

Valenciennes to pass into the French lines, says an official statement from the French government.

The Berlin government in making this proposal, represented itself as unable to prevent the eastward flight of the population of Valenciennes, owing to their fears that the allies would bombard the town. The proposal was made through the Swiss government.

Between the Oise and the Argonne the French are pressing the enemy hard and giving him little chance of dig in should he desire to do so. East of the Oise, the French are within a half mile of the German front, most of its length, and have advanced between five and six miles from Laon. Even east of the Aisne is a means of defense. The French now threaten Reims, having captured the Aisne-sur-Aisne, two and one-half miles west of Reims, and about the same distance east of Chateau Porcien.

Keeping step with the American operations east of the Argonne, the French are moving forward west of the forest. The message suggested that General Gouraud has moved north of the Argonne and taken the towns of Oizy and Termilly, threatening out a bridge in the allied line.

AMERICANS WIDEN BREACH IN KRIEMHILDE LINE WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN. October 15.—The most stubborn resistance conceivable, including literally hundreds of machine-gun nests, was overcome today and widened the breach in the Kriemhilde line.

The Germans have shelled the center and left center being lost to the American line and desperate counterattacks were carried out. These counterattacks were repulsed.

The Americans, who captured hill 259 and penetrated the strong wire defenses between the Argonne and the St. Georges, have passed St. Juvin. The American gains in general were accomplished at the expense of the strategic policy of surrounding the objectives rather than storming them. The main objective was the American advance was taken for the most part by going around them on the left and right, and clearing up again on the north side and clearing up the areas thus cleared.

AMERICANS MUST STRAFE ENEMY. President Wilson's answer to the Germans was greeted unanimously by men as a demonstration of supreme statesmanship, completely filling the bill and imposing on the Germans the humiliation and abnegation absolutely necessary to their peace.

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Perhaps the most interesting development of the day was the fact that the Americans and the Germans, though they are still in a state of hostility and tenacity utterly belied by any belief that their part in peace is a matter of the near future. The Americans are almost sure that the Germans are sincere or insincere, and that, whether sincere or not, the enemy will in last analysis back down to the terms of the armistice, and the possibility of indefinitely imposing upon Germany absolute defeat.

ITALIANS IN ALBANIA. ITALIAN STRONG POSITIONS. Rome, October 15.—Italian forces in Albania, after storming the north Hungarian positions, penetrated the city of Durazzo, capturing the city yesterday morning, taking prisoners and capturing war material, the Italian War Office announced today.

More than 1,000 prisoners were being taken from the Albanians, having overcome on October 13, the last of the Albanian strongholds in Kraba Pass, again are continuing their march toward their objectives.

SERBS TAKE HEIGHTS DOMINATING MORAVA RIVER. LONDON, October 15.—Serbian forces advancing north of the Morava River captured on a large front all the heights which dominate both banks of the Morava River, according to an official announcement, taking prisoners and capturing war material.

Serbian detachments operating in the Kriva Palanka region report the state forces are taking part in the operations of the armistice. The Fourth Bulgarian division carried off into Bulgaria, approaching the Morava River, 1,500 oxen, 1,020 mules and 1,500 wagons. The statement says a Bulgarian captain ordered the destruction of the Morava River bridge, and that the cattle belonging to the population taken to Bulgaria.

FRENCH AND BELGIANS TAKE MANY PRISONERS. HAVRE, October 15.—The French and Belgian troops in Flanders have captured 7,000 Germans and taken 8,000 guns, according to the official communication issued by the Belgian War Office, taking prisoners and capturing war material.

The allied attacks on the Flanders front continue, the statement adds. The statement says: "On the fighting front in Flanders, the enemy is making no progress. He was able to strain territory, but he is limited to a limited extent."

AMERICAN FORCES BEGIN ATTACK IN MORNING. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, October 15 (AP).—An attack by the American forces early this morning east of the

to Thourout, from the Cortemarck road to the north, to Lechouart, to Brievast, to Gits to Reveran to Zuidhoek, east of the Roulers-Lys Canal, to Boushem, to Boschmans, and the allied forces in the outskirts of Lendelede.

