

GRIM OBSTINACY MARKS CONFLICT ON BELGIAN SOIL

Advance Made House by House While Allies Try to Smash German Move on Calais.

ARTILLERY ADVANCES

Teutons Bring Up Heavy Cannon to Bring Success to Great Flanking Movement in North.

[BY LEASED WIRE.]

PARIS, Oct. 19.—Efforts by the German army in Belgium to strike the French have thus far been repelled, and the allies, with whom the Belgian troops are now fighting, have gained ground, according to an official statement issued here this afternoon. The Germans have brought their artillery into action in their attempt to bring to success their great flanking movement.

The official statement follows:

"The enemy's heavy artillery has cannonaded without result the front of Nieuport-Vladslo, at the east of Dixmude. The allied forces, and notably the Belgian army, have not only repulsed the new German attacks but have advanced to Roulers (22 miles from the coast).

"On our left wing, between the Lys and the canal of Labassee, we have advanced in the direction of Lille. Extremely obstinate conflicts are taking place on the front of Labassee-Ablain-St. Naes. We are advancing house by house in these two localities, to the north and to the south of Arras.

Flight Ten Days.

"Our troops have been fighting without respite for more than ten days with a perseverance and a courage which have not given way at any time.

"In the region of Chaulnes we have repulsed a strong counter-attack by the enemy and gained some ground.

"At the center there is nothing to report.

"On our right wing, in Alsace, and to the west of Colmar, our advance guards are on the line of Bonhomme-Paris-Sulzern. Farther to the south we still hold Thann."

The desperate nature of the fighting going on between the allies and the Germans in the district near the coast is shown by the statement that the former are gaining "house by house." This shows that the conflict is raging in and through the little towns in the battle region.

"Y" LANDS THIRD IN RACE FOR CUP

Whirlwind Finish Places Richmond Well Up in the Contest.

In a whirlwind finish, Richmond Y. M. C. A. landed in third place in the final standing in the inter-city membership campaign with a net total of 1,758 points. Officials of the "Y" and members of the teams worked hard all day Saturday, rounding up prospective members.

Evansville won the trophy cup, making a net total of 6,369 points, and Crawfordsville was second with 2,629 points. Richmond entered the contest with a handicap of 150 points, based on the population of the city and the annual budget of the association. A total of 2,008 $\frac{1}{2}$ points was scored by the local association, which were derived from 114 new members, 145 renewals and the collection of \$1,492.

"The campaign has been a great benefit to us," said Secretary Learner today. "Of course we are disappointed because we did not win, but considering the conditions we have made a very good showing. The financial returns were very satisfactory, but we are more pleased over the fact that our membership has been increased."

LOTT WANTS TO BE AUDITOR OF STATE



George W. Lott of Vincennes, progressive candidate for auditor of state, is an expert accountant of many years' experience, and his friends say that his work in the business world has fitted him well for the tasks set for the auditor of state. Mr. Lott was born in Kentucky on a farm. He attended the common schools. He also attended the Normal school at Danville, Ind. He taught school for two years. Later he took up accounting and bookkeeping, and for six years he was connected in responsible positions with large concerns, locating finally with a bridge company at Vincennes, Ind. He embarked himself some years ago and has made a success in the real estate business. Mr. Lott is 34 years old, is married and has two children.

Louvain Residents Search Ruins of Homes



After the terrible bombardment, burning and sacking of Louvain by the German forces, this photograph was snapped. "My heart bleeds for Louvain" said the German Kaiser when he was told of the havoc his forces had wrought. Residents of Louvain are here searching among the ruins of their homes for valuables they were forced to abandon.

EDGAR ILIFF SAYS FOULKE ENDORSES GERMAN STAND

Cites Bitter Attack of Inhuman Atrocities and Autocracy of Russians in "Slav or Saxon" as Unwitting Approval of Kaiser's People.

BY EDGAR ILIFF.

Dreamers of universal peace may now read again the words of Plato. "All states are in perpetual war with all. For that which we call peace is more than merely a name, whilst in reality nature has set all communities in an unproclaimed but everlasting history with each other."

Amid the multiplicity of books and histories, bearing directly or remotely upon the European war, the searcher for light stands both amazed and puzzled. If he wishes to trace conflict pathologically, seeking the nature, causes, progress and symptoms of the disease, he finds himself confronted with an enormous task. He must go back years, centuries, ages. Even the very beginnings of the Saxon, German and Slav races are lamps whose dim light casts some reflection upon these peoples now struggling for survival.

