

British Have Entered Lille.

German Armies Retreating From Belgium.

Fresh Success in Palestine---Rumours of Kaiser's Abdication Credited in London---Bulgarians Raid Serbian Property.

WAR REVIEW.

Hostilities are proceeding without cessation, and as in days past the forces of the Allies are everywhere defeating the enemy. In Belgian Flanders the British, Belgians and French troops, under King Albert, are sweeping forward for further material gains in the process of driving the invaders from Belgium. On the front in France the British, French and Americans are hard after the Germans, and are making progress, although slowly, notwithstanding the strenuous defence that is being offered. In Albania the Entente troops are well to the north of Durazzo on the Adriatic Sea, and in Serbia a considerable distance beyond Nish, with the enemy falling back toward the frontier of Austria-Hungary. In the Palestine theatre the British cavalry has driven far to the north and northeast of Damascus, having reached Tripoli near the Mediterranean coast, forty-five miles north of Beirut, and some 25 miles north of Damascus. In Flanders, Thourout, at the head of the railway leading to Bruges, and numerous villages to the south have been taken, while Courtrai, the junction point of the railway to Ghent, is almost entirely surrounded. Large numbers of prisoners and many additional guns have been captured by the British, Belgian and French troops, who are carrying out the operations. To the south of this region the Germans are continuing to withdraw, closely followed by the British, who are within two and a half miles and three and three-quarter miles of Lille, respectively, southwest and west of the city. In the Champagne region, where the French and Americans are driving their way northward, Reims, the important junction point for the railways running to Meuse and other points inside the enemy-held territory are all but captured by the French. Eastward the Americans also have again pressed slightly forward.

GETTING OUT OF BELGIUM.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN BELGIUM, Oct. 16.—The Germans have started a retreat on a tremendous scale from Northern Belgium. French cavalry is approaching Thiel, seven miles from the banks of the Ghent-Bruges canal. So fast is the

enemy retreating that the French, British and Belgian infantry, at least in the centre of the battlefield, have lost touch with the enemy.

IN THE SUBURBS OF LILLE.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—British patrols entered the southern suburbs of Lille this morning.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The British forces in the sector between Douai and Lille have made further gains all along the front, and have driven their line to within about two and a half miles southwest and three and three-quarter miles west of Lille, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication, issued to-night.

GERMAN RIGHT WING THREAT ENDED.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—The German extreme right wing is being threatened more and more as the Allied wedge in Flanders is driven deeper. The enemy resistance seems to be slackening in Flanders, and it is believed here that important results may be seen within a few days. Already the advance of the Allies is from two and one-half to five miles on a thirty-mile front. On the right the British hold Menin and Werwicq, and have Courtrai almost within their grasp. The evacuation of the great industrial centre of Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing seems inevitable. As the result of this gain on the left the Belgians are approaching Thourout, only 12 miles from Bruges, and within 20 miles of the Dutch frontier. There are signs that the Germans realize the days of their occupation of Belgium are numbered. They already have begun the work of destruction in western Belgium. According to information reaching Paris the Germans are preparing to get out of Bruges and Ghent and even Brussels.

SUCCESSES REPORTED.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN BELGIUM, Oct. 16.—There are many signs that the Germans are planning a further withdrawal in the face of the steady pressure of the Allies. Great streams of enemy traffic began moving last night and continued to-

day on the roads around Courtrai and Harlebeke and on the railways, running northeast. Trench mortars and direct machine gun fire are seriously hampering the enemy transport in its attempt to get the material away through the mud. The German withdrawal continues in the Lille sector but slowly. In the southern battle area there has been fighting of a minor character. More civilians have been rescued from towns especially from Hussy. The Allied armies resumed their attack in Flanders this morning and made further notable advances. The clearing weather aided in the offensive. The cavalry operating well in advance is now half way to Thiel and Pithem. The Belgians stormed and took the town of Bousbecque east of Worwicq, and are now fighting in the streets of Hatun south of Menin. They have reached the outskirts of Harlebeke and have captured Lichtervelde. There was heavy resistance at Licht-Ervelde, but this was overcome and the Allies are now beyond the town.

THE GERMAN ADMISSION.

BERLIN, via London, Oct. 16.—The German forces in northern France have withdrawn their lines somewhat in the district west and south west of Lille, army headquarters announced to-day.

AUSTRIA'S TROUBLES.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—Despatches report that the Government has spread to Moravia, and that there has been fighting at Brunn, the capital of Olmutz and Skoda, the latter the seat of the big Austrian gun plant, where work is said to have been suspended. Machine guns, it is added, have been posted in the principal streets of Prague, and artillery has been put into position likewise. The population, it is declared, is in no wise intimidated, however, and there is reason to believe that the people have arms. It is even reported that fighting is now going on in Prague.

TRIPOLI AND HOMS OCCUPIED.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—British cavalry has occupied Tripoli 45 miles north of Beirut and Homs about 85 miles north of Damascus according to an official statement on operations in Palestine issued to-night.

ADVANCING IN ALBANIA.

ROME, Oct. 16.—Italian troops advancing in Albania on Monday occupied Tirana, seventeen miles northwest of Elbacan, the Italian War Office announced to-day.

BULGARS VIOLATING ARMISTICE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Advancing northward from Nish, Serbian troops on a wide front have captured the heights dominating both banks of the Southern Moravia, taking 44 field guns, a Serbian official statement reaching here to-day says. In the capture of Nish a large amount of war material was seized. Serbian detachments operating in the Kriva Palanka region report, the statement says, that contrary to the stipulations of the armistice, the fourth Bulgarian division carried off into Bulgaria approximately 2,700 sheep, 4,000 horses, 1,300 oxen, 1,020 mules and 1,500 wagons, and says a Bulgarian captain ordered the storehouse of grain at Stratain to be burned and the cattle belonging to the population taken to Bulgaria. The Serbian cavalry in an advance in the direction of Kurshamilla and Prokuplizza have taken numerous prisoners from three new German divisions and four 15-centimetre howitzers and two field guns.