The British troops holding the Comine bridgehead have been fired upon heavily and have withdrawn a few hundred yards for the moment. Of the prisoners captured by the allied armies in Flanders yesterday more than 6,000 were taken by the Belgians.

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG REPORTS GREAT ADVANCE. LONDON, October 15.—North-east of Lens, the British have advanced to the neighborhood of Haubourdin, about three miles west of Lille, and to the south have crossed the Haute Doule Canal, south of Pont-a-Vendin, and taken several villages, according to the communication of Field Marshal Haig, issued to-night. The text of the communication follows:

"We have crossed the Haute Doule Canal on both sides of Pont-a-Vendin, and have captured Estevales, Meurchin and Bauvin."

"Further north our troops made progress in the neighborhood of Haubourdin."

"On the remainder of the British front south of the River Lys, there is nothing to report."

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT. PARIS, Monday, October 15.—The full text of the official statement issued by the War Office to-night follows:

"Local operations enabled us to better our position on the left bank of the Oise in the region of Mont d'Origny. South of the Serre we occupied a position on the left bank of the Oise one kilometer south of Assis-sur-Serre."

"The co-operation of Italian troops, we took and passed Sissonne more to the east. In spite of very stubborn resistance by the enemy we have greatly pressed on the north bank of the Aisne. We have advanced our lines past the villages of La Maille, La Thon, and La Thon, and the main objective was the American advance was taken for the most part by going around them on the left and right, and clearing up again on the north side and clearing up the areas thus cleared."

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AMERICANS CHOP NOTCHES ALL ALONG ENEMY'S FRONT. [By Associated Press.] WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, October 15.—From east of the Meuse to the vicinity of Grand Pre, American forces chopped a series of notches in the German line Monday. They kept up their swinging blows at the enemy front early morning until late in the afternoon.

While the Germans resisted with grim determination their decision to hold (ill) the last portion of the line before the Americans may open the way to swift disaster.

Although the action tended to the eastward bank of the Meuse, the most savage fighting took place about Romagne and to the westward where the enemy is striving to maintain that position. The Germans are fighting northwardly from Romagne and the British battle has been in and over the wire entanglements before this defensive position and the excellent natural fortifications along which the present line of resistance is laid. Hanging on the wire to-night are German machine-gun equipment bears evidence that another fresh division has been brought up to meet the steady pressure of the Americans.

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remainder of his material from the coast of Belgium.

As yet no word during the hours following the launching of an attack in this difficult country, reports were slow coming in, but most significant of all the features of the battle was the fact that the German coast batteries were not firing.

The enemy's reaction followed the allied attack was launched, but north of the line the German guns had been withdrawn or were being taken back by the British.

Only a thin barrage was encountered by the British during their attack. South of Lichtervelde, the British have driven well to the east. They have passed through Roulers and are still advancing. The Germans are still quite a distance east of the line—Roulers road.

BOLSHEVIC GOVERNMENT AGREES TO RELEASE OFFICIALS. [By Associated Press.] LONDON, October 15 (via Montreal).—The Bolshevik government, according to a telegram received here to-day from Moscow, has agreed to release the remaining Russian officials now being detained in Russia.

The message also confirms reports that the Bolshevik government is making critical owing to the magnitude of the American effort, which it is said, is beginning to be realized in Berlin.

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MORE THAN 600 BODIES RECOVERED IN FIRE AREA. Believed Further Search in Devastated Section Will Reveal Hundreds of Others.

PROPERTY DAMAGE \$75,000,000. Insurance Companies Hawker Hit Than at Any Time Since San Francisco Earthquake—Many Deaths Among Sailors Reported.

DELUTH, MINN., October 15.—Fanned by a wind increasing in velocity, forest fires broke out afresh to-night on a twenty-five-mile stretch between Deluth and Duluth, about sixty miles southwest of here. Adjutant-General Rhinow and Governor Burroughs left Duluth for Deluth and Aitkin with 100 home guardsmen to aid in fighting the flames.

McCrath is reported to be burning, and the fire, report said, was advancing on Selma, White Pine and other villages.