If we blame Kaiser Wilhelm, or King George, the President of France or the Czar of Russia, we are wide of the mark. They are personally no more to blame than they would be the earth to violently shift its axis and cause a tragic catastrophe.

No Ruler to Blame.

Albert Bushnell Hart, professor of history at Harvard university, says that "The responsibility of this war rests upon no individual and upon no nation, but upon the interlocking of Europe, commercially, territorially and socially, so that one power after another was drawn into the conflict. No one can go against the spirit of the war. Every country in this war is united in what is considered a natural war. It is not a war of dynasties or statesmen or military leaders. It is not a war of revenge for the death of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. This is a war of peoples."

Field Marshal Von Moltke declares in the opening of his "History of the Franco-German War," written in 1887: "It is no longer the ambition of monarchs which endangers peace, but the impulses of a nation, its dissatisfaction with its internal conditions, the strife of parties and the intrigues of their leaders. Today the question is not so much whether a nation is strong enough to make war as whether its government is powerful enough to prevent war. The great wars of recent times have been declared against the wish and will of the reigning powers."

Contention Continues.

We have still further elucidation of war in General Homer Lee's "The Day of the Saxon," when the author says: "There is no line of demarcation between peace and war. In all the struggles of the human race we are unable to determine with exactitude the beginning of a single war. International war has no beginning and no end, so long as mankind brings himself together in political and individual contention. Whether it is for good or for evil, this everlasting struggle forms the necessary motif of human aspiration. Between a spider slipping his web from twig to leaf and a man threading his nets from threshold to threshold, between a nest of ants by the roadside and a tribe of men upon a greater way, there is no difference. Individual strife is the epitome of selfishness; war is a gigantic altruism."

In seeking more light upon this contest of the people of France, Germany, England and Russia, I read over again the book "Slav or Saxon" by William Dudley Foulke, written or published twenty-seven years ago, in 1887. This was the year Von Moltke was writing his memoirs of the Franco-German war. I read this book again because I distinctly remembered that it prophesied the ultimate clash between England and Russia and the final supremacy of either Slav or Saxon in the world. The present alliance between England and Russia between Slav and Saxon, between the powers of light and the powers of darkness, between civilization and barbarism, between constitutional government and irresponsible aristocracy, led me to once more read Mr. Foulke's spirited denuncia-

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HAWKE DESTROYER FAILS TO REPORT

[BY LEASED WIRE.]
BERLIN, Via Amsterdam, Oct. 19.—Fate was expressed here today that the German submarine which sank the British Cruiser Hawke had herself been lost. As far as can be learned, no report from the submarine has been received at the admiralty since her departure.

The International News Service is informed that the conflict along the Vistula is fast assuming the form of a decisive battle, despite the hardships under which the Germans are affecting their advance. Their ships are sinking in the marshes over which it is necessary for them to proceed, and at various points roads have to be hewed through the forests.

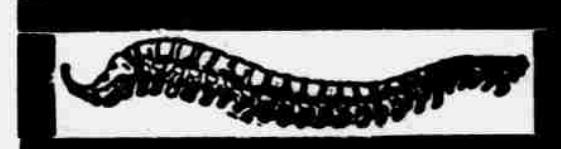
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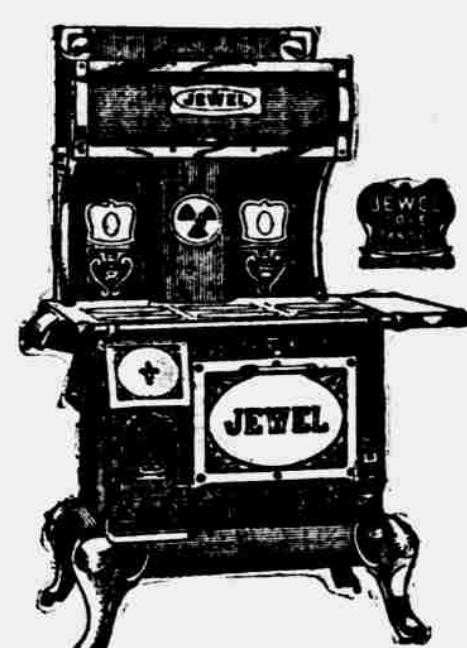
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