

**RUSSIANS CHECK
GERMAN ATTACKS
BEFORE WARSAW**

Teutons Advance Within Eight Miles of Capital of Poland But Are Repulsed Twice by Czar's Army, is Announced.

**FALL OF PRZEMYSŁ IS
NOW CLAIMED IMMINENT**

Kaiser's General Staff Announces Completion of Belgian Campaign With Capture of Bruges and Ostend.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 17.—Gigantic onslaughts by the German forces along the battle line in Russian Poland have been repulsed with severe losses by Russian troops, it is officially announced today. After having been driven back from Warsaw the Germans again took the offensive, but again were repulsed. Many prisoners and guns were taken by the Russians. In Galicia, the statement says, the siege of Przemysl continues and the fall of the fortress is only a matter of time.

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Germans Are Repulsed.

"After having been driven back from Warsaw after they had advanced to within eight miles of that city, the Germans from the entrenched positions again took the offensive but every attack made by them was repulsed, and they were again driven back."

"We have let the enemy take the offensive for strategic reasons. They have lost many men in killed, wounded and prisoners, and we have captured many guns and ammunition stores."

"Near Ivangorod the Germans tried a night assault. Our troops threw their searchlights on the advancing enemy and in the terrible battle which ensued, the Germans were utterly routed with heavy losses."

"In the Galician theater of war we are continuing our heavy bombardment of Przemysl. All sorts made by the garrison there have been repulsed. The attacks by the Austrians seem to be weakening. The fall of the fortress is but a matter of a few days as every advantage is with our troops."

City is Tranquil.

From Warsaw a report comes that sounds of intense bombardments are audible in the city, but that the population remains tranquil.

The Kiev correspondent of the Novoye Vremya relates a curious instance of Austrian credulity. Conversing with an Austrian who was wounded, the correspondent learned that the Austrians were convinced that the Russians were trying to deceive them and that they were not at Kiev, but at Petrograd or Moscow.

It is authoritative reported that the Germans are conveying to the western and eastern theaters of war a considerable number of newly formed units.

From semi-official sources it is learned that those high in command of the Russians, that the Russians had decided to play a waiting game. This is borne out by the fact that otherwise they would not have given the Germans time to entrench and thereby prolong the whole course of operations.

May Winter in Poland.

Reliable information shows that the Germans are seriously contemplating wintering in Poland. Peasants have risen in many places, notably at Kleie and Miechow. Regardless of the terrible reprisals they are forming guerilla bands and attacking the invaders. The railroad near Noot Radomsk has been wrecked and train loads of German soldiers killed.

All roads from the Vistula to the frontier are encumbered with German transport wagons and dead horses. Owing to the rain the roads are almost impassable.

BELGIAN CAMPAIGN COMPLETE.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—Completion of the Belgian campaign of the German army is announced by the German staff. With the capture of Bruges and Ostend the diminution of Belgium is now complete.

The following statement on the Belgian campaign was made:

"Now that Ostend and Bruges have been taken by us the German campaign in Belgium is completed. We hold all of Belgium and the only point where our control is contested is in the extreme northwestern part—in the vicinity of Ypres—where the enemy (the French) and English have massed a considerable force of men, who are to be congratulated upon its notable feats of arms upon Belgian soil."

"We are retaining one army division (about 20,000 men) in Antwerp to encourage industry."

The Belgian people are being encouraged to continue their occupations. Factories are being operated and mines are being worked. The German troops have attempted to impress upon the Belgians that they are safe so long as they abstain from hostilities.

It is reported that the German government will not insist upon a war tax from Antwerp if the residents will return to their homes and furnish food and shelter for the German troops stationed there. The people of Antwerp are being given unusual freedom, being allowed to keep lights in their houses at nights and lock their doors.

Great amounts of spoil are being shipped to Cologne and Aix-la-Chapelle from Antwerp.

Belgian Troops Retreating Into Ghent Before German Advance



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LATEST WAR BULLETINS

ROME, Oct. 17.—Przemysl, the Austrian fortress in Galicia which has been under a state of siege for some time, has been captured by the Russians, according to a report received here today. No confirmation of the report has been received.

Earlier in the week the Austrians issued a statement saying that the Russians had been driven back and that the siege of the fortress had been lifted. This was denied by the Russian general staff which stated that the siege was continuing.

TOKIO, Oct. 17.—The Japanese and their British allies in a furious night assault have taken Prinz Henrich hill, which overlooks Tsing Tau in the German leasehold of Kiao Chau, according to an unofficial dispatch from China.

The Anglo-Japanese losses were 150 killed and wounded. A number of Germans were captured.

The seizure of Prinz Henrich hill would give the Japanese a commanding position from which they could throw shells into the forts around Tsing Tau and speedily compel their evacuation.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.—Ostend was occupied by the Germans without resistance, according to the Telegraf's correspondent at Sluis, Holland. (Sluis is 10 miles northeast of Bruges.)

ROME, Oct. 17.—The Italian government has protested to the Austrian foreign office against the flight of an Austrian airship over the Italian border.

The Italian war office fears that the occupants of the airship were bent on military espionage.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The casualties in the sinking of the cruiser Hawke by a German submarine on Thursday included 27 officers, it was officially announced by the government press bureau at noon. Four of the officers were saved. Capt. N. G. W. Williams, commander of the cruiser, is among the missing.

