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French Occupy Towns of Vervins, Mont Cornet and Rethel.

ENEMY PUSHED HARD

Many Guns With Material Abandoned in Precipitate Retreat.

Paris, Nov. 6.—The operations by the French today netted one of the greatest advances yet made, measuring more than six miles at various points. The important towns of Vervins, Mont Cornet and Rethel were occupied and progress was made far beyond these places, the war office announced tonight. The text of the statement was:

"Our troops continued to pursue the enemy through the day on an extended front between the Sambre and the Meuse. Our armies, breaking down local resistance, made an important advance, which exceeded ten kilometres at certain points and freed numerous localities with their civil population.

"The enemy, harassed by our advanced guards, was obliged in the course of his precipitate retreat to abandon guns and considerable material, which it is impossible to enumerate. Everywhere prisoners remained in our hands.

"East of the Sambre we reached the eastern outskirts of Nouvion and Reval forest.

"Further south we have taken Fontaine-les-Vervins and the Town of Vervins. Our advanced elements have gone beyond the Sambre. We hold Hary and La Corriere. Further east, after having occupied Mont Cornet, we pushed our lines beyond Hocquet, Renneval and D'Alignon.

"An Italian corps, operating in close conjunction with our troops, crossed the Hurtat River, and despite stubborn resistance by the enemy, stormed Rosoy-sur-Serre.

"On the front north of the Aisne, our troops are more than twelve kilometres (seven and a half miles), north of Chateau Porcien on the general line of Hardoye, the southern outskirts of Chateau-Porcien, Domely, Begny, Herbligny, and the railroad between Rethel and Liart. The town of Rethel fell into our possession.

"Pressing farther north with admirable spirit, our troops reached at four o'clock in the afternoon the Village of Dyonne, six kilometres north of Rethel. In this region our cavalry captured a battery of 77's, and one of 105's, taking prisoner three officers, the gunners, and capturing the teams.

"To the right, progressed to the general line of Vauzelles, Auboncourt, Sorcy, Banthemont, Ecorail, six kilometres north of Attigny, Guincourt, Jormal and Chateau-Porcien.

"In the region west of the Bar River, after having taken Vendresse, and the broken country to the north, we carried our lines as far as Omlcourt, which is sure."

BUY ANOTHER GERMAN LINE PIERCED IN TAKING OF LETANNE

FRENCH OCCUPY BEND IN DANUBE

Allies Seize German Material—Disorganization in Hungary.

HEROIC EXPLOIT OF BRITISH FLIER

Single-Handed He Fought Off Between Fifty and Sixty Enemy Planes.

CRIPPLED BY WOUNDS

Destroyed Four and Drove Down Several Others Out of Control.

With the Allied Armies in France and Belgium, Nov. 6.—One of the most daring and gallant deeds has been added to the records of the British air force in a battle recently fought in the Mormal forest by a British major, working single-handed in a fast scouting machine.

The major had engaged a German airplane, and almost before he realized it was surrounded by a great flight of enemy machines, which attacked him fiercely from all sides. A battle royal ensued, which lasted about an hour, during which the British airman was attacked by successive flights of enemy planes until he had given battle to between fifty and sixty.

Early in the fight the major sustained three severe and crippling wounds, one arm and both legs being rendered virtually helpless. Despite his injuries and the fact that he was almost unconscious at times, he continued to fight until by brilliant and fast manoeuvring he managed to escape to his own lines. He had destroyed four hostile planes and driven down out of control between four and six.

Once during the mad battle the major charged one Boche, with deliberate expectation that both machines would crash and end it. He was working over King and Yonge. Megaphones will be distributed in order to make the singing of greater volume. Sir John Hendrie will preside and Major Burch, senior chaplain of Toronto Military Headquarters, will conduct the service.

WAR OPERATIONS STOP ALONG ITALIAN FRONT

Rome, Nov. 6.—The Italian official communication, issued today, says: "At 3 p.m. Monday our troops had reached Sliderno in the Venostra Valley, the Passo della Mendola and the delta of Salorno in the Adige Valley; Cembra in the Avisio Valley; Levice in the Sugana Valley; Fies di Primero in the Cleson Valley; Pontebba, Plezzo, Tolmino, Gorizia, Cervignano, Aquileja and Grado.

