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HINDENBURG LINE LOST ST. QUENTIN TO CAMBRAI

Anglo-American Forces Smash Through and Capture Cambrai, and Continue to Advance—Franco-Americans in Champaign Make Gains—Big Wedge In Enemy Line.

By the Associated Press.
Forced from Cambrai, one of the main pillars of the Hindenburg system, the Germans today are being driven back to the French front under the third and fourth British armies, aided by Americans.

Apparently the Germans have lost the Hindenburg line from St. Quentin to Cambrai. Field Marshal Haig resumed his attacks today and reported that rapid progress was being made on a front of 30 miles.

As the German defense system in the center falls to the British and Americans, the French and American forces on the southern wall from Rheims to east of the Meuse are being driven northward threatening the important railroads running eastward from the broken Cambrai-St. Quentin line.

In the St. Quentin-Cambrai sector the German line is reported to have no defense and a line immediately east of the Meuse which runs through Valenciennes, the Germans have the line of the Meuse.

Before the advancing Anglo-American line to the railway junction of Cambrai, Bohain, Guise, and Caudry, the north and south railroads are cut. German communications between Laon massif and the Lille salient will be lost.

Field Marshal Haig has driven into the German a giant's salient based on Cambrai. It would seem within possibilities of the next few days the Germans will withdraw from the Laon massif as the French and Americans on the west and the British and Americans on the north are attacking.

German resistance is stiffening on the east, but not sufficiently to stop the French under General Bertelot. The allied positions in the Champagne and to the Meuse have been approved by the successful Franco-American thrust east of the Meuse. The thrust frees the troops east of Verdun. In the operations Tuesday Americans took 3,000 prisoners and a number of guns. Along the front yesterday the French took 200 prisoners.

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The total subscription to Liberty Bonds in Catawba county today is \$1,150. The First National Bank of Hickory increased its amount to \$11,500 and the Shuford National bank of Newton to \$44,950.

WILSON'S REPLY IS NOT BARRIER TO GERMAN OFFER TO PROGRESS OF ALLIES IMPROVED IN HICKORY

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 9.—President Wilson has informed the imperial German government that before the United States can discuss an armistice German troops must withdraw from all invaded territory.

He asks Chancellor Maximilian whether he represented the German people or the authorities conducting the war.

The president's message was not a reply, but in the form of an inquiry.

The imperial German government was asked whether it accepts the terms laid down by the president in his address to Congress January 8 and subsequent addresses.

The text of the communication handed to the charge of Switzerland here follows:

"Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge on behalf of the president your note of October 6 enclosing the communication of the German government to the president; and I am instructed by the president to make the following communication to the imperial German chancellor: 'Before making reply to the request of the imperial German government, and in order that the reply shall be as candid and straightforward as the momentous interests involved require, the president of the United States deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the imperial chancellor. Does the imperial German government accept the terms laid down by the president in his address to congress of the United States on the 8th of January last and in subsequent addresses and that its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon the technical details of their application?'

"The president feels bound to say with regard to the suggestions of an armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose cessation of arms to the governments with which the United States is associated against the central powers so long as the armies of those powers are upon their soil. The good faith of any discussion would manifestly depend upon the consent of the central powers immediately to withdraw their forces everywhere from invaded territory.

"The president also feels that he is justified in asking whether the imperial chancellor is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the empire who have so far conducted the war. He deems the answer to these questions vital from every point of view.

"Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration. (Signed) 'ROBERT LANSING.'"

MUST SPEED UP IF BONDS ARE SUBSCRIBED

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 9.—"At the present rate of going and with the present average per capita subscription," said a treasury loan statement today, "the fourth Liberty loan may not reach the desired goal within the allotted time."

Prompted by the unfavorable report of the last few days the many Liberty loan organizations throughout the country adopted the slogan, "Double the Third," as a campaign cry.

Officials are frankly puzzled over the reports. In spite of good statements coming from all parts of the country, the reports are discouraging, compared with the third loan, and the campaign of the fourth Liberty loan has not advanced like preceding ones.

A war exhibit train in North Carolina sold \$242,000 of bonds from the platform in two stops. In Virginia 131 banks out of 250 report subscriptions of \$16,800,000. Lynchburg will complete its quota this week.

FRENCH TROOPS ARE DOING GOOD WORK

By the Associated Press.

Paris, Oct. 9.—French troops southeast of St. Quentin captured the outskirts of the towns of Harly and Meuville St. Amand, according to the official statement issued by the French war office.

Mrs. F. E. Nichols has received a card announcing the safe arrival overseas of her nephew, Private Robey Houck, 55th pioneer infantry.

By the Associated Press.

Paris, Oct. 9.—The Hindenburg line no longer bars the path of the allies. The definite rupture of it was achieved on the first day of the fighting in the new developments towards the north of the great battle now raging from the Escaut to the Meuse.

