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# IMPORTANT RAILWAY TOWNS TAKEN BY SUCCESSFUL FLANDERS ADVANCE

## BRITISH HAVE TAKEN MENIN IN THEIR FLANDERS ADVANCE

Northeast of Lens They Reach Neighborhood of Haubourdin—Good News From Along the Whole of the Western Front.

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

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.

Big Drive is On. Since Sunday morning eight of the German front line divisions in Flanders have been flung back broken and confused while probably all or most of the divisions held in reserve behind them received a heavy grueling. This apparently has not been a battle of limited objectives but rather a drive, and where towns resisted at all strongly the line has pushed on, closing again beyond and leaving clearances for the number of prisoners and guns already announced as captured.

Prisoners and War Material Taken by Allies in Albanian Adriatic Seaport.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Italian troops have occupied Durazzo, the Albanian port at which British and Italian naval forces recently raided and destroyed the important Austrian naval base. A despatch to the Italian embassy from Rome today announcing the occupation, says the Italians, forcing their way thru enemy defenses on the hills of Palisamb and Sasso Rosso, entered the city yesterday morning, capturing prisoners and material.

Exit of Durazzo Italian Columns, Advancing from El Bassan Sunday, Overcame Stubborn Resistance of Enemy Resolute at Kraba Pass and Continued their March.

NOT WISE FOR ALLIES TO STATE PEACE TERMS

London, Oct. 15.—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 to be imposed on Germany before an armistice was granted.

ALLIES WILL CONSTRUCT GREAT AERIAL FLEET

Conferees at Paris Reach Agreement to Carry Out Joint Program to Limit.

Washington, Oct. 15.—An agreement under which the aircraft resources of the allied countries and the United States are to be developed in carrying out a joint program, was arrived at during the visit to England and France of Assistant Secretary John H. Ryan, head of the Army Aircraft Division. Details of the plan may not be disclosed, but Mr. Ryan said today it contemplated joint efforts both in aircraft production and in the operation of the machines in battle.

WILSON'S REPLY TENDS TO PROLONG CONFLICT

## DOUAI VIRTUALLY IS TAKEN VALENCIENNES THREATENED

Denain is Only a Few Kilometres Distant, and British Are Advancing Rapidly.

Paris, Oct. 15.—Summing up the situation on the British front, The Echo de Paris says that Douai virtually has been taken, that Valenciennes is very much threatened, and Denain only a few kilometres distant.

To give an idea of the German losses in Champagne, The Petit Parisien quotes the evidence of an enemy prisoner, who said that the 406th Infantry Regiment, while engaged in battle on October 1, was decimated. Two companies in two battalions, according to the prisoner, were reduced to 30 men, and two other supporting battalions suffered heavily from artillery and airplanes. Despite these losses, the prisoner said, the regiment was ordered to counter-attack.

LUXEMBURG BEGS U. S. TO PROTECT RIGHTS

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—According to The Bremen Weiser Zeitung, the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies has unanimously adopted an order of the day begging President Wilson to protect Luxembourg's rights. The order demanded that the government should obtain the evacuation of the country and the liberation of all nationals of Luxembourg condemned by the German military courts.

SERBIANS CAPTURE FIFTY MORE GUNS

Allies Take Many Prisoners From Germans in Balkans.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Advancing northward from Nish, Serbian troops on a wide front have taken 44 field guns, a Serbian official statement reaching here today said. In the capture of Nish a large amount of war material was seized.

MAXIMILIAN EXPLAINS PAN-GERMAN LETTER

Basle, Switzerland, Oct. 15.—Prince Maximilian of Baden, the German Imperial chancellor, according to reports here, has made a statement to the party leaders in the reichstag concerning his famous letter to President Prince Alexander of Hohenlohe, which showed that Prince Maximilian was reactionary in his political attitude, and was a firm supporter of the German reigning family, and the pan-Germans.

FIFTY OTTAWA DEATHS IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—Deaths resulting from influenza and pneumonia epidemic in the capital numbered fifty in the twenty-four hour period ended Tuesday noon. Government officials will close at four o'clock every afternoon for the balance of the week.

BRITISH AERIAL RAIDERS WRECK ZEPPELIN SHED

London, Oct. 15.—The independent air force today bombed the Freesday airfield and blew up a zeppelin shed according to an official announcement made public tonight.

