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# BRITISH CONSOLIDATE THEIR GAINS AND ARE PREPARED FOR ANOTHER DRIVE ON CAMBRAI

General Byng's Army Has Nearly Completed Germans Sent Two Companies Occupation of Burlonwood Which Dominates Entire Region Around Fontaine Notre Dame -British Forced to Outskirts of Town

### RAILWAYS TO CAMBRAI IN HANDS OF BRITISH

Believed That Cambrai Has Lost Its Usefulness as German Supply Base-General Byng Showed That He Is a Master of Organization in Directing the Drive-The Casualties Much Less Than Number of Prisoners

Withstanding German counter attacks British forces have consolidated their gains and are prepared for another plunge toward Cambrai. General Byng's men are just west of Fontaine pared for the attack, but they have have nearly been putting every ounce of their Notre Dame, less than three miles of Cambrai, and have nearly completed the occupation of Burlonwood, just north of Fontaine and which dominates the entire region.

Fontaine Notre Dame was the scene of the heaviest fighting vesterday. Wednesday night the village was captured by the British but a strong German counter attack Thursday drove the British to the western outskirts. The village is the apex of the wedge which the British have driven toward Cambrai and which includes approximately 50 square miles of territory formerly within the German lines.

# HTTLE CHANGE IN ITALIAN SITUATIUN

Heavy Firing Continues On Northern Line, Especially Between Piave and Brenta Rivers

Italian Headquarters in Northern the infantry and cavalry, which push-Italy, Nov 22 (Delayed).—(By the ed through rapidly to the last defen-Associated Press).—Heavy fighting sive line before Cambrai. The transsignts, but no more striking spectoration service kept pace with the tacle has been witnessed than that of advance, the construction of roads and these people marching toward homes tering along the low mountains above rallroads, Field Marshal Haig announces, having contributed largely to the successive mountains are proving to be the same

More Than 9,000 Prisoners.

Available, the construction of roads and these people marching toward homes and comfort back of the British front, and comfort back of the British front.

More Than 9,000 Prisoners. kind of natural barrier to the enemy's swift advance that the successive rivers interposed before the Piave was casualties were considerably less than reached. Before the enemy looms the humber of Germans captured snow-capped Grappa, held by the ltalians, which would be a really tion of some of the to as and villages. formidable obstruction should the These people the formans had been lower ranges be taken. It is toward this natural mountain barrier that the man troops of ountered included present mountain fighting is gradu-cripples and con Jescents. present mountain fighting is gradu-

The fighting today between the Plave and Brenta rivers while heavy brought no material change in the positions of the opposing forces.

### GERMAN PROPAGANDISTS **ACTIVE IN PETROGRAD**

Washington, Nov. 23.—Ambassa-dor Francis, at Petrograd, has reported that German propagandists are now carrying on almost openly their ac-tivities to keep affairs unsettled in the

Russian capital.

The Ambussador's message, dated November 20, said all Americans in Petrograd and Moscow were safe and those at Moscow had decided to remain. Eighteen Americans had left Russian capital Petrograd on a special train for the Swedish frontier.

## STATE OFFERS EVIDENCE IN THE DE SAULLES CASE

Mineola, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Through Marshall Ward, dinner guest at the De Saulles home the evening of Aug-ust 3, last, when John L. De Saulles was killed, the prosecution today in the trial of Mrs. Bianca De Saulles for the murder of her former husband offered the first eye-witness evidence of the shooting. The submission of testimony on behalf of the prosecu-tion was expected to be completed be-fore the close of the afternoon session

and there was a possibility that Mrs.
De Saulles would begin her testimony
before the adjournment for the day.
Indications today were that the case
would not be given to the jury until
late next week,

The Germans are reported to be rushing up reserves for counter at-acks. Cambria probably has lost its usefulness as the German supply base n the immediate region as the city nd the three railroads entering it rom the north, east and south are cominated by the British artillery. The new wedge also is a direct menace o Queant, the southern end of the Queant-Drococourt switch-line which held up the British advance east of Arras last spring. Queant is now within a sharp salient, which has been heightened by the British advances from Bullecourt to the present drive.

