

SEVENTEEN GERMAN DIVISIONS IN ROUT

British Capture Lille, Americans Take Important Ground and the Belgian Army Marches on Ostend

HAIG LAUNCHES NEW OFFENSIVE

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The whole of the German army of General von Arnim is in retreat from the North sea to the region of Lille, having been beaten back and overthrown by the Allied attacks today.

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LONDON, Oct. 17, by The Associated Press.—Belgian forces, under command of King Albert, which crossed the Yser river are marching on Ostend, a seaport on the English channel.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, Oct. 17, Reuter's.—The Germans on leaving Lille which was captured today by British forces, did not set fire to the buildings in the city or cause any explosions.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 16, 10 p. m., by The Associated Press.—The capture of Grand Pre by General Pershing's forces was accomplished under terrific hardships and with a heroism not hinted at in the brief official announcement of the taking of this stronghold of the Germans north of the Argonne forest.

PARIS, Wednesday, Oct. 16.—Austro-German forces in western Serbia have retired into Montenegro and have evacuated the town of Diakova on the Serbo-Montenegrin frontier, according to an official statement from the French war office tonight.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—Resistance by the Germans is crumbling all along the battle front except in the region of the Argonne and northern Champagne. There American troops under General Liggett, Cameron and Braulled, and French troops under General Gouraud are engaged in desperate fighting.

The Prussian guards, ceding ground inch by inch, are dying but not surrendering, in an effort to save their right wing.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—British forces entered Courtrai during yesterday's fighting, according to a statement issued at the war office today. More than twenty villages were captured by the Allied forces in Belgium during the day.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—Outbreaks against the Germans have occurred in northern Rumania, in the providence of Moldavia, says a dispatch to the Journal from Zurich. The population suddenly assumed an openly hostile attitude to the German authorities, according to the advices, which come by way of Bucharest.

In several districts there have been clashes between bands of Rumanian peasants and Austro-German forces.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday, Oct. 16.—The war is coming to an end in such a manner as no man in Germany desires, said the Vorwaerts of Berlin on Monday.

"Let us say it candidly," the newspaper continues. "During all these terrible four years the aim of our efforts and sacrifices was to prevent such an end."

LONDON, Wednesday, Oct. 16.—Up to the present nearly one million British lives have been sacrificed in the war, according to information received by Reuter's limited.

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct. 17.—"The counts declared war but the representatives of the people will conclude peace," the Socialist newspaper Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna says in a current article on the situation created by the Teutonic peace proposals and the replies to them.

(By The Associated Press.) Lille has been captured by the British. Allied pressure on all sides of the salient of which Lille was the center compelled the enemy to give up the city, the largest town of France captured by the Germans and for four years an important unit of the enemy defense system.

Bruges, Turcoing And Roubaix Are Emptied of Citizens

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN BELGIUM, Wednesday, Oct. 16.—8 p. m.—(By The Associated Press.)—Bruges, Turcoing and Roubaix have been emptied of all civilians and the Germans have removed their military establishments from these cities.

All submarines have been hastily removed from the base at Ostend and it seems that German naval bases all along the Belgian coast are being made ready for instant removal.

JAPAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY TOKIO, Oct. 17.—The Japan Temperance Society demands that no more rice be used in the brewing of drinks during the continuance of the war. This, the society asserts, would help to prevent further riots over the price of rice, would save 18,000,000 bushels of rice every year and decrease the drinking of intoxicants.

HOUSE BUSY ON BILL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Work proceeded in the house today on the \$6,245,555,000 military deficiency bill with its passage expected before night.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN BELGIUM, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 9 p. M. (By The Associated Press)—The withdrawal of the Germans from the Lille-Douai sector may become more rapid daily. It is indicated that the enemy contemplates retiring for at least 35 miles on this front, probably splitting his flight into four groups to the rear.

Wilson's Note Has Not Reached German Front—Mutinies Increase.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 10 p. m. (By The Associated Press)—The first American army gained new successes in the continuation of its attacks today east and west of the Meuse. West of the river they were fighting at nightfall in Campigneulle and Grand Pre. Grand Pre was soon in their possession.

French Enter Perot PARIS, Oct. 16.—French forces have entered the city of Perot, in Serbia, according to an official statement issued at the war office tonight.

Serbs Keep Up Energetic LONDON, Oct. 17.—Serbian troops, continuing their energetic campaign for driving out the Austro-German forces remaining on Serbian soil, have captured the town of Alexianatz, on the Moravia river, 15 miles northwest of Nish, says a Serbian official statement received here today.

British Open Drive LONDON, Oct. 17.—Field Marshal Haig's forces this morning began an attack on the Bohain-Le Cateau front along the Selle river southeast of Cambrai.

ATHENS PROTESTS AGAINST BRUTAL ACTS OF BULGARS

ATHENS, Oct. 17.—The ravages of the Bulgarians in eastern Macedonia have caused the directors of the newspapers of Athens to protest to the world and invite representatives of the press to visit the ruined area and see conditions for themselves.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN BELGIUM, Oct. 16. (By The Associated Press)—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 gained positions of such importance that the Germans may have to abandon the entire coast of Belgium.

