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## Germans Are Preparing to Evacuate City of Brussels

**Allied Forces in Outskirts of Ghent --- Pressure on Hun Armies in Belgium Is Not Relaxed --- Situation Steadily Improving**

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19.—Evacuation of Brussels by the Germans has already been begun, according to M. Heinrich, an Aetivist Belgian deputy. The deputy is quoted thus by the correspondent of the Nieuws Van Den Dags at Rosendaal, on the Dutch frontier, who says the deputy himself has arrived at Brussels. The evacuation reports, it is declared, refer to the German troops, and not to the civilian population of the city.

### FRENCH CAVALRY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GHENT, AND INFANTRY ARE FOLLOWING THEM FAST

With the Allied Forces on the Flanders Front, Oct. 19.—French cavalry were reported tonight to have reached the outskirts of Ghent. There is no official confirmation. The infantry is pushing fast after the mounted troops.

The reports indicate a continuation of the rapid Allied advance in the Belgian coast sector. The British are meeting with little opposition in the Lille salient and to the northward. In most places difficulty is found in keeping in contact with the enemy forces, owing to the rapidity of the retreat.

### FRENCH FORCES CONTINUING THEIR SUCCESSES AND ARE FORCING ENEMY BACK FROM THE OISE

PARIS, Oct. 19.—The French continue successfully their advance south of Wassigny and east of Guise, according to the War Office statement today, which is as follows:

"During the night the troops of the first army pursued their victorious advance and threw back in disorder the enemy troops which attempted at all costs to maintain their position on the west bank of the Oise. Up to the present the French have reached the area from east of the forest of Andigny to the north of Hauteville. Hannapes, Tupigny and Noyales are in our hands as well as other places bordering on the canal. In the course of the fighting in this region since Oct. 17 we have taken more than 3,000 prisoners. We also have captured 20 guns, a large number of machine guns and important war material, including an entire train loaded with munitions.

### Aisne Region Clear of the Enemy.

"On the front of the Aisne we have cleared out the enemy from the region between the Canal and the Aisne west of Attigny. We have taken possession of Ambly-Haut and have captured a number of prisoners."

## HUN SPOILS ENTER PARIS IN TRIUMPH

Paris, Oct. 18.—German artillery and German airplanes entered Paris this morning, but they were drawn by French horses or piloted by French aviators. In the Place de la Concorde these tangible proofs of Marshal Foch's victorious offensives are to be seen. More than fifty cannon with the mud of the Yser or the chalk of Champagne still clinging to their wheels are being exhibited to enthusiastic Parisians. Gothas, nearly a score of which proudly flew over Paris a month ago are now humbly housed around Cleopatra's Needle.

In one of them subscriptions for the Liberation Loan are being accepted and some times refused momentarily owing to the pressure of investors.

## REPLY TO WILSON SOON

Berlin Friday, Oct. 18.—The German reply to President Wilson will not be completed and despatched for several days, according to the latest Berlin advices. It is expected that the Reichstag will be summoned to meet on Tuesday.

### POINCARÉ ON FREED TERRITORY

President of France Visits Liberated Regions in the Champagne.

Paris, Oct. 19.—President Poincaré today visited the regions in the Champagne that have recently been freed from the German occupation.

### BURIAN HAS QUIT.

Basle, Oct. 18.—Baron Burian, the Austrian Premier, has resigned, according to Vienna newspapers.

## BAN REMOVED FROM SUNDAY MOTORING

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—It now has been decided that next Sunday, October 20, need not be observed as a gasless day in Canada. The first announcement was to the effect that the restrictions were still on. Later, however, the fuel controller received information from Washington indicating that present supplies of gasoline justified the termination of gasless Sundays.

Mr. Magrath also received a telegram from a prominent Canadian medical officer of health, stating that, in his judgement it was desirable that people should be allowed to make use of their motors on Sundays during the present influenza epidemic. Reconsideration of the question in the light of these facts has caused the fuel controller to announce that the ban on Sunday motoring is removed.

## TAKEN INTO CAPTIVITY

With the British Forces in France, Oct. 19.—(Havas) During the last fifteen days of their occupation of Lille the Germans took away into captivity fifteen thousand of the inhabitants of the city.

### FOR CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

The following contributions not previously acknowledged have been made to the Treasurer of the Children's Aid Society.

City of Fredericton	\$300.00
Mrs. W. J. Glen	5.00
E. B. Yerxa	5.00
Mrs. Ella B. Wells	5.00
J. H. Fleming	5.00
Harry Smith	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>

## PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN IN BELGIUM

London, Oct. 18.—The text of the war office communication tonight follows. "Today was marked by stubborn hostile opposition along the line of Bruges, Oostcamp, Wynghene, Thielt and Oostroosbeke. We succeeded, however, in overcoming the enemy's resistance eastward of Oostcamp, between Wynghene and Thielt and eastward to Oostroosbeke.

