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CITY AFTER CITY FALLS IN ALLIES VICTORIOUS ADVANCE

Northern France Almost Entirely Cleared of Enemy Who Now Seeing Defeat Near Seeks to Obtain Peace

Tuesday

Over a front of twenty miles between Cambrai and St. Quentin the British American and French troops started a mighty drive on Tuesday which in its initial stage has thrown the enemy back from highly prized tactical positions to a depth of from two to five miles. Numerous towns have been captured and seemingly all the great defensive positions of the enemy in this region have been obliterated. Large numbers of prisoners have been captured. In addition terrible casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

Northeast of Berry-au-Bac the French have driven their line to the junction of the Aisne and Sappe rivers placing the Germans' front around Laon and eastward in greater jeopardy. In Champagne General Gouraud's forces have increased their gains all the way eastward to the region of the Argonne Forest while on the eastern side of the forest the Americans have improved their battle front along the Aisne valley.

In Macedonia the Italians and Serbs are still forcing the enemy through Albania and in Serbia while in Palestine the British have driven the Turks more than thirty miles north of Damascus.

A despatch from Athens dated Sunday says: "The governor of Smyrna has sent to Mytilene three delegates a Greek an Englishman and a Turk, to enter into peace parleys."

Wednesday

The city of Cambrai has been captured by the British. There and elsewhere 8,000 prisoners were taken in yesterday's fighting.

The Anglo-American attack was resumed this morning on the entire front south of Cambrai. Field Marshal Haig reported today. Rapid progress was being made.

Last night additional progress was made east of Sequehart and towards Bohain and Marets.

South of Cambrai the British captured Frenville and reached the western outskirts of Waincourt.

(By the Associated Press)—Heavy fighting continued throughout the night on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front and the British and Americans continued their progress of Tuesday under a heavy protective fire from the British artillery. The defeated enemy was almost smothered under the great deluge of steel and explosives.

A large number of guns have been captured by the British and Americans in addition to the great batches of prisoners which continue to arrive at the cages. The American troops alone captured two complete field batteries and a battery of heavy artillery.

German reinforcements have arrived, but as these troops have been engaged several times recently their presence merely adds to the confusion in the enemy ranks.

Throughout Tuesday and last night the British had complete control of the air. Roads, barracks, massed troops and batteries behind the German lines all were targets for the busy British bombing airplanes.

French troops attacking last night south and east of St. Quentin captured the German defences between Harly and Neuville-St. Amand and drove past the latter town on the north.

Attempts by the Germans to recapture the position gained yesterday by the French north of the Arnes were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

Thursday

German troops today are counter-attacking very heavily on the Sappe River front in the Champagne and the French have not been able to make very much progress.

General J. M. C. Malletero the military critic for the Temps has written a letter from the front saying that the German high command is hoping to save their.

"An armistice even with the obligation to evacuate invaded territory and Alsace-Lorraine" he continues "would allow the German command to withdraw its armies in security to a distance sufficient to give time to reform the ranks in preparation for the moment when Berlin will denounce the Allies' conditions as possible."

The German armies are in full flight before the British American and French forces on the front between Cambrai and St. Quentin. North of Cambrai the Canadians have deeply penetrated the German line. Out in the open east of what once was the old Hindenberg line cavalry are hunting the retreating foe in what actually amounts to a rout.

In fighting twenty-three German

divisions—more than a quarter of a million—have been severely handled. The maximum depth of the advance is between eight and ten miles. The Germans are declared to be fleeing to the east of Lo Cateau.

Behind them the Germans are leaving the country devastated; burning towns and villages as they flee.

Strong resistance also is being imposed by the Germans against further advance by the French and Americans in Champagne and east of the Argonne Forest. Along the Sappe river the fighting is furious but the French have been able to make further crossings of the stream. St. Etienne has changed hands several times in bitter combat.

West of the Argonne Forest the Americans have driven their line forward to the region of Comoy on the Aire river; where they have effected a junction with the French troops; and seemingly the Argonne Forest soon will be in allied hands. On the eastern side of the Meuse the Americans have advanced and taken several small villages and also straightened out their line which was being enfiladed by the German guns from the east.

Further progress was made by the British last night towards the northern part of the present battlefront to the east of Cambrai. Fighting is going on southeast of Cambrai on both sides of Cauchy; Field Marshal Haig reported today. The British are now within two miles of Le Cateau. Sallaumines and Noyelles have been captured.

Between Lens and the Scarpe the British also are advancing and are in touch with the Germans to the west of the line of Vitry-en-Artois; Aschry-Equarchin and Rouvroy.

French troops advancing east of the St. Quentin-Locateau railroad have captured Etaves Wood and Bocquiaux village and further south have taken Marcy and reached Fontaine Notre Dame as well as Fossefontaine; it is officially announced.

Le Cateau, the important junction point twelve miles southeast of Cambrai; was in British possession Thursday night.

The German retreat which is over a front of about 35 miles; from the south of Douai to the region east of St. Quentin; has left in the hands of the Allies; in addition to the towns taken; valuable lines of communication and strategic positions of high importance.

The Americans continue slowly to advance up the eastern side of the Meuse; while west of the river; in conjunction with the operations of the French they have all but obliterated the great Argonne forest as an enemy defence position. To the west of the forest in the Aisne Valley and still further westward; the French also have made further gains.