To Anglo-Saxon forces went the honor of storming the last remnants of the extraordinary phase of the defenses, in some cases 12 miles in depth. Apart from his achievement the result of the day's fighting was notable in that the enemy's losses must have run into the tens of thousands of men during the day's fighting in the various sectors of the long battle front.

The allies now are in the open country on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front and are threatening Bohain, an important junction of roads and railroads, the Americans last night having pushed within two miles of that place.

Once the masters of Bohain, the allies, should they push towards Guise, would take in the rear not only the Laon-St. Gobain massif, but the positions along the river Serre, dubbed by the Germans the Hundung line, which joints at Chaumont-Porte-in-Brunhilde line running along the Aisne.

NEW TURK HEAD LOOKS PRO-BRITISH

By the Associated Press.

London, via Montreal, Oct. 9.—Tallat Pasha, the Turkish premier, has resigned and has been succeeded by Tewfik Pasha, former premier and ambassador at London, according to advices received here. Enver Pasha, the minister of war, also has resigned.

RALEIGH TO CALL ROLL OF THE BOND SLACKERS

Raleigh, Oct. 9.—Mop-up committees, followed by mop-up meetings in which financial slackers will be denounced, are the prospective outcome of the fourth Liberty loan lag which is laying an undue lot of culpability upon the influenza drive.

Undercurrents favor greatly a public demonstration in which not less than a double-score of the eminently respectable and, in many instances, the pre-eminently pious will get pitiless publicity. The Des Moines plan, which promoters of the "howl" favor, was introduced generally and illuminatingly by the Greensboro Daily News on Monday morning. The Des Moines plan may in tabloid be explained as diplomacy, denunciation, deportation. The first committee solicits; the second turns on the light; the third rides the slacker out on a rail.

Today's Casualty List

Washington, Oct. 9.—The two army casualty lists today contained 632 names. The following are reported from North Carolina:

Killed in action: Captain Gardner Greene of Charlotte and Lieut. Frank M. Thompson of Raleigh. Died from airplane accident: Lieut. Robert G. Nimocks of Winston-Salem.

Missing in action: Private Robert D. Ramsey of Marshall. Wounded severely: Sergeant Lorraine P. Benton of Chadburn, Corporal Charles C. Lingerfelt of Asheville, Joseph D. Snow of Mount Airy and Steve Youngdeer of Cherokee.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 9.—The cotton market showed a steadier tone at the opening today. New Orleans was a fair buyer, which caused a steadier tone, and sent active months 27 to 40 points net higher after the call. This bulge met liquidation, however, and prices soon weakened.

WEATHER FORECAST CLEAR



For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Thursday, gentle north-east winds.

AMERICAN TROOPS LIKE WILSON'S ANSWER TO NOTE

Are Glad No Armistice Will Be Granted While Germans Are On Allied Soil—Yankees Take Part In Big Battle and Capture Two Field Batteries.

NEARLY 10,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

By the Associated Press.

Pais, Oct. 9.—Nearly 10,000 Germans were taken prisoner by the allied forces in the fighting along the various battle fronts says Marcel Hutin today in the Echo de Paris.

CLEVER AND LOGICAL

By the Associated Press.

London, Oct. 9.—In diplomatic circles here President Wilson's reply to the peace proposal of Prince Maximilian, imperial German chancellor, is regarded as clever and logical.

GERMAN DIPLOMATS REACH SWITZERLAND

By the Associated Press.

Geneva, Switzerland, Monday Oct. 7.—Switzerland in the last week has been swarming with the German, Austrian and Turkish pioneers sent from their capitals to get in touch with the diplomats of allied powers. The watchword of the central powers is an immediate armistice in order to prevent bloodshed.

In an article summing up the situation, the Demokrat writes the entente countries never have been in such great danger—not military, but political—since 1814.

FRANK CLINE OVER TOP

Mr. Frank E. Cline, of the 119th infantry regiment, writes his mother, Mrs. W. L. Cline, under date of September 8 that he has undergone a new experience. He has been over the top. It was "a very great success." The young man says in describing the battle in which he was a factor. He was well after his experience and full of pep.

Mrs. E. E. Hight was in receipt of two letters this morning from her son, Sergeant Macy S. Hight of the medical corps. One letter was written under date of September 18 stated that the boys were well and very comfortably situated but were very busy. Sergeant Hight had only received one letter from home it was dated July 28.

Must Rally To Support

Unless the people of Catawba county rally to the support of their government and do a small part of their best in buying Liberty bonds, the county will fall short in its allotment of \$600,000. In Hickory township, which has a population of approximately 12,000, only about 400 persons have bought bonds. At least 4,000 persons should be on the honor roll.

Everybody from the chairmen down to the citizen who gets no publicity is urged to do his full duty. If one knows of a person who is not doing his duty—be this person high and mighty—one should take him to task. This is no time for loafing on the biggest job ever put up to Catawba folks. Catawba county could take this bond issue without batting an eye—it would be no light blow even to its purse strings.

