

## ARE FIGHTING TO THE DEATH

### GERMANS DRIVEN ACROSS FRONTIER

In the Direction of Metz by the French Who Are on the Offensive in the Vicinity of Nancy.

Allies Hold Firm in the North—Fighting is Desperate—Germans Making Supreme Effort—British Force Germans Back Around Ypres, Armentieres and Lille.

Paris, Oct. 27.—The French are on the offensive in the vicinity of Nancy, on the eastern frontier, and have driven the Germans across the frontier in the direction of Metz. This was the chief declaration contained in the official communique issued from Bordeaux at three o'clock this afternoon. It contradicted flatly the reports coming from German sources that the kaiser's forces were crumpling the French right wing between Toul and Verdun.

If the advantage secured by the French left near Nancy can be maintained, it is declared here that it will be only very short time when the Germans must surrender the fortifications in the vicinity of St. Mihiel, which they have reduced, and also retire from the west bank of the Meuse in that vicinity or face being trapped or captured.

#### Allies Hold In North.

Dealing with the general situation in the north the official statement said that everywhere the allied lines are holding. Between the mouth of the Yser and the Lens the battle is declared to be particularly violent, but the allies, although on the defensive, are maintaining their positions. They are also declared to have gained ground in the territory directly between Ypres and Roulers.

Success in the protracted artillery duel in the region of Soissons and Bery-au-Bac has turned in the direction of the allies, who have been able to destroy several German batteries.

#### Fierce Fighting at Night

Paris, Oct. 27.—With a number of their heavy guns mounted to protect their front, and with hundreds of light pieces and rapid fire deluging the allied lines with shrapnel and bullets, the Germans continued to-day their supreme effort to win through to the coast from the north and east.

Inside of the Dixmude-Nieuport line, the fighting continued without a let up last night, the combatants operating in the glare of enormous searchlights that made the scene as light as day. The rival aviators flew over trenches dropping bombs, while the monitors of the British fleet, which withdrew to sea Sunday after three had been hit, were back throwing shells from their long range guns.

#### British Forcing Germans Back.

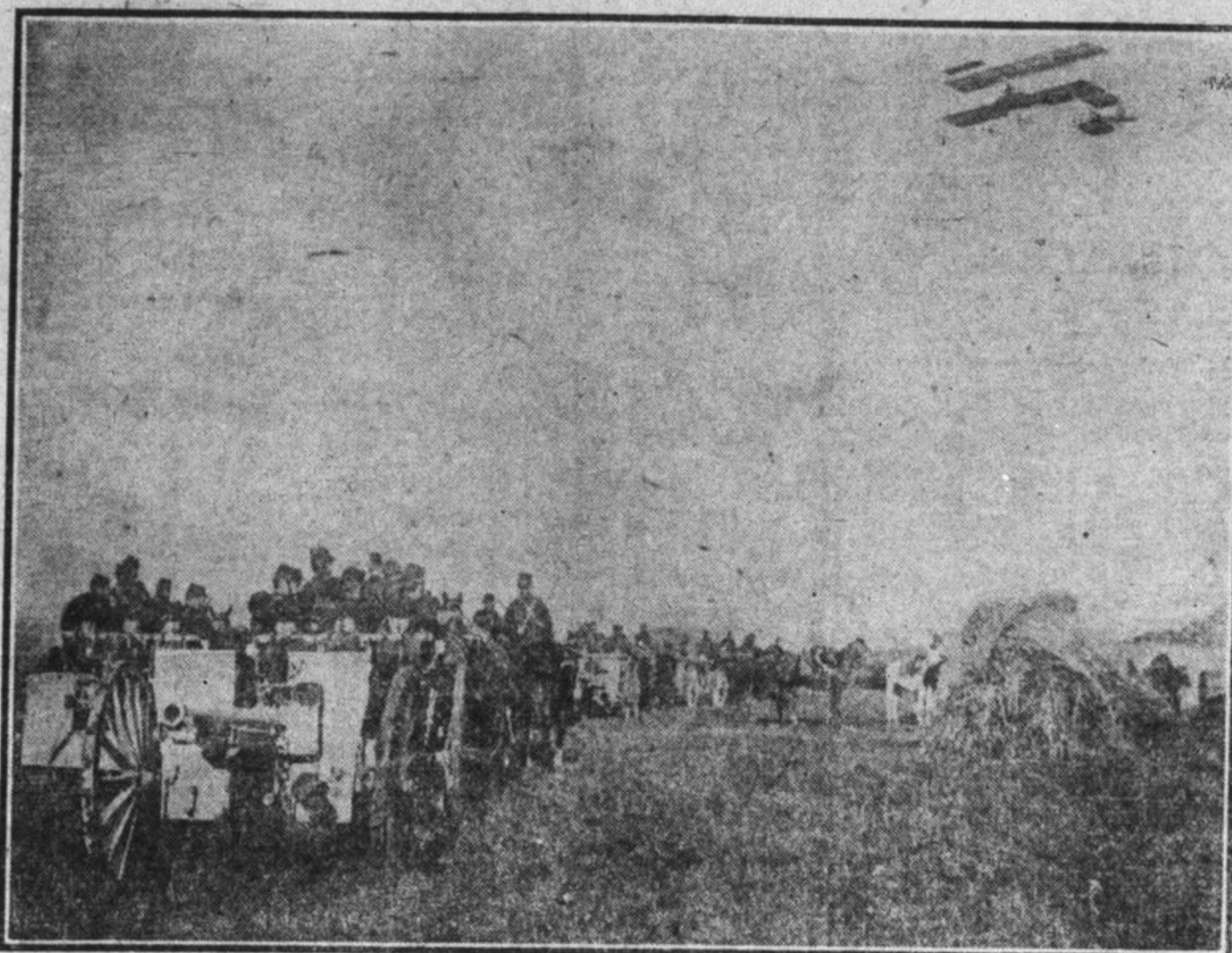
In the territory lying southwest of Ypres, and between Armentieres and Lille, further desperate fighting was in progress. Here the British, who are bearing the brunt of the struggle, are reported to be losing very heavily. But they are also said to be slowly forcing the Germans back to the east and on their heavily entrenched positions at Lille.

