

GUNS AND ZEPPELINS BOMBARD ANTWERP

German Shells Devastate Belgian City While Army Is in Battle

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are extinguished at dusk and the shops close at 8.

It is rumored that Emperor William has offered the Iron Cross and 25,000 marks to the first man entering Antwerp.

BELGIANS RESIST FIERCELY.

For nearly four hours the Germans have made scarcely any advance. They bombarded the village of Lutteh fiercely, but the Belgians held the place till it was in flames, then captured it.

Near Terneure the Germans are fighting desperately to cross the River Scheldt. The latest news is that they have not succeeded.

The Germans are pressing forward on the east. They crossed the River Nete on the east and west of the old bridge held by the desperate efforts of the Belgians. The offensive movement is said to have come on the Germans 20,000 men.

On the south, in the region of Coochich, Gen and Villesbrouck, the German attack seems to have been brought to a standstill.

The Amsterdam correspondent of the *Chronicle* under Wednesday's date says the Germans have crossed the Nete and are advancing on Antwerp from the side. Another army seems to be on the attack in an eastern direction from Westmalle.

STREAM OF REFUGEES.

"Early this morning," the correspondent continues, "the first long stream of refugees arrived at Putte, on the Belgian Dutch frontier. They came from villages inside the frontier fort line and were allowed to travel only in a northerly direction.

By noon the road presented a picture of desolation. The refugees, with household belongings in carts drawn by horses and dogs. To mention Germans to them is to make them shiver.

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"From all accounts the German infantry contributed little toward the progress of the enemy. Their marksmanship was poor and it was only by hurling forward successive bodies of men that they succeeded in advancing.

"Their big guns are admitted to be highly effective, and losses among the allies were caused almost exclusively by shrapnel.

Today the Germans renewed their attempts to force the passage of the Scheldt, but up to now without success. There has been fighting all along the line between Grebengem and Schoonaerde.

"Again the enemy concentrated his attention on the Belgian position at Schoonaerde, where the only remaining bridge not under the shelter of the Antwerp fort is the famous bridge that the river approaches within a stone's throw.

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PARIS, October 8.—A German aeroplane flying over Paris and the suburbs of Aubervilliers and St. Denis, at 10 o'clock this morning, dropped two bombs, one of which wounded three persons. The other did no harm.

Aeroplane aircraft usually have a short flight and stay only in the day because of the dangerous atmospheric currents then present. The French troops stationed in the city did not interfere with the aeroplane because of the danger to the public from falling bullets.

French Seize Food Supplies.

PARIS, October 8, 6:51 P. M.—The French authorities have seized food supplies valued at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 which had been deposited in the day at the headquarters of a food firm. The action was taken to prevent the supplies being sent abroad.

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Holland Swamped With Belgian Refugees Desolation Follows Exodus From Antwerp

LONDON, October 8.—The Hague correspondent of the Express says South Holland is swamped with refugees from Antwerp and describes terrible scenes of desolation and despair among the thousands of Belgians on the road between Eersel and Rosendaal.

At the Rosendaal station, the correspondent says, hundreds sit weeping, having lost practically everything and many, mad with grief and despair, have driven themselves into the arms of the authorities who are doing everything possible to alleviate suffering. Thousands already are housed at Rosendaal in public buildings, while at Breda and smaller cities other thousands are being cared for.

A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Amsterdam says that the Mayor of Rotterdam has requested the manager of the railway to stop any more trains with refugees from Belgium as already there are thousands in the city, and more houses are needed.

The correspondent of the Times at Rotterdam confirms the report that there are 100,000 fugitives from Antwerp in Holland.

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"An instance of the tenacity with which the infantry stuck was reported at the station where the commanding officer and his aide-camp were in an exposed position. Sand bags protected them for some time, but when the aide-camp was struck by shrapnel and his face was practically blown away.

"Unperturbed by this, the commanding officer stuck to his post and for further two hours held his junior over his body. In this position he lay, firing whenever possible from 8 o'clock this morning until 4 in the afternoon.

"During the day the Belgian gunners devoted several rounds to shelling the Germans out of the town of Schoonaerde. They took aim at the town's fortifications and were getting the range, destroyed the buildings.

"A man dressed in the uniform of a Belgian crack cavalry regiment appeared in Schoonaerde Sunday afternoon and ordered the inhabitants of the city to transfer to the river side a quantity of timber. Thinking it was a Belgian officer, he obeyed. The Belgians had no material for a bridge. The same officer was seen later directing a German attack from the opposite side of the river."

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PARIS, October 8, 11:35 P. M.—The vicinity of Roye, the enemy is still in force, but we have taken the positions we were obliged to give up.

"To the north of the Aisne the number of the German troops is still strong.

"On the road to the north between Rheims and the Meuse, there is nothing to report. On the heights of the Meuse, between Verdun and St. Mihiel, the enemy has driven us back north of Hattendorf. He still holds St. Mihiel and some positions to the north of St. Mihiel, on the right bank of the Aisne.

"In the Woerre district, the violent attacks delivered by the enemy to the west of Aisne and to the north of the French positions to the east of the Aisne.

"Russia, along the line of Verdun, the Russians offensive was stopped. Very spirited fighting is taking place on the frontier to the east of Suwalki."

Russian Claim Repulse of the German Forces.

ETROGRAD, October 8.—An official communication issued from general headquarters says: "The attacks of the Russians on the government of Suwalki have been repulsed. About 2,000 men lost 270 prisoners and nine pieces of artillery."

"In Poland, in minor successful engagements west of Ivangorod, we captured 4,000 prisoners."

French Official Report Claims Some Gains.

THE following official announcement was made in Paris this afternoon:

"First—On our left wing, in the region of the department of Nord, the enemy has made progress at no point.

"At certain points he has moved back, particularly to the north of Armentières, where the fighting is developing under conditions favorable for us. The enemy has made progress at no point.

"In other regions there is nothing of importance to record.

"Russian troops have also captured the town of Caudry (in Aisne, forty-three miles west-southwest of Creil).

"In the attack against the Przemysl garrison conditions are in our favor. Our troops, capturing by assault a fort almost as far as the sea coast, are strong fortification constituting the principal positions."

BELGIAN MAJOR DIES OF WOUND.

LONDON, October 8, 9:55 P. M.—M. de Baratet, burgomaster of Lanaken, Belgium, has died at Hamont as a result of a bullet wound in his chest, says the Central News Amsterdam correspondent.

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