded on Page 6.)

GAIN IN ELECTION estimated as high as 600,000 men

Winning Back of 50 House Seats Expected.

OLD LEADERS WILL RETURN

Election of "Uncle Joe" Cannon Is Predicted.

PROGRESSIVES IN ECLIPSE

Canvass of United States Gives Indication of Returns to Republicanism, but Not Enough

to Control House.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.-The World vill print tomorrow a forecast of the election for members of both houses of Congress, to be held November 3. The salient features of the World's figures

1. The Republicans will undoubtedly score substantial gains in the Lower House, though the Democrats are sure to control it by a majority in excess of 15, and which is likely to reach 40. 2. In the Senate there will probably be 54 or 55 Democrats and 41 or 42 Republicans, as against 51 Democrats

and 45 Republicans at present. 3. The 64th session of the House of Representatives will contain at least 226 Democrats, 179 Republicans and 11 Progressives, with 19 districts doubtful. In the present Congress there are 290 Democrats, 127 Republicans and 18 Progressives.

Popular Vote Governs Senators.

Thirty-two Senators out of 26 are to be elected by popular vote under the new constitutional amendment on Noaided by the British and French ships, vember 3. One, Broussard, Democrat, which are bombarding them from the of Louisiana, was elected for the term It probably is the most pictur- beginning March 3, 1915, by the last esque battle ever fought. On shore the Louislana Legislature two years ago troops of five nations are fighting— under the old law. An entire House. 435 members, is to be elected, and five vacancies, all Democratic and caused by resignations, are to be filled for the short term this Winter.

In the contests for the 32 seats in the ing side by side with French warships, Senate, existing conditions point to the while at the same time they are being election of three and perhaps four Demsubjected to attack by German sub- ocrats to take the places of Republi-

the coast, they themselves have suf-fered little or no damage and have contributing to the defeat of Republi-

can candidates. Senate Forecast Made

The World predicts the election of Democratic Senators from Alabama. Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky (2). Carolina, Oklahoma and South Caro-

elected in Idaho, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and Washington As to the Senatorial situation in oth-

It predicts that Republicans will be

er states, the following is given as a summary:

California—Joseph R. Knowland, Republican, seems to stand a better chance for election than James D. Phelan, Democrat, or Francis J. Heney, Progressive.

Illinois—Lawrence Y. Sherman (incumbent), Republican, has as his principal compatitor, Pages Sullivan, Democrat, and may

was refused.

Was refused.

Having defeated the first German attack on Warsaw, the Russians are rushing reinforcements to crush back the German invasion.

Farther south the Russians have

Iowa-Maurice Connelly, Democrat, is giv (Concluded on Page 7.)







