FRENCH MILITARY EXPERTS SEE END OF AISNE BATTLE

CLAIM ALLIES ARE GAINING, BUT DO NOT CONFIRM CORRESPONDENT'S DECLARATION OF RETREAT.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TELLS OF SURRENDER OFFER

General Joffre Is Declared to Have Answered by Order to Shell the Enemy—Other Dispatches Declare Situation Along Meuse Battle Line Is Unchanged.

New York, Oct. 1.—The turning movement directed against the German right wing by the allied armies is developing rapidly, according to an announcement by the French war office.

Assault Asserted Repulsed.

It is declared that a vigorous assault on Traczy-le-Mont was repulsed with heavy losses to the Germans. Traczy-le-Mont is the elbow of the fighting line that in a general way stretches from that point east and north. The official statement says this action moves more and more towards the north.

No Confirmation of Retreat.

There is nothing in the Paris announcement or in other official statements to confirm the report by a Paris correspondent of a London news agency that the German right wing had been broken.

The French official report of the general operations, however, was in every way favorable to the allies. It emphasized the fact that the general turning movement of the allies north of the Somme is now progressing rapidly and it further pointed out for the first time that the ground lost along the Meuse at St. Mihiel, where the Germans succeeded in crossing to the west bank of the river, has been regained.

See End of Battle.

French military experts unite in declaring that the end of the battle of the Aisne is definitely in sight, and that, like the battle of the Marne, it will prove a decisive victory for the allies. They also declare it is extremely likely to hasten the end of the war. It is assumed that there will be any rout of the Germans.
Report German Retreat.

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Paris, Oct. 1.—The German right wing has been broken up and is now in retreat, pursued by the allies, using armored automobiles, with mitrailleuses and all sorts of arms they are able to requisition in the northern district, is the report here.

Information received from the north of France shows that the German right wing is in full retreat before the allied forces on von Kluck's right wing. The enemy sent a parlementaire to General Joffre, offering to surrender on condition that the German troops allowed to return to Germany with their arms, undertaking to fight no more.

General Joffre's reply was a command to shell the enemy.

News Reaches London.

London, Oct. 1.—A Paris dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says:

"It is stated here that the German right has been entirely broken and is now being pursued by the allies. All attempts to establish communications in northern France have been requisitioned for the purposes of pursuit.

"Armored motor cars with mitrailleuses are also being used to pursue the retreating enemy."

"The official communication demonstrates unmistakably that the Germans have been surrounded in the Somme department, the French fort extending further east."

"It is officially stated that Peronne has been recaptured."

The above message has been referred to the British official press bureau, which, while not objecting to its publication, takes no responsibility for its correctness.

London Mentions Fighting.

London.—The official press bureau issued the following regarding the operations in northern France:

"There is practically no change in the situation. The allies' left hand have had some heavy fighting, but they are well holding their own."

Famous Movie Artist Slain.

Berlin, via Rome, Oct. 1.—Max Linder, probably the most famous motion picture artist in the world, has been killed in action at the battle of the Dnie.

250,000 Bu. Wheat Burned.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—A quarter of a million bushels of wheat was destroyed by fire here when a five-story elevation belonging to the Cragin Elevator company was burned. The loss is placed at $350,000. Frank J. Delaney of Minneapolis, Minn., is president of the company.

Semlin Retaken by Serbs.

Paris, Oct. 1.—After a sanguinary combat, says a Belgrade dispatch to the Havas agency, the Servian troops have retaken Semlin in Slavonia.