

## BRITISH NOW OCCUPY TOWN OF EAUCOURT

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London today reports Eaucourt l'Abbaye entirely in British possession.

Mystery still surrounds the number and movement of the Rumanian forces which have crossed the Danube into Bulgaria to compel the retreat of Field Marshal von Mackensen from the Constantza-Tchernovoda railway. Sofia mentions these forces as comprising "considerable units" but records no contact between them and their Bulgarian foe.

Berlin asserts the pontoon bridge on which the Rumanians crossed was destroyed, but the Rumanian reports said the bridge was put out of commission by Austrian monitors from the Dobruja side.

Bucharest has not alluded to this movement in its official statements.

On their part the Bulgarians are believed to be engaged in frustrating another move of the Rumanians to cross the Danube or are attacking the forces already in Bulgaria.

Reports from Sofia indicate at least a momentary lessening of the intense pressure on the Macedonian front.

Unofficial dispatches from Petrograd report a Russian success in the drive for Lemberg. The Rumanians have captured the heights south of Brazzany, fifty miles southeast of Lemberg. Official reports from Berlin and Vienna have asserted the Russian attempts to hold these heights failed.

London, Oct. 4.—The war office announced today that the town of Eaucourt l'Abbaye, on the Somme front, for possession of which heavy fighting has been in progress for several days, now is entirely in the hands of the British. The announcement says:

"Eaucourt l'Abbaye has been cleared of the enemy and is entirely in our hands.

"During the night there was considerable shelling on our front. A heavy rain has fallen since morning."

After three days of incessant and furious fighting the Russians are reported to have won considerable advantage in their new drive on Lemberg and to be threatening the important town of Brazzany.

Roumania's Petrograd correspondent says the Russians, under cover of artillery fire, forced their way across the Zlota river south of Brazzany, driving the German forces from the heights. The Russians then began a bombardment of the suburbs of the town.

French Capture German Defenses. Paris, Oct. 4.—A strongly fortified line of German defenses between Morval and the St. Pierre-Vaast wood, on the Somme front, has been captured by the French the war office announced today. Two hundred prisoners were taken.

Rumanian Forces Withdrawn. Berlin, Oct. 4.—The Rumanian forces which crossed the Danube river, between the fortresses of Ruzschuk and Turtukai, have withdrawn hastily, says an official statement issued today by German army headquarters, as the result of encircling operations by the British and the French.

The similarity made the following announcement today:

"In the afternoon of Oct. 1, naval airplanes from the aerodrome of Zebruge pursued an enemy air squadron. In the fight which followed an enemy craft was destroyed."

"Considerable Units of Troops." Sofia, via London, Oct. 4.—The Rumanians who have crossed the Danube and invaded Bulgaria are described as "considerable units of troops" in an official statement today, which, however, does not report any clash between the Bulgarians and the invaders.

Red Cross Steamer Destroyed. Paris, Oct. 4.—A British Red Cross steamer blew up Sunday morning in the straits of Dover, according to a Bolognese dispatch to the Figaro. The dispatch says news of the disaster was received by wireless but details are lacking.

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## MEET WESTERN LEADERS IN CHICAGO

### Plans to be Perfected For President's Speech on Oct. 19, Under Auspices of the Naturalized Citizens League—Hughes Taking Brief Rest Before Starting on Another Western Tour—Women's Special in Ohio.

On Board President Wilson's Special, Pittsburgh, Oct. 4.—President Wilson passed thru here early today en route to Omaha. No prolonged stops were planned before his arrival in Chicago tonight. Despite attempts by democratic leaders to have the president deliver a number of rear platform speeches on the way to Omaha, he refused to make any such plans, taking the position that he will not make a stumping tour to aid his campaign. Mr. Wilson is making the trip to Chicago on a special train, but for the remainder of the journey his private car will be attached to the regular train. With him are Mrs. Wilson, Secretary Tumulty and Dr. Grayson.

President Greeted by Crowds. Alliance, O., Oct. 4.—President Wilson was greeted by cheering crowds when he passed thru the middle west en route to Omaha today. At Salem and Alliance several thousand persons packed the station and applauded as Mr. Wilson stepped to the platform of his private car.

When the president awoke this morning he found several hundred telegrams from people along the route asking him to show himself at the station. It was determined that if he would only consent to speak in several places for a few minutes large crowds could be gathered easily. He reiterated that he would make no speeches before reaching Omaha.

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Conference in Chicago. Chicago, Oct. 4.—Informal conferences between President Wilson and western leaders of the democratic party are expected to take place tonight while the president is in the city. Local democratic leaders, in conjunction with national committee officials, today began work on plans for the visit of President Wilson to Chicago on Oct. 19. Announcement was made by Judge Clarence N. Goodwin, head of the Naturalized Citizens League, under whose auspices the meeting will be held, that one of the most important of the president's campaign speeches will be delivered here.

Invitation to the meeting, which will be held at the union stock yards pavilion at night, will be sent to 10,000 men and their wives. The seating capacity of the building is nearly 15,000. Judge Goodwin will preside. Governor Dunne and Mayor Thompson will be asked to make brief addresses.

Hughes Taking Brief Rest. New York, Oct. 4.—Charles E. Hughes, who has been three days in New York since his return and wound up several weeks of political activity at the reception given him last night at the Union League Club, will rest of Montclair, N. J., until Monday, when he starts again on another western tour. The republican nominee and his wife motored to Montclair today. They will be near their son and daughter-in-law and probably will remain in seclusion so far as political callers are concerned.

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Busy Day For Women. Toledo, O., Oct. 4.—Thirteen public meetings with an automobile parade with a luncheon and a reception committee program today for the forty women republican speakers who arrived here this morning. The train came from Cleveland and will depart at 4 o'clock for Detroit.

Dry Special in Three States. Omaha, Oct. 4.—For the second consecutive day, the prohibition campaign special today invaded three states. It left here early today for towns in Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa. They include Fremont and Norfolk, Neb., Elk Point and Sioux Falls, S. D., and Haverden, Iowa.

BOY BANDITS ROB SALOONS. Youth in Knee Trousers Member of One of Chicago's Gangs. Chicago, Oct. 4.—Two bands of youthful automobile bandits, one of them having a boy in knee trousers as a member, held up six saloons at an early hour today. Sums ranging from \$10 to \$25 were taken in each robbery. The boy, armed with a revolver, usually was the first of the bands to enter the saloons. He was directed to "cover" the occupants while his companions robbed them. In one instance a banditkeeper yelled for help and the bandits attacked him, rendering him unconscious.

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