

Germans Retreating.

Haig's Men Smash Through
Hindenburg Line--Allenby
Captures Damascus and
Takes 7000 Prisoners.

WAR REVIEW.

The Germans are in retreat on an important sector of the Western battlefront in France. The scene of the new retrograde movement is a wide front north and south of La Bassée Canal. The continuation by the Entente Allied forces of their brilliant achievements in restoring Belgium Flanders and the expulsion of the enemy from further territory in France from the region of Cambrai to Verdun, evidently has brought the Germans to the realization that the great bend in the line from Menin to the east of Arras is likely to prove another such trap as was the St. Mihiel salient, unless they are fast enough of foot to move eastward, giving up Lille, Lens and Douai and straighten their line from the vicinity of Cambrai to Belgium. On all the other six battlefronts from Belgium to Verdun the Entente forces are keeping up their successful advances, although the west of Rheims have materially stiffened their front and are offering strong resistance to further inroads into their territory. In Belgian Flanders the wedge troops have penetrated still further eastward and southeastward from Dixmude, and only a few miles more will be required by the Allied troops to give them positions by which Ostend, one of the German sea bases, will be made untenable, and indeed the entire North Sea coast now in German hands put in jeopardy. British warships are now violently bombarding the coast, and the Germans are reported to be moving their heavy guns eastward, fearful of their capture. Many additional towns have been captured by the Allies in this region and numerous prisoners have been taken. The important railroad junction point of Roulers is all but in the hands of the Allies, while southwards from Roulers the British have cut the Roulers-Menin railway at two places and are in process of investing Menin. The French are now in full possession of St. Quentin and have passed on eastward. The entire Hin-

denburg system between St. Quentin and Le Cateau has been completely smashed by Field Marshal Haig's forces, with whom the Americans are brigaded, and further ground has been won in the outskirts of Cambrai and north of that city. At one point north of that city the British were forced to give up a village under a heavy counter attack by fresh German troops. A band of Americans who had outdistanced their fellows-in-arms were surrounded on one sector by the Germans, but were released after two days, during which they killed many of their enemy who sought to capture them. Northwest of Rheims the St. Thierry Massif has been captured, and north of the cathedral city the environs of Betheny have been reached by the French. The Germans along the front are in retreat to their old 1917 line, and the French have reached the Aisne Canal at several points. The French in Champagne and the Americans on their right have made further gains against the Germans in the cleaning out of the Argonne forest and pressing northward on both sides of this bastion. In Palestine the British have occupied Damascus and taken more than 7,000 Turks prisoners.

FALL OF ST. QUENTIN SHAKES WHOLE GERMAN SYSTEM.

PARIS, Oct. 2. St. Quentin is taken and the corner stone of the Hindenburg system has fallen, thanks to the prodigious and unrelenting efforts of the armies of General Debeny and General Rawlinson under the general direction of General Fayolle the fine soldier who commands the group of armies in that sector. It is a most resounding triumph, but it is not the only place where victory smiled upon the Allied armies. Belgian forces strongly opposed are making headway towards Roulers and Menin. The Germans are preparing to evacuate the Lille region. British armies around Cambrai are successfully fighting one of the fiercest battles of the war. Gen. Berthelot is driving the enemy back

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between Rheims and the Aisne, and General Gouraud has reached Chalons, the important railroad centre at the western opening of Grand-Pre Gap. St. Quentin's fall shakes the whole German system. Its effect will be widespread. This will be accentuated by the strong push that is being made in the Oise Valley. The Allies here are across the multiple waterways upon which the enemy so largely based his defences. Before them lies the open country which is ideal for tanks. Under the circumstances the holding by the Crown Prince's armies of their positions on the Ailette and Aisne is out of the question. Outflanked from the north and harried by General Mangin who is now along the Aisne as far as Craonne, the Crown Prince's armies are in a much graver position than were those of Generals Von Boehm and Von Hutler on the Marne and Aisne in July. The same danger threatens the armies opposing Gouraud. Thus the first logical result of the capture of St. Quentin must be the retreat of the enemy from the Laonnois and Champagne sectors if he wishes to escape disaster, but it will not be enough that their line breaks up under the blows of the Allies. A general German retreat becomes more and more imperative. The problem for General Ludendorff is how to prevent it from being converted into a disaster which is the usual sequence of a retirement of masses closely engaged in a formidable struggle.

FAILED TO STOP PROGRESS.

LONDON, Oct. 2. Two thousand prisoners have been taken by the French between the Vesle and the Aisne in the past two days. On the Belgian front the Anglo-Belgian troops have been subjected to violent counter attacks. Neither these nor the bad weather, however, has stopped the advance, although the combination has had the result of slowing down the Allied progress. The Germans are making a determined effort in Flanders as everywhere else to stop the onrush. They realize that if the Allies push even five miles farther eastward on the Belgian front, Ostend will become untenable, while an advance of ten miles would jeopardize the whole coast line.

