To Draw Attention From the General Retirement of German Forces to a Position Within German Frontier.

Admission is Made by Berlin War Lords That They Have Lost Ground---It is Apparent That the Kaiser's Forces Are Being Beaten All Along

London, Oct. 2.—The following official despatch from Berlin contains the first official admission by the German war lords that they lost ground at any point. It is argued by the French-British military critics that when they admit so much, the German line must be getting beaten all along the line of battle of the Aisne.

Apparently that attack on Antwerp at the present time is to draw attention from the general retirement of the German forces to a position within the German fron-

Admit Abandoning Positions.

Berlin, Via The Hague, Oct. 2.—The war office, in its announcement to-day stated that the troops operating against the German right wing were attempting a genera flanking movement, but that steps had been taken to prevent their success. It was stated that the fighting on the line west of the Oise and north of Novon and along the line of Somme, continues with the utmost severity, but at no point in that region have the allies been able to carry any of the German positions. On the centre the artillery continues, with the Germans holding their strongly entrenched positions at nearly every point. It is stated that a number of unimportant positions have been abandoned to the French rather than uselessly sacrifice lives in holding them. In general, it is stated that the situation continues satisfactory to the general staff, and the outlook for ultimate victory is very bright.

Gains of Allies Continue.

Paris, Oct. 2.—That the Germans have again been reinforced on their right, and are still striving desperately to prevent the turning movement now in progress from being completely successful, was admitted by the war office to-day. It was insisted, however, that the gains of the allied columns continue in this section.

In addition, the official communique issued at Bordeaux at three o'clock and made public at military headquarters here, directly contradicts the German official statement regarding developments along the Meuse. The French state that the Germans tried to lay pontoon bridges across the Meuse in the neighborhood of St Mihiel, only to have them blown to pieces by the French three-inch guns which have been of inestimable servicce in the present war.

The statement begins with the declaration that on the French left in the region of Roye, the Germans have concentrated heavily, and the battle is raging violently, Auberive. But while the the action extending northward to the region of Arras. Along the centre the situation is unchanged, with a heavy artillery duel in progress. In the Woevre district the French gains heretofore reported are declared to be continuing, while in the line along the Meuse the Germans have been unable to advance, their pontoons having been destroyed. In consequence, they are still on the east side of the Meuse river.

Iron Ring Encircles Germans.

Paris, Oct. 2 .- With both German right and allied left heavily reinforced, the battle on the northwest lines prepare to charge the guns. has now eclipsed in interest the developments at every other point of the long battle line. The Germans, already they were 200 yards away the French partly flanked, and with their lines of communication threatened, are declared to be fighting with desperation artillerymen could see the enemy's engendered by despair to turn the tide in their favor. They are assaulting the allied positions with utmost vigor, but slowly and inexorably the iron ring is being extended around them. The laconic utterances of the general staff merely emphasizes this fact. Thousands o fmen are being | great silence succeeded the thunder and Nogent t'Abbesse sacrificed by both sides in this particular movement.

British and French naval brigades are fighting side, by side with the infantry. The Indian troops are already office has issued a call for 1,000 ex Shown in the new shape soft hats. ing made general superintendent engaged and are declared to be giving good account themselves. And every man is being utilized to stave off the final German attempt which also has the assistance of fresh troops who have been withdrawn from the Rhine forts and from Alsace-Lorraine for one last attempt turn the tide of defeat into victory.



COMMANDING CANADA'S HIGHLAND BRIGADE

mands the Highlanders (four regiments) of the first Canadian expeditionary force to Europe. Colonel Turner is probably the most distinguished Canadian soldier to go with the contingent, though he is not a regular but an officer of the volunteer militia. He wears the coveted Victoria Cross, as well as the distinguished service medal for his work with the Canadian contingent in South Africa. He also wears the King Edward VII, coronation medal and long service medal. It is predicted that the Canadian Highland brigade with such an experienced officer in command, will soon earn the complete confidence of Lord Kitchener and be early placed on the battle-front with the flower of the British army.

Death's Head Regiment Slaughtered by Heavy Artillery at Short Range in Wild Attempt to Capture French Batteries Unprotected.

Bordeaux, Oct. 2.- The defeat of 15,-, of hoofs and the shouting of men 000 Prussian guards, who attacked the French centre on Sept. 26th, is deseribed in Le Petite Gironde. -As soon as hows of the German dead

advance was received, French cavalry berive, department of Marne, to give the artillery and infantry time come up from Souain, a place dragoons were preparing for the ense of Aubtrive a brigode of Death's Head Hussars, avoiding the yillage came across the vineyards and fields with the intention of surprising French artillery on the march.