The main purpose of the Germans, officials at headquarters of Gen. Gallieni say, is apparent. They are now concentrating their efforts to break through to the coast on an almost direct line to Dunkirk and leave along the coast a thin line of French and Belgians who are holding the coastal positions at frightful odds.

#### Allies Position Constantly Improving

London, Oct. 27.—(5 p.m.)—The general war situation in France and Belgium is declared to be constantly improving. While the Germans are being held in the north, the French have assumed the offensive all along their eastern frontier and are striking hard blows against the Germans in Alsace-Lorraine, and are pressing forward against Metz.

This is the first real offensive by the French on the east since the early days of the war, and is declared at military headquarters to be of the highest significance. Meanwhile, fighting in the north continues uninterrupted, but with the allied lines everywhere holding.



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### "THE NIGHT WAS HELL FROM DARK TO DAWN"

Men Wrestled and Died by Drowning—Hardly One Out of 5,000 Germans Who Crossed the River Yser Got Back.

London, Oct. 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail in northern France telegraphing under date of Sunday night regarding the fighting on the River Yser, says: "There were 2,500 German bodies in the Yser canal this morning after the fighting in the night. Many of them were drowned and others were bayoneted. The very water itself was bloody, while Dixmude's streets were strewn thick with dead."

"These ghoul-like facts alone give some idea of the savagery of the fighting and desperation of German attacks and the stubbornness of the allies' resistance."

"The night was hell from dark to dawn. At almost every point of the line man opposed man, sometimes a few hundred yards distance, but more often in close grips. Face to face, men even wrestled and died by drowning each other in the canal's waters. The Germans had orders to get through that night, cost what it may."

"It is believed that some 5,000 Germans crossed the River Yser, but hardly one of them got back. Those to the north and northeast of Dixmude, probably 2,000 were met by a fine rally of Belgian infantry and of the cavalry."

"When Sunday morning broke dead and wounded were everywhere. Dixmude was a cemetery, but in the woods not far away, the Germans still lingered. They held their position under a desperate fire and eventually were reinforced. The allies could not oust them and Germans are still across Yser at some points."

### BRITISH HELD BACK OVER 250,000 GERMANS

London, Oct. 27.—Telegraphing about the fighting in Belgium, the correspondent of Times in northern France says:

"The enemy's most furious and most vigorous attack along the line of the Yser was at Ypres, where more than a quarter of a million Germans for five critical days, were held back by British forces."