PREPARING TO EVACUATE THE BELGIAN COAST.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2. Further evidence of German preparations of evacuation of the Belgian coast reached the state department today in despatches, saying hospitals, postoffices and the contents of storage houses of the German fourth army district were being moved back and turned over to the military government in the interior. German civilian authorities are being generally recalled and strict regulations affecting the maritime district are being enforced. Reserves in Belgium which were to be sent to the front by the Antwerp navy staff are said to be preparing to leave Belgium.

MEETING OF GERMAN PARTY LEADERS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 2. At a sitting of the main committee of the German Reichstag on Monday, Vice-Chancellor Von Feyer read a decree from the Emperor, announcing the resignation of Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling. He announced that the former leader had called a meeting of party leaders to discuss the situation. Indefinite adjournment was then taken by the committee.

PUSHING INTO THE GERMAN LINES.

LONDON, Oct. 2. The British are pushing further into the German positions on the front between Saint Quentin and LeCateau. Field Marshal Haig reported today that the Australians had finished the work of clearing out the German defences south of LeCateau and had freed Joncourt just to the south of the enemy.

ENEMY WITHDRAWING.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 2.—(By the A. P.)—German efforts to penetrate or bend the line between the Meuse and the Aisne dwindled rapidly today. One minor counter-attack, some outposts scrimmaging

and a half-hearted bombardment characterized the enemy's activity. The enemy to-night appears to be withdrawing on the American left. Broadly speaking, he is going in the direction of the junction of the Brunhilde and Kriemhilde systems. In the Argonne Forest Americans made progress to-day. East of the forest they are operating north of Clôges and hold positions on the road from Genes to Exmout. In this district there has been stiff fighting, local positions repeatedly changing hands until the Americans to-day established their supremacy. Since Sept. 26 the American aerial forces has bagged 100 enemy planes and 21 balloons.

MENTIN AND ROULERS ON FIRE.

PARIS, Oct. 1. (Havas)—The towns of Menin and Roulers, railway junctions in Flanders, have been set on fire by the Germans in face of the advancing Belgian, British and French troops. French guns now control the railway line running from Ostend through Thourout and Roulers to Courtrai. British monitors are co-operating actively in bombarding the German lines on and near the coast.

ASKING FOR TERMS.

LONDON, Oct. 2. The Turkish commandment at Damascus has asked for terms for the surrender of the city to General Allenby's forces, the Manchester Guardian reports. It is expected that troops of the British army in Palestine will enter the city to-day.

FURTHER FRENCH SUCCESSES.

PARIS, Oct. 2. Heavy fighting took place in St. Quentin last night. Resisting stubbornly the Germans were driven back to the east bank of the canal, according to the war office statement to-day. West and north of Rheims the French have made further important gains. The entire massif of St. Thierry is now in French hands. Northwest of Rheims the French have taken Poyillon and Thil and have reached the southern outskirts of Villers Franqueux. North of Rheims they have pushed forward their line to the outskirts of Betheny. There was no change in Champagne, during the night.

BULGARIANS EVACUATING SER- BIA.

LONDON, Oct. 2. Serbia is being evacuated by the Bulgarian troops who are returning to Bulgarian territory, according to the Serbian official statement of Tuesday night.

ROBBING RUSSIA.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 2. The second shipment of gold from Russia to Germany has arrived at the German frontier and has been taken over by an official of the Reichbank according to a Berlin despatch to-day. Dispatches on Sept. 11 reported the shipment of the first portion of the Russian war indemnity to Germany, and its receipt by a Reichbank representative at the German border line. It was stated in an Agency message from Copenhagen that the shipment amounted to 25,000,000 rubles, one half of which was in gold and the remainder in notes.

PANDEMONIUM IN AUSTRIA.

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DAMASCUS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Oct. 2. Damascus, the capital of Syria, was occupied by General Allenby's forces on Tuesday morning, according to an official statement issued to-day by the British war office.

7,000 TURKS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Oct. 2. More than seven thousand Turks were taken prisoners when General Allenby's forces occupied Damascus, the War Office announced to-night.

BERLIN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, Oct. 2. Parts of the German salient lines near St. Quentin, north of Rheims and west of the Argonne forest yesterday were withdrawn to positions in the rear, says the official statement issued to-day by the German army headquarters staff. In local raids west of the river Meuse, the statement continues, the Germans threw back the Americans out of the Bois des Ognons and the adjacent lines.

TREVES RAILWAY BOMBED.

LONDON, Oct. 2. The Treves railway was bombed by the British independent air force Tuesday, according to an official statement issued to-night.

ARABS RECOGNIZED AS BELLI- GERENTS.

LONDON, Oct. 2. The Allied government have decided formally to recognize the belligerent status of the Arab forces fighting as auxiliaries with the Allies against the common enemy in Palestine and Syria.