BRITISH AND FRENCH TO HOLD DARDANELLES

London, Nov. 6.—Preparations are being made for the transfer of British and French troops to occupy the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, says The Evening News today.

British Take Important Junction of Aulnoye in Advance.

CANADIANS PROGRESS

Dominion Troops Capture Baiseux and Quevrechain Beyond Scheldt.

London, Nov. 6.—Field Marshal Haig's report tonight from headquarters says: "We progressed along the whole battlefield today in spite of a heavy continuous rain. Sharp fighting has taken place at a number of points with German rearguards, and some hundreds of prisoners have been taken by us.

"On our right our troops, pushing forward, captured Cartignes and Marbaix. In the centre, driving the enemy from his hastily constructed defences on the east bank of the Sambre, we have crossed the river about Berlaumont and have captured Leval and Aulnoye, where we have taken prisoners. The important railway junction of Aulnoye is in our possession.

"Further north we have crossed the Avesnes-Bavay road east of Mormal Forest and reached the railway to the south and west of Bavay, where sharp fighting is taking place within a short distance of the town.

"On the left the Canadian troops are continuing their progress east of the Scheldt, and have captured Baiseux and Quevrechain."

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NOW THE HUN IS ON THE RUN--BUY VICTORY BONDS

SUNDAY PRAISE IN QUEEN'S PARK

A monster Victory Loan service of praise and thanksgiving will be held in Queen's Park on Sunday at 3 p.m. in front of the parliament buildings. A trained choir of 500 voices will lead the singing. The United States Navy Band of 250 pieces under the direction of Lieut. John Philip Sousa, will furnish the music. Megaphones will be distributed in order to make the singing of greater volume. Sir John Hendrie will preside and Major Burch, senior chaplain of Toronto Military Headquarters, will conduct the service.

FOR LIBERTY!

"The Russian Jews are fine to subscribe," said a canvasser enthusiastically. "I just talked to an old man who bought a bond for \$1000. He told me it was all he could save for a year, but he would pay a lot more than that for his Canadian liberty if he never got his money back even."

NOT HUN AIR RAID.

"It is an air raid, mother!" asked a small girl as she watched the planes hovering over King and Yonge.

Today's Limerick

There was an old lady from Guelph Who said just today to herself: From my stocking I'll take For Victory Loan's sake My long years of savings in the moon.

Six Miles From Sedan

Americans Advance Along the Meuse Until Famous City is in Sight.

With the American Army on the Sedan Front, Nov. 6.—Its footing well established west of the Meuse, the American army has forced its way along both banks of the river until tonight it is within six miles of Sedan.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Germans have put in fresh divisions, the American and French troops continue their grim advance. Murvaux, north of the Freya line, and east of Dun, was reached this afternoon and operations about the heights to the east of Sedan are well under way.

FIND A BAG OF MONEY DISCARDED BY ROBBER

Nine Thousand Dollars More Recovered of Lost Train From Express Messengers.

After a systematic search of the High Park district for the portion of the train robber's loot, which was supposed to have been hidden in that vicinity, detectives found \$9000 in a bag in the rear of a vacant lot beside an outhouse yesterday afternoon. The bag, which had been hastily thrown over a fence, was partly covered with leaves. This accounts for all of the money stolen with the exception of \$270, which the authorities believe was spent for current expenses by the robber.

KILLED IN BOMBARDMENT.

Amsterdam, Nov. 6.—The American consul and seven British war prisoners have been killed by the bombardment of Charleroi, southwest of Namur, in Belgium, according to Berlin dispatches received here.

OLD FAMILIAR BUNKER FROM KAISER TO ARMY

Amsterdam, Nov. 6.—The German emperor has sent messages to the western army groups, thanking them for their "extraordinary achievements," and expressing his gratitude to the troops on the Oise and the Aisne, "whose bravery has frustrated the great plans of the enemy."

Tonnage Output Exceeds Loss By Nearly Half Million Tons

London, Nov. 6.—The Admiralty announces that the output of world tonnage in the last quarter, exceeded the losses from all causes by nearly half a million gross tons.

WHAT SERVICE MEANS.

"I always get out my pad and pencil when I come to a house that has a service flag in the window," said a canvasser. "Those that have given something seem the most willing to give again. I have never been refused at a house where one of the family was serving at the front."