"The artillery fire against British in the trenches was terrible, churning up the earth and often burying men by dozens. Repeatedly the enemy's infantry advanced to within a few hundred yards, but every time our men leaped from the trenches and went at them with the bayonets. The Germans have no relish for the bayonet charge and they fled, firing their rifles over their shoulders as they ran."

"Many hundreds were captured and thousands were killed and wounded. Still their shrapnel rained into the British trenches, and fresh infantry took the places of Germans who had been decimated."

"The situation grew more and more critical, and it seemed that the British were likely to be borne down by sheer weight of numbers. Still they held on. Friday came at last, and with it, needed reinforcements. The position was saved and the Germans fell back fifteen miles."

### THE KAISER ORDERS THAT CALAIS BE TAKEN

No Matter How Many Lives Are Sacrificed.

#### MARCH TO THE CHANNEL

MUST SUCCEED, THE GERMAN EMPEROR DECLARES.

Russians Continue to Harass the Germans, Inflicting Heavy Losses—Germans and Austrians Fail to Resume Offensive.

London, Oct. 27.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Times wires that reports received there from German sources say that the Kaiser has issued a direct order that, no matter what the cost, Calais is to be taken. It is reported the kaiser was in Belgium on Sunday, and listened personally to reports of his officers. He is then reported to have stated that the occupancy of Calais and Dunkirk were necessarily vital points in the German strategic plan, but that this was especially so in the case of Calais. Therefore the order was issued, that, no matter how much war material or how many men were sacrificed, the march to the channel must succeed.

#### Russians Harass Germans.

Petrograd, Oct. 27.—It was officially announced to-day that several more determined attempts on the part of the Germans and Austrians to resume the offensive have failed. The Germans it is stated, are endeavoring to entrench under cover of their artillery but the Russians continue to harass them, inflicting heavy losses.

#### Will Order Her Away.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Ambassador Chinda, of Japan, has delivered a note from his government to the state department, it was learned to-day, requesting that the German cruiser Geier be expelled from the port of Honolulu, where she recently put in for repairs. Steps to comply with the Japanese request were taken by government officials to-day. Honolulu port authorities were ordered to report whether the Geier is now seaworthy. If so, an order will be made, officials state, that she immediately depart.

#### War Notes.

British government has not given ruling on question of taking reservists from neutral ships.

Thirty-five picked men from Klondyke will go to the front with machine gun battery.

Northwest Flanders is heaped with German dead. British and French warship fire was frightful.

Trestleway, Toronto million-aires miner has joined the army's corps for service in the British expeditionary force.

### 100 Miners Dead, and 200 Are Imprisoned

Royalton, Ill., Oct. 27.—At least a hundred miners are dead and 200 more imprisoned with slight chance of escape in a Royalton mine No. 2, near here, according to rescuers who returned to the surface shortly after 10 a.m. A terrific explosion of gas took place in the lower shafts of the mine early to-day.

#### HOSPITAL WOMEN'S AID

Annual Meeting Was Held on Monday Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Women's Aid society of Kingston general hospital was held on Monday afternoon. The sum of \$250 was voted to purchase linen for the next six months, as required. Mrs. G. A. McGowan, Mrs. T. Milo and Mrs. H. W. Snelling were appointed visiting ladies for next month.

The annual report stated that on the completion of the Empire wing the problem of furnishing had to be faced. There were thirty bedrooms, ten bathrooms, three kitchenettes and three corridors to furnish. On these the Aid assumed the responsibility of nine rooms and the three kitchenettes at a cost of \$2,218. The remaining twenty-one rooms were furnished by private subscription. In order that the linen, china and cutlery might be uniform, there was a certain amount given by each donor to the ladies and they did the buying and also made up and marked the linen.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. J. C. Connell; first vice-president, Mrs. H. A. Calvin; second vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Reid; treasurer, Mrs. G. A. McGowan; recording secretary, Miss Agnes Gibson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Clarke; buyers, Mrs. W. Newlands and Mrs. T. Milo; executive committee, Mrs. J. McKay and Miss Strange.

#### MEETING AT ELGINBURG.

Prof. L. W. Mulloy and Rev. E. L. Roy Rice Spoke.

A largely attended patriotic meeting was held at Elginburg on Monday evening. The speakers were Lieut.-Col. F. Ferguson, Prof. L. W. R. Mulloy, of the Royal Military College, and Rev. E. LeRoy Rice, pastor of the First Congregational church. It had been expected that Dr. A. W. Richardson would have been one of the speakers, but at the last minute he found it impossible to leave the city and Mr. Rice went in his place. Rev. Mr. Codling acted as chairman. Col. Ferguson referred to the war and what it meant to Canada. Mr. Rice urged on those present the necessity of contributing liberally of produce to the contingent which would be sent to the front to the men who are fighting Britain's battles.