Masterpiece of Organization, General Byng's stroke was a masterpiece of organization, according to the reports from the front. Many squadsive line before Cambrai. The trans-

That the surprise was complete, is

cripples and con descents.

Desperate fig. 1 og continues in the mountains bett ed the Plave and the Brenta valleys, he Italians battling fiercely, are apparently holding their own against the superior Austro-German forces. On Monte Fontana, the Italians, after inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, retired from advanced elements. Strong efforts on the Asia-go plateau west of Brenta were re-pulsed by the Italians. Austro-Ger-man chances of breaking through to the plains behind the Piave, General

# MOTOR TRAVEL ASKS FOR

J. S. Sellers, a merchant of Wilmot, of Cambrai.

N. C., today filed with District Attorney Court Clerk W. S. Hyams a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

It is now possible to give more details of Tuesday's battle. In the advance south of Cambrai the first hard assets at \$2,929.57. He did not ask which lies on the Cambrai highway and had been fed by his wife with an world since August, 1914.

# of Invalids Into Battle Line

British Army Headquarters in south of Masnieres. This wood final-France, Nov. 22 (Delayed)—(By the ly was cleared of Germans and the ad-Associated Press).—The successes of vance continued toward Masnieres. acular drive on Verdun. British cavairy, tanks and infantry today were battling their way forward along a line which at many points west and southwest of Cambrai was less than three miles from that important town. The advance also was spreading northward in the region of Bullecourt and the salient toward Cambral was be-ing widened. The total of prisoners captured must approach the 9,000

en putting every ounce of their strength into an attempt to stem the

rising tide.
Wounded Men Sent To Fight. brai sector by the desperate Germans, so hard pressed were they for that two companies of cripples and convalescents were recruited hast-ily at one camp and thrown into the line in the region of Maisnieres. Some of these pitiful objects are in British hands and are receiving medical treat-ment. One prisoner was in the last stages of tuberculosis and he had to be moved to prevent the disease from spreading to the others who were in a state of cruel exhaustion and vir-tually helpless from their valiant at-tempts to fight under the lash of their unrelenting officers

The great battle field has taken on the aspect of scenes in wars gone by It is no longer a conflict of trenches and shell holes, but of men struggling bitterly with rifles and bayonets over a virgin battle ground while the long neglected cavalry sweeps in picturesque charges against the enemy posi-

tions over the wide territory involved.

The roads everywhere for two days have been swarming with advancing troops and with prisoners and civilians coming back from the front. Many rejoicing non-combatant men, women and children have been pouring out of the captured towns under the guidance of their deliverers from German bond-

This has been a battle of strange sights, but no more striking spec-tacle has been witnessed than that of and women were bringing away

the household effects they could pack on pushcarts or carry on their backs. For three years they had been in captivity and some of them in slavery. They had been subsisting on the bounty of the American relief committee which furnished them virtually the only food they obtained.

pulsed by the Italians. Austro-German chances of breaking through to the plains behind the Piave, General Maurice, of the British staff, believes, are diminishing hourly. The situation is improving but Venice is not tyet safe. The Italians have brought up big guns and much needed ammunition and supplies, while British and French reinforcements soon will be at the side of the Italians.

Immediately thrown into a state of except the coming of their friends from every vantage point available.

The Germans were still holding the eastern section. A German battery there which had been giving trouble vancing forces at the bridgehead and saw coming with the attacking forces strange monsters which they never the great the side of the Italians. position on foot and annihilated the ward

LOCAL BOAD PICTURES

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Large quantities of Asheville literature are being mailed out today in response to requests for information from people in various sections of the country.

WILMOT MERCHANT

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Associated Press).—The successes of vance continued toward Massieres. the British arms in the Cambrai sector have continued to grow steadily, a suburb but by 1 o'clock this had and Field Marshal Haig's troops in been overcome and the British had a little more than two days' fighting have overrun an area equal in size small German garrison fought bitter to that won by the Germans during the first fifteen days of their spector of the continued toward Massieres. Some opposition was encountered in the continued toward Massieres. Some opposition was encountered in the continued toward Massieres. Some opposition was encountered in the continued toward Massieres. in which the enemy was hidden with machine guns, but the Germans were forced to give up this place after a sanguinary struggle, although some of them were still holding out in the cellars today.

