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## The British Army at the Gates of Lille; Entente Countries Endorse Wilson Note

### ALLIES RAPIDLY CONQUERING BELGIUM AND NORTH FRANCE

**British Reach Neighborhood of Haubourdin, Three Miles From Great City of Lille, and Capture Menin, Near City of Tourcoing, France.**

**Allies Also Take Belgian Town of Thourout, Another Highly Important Point, Scooping in 10,000 Prisoners—Germans Losing Big French Textile Region.**

London, Oct. 15.—Northeast of Lens the British have advanced to the neighborhood of Haubourdin, about three miles west of Lille, and to the south have crossed the Haute Deule Canal, south of Pont-A-Vendin and taken several villages, according to the communication of Field Marshal Haig, issued tonight. The text of the communication follows:

"We have crossed the Haute Deule Canal on both sides of Pont-A-Vendin and have captured Estevelles, Meurchin and Bauvin.

"Further north our troops have made progress in the neighborhood of Haubourdin.

"On the remainder of the British front south of the River Lys there is nothing to report."

The Allied troops in Flanders are now within less than a mile of the Courtrai-Thourout railroad.

Menin Falls. London, Oct. 15.—In the fighting in Flanders the British have captured Menin, a railway centre of great importance about four miles northwest of Tourcoing.

Menin had a population of about 20,000 before the war. It is located in Belgium near the French border. Lille is a textile city of nearly 250,000.

Ten Thousand Prisoners. With the Allied Forces in Belgium, Oct. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—British, French and Belgian troops in their offensive begun yesterday in Belgium have captured more than 10,000 prisoners and have taken more than 100 guns.

Advanced Allied troops have signalled that they are from six to seven miles inside the German positions.

Heavy rains fell in Flanders throughout the night, tending to turn the battlefields into seas of mud. The low-hanging clouds show no signs of clearing. A clearing of the steady downpour would undoubtedly result in slowing up the battle.

Thourout Captured.

With the Allied Forces in Belgium, Oct. 15. (By The Associated Press.)—The Belgian town of Thourout was captured by the Allies.

Thourout was an important strategic position and a vital transportation

## KAISER IS DOOMED FEELING IN LONDON

**The Only Question Now Is When Will He Go—Germans Are Publicly Discussing His Probable Abdication.**

(By Arthur S. Draper.) Special Cable to the N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

London, Oct. 15.—Sober and far-seeing observers consider two great things of moment: First, that the Allies made great use of their opportunities to use the German masses in their campaign to crush forever the system responsible for the war, and second, that the German people must be made to understand that the Allies don't demand their surrender simply to crush them the more easily.

The Kaiser is doomed. The only question now is when he will go. The Germans are publicly discussing the abdication of the Kaiser, as if it was the matter for early decision. The Liberal newspapers here refuse to discuss the Max Cabinet as a Liberal government.

They consider as unsatisfactory the

### German Submarine Bases Endangered

**Great Allied Drive in Flanders Forces Enemy To Retreat and Lose Valuable Ground and Towns Which Protected His U-Boat Bases on Belgian Coast.**

(By The Associated Press) and the French are demanding that their arms be served, and on various sectors they are meeting with success. In the Romagne sector further gains have been made by the Americans in the face of terrific artillery and machine gun fire and the natural defenses and great systems of wire entanglements which had to be negotiated. Bad weather has fallen over the sector, and the attack has been unable to give their usual brilliant assistance to the manoeuvres.

To the west the French are slowly closing in upon Rethel on their way to Mosieres, being only two miles distant from the town.

West of Grand Pre they have effected further crossings of the Aisne. About 800 Germans were made prisoners in this fighting.

Ostend Outflanked. In Flanders, the British have taken the important railway centre of Menin. Thourout has fallen, and the Thourout-Courtrai railroad has almost been won.

Numerous towns have been recaptured by the Allied forces and large numbers of prisoners have been taken. Many guns have also fallen into the hands of the Allies. The capture of Thourout completely outflanks the German submarine base at Ostend and brings the Allied troops within ten miles of Bruges, whence the railroad line runs northward to Zeebrugge, Germany's U-boat base on the North Sea.

Reports are to the effect that the Germans are withdrawing what is left of their forces in the north, both naval and military.

In Albania, the Italians have occupied the Austrian naval base of Durazzo on the Adriatic, while in Siberia the Allied forces are continuing to press the enemy troops north of Nish.

### BOY OF FOURTEEN KILLS ANOTHER

**Sensational Juvenile Tragedy Near Liverpool, N. S.**

Liverpool, Oct. 15.—A sensational shooting affair, resulted in one death near Liverpool, yesterday when a colored boy, Howard Harley, aged 7 or 8 years, was shot and killed by a white boy, Joseph Phelan, aged 14. It is alleged that young Harley and his brother were playing pitching stones, when along came Phelan and wanted to join in the fun. He took his turn at pitching and said to the Harley boy: "If you don't catch these stones, I'll shoot you." Harley missed the catch, whereupon Phelan fired his gun, killing the colored boy instantly.

The coroner's verdict was that the Harley boy came to his death by a gun in the hands of Phelan. At first there was an inclination not to have the matter enter the courts, but the colored population showed such feeling that the law took its usual course, and young Phelan who spent the night in jail comes up for a preliminary trial tomorrow.

### 4,000 CASES OF FLU IN NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, Oct. 15.—There are now according to official records, 4,000 cases of Spanish influenza in Nova Scotia and of these sixty have resulted in deaths. The situation is bad in certain localities of the province, Lockeport is in a very bad influenza condition.

### BLOW UP ZEP. BHEO.

London, Oct. 15.—The independent air force today bombed the Frescaty airbase and blew up a Zeppelin shed, according to an official announcement made here tonight.

