

Lens Evacuated!

Germans Retire From the Heart of the Coal Region--Austrians in Albania in Full Retreat Northward --- Enemy Give Ground Everywhere in France--Belgians Enter Roulers, 60,000 Prisoners and 100 Guns Last Week.

WAR REVIEW.

Lens, the heart of the great coal region in Northern France, and Armentieres, almost equally as important as a manufacturing centre, have been evacuated by the Germans. The German fortified positions between Cambrai and St. Quentin have been definitely smashed, and the Austro-Hungarians in Albania, forsaken by their former allies, the Bulgarians, are in full retreat northward toward their border from the Adriatic Sea to the Lake Ochrida. Of the reconquering of invaded Belgium and the progress of the French and Franco-American forces respectively north of Rheims and eastward in Champagne to the vicinity of Verdun, the tale remains the same--the Germans slowly but surely are being forced everywhere to give ground, and their vital defense daily continues to be eaten into, notwithstanding the strong resistance that the enemy is imposing to make null the efforts of the Allies to close in on all sides of the great battle area from the North Sea to the Swiss border, and compel the German army's high command to reconstruct its fighting line in Belgium and Flanders. The Belgian, French and British troops are keeping up their eastward progress in their endeavour to compel the Germans to give up Ostend and Zebrugge, their naval bases on the North Sea. Roulers, the important railway junction with its lines of steel radiating to the North Sea and eastward to Ghent, has been entered by the Belgians and at Hoogledge to the north King Albert's men are virtually upon the Roulers-Ostend railway. To the south Menin and Courtrai are seriously threatened. Across the border in France the capture of Armentieres by the English, and Lille, capital of the department of the Nord, within striking distance, and the evacuation of Lens, places Douai, the fortress northeast of Arras and all the territory between Arras and Menin virtually in the hands of the British. To the south from Cambrai to St. Quentin the German resistance is still strong, but nevertheless the British, Americans and French on all sectors which are essential to the carrying forward of the Allied programme have valiantly attacked and withstood counter attacks, smashed the old Hindenburg positions and materially advanced their lines. Sequehart, north of St. Quentin, which the Germans in a violent counter attack recaptured from the British Wednesday, again has been taken by Field Marshal Haig's men who now are out on the rolling country to the eastward as likewise are all Allied troops from St. Quentin northward. Northwest of Rheims the Germans are offering more resistance to the French along the Aisne, and in the sectors which are protecting the eastern end of the

Chemin des Dames, the western end of which already is dominated by the French guns, but General Berthelot's forces nevertheless captured Comicy and reached the Aisne Canal, between Converseux and La Feuillie, a front of more than fifteen miles. In Champagne the French have enlarged their gains from the region north of the Somme to the western fringes of the Argonne forest, taking prisoners and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The railroad junction point of Challange, a short distance south of Vouster, has been captured, and here the French have completed their domination of the Aire valley running north of the Argonne forest, and are only awaiting the arrival of the Americans to the eastern end of the valley to nip the big wooded bastion out of the fighting line. The Americans are slowly approaching the rendezvous. In their retreat from Albania, the Austro-Hungarians everywhere are in flight before the Italians, burning towns and depots behind them. Large numbers of prisoners and quantities of war material have been captured.

A WEEK'S CAPTURES.

LONDON, Oct. 2. In the week ending to-day the Allies have captured 60,000 men and 1,000 guns on the Western front.

CRITICAL PHASE APPROACHING.

PARIS, Oct. 3. The second line of railroads from Bruges to Courtrai is under shell fire. While this German army--the Fourth--is thrust back on its communications, the forces on its right are in a risky position near the sea at Nieuport. These elements on the left of the Fourth Army are thrown back at some places south of the Lys River and will have difficulty in defending Lille. Latest news from the centre of the line shows that the enemy resistance there is giving evidence of falling. Le Catelet has been taken in this sector. On the right, General Berthelot is still driving the Germans away from the Rheims region, and General Gouraud is making slow headway in the Champagne. Everywhere the signs of battle indicate the approach of the critical phase. In addition to the general satisfaction over the situation in France, Paris is rejoicing over the news of the fall of Damascus.

RETREATING IN LABASSE.

LONDON, Oct. 3. Field Marshal Haig announced tonight that a German retreat has been begun in the LaBassee sector, and is commented upon as a development of far-reaching importance. It is asserted and unofficially stated that the town of LaBassee has been evacuated.

