

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