It was a critical moment. French dragoons were two miles head and the infantry two miles be hind the gunners, who were in dan ger of being sabred across their guns. The hussars were only three quarters of a mile away, galloping furiously In two minutes the guns were un limbered and lined up along the road The enemy were only 500 yards away and the command could be heard to

In the charge the Prussian cavalry gathered speed with every yard. When gunners aimed and there was a dash fire. Through the blue smoke the horses rearing and officers trying vainly to rally the broken lines.

The Doomed Brigade. second time the battery sent

there a wounded horse struggled to shake himself clear from the heaped But the artillerymen did not wait to gaze long on this scene of carnage They limbered up the guns and rat-

Two thousand horsemen lay as if

struck by lightning. Here and

near hard pressed and falling back along the highway. The guns were This time the struggle was more

The German quick firers re urned the fire with interest, but the French, infantry arrived and ide ployed among the vines, a bugle rang out and their bayonets flashed in th sun as they dashed forward. Without cavalry to aid it, the

Prussian guard was obliged to fall back. A battalion of Zouaves glid ed behind and occupied the valley of the Suippes, threatening to place the guard between two fires. A regi ment of grenadiers sacrificed itself columns on Rheims. Five time the grenadiers hurled themselve pulsed every time and after the fift

of a splendid regiment. But their sacrifice had not been useless for it guns of the type that proved so efenabled the column to get safely un- fective with the British in South der the guns of the forts at Berru Africa.

Britain Wants 1,000 Railroaders. London, Ont., Oct. 2 .- British war | The Waverly of \$2 hats is king. pert railroad men to assist in the Geo. Mills &f Co., sole agents. operation of the French railways.

Provisional schools in military for Mr. Whitman in his gubernatorial ner's jury investigating the death of training will be started in various campaign, was unanimously elected to centres throughout the province. | succeed Mr. Barnes as chairman of The governor-general, the Duke of the republican state committee. Connaught, unveiled, at Montreal, "Johnson's shaving cream." a statue of King Edward.

Fred. C. Tanner, campaign manager

Depression Coupled With War, Has

Sarnia, Ont., Oct. 2 .- The state of industrial activity in the United with the big war, has tied shipping tent. Two of the steamers of the ! Northern Navigation company are laid up at the docks here, and will not run any more this year; while the passenger steamer Frontier and several other boats are also tied up. The The tank steamers Iacoma and Imperoil, of the Imperial Oil fleet are now running again, although they have been tied up for a couple

The American government has ordered the lighthouse department to resume fog signals which were given formerly at Fort Gratiot light when there was fog in the river. At such times boats remain in the lake The service was started three years ago, and there has not been a wreck

The Germans Retreat Before

that the German centre was broken when the attack on Ossowetz Lailed and that the combined Russian assault, which followed greatly demoralized the Germans.

Particularly violent fighting is reregion west of Simno. The main play. body of German army is now stated

KIAU-CHAU ON FIRE.

The German Concession is Under soon come to an end. Heavy Siege.

Tokio, Oct. 2.-Bonbarded by the land batteries of the British-Japanese expedition and the great war fleet steaming slowly backward and for ward in front of the harbor entrance, the German concession at Kiau Chais reported, to-day, on fire at severe points. There has been no let-up the shelling of the position by night

Up to the present there has been no attempt to carry the main positions tremely deadly. German aviators are reported as having done good service to their cause. Japanese fleet aviators, however, have rivalled their in

_AMID HAIL OF BULLETS

oung Officer of Scottish Borderers Rescued Comrade.

London, Oct. 2 .- Lieut. Amos, the Scottish Borderers, a young officer of eighteen, who was officially reported as missing, is stated in McArthur to have done brave deeds In crossing a bridge a comrade was brought down. Lieut. Amos lantly returned amid a hail of lets and brought back his man. Or another occasion it was necessary to pass through a gate. The soldiers drew back owing to the heavy firing. Lieut. Amos set the example, called to the men to follow. He received a neck wound. His braver

PROGRESS CONTINUES ON RIGHT AND LEF

Allies Have Heavy Reinforcements -Artillery Augmented by Big Naval Guns.

Paris, Oct. 2 .- "We continue progress on the right and left," wa the laconic utterance of the military headquarters here this morning. No

It is known, however, that heavy reinforcements, rushed to front yesterday, are making themselves felt, where the task of breaking the power of resistance of the combined arnies of Generals Von Buelow and Von Kluck is being pushed to the

It was learned to-day that French has been augmented by big naval

Rev. Br. S. D. Chown was elected general superintendent of the Metho dist church by the general conference at Ottawa, Rev. Dr. A. Carman be-

A verdict of murder was brought against J. N. Lapier by the coro-

cident near Hyde Park.