Austrian General Hurt. Washington, Oct. 15.—A despatch from France today says the admiral

### WILSON NOTE TO PROLONG CONTEST, BUT ENDORSED

Winston Churchill, Minister of Munitions, Says It Suits All the Allies.

### BONAR LAW SAYS A STATEMENT UNWISE

Great Britain Expected To Demand Unconditional Surrender By Turks.

Manchester, Oct. 15.—Winston Spencer Churchill, British Minister of Munitions, in a speech here today, said that President Wilson's stern and formidable answer to Germany is wholeheartedly endorsed by all the Allied countries. The answer, Mr. Churchill declared, has tended to prolong the conflict, but there would be no relaxation of the Allied war effort.

London, Oct. 15.—(4 p.m.) By The Associated Press)—Andrew Bonar Law, government spokesman, in the House of Commons made the announcement in Parliament today that it would be very unwise for any of the Allied governments to make any statement on the terms likely to be imposed upon Germany before an armistice was granted.

London, Oct. 15.—Great Britain's reply to Turkey, the Evening News says it understands, will be a demand for unconditional surrender. The Turks will be required to negotiate an armistice with General Allenby, commander of the British forces in Palestine and Syria.

### KING GEORGE GIVES \$50,000 TO RED CROSS

His Majesty Cables Governor General, Making Appeal in Behalf of Further Relief Work.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—Announcement that His Majesty, King George, has contributed ten thousand pounds to Red Cross funds is made in the following cablegram received by His Excellency, the Governor General, from His Majesty:

York Cottage, Sandringham, Norfolk.

"On the occasion of 'Our Day,' 1918, I have much pleasure in congratulating the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John on the magnificent work which they, in conjunction, have achieved during more than four years of warfare, and in expressing the confident hope that their efforts may continue to receive from my people the financial support which they require. By personal observations in the United Kingdom and on the Western front, I am convinced that the co-operation with the medical services in the forces.

### RELIEVING SUFFERING.

In Flanders, France, Italy and Malta, in Palestine, Macedonia and Egypt, in Mesopotamia and East Africa, and in Russia, Rumania and Siberia, the joint societies have relieved the suffering, healed the sick and saved valuable lives for the services of the Empire in war and peace. They have also been able to give welcome assistance to our allies, and in making provision for the sick and wounded have not forgotten the prisoners of war, whose privations they have done much to alleviate. But it must be remembered that peace, even when declared, will not bring a cessation of the work of the hospital, and indeed the demand on the resources of the Red Cross must inevitably continue for some time after hostilities have ended. Impressed as I am by the vast obligations which must still fall on the joint societies, I have much pleasure in contributing the sum of £10,000."

### Train From St. John at 6.10 P. M. Is Derailed

Point du Chene Express Which Connects With Maritime at Moncton Wrecked Near Penobscus Station, But Luckily No Person Was Injured.

The express train which left the St. John Union Depot at 6.10 o'clock last evening for Point du Chene, connecting at Moncton with the west bound Maritime Express, was wrecked when she reached a point within a short distance of Penobscus station, where she was due at 7.48 after passing the down express train due in St. John at 9.30. The baggage car and first and second class cars were derailed, but luckily no person was injured. The track was torn up for a considerable distance.

The track was cleared before midnight by a wrecking crew sent out from the Moncton yards and the passengers were transferred to an extra train which conveyed them to Moncton so that they could reach their destinations without serious delay. There was no other delay to passenger traffic as all evening trains had passed before the wreck. There was slight delay to freight traffic, but it was not of consequence.

The derailed train was in charge of Conductor Willard Broad of Moncton.

Draw-Bar Caused It. Special to The Standard. Moncton, Oct. 15.—Express train No. 20 from St. John this evening was wrecked near Penobscus as the result of a drawbar of the baggage car dropping on the track, derailing the baggage car, the first and second class cars. The engine and express ton

### ITALIAN FORCES TAKE DURAZZO

They Storm Austro-Hungarian Positions on the Heights Before City and Capture Albanian Stronghold Noted in History.

Rome, Oct. 15.—Italian forces in Albania after storming the Austro-Hungarian positions on the heights in front of Durazzo penetrated the city yesterday morning, taking prisoners and capturing war material, the Italian war office announced today.

The Italian statement says: "Albania-Durazzo is in our possession. After having forced on the afternoon of October 13 the enemy's defenses on the heights of Paljama and Sasso Bianco Italian troops on the morning of October 14 penetrated the city capturing prisoners and material. "More to the east our columns advancing from Elbasan along the Tirana having overcome on October 15 lively resistance of hostile rear guards in Kraba Pass, again are continuing their march toward their objectives." Vienna, Oct. 15, via London.—The occupation of Durazzo by the Italians is admitted in the official statement issued by the war office tonight. The statement says: "Durazzo has been evacuated and occupied by the Italians."

### EX-POLICE CHIEF OF AMHERST CAPTURED

Alleged Embezzler, Justin F. Carter Arrested in Boston as Fugitive From Justice.

Boston, Oct. 15.—Justin F. Carter, former police chief of Amherst, N. S., charged with being a fugitive from justice from Canada, waived extradition rights today and was delivered to the Canadian authorities. Carter is charged with embezzlement of license fees. The British consul general in this city was the complainant.

FR. YOUNG'S CONDITION REMAINS CRITICAL

A special dispatch from Montreal to The Standard at an early hour this morning stated that the condition of Rev. Father J. V. Young, priest in charge of the Mission Church of St. John Baptist who was injured by a runaway automobile Thanksgiving Day, was unchanged. He is still in a critical condition, due mainly to internal injuries. He was a trifle better early yesterday morning and remains practically the same as then. Rev. Father H. E. Bennett, his assistant, who is in charge of the Mission church, is in daily communication with Montreal.