

# Courtrai Captured by British

## Also Ostend, Bruges, Lille and Douai.

### Belgian King and Queen in Ostend---Desperate Situation in Germany---Naval Contingent Lands at Ostend.

#### TWO MILE ADVANCE.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The attack by the British south of the Cateau to-day has resulted in an advance of two miles. The manoeuvre is still progressing.

#### LEAVING STRONG REARGUARDS.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE LILLE SECTOR, Oct. 17.—The Germans in the Lille sector are leaving strong rearguards in selected places in an effort to protect their fleeing comrades. These rearguards have orders to inflict the greatest number of casualties possible. Outflanking tactics are usually sufficient to clear up these strong points. The Germans on evacuating the Channel coast and submarine base of Ostend left behind them rearguards all of which were killed or captured. British warships landed forces in the town and Belgian aviators alighted in the place.

#### RETIREMENT WELL ORGANIZED.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, Oct. 17.—The German retirement appears to be methodical and well organized. How far or how fast it is going remains to be seen. Around Courtrai in the centre the enemy is fighting a strong delaying action so as to cover his flank. Belgian and French troops pivoting on Lombartzyde early to-day began to push steadily northward toward the Belgian coast. The Belgians in their rapid drive northward in Belgium have captured Ghent and have passed beyond that town. Belgian infantry is now less than six miles from Ostend. The Belgians are reported to be well west of Thiliet and to have reached a point east of Fittum. Cavalry patrols have pushed far forward in Belgium district. The Belgians are driving northward for the Ghent canal.

#### ATTEMPT ON TIZA'S LIFE.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.—As Count Stepan Tiza, the former Hungarian Premier, was leaving the Lower House of Parliament at Budapest, Wednesday, a youth approached him with a revolver, according to a despatch received here from the Hungarian capital. Count Tiza's chauffeur struck the would-be assassin down before he was able to fire.

#### NEW ATTACK ON WIDE FRONT.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 17.—In conjunction with the British First Army, the French attacked this morning over a wide front. The attack is progressing favourably.

#### TIDAL WAVE FOLLOWS EARTHQUAKE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Tidal waves, which followed the earthquake in Porto Rico, added to the death toll and devastation, the American Red Cross was advised to-day in cablegrams from San Juan. The city of Mayaguez, the third largest in the island, practically was destroyed by the rush of water, while the town of Aguadilla was badly damaged. Other towns on the western part of the island were damaged by the earth shocks, and the death list is placed at more than 100 with probably 400 injured. Hundreds of families are homeless, and the property loss is estimated at from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

valley extending northward at the entrance of which the Germans have fought so stubbornly. On the western side the French have advanced along the roads making possible a junction of the American first army and the French fourth army.

#### 4,000 GUNS CAPTURED.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The guns captured from the Germans by the British, French and Americans in the last three months, number 4,600. This represents one-fourth of all their artillery.

#### GERMANY'S SURRENDER PREDICTED.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Rumors relative to the course Germany may take towards replying to the note from President Wilson, form the main feature of the morning papers. Some are convinced that Germany's unconditional surrender is coming. Although the statement issued at the Foreign Office last night shows that yesterday's rumors were premature, extraordinary reports concerning international conditions in Germany are printed. Some newspapers take it for granted that Emperor William will abdicate. The Express claims to have trustworthy information to the effect that Germany's surrender is imminent, adding, "Information of an astonishing kind has reached England, indicating a desperate political position in Germany. This is even more serious than the military situation, and is responsible for the coming debacle. A great civil upheaval is beginning. The Socialists of Germany, fearing anarchy, are about to act, and desiring to save the country from Russia's experience with the Bolsheviks have prepared a scheme of Government to take the reins if, or when the Kaiser abdicates, in order that it may exercise an immediate, steady influence."

#### BELGIANS REJOICE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Great excitement was created in Antwerp when President Wilson's reply to the German peace note was received, according to an official despatch to-day from Amsterdam. The Belgian flag was hoisted on a house top in defiance of the Germans, and kept there for an hour. Belgian flags were kept flying all day in villages near Antwerp, Charleroi and Namur.

#### NEARING BRUGES.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN BELGIUM, Oct. 17.—The Allied troops are within five miles of Bruges.

#### BRITISH ENTER DOUAL.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—British troops entered the town of Douai to-day, after overcoming the enemy resistance on the line of the Haute-Deule-Canal, according to the official from the war office to-night. The Fifth British Army have encircled and captured Lille.

#### BELGIANS IN BRUGES.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN BELGIUM, Oct. 17.—Belgian patrols have entered Bruges and cavalry is operating on both sides. Belgian guns are now firing from south of the city.

#### COURTRAI ENTERED.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—British forces entered Courtrai during yesterday's fighting according to a statement issued at the war office to-day. Over twenty villages were captured by the Allied forces in Belgium during the day.

#### GRAND PRE OCCUPIED.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTH WEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 16. (By the A.P.)—The American troops to-day occupied the town of Grand Pre on the north bank of the Alsne River, north of the Argonne forest. Grand Pre is the junction of the railway feeding a great part of the German army and lies at the foot of the

ed from the U-boat base at Ostend and it would appear from information that German bases all along the Belgium coast are either being moved or are being made ready for instant removal, probably in the rear of the German mine fields in the North Sea.

#### PIRET CAPTURED.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—French forces have entered the city of Piret, in Serbia, according to an official statement issued at the war office to-night. Piret is on the railroad between Nish and Sofia and is twelve miles from the Bulgarian frontier.