CIVILIANS LIBERATED.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Twelve hundred civilians were found in the city of Roulers when the British and French reached the place on Monday, according to the M.A.'s correspondent at British headquarters. They have been living a more or less normal life there during the German occupation of the city. The correspondent says that it was noticeable that the Germans had put signs and notices in the Flemish language which may be an indication of the announced German intention to set up a separate Flemish kingdom.

POLISH ARMY REORGANIZED.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The British government has recognized the Polish national army as au-

tonomous allied and co-belligerent according to an official announcement to-night.

NOT DISPOSED TO REJECT THE RUMOURS.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The British Foreign Office stated this evening that it had no official confirmation of the rumours that the German Emperor had abdicated, but that opinion in well informed circles was not disposed to reject these rumours.

TIMES BULLETIN.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The New York Times has posted on its bulletin board the following bulletin: The Hague, Oct. 16.—The New York Times correspondent can state authoritatively that Germany's answer, which is expected this afternoon will be that Germany accepts President Wilson's terms, but on the condition that Germany's interests and those of the German people are guaranteed.

THE GAZETTE'S OPINION.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 16.—The semi-official North German Gazette of Berlin says President Wilson's reply has partly carried the discussion farther and partly extended it. A fresh counter utterance by the German government therefore is necessary so that the bringing about of an armistice and the inauguration of peace negotiations are not yet immediately attainable.

NO LOOPHOLE TO ESCAPE.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Ex-premier Asquith in a speech to-day referred to President Wilson's note in reply to the peace proposals of Germany saying the reply which President Wilson has given to Germany is exactly what was required. It is terse, dignified and outspoken and goes to the root of the matter, it leaves no loop hole to escape.

GAINS BY BRITISH.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Gains of ground by British patrols during last night in the Douai-Lille sector are reported by Field Marshal Haig, in his official statement to-day.

AMERICANS ADVANCING.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Substantial gains on both sides of the Meuse against stubborn resistance by a reinforced enemy, was reported to-day by General Pershing in his communication for Tuesday.

WILSON'S REPLY CREATES PANIC.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—President Wilson's reply to the German peace note produced a most unfavorable impression in Berlin says a Central News despatch from Amsterdam to-day. The publication of the reply, it adds, was followed by a panic in Berlin banking circles and on the Stock Exchange. The German Supreme Command, the advices state, will come to Berlin at the end of the present week to deliberate on mobilization and concentration of the national strength and the raising of the military age.

HSH SHI CHANG INAUGURATED.

PEKING, Oct. 16.—(By the A. P.)—Hsu Shi Chang was inaugurated President to-day in the presence of members of the cabinet and of the Parliament. A reception followed, at which members of the diplomatic corps tendered their congratulations. The press was not represented at the reception.

TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.

MOOSE LAKE, Minn., Oct. 16.—The total number of victims of the most fearful forest fire in the history of the northwest may be more than 1,000. Already rescuers have found at least 800 bodies. Because of relief suspended temporarily their work of checking the death list. The fires of the past 18 hours have seemingly claimed very few if any victims.

MR. ASQUITH SPEAKS.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—We cannot imperil the ascendancy we have gained on sea and land or give breathing time to an enemy who could not be trusted to observe either the rules of honor or humanity said Hon. Mr. Asquith and the main

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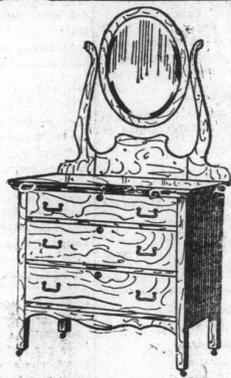
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objective of the Allies was to destroy Prussian militarism. There is no one in the civilized world who does not feel that the doom of war is sealed he added. Mr. Asquith declared that the overtures of the enemy came from people who know in their heart of hearts that they would have to give up the game. The reply must come from the German people themselves. He said there was no one better qualified than President Wilson to be the spokesman for the common cause.

TROUBLE IN PRAGUE.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—A despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says that in Prague the streets from the suburbs to city proper are occupied by troops armed with hand grenades and machine guns in consequence of a threat of the Czechs to call a general strike. Throughout Bohemia the despatch adds that pamphlets have been circulated bearing that a Czech republic will be proclaimed shortly.

"FIRST CLASS MAIL."

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Douglas Fairbanks came over from Washington to-day in an airplane, as "first class mail," to sell \$1,000,000 worth of Liberty Bonds to match a subscription for the same amount by Bernard Baruch, Chairman of the War Industries Board. He got the million from Pink Fish, of the firm of Harvey, Fish and Sons. It was Mr. Fish's

SUBSCRIPTIONS BELOW ANTICIPATION.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 16.—In the face of figures still showing the fourth liberty loan only a little more than half raised up to \$3,369,504,500. The chief source of hope tonight lay in assurances of campaign manager for each of the twelve districts that their respective fields would prove up when final returns are counted.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETS EXAMPLE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The New York Stock Exchange for the first time in its history to-day pledged its credit for public purposes by borrowing \$1,000,000 to back up President Wilson by buying bonds. In establishing this precedent Governors of the Exchange expressed the hope that they had set an example for similar institutions throughout the country.

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