

BRITISH CAPTURE 23,618 PRISONERS IN 17 MONTHS

HAIG'S MEN GAIN IMPORTANT TERRITORY DURING EXTREMELY HEAVY FIGHTING

Furious Combats Throughout Yesterday Along the Cambrai-St. Quentin Sector, Where 432,000 Were Defeated—British Forces Surround City of Damascus in Syria—Americans Make Further Advances.

London, Oct. 1.—Extremely heavy fighting has been in progress throughout the day along the Cambrai-St. Quentin sector, according to Field Marshal Haig's report tonight. Notwithstanding increased German resistance the British have gained important territory along the greater part of the line.

During the month of September the British captured on the western front 66,300 prisoners and 700 guns. During the months of August and September the British captured 123,618 prisoners and 1,400 guns.

British forces marching north from Palestine have virtually surrounded the city of Damascus. They are established on the north, west and south of the city, it was officially announced today.

The troops which have effected this movement are cavalry forces. Some 1,000 prisoners and five guns were taken from the enemy rear-guards.

The Statement.
The text of Haig's statement reads: "The operations continued satisfactorily today on the St. Quentin-Cambrai battlefield. On our extreme right, northeast of St. Quentin, we made considerable advances eastward to the high ground east of Levegnies."

"Further north we gained a footing in Joncourt, stormed the defenses of the village of Estrees and cleared the enemy from the high ground south of Locatelle."

"In the centre fighting of a severe nature is taking place in the village of Crevecoeur and in the village of Rumilly, and on the rising ground north and east of these places."

Severely Engaged.
"On the left between Cambrai and the River Senece our troops have been severely engaged throughout the morning in attack and counter-attack. Fresh hostile forces brought up to the battlefield. Notwithstanding, we made progress east of Tilloy and in the neighborhood of Biecourt."

"During the four days' fighting from September 27 on the St. Quentin-Cambrai battlefield, we engaged and defeated with heavy losses thirty-six German divisions (approximately 432,000 men)."

"During the month of September the British forces captured 66,300 prisoners, including 15,000 officers, and also 700 guns of all calibres and some thousands of machine guns. During the months of August and September the total captures by the British amounted to 123,618 prisoners, including 2,785 officers, and about 1,400 guns."

St. Quentin Taken.
French Headquarters in France, Oct. 1.—(3 p.m. by the Associated Press)—St. Quentin was entered by the French this afternoon. Violent fighting began about six o'clock this morning. General Debeney's forces, operating with the British to the north of the town, advanced beyond the St. Quentin Canal road. Between Urvillers and Corlay the French are meeting with much stronger resistance by machine guns, but everywhere have advanced in this region south of St. Quentin.

East of Rheims, General Gouraud, in addition to having taken a large number of prisoners and guns, has captured great quantities of booty, including more than 200 narrow gauge railroad cars. Additional prisoners were taken on Monday in the capture of Binerville, in the Argonne Forest and in the occupation of Marvaux and Auzé, to the west.

German Make Stand.
The Germans appear to have decided to make a stand at the village of Rethel, called the St. Thierry massif. It is just west of the old French line that ran along the Aisne Canal from Berry-au-Bac to the region of Rheims. Possession of this stronghold is necessary to the Germans, including the forts of St. Thierry and Brimont, from which they bombed Rheims.

Along the Vesle, General Berthelot's forces, notwithstanding the machine gun opposition, have everywhere advanced beyond Revillon.

Valuable Territory.
British Headquarters in France, Oct. 1.—(Reuter's)—Some particularly valuable territory was won by the British forces and thirty Second divisions on the front between St. Quentin and Locatelle. This included the whole of Le Tronquoy and its formidable tunnel system with more than 600 prisoners in the group.

The comparative slowness of the progress in the last 24 hours is accounted for not less by the wind weather than by the strenuous resistance. The advance has been sure, however, even if it lacked speed, and in the face of the conditions, it may be considered remarkable that the attacking forces should have gotten on through Tindenberg net work as far as they have.

Important capture of guns by the British is reported. They took some very heavy naval pieces on railway mountings near Sedan.

Important Gains.
Paris, Oct. 1.—Attacks conducted

DR. W. S. SOLF MAY BE CHANCELLOR

Other Names Are Mentioned in Connection With Von Hertling's Successor.

Paris, Oct. 1. (Havas)—Dr. W. S. Solf, the German minister of colonies, is mentioned first in Berlin political circles as the successor to Count Von Hertling, the retiring imperial chancellor, according to despatch from Zurich to Le Journal.

Then in the order named, the following are spoken of as candidates for the position: Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, German minister to Denmark; Count Von Bernstorff, former ambassador at Washington and now ambassador to Turkey; Friedrich Von Payer, imperial vice-chancellor, and Konstantin Fehrenbach, the president of the Reichstag.