> this gave the British a second crossing of the canal. The advancing troops forced a passage here at the same of Masnieres apparently had been re-inforced by Germans from Cambral and this front held up the advance temporarily but the Billish alternate-ly forced the Germans from the trenches in hand-to-hand fighting. German resistance on the first day of Masnieres apparently had b

German resistance on the first day was comparatively weak as a whole and they surrendered freely in many and they surrendered freely places. Yesterday their lines and hard fighting followed. reinforcements from Lens and the tw companies of invalids already men tioned were thrown into the line.

The first counter attack came the ridge from the northeast of Mas-nieres. The British had concentrated a large number of machine guns a this point and were hoping for a counter attack. They permitted the enem to advance to within a thousand yards of the line before they opened line. Then the machine guns and artillery were turned on the Germans and they were smashed in a withering storm. Fighting at Close Quarters.

was attempted by the enemy, but as in the former case, they were caught in a heavy artillery and machine gun fire and they turned back after suffering advanced on Noyelles Germans which was held by one company of quarters. hours the battle raged through the streets and among the buildings cross the canal to the east.

Among the prisoners taken by the fields British were several officers who were caught in the regimental headquar-ters. The regimental commander was captured and it is reported his advent spectre of the sword. We have in mind Through the very gaps which the tanks had torn in the famous Hindenburg line mothers yesterday and today were pushing baby carriages containing infants or tramping happily along with their babies clutched to their breasts. Beside them toddled other youngsters, many of them carrying their treasured dolls and not a few clinging determined to the company of British cavalry threw him almost into a frenzy and the lurid language which he directed at the spiration from your heroic deeds. Our few clinging determinedly to squirm-ing pupples which they dared not trust to run on the ground. Old men and women were bringing away all

Civilians Wept With Joy. Civilians who were released from Masnieres rejoiced at their new-found freedom and many of them today still wept with joy when the subject of their deliverance was brought up the only food they obtained.

Hard Fighting at Crevecocur.
Hard fighting has taken place to-day at Crevecocur, southeast of Masnieres. The British were holding a high ridge in front of this place and some treors had forced an arrange.

### ARTILLERY FIRE IN AMERICAN SECTOR

France, Nov. 22 (Delayed)—(By the Associated Press)—The enemy artillery firing is more active along the American sector. No new cas-ualties have resulted. In reprisal for the shelling of the town in is located, during which a shell fell on an American regimental headquarters, Americans sent an equal number of shells into the town be-hind the German lines the next

Patrolling operations continue nightly but the Americans have failed to encounter any Germans and no further casualties have been

The officers who have served outtalions already relieved have held a meeting with the commander of the first contingent and dis ussed their experiences.

All agreed that actual training in the trenches under fire is the ideal method of acquiring officers and soldiers with fighting meth-

Col. House Says Mission Has a Message of Encouragement for French Republic -Determined To Win

Paris, Nov. 23-Colonel E. M. Hous and the other members of the Amerithey landed to Paris in a special train above the left knee.

heim and Maurice Casenave, representing the French foreign office, methe mission at the French seaport and

Col. House, for himself and in behalf of his associates, said concerning the purpose of his mission:

"We bring to the French republic a factories, farms and upon military

spiration from your heroic deeds. Our president and our country see the issue clearly and France may confident be at our command."

### FEARED THAT THREE MEN LOST LIVES IN STORM

the shore in this city estimated today at \$100,000. It also is feared that three men lost their lives when a pile drive towing it. According to the forecaster of the

local weather bureau, Chicago did not get the full force of the wind, but the position on foot and annihilated the ward.

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With the civilians

When the British entered the town the wife brought out her husband who had his first glimpse of the outside

# RUSSIA, THROUGH TROTZKY, MAKES PEACE PROPOSAL

Foreign Minister of Bolsheviki Government Sends Note to Embassies Formally Offering Immediate Armistice and Opening of Peace Negotiations

Petrograd, Nov. 22.—(Delayed.)—The note of Leon Trotky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister to the allied embassies, conveying the announcement of the proposal for an armistice reached the embassies last night.