It is also believed that the enemy withdrawal involves Lens, and there is a report too that the Germans have ordered that Lille be abandoned. To the successful operations of the Belgian army and General Plumer's forces to the north is attributed the enemy's movement to the rear. The Anglo-Belgian drive has brought these forces near to Menin.

GERMANS FALL BACK.

LONDON, Oct. 3. The Germans have fallen back three miles in their retreat along the Lens-Armentieres line, it is reported this afternoon.

GERMANY BROUGHT IN WAR ZONE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. British airmen during the past three months, have wrought heavy damage to military objects in Western Germany, and enforced the withdrawal of several enemy air squadrons from the battlefield in a vain effort to protect the raided territory, the British Bureau of Information announced here tonight. In view of the activity of the British Independent Air Force, a 250 mile belt of the Rhine Valley, in which are located the principal German war industries and railway systems vital to maintain the Teutons in France has been brought definitely into the war zone. The statement says that fliers of the Independent Air Force have raided enemy territory 249 times, and dropped 247 tons of bombs on strategic points, aside from destroying or damaging ammunition and poison gas factories, railway stations and trains.

GERMANY SHAKING UNDER ASSAULTS.

PARIS, Oct. 3. A wide retreat of the German forces on the west front is foreseen by the Berlin Department of Propaganda, in a statement published by the Bureau. Germany is said to be actually shaking under the assaults of the reassembled Entente forces. It is necessary for Germany, the statement adds, that the portion of the German defensive position be maintained in Belgium as in France, so that the Fatherland will be kept safe from the battles now being decided. The German Propaganda Department admits that the British and Belgian attack in Flanders has obtained initial important success to-night.

CHOLERA IN BERLIN.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 2. On the first day of the outbreak of cholera in Berlin, according to reports received, there were 17 cases. Several of these proved fatal.

IMPORTANT RAILWAY JUNCTION CAPTURED.

PARIS, Oct. 3. Heavy fighting continues in the region north of Rheims and the French have continued their advance, capturing

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ing Loire, says the war office statement to-day. The railway junction of Challange, in Champagne, has been captured by Gen. Gouraud.

CARRYING OUT TERMS.

PARIS, Oct. 3. High praises are given the French cavalry forces which have been operating in the Macedonian campaign in co-operation with the Serbs, in the Serbian statement issued at the war office to-night. Terms provided for in the armistice between the Bulgarians and the Allies are in the course of being carried out, the statement says.

DRIVEN BACK WITH LOSSES.

PARIS, Oct. 3. (Official)--West of Challange the Germans made determined efforts to drive the French from the wood southeast of Orefuil but were driven back with heavy losses. The French attack in Champagne was continued to-day.

FEARING ATTACK ON ALSACE.

GENEVA, Oct. 3. German military authorities have begun to remove the inhabitants of Alsace, according to the Democratic expectation of a Franco-German attack on the frontier.

ITALIAN PREMIER VISITS THE FRONT.

ROME, Oct. 3. Premier Orlando left for the Italian front coincident with the Bulgarian armistice, according to the Idea Nazionale. This armistice, it adds, has so changed conditions on all fronts that it creates possibilities for activities by the Allied forces along new lines not heretofore foreseen.

ADMITS GERMAN FRONT CRUMBLING.

PARIS, Oct. 3. The German situation on the western front is grave, the Frankfurter Zeitung admits, adding that the German front is gradually crumbling. The evacuation of Belgium is being discussed openly in Berlin, according to advices reaching here. Concerning Alsace-Lorraine the German high command makes the suggestion that it be neutralized and joined to Luxemburg, thus making a buffer state between France and Germany.

BULGAR ARMY WAS MUTINOUS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 2. After representing the Bulgarian Army as in a state of mutiny and confusion, a Vienna telegram to the Rotterdam Nieuw Courant concludes: "This state of affairs has forced the Central Powers to leave in the capital (Sofia) sufficient forces to preserve order, and especially to guard the Legations and the stores of food and war material."

REMOVING INHABITANTS.

GENEVA, Oct. 2. The inhabitants of twenty villages of Alsace including Fortlet, Goutevion and Winkel, already have been sent to Bavaria. Some of the villagers have escaped across the Swiss frontier. Fear of disorder is rampant throughout Alsace-Lorraine, not only among the civilians, but also among the military forces. Food is scarce and little is available. The German authorities in Alsace-Lorraine, the Democrat adds, are afraid of a general uprising in those provinces when the Allies cross the frontier.

WOULD NOT OBEY.

GENEVA, Oct. 3. King Ferdinand and Crown Prince Boris of Bulgaria were at Velea a week ago to exhort the Bulgarian troops to fight, according to Saloniki advices received here. Their efforts

were of no avail, the Bulgarian soldiers throwing away their arms and retreating.

