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CAMBRAI AND MANY VILLAGES CAPTURED

FORMIDABLE ENEMY DEFENSE SYSTEM BETWEEN ST. QUENTIN AND CAMBRAI IS DEMOLISHED

Out in the Open Driving Eastward.

THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS

Germans Not Captured Are Forced to Flee For Their Lives.

ARGONNE IS THREATENED

Forest Must Soon Fall Before American Onslaughts.

(By The Associated Press). The formidable German defense system between Cambrai and St. Quentin has been utterly demolished and Eritish, American and French troops are out in the open country eastward in pursuit of the retreating enemy.

Cambrai, the pivot point in the former line and over which there has been so much bitter fighting, is in British hands; numerous villages and hamlets the south have been overrun by the allies and thousands of Germans have been made prisoner and hundreds of

The victory seemingly is a complete one and with Geenral Foch's strategy working smoothly in bending back the German line in one great converging movement, the Germans apparently

From the region northwest of Rheims to the Meuse river north of Verdun, the French and Americans are slowly but surely pushing the Germans backward toward the Belgian

in Mecedonia and Asiatic Turkey troops of the entente still have my able to do more than fight rearding battles, giving ground when e pressure becomes too strong. Under the avalanche of steel hurled against them on the Cambrai-St. Quenin sectors the Germans could not live were forced to flee eastward. were inflicted on se of the enemy who had the temity to endeavor to make a stand. On other hand the casualties of the es are declared to have been relaely small, those of the Americans

ing less than half of the number of Where the enemy purposes to make next stand cannot be foretold but bably an effort for a turnabout will attempted along the Valenciennes-After this line the only nown German defensive position west Rhine is the Meuse river. The mericans already are threatening to this line untenable, having startan advance up the valley on the stern side of the stream toward Se-

maneuvers of the French northrest of Rheims are cutting more deepresistance that is being offerthe enemy to postpone the fall great St. Gobain massif and the important strategic positions of and LaFere which seemingly are to be pinched out of the battle the successful operations Quentin and Berry-Au-Bac resistance also is being im-Germans against further by the French and Americans magne and east of the Argonne Particularly heavy counterhave been launched by the on various positions, but withults other than increasing his Along the Suippe river the s furious, but the French n able to make further crossthe stream. St. Etienne has

> of the Argonne forest as have driven their line forthe region of Cornay on the where they have effected with the French troops and Argonne forest soon allied hands. On the eastthe Meuse the Americans anced and taken several small straightened out was being enfiladed persist that the Turkish as fallen and that the new be Tewfik Pasha, Impathies are declared to be ather than pro-German. Ru- Spanish government. t that the Turks have desthe Spanish government.

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Brah. Pa., Oct. 9.-The fusion announced several hours after liam A. Brady, president of the associosion that no one had been ation.

which followed destroyed the dge of the building. For a time thission has not been determined.

British, French and Americans German Armies are In Full Flight Before the Allies

(By The Associated Press). before the British, American and French forces on the front between Cambrai and St. Quentin. Cambrai, region has been taken by the Canadians in its entirety and north of Cambrai the Canadians have deeply penetrated the German line.

Out in the open east of what once was the old Hindenburg line cavalry is hustling the retreating foe in what virtually amounts to a rout. So fast is the retreat that columns of the alied troops in parade form have pass-

SLOW BOND SALES

ed through numerous villages, com-The German armies are in full flight pletely out of contact with the Ger-

More than 10,000 prisoners and between 100 and 200 guns were captured in Tuesday's fighting and the continuthe strong point of the enemy in this ation of the battle Wednesday resulted in further large captures.

In the fighting 23. German divisions -more than a quarter of a million men-have been severely manhandled. The maximum depth of the advance is between eight and ten miles. The Germans are declared to be fleeing to the east of Le Cateau, one of the most important railroad centers in this re-

Behind them the Germans are leav (Continued on Page Two).

