

Allies Pursue Re-treating Germans.

Canadians First to Enter Cambrai.

11,000 Prisoners and 1200 Guns---Turkey Expected to Surrender Shortly---Beginning of German Retirement from France---Wilson's Reply Approved in Allied Capitals.

WAR REVIEW.

The formidable German defense system between Cambrai and St. Quentin has been utterly demolished and British, American and French troops are out in the open country eastward in pursuit of the retreating enemy. Cambrai the pivotal point in the former line and over which there has been so much bitter fighting is in British hands. Numerous villages and hamlets to the south have been overrun by the Allies and thousands of Germans have been made prisoners and hundreds of their guns captured. The victory seemingly is a complete one and with General Foch's strategy working smoothly in bending back the German line in one converging movement the Germans apparently are in a serious predicament. From the region northwest of Rheims to the Meuse River north of Verdun the French and Americans are slowly but surely pushing the Germans back towards the Belgian border. In Macedonia and Asiatic Turkey the troops of the Entente still have the enemy on the run. Nowhere the enemy is able to do more than fight re-treating battles, giving ground when the pressure becomes too strong. Under the avalanche of steel hurled against them on the Cambrai-St. Quentin sector the Germans could not live and were forced to flee eastward. Heavy casualties were inflicted on those of the enemy, who had the temerity to endeavour to make a stand. On the other hand the casualties of the Allies are declared to have been relatively small, those of the Americans being less than half the number of prisoners taken by them. Where the enemy purposes to make his next stand cannot be foretold but probably an effort for a turn about will be attempted along the Valenciennes-Sedan front. After this line the only known German defensive position west of the Rhine is the Meuse River. The Americans already are threatening to make this line untenable having started an advance upon the valley of the eastern side of the stream towards Sedan. The manoeuvres of the French northwest of Rheims are cutting more deeply into the German line despite the serious resistance that is being offered by the enemy to postpone the fall of the great St. Gotha Massif, and the highly important strategic positions of Laon and La Fere which seemingly are likely to be plucked out of the battle front by the successful operations around St. Quentin and Berry au Bac. Strong resistance is also being imposed by the Germans against further advances by the French and Americans in Champagne and east of the Argonne Forest. Particularly heavy counter attacks have been launched by the enemy on various positions but without results otherwise than increasing

his casualties. Along the Sulpice River the fighting is furious but the French have been able to make further crossings of the stream. Steinne has changed hands several times. In bitter combats west of the Argonne Forest the Americans have driven their line forward to the region of Cornay 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. Reports persist that the Turkish cabinet has fallen and that the new Grand Vizier will be Tewfik Pasha whose sympathies are declared to be pro-Ally rather than pro-German. Rumor also has it that the Turks have despatched a peace note to the Allies through the Spanish Government.

CANADIANS IN CAMBRAI.

LONDON, Oct. 9. The whole of Cambrai is in British possession, F. M. Haig reported from headquarters to-night. The Canadians were the first to enter the town. In the great defeat inflicted on the Germans yesterday, 11,000 prisoners and more than 200 guns were captured.

APPEALING FOR HELP.

VLADIVOSTOCK, Oct. 2. Another appeal to the Allies for immediate help for the Czechoslovak troops on the Volga front in European Russia, was made to-day by Dr. Gira, of the Czechoslovak National Council. Unless help is sent to them, Dr. Gira declares, the fruits of their sufferings will be lost. Nevertheless, he says, the troops, through their commanders, assure "Father" Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Provisional President, that they will perform their duty to the end and die rather than tarnish the honor and glory of the Czechoslovak arms. Dr. Gira says the troops on the Volga are in poor physical condition from lack of sufficient food and clothing.

ADVANCING IN ALBANIA.

ROME, Oct. 9. Italian troops pushing northward in Albania entered the city of El Basan on Monday afternoon, crushing stubborn Austro-Hungarian resistance, the Italian war office announced to-day. The Italians are continuing their advance.

CLIMAX REACHED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. The Associated Press this morning issued the following: 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 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 precarious position.