FOCH'S GIGANTIC CAMPAIGN IS BRINGING GLORIOUS RESULTS

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from which the Germans harassed the British after they took Passchendaele last fall.

The amazing speed of the troops on the second day astounded everyone, and the armies under King Albert exceeded every expectation. The rate of the attack, which reached the Roulers-Menin road ten miles east of Ypres, shows a clean break through.

German Lines Threatened.
The Belgian communiqué is couched in such modest language that it is difficult to appreciate the full significance of this mighty blow by the Belgians and the British second army. At a number of points the Allies are three and a half miles beyond the farthest line hitherto reached by the British. The capture of the village of Ostend and Zebrugge are in danger while the whole Lille salient is embarrassed. Unless the sorely pressed enemy finds reserves, to close this salient, apparently Ludendorff suffered close to a disaster on his right flank the prisoners number about 8,000, guns 150.

The "Cambrai-Solf" offensive is the highest expected. The British were forced back slightly while in the region of Bouvy the Germans were driven back with a storm counter-attack against the French at Urvillers.

Everywhere else progress was reported, a notable advance having been made by Chief Justice McKeown, of Lehaucourt. The Germans are exceedingly strong on the centre battlefield, especially around Gonnelleu, Villers and Gonnelleu. In the north the British were forced back slightly while in the region of Bouvy the Germans were driven back with a storm counter-attack against the French at Urvillers.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Further advances by the American forces in the Argonne Forest were reported in General Pershing's communiqué for today, received here this afternoon. American patrols have passed beyond Clerges and are maintaining contact with the enemy.

More than 100 hostile planes and 21 balloons have been shot down by American aviators since September 26, General Pershing said.

Front of 350 Miles.
Paris, Oct. 1.—Approximately five eighths of the Franco-Belgian front is involved in the present great battle. The front extends from the west to the east a total of nearly 400 miles. Active fighting is on in an aggregate frontage of 350 miles.

Stations Bombed.
London, Oct. 1.—In conjunction with the operations of the American First Army in France, the British independent air force Monday night bombed the Metz-Sablons Station and Presat, according to an official communication issued tonight. German blast furnaces at Burbach also were attacked.

German Retreat.
With the British Army in France, Oct. 1.—(By The Associated Press)—Not one German now remains on the western side of the St. Quentin Canal. The enemy was driven back in the heavy fighting last evening and last night. The Germans are holding the east bank in great strength.

Rome, Oct. 1.—Artillery duels which at times become intense were prevalent yesterday on the entire front in the Pasubio area on the Altago Plateau, and in the Montello region of Northern Italy, says the official statement issued today by the Italian war office. South of Mori hostile parties attempting to approach the Italian lines were dispersed.

NAVAL VESSEL SUNK

Washington, Oct. 1.—Naval submarine chaser, No. 60, was sunk today in a collision with the oil steamer, S. W. Walter, off New Jersey. Two officers and men, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds, officers 1,899, men 14,914. Wounded or missing, officers 5,712, men 75,451.

BRITISH CASUALTIES

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Vatican Hears That His Son, Prince Boris, Will Likely Succeed Him.

Rome, Oct. 1.—The Vatican has received confidential information from Vienna that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria probably will abdicate in favor of his son, Prince Boris.

Crown Prince Boris was born January 30, 1883. He is regarded as much more liberal and democratic than his father.

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 1.—Premier Malmoff, of Bulgaria, is accused by the "Straasburg Post" of having concealed from the Bulgarian army a decision arrived at by the Central Powers nearly ten days ago to turn over the entire province of Dobruja to Bulgaria.

The newspaper declares that such a decision was reached in Berlin on September 23 during the visit of Talaat Pasha, the Turkish premier, but that Premier Malmoff failed to make the decision known to the Bulgarian army "in time to prevent Bulgaria's asking an armistice."

The Situation.
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CANADIANS FIGHT 100,000 GERMANS

Battle on St. Quentin-Cambrai Front Resumed on Scale of Ferocity Unequaled in Entire War.

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 1.—The battle along the St. Quentin-Cambrai front was resumed this morning on a scale of ferocity unequalled in the present war. The Germans have brought up large reserves and are resisting and countering with desperate determination. The Canadians north of Cambrai are engaged against at least eight German divisions, nearly one hundred thousand men.

Joncourt was reported to have been taken early, with a large part of the Australian trench system. The Australians are working up the trenches of the Hindenburg system in the direction of Gouy, and have taken Etresnoy and an important hill ridge astride the Hindenburg line north of Bell, which is being held by the Germans.

In Flanders Ledeghem and Rolleghemcapelle have been occupied.