AUTOMOBILE TAXES CAUSING CONCERN ARE CUT IN HALF

Passed By the House are Passed

Upon-Ten Per Cent Tax On

Candy Approved.

Washington, Oct. 9 .- The 10 per cent

taxes fixed by the house on passenger

in half today by the senate finance

luxury tax schedule was completed.

cent placed by the house on automo-

House taxes of 10 per cent on sport-

of 10 per cent on candy was approved.

more than \$15.

than \$40 will be exempted.

COLONEL FEARS PRESIDENT

proposal:

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Oct. 9 .- Col. Theo-

ment I unqualifiedly adhere. I fear

ment will be treated as an invitation

British Air Operations.

dropped Tuesday on enemy strong

eration," says an official statement to-

the bettle zone. "During the night

London, Oct. 9 .- "Smoke curtains

"The effort to fight and to negoti-

that the president's latest announce-

to further note writing.

With Campaign Period Half Senate Committee Reduces the Gone Less Than \$2,000,000,-Levy in Revenue Bill to Five Per Cent. 000 Is Reported.

People Everywhere Will Have to Subscribe In Larger Amounts Than Before If the Fourth Loan is to

Washington, Oct. 9 .- The treasury department today openly admitted that the slow progress of the fourth liberty loan toward the six-billion dollar goal he enemy on the run. Nowhere is the three weeks subscription period half gone the loan is only 30 per cent treasury up to tonight is \$1,791,463,200. tempting to camouflage the fact that iberty loan committees throughout country are confronted with a serious situation," said the treasury statement. "If the loan is to be subscribed, a daily bile trucks and tractors. The 10 per average of \$467,000,900 must be raised between now and October 19.

"Cognization of the fact that the loan never can succeed at its present reduced to five per cent. rate of progress, canvassers throughout the country are stating plainly to all citizens that they must buy bonds in larger amounts than heretofore. Wealthy persons particularly must go deeper into their capital or extend their credit and not depend upon their current income alone to pay for bonds. People of moderate and small means must pledge their future earnings in greater degree."

"Double the third" has been adopted as a slogan in many districts to stimulate subscribers to do as much as they did in the last loan.

Americans and others in Mexico city according to advices to the state dehave bought \$623,000 worth of bonds,

Richmond district reported \$74,723,-900 in subscriptions, 26 per cent of its

A war exhibit train in North Carolina sold \$240,000 of bonds from the platform in two stops. In Virginia 131 banks, out of 450, report subscriptions of \$16,300,000.

NEW GRAND VIZIER OF TURKEY PRO-ALLY

British Foreign Office Received Indirect News of the Fall of the Old Cabinet.

London, Oct. 9 .- The British foreign office has received indirect news of the

fall of the Turkish cabinet. Tewfik Pasha, who, it is reported will be the new grand vizer and is understood to have pro-ally rather

than pro-German sympathies. According to advices which are not official, however, the cabinet had decided to take military measures against Bulgaria, but found that the

opinion of the country was against them. It is rumored that a Turkish peace note has been despatched through the

peace note to the allies MOTION PICTURE RELEASES DISCONTINUED INDEFINITELY

New York, Oct 9 .- The National MUNITIONS PLANT EXPLOSION sociation of Motion Picture Industries decided at a meeting here tonight to ate at the same time is apt to damdiscontinue all metion picture releases age the fighting end of the combinathe Aetna Chemical Comp- after October 15 because of the epi- tion. Personally I believe that our Heidelberge, near here, demic of Spanish influenza. The em- sole aim should be to win the war and Toyed tonight by an explosion bargo will remain in force until furnot to discuss peace terms with the line cash to buy a Liberty be said, would be an inbenzol tanks. Officials of the ther notice, it was announced by Wil- enemy until the war has been won."

