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y service the L. M. and N. sand with exception of first cars is and cars scheduled to leave Brant north at 11.00 a.m. and 5.55 p.m.; 20 a.m. and 1.33 p.m.; V. North — Arrive Brantford 9.50 p.m.; 4.50 p.m.; 8.40 p.m.

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FORTY SEVENTH YEAR

THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, THURSDAY, OCT. 17th, 1918

TWO CENTS

Northern Belgium Being Rapidly Cleared of Germans Smashing Victory by United Armies of the Allies

Retirement on a Tremendous Scale Is Begun By Teutons French, British and Belgian Forces Remain in Close Pursuit, and Continue Their Advance Almost Unopposed.

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 17.—The Ger-Belgium, Oct. 17.—The Germans have started a retreat on a tremendous scale from northern Belgium. French cavalry is approaching Thielt, an important railway centre, seven miles from the banks of the Ghent-Bruges Canal. The canal itself is only ten miles from the border of Holland. So fast is the enemy retreating that the French, British and Belgian infantry, at least in the centre of the battlefront, have lost touch entirely with the enemy.

The British have established a bridgehead south of the Lys, near Werwicosout. After fighting all night and smashing forward for a gain of 7,000 yards, one British corps continued its

advance until it had reached the banks of the Lys, south of Contrai. Another corps estab-lished itself between Heule and

The village of Heetjen was captured after severe fighting in which the Germans suffered tre-

astride the Thourout-Bruges and Thourout-Ostend roads have

retreating rapidly.

This undoubtedly is one of the war's greatest and most vital victories, for the gallant little Belgian army, ably assisted by crack French and British troops, now has driven the despoilers of its country from a large section, which the Germans have occupied since the early days of the war, and has guned positions of such importance that the Germans may have to abandon the entire coast of Belgium.

CLOSING AROUND LILLE

Moreover, the sweeping advance of the allied infantry, preceded by a fan of French cavalry advancing rapidly, has left the entire area in which are the important city of Lille and the great mining and manufacturing districts of Tourcoing, Roubaix and Tournal, in a salient, which is growing deeper every hour, and which the enemy cannot hope to hold.

The French cavalry which is on the crest of the allied advance, has done marvellous ated with cavalry upon isolated posts of enemy machine gunners which vainly attempted to hold up its advance. Some of these gunners, taken prisoner, said they were totally unable to understand why the war was going on, and why they were called upon to continue fighting. One officer said: "We have offered all the terms, in the world for peace; nobody seems willing to accept them."

FIGHTING IN THE STREETS

Resistance, where it has been offered by the enemy, has been extraordinarily fierce, for in these places it obviously has been the purpose of the Commanders of the fleeing Germans to gain time in which to remove their materials. Stableau

TWO LOCAL

Pte. Harold Young and Sapper Leroy Pocle Give Lives .

OTHER CASUALITIES

Word was received yesterday afternoon by Mrs. B. W. Young, 201%
Colborne street, that her eldest son.
Pte. Harold Joseph Young, was killed
in action on September 30th. Pte.
Young wen overseas with the first
C.O.R. quote from Brantford last
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SAPPER S. R. POOLE, Mrs. Eltzal th Poole, 9 Elgin street, was notified this morning that her son Leroy Jeanamin Poole, edge on October 6th of wounds in the shoulder. He was a sapper in the engineering forces.

PTE P. Mrs. Drisoner, Presental point.

PTE P. Mrs. Drisoner, of war in Germany, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Mead, 48 Colborne street. Pte. Mead was a well known hockey player and went overseas with the 125th Buttalion.

PTE Wn. Jones Missing.

Pte. Wn. John Jones vesterday reported missing, live! in Echo Place, and was emplayed by J. H. Hall and Son. He went overseas with the 215th align, and was with the 215th align, and was with the 215th align, and was mental and son. Brantford is better equipped then board of the influenza sitnation here was greatly facilitated for very soon. Fresh cases of sick-pression of the City College for very soon. Fresh cases of sick-pression of the City College for very soon. Fresh cases of sick-pression of the City College for very soon. Fresh cases of sick-pression of the City College for very soon. Fresh cases of sick-pression of the City College for very soon. Fresh cases of sick-pression of the City College for very soon. Fresh cases of sick-pression of the City College for very soon. Fresh cases of sick-pression pressor press and station die to City College for very soon. Fresh cases of sick-pressor pressor in the addition and saledical Heasth Officer pro tem and a board to control last inght in appointing a Medical Heasth Officer pro tem and a board to control last inght in appointing a Medical Heasth Officer pro tem and a board to control last inght in appointing a Medical Heasth Officer pro tem and a board to control in the city of the emergency for the pressor of the number of a falling of the inght in the city of the street of

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ONE MILLION GIVE LIVES
By Courier Leased Wire

London, Oct. 17.—Up to the present nearly one million British lives have been sacrificed in the war, according to information received by Reuter's Limited.

tration of the demited is making and Messrs, Minnes and Patte of the Board of Health, Ald Kelly was appointed chairman and K. V. Bunnell manager and secretary. Matters are being taken hold of with great vimilities intended to have a meeting with last night.

A number of fresh deaths have been reported since last night, but (Continued on page two)

News From Holland Said Kaiser Had Abdicated **Nothing Doing**

London, Oct. 16.—The Official Press Bureau is officially informed that the reports published this afternoon to the effect that Germany has capitulated have no foundation in foot

A despatch from Amsterdam

'The Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant has withdrawn its statement reporting the capitulation of Germany and the abdication of Emperor William.