A PRETEXT FOR BARBARIY.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 3. War Minister Trotsky according to advices from Petrograd has issued an order that all the women of Kasan be delivered into the hands of the Red Guards. Kasan an important junction point on the river Volga was held for several months by the Czechoslovaks. This is probably the pretext for the reported order of Trotsky.

PEACE VERY SHORTLY.

SOPIA, Sept. 30. (Via Amsterdam, Oct. 3.)--The Bulgarian government in announcing officially to-day that an armistice had been signed and orders given to suspend military operations declared that it will be only a short time until peace is made.

BRITISH TONNAGE COMPLETED.

LONDON, Oct. 2. (British Wireless Service).--The British admiralty announced that the tonnage of merchant vessels completed in the United Kingdom shipyards during Sept. amounted to 144,773, which is twenty thousand tons in excess of the figures for August and has only twice been surpassed in any month of this year.

SUCCESSFUL ATTACK.

LONDON, Oct. 3. The attack by British infantry and tanks along an eight mile front from Souchart to the canal north of Bony, in the St. Quentin sector, was completely successful, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from British Headquarters to-night.

FRESHING CAPTURES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2. General Pershing's communication to-day says that a partial count of the material captured during the past week by the American troops fighting between the Meuse and Argonne rivers, shows 120 guns of all calibres, 750 trench mortars, 300 machine guns, 100 heavy tank guns, thousands of artillery shells and hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition.

IMPROVED POSITIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 3. Belgian forces on Wednesday improved their positions at various points according to the official statement issued from Belgian headquarters last night. General Plumer's army has captured Leloure near Menin and Lebesart just north of Armentieres.

MENIN AND ROULERS BURNING.

PARIS, Oct. 3. General Plumer's army on the Belgian front is reported to be two miles from Turoing. Despatches from the

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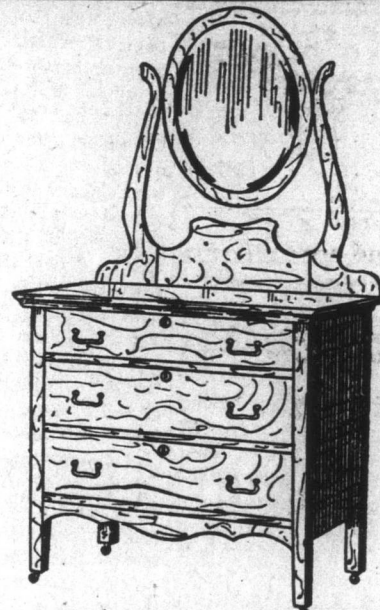
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front state that Menin and Roulers are burning and that the Anglo-Belgian thrust continues in the direction of Courtrai where the great road to Ghent opens.

ATTACK RESUMED.

LONDON, Oct. 2. British troops this morning resumed their attacks north of St. Quentin. Field Marshal Haig reported in his official statement the Germans are continuing their rearguard movement on the front from Lens to Armentieres. They are evacuating highly organized positions in that area along a ten mile line.

ENORMOUS CAPTURES.

PARIS, Oct. 2. During the period from Sept. 10 to Sept. 30, the Allied armies in France and Belgium have captured 2,844 officers, 130,192 men, 1,600 cannon and more than 6,000 machine guns according to an official statement issued last night. Since July 15th until Sept. 30 the Allies have captured 5,518 officers, 248,494 men, 3,669 cannon, more than 29,000 machine guns and hundreds of mine throwers the statement says.

COMMUNICATIONS CUT.

PARIS, Oct. 3. Occupation of Bulgaria by Allied troops is progressing normally according to Marcel Hutin of the Echo de

Paris. Bulgarian troops resist at certain points he says but submit as soon as they are apprised of the fact that an armistice has been signed. German troops which have been fighting in Macedonia are moving northward and appear to be organizing a defensive line along the Danube. They have already fortified the Roumanian bank of the river and it appears that communications between Sofia and Constantinople have already been cut.

NOTE OF THANKS.--Mrs. Alan F. Whitten, mother, and family wish to thank those who so generously sent letters of sympathy and wreaths to adorn the casket of my late husband Alan F. Whitten, namely, the employees of Job Bros. & Co., Ltd., South Side, and office hands; also Mrs. C. Whitten, Mrs. H. Cowan, Miss J. Eales, Mrs. H. Green and Mrs. Wm. Christian and all other kind friends who assisted generally in our sad bereavement--adv.

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