Wm. K. Vanderbilt Honored. Paris, Friday, Oct. 9.-William K. threatened the TNT works Vanderbilt this evening was presented partments from surrounding with the resette of an officer of the night on the work of the airmen in with the rosette of an officer the best of which he sided.

GERMANY'S GREAT MILITARY MACHINE BEING SHATTERED

Berlin's Realization of It Believed to Have Prompted Armistice Plea.

FOCH'S BLOWS DEADLY

Enemy Lacks the Men and Equipment Necessary to Withstand Assaults.

Washington, Oct. 9 .- Germany's plea for an armistice is founded, both American and allied military officials here believe, upon recognition in Berlin of the fact that the German army organization in France is slowly disintegrating under the terrific campaign of Marshal Foch.

These officers regard the move of the German chancellor as a desperate eleventh-hour attempt to escape serious military disaster and they would not be surprised if President Wilson's condition that there can be no talk of an armistice except when coupled with agreement to withdraw immediately from invaded territory were

promptly accepted. The answer to such a move, it was suggested today, would be to leave to Marshal Foch the dictation of the terms of the armistice should the situation ever reach that stage, as the snthat no military advantage to the enemy resulted. In the meantime Mar shal Foch hour by hour is surround-NEED \$467,000,000 A DAY MUCH PROGRESS IS MADE ing the German forces with new perils as his strategic conceptions are developed

> Evidence of the waning resisting power of the German forces in France was plainly seen by observers here in the sweep forward of the Anglo-American forces north of St. Quentin. Apparently there has been no material lowering of the fighting quality of the enemy soldiers, but there is every evidence that the complex military or rantzation upon which defense of the long battle front depends is breaking automobiles and motorcycles were cut under the strain. Signs of confusion have been noted repeatedly. Worn out divisions have been called upon to check the assault of fresh allied troops in its revision of the war revenue bill. and have been cut to pieces.

These are signs only, for the enemy front still offers a grim obstacle to the advancing armies and the battle is growing daily in fury instead of les- is violently attacked by the Germans. In reducing the tax on passenger sening. But the signs are there. They mean a vital weakness at the heart f the great machine, the absolute lack of the men and war equipment to meet the combined assault definitely.

In the line between Verdun and the sea, two salients are developing. The first has its apex along the Laon front. bile tires and accessories also was where the enemy still clings to St. Gohain forest and part of the Chemin des Dames ridge. The second has its greatest depth before Lens. Between ing goods, cameras and photographic these two pockets the Anglo-American supplies were accepted. The tax on drive, supplemented by the French advance east of St. Quentin has thrust chewing gum, which was made six a blunt wedge which not only has enper cent by the house, was reduced gulfed Cambrai, but has torn its way to four per cent, but the house levy through the whole Hindenburg defense zone into open country beyond. It can strike either north or south at The house provisions levying taxes need to squeeze the pocket on either on firearms and ammunition when side, or can be carried ahead to smash sold other than to 'the government through vital communication lines.

were accepted as was the provision levying a 10 per cent tax on yachts On the British force pressing in on and other pleasure boats selling for Lille from the west and north forms The house section which would levy movement against the whole imposts on trunks costing more than salient. The Germans began a retire-\$50 was amended so as to fix this ment on the Lens-Armentieres front amount at \$25 while for valises and some time ago which they have checktraveling bags \$15 was made the minied, fearing probably the envelopment mum instead of \$25. The committee of their Douai front unless that also also agreed to the taxing of purses could be relieved simultaneously. The and handbags costing more than \$5 capture of Cambrai now threatens this instead of \$7.50 as fixed by the house. front from the south as well and it All of the house provisions delative is believed here that the enemy must to men's and women's wearing appar- | move immediately out of the el were accepted unchanged. Under Lille-Douai region.