This step was taken, the newspaper says, because it was unable to obtain any confirmation of the report.

Reuter's Limited learns that the German reply to President Wilson is expected to be communicated immediately, and that it is likely to constitute a general acceptance of the President expectations.

demanded before an armistice is concluded.

"The Germans must lower their hopes of a near peace of justice without humiliation," says the Cologne Volks Zeitung.

The Berlin Vossische Zeitung asks "What guarantees does President Wilson offer that military superiority will not be utilized afterward by his allies in a manner opposed to the principles of justice and conciliation? It appears that we are at a stage when it is still possible to warn the enemy that in the history of the world it has often been proved a mistake to drive a strong nation which, in order not to venture its all, offered its hand in peace, into summoning all its slumbering forces to the national battle."

REACH QUESNOY, TAKE LINSELLES

tremely precarious position. They must get out rapidly or face disas-

must get out rapidly of face disastrons consequences.

Many More Prisoners.

A thousand more prisoners and many more cannon have been captured. The Germans at many places, especially in the northern part of the battle area, seem to be surren-

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17.—A shallow depression now covers Wiscon-

Haig's Forces Have Entered Courtai in Advance in Belgium

20 VILLAGES TAKEN

Gooden a manufacture of the sure is highest in Manitoba and over Lake Superior. Elsewhere in Canada fair weather has prevailed.

Forecasts.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate to fresh east to south winds; some scattered showers, but mostly fair.

Friday—Fresh northwest to north winds; a few scattered showers at first, but generally fair and cool.

Gooden a minimal coolers with the pressure is highest in Manitoba. Showers have been counter attacking to the nouth of here, and in a strong local thrust at Haussy, in the region south of Valenciennes, pressed the British back in the western edge of the villinge.

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.

The Germans had placed marbine guiss in the windows of houses and cellars and fired murderous streams of builets into the advancing Belgians to the advancing Belgians to the advancing Belgians fought with a dogged determination such as only troops fighting to regain their outraged country could display, Nothing could stop them.

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The British, following up the retreating Germans and overcoming the rearguards, are reported as reaching Quesnoy and as having captured Linselles, along the Lys. The Belgians at the time this despatch was filed were reported to be past Keyem and have reached positions on the other side of Cachten and Ardoye, both of which they captured. Northeasts of Courtral, Baytchoove was stormed and taken and the Belgians were still going.

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The weather to-day was cloudy, but thus far no more rain has fallen. However, Flanders is mud from one end to the other, and this condition makes movement difficult for the Allied troops. The ooze and soft ground make it doubly difficult for the enemy to move back. Therefore, the Allied soldiers have put up with great hardships, for they realize that they have the enemy on the run in the most vital section of the West front and do not desire to let him have a chance to reassemble his tattered units.

Outside Courtral the infantry has progressed about three miles and here have been compedied to fight their way forward, for the Germans had orders to hold on to the last, and they did so. Not many of those who had been stationed with machine guns to try to hold up the advance of the Allied troops managed to escape. Virtually all were killed or wounded or are prisoners.

Escape Gap Narrows.

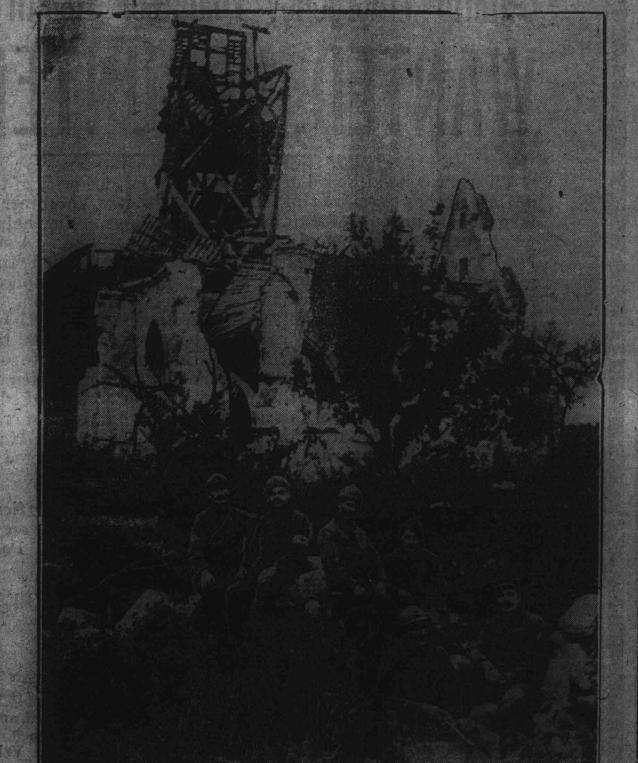
At the Thielt positions the enomy cavalry has begun to come into a country where the ground and roads are harder, allowing them to operate more freely. From here the Holland border is less than twenty miles. It is through this gap that the Germans throughout the entire Belgian coast system must go if they wish to save themselves, providing, of course, the advance cout nues, Incidentally, every yard of sdvance here narrows the enemy's escape gap.

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(Continued on uage two) LILLE TAKEN



By Courier Leased Wire

London, Oct 17—(Canadian
Press despatch, via Reuters.)—
What was left of the edifice at Roye after the German retreat before Gen. Humbert's forces in the The British have captured Lille.

Lassigny-Noyon drive by the French.

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