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GERMANS ARE DRIVEN BACK

FRENCH COMPLETE CONQUEST OF MASSIF OF ST. THIERRY

Make of Rheims Salient Another Pocket Where Germans Will Find It Difficult to Make Exit.

With the French Army in France, Oct. 2.—General Berthelot's forces in the course of the night and this morning completed their conquest of St. Thierry massif, northwest of Rheims, occupying Foulion and taking the Fort of St. Thierry.

Further slight advances by both Gouraud and Berthelot in those regions will make of the Rheims salient another pocket where the Germans will find an exit with difficulty.

Desperate Defences. The Germans are expected to make a desperate defence in that sector in order to facilitate their retirement to a secondary position behind the Hindenburg line.

Taken by Assault. General Gouraud's men this morning burst thru a very deep line of wire defences and captured the Bois de Liry and took a formidable position by assault.

In the wooded valley of the Aisne east of Liry and northeast of Bouconville, which has been transformed into a series of centres of resistance, a hard struggle took place, ending in the occupation of the most important positions by General Gouraud's men, who at the same time took a great amount of booty.

ALLIED LEADERS HINT ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT

London, Oct. 2.—With the capture of St. Quentin, an enemy retirement on a fairly large scale is being contemplated, according to battlefield despatches received here this afternoon.

Military authorities hint that an "interesting development" is about to happen.

CHICAGO PACKERS EXPLAIN SOURCE OF ENEMY MEATS

Chicago, Oct. 2.—According to officials of the big packing companies, the tinned meats of American manufacture which the victorious allies have found in possession of the Germans are doubtless remnants of the booty captured by the Germans in the spring advance before Marshal Foch stopped them at the Marne. It is said that the blockade against Germany since the United States entered the war has become practically air-tight.

TURKEY MAKES FURTHER APPROACHES FOR PEACE

Financial Channels Used, and British War Cabinet is Considering Proposals.

London, Oct. 2.—Turkey has made further indirect approaches to the allies through financial channels which are being considered by the British war cabinet. The Standard says it learns on good authority. Important developments, the newspaper adds, are expected.

Progress Made By the French Is Set Out in Official Report

St. Quentin Completely Occupied and Nine Villages Taken in Successful Advance.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—Many towns and villages were carried today by the French troops on the various fronts, according to the war office announcement tonight. Especial progress was made north of the Vesle.

"The enemy has been ejected from St. Quentin, which we completely occupy. We hold Fambourg d'Isle.

"To the south we have advanced to Hancourt and are holding Moy.

"North of the Vesle River we captured Rency, Guyencourt, Bouffignereux, Villers-Franqueux and Cauroy and carried our lines to the border south of Cormicy and Loivre.

"In Champagne, in the course of the afternoon, we carried our positions southwest of Orfeuil and gained a footing on the heights south of Monthois."

CANADIANS GRADUALLY GAIN MASTERY IN HEAVY ASSAULT

Twenty-Four Thousand Fresh German Troops Fail to Hold Ground, Despite Furious Fighting.

At British Army Headquarters (Evening), Oct. 2.—Reuter's correspondent cables: Altho the fighting blazed up this morning with great intensity, later the infantry fighting increased along the Cambrai-St. Quentin front. We are busy engaged in mopping up and consolidating our gains. The Canadian attack yesterday anticipated the heaviest enemy assault which engaged two fresh storm troop divisions, hence furious fighting in which the Canadians gradually gained the mastery.

NOTED AVIATOR GAINS HONORS FROM FRANCE

The department of public information has received the following cable from the Canadian overseas military authorities:

Lieut.-Col. W. A. Bishop, V.C., D.S.O. (with bar), M.C., D.F.C., Canada's greatest fighting aviator, was today made a chevalier of the French Legion of Honor of the first class and awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm leaf for his distinguished services in the zone of the French armies.

AMERICANS HOLD OUT FOUR DAYS

Contingent That Was Surrounded by Germans Has Been Rescued.

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 2.—The contingent of Americans, who had been holding out since Sunday in a far advanced position between Cambrai and St. Quentin against greatly superior enemy numbers, have been rescued.

