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ELASTIC GERMAN RETIREMENT MAY BECOME GENERAL RETREAT

French Troops Virtually Close Grand Pre Gap, Great Significance and Unless Supreme Effort is Made With Reserves Germans Must Clear Out of the District or Surrender in Thousands.

tensity today from the Aisne, in the allied fighting forces. region of Vaux-lez-Mouron, which was iken this morning by the French, to

The vigor and perseverance of the allied pressure appears to have deranged all the German plans. Nowhere under the standard by votations and retries, and most of these lines over considerable distances are being shelled by the French artillery.

Unless by a supreme effort and

Only After Desperate

Struggle.

doggedness finally subdued this in-

line pushed well to the east of it.

AMERICANS CONTINUE

Paris, Oct. 9. - The American

roops fighting west of the Argonne

the south. The operation was pro-

In the Argonne the attack is con-

the Americans at the beginning of the

FUR-LINED COATS FOR MEN.

It would seem a very unwise thing

Tensive have been withdrawn ex-

gressing normally this afternoon.

With the French Army in Cham- security, which suggests that they have pagne, Oct. 9.—The battle in Cham-again erred in their judgment of the statement that the foreign office has pagne is going on with increasing in-strength and endurance of the entente

They are being defeated not only at points chosen for attack by Mar-River, the enemy made vigorous as- counter-attacks. Their reaction all ults upon the positions won by along the Champagne front thus far General Gouraud's men Tuesday, but has been productive of only one result necessary that the region of the Grand Pre gap, which they have been able to keep open up to the present, although the gap is under the heavy fire of the French gap.

seeking to gain time to reduce the dif-seeking to gain time to reduce the dif-secking to gain time to gain time to gain time reme left wing of the fighting front, forces operating in Champagne are tis impossible to forecast.

The control of the fighting front, forces operating in Champagne are northward by Vouziers and Rethel.

have the Germans, with all their utilizing available reserves the Germans are able still to make a stand repare a stable position upon which Aisne, their elastic retirement may ir defeated troops could retire in turn suddenly into a general retreat.

SHEER DOGGEDNESS GERMANS WILL RETIRE TO VALENCIENNES LINE

ACHIEVED VICTORY With the Anglo-American Armies, Near St. Quentin, Oct. 9- German prisoners indicate that the enemy intends ritish Wrung Many Gains to retire first to the Valenciennes line and then to the line of the Meuse. The bulk of the Germans in France aiready are retiring. However, there undoubtedly will be hard fighting all the way back to the prepared posi-tions, for the country is lined with machine guns and obstructions of all British Headquarters in France, Oct. - Many of the gains in the battle kinds.

But it will be fighting over open and wrung from the enemy only afa desperate struggle. At Villersnew country, where the whippet tanks, armored motor cars and cavalry should Outreaux, the British were met by a have, if they not already are having, rfect storm of machine gun fire, the opportunity to do the work cut behind which German infantry was cut for them sed in great strength. But sheer

FOUR FOKKERS DOWNED BY AMERICAN PLANES

tense resistance, the village was taken, and cleared up while the front With the American Army on the With the American Army on the Champagne Front, Oct. 9.—During the BRITISH ADVANCE A neavy counter-attack launched American activities south of Romagne from the direction of Avion resulted this afternoon 79 allied bombing n fierce hand-to-hand fighting before planes passed southward, having which our lads had at first to give ome ground against the weigh: of bombed Buzansy and other railroad and supply stations behind the German lines.

American pursuit planes took an ac-Naval divisions rolled in deep waves thru the strongly fortified Village of bombers, downing four Fokkers in the tive part in clearing the air for the Niergnies, taking many prisoners, as region of Remonville and Ainreville hey flowed out into the green country The bombers started out late in the afternoon in groups. After accomplishing their missions, the groups met on the way back and passed over the American line in one flock.

ATTACK IN ARGONNE SIXTY SQUARE MILES LIBERATED IN ONE DAY

British Headquarters in France, Oct. Forest today were west of Cernay on 9.—Yesterday's victory yielded the althe Aire River, having effected a miles of territory and a great haul of main line.

The weal

chine guns. Moreover, important tactical results were achieved. The enemy has been thrust back into the advanced farther. thuing, notwithstanding the miry roads resulting from the heavy rains of Tuesday.

It has been ascertained that three out of four Geometria that three open country beyond and continuous defensive works. The heavy counter-attack from the direction of Avion results in flere that the country beyond and continuous defensive works. The heavy counter-attack from the direction of Avion results in flere that the country beyond and continuous defensive works. The heavy counter-attack from the direction of Avion results in flere that the country beyond and continuous defensive works. The heavy counter-attack from the direction of Avion results in flere that the country beyond and continuous defensive works. The heavy counter-attack from the direction of Avion results in flere that the country beyond and continuous defensive works. The heavy counter-attack from the direction of Avion results in flere that the country beyond and continuous defensive works. ing. The enemy's numerical superiorout of four German divisions facing ity compelled us at first to give ground. The naval division took the strongly fortified Village of Niergnies, hausted, and replaced by fresh troops. capturing many prisoners.