# COLORED CONVICTS HURT IN ACCIDENT

Legs Broken When Bags of Cement Fell on Them-At Work on Hendersonville Highway

George Murphy and Will Payne, in the Mission hospital suffering with broken legs as the result of a number of sacks of cement falling on them this morning. The convicts were feedthat the bags were undermined in some way, by one slipping out, is the point of some of the workmen, at hey fell, catching the two convicts and breaking the left leg of each man Payne's leg is broken just above the

ment, it is stated, but owing to the prompt relief given were not injured about their bodies. They were brought to the local hospital and given medical attention by Dr. D. E. Sevier, the Chairman W. E. Johnson, of the county commissioners, stated this morning, that while the Asheville-Henderson highway is being built by contract, 20 negro convicts from the Craggy and Haw Creek camps had been hired to the contractors to do

ouragement from the grading or any other work that no who, are mobilizing wanted them to do. The ounty hi he negroes to the contractor because lds.

"There is a grim determination borers to finish the job, Mr. John-nongst us to wage war until the son stated, and the county is paid for

## **GRAND FLEET OF TANKS** TOOK PART IN ADVANCE

London, Nov. 23.—Nothing has been announced here officially or un-officially concerning the number of machines constituting what the corespondents describe as the respondents describe as the "grand fleet" of tanks employed in Tuesday's advance, but the number apparently has been greater than in any one previous action. Casualities, of course, were inevitable in an operation of such a scale, but the special dispatchers agree they are not great. Some even describe the tank losses as allebt.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The wind and rain storm which swept over Lake Michigan last night caused damage to bathing beaches and resorts along the shore in this city estimated today lead their swere bogged. One or two buried their noses in the soft earth or turned over in trying to climb down steep banks. One fell into a canal but it is evident the great majority plunged ahead unhindered.

# HOMER L. FERGUSON MAY

Stockholm, Nov. 23.—According to The Hidningen, a Russian diplomat

posals for peace by the central powers.

The head of this government is Vladi-mir Ilich Lenine. The direction of the foreign policy has been entrusted to me, in the capacity of national com-missioner for foreign affairs.

"Drawing attention to the text of the offer of an armistice and a demo cratic peace on th ebasis of no annex ations or indemnities and the self determination of nations, approved by the all-Russian congress of soldier and workmen's delegates. I have the document as formal offer of an imme diate armistice on all fronts and the immediate opening of peace negotia tions - an offer with which, the author colored convicts, employed on the itative government of the Russian re-Asheville-Hendersonville highway, are public has addressed itself simultane

their governments. soldiers and workmen's government for the people of France which can-not help aiming at peace as well as all the rest of the nations exhausted ind made bloodless by this unexam

"L, TROTZKY, National commissioner for foreign

Sent to Washington

The American ampassador, David R. Francis, is transmitting the com-munication to Washington for the information of his government. He made no acknowledgement of its receipt, acting, it is understood, in concert with the representatives of the allies governments.

# LIBERATED TOWNS SEEN

British Army Headquarters France, Nov. 22 (Delayed).—(By the Associated Press).—One of the most strange and striking sights in the latest territory captured by the British was the procession of civilians from liberated towns and villages who walked toward the rear of the British lines. Mothers were pushing baby carriages while other youngsters tod-dled alongside. There were old men and women with pushcarts laden with household goods Many of these refu-gees had long subsisted on the bounty of the American relief which had supplied virtually the only food they had obtained.

## WHAT VON TIRPITZ THINKS OF AMERICA

Amsterdam, Nov. 23 .- America's entry into the war is disadvantage-out to us in morale and many other ways," said Admiral von Tirpitz, former German minister of marine in addressing a meeting of the fatherland party at Dresden. ought to have reckoned with the fact that the American trust magnates were bound to desire our

"I regret that we did not remain "I regret that we did not remain firm in the face of President Wil-son's threats. If we had done so things probably would have been very different, but now we must take them as they are. "I would point out, however, that

from a military viewpoint Amer ica's entry into the war is of little significance to us, because it is the tonnage question that is decisive."

The admiral expressed regrets that Germany hil been late in the company that "coverful seconds."

using that "powerful economic weapon," the U-boat, but said that notwithstanding all the counter measures which the delay gave Britain time to develop the Germans will be successful if they stuck to their guns. stuck to their guns.

