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## Decisive Battle of War In Progress On West Front

# FRENCH AND AMERICANS DRIVE THROUGH

British Drive Threatens Vast Pocket VICTOR From Holland To Metz; French And Americans Strive To Pinch Out Entire Meuse Salient

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, Nov. 5 .- A battle which is believed here to be decisive is now going on. It is being waged in two sections. In the north the blow delivered by the British armies of Generals Horne, Byng and Rawlinson, and by the French, under General De Beney, is a threat levelled at one of the flanks of the vast pocket formed by the German lines from Holland to Metz.

The object of this offensive is to drive dangerous wedges either north of the Sambre in the direction of Mons or south of the river in the direction of Cavesnes and Maubeuge. The result may be a compromise retreat of the German armies in Belgium, or those still between the Oise and the Aisne.

Excellent results have been realized so far. The Sambre river and canal have been crossed. This was the last line of resistance west of the frontier, which may be soon reached in that region. According to latest information, the Allied advance continues notwithstanding desperate resistance by the enemy.

The second section of the attack is being conducted by Cenerals Sourand and Liggett, on the Meuse. This is the great strategic offensive which the Germans have always feared, and which they sought to make impossible by storm-

ing Verdun in 1916. The aim of the Franco-American offensive is to pinch out the whole pocket. American troops are at Beaumont. That is less than eight miles from La Moully station, northwest of Montmedy on the great shuttle railroad running between Thionville, Sedan and Mezieres: Even better the opening of a fresh attack by the Americans on the east bank of the Meuse may bring them into the Montmedy-Longuyon region. That may mean not only the cutting of the railroad, but making it impossible for the enemy to form upon the Meuse line, because that front could no longer be joined up with that of Thionville.

en the German hold on Mons and and still further imperits the only

Ghent is now virtually isolated by the French, Belgians and Americans. At last accounts the lines of the Allies were close to the city on the

that city. In fact, it is said that the noon and Sunday, but the speed of fire of the American guns has cut the Allied advance seem to indicate this great artery of German communications and that it is useless to reached a line where they will turn the enemy or transporting troops or definitely at bay.



Canvassers Had Good Day Yesterday, Raising Over \$116,700,

Complete Victory Loan returns for the last week brought the county's total subscriptions up to \$659,000. An additional \$116,700, collected An additional \$116,790, collected yesterday, was reported up to noon to-day and gave the workers encouragement and inspiration to create a new record to-day.

The city last week subscribed \$342,150; the town of Paris, \$58,450; the Township of Brantford, \$22,550; Burford, \$19,150; South

\$22,550; Burford, \$19,150; South Dumfries, \$21,900; Onondaga, \$23,950; Oakland, \$700. The Dominion preferred list yielded \$166,000. Last year in the first week of the campaign a total of \$1,314,700 was raised, but this included \$700,000 subscribed by the Canadian Order of Foresters, which was applied here. Exclusive of this, the figures for this year will be seen to be slightly ahead of last wear's.

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Yesterday's collections were a
Ward 1, \$12,950; Ward 2 \$4,250; Ward 3, \$12,350; Ward 2, \$4,250; Ward 3, \$3,850; Ward 4, \$4,950; Ward 5, \$7,700; Township of Brantford, \$2,000; Onondaga, \$6,300; Dominion preferred list, \$35,000; bank direct sales, \$37,700.

Municipalities Protest to the Railroad Board Against the Proposed Charges

HEARING OPENS TODAY

By Courier Leased Wire
Ottawa, Nov. 5.—The first
round, in the fight of the Canadian municipalities against the
application of the Bell Telephone
Company for a general increase
in all rates opened shortly before noon to-day before the
Board of Railway Commissioners. The hearing to-day was
based upon the application of
the city of Toronto for an order
giving Messrs. Clarkson, Gordon
and Dilworth, chartered accountants, access to the books of
the company to ascertain
whether the requested increase
in rates is warranted.
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## Townof Le Quesnoy Captured By The Brttish FRESH GAINS

French Force Foe To Retire At Many Points

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Nov. 5. - Brit troops in their offensive south east of Valenciennes have captured the fortified town of Le Quesnoy, after having complete ly surrounded it, Field Marshal Haig announced today. Th entire garrison of 1.000 men was taken with the citadel.

New Foe Withdrawals Paris, Nov. 5.-French successes have compelled the Ger-

end of the week, at the latest, was the impression gathered by a Courter reporter in a brief interview with Mr. T. J. Minnes, chairman of the board. It was not what Mr. Minnes said, so much as what he did not say, that conveyed the impression.

"There is a lot of guff going round," declared Mr. Minnes when asked concerning rumors to the effect that the board would lift its ban to-night. He pointed out that since the outbreak of the epidemion.



DRIVING THE GERMANS BACK.