this schedule, men, women and boys The situation looks to be even more will be permitted to pay \$50 for suits critical on the Laon front. From the or overcoats without being subject to north the British break-through altax while women's dresses costing less most certainly will give the allies command of the Oise valley in a matter The house proposal to tax women's of hours with open ground before them hats costing more than \$15 was accepted but the provision placing the limit of \$5 for men's and boys' hats troops under General Gouraud already and \$2 for caps was revised so as to are across the Alsne and are turning make \$6 for the former and \$4 for the enemy's position on the Suippe

still further east with the American second division aiding. The Suippe line offers little hope of HAS DONE THE WRONG THING prolonged resistance as it is supported by few strong hill positions and the occupation of the Aisne valley in dore Roosevelt made the following the near future seems a certainty. That statement tonight on President Wil- would leave the enemy along the front son's response to the German peace in St. Gobain forest and the heights to the southeast in a difficult position be-

tween the Oise and Aisne lines. Encircling both these pincer moveought to be fought through until we ments stands that great trap tipped secured the unconditional surrender on the Meuse jaw by the American of Germany and her vassal allies- first army and in Belgium by the Fran-Austria and Turkey. To this state- co-Belgian push that has reached (Continued on Page Two.)

\$50.00

will handle your points were of great value in the opsubscription on \$1 down on October 12, according to the Berlin been very few deaths. The school authorities ordered the system closed for the set of serious, although there have been very few deaths. The school authorities ordered the system closed for the system closed for down 109 German planes.

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Cambrai In Its Entirety Is In Hands of British; 10,000 Prisoners Taken

London, Oct. 9 .- The whole of Cam- | habitants who were left in the capturbrai is in British possession, Field ed villages have met the advancing Marshal Haig reports tonight from headquarters. The Canadians were

the first to enter the town. In the first great defeat inflicted on the Germans yesterday, 10,000 prisoners and from 160 to 200 guns were captured. The statement says:

"We inflicted a heavy defeat on the enemy yesterday between St. Quentin and Cambrai, taking over 10,000 prisoners and between 100 and 200 guns. "No less than 23 German divisions were engaged on this front; they were severely handled.

"The result of this action is that the troops have been enabled to advance today on the whole front beween the Somme and the Sensee and are making rapid progress eastward, capturing rear guard detachments of he enemy, isolated batteries and machine gun posts. Numbers of the in-

troops with enthusiasm.

"The whole of Cambrai is in onr the town from the north at an early hour this morning while at a later hour English troops of the third army passed through the southern portion of the town.

"Since August 21 the British first, third and fourth armies have broken through the whole elaborate series of deep defensive zones built up with successive belts of heavily fortified trench lines, including the entire Hindenburg system on a front of over 35 mHes from St. Quentin to Arras. Having penetrated this battle area to a depth of between 30 and 40 miles, our troops are now operating far beyond and east of the Hindenburg de-

"In the process of these operations and since the date mentioned we have inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy in killed and wounded and have (Continued on Page Two).

FRENCH VIOLENTLY NUMBER OF DEATHS ATTACKING ENEMY

Champagne Battle Was Being Have Been Caused by Pneumo-Waged With Renewed Intensity Yesterday.

Nowhere Are the Germans, With All Disease Has Spread to Practically Ev-Their Genius in Organization, Able to Find a Stable Position to Which to Retire.

With the French Army in Cham-

North of St. Etienne, on the Arnes than on the day before. river, the enemy made a vigorous assault upon the positions won by General Gouraud's men Tuesday, but largely the German casualties.

Notwithstanding the stubborn opposition the enemy is offering on the other states. Suippe and north of the Arnes, the impression still is that he is merely ficulties of retreat, the extent of which, in view of the developments on the extreme left wing of the fighting front, it is impossible to forecast.

The vigor and perseverance of the allied pressure appears to have deranged all the German plans. Nowhere genius in organization, been able to prepare a stable position upon which their defeated troops could retire in security, which suggested that they again have erred in their judgment of the strength and endurance of the entente allied fighting forces.