HURRIEDLY EVACUATING.

PARIS, Oct. 9. The Germans are hurriedly evacuating the Argonne forest and the battle is continuing.

MAKING A DESPERATE STAND.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY N. E. OF RHEIMS, Oct. 7. (By the A. P.)—German forces holding the line of the Sulpice river are making their stand there. It looks like a desperate measure to re-establish a situation rendered most difficult by blows against the front in other sectors. The entire north bank of the Sulpice is lined with machine guns behind which are massed several fresh divisions of infantry along a secondary Hindenburg line. A strong force of artillery supports them by a heavy and well sustained fire. Every advance by the French across the river provokes immediate counter attacks. Entire divisions are thrown against the small detachments of the French which forced the passes of the stream.

ATTACK RESUMED.

LONDON, Oct. 9. The Anglo-American attack was resumed this morning on the entire front south of Cambrai. Field Marshal Haig reported to-day that rapid progress was being made.

GRAVEST APPREHENSION IN ENEMY RANKS.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY N. E. OF RHEIMS, Oct. 8.—Replying to the Allies tactics of launching heavy blows against the extreme wings of the position attacked, the Germans are retreating their line on the flanks of the front along the Sulpice. French troops which crossed the Sulpice river near its junction with the Aisne have been heavily attacked by the Germans but have maintained their hold. Further east the enemy retook St. Etienne this morning in a series of bitter combats. The town changed hands several times during the day and finally remained in the hands of the French. The establishment by the French of an important bridgehead on the north bank of the Aisne at Berry au Bac increases the danger to the German positions on the Sulpice line. The blows which Foch has delivered in rapid succession in the Champagne sector have not only wrested from the Germans most important positions which they have had since 1914 at an inestimable sacrifice of men and material, but appear to have thrown gravest apprehension into the ranks of the enemy.

AT THE END OF THEIR STRENGTH.

PARIS, Oct. 9. General J. M. C. Maitre, the military critic for the Temps has written a letter from the front saying that the German armies are at the end of their strength and that the German high command is hoping to save them by an armistice even with the obligation to evacuate invaded territory and Alsace-Lorraine.

THE GERMANS STARTED BACKWARDS.

LONDON, Oct. 9. The German retreat from the Scarpe River southward to below St. Quentin enabled the British easily to advance from two to three miles this morning. The Germans started backward last night. The British have met with little resistance to-day, as they have not been in contact with the German main line. The weather is bad, otherwise it is believed the British would have advanced further. The Germans are burning the villages. The retreat lengthens the line which the Teutons so long have been trying to shorten, and the situation opens many possibilities of retreats elsewhere.

ELEVEN THOUSAND PRISONERS AND TWO HUNDRED GUNS.

LONDON, Oct. 9. In yesterday's attack between Cambrai and St. Quentin, the Allied troops

made 11,000 prisoners and captured 200 guns.

HOLDS IMPORTANT RAILWAY.

LONDON, Oct. 9. For all practical purposes, the Allied troops now hold the Cambrai-St. Quentin railway. The maximum advance at 2 o'clock this afternoon was five miles at Busry, four miles south-east of Le Chateau.

SURRENDER OF TURKEY FORESHADOWED.

LONDON, Oct. 9. The surrender of Turkey within the next forty-eight hours will not surprise well-informed circles in London, the Evening Standard says to-day. The British authorities, it adds, are in possession of information showing that a process of disintegration exists in Constantinople.