JUNCTION OF MEZIERES TAKEN IN BIG ADVANCE

Attaches to Turkey

Germany Knew of Peace Move and Tried to Stave it Off.

note to Germany and that all the allies are in complete accord in the mat-

ter. It adds:
"The fall of the Turkish cabinet has great significance. It is not doubted that Turkey apprised Berlin of her intention to seek peace and Germany sought to stave off such a development by an attempt to seek development by an attempt to seek a general, instead of a partial, settle-

ANGLO-FRENCH TROOPS FORCE ANOTHER RETREAT

sition the enemy is offering on the guns.

The latest American advance north-troops have forced the Germans to

QUARTER OF A MILLION GERMANS HAVE BEEN SEVERELY MAULED

Driven From Cambrai and Strong Positions Near It, Enemy Is Being Hustled by British Cavalry in What Virtually Amounts to a Rout---Canadians First to Enter Cambrai, Which Is Completely Destroyed by Germans.

ITH the British Army on the Cambrai-St. Quentin Front, Oct. 9.— fore he began what virtually amounts to the rout of no less than thirty The German troops on a twenty-mile front have been put to full divisions, the smashing of which was continued furiously today. flight and the British cavalry is reported to be pursuing them, the infantry marching in columns of four thru villages hastily abandoned by

Cambrai has fallen and the British are now well to the east. Renter's correspondent cables:

"Successive explosions have occurred in Cambrai which have reduced

that result. The Grand Pre gap is now virtually closed, and the only real ing th enemy reargards, has ad- no signs of the advance slowing up. On the contrary, it is going faster lines of communication for the enemy vanced about five miles to the east forces operating in Champagne are of St. Quentin and taken 2000 pri-

Everything that could be burned has been

TURKEY SENDS PEACE NOTE THRU SPANISH GOVERNMENT

Surrender Within 48 Hours Will Not Surprise Well-Informed Quarters in London-Process of Disintegration in Constantinople.

ONDON, Oct. 9. —The British foreign office has received indirect news of the fall of the

Tewfik Pasha, who, it is reported, will be the new grand vizier, is understood to have pro-ally, rather than pro-German, sympathies.

According to advices, which are not official, however, the cabinet had decided to take military measures against Bulgaria, but found that the opinion of the country was against them. It is rumored that a Turkish peace note has been despatched thru the Spanish Government-The surrender of Turkey within the next 48 hours will not surprise well-informed quarters in London, The Evening Standard says today. The British authorities, it adds, are in possession

of information showing that a process of disintegration exists in Constantinople.

IS EASILY MADE

on Account of German

Retreat.

The Germans started backward

The weather is bad, otherwise it is gian borders. believed that the British would have

The Germans are burning villages. This retreat lengthens the line which the Teutons so long have been trying to shorten, and the situation opens many possibilities of retreats elsewhere.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO OFFER MEDIATION hage of 1,6 the work.

GENERAL GIVING-WAY OF GERMAN FRONT

Paris, Oct. 9.—Paris regards the news from the front as indicating a general giving-away of the German Little Resistance Met With line-a collapse piece by piece of the Devastation Reaches Dimenenemy's positions and a crumbling away of his army, regiment by regiment and division by division. The formidable war machine is so seri-cusly affected, it is pointed out, that London, Oct. 9 (4.40 p.m.).—The even those who fashioned it and used German retreat from the Scarpe it against humanity are now them-River southward to below St. Quentin, selves doubtful of its soundness—enabled the British easily to advance hence their peace proposition, the from two to three miles this morning. But it is regarded that this hour is not the one in which a respite should last night. The British have met with be granted the Germans, and the sug-Little resistance today, as they have gestion is heard that no request of the Aire River, having effected a lies, besides prisoners, sixty square not been in contact with the German my has withdrawn half a dozen miles or more beyond the French and Bel-

FRANCE WILL CONSTRUCT BIGGEST SHIPS AFLOAT

Paris. Oct. 9 .- Fernand Bouisson, under-secretary of state of the mer-French program for shipping con-

GERMANS WASTING ALL COUNTRYSIDE

sions of Calamity Thru France.

Paris, Oct. 9.-Reports received from the north show a sweep of wreck and ruin spreading over the cities, villages first that they have really formulated. Belgium from which the Germans are and countrysides of both France and being slowly forced. The extent of this devastation is reaching the dimensions of a calamity as the enemy is slowly recoiling. Their reverse seems to sting them into new excesses of wanton pillage and arson

The tragic situation at St. Quentin has been graphically described by M. Dupin, since the date mentioned, we have inflictchant marine, declared today that the the sub-prefect of that city. The suburbs of L'Epine de Dallon, Roupy and Rocourt struction has been drawn up, the vessel's to be built representing a tonnage of 1,500,000 as the first part of the work.

The work to be built representing a tonnage of 1,500,000 as the first part of the work. Amsterdam, Oct. 9.—Referring to an for these vessels, which, in part, will who have fallen in recent battle. The

North of Cambrai the Canadians attacked and penetrated deeply also. The British marched thru Bertry without opposition. They reached the putskirts of Troisvillers and hold Maurois and Honnechy.

