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FRENCH TAKE THIELT TOWN AND PASS ON

Important Point in Belgian Flanders Has Been Captured.

RESISTING STRONGLY

Germans Fight Hard on Ground Between Bruges and Cambrai.

London, Oct. 18.—The French have captured the town of Thielt, in Belgian Flanders, west of Ghent, and have passed on 2000 yards east of the town.

The enemy is still resisting strongly between Bruges and Cambrai, but is retiring slowly northeast of La Fere.

TWENTY-MILE ADVANCE UPON FRONT OF THIRTY

Allies Achieve Further Big Gains in Belgium, British Occupying West Bank of Lys, Above Courtrai, and Crossing Below It—Big Success on the Oise.

Paris, Oct. 18.—In the region of the Oise along the Champagne and in Belgian Flanders, the French troops everywhere have made further progress, according to the French official communication issued tonight.

To the west of the Oise the troops of the first army resumed this morning their pressure from the Forest of Andigny to the river. These valliant troops, which for more than a month have not ceased fighting the enemy powerfully fortified, have won again today further successes.

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GREATEST ALLIED GAIN MADE EAST OF DOUAL

British Have Sliced Off Substantial Area of Fast-Disappearing Lille Salient.

British Army Headquarters in France, Oct. 18.—Once more have the Germans been forced out of wide stretches of land all the way from the North Sea to the region east of St Quentin in France.

The greatest allied gains of today seem to have been made east of Douai, where the British have sliced off a substantial area east of the disappearing Lille salient.

Reports received from here indicate that the British, in their forward rush, have reached positions close to the junction of the Seneze River and the L'Escaut Canal, north of Cambrai, and gained ground about five miles east of Douai.

Steadily but not without some difficulty, the battle line is being straightened, and the Lille salient shortly should be obliterated.

East of Le Cateau and the Seneze River, the British and Americans continue attacking. They fought all day today against stubborn resistance, which in all cases was overcome. The British are driving east astride the Le Cateau-Chatillon road and have taken Basuel, 3000 yards east of Le Cateau, by assault.

The Germans are fighting with the greatest desperation here and along the battle front southward to prevent the retreat that is going on northward.

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City Grant to Catholic Huts Illegal and Cannot Be Paid

Chief Justice Meredith Quashes Resolution Giving \$15,000 to Be Paid From Next Year's Taxes--Salary Increases May Be Affected.

The grant of \$15,000 made by the Toronto city council to the Catholic Army Huts is illegal, and the money cannot be paid, according to Chief Justice R. M. Meredith, who at Osgoode Hall yesterday gave judgment quashing the resolution of the city council authorizing the grant.

The judgment, which is quite lengthy, goes into extensive details of the motion, made on behalf of Albert William Homan, asking for an injunction to restrain the city council from making the grant. The application is granted, with costs to Mr. Homan if he asks for them, on the ground that it is illegal for the city council of this year to make a grant when the money was to be paid from the taxes of 1919.

The chief justice states that the grant "is bad on the face of it. They have not the power to grant money out of next year's taxes."

T. R. Ferguson made the application on behalf of Homan, and I. S. Fairly appeared for the city. The effect of this judgment, in the opinion of legal authorities, is that the increases in salaries granted to civic employes will be cancelled, because those increases also were to be paid out of next year's taxes.

THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN BY AMERICANS

Washington, Oct. 18.—Capture by the Americans of 1000 additional prisoners in the fighting west of the Meuse was reported in General Pershing's communique for yesterday, received today at the war department. There was severe fighting on the entire front of General Liggett's 1st army.

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TWO INSPECTORS WILL BE RETIRED

Mulhall and Verney Ordered to Leave Toronto Police Force.

OTHER POLICEMEN ALSO G. W. V. A. Military Authorities Censured in Report on August Riots.

The report of the board of police commissioners to Judge Winchester, Col. Denison and Mayor Church—on their investigation into the August riots in Toronto was handed to the newspapers late last night. It is signed by Mayor Church as chairman of the board.

Inspector John Mulhall and Inspector James B. Verney are ordered to be retired on Jan. 1, 1919. Patrol Sergeant Curran is retired on the same date, and Constable Gordon Ellis is ordered to find other employment.

Mulhall was found to be negligent for not protecting the Sunnyside Cafe, and Verney did not act as an inspector is expected to act when informed that there were riots in his division.

Curran struck too many men with his baton on the second night of the riots, and Ellis isn't suited for the police force anyway.

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HAVEN OF SAFETY SOUGHT TO ESCAPE ANNIHILATION

AMERICANS SPRING SURPRISE Infantry Advances North of Romagne and Takes Bantheville Without Artillery Preparation.

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 18.—The Americans spring another surprise upon the Germans today, the infantry advancing north of Romagne, and taking Bantheville, without artillery preparation.

The Americans pushed the German infantry and machine gunners back after fighting that lasted all day. Northwest of Grand Pre the Americans captured Talma farm in the face of a stiff machine gun resistance. There was much fighting at close quarters throughout the day.

The second British army is also progressing south of the Lys and at several points has crossed the railway running from Courtrai to Mouscron. In the evening it occupied the towns of Roubaix and Turcoing.