In our attack around Vendhuile yesterday we were able to fight thru and relieve this party, numbering some hundreds, who having taken up their position Sunday night, were surrounded by the Germans early Monday.

Notwithstanding that they were opposed by such superior numbers and only possessed the ammunition and rations which they themselves were carrying, the Americans made a magnificent resistance, and the ground was strewn with German dead.

BERTHELOT'S ARMY NOW ON THE AISNE CANAL

Progress of Allied Armies in Flanders is Continuing Unchecked.

Paris, Oct. 2.—General Berthelot's army this afternoon reached the Aisne Canal at several points. The Germans are retiring all along this front. The progress of allied arms in Flanders continues unchecked, notwithstanding the stiffening resistance of the Germans.

BULGARIAN STATEMENT

Sofia, Oct. 2.—King Ferdinand's speech to the Sobranie, announced that the national assembly would be convoked and that the Sobranie would be adjourned until Friday in order that a complete statement of Bulgaria's situation might be laid before the representatives of the nation.

Victory Looms Bright! Prepare by Saving Every Surplus Dollar

EVACUATION OF LILLE BEGUN BY GERMANS

Even Wheelbarrows and Baskets Commanded to be Taken Away.

Paris, Oct. 2.—The Matin announces that the Germans are evacuating Lille and that the commander there has requisitioned all means of transportation, even wheelbarrows and baskets, to take away the booty. The newspaper adds that the evacuation of the townspeople to Belgian towns near the German border is being pursued hastily.

GROUND TAKEN NEAR CAMBRAI

Australians Drive Germans From Positions Important for Future Operations.

With the British Army in France, Oct. 2.—The Australians south of Cambrai, in hard fighting, gained considerable ground today, but more important than the extent of territory is the fact that they took positions which would have been of much importance to the Germans for future operations.

DEFEATS AID REFORM IN CENTRAL EMPIRES

Both Emperors Hasten to Conciliate Population With More Liberal Governments.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Signs are multiplying of the rapid weakening of the despotic control which the military elements in Germany and Austria imposed upon the civilian population. Since the military and consular are the cents quickly following one another in Berlin and Vienna the military officials are becoming convinced that imperial rulers have been forced to the conviction that, if they are to preserve their dynasties from destruction, they must yield to the growing demands of the civilian elements for the right of participation in the government during this crisis.

GERMANS FACE ANOTHER TRAP

Must Give Up Lille, Lens and Douai and Straighten Line.

London, Oct. 2.—Again the Germans are in retreat on an important sector of the western battlefield in France. The scene of the new retrograde movement is a wide front north and south of La Bassée Canal.

The continuation by the allied forces of their brilliant achievements in restoring Belgium Flanders and the expulsion of the enemy from further territory in France from the region of Cambrai to Verdun, evidently has brought the Germans to the realization that the great bend in the line from Menin to the east of Arras is likely to prove another such trap as was the St. Mihiel salient, unless they are fast enough of foot to move eastward, giving up Lille, Lens and Douai and straightening their line from the vicinity of Cambrai to Belgium.

TREVES RAILWAY AGAIN BOMBARDED BY BRITISH

London, Oct. 2.—The Treves railway was bombed by the British independent air force Tuesday, according to an official statement issued tonight. Treves is in the Rhine Province of Prussia and claims to be the oldest town in the German Empire. The railway passing thru Treves runs northward to Coblenz and Cologne and southward to Metz and Strassburg.

MENACE TO OSTEND IS NOW INCREASED

Belgians and British Have Taken Important Town of Thourout.

With the British Army in France, Oct. 2.—Again there has been brisk fighting both in the regions north and south of Cambrai and in Flanders. The Belgians and British in the north have made progress in the direction of Thourout, and reports have reached headquarters, but as yet they are unconfirmed, that this town has actually been reached.

CANADIAN BRIGADIERS NAMED TO COMMANDS

London, Oct. 2.—Brigadiers R. Renwick of the Central Ontario has been appointed to the command at Bramshott; H. M. Dyer, Saskatchewan, to command at Searforth; Lieut.-Col. G. H. Sharnam to command of artillery brigade.

