

Allies Press Forward On All Fronts

Giving Teutons no Rest --- British Only Six Miles From Lille --- Germans Burning Towns as They Retreat --- British Cavalry and Whippet Tanks Sweep Through Hindenburg Line Taking Village of Fresnoy.

WAR REVIEW.

Nowhere are the armies of the Teutonic allies being permitted to rest. On the fronts in Flanders, France, Italy and Turkey, the enemy still continues to lose ground, or is being compelled to throw strong reinforcements into his battle line to hold back his aggressors. In Belgian Flanders the Belgian, British and French troops are still driving forward, although their speed has been somewhat lessened by the bad condition of the ground. The enemy is actively evacuating the salient between Armentieres and Lens, and the British now are standing only a scant six miles northwest of Lille over a front of about four miles between Wavrin and Equinghen, at the former place, having gained a position astride the Lens-Lille railroad. Notwithstanding violent counter attacks on a line strengthened by fresh reserves, the British between St. Quentin and Cambrai have materially pressed eastward from the region of Le Catelet, and to the north have improved their positions in Cambrai so well that apparently these important towns must fall. Taken all in all, the situation of the Germans in this region seems to be critical, and the crisis is at hand. Far to the rear aerial observers report the roads congested with retreating troops, who are being harassed by the machine gun fire of the airmen. In Flanders, fires are everywhere to be seen, and it is evident the enemy, realizing that he must give further ground, is vigorously applying the torch. Around Rheims the French have further extended their gains north and northwest of the cathedral city, where they are all along the Aisne Canal. To the east in Champagne American forces are fighting with the French between the Sulpe River and the Argonne forest. In addition to holding their original battle line inside and east of the Argonne forest, west of the Argonne,

with the aid of French tanks, the Americans have taken the important height positions of Blanc Mont and the Modchah farm and pressed farther northward. Simultaneously the French have advanced their front eastward around Challenge, and gained better positions for their operations up the railway towards Voussiers and in keeping the Germans inside the northern portion of the Argonne forest by an enflading fire through the Air valley while the Americans press northward through the forest driving the enemy before them. The latest reports are that the Americans have advanced almost two miles in the forest and on the eastern side of the great wood are slowly pressing northward. Throughout this entire region the Germans are resisting most stubbornly. In the mountain region in Northern Italy the Italians on several sectors have attacked and defeated the Austrians, while in Albania the Austro-Hungarians are in fast retreat before the Italian armies. The Italian cavalry is working far in advance of the infantry harassing the enemy. The Semeri River in Western Albania has been crossed and the enemy's supply center invaded. In Palestine the Turks have been driven far beyond Damascus with the British still on their heels harrying them. Reports are to the effect that Austro-Hungary is again seeking peace having invited Holland to request the belligerents to participate in negotiations. The Hungarian premier who has arrived in Vienna with a number of Hungarian statesmen, is quoted as saying that the Hungarians "again are laboring unfruitfully in the interests of peace and we are already negotiating."

LENS AND ARMENTIERES OCCUPIED. LONDON, Oct. 4. News from all sectors of the Western front tells of giant efforts by the enemy to stem the daily advance of the Allies. The Germans are putting in their best troops and, according to all correspondents, are fighting with despair. There is no movement of any great retreat except the withdrawal in Flanders sector where the British have occupied Armentieres and Lens and are closely pressing the retreating enemy. The recapture of the great French coal region affords great satisfaction here. In the Squahert Bony sector the allies' breach in the Hindenburg system was extended today and are fighting in the outskirts of Mont Brehatin where Australian units with tanks are operating. The importance the Germans attach to the retention of this portion of the line is indicated by the Frankfurt Gazette which says that in order to prevent a total break through Cambrai and St. Quentin, General Von Boehn's army has been made so strong, that it is equivalent to a complete army group. The Gazette declares: There is great danger along the whole western front. It cannot be long before an important enemy retreat from the Hindenburg line is bound to happen, according to universal military opinion here. Interesting news come from eastern Europe. Austria has withdrawn her troops in Albania, and the Italians recaptured Berat. It is learned in official quarters that the German residents of Sofia and Constantinople including officers and their families are leaving hastily and going through Roumania to Germany.