Cambrai In Allied Hands

By the Associated Press.

London, Oct. 9.—The city of Cambrai has been captured by the British. Here and elsewhere 8,000 prisoners were taken.

Field Marshal Haig announced the capture of this long resisting German stronghold in his official statement.

Last night, additional progress was made east of Sequehart and toward Bohain and Maretz.

South of Cambrai the British captured Foreville and reached the western outskirts of Wallincourt. The attack this morning was on the front of the third and fourth armies and was begun shortly after 5 o'clock.

By the Associated Press.

With the American Forces in France, Oct. 9.—President Wilson's reply to the German peace proposal reached the rear line of the American army this morning. It was eagerly awaited by the men.

The general tone of the rank and file comment was a quiet satisfaction that no armistice would be granted while enemy troops were on allied soil.

CAPTURE MANY GUNS

By the Associated Press.

With the Anglo-American Armies Near St. Quentin, Oct. 9.—Heavy fighting continued throughout the night on the Cambrai St. Quentin front and the Americans continued their progress on Tuesday under a heavy protective fire by the British artillery. The enemy was almost smothered under the deluge of steel.

A large number of guns were captured in addition to a great quantity of prisoners.

The American troops also captured two complete field batteries.

The Americans captured their guns Tuesday afternoon when they suddenly outflanked both ends of the valley of Premont, capturing all the German guns.

German reinforcements have arrived, but as these troops have been engaged several times recently their presence merely adds to the confusion in the enemy ranks.

GOVERNOR BICKETT SHOWS DECIDED IMPROVEMENT

Raleigh, Oct. 9.—Governor Bickett had considerably improved yesterday following his attack of influenza, but spent the day at the mansion, instead of coming to the executive offices. His mail was sent to him and some pressing matters of state were disposed of at the mansion. His engagements to address the people of Goldsboro and Burgaw have been called off on account of the influenza in this section as well as the condition of the governor. His next engagement is for a Liberty bond address at Tarboro October 16. This will be filled unless developments as the epidemic interfere.

J. W. Piess of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway company was here yesterday to appear before the corporation commission in a contest that is pending before the commission in which the railroad company seeks to condemn some residence property for a side track that the railroad company insists is necessary for the best operation of the road.

Wilson Looks At War Map

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 9.—With the German peace offensive met and averted unless the enemy actually is ready to sue for peace upon the American and allied terms, President Wilson turned his attention today to the battle field where the once-conquering Teutonic armies are being driven back to their own soil.

He walked over to Secretary Lansing's office and sent for General March, who reported with a great deal of maps.

The conference lasted only the few minutes required for the chief of staff to show the present battle lines and point to the advance of the victorious armies which are making inevitable a German retreat on a great scale.

The president is known to be ready to act without delay when he receives a reply to his questions whether the chancellor in asking for peace negotiations accepts, unequivocally the terms of peace already laid down and whether he speaks for the German people themselves or only for their military masters. If these answers show the kaiser is not ready to surrender and that the peace proposal is merely another insidious diplomatic move, the president will tell the world why General Foch must win a military victory.

Officials said today it should be clearly understood the president has no thought of entering into a series of unfruitful diplomatic exchanges with the Germans. It was intimated also that he probably would go before congress when a reply is received.

British Gain More Ground

By the Associated Press.

London, Oct. 9.—1:15 P. M.—The British advance along the battle front between Cambrai and St. Quentin is proceeding very well today all along the line. There is not so much resistance by the Germans as there was yesterday. This probably was because the Germans retreated during the night.

In the American sector of this front the Germans are resisting very strongly. The American losses, however, have not been heavy. The total of American casualties is less than half the number of prisoners taken.

LOCAL BANKS WILL CLOSE EARLY SOON

Hickory's two banking institutions, the First National and the Consolidated Trust Company, announced today that after Saturday, October 12, they would not open their doors at night, as has been the custom. This measure was decided upon to save fuel and light and to give the employees the rest they deserve. Bankers' hours seem short to that part of the public which thinks of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., but as a matter of fact the great part of clerical work is done before and after the banks open.

The local banks are sure the public will accept their decision in the proper manner and aid them in conserving light and fuel and, what is more important, the health of their employees.

Mr. D. F. Cline has received a letter from his brother, Mr. R. A. Cline, general headquarters company, in which the writer states that everything is looking good and that some time this winter Fritz might be put out of action. And when the war is over, wrote the young man, the Statue of Liberty would have to turn around to see him again.

FRENCH BUSY BEATING OFF COUNTER ATTACKS

By the Associated Press.

London, 1 P. M. German troops today are counter attacking very heavily on the Suppe front in the Champagne and the French have not been able to make very much progress.

PYTHIANS, ATTENTION

During period of quarantine there will be no meeting of Catawba Lodge No. 54. R. L. Hefner, C. C.