TURN DOWN AUSTRILIANS.

Amsterdam, Oct. 2.—Czech-Slovak leaders have sharply rejected an offer made to them to enter an Austrian coalition with the Germans, according to a Vienna despatch printed in The Frankfurt Gazette.

RETREAT ON WIDE FRONT ALONG LA BASSEE CANAL

Canadian and British Troops Close on Heels of Fleeing Enemy, With Canadians Holding St. Remy and High Ground Near Ramillies.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The Germans are in retreat over a wide front north and south of La Bassée Canal, with the British closely following them, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters tonight.

The Germans have lost further ground to the British in the outskirts of Cambrai and northwest of that city, but northeast of St. Quentin the British, under a violent counter-attack, have been forced from the village of Sequehart, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication issued tonight.

The text of the communication follows: "This morning the enemy attacked strongly north-

east of St. Quentin with fresh troops from his reserves, and succeeded in pressing back our troops from the village of Sequehart, when his progress was stopped.

"Local fighting has taken place today north of Greuvotte (south of Cambrai) and west of Cambrai, but without material change in the situation. As a result of their operations yesterday and last night in the neighborhood of Cambrai, Canadian troops now hold the suburb of Neuville St. Remy and the high ground west of Ramillies.

"Early this morning the enemy commenced to withdraw on a wide front south and north of La Bassée Canal. Our troops are following the withdrawal closely and have taken prisoners."

CANADIANS GOING ON; SO ARE OTHER TROOPS

Whole of Hindenburg System Below Bellcourt Tunnel is Now in British Hands.

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 2.—The whole of the Hindenburg system below the Bellcourt tunnel is now reported to be in British hands. Strong patrols are working cautiously into the tunnel and its many lateral galleries.

The Australians are exploiting their gains of yesterday. In the terse language of the only report thus far received they are "going on." So likewise are the Canadians and English forces between La Catelet and the Vesle River.

MUCH MATERIAL TAKEN IN AMERICANS' ADVANCE

Washington, Oct. 2.—General Pershing's communique today says that a partial count of the material captured during the past week by the American troops advancing between the Meuse and Argonne Rivers shows 120 guns of all calibres, 750 trench mortars, 800 machine guns, 100 heavy tank guns, thousands of artillery shells and hundreds of thousands of rounds of small arm ammunition.

SEVEN THOUSAND TURKS TAKEN WITH DAMASCUS

All Allied Troops Except Guards Have Been Withdrawn From the City.

London, Oct. 2.—More than seven thousand Turks were taken prisoner when General Allenby's forces occupied Damascus, the war office announced tonight. The statement says: Troops of an Australian mounted division entered Damascus Monday night. At 6 a.m., Oct. 1, the city was occupied by the British forces and by a portion of the Arab army of King Hussein. Over 7000 prisoners were taken.

After its surrender, with the exception of necessary guards, all the allied troops were withdrawn from the city for the time being. The local authorities remain responsible for its administration.

PACIFISTS AT VIENNA.

Washington, Oct. 2.—An official despatch from France today says the Austrian newspapers announce the arrival at Vienna of Count Tisza, Apponyi and Andrássy, leading Hungarian peace advocates, who have gone there in response to telegrams from Emperor Charles.

BRITISH GAIN NEAR CAMBRAI

Hundred and Thirty Thousand Germans Attempt to Hold Ground.

London, Oct. 2.—The British have gained a little ground north of Cambrai. The enemy is fighting stubbornly on a front of five miles with eleven divisions.

FIVE-MILE ADVANCE WILL SECURE OSTEND

London, Oct. 2.—The Germans are making a determined effort in Flanders, as everywhere else, to stop the onrush. They realize that if the allies push even five miles farther eastward on the Belgian front Ostend will become untenable, while an advance of ten miles would jeopardize the entire coast line.

SIXTEEN DEATHS IN BERLIN IN SEVENTEEN CHOLERA CASES

Amsterdam, Oct. 2.—On the first day of the outbreak of cholera in Berlin, according to reports received here, there were seventeen cases. Sixteen of these proved fatal.

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