

FRENCH DECLARE GERMAN ATTACKS PROVE UNAVAILING

BERLIN SAYS THERE IS NO CHANGE IN SITUATION AND DENIES ADVANCES ON PART OF ALLIES.

PARIS OFFICIAL REPORT IS STILL VERY OPTIMISTIC

"Situation Favorable," Is Gist of the Communication—Washington Observers Marvel at Audacity of Germans in Attempting Effective Night Attack Tactics.

Paris, Sept. 30.—It is reported here that French and British on the left wing have repulsed for days the attacks of the Germans who have been endeavoring to take the allied positions by assault. Word from the front describes the encounters. On one occasion the French and British held positions within a quarter of a mile from the German front where they were not in danger from the heavy German artillery and were sheltered from the machine guns unless they came into the open.

British Reported Calm.

One of the most furious German assaults turned upon the trenches occupied by British regiments, which calmly awaited the onslaught of line after line of Germans, meeting them with sustained rifle and machine gun fire and sometimes at the point of the bayonet, which did great execution. French troops, including a division of the famous Colonial infantry and the Turcos also faced successfully prolonged attacks, which were delivered with great fierceness.

The vigor and spirit of the soldiers were considered remarkable after such an exhausting campaign, during which they have had scarcely a full day's rest. When not actually engaged in fighting, many of the regiments have marched 30 miles daily for several days when changing positions in order to carry out new movements.

French Explain Attacks.

The reason for the recent determined attacks by the Germans along the Somme is credited in French military circles to the desire of the newly appointed German generals, who have taken the places of those removed by the emperor, to carry out some daring exploit.

The battlefield of the Somme seems to have been made by nature for such a formidable conflict. The country is undulating, and in some places without woods. The lower parts offer splendid covering for troops approaching to attack. This advantage, however, has been rendered, to a great