Saturday and Sunday. The railway shown is one of the

## POLICE STATION WAS NEARLY SCENE OF RIO

Trouble Threatened Follow ing Arrest of Boy on the Market Square Last Ni ght—Crowd Blocked the Street in Front of Police Station

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Market Square Last Ni ght—Crowd Blocked the Street in Front of Police Station of the Ains the Ains the French are division and the Ains the French have advanced about one mile on a five-mile front.

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Friday night might possibly see the final decision.

Encouraging reports from all sections of the city indicate a steady improvement in the situation and confirm the general confidence that the epidemic is at last on the wane.

The float moved on a few momen later, but the majority of the insurence of the insur



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"handwriting on the wall for the
German people" and continues:
"As Bulgaria, Turkey and AustriaHungary have, each in turn, begged
for a beginning toward peace on the
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renders his 'Divine right' he immediately steps to the front of the stage in the role he himself has

Austrian Armistice Fore-

casts the Ultimate Fate

of Germany Also

AMERICAN OPINION

The Terms Set Germany for Armistice Meet With

Approval

By Courier Leased Wire.
New York, Nov. 5.—The New York Herald to-day editorially says that the Austrian armistice is the

German Downfall.

The World says:
"The terms of the armistice required of Germany by the Allied Powers and the United States are to be, as had been expected, no less severe than those imposed on Bulgaria and Turkey and Austria-Hungary in turn. They are broadly speaking, such as will make impossible a resumption of hostilities by the German Government on either land or sea pending a permanent

"It was to have been world domin-ion or downfall, according to Ger-many's own assertions. It has be-come downfall and everybody in ermany from the kaiser downward

him.

Chief Slemin stated that he wished the best possible understanding to exist between the police force and the boys of the city. It was desired to allow all possible latitude during present conditions, but he declared that the consequences of the disturbance last night might have been much more grave than the original (Continued on Page 4.)

Austria Impotent.

The Tribune says that the terms of the armistice leave the dual monarchy impotent.

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"Germany," the arch-conspirator
against the peace of the world will be
bound just as Austria-Hungary, her

satellite, has now been

"The end is in full sight now, and "The one great principle, which Great Britain, France, Italy, the United States and all democratic nations interested in safeguarding their future and the future peace of the world must keep in mind when victory has been completely achieved

Iron Ring Closes.

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The Times says:

"The iron ring has once again closed about Germany. She starts along against an increasing host of foes; there is no help for her from any quarter and the territory and transportation service of countries which were lately fighting by her side are open to the use of the Allies for attacking her upon fronts hitherto secure. She must surrender and soon. The terms imposed upon Austria enable her to judge the severity of those she must accept for herself."

bration to be held to-morrow night.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the parade, which precedes the big meeting in the Armorica. Three bands are expected to march, the Veterans will parade, specially decorated automobiles with characters representing the eight Allied countries will be in line, while califhumpians and many other features will form a part of a most interesting process.

for the parade. The fire brigade will take part. Chief Lewis and Chief Slemin will lead their assistance. The ladies of the patriotic societies have been in-

## 'or Sale

-Park Ave., 1 1-2 Red Bricks -Wellington St., 1 1-2 rough cast; \$150 down. Eagle Piace, near Cockshutt's, Red Brick; \$150. cash.

-Erie Ave., Cottage, with ve-randah; \$200 cash. Ontario St., 3-piece bath, etc.)

Large Rooming House, Homedale, all conveniences, close to Steel Plant; \$300 cash will handle this.

In of \$850 at 7 per cent. on 1 1-2 e House and Barn, Curtis St. in of \$750. on Frame Cottage, and extra lot, Alice St.

New York, Nov. 5.- The Asso- cers" method which Marshall Foch ciated Press this morning issued the began using on the Soissons-Rheims sector in July, is now in full opera With the German retreat eastward through Lorraine virtually cut off by the American advance on the west side of the Meuse, British. French, Belgium and American troops are striking hard at the enemy's lines in northern France and Belgium. Field Marshal Haig's men launched a terrific attack south of Valenciennes yesterday and have made progress which seems to threat-development of the same movement evenue of retreat remaining to the

Teutonic armies. The whole front from the Dutch frontier to far below the Oise River west, north and northeast and it is was flaming all day yesterday. Then said that the Allied cavalry has been came a number of sectors which were operating in the outskirts of the city.

Came a number of sectors which were relatively quiet, but far to the east city. General Pershing's men are now sedan. Resistance along this last front has been somewhat more stubeasy range of the railroad south of born than it was on Saturday after-

reached a line where they will turn definitely at bay.

The enemy or transporting troops or supplies eastward from the Alsne and Oise fronts. Where large forces of Germans are still holding their lines against the French.

Austria is at the feet of the Allies. Her army must be disbanded and all its munitions placed at the disposal of the Allies. The same is virtually true of her naty. Austria has also agreed to permit the Allies to occupy any of her strategic strongholds at any time. The troops of the dual monarchy must retire back of a line which nas come in from the northward, now covers the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence valleys and dominates the weather from Ontario eastward. In the West there is an important disturbed for the first three years of the war.

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