Prisoners Come in Batches.
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KAISER'S RELATIVE IS SENT TO PENITENTIARY

Franz Rintelen Sentenced to Serve Three Years in the Sweet, Sunny South.

New York, Oct. 1.—After being held here for many months pending appeals and on pleas of illness, Franz Rintelen, German naval captain and reported relative of Emperor William, who was convicted of bomb plotting and other crimes, was today sent to the federal prison at Atlanta to serve sentences aggregating three years.

Rintelen's exchange for an alleged American held by the Germans was demanded some time ago by the German government and refused.

HIGHER WAGES FOR R. R. TELEGRAPHERS

Increase Will Amount to Between \$20 and \$25 a Month.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Railroad telegraphers probably will receive soon a wage increase of between \$20 and \$25 a month, it was said today by railroad administration officials. The application of the Order of Railway Telegraphers for more than twice this amount of increase still is pending before the Board of railroad wages, which is expected to report soon to Director General McAdoo.

TWENTY DROWNED

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 1.—Twenty sailors from a naval vessel in the harbor here were drowned on Sunday night by the capsizing of a naval tender in which they were returning to their ship. Eleven other men were rescued.

AMERICANS ADVANCE UNDER BEST OF CONDITIONS, GAINING OBJECTIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE.

(Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard.)
With the American Army West of Verdun Sept. 23. Personally commanding his troops, General Pershing has won back for France 120 square miles of the bloody battleground of the past today, in what may be termed the almost bloodless day. The enemy failed to withstand the shock on about a twenty mile front running from the Meuse river northwards to Verdun to the forest of Argonne.

After an intense artillery barrage the American troops advanced on the wide front at daybreak. The Boche aviators were northwards of Verdun to the forest of Argonne.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE MEETS DEFEAT

After Five Days of Bitter Debate United States Senate Turns Down Measure.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The Senate today refused to grant the request of the president that the woman suffrage resolution be passed as a war measure.

After five days of bitter debate, corridor conferences and cloakroom negotiations, the Susan B. Anthony federal amendment resolution enacted by the House last January, received on the final roll call two votes less than the necessary two-thirds majority. Fifty-four senators were recorded for it and thirty against it, with twelve absent and paired.

Question Shelved.
Before the vote was announced, Senator Jones, of New Mexico, chairman of the woman suffrage committee, the woman suffrage committee, in position for further consideration planned after the November elections, when suffrage forces hope to muster the requisite number of votes.

No Vote Changed.
President Wilson's personal address to the senators yesterday supplemented by letters today to several Democratic senators, opposed to the resolution, did not change a single vote, although in the final debate some senators asserted that defeat of the resolution would mean repudiation of the executive. Including the absent and paired senators, the roll call showed that the senate line up of 62 to 34 on the resolution remained virtually unchanged from the beginning of the fight late Thursday.

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First Quarter	13th 1h 0m A.M.
Full Moon	19th 5h 30m P.M.
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THE WEATHER

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 1.—The weather continues fair throughout the Dominion, with somewhat higher temperature in Ontario.

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	50	60
Vancouver	50	60
Kamloops	50	60
Battleford	36	50
Port Arthur	32	52
Perry Sound	32	52
London	34	54
Toronto	37	61
Ottawa	38	60
Montreal	34	52
Quebec	34	54
Halifax	38	54

Forecasts—Maritime—Light to moderate winds; fine; stationary, or a little higher temperature.

Washington, Oct. 1.—New England, fair and somewhat warmer Wednesday; Thursday showers. Moderate northeast winds.

IMPERIAL TODAY

A real circus, with all its interesting adjuncts, is shown in "The Biggest Show on Earth," the feature play today at the Imperial today. In this picture Miss Bennett will be seen as a lion tamer. She enters a girl's academy to be educated and after the romance of love has entered into her life, she succeeds in saving her father's circus from a riotous mob, by taking the place of a frightened tamer in the presence of a huge crowd. This is an exceptionally thrilling incident, and doubtless will serve to render this picture one of Miss Bennett's most popular vehicles.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN GOVT AND BERLIN POPULACE WANT PEACE

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cans are slowly coming up the Aisne valley from the south and soon will be in a position with the French to slip this great wooded bastion out of the German line.

ITALIAN STATEMENT

In the mountain region of the Italian front there has been a considerable increase in artillery activity, and it is probable that Marshal Foch soon will begin an offensive base against the Austro-Hungarians.

ENORMOUS HUN LOSSES

In the recent fighting in France and Flanders the German losses in men killed or wounded and in guns captured have been enormous. To the Belgians the Germans lost virtually all their forward defensive artillery and some heavy naval guns. Many men were made prisoners. During September the British took 66,300 prisoners, 700 guns of all calibres, and thousands of machine guns in addition to inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and August and September took 123,618 prisoners and 1,400 guns.

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