HUNS IN FATE OF HUN IS SEALED

Plan Retirement of 35 Miles in Lille-Douai Sector.

MOVING ARTILLERY BEING OUTFLANKED

Immense Line Condemned Irrevocably to General Retreat.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The fate of the German defenses along the Belgian coast and in the great Lille industrial area has been sealed by the continued advance of the allied armies under King Albert on the thirty-mile front in Flanders.

The extreme right wing of the German defenses in the west has been wrenched away from the protecting sea. Henceforth, the immense line which has been buttressed by the sea on one end and by the Swiss frontier on the other forcing the allies always to attack frontally, can be outflanked.

It is believed here that the allied attack in Flanders did not surprise the Germans but the rapidity of the advance did. The enemy now is powerless to retrieve the situation.

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Lansing Warns People to Loyal Support the Loan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—"Germany is bending. More pressure and she will break," says Secretary Lansing in a statement today warning the nation that the war is not over and the fourth Liberty loan must be a success at a time when every dollar as well as every man and every gun counts more than ever before.

Mr. Lansing's statement follows: "Our men in France are driving forward. Our government is redoubling its efforts to send men and munitions overseas. The battles are going well but they must go better. The war is not over. This is no time to slacken effort or to fail to do our part here at home.

To keep up and to increase the pressure on the retreating Germans is the only certain way to win. To do this the government must have all the money it needs. We are asked to loan it, and we are asked to loan it now.

"The fourth Liberty loan will put new armies in France, it will supply our general with munitions; it will destroy every hope of the imperial German government, its troops and its followers; it will make victory sure."

"Germany is bending. More pressure and she will break. Every man counts, every gun counts and every dollar counts more today than ever before. The government must have the money it needs. Loan it to your country. Do your part to win the war."

Fire Destroys Munitions Plant at Lyons, France

LYONS, France, Oct. 17.—Fire followed by an explosion in a munitions factory at 11 o'clock last night caused important material damage. Another and more violent explosion occurred at midnight when the magazines blew up. The buildings still were burning today. No lives were lost. A few persons, including several firemen, were injured.

MEMORIAL FOR AMERICA BORDEAUX, Wednesday, Oct. 16.—The municipal council has voted a subscription of 100,000 francs toward a fund raised to erect a memorial in honor of America at the south of the Garonne river.

U. S. MARSHAL NAMED. WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—James A. Baggett of Big Springs, Tex., was nominated by President Wilson to be United States marshal for northern district of Texas.

GERMANY'S HOLD ON THE BELGIAN COAST LOOSENED

Allies Rapidly Cutting Off Coast Cities and Compelling Enemy to Hurry Out of Trap Which Is Closing—Germans Retreat From Chief Rendezvous of Their Submarines.

Germany's hold on the Belgian coast has been loosened. Fighting their way forward until they have reached Cools-camp, only 21 miles from the Dutch frontier, the Allies are rapidly cutting off the coast cities and compelling the enemy to hurry out of the trap which is closing about him.

Evidence that the Germans are retreating from the coast which has been the chief rendezvous of their submarines, may be found in the advance by the Belgians north and east of Dixmude yesterday. In this region the Germans have lost positions to a depth of three miles and the Belgians have carried their lines over the lowlands at a rate of speed which would appear to indicate little if any opposition from the enemy.

Important successes have been gained at the apex of the wedge driven into the German lines north of Lille. Coolscamp has been taken and the Lys river from Menin to Harlebeke east of Courtrai has been reached. Allied troops are in the outskirts of Courtrai and very near Lille.

In this area fires are burning piles of German supplies showing that the enemy is hastily getting out of the district which has been outflanked by the progress to the north. This retirement is reported to be extending as far south as Douai.

American forces have occupied the village of Grand Pre, situated on the north side of the Aire river as it runs westward through the Argonne forest. They have also captured Moulin-les-

YANKEES OUTWIT ENEMY

Wade River and Suddenly Dash on Top of Germans.

HUNS ARE AMAZED

Americans Close in and Desperate Hand-to-hand Fight Ensues.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 17. (By The Associated Press.)—The Americans took the town of Grand Pre primarily by outwitting the enemy—by attacking without artillery preparation which the Germans had expected, by wading the river Aire at four points instead of building bridges, by struggling through almost impassable mud step by step until suddenly on top of the amazed Germans and by driving them into a retreat after hand-to-hand fighting.

The Americans had advanced to a point within a short distance of Grand Pre and the Germans had destroyed the bridges over the shallow Aire as they retreated. The enemy obviously expected an artillery fire to preface any further attack but his surprise was unfeigned when the Americans smashed into his positions.

The American attack began at 6 o'clock in the morning. The men moved forward in the shelter of the forest, reaching the Aire at four points agreed upon where the stream could be forded.

Troops Wade in Water to Walists. Without attracting the attention of the enemy.

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