They are being defeated not only at points chosen for attacks by Marshal Fock and his generals, but on ground selected by themselves for

Their reaction all along the Champagne front thus far has been productive of only one result relatively favorable to them in the region of the Grand Pre gap, which they have been able to keep open to the present, although the gap is under the heavy fire the city board of aldermen will of the French guns.

The latest American advance northward to the east of the Argonne fornow virtually closed, and the only real lines of communication for the enemy operating in Champagne are northward by Vouzieres and Rethel and most of these lines over considerable distances are being shelled by the French artillery.

ntilizing available reserves the Germans are able still to make a stand on the Sissone line north of the Aisne their elastic retirement may turn suddenly into general retreat.

DEFENSE SOCIETY DEMANDS UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

tional surrender by Germany and her allies can end the war, declares the American defense society in a statement issued today to its members throughout the United States. Charles Stewart Davison, chairman of the board of trustees of the society, warned its members against into a situation through which a neabout" In an negotiated peace there E. R. Brown, who has been cinfined to justice to some other nation or some Bond. Any bank in our individual who has been injured by Germany."

Reichstag Summoned.

Copenhagen, Oct. 9 .- The German Reichstag has been summened to meet

nia Since Influenza Epi-

FOE'S PLANS DERANGED MANY STATES AFFECTED

ery Part of Country-Number of New Cases in Camps Shows Slight Increase.

Washington, Oct. 9 .- Spanish influnagne. Oct. 9. 2 p. m.—(By the Asso- enza now has spread to practically evciated Press.)-The battle in Cham- ery part of the country. Reports topagne is going on with increasing in- day to the public health service showtensity today from the Aisne, in the ed the disease is epidemic in many region of Vaux les Mouron, which was western and Pacific coast states as taken this morning by the French, to well as in almost all regions east of the Suippe river at Bazoncourt, which the Mississippi river. Its spread also the reichstag resolution of July, 1917, continued in army camps, the number of new cases reported being greater

Influenza now is epidemic at three places in Arizona, in Maryland, in On the other hand, if Maximilian atmany parts of Arkansas, in Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and many

New cases of influenza reported today at army camps totaled 13,605, a seeking to gain time to reduce the dif- slight increase over the number yesterday. There also was an increase in pneumonia cases, with 2,842 reported. The 820 deaths made a total of 6,543 in the camps since the epidemic started last month.

> FAYETTEVILLE GETS \$2,000 FOR COMBATTING EPIDEMIC and in the meantime, situation here, the Red Cross will place \$2,000 at the disposal of the local nfluenza in Cumberland county.

was today transmitted from Washington to H. U. D. King, chairman of the emergency finance committee. This committee met with the county health board and county commissioners this afternoon when Captain Sweeney asked that \$1,000 additional funds be made immediately available from The county commissioners sources. appropriated \$500 of the amount and asked to provide the remaining at a called meeting tonight.

est has now practically neutralized Cross relief committee, today called that result. The Grand Pre gap is for all first aid graduates of the Fayetteville chapter to give their services in caring for patients in the emergency hospitals to be established and for volunteers to make nursing supplies James Stewart & Company have

placed at the disposal of the community a portion of their building on Hay street for hospital uses. An effort is also being made to secure the central

SEVERAL DEATHS OCCUR AMONG GOLDSBORO PEOPLE

9.-Goldsboro continues in the grip of influenza, while the doctors are making a strong efort to check the malady. Ladies of the city are assisting wonderfully in local hospitals as nurses, all the hospitals being turned over free to the victims

The churches, movies and other public places have been closed by the health department. Among the deaths | erty. Deaths which normally were 8 You Haven't Got to Have warned its members against "traps since Saturday have been J. C. Posey, per cent. have risen to 44.4 per cent. lure the United States and our allies Mrs. L. C. Overman, and Dr. B. W. and in Warsaw here in 1917 the rate of Cox, a young physician who gave his mortality showed an increase of 4 per gotiated peace might be brought life to the cause of suffering humanity. cent. for non-Jews, the statistics show

SCHOOLS OF KINSTON ARE

CLOSED TO CHECK EPHDEMIC Kinston, Oct. 9.-The schools followed other "public gathering places" here today and were closed as one means toward checking the spread of influenza. The situation is nothing short of serious, although there have

EARLY REPLY TO WILSON'S NOTE OF INQUIRY EXPECTED

German Internal Conditions and War Situation May Force Speedy Action.