HINDENBURG SYSTEM SMASHED. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE ST. QUENTIN SECTOR. Oct. 3. (By the A.P.)—British forces broke through the entire Hindenburg defence system in the neighborhood of Fresnoy today. As soon as the break had been made, cavalry forces swept through, being followed closely by "whippets" tanks and armored cars.

According to reports which are considered reliable the village of Fresnoy itself was taken soon afterwards. Allied airplanes which have been flying low over the rear of the Hindenburg line report that there are only one or two thinly held, hurriedly built trench lines in front of the advancing British. This is a perfect cavalry country and with this force free behind the enemy's line the entire German positions north and south of St. Quentin are gravely menaced. The enemy appears to be in full retreat. North of the break in the line Allied patrols have penetrated further into Cambrai from which the Germans seem to be withdrawing. There was fighting of the most desperate character before the last line of the system was smashed. Fresh troops which had not been in the earlier fighting here were poured into the battle. Strong enemy positions were taken by storm. An immense number of Germans were killed during the fighting. During the afternoon the Germans delivered a terrific counter attack against Gouy and Le Catelet. Unconfirmed reports say that they gained slightly here, but their advance was short lived. New British attacks were launched and desperate fighting is still in progress. Last available air reports are to the effect that the advancing British troops are six thousand yards beyond the Beaurvoir line. Machine gunners in large numbers are said to have poured through the breach in the Hindenburg system aboard motor buses.

THROWING IN GENERAL RESERVES.

LONDON, Oct. 3. Germany is now throwing general reserves into the battle on the St. Quentin front. This accounts for the stiffening resistance there also along the German left flank and marks the beginning of the last phase of the great battle.

REINFORCEMENTS NEEDED.

OTTAWA, Oct. 4. Cause was pointed out from overseas indicating heavy losses among the Canadian forces, are likely to cause renewed consideration as to providing further reinforcements. The classes called up under the amended Military Service Act have pretty well gone overseas, and if more are needed an additional call seems in prospect. The Government has come to no decision yet whether to call up the second class, abolish more exemptions, or summon the 25,000 who have attained 20 years of age recently. The last mentioned course is regarded as the most probable in some quarters.

CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS. OTTAWA, Oct. 4. The total value of over \$90,000,000 worth of meats and dairy products has been purchased in Canada by the British authorities in the twelve months just ended. All the commodities bought were produced on Canadian farms, and the returns go to the farmers.

EXPLOSION.

PERTH, Amboy, N.J., Oct. 4. Doctors who have returned from Morgan with patients, express the belief that at least 100 persons have been killed in an explosion there. Many injured are being brought in.

COULDN'T FOOL BRITISH.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY ON THE ST. QUENTIN SECTOR, Oct. 3. —As the 4th English division had crossed the St. Quentin canal today one party was sent to one end of the Bellengise tunnel and another to the other end. There were signs immediately that the tunnel was full of men therefore a captured howitzer was brought up to one end of the tunnel's mouth and a shot was sent screaming through it. Germans then literally poured from the tunnel with their hands up yelling "kamerad," and terror stricken. One shot from their own howitzer was enough completely to change the plans of the Germans who were apparently in hiding hoping that the Englishmen would pass on and enable them to come out and attack them from the rear, as others of their comrades did in the case of the Americans who reached advanced positions in the neighbourhood of Gour. The tunnel was found to be littered with machine guns, rifles, ammunition and all equipment of a thousand men who abandoned it in their terror.

AUSTRIA AFTER PEACE.


AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4. A delegation of Hungarian statesmen headed by Premier Werkele, have arrived at Vienna in connection with a new peace move, according to the Cologne Gazette. The other members of the Wekerle party were Count Stephen Tizza and Count Julius Andressy, former Premier of Hungary, and Count Albert Apponyi, the Hungarian Minister of Information. Austria-Hungary has requested Holland to invite the belligerents to take part in peace negotiations, says the Vienna correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt. The correspondent adds that Holland already has sent out the invitations.

4,000 PRISONERS CAPTURED.

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DISORGANIZATION IN GERMAN ARMY. WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE, Oct. 4.—In the Armentieres sector the retreat of the Germans continues. The British are now well on the east of Lens. Mericourt, southeast of Lens, has been captured by the British. The Belgians, together with French troops, have reached a point two thousand yards south of Hooleda, and one thousand yards southeast of the Chapelle-Roulers road. Civilians are being moved in a hurry from Courtrai, fifteen miles east of Ypres. There are no signs of fresh German reserves anywhere. There is every indication of disorganization in the enemy infantry. Riots are reported to have occurred among certain German units, in which even the officers participated. A British officer familiar with the entire German situation in Flanders, says: "Nothing would surprise us. This may turn into a riot now."

PREPARING TO EVACUATE SEA COAST. WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE, Oct. 4.—British troops last night and this morning made progress in the neighbourhood of Fresnoy Le Grand, northeast of St. Quentin, though only meagre reports of the fighting in that district have been received. The country behind the German lines in Flanders is ablaze virtually everywhere. From prisoners comes information that the Germans are making hurried preparations to evacuate the Dune country of Belgium along the seacoast. Dugouts are being blown up there.

BERLIN REPORT. BERLIN, Oct. 4. An attempt was made by the British yesterday to break through the German lines on a broad front between Le Catelet and St. Quentin. German Army Headquarters announced today. The enemy succeeded in taking Le Catelet and in penetrating Sequhart, but afterward was thrown back on both sides of Le Catelet, the statement says. Sequhart, however, remained in the hands of the British. It adds: A counter attack threw back

the Allied forces that had penetrated the German lines in Flanders astride the Ostend-Roulers road.

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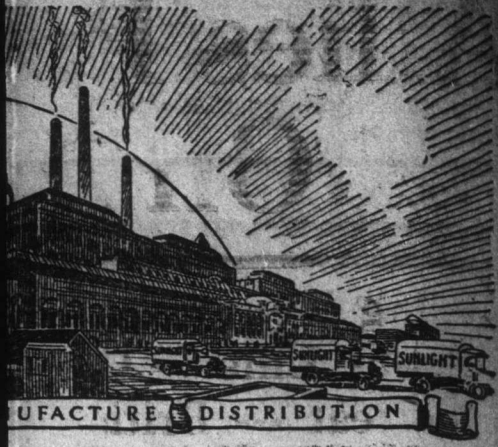
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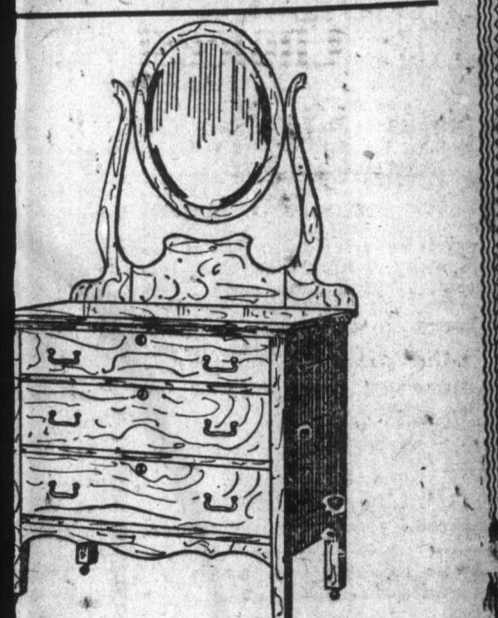
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