RETREATING ALL ALONG THE FRONT.

PARIS, Oct. 2. General Berthelot's army this afternoon reached the Aisne canal at several points. The Germans are retreating all along this front. The progress of the Allied arms in Flanders continues unchecked notwithstanding the stiffening resistance of the Germans.

FORTIFYING SHELL HOLES.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 1.—(By the A. P.)—The enemy is organizing an increasingly bitter defence, utilizing every available device to hold back the American troops. North and northeast of Clôges, shell holes have been fortified for a distance of nearly a mile. On the left a new enemy division has been thrown into the fighting and a heavy counter attack followed its appearance which could not be checked for several hours. When the check did come it was disastrous for the enemy, for he had pushed forward this division farther than these adjoining and it was soon enveloped.

ST. QUENTIN BURNING.

PARIS, Oct. 2. St. Quentin is burning at several points according to Premier Clemenceau who informed Marcel Hutin of the Echo de Paris to-day that French aviators have great difficulty in flying over this territory because of the smoke rising from it.

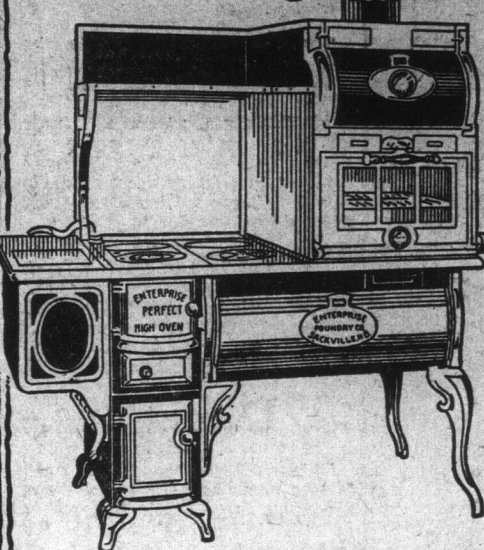
FRENCH SUCCESSES.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 1. (By the A. P.)—Three French armies won important successes to-day. While General Debeny's forces were passing through St. Quentin to Rouvroy, across the Somme, General Berthelot's army made a big gain on St. Thierry Massif, northwest of Rheims. Further east General Gouraud's army advanced still further north toward vital German positions. General Berthelot's men have virtually traversed the hills between Rheims and the Aisne. On that River they hold the left bank as far east as Concreveux and have taken Bouvancourt, Harvelon, Trigny and St. Thierry. They are also in Laneville, a mile and a half northwest of Rheims. General Gouraud attacking along his whole front in the Champagne sector advanced north of Aure to within a thousand yards of Liry. Further east even more important results were obtained in the advance north of Bouconville and Binarville. His line was pushed on to Vaux and Lancon crowding the Grand-Pre-Gap and putting the German forces west of the Monthois-Voxieres line into a most awkward position. Their communications with the forces operating in Argonne Forest and east of it are virtually cut, which means that this region becomes untenable. German counter attacks in the region south of Liry were repulsed with severe losses to the enemy after sharp engagements.

ENEMY FIGHTING STUBBORNLY.

LONDON, Oct. 2. The British have gained a little ground north of Cambrai but the enemy is fighting stubbornly on a front of five miles with 11 divisions. The only sector where substantial progress has been made is between the Vesle and the Aisne where the enemy has fallen back to the line of the Aisne-Marne canal, north of Rheims.

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Washington, Sept. 19.—How the iron-hand of the German General Staff was extended into Finland through the German-paid Russian Bolshevik Government, is pictured in to-day's instalment of secret documents brought out of Russia for the American Government. There are also some peremptory notes from the German Military Intelligence Service to Trotsky, then the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, telling more of the story of the suppression of revolutionary propaganda in Russian provinces after it had played its part in throwing the provinces into German control.

When the Bolshevik were slow about opening the way for complete sway for their masters in Finland, the German Intelligence Service had "the honor" to remind them that the withdrawal and disarming of the Russian Red Guards in Finland must be com-

menced immediately. Furthermore the Russian agents were directed to send to Finland a trustworthy agent to deal with Yarro Hapalainen, Chief of the Finnish White Guards, who was disposed to be loyal to his country. This, Edgar Sisson, who procured the documents explains in a note, accounts for the sudden withdrawal of the Red Guards last March, leaving Finland to her fate. Some of the Russians resisted disarmament, but they were beaten.

A series of curt orders from the Intelligence Service to Trotsky calls for the removal of all agitators from the Ukraine, Estland, Litva and Courland, and for the restoration of rights and property to German landlords who had been declared outlawed in Estland.

Other communications throw further light on assassination compacts between the Bolshevik and anarchists, which have figured in earlier chapters of the series. A list of anarchists hired as "agents for the destruction of counter-revolutionists" include several characters of international notoriety.

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