**ANCIENT CITADEL OF
ARRAS NOW IN RUINS**

Belfry All That Remains Intact of Town Hall After Germans' Bombardment.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The ancient fort before the city of Arras in northeastern France, is in ruins. This bad news is contained in a special dispatch to Le Matin. All that remains intact of the magnificent 15th century town hall is the lofty belfry. Bodily debris are still being extricated from the ground on funeral pyres of logs to prevent an epidemic.

The prefect stayed in the offices of the prefecture risking death. When Germans occupied the city last month the commander of the invading forces sought to occupy the quarters of the prefect, but he refused to let them.

When the enemy retired from the city they turned their guns against it. Villes were concentrated against the voting was looked for. Southern senators agreed to the vote as it will record their stand on the cotton amendment providing for a \$250,000,000 issue of four per cent bonds to purchase cotton.

The Figaro says that the Society of Dramatic Authors has decided to oust Herr Humperdinck, Prof. Haupt and a number of other famous Germans.

A Rome dispatch to the Echo de Paris states that the proposed performances of Wagner's "Parsifal" in Naples has been cancelled and another opera substituted on account of the strong anti-German feeling in Italy.

**DESCRIBES HORRORS OF
GERMANS' SHELL FIRE
ON RETREATING BRITISH**

Officer's Diary Tells Sickening Sensation Caused by Terrific Assault of Teutons at Mons—Men Made Maniacs.

BY WILLIAM MAXWELL.

IN FRANCE, Oct. 17.—I am permitted to give some interesting extracts from a story of the war, so far as it has gone, culled from the diary of a British infantry officer who received his baptism of fire at Mons.

"I have often been told," writes the officer, "that shell fire is not so dangerous as it sounds, but axioms of this kind do not console one under a hail of shrapnel and shrapnel shells."

"I had a sickening sensation in the stomach. We hung on until the enemy's infantry came in sight—gray masses of men advancing rapidly and firing rifles from their hips like so many machine guns pumping out lead."

"We let them enter one of the main avenues and then opened fire. With what effect we were too busy to notice. This was my first time under fire and anyone who has been here will share my sensations at such a moment must be a liar. My heart beat fast and my sensations mingled with intense curiosity. I had to resist a strong impulse to drop my field glass, seize a rifle and kill—kill—kill!"

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The change to the new location is the Arnold's homestead at the corner of Jefferson and Lafayette st. from the J. M. S. building took just 28 minutes. The movement was supervised by Lucius E. Wilson, who has been assisting the last week with the membership campaign.

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BEGIN ASSAULT ON NACO

Villa's Troops Under Gen. Maytorena

Attack City.

NACO, Arizona, Oct. 17.—A general assault upon Naco, Sonora, by soldiers of Gen. Villa's army under Gov. Maytorena was begun early today.

The heaviest firing was upon the western side of the town, although a sharp attack was also made upon the eastern side.

Mines exploded by the defenders under Gen. Benjamin Hill, an adherent of Gen. Carranza, shooed this town.

The Yaqui Indians under Gov. Maytorena, led the assault.

Many bullets fell upon American soil.

American troops patrolling the border believed that the Carranza forces would be compelled to surrender under the hot rifle and artillery fire directed against them.

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**ALLIES CLAIMING
MORE SUCCESSES
IN MEUSE VALLEY**

Franco-British Army Gains Ground in Region of Armentieres in Northeast, According to Paris Announcement.

**COMPARATIVE QUIET IS
REIGNING AT FRONT**

Official Declaration Says Allied Troops Have Occupied Fleurbaix, in Vicinity of Armentieres.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—Further successes have been gained by the French and British in the region of Armentieres in northeastern France and near St. Mihiel in the valley of the Meuse, according to the official statement given out by the French war office this afternoon. The French occupied Fleurbaix, six miles from Armentieres. The official statement in full follows:

"In Belgium—German troops occupying western Belgium have not passed the line from Ostend-Thourout-Roulin-Mennin.

"Comparative quiet exists upon the greater part of the front.

"At one left wing there is no change in the situation in the region of Ypres.

"On the right bank of the Lys the allied troops have occupied Fleurbaix as well as the immediate vicinity of Armentieres.

"In the region of Arras and in that of St. Mihiel we have continued to gain ground.

"In Russia—No notable change has occurred in the situation on the East Prussian front. Along the course of the middle Vistula, the Austro-German forces have been reduced to take the defensive along the whole front. The south of Przemysl the conflict continues. The Russians have taken 500 prisoners."

Battle Five Weeks.

The mighty engagement in France, which began as the battle of the Aisne and developed into the conflict of two nations, began five weeks ago today and its climax is not yet in sight.

The Germans are reported to have been driven out of Lille, which was occupied by the allies, but this has not been officially confirmed.

The latest German offensive movement at Verdun has been repulsed, it is officially announced, and the French in that region are battering the lines of the German troops with heavy artillery.

The French troops are less than 12 miles from Metz, the chief German stronghold upon the western frontier and are pressing forward with the greatest vigor.

Along the center, near Rheims, the Germans are unable to move from their trenches.

Near Soissons the British have captured a number of German positions. In the Lassigny and Roye regions, where the Germans made their hardest attempts to smash the lines of the allies, all attacks have been repulsed.

Battle Back Germans.