Large forces of the enemy have been seen from the air fleeing well to the cast of Le Cateau.

Maretz fell early and the British reached Busigny and passed quickly thru Bohain. These are only a few of the more than a score of towns captured.

at least nine miles on this sector, and there are were taken, as well as vast stores of other booty, which the enemy did not have time to blow up or set on fire.

All this was the immediate effect of yesterday's great victories, which are being exploited to the fullest. The Germans may try to make a stand on their partly completed line at Le Cateau, but they have been badly pun-

ished and they face an overwhelming disaster.

Oavairy Hustles the Retreat.

New York, Oct. 2.—The Associated Press tonight issues the following: The German armies are in full flight before the British, American and the following Cambrai and St. Ougatin. Cambrai French forces on the front between Cambrai and St. Quentin. Cambrai, the strong point of the enemy in this region, has been taken by the Canadians in its entirety, and north of Cambrai the Canadians have deeply penetrated the German line. Out in the open, east of what once was the old Hindenburg line, cav-

alry is hustling the retreating foe in what virtually amounts to a rout. So fast is the retreat that columns of the allied troops in parade formation have passed thru numerous villages, completely out of contact with the More than 10,000 prisoners and between one hundred and two hundred

guns were captured in Tuesday's fighting, and the continuation of the battle would result in further captures. Twenty-three German divisions (more than a quarter of a militon men) have been severely manhandled. The maximum depth of the advance is between eight and ten miles. The Germans are declared to be fleeing to

the east of Le Cateau, one of the most important railroad centres in the Behind them the Germans are leaving the country devastated, burning towns and villages as they flee.

HAIG'S REPORT

London, Oct. 9.-Field Marshal Haig reports tonight from headquarters as fol-

"We inflicted a heavy defeat on the enemy yesterday between St. Quentin and Cambral, taking over 10,000 prisoners and between 100 and 200 guns. "No less than twenty-three German divisions were engaged on this front, They were severely handled,

"The result of this action is that the troops have been enabled to advance today on the whole front between the Somme and the Sensee and are making rapid progress eastward, capturing rear- text of the Italian statement reads: guard detachments of the enemy, isolated batteries and machine gun posts. Numbers of the inhabitants who were left in captured villages have met the advancing troops with enthusiasm.

"The whole of Cambral is in our possession. The Canadians entered the town from the north at an early hour this morning, while, at a later hour, English guards, we entered the City of El troops of the Third Army passed thru the southern portions of the town,

"Since Aug. 21 the British First, Third and Fourth Armies have broken thru the River, we continued our march on the whole elaborate series of deep defensive road to Kavaya, coming again in conzones, built up with successive belts of heavily-fortified trench lines, including Laon is now reported to be burning, following the same fate as Doual and of over 35 miles, from St. Quentin to of southern Albania, and before the following the same fate as Doual and Cambral. St. Quentin is a mass of ruins, and the great mining centre of Lens is a desert, with its buildings leveled, its population gone and its rich mines of the Hindenburg desert, below the same fate as Doual and of over 35 miles, from St. Quentin to war had a population estimated at 15,000. It has numerous mosques, and is the seat of a Greek bishop. Kaveyond and east of the Hindenburg desert and its rich mines beyond and east of the Hindenburg desert.

> ed very heavy losses on the enemy in killed and wounded and have taken over

"This feat of arms has been performed by British troops who had already with. Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 9.-The

EL BASAN TAKEN BY ITALIAN FORCE

Advance in Albania Resisted by Stubborn Austrian Rearguards.

Rome, Oct. 9.-Italian troops pushing northward in Albania entered the City of El Basan on Monday. The "Albania: On Sunday, after enemy covering parties had been repulsed and numerous prisoners taken, one of our columns occupied the heights east

of Muriakan. "On Monday, after crushing the stubborn resistance of enemy rear-Basan. Our advance is continuing. "After dispersing the enemy on the heights northwest of the Lyushna

tact with the enemy at Gramshi."

AMERICANS FILL DAY WITH MANY SUCCESSES

With the Franco-American Forces It would seem a very unwise thing of wait until the snow files before gurchasing a fur-lined overcoat, especially as the Dineen Co. is showing same exceptional values this season.

Amsterdam, Oct. 9.—In an advance of advance of cathedral is still standing, its larged advance and determined spirits of the prince for muskrat-lined coats with food elack beavercioth shell, otter or persian lamb coller, 85 to \$150. Other three fire fire coats, \$175 to \$350. Also durce as guantiets, robes, autor ugs, autording to the prince for each of the prince for the war," said M. Bouism of the prince for the war," said M. Bouism of the prince for the war," said M. Bouism of the prince for the war," said M. Bouism of the prince for the coats with the government is considering of ferning its services to the construction of glaint steam that the government is considerable to considerable of the prince for the construction of glaint steam to the prince for the construction of glaint steam to the prince for the construction of the prince