

Official War Reports

MAURICE NOTES RING OF INSINCERITY IN ACCEPTANCE OF WILSON'S TERMS

GUARANTEES NECESSARY Allied Armies Should Be So Placed as to Present Resumption of War

By MAJ. GEN. SIR F. B. MAURICE
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London, Oct. 15.—The reply of the German Government to President Wilson is a great step beyond the acceptance of a demand that all Allied territory shall be evacuated. It clears the air of suspicion that the original proposal was a dodge to get their armies out of an embarrassing situation. One of the prime objects of the German general staff in this war has been to wage it on enemy territory, with the double purpose of saving their own land from its horrors and of carrying out the principle which they have adopted of making war supportable. On this principle, they have from the first exacted the very utmost from the territories which they occupied, in the form of fines, or enforced contributions in money and kind, or forced labor, and not infrequently by sheer robbery. We have all seen how systematic devastation has proceeded and accompanied their retreats, according to plan. Knowing that they would act if they were in the position of the Allies on entering Germany, it is unthinkable that they would agree to the armistice which would not fall to speak in reporting the battle, could not be accomplished. German reserves which attempted to hurry up to the front line did not escape the keen eyes of the Allied aviators and runners. One troop train was cut in two by shells. When the occupants of the cars jumped out they were met and scattered by machine-gun fire from Allied aviators.

Need Adequate Guarantees

For the time being the political situation dominates the military and may continue to do so, so that there is no question of a cessation of hostilities until adequate guarantees have been obtained that the terms which the Allied Governments decide to impose shall be carried out in spirit and letter. What those guarantees shall be is primarily a question for soldiers and sailors, for it is essential that the Allied armies and fleets be so placed as to make it impossible for Germany to continue the war if, at a later date, she refuses to accept their terms.

Leave It to Marshal Foch

The question of military guarantees to be exacted will doubtless be left by the Allied Governments mainly in the hands of Marshal Foch, who will have to guide him Germany's own armistice of the problem in 1917. She then, having imposed her terms upon France, left large forces in occupation of specified French provinces to insure their observance. These forces were gradually withdrawn as France paid to Germany the indemnity imposed upon her, but the last German soldier did not leave France until long after the war was over and the last cent of the sum exacted was in the German treasury.

ALLIES SHATTER FOE'S RESISTANCE

By the Associated Press
With the British Army in Belgium, Oct. 15.—Enemy resistance in Flanders group of armies under King of Belgium attacked at 8:35 a. m. on Oct. 15. The second British army advanced about four and one-half miles in the direction of Courtrai, capturing the important villages of Ledeghem and Moerslede and reaching the northern outskirts of Menin.

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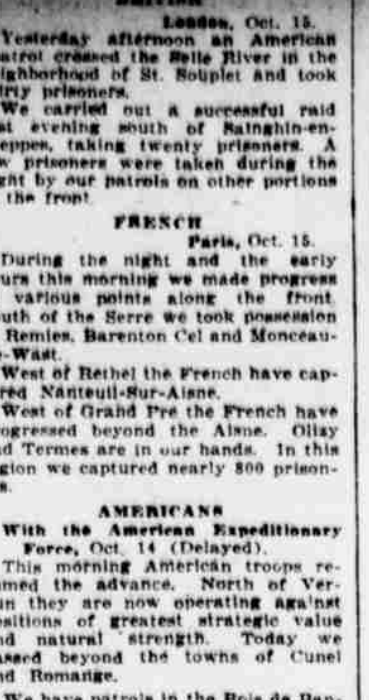
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NEW ALLIED DRIVE IN BELGIUM



BRITISH IN BELGIUM ARE NEARING COURTRAI

By the Associated Press
With the British Army in France, Oct. 15.—The British in their attack in Flanders approached Courtrai. Counter-attacks by picked Bavarians against the French broke down under a hot fire. Thousands of prisoners were taken and enormous casualties again have been inflicted on the enemy. The latest reports indicate that the British broke through at one place and are advancing toward the Lys.

Foe Is Removing Troops From Coast

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already been counted and a large amount of material and many guns have been taken. Mention should be made of two batteries, which were taken with the horses attached to the guns. This shows that the methodical withdrawal of the German guns, which they will not fall to speak in reporting the battle, could not be accomplished.

AVIATORS PLAY PART IN BATTLE

By the Associated Press
London, Oct. 15.—The text of the official statement issued at the War office last night relative to the offensive in Belgium follows:

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INFLUENZA GRIPS CHICAGO

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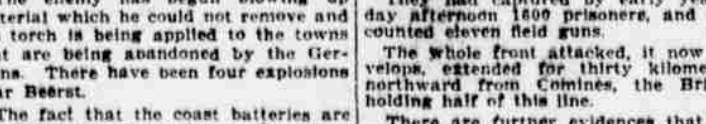
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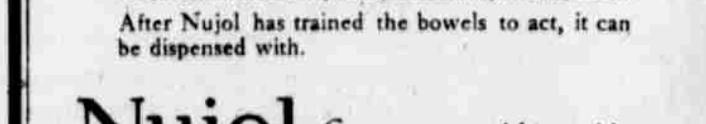
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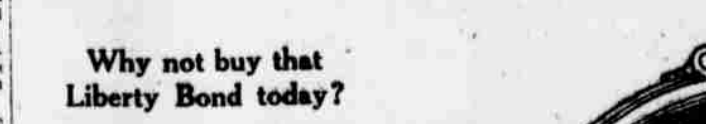
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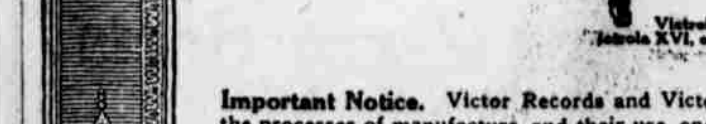
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Americans Push Ahead in Argonne

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with machine guns in such a manner that it was regarded necessary to blast it away with big guns. The Germans had tunneled openings for machine guns through the banks on the east side of the road and every little tunnel was lined with cement. All attempts to take this position were fruitless unless the machine guns were silenced by direct hits.

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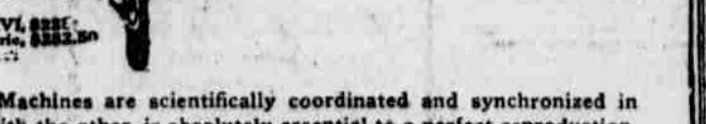
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