Prof. Mulloy, who was chief speaker of the evening, entertained the large audience for one hour. He told of some of his experiences in the Boer war, where he suffered the loss of his sight. He urged on the gathering the necessity of coming to the front and helping Britain in every way possible.

During the evening solos were rendered by William B. Pillar, Mrs. Wallace Clogg played the accompaniments. Dr. G. W. Bell took the two speakers out from the city in his automobile.

#### Meeting at Westbrooke.

There was a very enthusiastic patriotic meeting held in Westbrooke on Monday night. The hall was well filled and great interest was shown by the farmers in the cause. A Rankin, M.P.P., opened the meeting with a short talk on the practical showing of patriotism by the farmers now. Speeches were made by Judge Lavell, W. F. Nickle, M.P., Elmer Davis and Township Councilor Sproule. Several patriotic selections were rendered.

#### GERMANS IN AUTOMOBILE

Passed Through Kingston Early on Tuesday Morning.

Three Germans passed through the city in an automobile very early on Tuesday morning, is the story told by W. Marshall, a chauffeur in Porritt's garage. About two o'clock on Tuesday morning Mr. Marshall was awakened by a tourist party below who asked for gasoline. The three men were dressed in heavy coats and the car looked as if it had been driven a long distance. As the tank was being filled one of the men said to the other in German that he would like to see some of the fellows in the fort. The other answered that if he did not keep quiet they would have him over there. Only one spoke English and it was very broken.

#### Wood-Patterson Wedding.

Princess street Methodist church was the scene of a quiet wedding, Tuesday morning, when Miss Wilhelmine, eldest daughter of R. W. Patterson, Victoria, street, was united in marriage to Walter A. Wood, of Odessa, by Rev. H. E. Curry, pastor of Princess street Methodist church. The bride, who was unattended, was dressed in navy blue, with hat to match. After the ceremony the party repaired to the bride's home, where breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Wood will take up residence in Odessa.

#### Bath Store Robbed.

A daring robbery occurred early Monday morning when the general store of Robert Mott, at Bath, was broken into and robbed of goods to the value of \$50.

From Buenos Ayres, the British Antarctic expedition headed by Lieut. Sir Ernest H. Shackleton departed southwest on Monday.

The Colonial Player Piano company, on Saturday, closed negotiations with Stratford to establish a factory there.

#### WAR BULLETINS.

Latest report says allies have advanced in neighborhood of Nieuport, Ypres and Arras. Enemy's losses heavy in Ypres district.

Russians pressing Germans hard in Galicia and Poland. A German journal places their casualties in this district as seven hundred and fifty thousand, killed, wounded and prisoners.

London Telegram's correspondent at Amsterdam reports arrival of German heavy howitzers at Bruges also near Zebrugge. Allies' position improved near Nieuport.

Thousands of Belgians arriving and leaving on Holland trains. Germans forbade entrance of automobiles into Antwerp.

Servians repulsed Austrian fierce attack on Bosnian front Monday.

Copenhagen reports from German sources say the kaiser has directed that Calais must be taken no matter what the cost.

A French liner was sunk by a mine near Bologne, and twenty-five hundred refugees were transferred to rescuing steamers.

Battle for straits of Dover continues with unabated fury.

Germans continued their tremendous efforts during Monday night with the aid of gigantic searchlights.

Colonel Maritz's forces have again been defeated and the leaders driven to German South Africa.

Russians defeated Germans in another big battle on German territory. The Austrians are again weakening in Galicia.

#### DAILY MEMORANDUM.

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#### THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

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#### DIED

CARTWRIGHT—On Tuesday, Oct. 27th, in Portsmouth, Cosmo Theodore Cartwright, in the 32nd year of his age. Ottawa and Vancouver papers please copy.

Funeral notice later.

DRUMMOND—In Ottawa on Oct. 25th, 1914, Dermot Drummond, son of the late J. K. Drummond. Funeral took place this afternoon from St. R. station to Cattergale cemetery.

MOXLEY—Entered into rest in Kingston on Oct. 25th, 1914, Robert Moxley. Funeral (private), from his late residence, 76 York street, on Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 2:30 p.m.

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