AUSTRIA ALSO A FACTOR

Questions Fired at Maximilian Places Chancellor Between . Two Fires.

Washington, Oct. 9 An early response to Wilson's note of inquiry to questions put to the Prince of Baden will be very difficult if the original proposal of the German government were not sincere, officials are confident that internal conditions in Germany and the tremendous exigencies of the military situation will force speedy action by the chancelor if he hopes IN CAMPS IS 6,543 action by the chancellor if he hopes to prolong the existence of his cabinet beyond a few days.

> So far as the hold of the government upon the people is concerned conditions in Austria are even worse than those in Germany, This fact is calculated to strongly affect the German tertain grave doubts of the strength of the purpose of the dual monarchy and to fear that Austria or perhaps Hungary acting independently will follow Bulgaria in seeking an unconditional peace. This would leave Germany to wage the war alone, for it is a foregone conclusion that Turkey already

is lost to the central alliance. The pointed inquiry directed Prince Maximilian as to whether he is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the empire who have so far conducted the war, will it is believed, be very embarrassing. If the response is in the affirmative, Germany's proposal will be rejected as the president has aiready given notice that he will have no dealings with

such authorities. The powerful socialist elements in the reichstag also are counted upon to resent emy such statements by the chancefor as directly in conflict with and with the very recent pledges to make the cabinet a representative body, under which the socialists were enticed to take part in the government. tempts to repudiate the military party he undoubtedly will bring about a demand from that still powerful organ-

ization for his retirement, and adoption of a reactionary policy. The general belief here is that the chancellor will endeavor to find a middle course and confine nimself in his reply to half way admissions, hoping thus to begin a long diplomatic discussion which might develop differences between the entente allies and America as to war aims and to lower the morale of the armies opposed to the central powers.

Any such move is certain of failur Fayetteville, Oct. 9 .- On request of armies in the west are being subject-Captain A. A. Sweeney, public health, ed to increasingly hard blows from service representative in charge of the Marshal Foch's forces-blows which are adding to the difficulties of the German high command in extricating authorities to be used in combatting their forces from an already serious situation.

The fact that American Ambassador Sharpe is making a personal investigation of the havoc wrought by the Germans in their forced retirement from French and Belgian territory has led to the belief that it is the purpose of the state department to fully support the enormous claims for damages which Germany must meet as a condition of peace. So far the American government has not indicated a disposition to join with the entente allies in making a threat to destroy a German city or town in retaliation for every community destroyed by the Germans in France and Belgium, but Mr. Sharpe's investigations might be regarded as also indicating a purpose to join in such representations should the facts sustain the press reports of the extent of the German atrocities.

JEWS IN LITHUANIA AND POLAND IDLE AND DESTRUTE

London, Oct. 9.-Thousands of Jews in Poland and Lithuania, idle and destitute, are described as in a "sorry plight" by a representative of the Dutch refref committee in the Judisohe Press of Berlin.

Shortage of raw material and lack of machinery have cut the means of earning a livelihood from a vast proportion of the Jewish population in both countries, he says, and the mortality is exceedingly high, particularly among the young.

Conditions in Vilna are said to be unusually bad, more than half of the 57,000 Jews there being in abject povan increase in the death toll of Jews of 21 per cent.

LIEUT. FONCK BRINGS DOWN FOUR PLANES IN 20 MINUTES

Paris, Oct. 9 .- (Havas) .- Lieutenant Rene Fonck, according to an announcement made here today has brought down four German airplanes