German Army Has Its Back to East and Is Fighting With Desperation to Prevent Envelopment.

With Forces at Disposal of the Two Staffs, the Operation Must Soon Come to an End---The Russians Have Destroyed the Austrian Army and Are Attacking Cracow.

London, Oct. 2 .- The battle of the Aisne, now nearing the end of third week, will soon outstrip in respect to time that great contest fought at Mu'den nearly ten years ago. But still no decisive result has

Military experts, however, read that the great claws, as they have Petrograd, Oct. 2 .- That the Ger- been described, continue to open out to clutch at the outspread wings of mans are in full retreat in the pro- the German army, and particularly the right wing, which, forming the vince of Suwalki, Russian Poland, upright portion of the "L," now has its back to the east and is fighting was the announcement of the with desperation to prevent the French left from encircling or smashing war office to-day. It is stated it along most of the front, estimated at 180 miles in length.

The artillery has played by far the greatest part in the struggle, but on the German right the lighter guns, cavalry and infantry are doing most of the fighting and doing it with a stubbornness and disregard of life that reported in progress to-day in the people have so often said in recent years modern soldiers would never dis-

There have been unprecedented artillery duels between the rivers to be concentrated in the western Oise and Aisne and between the Oise and the Somme, which have taken districts of Petrokowo and Klelce, a heavy toll, followed by cavalry and infantry charges, in which first the Colonel R. E. W. Turner, V.C., of Quebec, who com- where it is reported to be strongly one and then the other side would gain or be compelled to give ground. Still, they have held on, the German wing being extended further northward as the French made another move to work around it. With an unlimited supply of troops this might go on for an indefinite period, but with the forces at the disposal of the two staffs this operation must

Austrian Army Destroyed ? According to a Rome despatch, the Russian ambassador in that cit is issued a statement to the effect that the Russians have destroyed the Austrian army in Galicia, and that they are now turning their attention

to the taking of Przemysl and Cracow. A great battle is impending before Cracow and upon its result will depend the future movements of the Russian army. Victory to the Russian emperor's troops would permit of a junction of these forces with the Russian central army and an advance into Silesia

by storm, owing to the constant fire of the cruisers interned in the harbor. Fire from the German squadron and BERLIN PAPER ADMITS

Amsterdam, Oct. 2 .- The Berliner Tageblatt, in a leading article

"The German people await anxiously, but with confidence, further news from the French war theatre. The news of the great advance of the French troops against the flank of our line would not unbalance us, We know that our front line is protected by broad echelons, which are ready to oppose such an enterprise,

"Even if the French or English forces advance still further in a northwest direction, they will always encounter, echelons which our comletter written to his parent by Col. | manders have kept back in expectation of such advances

"The influence of the British re-enforcements makes itself more and more felt. They are effective to impede us, though the results will not Victory must be ours all the same. If it is gained after difficulty, it will be all the more worth while

"The centre of the battle front is silent, listening breathlessly to the struggle on both wings. Around Verdun a decision comes nearer; we have forced our way through the forest of Argonne, but found on the heights on the west of the Meuse a strong position which the enemy had prepared. The French are experts at building positions in their rear We know that such positions were, as far as possible, constructed loan After expressing the opinion that the German armies between Ver-

dun and the Argonne constitute a great menace to the French, the article "But the obstinacy of the French attack, which always returns, and

the advance against us deserve just appreciation, and have taught a lesson to all who expected an easy time."

DAILY MEMORANDUM. See top of page 3, right hand corne

LLARD-In Kingston, on Oct. 2nd

ARSON-At Labore, India, on Septh, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. C. F Carson, (nee Dorothy Brownfield

RESDER-On Oct. 1st. 1914, at H. Cresder, a daughter. ERRY-At the Kingston Genera Hospital, on Oct. 2nd, 1914, to M and Mrs. R. Russell Derry,

MARRIED

ARSONS—HENDERSON—On Oct. 1st 1914, as First Congregationa church, Kingston, by the Rev. I Leroy Rice, Amelia Fenwick, young er daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas R. Henderson to Cecil Stewart Par sons, of Ottawa, eldest so 4 of M and Mrs. W. F. C. Parsons, Middle-

STRONG-At Toronto, on Oct. 1st 1914, Hannah Allen, beloved wife of Anthony Strong. Funeral notice later.

AUGUSTUS-In Kingston, on Oct. 1st ded to Jules Lavergne at Montreal.

John Fennell, Toronto, traveller for the London Engine Supplies company, was killed in a motoring action of the late and spencer. M.R.C.V.S. London, Eng. Funeral to Cataragui cemetery Saturday afternoon ot 2 p.m.

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