"Southwest of Bruges Belgian troops made considerable progress and crossed the Bruges-Ostend Canal at several points. Advancing northward, Belgian infantry occupied Oostcamp and reached the approaches of Bruges. "The second British army improved its lines south of the Lys river and crossed the Courtrai-Monsieur railway at several points. "British forces occupied Roubaix and Turcoing this afternoon."

## GOVERNOR OF QUEBEC DIED LAST NIGHT

Quebec, Oct. 19.—After a lingering illness, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Pierre Evariste LeBlanc, passed away at his official residence, Spencerwood, at 11.58 o'clock last night.

The late Lieut. Governor had for some years been a prominent figure in the public life of the province. He was at one time leader of the Conservative opposition in the Legislature and was an ex-Speaker of the House. He had been in failing health for some time and recently underwent a serious operation in Quebec.

## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—Casualties among Maritime men include the following: Killed in action—R. McWilliams, St. Stephen, N. B.; Sgt. J. Coldwell, Apohaqui; V. Bedford, St. Stephen. Wounded and missing—Lieut. C. White, St. Martins, N. B. Missing—J. A. McGaw, St. Stephen.

## THE CANADIAN FIRST BRIGADE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN FIRST TO ENTER THE TOWN OF DOUAI

Germans in Front of Canadian Army Put Up a Good Bluff to Cover Their Retirement—Abandoned Position of Great Natural Strength—Engineers Did Excellent Work—Enemy May Make a Stand at Valenciennes.

(By J. B. Livesay, Canadian Press Correspondent.)

WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES, Oct. 19.—The anticipated withdrawal of the boche from this sector took place yesterday forenoon, and by evening we had pushed on several miles in pursuit. The Canadian first brigade claims to be the first troops to enter Douai. Either by luck or through his excellent meteorological service, the enemy was favored with the same conditions of fog that enabled him to make his famous retreat in 1917. Our airmen were unable to do effective work, and our infantry, in pushing forward, had a narrow range of vision. This morning the fog settled down very heavily, obscuring the sun and making it almost impossible for air tactics.

### HUNS PUT UP GOOD BLUFF.

The enemy put up an admirable piece of bluff, when at five o'clock yesterday morning he made a false attack on the line of the Canal de La Sensee we held south of Douai, employing large numbers of machine guns, to which we replied with a counter-barrage. Before noon it became apparent that the front was not strongly held and the First Canadian Brigade crossed the canal at Ferin and rapidly pushed up to the outskirts of Douai.

Meantime the Canadian brigade also crossed the canal further south and advanced through Ocoutzin and Canten, but the expected enemy was nowhere to be found. Another Canadian division on the right crossed at Brunemont and east of Fechain, and by night we had established a line well to the east and today we advanced to Monchecourt and Marquette after crossing the Scheldt. Our cavalry outposts have sought to get in touch with the enemy and have found him in full retreat. Except around Marquette the enemy resistance has not been serious, but he may yet stand at Valenciennes.

### THE ENGINEERS DID GOOD WORK.

The Canadian engineers again did fine work on the canal, throwing out cork pontoon bridges and establishing bridges for heavy traffic. By nightfall they discovered several traps, including an immense mine of over one hundred shells. The approach to Le Mouline canal is very deep and protected by high wooded hills on the east slopes, so that the enemy might easily have held the situation almost indefinitely.

## FRENCH WIN A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Official Statement Tells of Further Progress Made Against the Huns—Belgian Campaign.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, Oct. 18.—In the region of the Oise, along in Champagne and in Belgium-Flanders the French troops everywhere have made further progress, according to the French official communication issued tonight. The text of the communication follows:

"To the west of the Oise the troops of the first army resumed this morning their pressure from the forest of Andigny to the river. These valiant troops, which for more than a month have not ceased fighting the enemy, powerfully fortified, have won today further successes. They have reconquered the village of Mennevret and the forest of Andigny, the eastern outskirts of which they hold, making at that point an advance of more than five kilometres under conditions particularly difficult.

"They have reached the outskirts of Pannappa, LeGrand Verly and Noyales. They have captured, in spite of furious resistance by the enemy the villages of Grougis, Ainsonville and Boyonville.

"Further south our advance guards have continued to pursue the enemy between the Oise and the Serre. We have advanced our lines to the north of Seray-Liziere, to the southern outskirts of Fontaine and to the north of Nouyion and Catillon. We have captured about ten villages and made numerous prisoners, the number of which actually counted exceeds 1,500. "On both sides of Vouziers (Champagne) our infantry has crossed the Aisne on a front of five kilometres and taken away on a footing on the heights to the east. The villages of Vandry and several farms organized as supporting points, fell into our hands. The capture of several hundred prisoners is announced.

