

FOE IN PANICKY RETREAT ALL ALONG THE BATTLEFRONT

Rivers, between Laon and Cambrai, according to the official statement from the War Office today.

French troops advancing from Achery and Choigny are in pursuit of the German rear guards. Anguicourt has been occupied by the French.

ROAD TO BRUSSELS OPENED BY ADVANCE IN BELGIUM

Whole German Defense System From North Sea to the Meuse Threatened.

PARIS, Oct. 18 (Associated Press).—Lille, Douai and Ostend, three great cities, have been delivered from the enemy.

This is the most glorious day for the Allies since the Battle of the Marne, and it fittingly terminated a wonderful battle of three months, which was opened by Gen. Mangin's victorious counter-offensive on July 18.

Many cities have been liberated and hundreds of square miles of territory retaken. The results have been splendid. But the victory in Belgium is not all. The British, south of Le Cateau, have broken into the German positions and now threaten the Hunding line. The whole German defense system eastward to the Meuse is in peril.

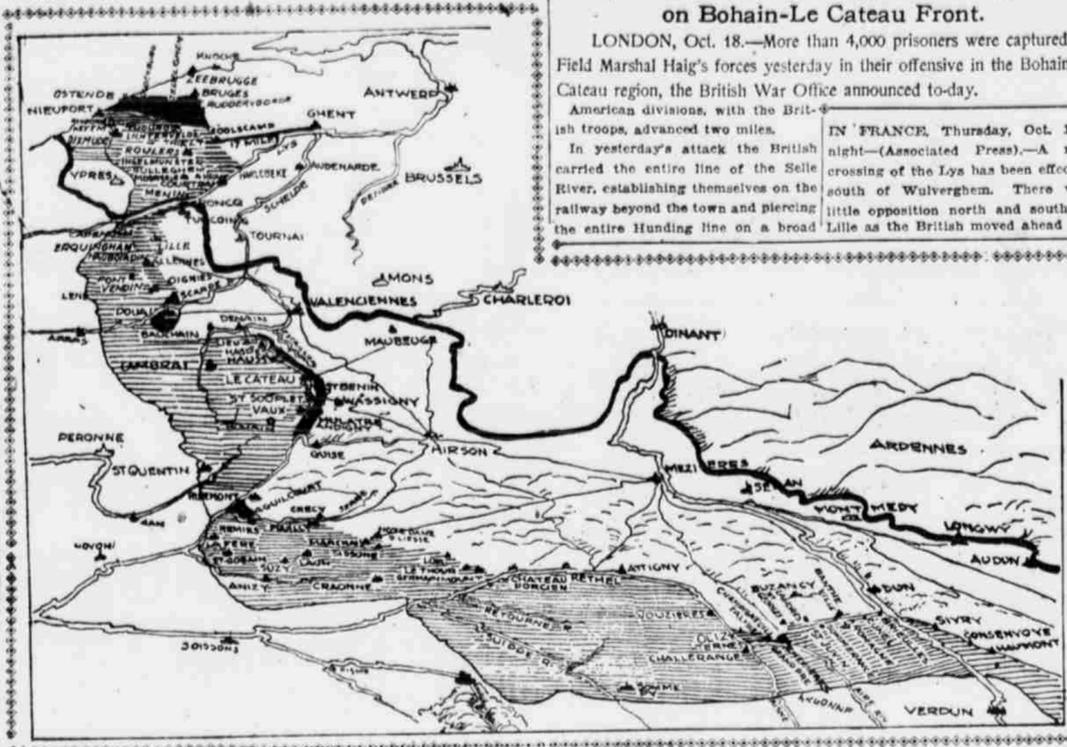
The first result of forcing the Germans back to the Ghent-Tourmal-Valemiennes line during yesterday's fighting has been to sap the enemy's defenses before they have been able to reach them further south. Without exaggeration, it may be said that the prospects of the future are even more important than the actual results attained, splendid though they may be.

The road to Brussels is open. According to latest advices the French and Belgian Armies are advancing rapidly toward Bruges and Ghent. The capture of Ostend makes it possible to land reinforcements and throw powerful forces against the extreme right of the German Army.

BELGIANS MAY SOON RE-OCCUPY CAPITAL. Gen. Von Armin's army is no longer strong enough to sustain operations on the extended front from the French to the Dutch frontier.

Where Battle Line Runs Now; Latest Changes in the Front Made By Allied Advances

Shaded portions show Allied gains up to yesterday. Black areas show latest advances.



ations on the extended front from the French to the Dutch frontier. It is therefore reasonable to expect that its march across Belgium will be rapid and that King Albert will re-enter his capital earlier than was hoped.

At the very moment the Flanders battle was won another offensive was started in the direction of Hirson and Vervins by Anglo-American and French forces. The object is to take the armies of the Crown Prince, under shelter of the Hunding line, on the flank and condemn them to an early retreat toward the Ardennes across the front of the powerful Allied right wing.