FRENZIED FINANCIERS.

Toronto newboys made a point like millionsaire last night when they purchased nearly \$100,000 worth of Victory bonds.

Nursery Rhymes

High diddle diddle, The cat and the fiddle, The cow jumped over the moon. They're acting so snappy Because they are happy The Loan will be all subscribed soon!

Armistice Delegation Reaches Allied Lines to Receive Conditions From Commander-in-Chief—Several Days May Elapse Before Decision is Made to Accept or Reject Them, or it May Have to Be Made Within Twenty-Four Hours.

London, Nov. 6.—The German armistice delegation has reached the allied lines. This information reached the lobby of the house of commons late tonight.

The Daily Express says it understands that Marshal Foch may receive the German armistice delegates Thursday morning.

The Daily News says it learns that the German delegation has reached the western front and been permitted to cross into the allied lines. The newspaper adds that the delegation will be received by Marshal Foch this morning at daylight.

What Power Have They? Washington, Nov. 6.—Armistice terms prepared for Germany by the supreme war council will soon be in the hands of the German emissaries now on their way from Berlin to the western front, but the time that must elapse before there is a decision as to their acceptance or rejection probably will depend largely upon the powers with which the German delegation has been clothed.

There is nothing here to indicate just what authority has been conferred upon these representatives of the German Government. The official announcement from Berlin, via London, today, said: "A German delegation to conclude an armistice and take up peace negotiations has left for the western front, but the language employed may or may not be significant.

Officials here have assumed that the German representatives, after securing the terms from Marshal Foch, will transmit them by telegraph or convey them personally to the German high command in the field, for it is understood to be the purpose in the present case, as was done with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, to deal with the armistice as purely a military issue between the military commands.

Should this procedure be followed, it is regarded here as probable that several days may elapse while the German general staff, nominally at least, subordinate to the civil government, can consider the conditions laid down and reach a decision. There can be no argument as to the terms, no matter how harsh they may appear to the Germans. The only course left to Germany is to accept or reject them.

Meantime, Marshal Foch is expected to continue the pressure on the Teutonic armies which now threatens their safety along a 200-mile front.

No announcement has yet been made when the terms of the armistice will be made public. Their publication very probably will be delayed until Germany has reached a decision with regard to their acceptance or rejection.

Begging at the Door. New York, Nov. 6.—The Associated Press tonight issued the following: "Germany is standing hat in hand at the door of Marshal Foch's headquarters humbly begging for peace.

Deserted by all her former allies, her great military machine in the process of destruction by the onslaught of the entente allied armies; her dream of world domination rudely dispipated, Germany begs for a cessation of hostilities, notwithstanding the hard terms she knows she must pay.

Scarcely had the decision of the supreme war council at Versailles with regard to a cessation of hostilities with Germany been made public than Germany was speeding emissaries to Foch to learn what the commander-in-chief's terms are to be.

No Rest for Germans. Meantime in France and Flanders the enemy forces are being given no rest. Along the whole battle line in France the British, French and American troops have made further ma-

GERMANY MUST DECIDE IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

News that the allied lines to negotiate an armistice indicates that the question will be settled immediately, for, according to military rules and usages, a military armistice has to be accepted or rejected inside of 24 hours.

GENERAL ADVANCE TOWARDS MEUSE

With the French Armies in France, Nov. 6.—The French armies made another forward bound today of from five to seven miles all along their front, from east of Guise to their junction with the American forces west of the Meuse, pressing close upon the rearguards left by the Germans, who are in full retreat.

The booty taken over this front indicates that the enemy's retreat has been more precipitate than that of yesterday. Prisoners captured say that the retreat will continue for a distance of fifteen or twenty miles farther.

The march of General Gouraud's men toward the Meuse went on during the day with increased speed. After working all night under heavy shell and machine-gun fire in the construction of bridges for infantry and artillery over the Aisne and the Ardennes Canals, they crossed the swollen stream in force and took up their advance this morning, throwing back the rearguards and liberating twenty-four villages with the greater part of their inhabitants.

In some towns were found men of military age whom the Germans had recently brought back from behind their lines.

The cavalry of the first army had this afternoon reached the road from Vervins to Avesnes.

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