More than 600 bodies of people burned to death in the forest fires sweeping over northeastern Minnesota last Saturday had been recovered to-day, and it was expected this number would be increased by 300 and possibly 400, when the entire devastated district has been gone over.

SEARCHING PARTIES STARTED FROM MOOSE LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN, TO BREAK UP TO-DAY AND TOOK UP THE WORK WHERE IT WAS LEFT OFF LAST NIGHT. During the night relief stations received many truckloads of supplies, including half-trucked settlers, who had escaped death by the fire, and who were found wandering about in a dazed condition. Many of the bodies brought in to-day bore indications that death was caused by starvation and lack of food, rather than from burns.

The rescue party in the Fond du Lac Indian reservation brought reports of many deaths among the Indians. In the opinion of Adjutant-General W. F. Rhinow who is directing the rescue work, it will be at least two and possibly four more days before the work of locating and bringing in bodies is complete.

INSURANCE MEN SAY PROPERTY LOSS \$75,000,000. CHICAGO, October 15.—Property damage by forest fires in Minnesota amounts to \$75,000,000, insurance men here today said. This does not include the standing timber and the other uninsured property. The loss in insured property is about \$100,000,000, according to the heaviest since the San Francisco fire in 1906.

ALLIES INDUCE ANSWER. WASHINGTON, October 15.—John D. Ryan, Assistant Secretary of War, in charge of the production of a unified air program, both from the standpoint of the people of our country as the example of the man with the colors. Let every American soldier and every conscripted British Overseas American volunteer and efficiency are carrying the banner of triumphant democracy with resistance force toward German soil. The ardor of the fighting line must not be cooled and the wonderful initiative and spirit of our soldiers must not be crushed by failure to carry the fourth Liberty loan victoriously over the top.

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WASHINGTON, October 15.—The Secretary of War has directed that the following telegram be sent to commanding generals of all departments and divisions, commanding generals of ports of embarkation, commanding generals of coast artillery districts, and to the commanding officers of all independent stations:

"There never was a more critical time in the history of the war than this present hour. Overseas American valor and efficiency are carrying the banner of triumphant democracy with resistance force toward German soil. The ardor of the fighting line must not be cooled and the wonderful initiative and spirit of our soldiers must not be crushed by failure to carry the fourth Liberty loan victoriously over the top.

"Let people at home must show that they are as resolute as the soldiers at the front are brave. No influence is so potent in its stimulating effect on the people of our country as the example of the man with the colors. Let every American soldier and every conscripted British Overseas American volunteer and efficiency are carrying the banner of triumphant democracy with resistance force toward German soil. The ardor of the fighting line must not be cooled and the wonderful initiative and spirit of our soldiers must not be crushed by failure to carry the fourth Liberty loan victoriously over the top."

DESERTERS AND SLACKERS ARE JAILED AT LEXINGTON One Man Badly Wounded by Officers in South Mountain Round-Up.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LEXINGTON, Va., October 15.—Six deserters and slackers were brought to Lexington jail to-day from South Mountain, about twenty miles from Lexington. They are Clarke, Woods and Tyrees. One by the name of Braus was shot and was unable to be moved this afternoon. Another Braus voluntarily reported to the officers. Deputy Sheriff Kayton and Palmer were in charge of the hunt.

ASKS LODGES TO BUY BONDS. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., October 15.—A call to the 32,000 members of the Masonic order in the State "to subscribe to the Liberty loan, grand master credit" to the 22,222 Liberty loan, was issued to-night by Ernest L. Cunningham, of this city, grand master of Virginia Masons. In addition to urging 100 per cent response from individuals, the message suggested that each of the 325 lodges in the State invest their surplus funds in bonds.

SITUATION IS IMPROVING. RALEIGH, N. C., October 15.—Although there are still about fifteen Lexington jail to-day from South Mountain, about twenty miles from Lexington. They are Clarke, Woods and Tyrees. One by the name of Braus was shot and was unable to be moved this afternoon. Another Braus voluntarily reported to the officers. Deputy Sheriff Kayton and Palmer were in charge of the hunt.

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