

QUENTIN LOSS
FATAL TO ENEMY

Human Communications
Whole Western Front
Now Endangered

RUINS ENRAGE FRENCH
Wanton Destruction of Towns
Raise Fighting Fury of Men
to High Pitch

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While success attends the Allies throughout the front (Gouraud's army has mastered the entrance to the Grand-duffle and Berthelot's has conquered the whole massif of St. Thierry), the most important news is the capture of St. Quentin.

That ancient town and fortress is not only the largest yet recovered from the enemy, but the moral effect of the loss will be great in Germany, where for eighteen months it was trumpeted as the "cornerstone" of the Hindenburg line.

The old streets sloping up to the cathedral on the eastern height were blazing when a single company of French soldiers made its way through the evacuated city, from west to east, passing the town hall in the center, which seemed intact, but which they did not enter for fear of mines.

During the night progress continued on the north, where Anglo-French troops had crossed the canal tunnel and, according to the latest news, the Germans are being driven back across the open Troughy canal.

The above-mentioned company reached the station on the southeast edge of the town about 6 o'clock last night, where they established themselves, despite an enemy sniping fire on the left bank from the further side of the lagoon formed here by the Somme River, called High Pool.

For Realizes Disaster
Further progress was momentarily impossible, as the villages of Neuville St. Amand and Stancourt before them were strongly held by the Germans.

Subsequently bodies of French troops entered from the northwest along the Rue Antoine Lecuyer, where is situated the museum that used to contain the famous de la Tour Pastels, saved before the enemy occupied the town.

There was no opposition, but here also was a configuration more dangerous than the enemy. On the eastern side of the town, a wooded park called Champs

de France, appeared to be held by a German patrol and machine gunners.

The foe evidently realizes to the full the disaster the loss of St. Quentin means and are doing their utmost to hold on to the eastern trince. The large number of machine guns and minenwerfers captured in abortive counter-attacks upon Villers indicates the intention of strategy to reorganize the position if taken and not give up the city without a desperate struggle.

The cleverness of the Allied maneuver from north and south frustrated the enemy's scheme, but they have retaliated by reducing St. Quentin to a heap of ruins, adding one more to the long list of wanton vandalism for which the hour of reckoning is approaching.

The police are inflamed to a pitch of superhuman energy by such sights.

"My men cheer their fists, when they see ruins like that," said the captain of a Moroccan division to your correspondent some days ago, "and afterward nothing can stop them. If Germans only realize how attacked we Frenchmen are to home and country, they would try to avoid such business instead of deliberately expatriating us without gaining a shadow of military advantage."

Communications in Peril
Meanwhile the Allied drive in the north grows ever more menacing against vital lines of the enemy's communications. A glance at the map shows the network of strategic railroads which the Germans treacherously prepared toward the Belgian frontier from the region of Cologne, spreading out into a dense web of lines across the industrial sections of Belgium and northern France.

Already the Allied armies are having dreadful havoc of the junctions and central depots. If common sense add its share, the whole front down to Rheims will be shattered.

Rheims marks the dividing line in Germany's communications. Eastward it is direct from the Rhine that transportation is effected. If the advance in Belgium can be continued, the effects of Foch's strategy will be catastrophic for the enemy, as no liaison of the eastern and western communication system exists for the enemy, save by a roundabout route through northern Luxembourg. To bar the advance in Belgium it will be necessary to divert troops from the rest of the front, already strained to the breaking point.

Americans Congratulated
Splendid Fighting on West Front
Brings Victory Nearer
By the Associated Press

London, Oct. 4.—"You will permit me to offer you my warm congratulations upon the splendid part you have recently taken in the glorious operations on the western front," said Walter Hume Long, secretary of state for colonies, speaking at a dinner at the American Officers' Club last night.

"There can be no doubt that the Allies are steadily driving back the enemy at every point," Mr. Long continued. "It would, however, be unwise to say that victory is in sight. Yet undoubtedly the progress of the last few weeks and the splendid fighting of the Allied troops must bring the end very much nearer."