The way back to Germany lies through two bottle necks separated by the Ardennes—the one between Liege and Dinant and the other between Montmedy and Verdun. The latter is already partly blocked.

While it may be admitted that the Germans are fighting well and conducting their retreat with great skill, sober military opinion here is that the great German military machine is in danger of collapse at no very distant date.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FLANDERS, Oct. 18 (Havas).—In their plans for a retirement from Belgium the Germans had repaired three successive lines upon each one of which they intended to halt and reform. According to captured German officers the two first lines already have been broken by the Allied advance and the third one will be reached in a few days.

At the beginning of the Allied attack on Oct. 14 there were eight divisions in the Germans' first lines. These were reinforced by seven new divisions. But the new divisions already were exhausted and were of little help. During the night of Oct. 15-16, two divisions from the Russian front were thrown into the battle, but their strength had been greatly reduced and their morale was very weak. The seventeen divisions have lost heavily in prisoners, killed and wounded.

LATEST OFFICIAL REPORTS

FRENCH. To-day's Report. PARIS, Oct. 18.—To-day's War Office statement reads: "On the right bank of the Oise the enemy confined his reactions to artillery fire. Between the Oise and the Serre French pressure continued during the last few days has obliged the enemy to begin a new withdrawal. Debouching from Achery and Choigny toward the end of the night the French troops pursued the German rear guards and occupied Anguicourt.

"West of Grand Pre the battle continues with extreme stubbornness and was extended this morning as far as the heights of Vouziers. The French have crossed the Aisne in this region."

Last Night's Report. PARIS, Oct. 17, Night.—To-night's War Office statement reads: "The French, co-operating with the British and Belgians in the magnificent advance in Flanders, today took Pittem, Meulbeke and Wynghe, despite energetic resistance.

"In the region of the Oise we continued lively attacks throughout the day between the Andigny Forest and the river and obtained notable gains. We took Petit Verly and Marchavenne, passed Grougis and Aisonville, and reached the outskirts of Hauteville. On the left bank of the Oise we took Mont d'Origny. Twelve hundred prisoners were counted.

"Between the Aisne and the Aire there was fighting west of Grand Pre, where the Germans violently counter-attacked. We progressed anew north of Oisy."

Serbian Front. PARIS, Oct. 18.—The French War Office report on operations on the Serbian front says: "North of Nish Allied troops have reached Kains and have occupied the heights south of Jekrinac and Krushavatz."

"Further to the west French and Greek troops reached Kurumlje and Novibazar, from which the enemy fled."

"On the Montenegrin frontier French cavalry, supported by Serbian mounted troops, attacked Austrian convoys retreating west of Mitrovitza, and captured them, including 3,000 wagons and immense quantities of material."

"The same detachment entered Ipek on Sunday and took 600 prisoners, large grain stores and a number of machine guns."

4,000 PRISONERS TAKEN IN DAY IN BRITISH-AMERICAN ADVANCE

Troops Across the Selle and Still Progressing on Bohain-Le Cateau Front.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—More than 4,000 prisoners were captured by Field Marshal Haig's forces yesterday in their offensive in the Bohain-Le-Cateau region, the British War Office announced today.

American divisions, with the British troops, advanced two miles. In yesterday's attack the British carried the entire line of the Selle River, establishing themselves on the railway beyond the town and piercing the entire Hunding line on a broad front. They are still advancing.

Seven German divisions were utterly smashed in their counter-attacks. The villages of La Valle, Mulatre and l'Arbre de Guise were taken. Haig has reported the Germans in precipitate flight from the salient at Douai and Lille, both of which towns are now in his possession. Beyond Douai the British, having broken down German resistance, reached the line of the Haute Deule Canal.

day. In this sector the Allied troops have reached Roncq. The Fourth British Army launched a powerful attack from Le Cateau southward this morning. American contingents are participating in the fighting. Reports indicate excellent progress made everywhere against the desperately fighting Germans, who are being driven back toward the Oise. The Selle River has been crossed at St. Benin and the station has been captured. At last reports the Allies were well east of the river and still advancing.

STOCK BOOM CONTINUES; PRICES UP, SALES HEAVY. Despite the official warning from Washington against over confidence as a result of the continued Allied successes on all fronts, the boom in peace stocks which began early in the week continued today on even a greater scale.

The market was again under the influence of good war news and in some quarters the extremely optimistic opinion was held that peace, or at least a cessation of hostilities, was only a matter of a week or two.

In the first two hours the sales were 775,000 shares, against 574,000 for the same period yesterday. Business fell off somewhat in the afternoon but exceeded one million shares at 1 o'clock.

Advances in those stocks which it is considered would benefit by declaration of peace ranged from 2 to 15 points, Mexican Petroleum leading. Metal and rail stocks made advances.