MAY BECOME BIG ROUT.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 9.—Within sound of the roar of the artillery of the front, but in a tree-dotted part of France, unmarked by battle, General Polo, who was a Captain in the Austrian army and fought against the Russians in 1914, was sworn in on Sunday as Commander-in-Chief of the Polish army. The ceremony took place in the presence of the first Polish division, 80 p.c. of whose members are Poles from the United States. The division itself took the oath of allegiance to the Entente Alliance. General Polo and a number of his men deserted the Austrians last winter, and escaped from Russia by way of Murmansk. The Poles wear uniforms of horizon blue. The division is complete in every particular, and has cavalry, artillery and hospital detachments. Notwithstanding the stubborn opposition the enemy is offering on the Sulpice and north of the Arnes, the impression still is that he is merely seeking to gain time to reduce the difficulties of the retreat, the extent of which, in view of the developments on the extreme left wing of the fighting front, it is impossible to forecast. The vigor and perseverance of the Allies' pressure appears to have demoralized all the German plans. Nowhere have the Germans, with all their genius in organization, been able to prepare a stable position upon which their defeated troops could retire in security, which suggests that they have again erred in their judgment of the strength and endurance of the Entente Allied fighting forces. They are being defeated not only at points chosen for attack by Marshal Foch and his Generals, but on ground selected by themselves for the counter-attacks. Their reaction along the Champagne front thus far has been productive of only one result, relatively favourable to them in the region of the Grand Pre-Gap, which they have been able to keep open to the present, although the Gap is under the heavy fire of the French guns. The latest American advance northward to the east of the Argonne now practically neutralizes that result. The Grand Pre Gap is now virtually closed, and the only real

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lines of communication for the enemy forces operating in Champagne are northward by Couliers and Rethel, and most of these lines over considerable distances are being shelled by the French artillery. Unless by a supreme effort, and utilizing available reserves the Germans are able still to make a stand on the Sisson line north of the Aisne, their elastic retirement may turn suddenly into a general retreat.

TURKISH CABINET FALLS.

LONDON, Oct. 9. The British Foreign Office has received indirect news of the fall of the Turkish Cabinet. Tewfik Pasha, who it is reported will be the new Grand Vizier, is understood to have pro-Ally rather than pro-German sympathies. According to the advices, which are not official, however, the Cabinet had decided to take military measures against Bulgaria, but found that the opinion of the country was against them. It is rumoured that the Turkish peace note has been despatched through the Spanish Government.

WILSON'S REPLY FORTHCOMING.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. An early response to President Wilson's note of inquiry to the German Chancellor, is expected by American officials. While realizing that an answer to the three pertinent questions put to the Prince of Baden will be very difficult, if the original proposal of the German Government was not sincere, officials are confident that internal conditions in Germany and the tremendous exigencies of the military situation will force speedy action by the Chancellor if he hopes to prolong the existence of his Cabinet beyond a few days.

BERLIN ADMITS LINE BREACHED.

BERLIN, Oct. 9. Reporting the great battle in the Cambrai-St. Quentin sector, General Headquarters to-day admits breaches in the German lines on both sides of the Roman road towards Le Cateau, and also a German withdrawal to Fresnoy Le Grand.

ALREADY RETIRING.

WITH THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ARMIES NORTH OF ST. QUENTIN, Oct. 8.—German prisoners indicate that the enemy intends to retire first to Valenciennes line and then to the line of the Meuse. The bulk of the Germans in France are already retiring. However there will be undoubtedly hard fighting all the way back to the prepared positions, for the country is lined with machine-guns and obstructions of all kinds, but it will be fighting over open and new country, where the whippet tanks, motor cars and cavalry should have, if they are not already having the opportunity to do the work cut out for them. The German positions north of Cambrai

are dominated by the new British gains on the southeast. The British are in a position to hasten the retreat, thereby turning an enfilading fire against the German positions.

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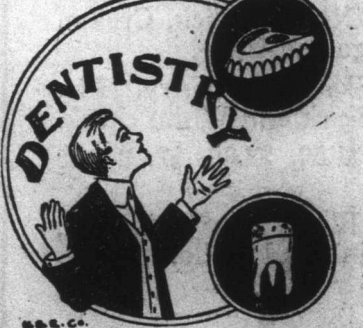
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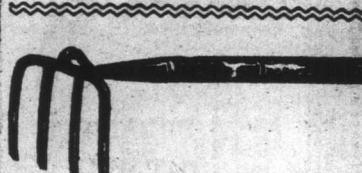
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