

FRENCH MILITARY EXPERTS SEE END OF AISNE BATTLE

CLAIM ALLIES ARE GAINING, BUT
DO NOT CONFIRM CORRE-
SPONDENT'S DECLARA-
TION OF RETREAT.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TELLS OF SURRENDER OFFER

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

New York, Oct. 1.—The turning
movement directed against the Ger-
man right wing by the allied armies
is developing rapidly, according to an
announcement by the French war of-
fice.

Assault Asserted Repulsed.

It is declared that a vigorous as-
sault on Tracy-le-Mont was repulsed
with heavy losses to the Germans.
Tracy-le-Mont is the elbow of the fight-
ing 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 an-
nouncement or in other official state-
ments to confirm the assertion 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 rap-
idly 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 re-
gained.

See End of Battle.

French military experts unite in de-
claring 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 very
likely to hasten the end of the war.
It is not assumed that there will be
any rout of the Germans.

Report German Retreat.

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Of International News Service Staff.
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 other cars 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 be 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 the automobiles 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 front 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 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 Aisne.

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 elevator 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.