Conversely the war issues, which have been speculative favorites, were sold heavily. United States Steel, by some regarded as a peace stock, by others a war issue, gained 1 1/2 points at the start later forfeiting most of it and again moved upward. Leaders in the war group, Bethlehem and Crumline Steels and Baldwin Locomotive yielded 1 to 2 points.

WIFE AND DAUGHTER SHOT; POLICE CAPTURE HUSBAND. Edmund C. Egan, No. 1233 St. Mark's Avenue, Brooklyn, today shot his wife and nineteen-year-old daughter, Edna, the police charge, and was captured as he tried to escape from the house.

Mrs. Egan was shot in the back and the daughter was struck by three bullets. Both are in St. Mary's Hospital. Their condition is serious.

Egan fled from the house after the shooting and ran into the arms of Police Lieutenant John Koach, who was passing.

The police were unable to obtain any coherent statement from him. He had been drinking, they said.

Up to two months ago Egan was a bond clerk for J. P. Morgan & Co.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS. With net change from previous close.

Table with columns: Stock Name, High, Low, Last, Net Change. Includes Am. Oil & Gas, Am. Steel, etc.

CRIS FOR ENTENTE AND PEACE MINGLE IN HUNGARIAN DIET

(Continued from First Page.) It said the result of the war had been such as to place the throne in danger. It stated that Hungary must have full autonomy.

"Hungary feels herself to be in full accord with the ideas spreading throughout the world along the lines of the noble principles of President Wilson's address," the address continued.

"Hungary must be completely independent, must have general electoral suffrage and the relations between nationalities in the country must be governed by the principles enunciated by President Wilson."

"Hungary is in danger of invasion. Hungarian troops must be brought back and non-Hungarian troops sent away."

Officer Strikes Piano Key in Cambrai, Losses Hand. Paris, Oct. 15.—An English officer at Cambrai had his hand torn off yesterday by one of the enemy's infernal traps, says a special despatch to the Times. Seeing a piano abandoned in the middle of the street, he struck a chord and an explosion followed.

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PEOPLE OF LILLE IN FRENZY OF JOY OVER DELIVERANCE; CHEER WILSON AND ALLIES

liberated citizens had seen and the sight of it increased their delirium of joy.

"There remain 120,000 inhabitants in Lille. The Germans had carried off all the male population more than four years ago. The city is not greatly damaged and the public buildings are intact."

News of the deliverance of Lille spread rapidly in Paris, arousing deep and quiet joy. Flags were hung out on all sides and a crowd of refugees from the Lille region paraded in the Lille Square in the Place de la Concorde, where their march "The Marseillaise" and decorated the statue with Allied flags.

First British Arrivals Carried to Town Hall and Embraced From All Sides. PARIS, Oct. 18.—"I have just witnessed the most touching spectacle of my life. The whole city, in a delirium of joy, was ready to throw itself upon us, the first to enter Lille," telegraphs the war correspondent of the Petit Journal from that city.

"To-night at 9 o'clock, near Armentieres, an officer shouted to us, 'Lille is taken.' We speeded our auto on the road of victory. Two miles from Lille two young girls ran out in front of our auto, crying amid sobs of joy, 'They have gone; they have gone. Vivent les Anglais! Vive la France!'

"We went a little further and then a huge shell hole obliged us to abandon our machine and proceed on foot. Two more girls who had run out of the city to meet their deliverers sooner cried, while tears streamed down their cheeks, 'They won't come.' "A hawk appeared and we got in, but a crowd, every member of which was weeping, seized us. One man climbed on our shoulders. Another shouted to us: 'My name is Guiselin, I am City Councillor. The Germans offered me a million to betray my country. The coward, the coward!'

"Carried by the crowd, we arrived at the City Hall. Deputy Mayor Baudouin stood at the door. When we entered every one rushed to embrace us. An old man with white hair stood with a violin at the top of the grand staircase and played the 'Marseillaise.' Outside the crowd seethed like a sea. We were the first messengers from the motherland.

"Speak! Speak to us!" they cried. We opened the windows and told of our victory. A shout went up that filled the city. We told of the Bulgarian capitulation. Again the cheers rang out. We told of the Turkish promise to quit the war, and again the crowd cheered.

"Then we told them that President Wilson had refused to grant an armistice and demanded Emperor William's head. The crowd, in a frenzy, tossed everything it could lay hands on into the air."

"At the Prefecture the acting Prefect, M. Renner, embraced us and there was a fresh outburst of cheering from the crowd. It was for Mayor Delsalle and for his son, a French officer of the Legion of Honor and wearing the War Cross. This officer, an aviator, bled at 11 o'clock that the city had been freed. He leaped into his machine, flew quickly to Lille and landed in the Place de Theatre. Alighting, he rushed home to his father.

"His was the first French uniform."

DIED. ANDREWS.—On Oct. 15, MARGARET, beloved daughter of Peter J. and Margaret Andrews, in the 53th year of her age.

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