## FIFTY GUNS CAPTURED BY GEN. PLUMER'S ARMY

British Headquarters, Oct. 15.—The allied drive in Flanders is proceeding. The line from which the troops under the command of King Albert started this morning ran two thousand yards beyond Roulers eastward to Batavia, and across the canal at Bruenbrug. The German army suffered heavily yesterday, twenty machines being brought down.

## U-BOAT WAR TO REACH CLIMAX NEXT WINTER

Amsterdam, Oct. 15.—There is good reason to believe that the German submarine warfare will reach a climax during the winter, according to The Fthenish Westphalian Gazette, which says that it will produce an economic centre of unanticipated dimensions in entire countries.

## GERMANY TO FALL IN THREE MONTHS

Hindenburg Insisted on Peace Offer, Owing to Shortage of War Material.

Washington, Oct. 15.—It was Field Marshal Von Hindenburg himself and not the supposedly pacifist president, Prince Maximilian, who caused the German Government to accept President Wilson's peace terms and seek an armistice, according to advice which reached Washington today thru official sources by way of a neutral country.

Watch for the Viadoc Street Cars.

Seven Hundred Thousand British Losses This Year

New York, Oct. 15.—British casualties during the first 39 weeks of 1918 aggregate 700,000, according to a cablegram received by the British bureau of information here today. This does not include losses in the heavy fighting of the past two weeks.

## BRITAIN TO SUMMON TURKEY TO SURRENDER

Constantinople to Have to Negotiate Armistice With General Allenby.

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.

## TURKS MADE CABINET RESIGN BY THREATS

Paris, Oct. 15.—The political situation in Constantinople previous to the retirement of Enver Pasha and Talaat Pasha, as indicated in a despatch from the Turkish capital to The Figaro, was such that force was threatened unless the cabinet resigned and peace secured on any terms.

## NAVIGATION APPEAL DISMISSED

London, Oct. 15.—The privy council has dismissed the appeal of the British Columbia Express versus the Grand Trunk, concerning the navigation of the Fraser River.

## BELGIAN TOWN OF THOUROUT IS CAPTURED BY THE ALLIES

Important Strategic Position and Vital German Transportation Centre Falls After Heavy Fighting—More Than 10,000 Prisoners Already Taken.

### Official Belgian Report.

On the whole front the Franco-Belgians continue to advance. On the left the Belgians have progressed several kilometres to the north of the line of Handesene-Dortemack, reached yesterday. In the centre the French have taken the plateau of Hoogdele, Gits and Gitsberg.

French cavalry has crossed the Roulers-Thourout road and is advancing toward Lichtervelde. The Franco-Belgian troops have captured Winckelhoek and Lendelede and reached the Courtrai-Ingelmunster railway.

The British troops holding the Comines bridgehead have been fired upon heavily and have withdrawn a few hundred yards for the moment. Of the prisoners captured by the allied armies in Flanders yesterday more than 6000 were taken by the Belgians.

## AMERICANS FIGHT FORWARD WIDEN KRIEMHILDE BREACH

Further Important Advances French Troops North of Laon and in Champagne Make Gains With 800 Prisoners.

Paris, Oct. 15.—The French troops north of Laon and in Champagne have made further important advances against the Germans, according to the official communication issued tonight. The Grand Pre-Vouziers road in Champagne, west of Grand Pre, is now in the hands of the French. Eight hundred prisoners were taken in the day's fighting.

## SERBIANS SET FREE MORE OF COUNTRY

Paris, Oct. 15.—The following official statement was issued: "Eastern front, Oct. 15.—Serbian troops supported by French allies, continue to liberate their territory. Greek forces are taking part in these operations. The Serbians continue their occupation of eastern Macedonia, evacuated by the Bulgarians."

## TRANSPORT AMERICA SINKS AT HER PIER

Hoboken, N.J., Oct. 15.—The American transport America sank at her pier here this morning. It was reported that between 30 and 40 of the crew were drowned in the boiler-room. The troops on board were reported all to have been taken off safely.

## HILL TAKEN EARLY

The enemy began again his gas shelling to check the attack, which now was full seven with his Kriemhilde position or beyond it, but could not prevent the Americans from capturing Hill 242.

## AMERICANS FIGHT FORWARD WIDEN KRIEMHILDE BREACH

With the American Army North-west of Verdun, Oct. 15.—In the face of the most stubborn resistance conceivable, including literally hundreds of machine gun nests, the Americans advanced again today and widened the breach in the Kriemhilde line.

The Germans heavily shelled the centre and left centre of the American line, and desperate counter-attacks were carried out. These counter-attacks failed.

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