

# Lull in Fighting for Armies to Get Breath

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### BRITISH TROOPS KNEEL IN PRAYER BEFORE CHARGE

Bow the Knee When Ordered to Advance and Take a German Position in Battle Saturday.

SING AS THEY RUSH AHEAD

Take the Chosen Ground from the Germans After a Desperate Hand-to-Hand Encounter.

MANY ACTS OF BRAVERY TOLD

Few Encounters Are Reported from the Battle Lines for Saturday.

SLEEP IN WET TRENCHES

Huddle Together to Grab a Little Rest During Lull in Fight.

GERMANS ARE REINFORCED

Million Men Are in Touch of One Another and Ready to Spring Into Fatal Grip—Cannon Silent During Evening.

**BULLETIN.**  
PARIS, Sept. 19.—The first official communication issued, tonight says that in a serious encounter near Craonne the allies have captured numbers of prisoners and a standard. The Germans are reported to have gained no ground, notwithstanding their violent counter attacks. The situation on the whole is described as unchanged.

**ON THE BATTLE FRONT, Saturday, By Way of Paris, Sept. 19.—**(3:46 p. m.)—Ozerpowering fatigue and privations, resulting from five days of unrelenting struggle brought about last night, a temporary lull in the combat of the powerful armies that are face to face along the rivers Oise, Aisne and Woivre.

The roar of cannon, machine guns and rifles died down early last evening and the presence of two armies composed probably of 1,000,000 or more men within touch on an uneven line and ready to spring to a fatal grip, scarcely could be conceived, so intense was the stillness broken only by an occasional vagrant report. The soldiers of the allies and the Germans, alike, were snatching a little rest, huddled up in the strong entrenchments, in some places the trenches were half filled with water as equinoctial storms continue.

**Settle Down for Fight.**  
The French and British, like the Germans, have now entrenched and settled down for the stern fight, which threatens to be even longer and more sanguinary than the battle of Marne. Progress is being made at some points by the allies, but very slowly and the developments of the last twenty-four hours are not important except that it is officially confirmed that the Germans have received reinforcements from Lorraine.

There were a few isolated encounters today, but both sides appear to have abandoned the rash movements across the open which marked the early stages of the war. Obviously the deadly machine guns have taught a lesson. One of the incidents yesterday, when the fighting was awful in its sacrifices, was widely recounted today.

**Kneel in Prayer.**  
A British infantry regiment, upon receiving an order to advance and to take a German position, knelt for a moment in prayer. Then the men, knowing that their charge was to be terrible in cost, sprang to their feet and with fixed bayonets clambered out of the shelter of the trench. In short and rapid rushes they advanced in wide open order, alternately lying down and then making another dash of fifteen yards. From the German position came the thick hail of the machine guns, the attacking soldiers hurrahed and sang as they pressed forward. Many fell with the cries of determination on their lips. Finally those who remained of the regiment reached and took the German position after a desperate hand-to-hand encounter.

This was only one among similar acts of courage and discipline on the part of the French, British and Germans alike at various points along the line.

### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity  
Fair; no important change in temperatures.

Hour	Temp.	Wind
6 a. m.	62	W, 10
7 a. m.	64	W, 10
8 a. m.	66	W, 10
9 a. m.	68	W, 10
10 a. m.	70	W, 10
11 a. m.	72	W, 10
12 m.	74	W, 10
1 p. m.	76	W, 10
2 p. m.	78	W, 10
3 p. m.	80	W, 10
4 p. m.	82	W, 10
5 p. m.	84	W, 10
6 p. m.	86	W, 10
7 p. m.	88	W, 10

### Think of You Thinker!



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

### SCORES DROWNED AS VESSEL SINKS

Seventy-Two Passengers and Sailors Die When Steamer Leggett Goes Down.

### LOST OFF THE OREGON COAST

Only Three Persons Survive, One of Whom Sees Five Women and Children Perish Before His Eyes.

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 19.—Seventy-two passengers and members of the crew of the steamer Leggett, which was lost off the Oregon coast last night, were drowned. There were only three survivors.