Both in the Macedonia theatre and in Palestine the Allied forces are pressing the enemy hard. Albania is fast being cleared of the Austro-Hungarian troops; while in Serbia the enemy is nearing Nish; harassed by the Serbian. At last accounts General Allenby is still driving the Ottoman troops northward in Palestine.

The American transport S.S. Otranto struck the rocks Sunday night south of Milgo Bay; Islay Island; an uninhabited section where the coast line in many places rises straight out of the water of the rocky peaks many feet above after she had been jammed by the Kashmir.

Two hundred and ninety-five American soldiers from the transport Otranto and 236 of the crew have been accounted for; but the fate of nearly 500 more of the ship's company; who were aboard the stricken transport when she drifted ashore is still unrevealed. In the hope of succoring those who succeeded in fighting their way ashore through the raging surf; a party of eight; including physicians; left an Irish port for a point further north; whence they embarked on Islay Island carrying clothing; medical and other supplies furnished by the American Red Cross. It will be a day or two perhaps before news is received of the outcome of the mission.

Friday

French troops today; crossed the Aisne east of Ceully; southeast of Laon; and drove the enemy northward. The French have gained ground north of Berry-au-Bac; and have taken prisoners.

In the Champagne sector the Germans have begun a retreat toward the Aisne river. French forces have crossed the Aisne at Tennes; which they hold; and have occupied the station at Grand-Prie; whose numerous prisoners were taken.

Italian troops have reached post-

tions south of Courtecon; on the Chemin Des Dames; which the French hold as far as the Height of Cerny-en-Laonnois.

In the Champagne the French have gained a footing at several points on the north bank of the River Sappe between St. Etienne and Boul-sur-Sappe; as well as at Warnerville; Vandevre and St. Masmes.

Further to the east we are pushing the enemy; who is in retreat. French infantry have captured Semide; Mont St. Martin; Corbon and Bietres.

American forces struck the German lines just east of the Argonne Forest today. They captured the villages of Sommerance; Cheviez and Marcy. The ridge of Deme Marie was stormed after hard fighting. More than one thousand prisoners were taken during the day. These include one colonel and two battalion staffs.

In the afternoon the American troops were in Marcy and Cheviers having taken the Lafolle Farm and the Richard Farm and advancing on the Negremont Woods; they have also captured Sommerance and had advanced north of the village.

The Germans are fighting east from their old battle positions from Douai to Le Fere and northward from La Fere to the Meuse River. From the south of Douai to the east of Laon the enemy everywhere is giving ground eastward. The famous Chemin Des Dames is being evacuated while in Champagne and along the Meuse River farther eastward the French and American troops are pushing further forward northward their lines in the great converging movement which is fast driving the enemy from Belgium and the greater portion of invaded France toward his own borders.

Douai now is completely outflanked while between Cambrai and St. Quentin the British and Americans are still chasing the enemy. To the south of St. Quentin the French over a wide front have crossed the Oise River; and are forcing the Germans to give up the great St. Gobain Forest; the bastion at the bend of the line where it turns eastward; and also the stronghold of Laon; the keystone of the entire southern line.

East of Rheims; the Sappe River has been crossed by the French at numerous places. West of the Argonne Forest the enemy is in full retreat.

Saturday

British forces last night continued their advance in the direction of Douai. The villages of Hamel; Brebieres and Cuiency have been captured.

Further north the British have pushed to the east of Hemm-Listard northwest of Douai and they are in the environs of Enney.

The enemy Friday began an attempt to slow up the Anglo-American advance on the main battlefront. All the bridges across the River Selle from Locateau southward were blown up and the Germans seem to have been digging in furiously along the line of the high ground some two thousand to four thousand yards east of the river.

Continued progress was made Friday night by the French troops along the entire Champagne front; the war office announces today. The French have penetrated the important railway town of Vouziers. This morning the French were holding the general line of the Retourne and the road from Favires to Vouziers.

Cavalry joined in the pursuit of the Germans by the French army today; being the first to enter Lauenville. The advance on the eastern part of the battlefront was much accelerated; the French and American troops at some points gaining about seven miles. The Americans; notwithstanding a heavy bombardment of the region with mustard gas shells; took Macaure.

French troops advanced to the river Retroume over most of its length; and took Savigny-sur-Aisne; only two and a half miles south of Vouziers; which is in flames. Vouziers and Gulse; as well as all of the villages south of Laon; are in flames.

Sunday

Laon, the last of the group of natural obstacles forming the keystone of the German defence in France, has been taken without a fight.

The German stronghold of La Fere, together with a great part of the St. Gobain Massif of which La Fere was a northerly outpost at the Oise, had been captured by the French. The La Fere-Laon Railway line has been crossed on the high ground between Dantzy and Versagny, about 2 1/2 miles east of La Fere. The northern and eastern sections of La Fere are burning.

Notable progress has been made by the Italians and French along the line to the east, where the French have reached Amfortaine, which is fifteen miles north of Rheims.

Nich, the capital of Serbia has been occupied by Entente forces.

Monday

French troops have captured the town of Roulers, in Belgian Flanders and also 2,500 prisoners.

Mrs. James Donovan has returned from a visit to her daughter Mrs. Ernest Ryan, Fredericton.

Mr. James McCabe spent Thanks giving with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McCabe.

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