BULGARIAN TRUCE
ANGERS GERMANS

News of "Treason" at Last
Becomes Known in
Empire

EDITORS ARE WRATHFUL
See Ferdinand's Kingdom at
Mercy of Entente as
Vassal State

By GEORGE RENWICK
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Amsterdam, Oct. 4.—News of Bulgaria's "treason" to the Central Empire and Turkey has been allowed at last to become fully known in Germany. It appears to have been held up by the authorities until there was evidence that the Sohranje was behind Malinoff. Still the bulk of the press is rather shy of comment.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says it built its faith during the last few days on the failure of Malinoff and expressed the belief that the Entente, in setting forward such terms as it did, had lost its political common sense, but now it is forced to admit that the Entente "reckoned rightly when it assumed that Malinoff could not retreat from the position he had taken up."

The article stimulates tremendous rage regarding the Entente conditions. "They are," it says, "the severest which could possibly be imposed upon a hard pressed but unbeaten enemy. All the territory which the Bulgarian army in brilliant and triumphant operations and with the severest sacrifices, has conquered is

abandoned at a stroke of Malinoff's pen. Bulgaria will enter the peace negotiations in a completely helpless condition, and will be forced to accept just what the Entente insists on.

"Of Bulgaria's national claims, of her rights in Macedonia, there will be no talk except inasmuch as they are acceptable to Serbia and Greece. Bulgaria will become a small vassal State of the Entente, and will come under the same slavery as that into which Greece fell by the treacherous actions of Venizelos."

The Frankfurter Zeitung proceeds to demolish the German official fiction that Malinoff acted alone, and says King Ferdinand and his Government long ago knew that the step now taken would be necessary. It expresses great doubts regarding the telegrams of loyalty sent by the King to the rulers of the Central Empire. The journal proceeds: "What has happened in Bulgaria is the result in no small degree of the happenings on the western front, and there are many people in Bulgaria who are convinced that it is better for their country to have the protection of the Entente."

ALARMED OVER AUSTRIA
Berlin Paper Declares Situation
Terribly Serious
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Amsterdam, Oct. 4.—Several German papers express the greatest alarm regarding the affairs in Austria. Germania says that far-reaching changes are about to take place in the dual monarchy. Austria, it declared, is determined to hold to her solution of the Polish problem, a determination which "having eye to the fact of her relations with Germany, indeed, as Vorwaerts says, the whole situation is one of 'terrible acuteness,'" and it adds that statesmen who are not now ready to negotiate with the Entente on an honest interpretation of the formula "no annexations or indemnities" "deserve to be lauded."

LITTLE RECOGNITION
FOR MARSHAL HAIG

Chronicle Marvels That Gen-
eral Has Not Been Offi-
cially Congratulated

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London, Oct. 4.

The Chronicle in reviewing the work of Sir Douglas Haig and the forces under him during the last two months, expresses astonishment that he has not received the official congratulations of the British Government, and says: "Sir Douglas Haig's initial victory, on August 8, first turned the general balance decisively in the Allies' favor. The British successes on the west front since August 8 are, in sober fact,

much the greatest in scale ever won by a British army or a British general, and Sir Douglas Haig who has borne the tremendous responsibility of the present year, deserves no less than the full measure of credit.

"In these circumstances, it is impossible not to marvel at and to deplore the strange omission whereby he has never yet received the congratulations of the Prime Minister and war cabinet on his brilliant series of victories."

Retreating Bulgars Slay and Burn
Salonika, Oct. 4.—Burning villages marked the trail of the retreating Bulgarian army in Macedonia, according to telegrams received here from the front. Bodies of plain civilians were found in the smoking ruins at many places by the advancing Allies. Advisers state that this work of destruction surpassed even that which has been reported from districts in France and Belgium from which the Germans have been driven.

GAS ATTACK BY AMERICANS
Engineers Remove 100 Mines
Left by Enemy

By the Associated Press
With the American Forces Northwest
of Verdun, Oct. 3.—(Delayed).—A successful gas attack was made by the Americans on this front yesterday at

Villemors, on the Meuse, above Darnovous. The German artillery fire was suspended during the day. Many gas shells were thrown in by the enemy guns upon the American rear areas, notably Septeville road, Chantecourt, the Montrevelle road, Darnovous, Sachet wood, Ennes, Porges wood and Jure woods.

The American engineers have removed more than 100 buried German mines from the ground evacuated by the enemy.

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Have large plush-trimmed collar, patch pockets, belt and buckle. Entire lining. Sizes 4 to 14. One pictured.
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The predominant tendency in style is shirring at waist, from which the coats fall in full sweep. Nearly all have belts, side slanted pockets and large collars. Satin lined throughout. One pictured.
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Navy Blue, Black, African Brown and Dark Green. Pictured.
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