Two survivors were picked up about twenty miles south of the Columbia river mouth, according to a wireless message received here today. The wireless stated that two steamers were standing by the spot where the schooner went down last night. The only sign of the ill-fated vessel was bits of wreckage.

**First News of Sinking.**  
First news of the sinking of the Leggett was received at the Telegraph Hill wire reported that the S. O. S. call was picked at 3:15 p. m. No S. O. S. call was received by any of the land stations.

The Leggett carried thirty-seven foreign station last night from a patrol cruiser, which did not give its name. The message stated that the Leggett sank yesterday afternoon, sixty miles south of the Columbia river. The warship rescuers and a crew of twenty-five, it sailed from Portland September 12 for California.

Alexander Farrell, a passenger, was the only man picked up by the Beaver. Two other survivors are said to be on board the oil tanker Buck, which is still at the scene of the wreck.

**Picked Up by Beaver.**  
According to the steward of the Beaver the deck load of the Leggett shifted in a heavy sea and it turned turtle and sank. Farrell was picked up from the lumber wreckage by the Beaver. He saw five women and children sink near him.

### Losses in Battles Estimated at 150,000

PARIS, Sept. 19.—The official communications issued thus far have neglected the question of losses, which, in a fight such as the battle of the Marne, covering a front of 130 miles, are almost impossible to estimate, even approximately.

Some unofficial reports have placed the allies' losses at 50,000 and those of the Germans at 100,000 in the series of engagements comprised in the great clash of arms. How near these figures are to the truth no one will know until the official figures are compiled. However, the impression derived from individual accounts of wounded soldiers and from prisoners, the only unofficial sources of information at present, would indicate that these estimates are conservative.

### Cities Evacuated by German Troops

ANTWERP, Sept. 19.—(Via London.)—The Telegraph reports that the towns of Dendermonde (Termonde) and Londerzeel have been evacuated by the Germans. This is the first time that these places have been free of the invaders since the removal of the Belgian capital from Brussels to Antwerp.

### Optimistic Official Report is Issued by Berlin Headquarters

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—(By Wireless to St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 19.)—The following official statement from the German headquarters was issued today:  
"It is reported that a decisive attack is being made by the thirteenth and fourteenth army corps and parts of other German divisions south of Noyon, with loss."  
"Beaumont has been stormed and 2,500 French prisoners captured."  
"Attacks along the entire battle front are being easily repulsed."  
"Many guns and prisoners have been captured, though the number is not yet available."  
"The invasion of the Alpine riflemen over the Vosges into the Breisach valley has been repulsed."  
"The German eastern army continues its operations in Suwalki province and is advancing against the Russian forces."  
"Dispatches from Agram report that the victory over the Serbians was far greater than at first believed. The Serbians were completely routed and were driven in flight across the Save river. Many were drowned."

### AISNE MORE BLOODY THAN MARNE BATTLE

Reports at Paris Say that Fighting is More Severe and the Losses Much Heavier.

### ENGLISH MEET GERMAN SALLIES

German Plunging at Center with Great Energy and This Probably Will Be the Pivot of the Battle.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—Fragments of news from the front confirm the seriousness of the combat on the Aisne. Some of those wounded on Thursday who have arrived here declare that the fighting was even more violent than on the Marne and say the losses on both sides must be heavy. The English, as on the Marne, are bearing the brunt of the counter attack and are conducting themselves brilliantly.

After a four days' constant hammering the German artillery slackened its fire last evening during a heavy downpour of rain which lasted all night. The trenches must have been nearly filled with water, diminishing greatly the advantage of the defense works prepared by the Germans and at the same time adding to the suffering of the wounded.

Returning confidence is shown in the return to Paris of many who took refuge in Bordeaux and other provincial towns on the approach of the Germans. Some of the newspapers temporarily at Bordeaux are getting ready to publish in Paris again. The Daily Mail comes back today. The government, however, will probably remain until the war is practically ended.

**Center Pivot of Battle.**  
LONDON, Sept. 19.—A dispatch to the Times from Bordeaux, dated Friday, says: "Continued on Page Two, Col. Seven."