### Retreat Continues

"Belgian communication: The German retreat on the 16th of October under the victorious pressure of the 5th army under the King of the Belgians continued on the whole of the front. The groups of armies between the north Sea and the Lys river had advanced this afternoon to a depth of twenty kilometres on a front of more than fifty kilometres."

### PANIC ON BERLIN BOURSE

Paris, Oct. 19.—There was another panic on the Berlin Bourse on Thursday, according to advices from Zurich. Maritime securities are reported to have dropped 25 per cent and chemical product issues from ten to twenty per cent.

## BELGIAN TROOPS ARE PLAYING HAVOC WITH THE RETREATING HUNS

Have Been Pumping Shells Into the Bottle Neck Through Which the Enemy is Retreating---Belgians Are Becoming Very Demonstrative

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 19.—Lille is fast being left behind by the advancing fifth British army. In spite of German posts established north of Roubaix and Turcoing, these rich manufacturing cities have been taken. The Germans blew up the bridges leading into Bruges and left strong rear-guards there, but these forces were sacrificed by the enemy while the main body of his troops moved eastward from the city and those near the coast hastened to escape.

Today has been fine and the Belgian airmen have again come into their own. The Belgian sky has been literally full of them and they have worked great havoc among the enemy. More cannon have been brought up and all last night and today they have been pumping shells into the neck of territory by which the Germans are retreating.

### GERMANS ARE PAYING A HIGH PRICE FOR THEIR ATTEMPT TO HOLD THE COAST OF BELGIUM

The number of Germans killed and their other losses must be tremendous. In addition, the French cavalry has been making dashes here and there and has also taken its toll. The German army is paying a high price for its attempt to retain its hold on the coveted coast of Belgium. German military commanders, being unable to win any victories, now seem to have gone in for literature. Today's reports include masses of captured documents which have fallen into the hands of the Allies. One document says: "I will take the strongest action against men who absent themselves from their commands, only to turn up again when danger is over."

### DOCUMENTS TAKEN FROM PRISONERS SHOW THAT THE HUNS REALIZE THAT ALL IS LOST

Count Von Walderze discloses some German ideas relative to the gaining of time in which to prepare defences that may be valuable in view of Germany's efforts to secure an armistice or peace. "Wherever defences are of temporary nature," he said, "they must, if the enemy leaves us sufficient time, be continually improved and strengthened in accordance with the principles laid down for defensive fighting."

"The enemy's great successes have strengthened his consciousness of superiority," this commander very frankly said.

It would appear from documents that the German army knows it has lost the war. German soldiers are showing unusual consideration for civilians. Notices have been posted informing civilians they would not be moved east of their town. Of course the Germans know that the Allied guns will not fire on towns known to be full of civilians.

### WOMEN OF RELIEVED TOWNS SOUNDLY KISS THE SOLDIERS AND DESPATCH RIDERS WHO APPEAR

In many of the towns and localities where the Allied troops have swept past, celebrations over their advance were carried on all day by the liberated people. Runners and dispatch riders obliged to pass through Courtrai have not been making as good time as usual. This fact came to the knowledge of a British brigadier general, who ordered a dispatch rider before him. He blushingly said that the charge against him and the others was quite true, adding: "But we could not help the delay, sir, for every time we go through a town we have each been soundly kissed. It would not do to tell the women and girls we are in a hurry. They just insist on stopping your motor cycle, all wanting to kiss you at one time."

## ALLIED FORCES WITHDRAW

Archangel, Northern European Russia, Oct. 17.—Allied forces on the Dvina have been withdrawn a little over six miles in the face of an attack by greatly superior forces which had been reinforced from Petrograd and apparently commanded by competent officers. The withdrawal was successful under a severe bombardment.

### GERMAN CABINET MEETS.

Will Decide the Definite Form of the Reply to President Wilson.

Copenhagen, Oct. 19.—The German war cabinet met at six o'clock last evening to decide the definite form of the German answer to President Wilson.

Miss Sterling of New York is visiting here for a few weeks.

## BRITISH LINE IS NOW STRAIGHT

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 18.—(Reuters) British troops held an almost straight line north and south between Douai and Lille this afternoon. The line ran through Ostricourt to Thumerisles to Wahagnies to La Bouvreille to Martinsart to Has to Venceville to west of Honchin to Lille.

### HYMN COMPOSER DEAD.

Author of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and Other Hymns.

New York, Oct. 19.—Charles Crozat Converse, lawyer, inventor, author and composer of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and other famous hymns, died today at his home in Ellenwood, New Jersey, according to word received here tonight. He was born in Massachusetts 85 years ago.

Mrs. Harry Lynch and Miss Friel have returned after spending a few days with St. John friends.