#### BEFORE LILLE-DOUAI RAILWAY.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE LILLE SECTOR, Oct. 17.—South of the city of Lille to-day the British are before the Lille-Douai railway along almost its entire length and probably have crossed it in the neighbourhood of Oignies about midway between the two cities. Several hours ago they were only a few hundred yards from the northern section of the line east of Harnin.

#### FREED BELGIUM.

WITH THE ALLIED FORCES IN FLANDERS, Oct. 17.—The Allied infantry in the centre of the advance against the retreating Germans on this front was reported to-day as having re-established contact with the fleeing enemy. It is considered that if the present rate of advance is sustained the Belgian coast should be free of the Germans within a very few days. Many additional prisoners have been captured. The British operating in Flanders whose principal job has been supporting the Belgians and French flanks, has alone captured 4,000 prisoners and 150 guns since the operations began. The roads in the rear of the Belgian army are jammed with prisoners and captured war material.

#### GRATEFUL TO WILSON.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Times commenting on President Wilson's answer to Germany says President Wilson has interpreted with remarkable accuracy the minds of all the Allies and we are grateful to him for his admirable spokesmanship for the common purpose.

#### NELDR. GASSED.

OTTAWA, Oct. 16. G. W. White, Bay Roberts, Nfld., Canadian infantry, is reported as having been gassed in to-day's casualties.

#### DECLINED TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 16.—The Austrian Emperor has declined to accept the resignation of the cabinet of Premier Wekerle, according to Budapest advices received here. The Emperor said he had full confidence in the cabinet.

#### CALLED FOR FRIDAY.

BASEL, Oct. 16.—The German Reichstag will meet on Friday to discuss President Wilson's note, according to the German press.

#### GERMAN REFORMS.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 16. (By the A.P.)—Germany's Federal Council has accepted the proposed amendment to the constitution article 2 making it read: "The consent of the Federal Council and the Reichstag is required for a declaration of war in the Empire's name except in a case where imperial territory has already been invaded or its coasts attacked. Section five of article two is amended to read: "Treaties of peace and treaties with foreign states which deal with affairs coming under the competence of the imperial law giving bodies require the consent of the Federal Council and the Reichstag."

#### LILLE CAPTURED.

LONDON, Oct. 17. (Reuter's)—The British have captured Lille.

#### APPEAL FOR HELP.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—With more than 100 persons dead and thousands without shelter, food or clothing as a result of the earthquake which shook the entire island last Friday, the Government of Porto Rico to-day appealed to Congress and to the American Red Cross for assistance, in a cablegram received here and forwarded to Washington.

#### MARCHING ON OSTEND.

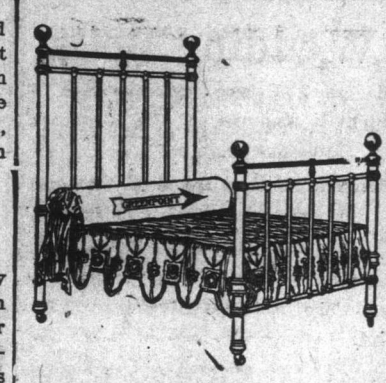
LONDON, Oct. 17.—The Belgian forces under command of King Albert, which crossed the Yser River, are marching on Ostend.

#### FACTORY BLOWN UP.

LYONS, France, Oct. 17.—Fire, followed by an explosion in a munition factory at eleven o'clock last night, caused important material damage. Another and more violent explosion occurred at midnight when the magazines blew up the buildings which were still burning to-day. No lives were lost.

#### ANGLO-AMERICAN ATTACK.

WITH THE ANGLO-AMERICAN FORCES SOUTH OF LE CATEAU, Oct. 17.—American forces of Le Cateau together with British troops on both sides of them launched an attack soon after daylight this morning against



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the badly disorganized but desperately fighting Germans. After the shells from the British artillery had done their part the British and Americans stormed forward to the bank of the river Selle and managed to cross the stream against a hail of machine gun bullets from the other bank. Some of the men plunged into the muddy stream while others crossed on pontoons. The German machine gunners fought to the last and died firing their guns.

GERMANS CAUGHT NAPPING.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTH EAST OF VERDUN, Oct. 17.—When it was seen last night that the Germans had effected a concentration in the Bertheville Wood for a counter attack on the Cote de Chateaux which the Americans had captured, the American artillery opened up heavily. The pounding resulted in the Germans falling to leave their trench. Rainy weather continues to interfere with the operations on this section.

BRITISH OCCUPY OSTEND.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Admiral Keyes, of the British Navy, landed at Ostend this afternoon, says an official announcement from the Admiralty. The statement reads: Royal Air Force contingents working with the Naval, landed at Ostend this morning and reported it clear of the enemy. Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes commanded the Dover patrols' force landed at Ostend at 12.35 o'clock this afternoon which is rapidly being

approached. Bruges is not far away and hourly the Germans there are being increasingly menaced.

DID NOT FIRE LILLE.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, Oct. 17.—(Reuter's).—The Germans on leaving Lille, which was captured to-day by British forces, did not set fire to the buildings in the city or cause any explosion.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

ROME, Oct. 17.—The Official statement from the Italian War Office to-day on operations in Northern Italy reads: On the Asiago plateau our reconnoitering parties on the left of the Aosta Valley drove back enemy advanced posts in the Premacia Valley, capturing rifles.

GERMAN NEWSPAPER ADMISSION.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.—The war is coming to an end and in such a manner as no man in Germany desires, says the Vorwaerts of Berlin, on Monday.

AUSTRO-GERMANS RETIRING.

PARIS, Oct. 16. (Delayed)—Austro-German forces in Western Serbia have retired into Montenegro and have evacuated the town of Diakovia on the Serbo-Montenegrin frontier, according to an official statement from the French war office to-night.

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