### School Children's Christmas Ship Plan Grows in Interest; Endorsed by President

WHILE the final definite details for the dispatch of the Christmas ship, the American school children are to fill for the Christmas of the children of war-stricken Europe, have not yet been fully worked out, the central plan is taking hold, and the success of the plan is finally assured.

President Wilson has expressed his interest in the plan, which means that he will give whatever help he can in his capacity as the head of the only great nation of the world that is not involved in the strife. Ambassadors of the warring powers at Washington have said that their governments will aid, at least to the extent that a free passage will be permitted the ship carrying the Christmas gifts of the American children to the children of Europe.

The Omaha Bee, The Chicago Herald, the Kansas City Star, the New York World, the Philadelphia Press, the Washington Star, the St. Louis Republic, and other great newspapers of the United States are all actively aiding in the work, and promise to give every assistance to the end that the greatest Christmas, since that

### GREAT BATTLE WITHOUT RESULT SO FAR

#### BERLIN IS SURE OF THE OUTCOME OF BIG BATTLE

Ident Teuton Arms Will Triumph War Staff at German Capital is Confident in France.

#### GERMANS STRENGTHEN LINES

Communication Has Been Adjusted to Permit More Efficient Supply of Provisions.

#### HAD BEEN IN BAD STRAITS

Rapid Advance on Paris Was Too Much for Supply Arrangements, Which Were Prepared.

#### FRENCH FIGHT TO STANDSTILL

Germans Say Allies Are Unable to Fill Depleted Ranks.

#### TEUTONS ARE GAINING GROUND

Steel Arrows Released in the Air by French Aviators Are Terror to Soldiers Fighting Under German Colors.

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—(Via Rotterdam and London.)—Members of the general staff here, in private conversation, have manifested absolute confidence in the outcome of the battle in France, as their own army is steadily growing stronger and the lines of communication have been adjusted to permit a more efficient supply of provisions and ammunition, it having rather outrun its supply arrangements in the rapid advance on Paris.

The French army, according to the night bulletins, is showing signs of having shot its bolt and has fought itself to a standstill, being unable to fill its depleted ranks like the Germans. The Germans, according to last night's bulletin, are slowly but surely gaining ground in the center.

**Battle Line in Doubt.**  
The headquarters announcement still gives no definite information regarding the position of the battle line, contenting themselves with speaking of it generally as located between the Oise and Meuse rivers, but not mentioning what part of this large region the Germans occupy.

Lieutenant Werner von Baeuleu, one of the best known German aviators, has been killed. He was mortally wounded while reconnoitering a hostile position on September 4, but clung to the steering

**Reorganized Army of Austrians Waits Attack of Russians**  
LONDON, Sept. 19.—A dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph company says:  
"Dispatches from Vienna state that the Austrians on Friday fortified an extended new defensive front, which will reach Cracow. General Boverig at Przysmal, the center will be commanded by General von Auffenberg, with Tarnopol as his base, and the left wing by General Dankl, with the Germans supporting his extreme left."  
The entire Russian left wing, under command of General Ruzsky and General Brussiloff, is expected momentarily to begin an attack. The initial assault is expected against Przysmal.

### ALLIES CLAIM GAIN AGAINST RIGHT WING

London Predicts Battle Will End in Same Manner as Did Marne Struggle.

### MUCH HAND TO HAND FIGHTING

Bayonet Wounds and Other Evidence Show Soldiers Have Been Engaged at Close Quarters, Even with Hands.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—If reliance can be placed on the British and French assertions that the right wing of the German army, which stretches across northeastern France, is slowly falling back, then the battle of the Aisne seems likely to follow the course of the battle of the Marne, for there it was the Germans' right wing which first fell back across the river.

Along the 150-mile front, the rear of which is scarred with graves of thousands already killed, two armies, comprising millions of men, rapidly approaching exhaustion and standing in trenches deep with water, await an opportunity to drive a wedge through the opposing line and thus end the terrible strain which must last as long as Emperor William's troops hold their now strongly entrenched positions, and as long as the allied forces can face the murderous hail of projectiles from hidden batteries of their opponents.

