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EMERGENCY FIGHT FROM FLANERS Northern Belgium Being Rapidly Cleared of Germans Smashing Victory by United Armies of the Allies

ENEMY RAPIDLY EVACUATING CONQUERED TERRITORY IN BELGIUM--HUGE RETREAT ON

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 Germans have started a retreat on a tremendous scale from northern Belgium. French cavalry is approaching Thiel, an important railway centre, seven miles from the banks of the Ghent-Bruges Canal.

retreating rapidly. This undoubtedly is one of the war's greatest and most vital victories. For the gallant British 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 gained positions of such importance that the Germans may have to abandon the entire coast of Belgium.

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.

REACH QUESNOY, TAKE LINSSELLES

The Germans had placed machine guns in the windows of houses and cellars and fired murderous streams of bullets into the advancing Belgians, but were unable to stop them. The Belgians fought with a dogged determination such as only troops fighting to regain their outraged country could display.

dering freely. Many more civilians have been rescued from the towns and districts captured, and little prospect of these are straggling rearward out of range of the guns and out of the way of the fighting troops.

Belgium. The roads behind the Germans are littered with all sorts of transport, and Allied airplanes are again playing havoc with the retreating enemy.

FRESH DRIVE BY BRITISH NEAR CAMBRAI

By Courier Leased Wire London, Oct. 17.—Field Marshal Haig's forces this morning began an attack on the Bohain-La Cateau front, along the Selle river south-west of Cambrai. Satisfactory progress was reported by the British commander in his official statement.

Haig's Forces Have Entered Belgium

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TWO LOCAL MEN KILLED IN ACTION

Pte. Harold Young and Sapper Leroy Poole Give Lives OTHER CASUALTIES

Word was received yesterday afternoon by Mrs. H. W. Young, 2415 Colborne street, that her eldest son, Pte. Harold Joseph Young, was killed in action on September 30th.

SAPPER L. B. POOLE. Mrs. Elizabeth Poole, 9 Elgin street, was notified this morning that her son, Leroy Benjamin Poole, died on October 6th of wounds in the engineering forces.

Pte. Percy Mead, who was reported missing since August 30th, is now a prisoner of war in Germany, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Mead, 48 Colborne street.

Pte. Wm. J. Jones, yesterday reported missing, lived in Echo Place, and was employed by J. H. Hall and Son. He went overseas with the 81st Central Postal Directory, and was later transferred to the 87th.

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 Reuters' London.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF GERMAN CAPITULATION HAVE NO FOUNDATION

INFLUENZA SITUATION MORE HOPEFUL TO-DAY

The handling of the influenza situation here was greatly facilitated by the action of the City Council last night in appointing a Medical Health Officer pro tem and a board to control the emergency hospital.

a falling off in the mortality is hoped for very soon. Fresh cases of sickness are numerous, nothing else could be expected, but others are recovering from the epidemic daily.

At a meeting this morning of the Brantford Emergency Hospital Board and Messrs. Minnes and Patte of the Board of Health, Ald. Kelly was appointed chairman and K. V. Bunnell manager and secretary.

The whiskey ordered by Mayor MacBride the first of the week has been stored in the old market house building in the City Hall building, and is being distributed to the druggists of the city for dispensation upon doctors' orders.

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 fact.

A despatch from Amsterdam says: "The Nieuwe Rotterdamse 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.

Reuters' 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's conditions.

WILL REMAIN ACTIVE. In the afternoon this report got about London that a message had been received indicating that Germany had intimated her readiness to accept Wilson's terms provided the national interests of Germany were safeguarded, and a little later a corresponding message from the Hague telegraphed that it could be stated authoritatively that Germany's answer would be that she accepted President Wilson's terms, but only under the condition that Germany's interests and those of the German people were guaranteed.

"NOT IMMEDIATE" Will Soon Come, Berlin Press States. Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—The semi-official North German Gazette, of Berlin, says: "President Wilson's reply has partly carried the discussion farther and partly extended it."

"A fresh counter-utterance by the German Government, therefore, is necessary, so that the bringing about of an armistice and the inauguration of peace negotiations, but yet immediately attainable."

The Cologne Gazette, which often speaks authoritatively, commenting on President Wilson's reply to Foreign Minister Baezel, says: "After President Wilson's note, hope for peace must be lowered a few pegs."

The Cologne Volks Zeitung takes the same stand. This newspaper declares that a cessation of Germany's U-boat warfare cannot be 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 Voelksbeobachter 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 civilization? 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 summing up all its lumbering forces to the national battle.'"

Frankfurt Zeitung says: "President Wilson's reply cannot be said to mark an advance on the path of peace. On the contrary another step is spoken in the note. The spirit of Clemenceau and Lloyd George makes its presence felt and causes doubt to arise whether the path can lead to the goal."

WANT TO MAINTAIN DYNASTY. Germans do not mind deposing the Kaiser, However. Paris, Oct. 16.—According to a source of information not without value, Berlin is considering how Emperor Wilhelm can disappear without endangering the dynasty, says a despatch from Geneva to the Temps.

One solution being considered, it is reported.

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RUINS OF THE CHURCH AT ROZE. What was left of the edifice at Roze after the German retreat before Gen. Humbert's forces in the Lassigny-Noyon drive by the French.

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