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There is every reason to believe that the great offensive of the Allied armies in France has reached a climax and that the next few days may witness events which will mark an epoch in the history of the war.
On a front extending from Roulers, on the north, on to Verdun, far down toward the other end of the battle line, the Germans are being battered by successive blows and in some of these sectors they seem to be in a very serious position. They have set more towns on fire.
An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says:
"The step taken by President Wilson, in the peace proposal made by Chancellor Maximilian, according to indications today has met with the approval of the American people. Newspaper editorial comment almost universally commended the move."
Very Hard Fighting.
With the Anglo-American Armies Near St. Quentin, Oct. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—The British army did remarkably fine work in supporting the infantry in the fighting Tuesday and during the night. In addition to their other work the gunners were called on for a few special shots against German batteries which had made themselves especially obnoxious.
As the American troops stormed forward in the night reached the outskirts of Brancourt, the Germans began to shell the place heavily.
The British can quickly take in action and forced the enemy guns to diminish their fire and finally silenced them altogether.
Many Machine Guns.
Very hard fighting took place for the high ground in front of Fromoy, LeGrand. The German machine gunners were literally alive with machine guns which poured bullets from their weapons as fast as they could work them. Here again the artillery moved up hurriedly and got to work. Flying through open sights the British gunners snuffed out one enemy nest after the other. The British used the same shells they use in cutting barbed wire and the bursting projectiles scattered the Germans and their weapons broadcast.
The infantry finally took the positions from the Germans by attacking from the sides. With these in possession of the British the German line was dominated completely and of no value to the enemy.
More Towns Burning.
The Germans have started burning towns far east of the line on which they are now fighting. Mareuil, between Clary and Bohain, is in flames. The Germans are being given no rest whatever for in addition to the barbed wire falling on them as they vainly try to stem the onrushing British and American, other British guns are hammering their rear lines, paying special attention to roads.
As darkness fell Tuesday night the sky was dotted with the silhouettes of some hovering over the smoking and flaming battlefield, while others were on their way to add to the general confusion behind the enemy lines by dropping bombs on all sorts of targets.
Allies Still Gain.
London, Oct. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—The British continued to advance along the Cambrai and St. Quentin is proceeding very well today all along the line. There is not so much resistance by the Germans as there was yesterday. This is probably due to the Germans having retired during the night.
Paris, Oct. 9.—French troops captured the outskirts of the towns of Perly and Neuville-St. Amant, according to the official statement issued by the French war office today.
Deluge of Gun Fire.
With the Anglo-American Armies Near St. Quentin, Oct. 9.—(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 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 camps. 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.
Great Hun Confusion.
With the Anglo-American Armies Near St. Quentin, Oct. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—There is great confusion within the enemy lines. On the front of the two British armies engaged elements from no fewer than twenty-five enemy divisions have been identified along the twenty-mile fighting line. Such concentration of troops seems impossible and it is realized that some of these divisions have been engaged almost continuously since August 9 and many are mere shadows of the old organizations.
The ground over which the great battle has been fought is covered with dead men and horses and many German bodies buried under tons of earth in collapsed dugouts. Only a few of the prisoners captured had heard of the Austro-German plan for an armistice and their ideas on the subject were extremely hazy. From all sources it is learned for a virtual certainty that no formidable wire barrier exists.

N. B. SHOPPERS IN EASTPORT STUNG

Banks and Storekeepers Take Our Currency at 97 1/2 Cents on the Dollar—More Canadian Than U. S. Money in City Sometimes.

Eastport, Oct. 9.—There is a discount on all Canadian currency of 2 1/2 per cent., but only the local banks, but at some of the stores, and as this frontier city has long been noted for its extensive trading with the countless numbers of Dominion Islanders from the many settlements about Passamaquoddy Bay and Bay of Fundy there is somewhat of an inconvenience over the late ruling and the average resident is somewhat reluctant to take Canadian money in any quantities at present. Many thousands of dollars are paid out at the banks and stored every week in exchange for the checks brought by the Canadian and American fishermen and the daily supplies of kitting brought to the dozen local sardine factories and it had always been the custom to pay out Canadian currency to these Dominion fishermen and their owners as they were soon on their way across the border or found it easy to dispose of all Canadian money about the city stores. These fishermen now want American currency. Most all Canadians now demand American currency and the story has leaked out just why this is so. It is said that at the Canadian banks and stores a premium of 2 1/2 cents is paid for American currency since so many Canadians coming to the New England States do not want to carry their own (Canadian) money and have to pay the discount across the border, so are on the hunt for U. S. money. It is probably that if a careful canvass of all stores along the business front of this frontier city was made there would be found most any day more Canadian currency in the money drawer and safes than that of the U. S., from the fact that the trade from over the line is extensive here at this time.

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SPANISH INFLUENZA STILL SPREADING IN DOMINION

Douglastown Woman Dies in Boston—Charlotte-town Has 100 Cases of Grippe—Harrowing Scenes in Chelsea, Mass.—Albert Co. Situation—Thirteen Die in Sherbrooke—Quebec Public Assemblies Closed.

Special to The Standard.
Newcastle, Oct. 9.—The death of Mrs. Robert Brown of Roxbury, Mass., daughter of the late William Wood of Douglastown, occurred of Spanish influenza, at her home there on the 7th instant. Deceased, whose husband was also a native of Douglastown, leaves besides her husband, five children, Julia, Anna, Katherine, Robert and Helena. Her mother and the following brothers and sisters also survive: John Wood of Boston, William of St. John, James and Edward of Douglastown, Jen. (Mrs. John Lord), Bathurst, Kate (Mrs. Vincent Mackinnon) and Miss Eliza of Douglastown.

P. E. I. Has It.

Charlottetown, Oct. 9.—That there is an epidemic of grippe or influenza in this city and in different country sections of the province is undeniable. There are about a hundred cases in the city at present, few of them serious, but the disease here, although comparatively mild, is infectious.
It is admitted by the doctors that the form of the disease here, although comparatively mild, is infectious.
Harrowing Scenes.
Sackville, Oct. 9.—A private letter to the editor of the Post from Chelsea in this city, says of the epidemic of Spanish influenza in that part of the state:
"It seems some times as if the world was coming to an end. The people and about us are dying like flies and every one looks out that old black wagon to see if they can get a few more. Yesterday fifteen Jews were buried from a truck. Oh, last week I shall never forget, the crying for nurses and doctors and none to be got. The doctors, poor fellows, have taken too among the dead. I went into a few places to do what I could, but I felt my duty was with them. Such a time to get things! I am so thankful we are still keeping well as we can do our bit."

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Donations were received from Miss Fannie Day, Mrs. F. L. Kenney and Mrs. Rogers.
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