Both the British and French realize that it will take almost superhuman effort to win, the strength of the German position being emphasized in almost every dispatch from the front.

Those in London closely following the war base the chief hope of the allies in a possible envelopment of the German right wing under General von Kluck, who heretofore has shown himself a master of strategy. However, activity on the part of the allied cavalry and a significant movement of allied troops to the north and west of the German line of communication, together with a possible advance of fresh allied troops from the northwest through Amiens, gives expression to these hopes.

Eye-witnesses and the surgeons testify to a paradox of the modern battlefield—the recurring frequency of hand-to-hand fighting, which so many military men predicted was a thing of the past. Bayonet wounds and other cumulative evidence, however, show that the soldiers have been engaged in a death grip, during which they resorted to their side arms and, in some cases, to their hands.

**War Risk Limitations.**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—War risk insurance will not be granted by the federal bureau here to vessels bound for ports on the North Sea between the latitudes of Christiansand and Amsterdam, on the Kattegat or Baltic sea or adjacent waters, to ports on the Adriatic, Black sea or on the Bosphorus, without special application and rates.

### War Summary

A report from German army headquarters made public in Berlin announces German and Austrian successes. In France it is declared a decisive attack is being made north of Noyon, forts being stormed and 2,000 French have been captured, while counter attacks of the allies along the entire front have been repulsed easily.

In the east the Germans continue their advance against the Russians and the Serbians have been routed by the Austrians, it is said.

Unofficial advices from the German capital say that members of the general staff manifest implicit confidence in a favorable outcome of the fighting in France. Their armies are being reinforced and lines of communication reformed, it is stated. Dispatches from Vienna report officially that the Austrians and Germans in Galicia have formed a new defense line and are awaiting a Russian attack on the strong fortress of Przemyśl, fifty miles west of Lemberg.

News dispatches from London reflect the popular belief that the German line in France has been reinforced and that the reported shortage of ammunition and supplies had been met. An official statement issued in Paris at 2:45 yesterday afternoon states that the Germans are entrenching on the River Aisne and have been reinforced from Lorraine.

News dispatches from Paris report a continued optimism there and at Bordeaux. Many who deserted Paris upon the approach of the Germans are returning to that city.

News dispatches represent London as regarding the present battle as the supreme conflict of the campaign in France.

Some observers estimate that the total casualties of the Germans and allies to date are around 150,000.

It is officially announced from Tokio that Japanese troops were landed Friday at Laoshan bay. Laoshan is neutral territory forty miles north of Tsing Tau.

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"Second, on the center the Germans have not moved from the deep trenches constructed by them. On our right wing the army of the German crown prince continues its movement of retreat. Our advance to Lorraine is regular.

"Summing up, the two opposing armies, strongly entrenched, are delivering partial attacks along the entire front, without it being possible to record any decisive result for one side or the other."

**BULLETIN.**  
LONDON, Sept. 19.—The official information bureau today gave out the following statement regarding the situation in France:  
"The situation remains unchanged. A counter attack against the first division delivered during the night was driven back. The weather is bad and it is raining continuously."

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The battle of the Aisne, now in its sixth day and beginning as a rear guard action, has developed into the supreme conflict of the French campaign.

The latest official news says there has been a lull in the titanic artillery

### A SNE STRUGGLE GROWS TO BE OF DECISIVE VALUE

Battle Beginning as Rear Guard Action Develops Into Supreme Conflict in France.

#### BIG INFANTRY ADVANCE BEGINS

Lull in Artillery Duel Marks Another Period of Slaughter of the Foot Soldiers.

#### ALLIES MEETING DIFFICULTIES

Realize Must Attack Opponents in Strong Positions, While the Germans Are Confident.

#### BOTH SIDES MAY BE EXHAUSTED

French Officer Says Strife to Both is Beyond Endurance.

#### HARD WINTER CAMPAIGN SEEN

Belgian Army Unable to Interfere with German Communications, While Allies Fail to Break Lines or Turn Wing.

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