Southward of the Lys, the country is intact and very well cultivated, and there are very many inhabitants. The Germans, however, took with them a great number of men below the age of 40.

Turcoing and Roubaix are intact. There are 60,000 inhabitants at Turcoing and 65,000 at Roubaix. The municipal administrations have been taken over and there is sufficient food supply for 15 days. Several stations, bridges and ammunition depots had been mined.

The following Belgian official communication was issued tonight: "The main feature of the day was the vigorous resistance of the enemy on the front of Bruges, Oostcamp, Wyngene, Thielt and Oostroabeke. We have nevertheless broken that resistance east of Oostcamp between Wyngene and Thielt and east of Oostroabeke."

Southwest of Bruges the Belgian army realized an important advance. At several points it crossed the canal running from Bruges to Ostend and is progressing northward. Belgian infantry has occupied Ostend and has reached the outskirts of Bruges.

In Syria the British are not offering any opposition to the Turkish advance on Aleppo. It is reported that a force of 12,000 Turkish soldiers is being concentrated at Aleppo under General Limpit von Sueders.

British forces already are north of Homs, 100 miles south of Aleppo. The British are making good progress in repairing the railways in the country they have overrun in the last few months.

MOTORING ON SUNDAY IS AGAIN RESTORED Ottawa, Oct. 18.—It has now been decided that next Sunday, October 20, need not be observed as a gasless day in Canada.

NOT YET IN BERLIN. Official Text of President Wilson's Reply Lingers on Way.

Basle, Switzerland, Oct. 18.—The official text of President Wilson's reply to the German peace proposals has not yet reached Berlin, according to The Frankfort Gazette.

SATURDAY A BIG HAT DAY AT DINEENS. A man is usually tempted to purchase what he requires on Saturday. The merchants generally make that day a special one for his benefit by having some tempting designs in men's goods.

The Dineen Co. have gone some distance for this Saturday and have imported splendid new shapes in soft and stiff felts and superb silk hats, as well as motor and golf hats and caps.

It is advisable to buy today. Next shipment may be higher. For today only a special line of Soft Hats at \$2.00—colours, greens, grays, browns and blacks. Also the usual Bargain Sale in the Basement all day Saturday. Men's Odd Hats, \$1.95. Come during the day. Store closes at 6.

Lieutenant-Governor LeBlanc Of Quebec Died Last Night. Quebec, Oct. 18.—Lieut.-Gov. LeBlanc, of Quebec, died tonight.

BACK IN BRUGES. King and Queen of the Belgians Enter Recaptured City. Paris, Oct. 18.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium entered Bruges at 10 o'clock this morning.

NO BEER WHATEVER TO BE BREWED IN U. S. Washington, Oct. 18.—Not even the so-called Kruezen, or new beer for carbonating old beer, will be brewed after Dec. 1, under a ruling announced today by Food Administrator Hoover and Fuel Administrator Garrison. Brewers had asked that they be allowed to brew new beer for this purpose after the date fixed by the president for all brewing to cease.

ROUBAIX AND TURCOING ARE TAKEN BY BRITISH Belgian Army Again Breaks German Resistance on Front From Bruges to Oostroabeke, Cutting Canal From Ostend.

Twice as Anxious to Leave As to Get in Four Years Ago Germans Show Wonderful Speed in Getting Out of Belgium--People Go Wild With Joy in Liberated Towns.

With the Allied armies in Belgium, Oct. 18.—The speed with which the German armies are retreating from Belgium and northern France makes it appear that they are twice as anxious to get out now as they were to get in four years ago. The country, freed from the Germans, today is wild with joy.

In Lille the population celebrated throughout last night, shooting off fireworks and dancing in the streets, while whole streams of old and young women and elderly men paraded around arm in arm singing the Marseillaise. The soldiers and officers were smothered with kisses, and babies by the score were held up to be kissed by the British soldiers.

Every street in the city, which shows no outward signs of war, was bedecked with the colors of the allies, especially with the British Union Jack, on which was written: "Glory to our liberators." The citizens explained that they had kept the flags well hidden in their houses especially for this occasion, for which they had been waiting four years and were certain would come sooner or later.

Flowers plucked from nearby fields, and roses from gardens were thrown and pressed upon every man wearing the British uniform. The fighting British troops did not sweep thru the city, but passed on either side of it in hot pursuit of the Germans, the rest of whom cleared out at six o'clock yesterday morning, after blowing up the bridges on the other side of the town. This was a useless proceeding, because the British troops did not need them. They went outside the city because they had no desire to give the Germans the slightest excuse for bombarding it after they were forced to leave.

Scenes similar to those in Lille were repeated everywhere over the vast stretches of territory wrested from the Germans. All the roads in the rear now contain the familiar carts of refugees, on which are the usual household goods and babies, but these wagons looked strange. The men, women and children with them are laughing and smiling as they hurry to get back to their homes. The last time they traveled these roads they were going in the other direction, fleeing in terror from the enemy.

Many of these refugees, living in a zone scared by war, will not find their homes intact, for they will find only wrecked and fire-scarred skeletons, but there are many more who will find their homes intact, for the fighting allied armies almost everywhere on this front have been long in what is referred to in the official reports as "in the blue," where there has been no war since the Germans swept thru so rapidly four years ago.

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