S. "16-INCHERS" USED

onster Weapons Fire Miles-Clery-le-Grand Deserted by Enemy

By the Associated Press the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 29.

tivities along the center of the can front began long before day this morning with a furious bom nent. The enemy opened a heavy with gas shells at 2:30 o'clock ch was changed to high explosive tween 4 and 5. The American artil responded.

erican patrols were active in Ban ville wood all night.

West of Clery-le-Grand observers t digring in in the region of the L-uy farm, east of the Bois des Hazois aerial photographs, taken within the tew days, indicate that the Ger and are not devoting much labor to making their front line or forward thom, leading to the belief that they will fall back upon as yet unentified positions in the rear. If they spelled to do so.

By the United Press

With the American Army in France 29.—The guns which are firing of Montmedy-Longuyon railway ar ing twenty-five miles. (This show ns are emplaced from five to te battle front is about fifteen to two miles from this l'ner. They are mus ch fired on Paris, (The Germa were nine-inch. The America

The big guns made a direct hit w' French, who first served them in the Quentin and Luon regions. The point was completely smashed b

eared at the St. Mihiel ralient, when fired on the Meta region are transported by rallway. are of such size that the French nt is entirely American. decks of ships. The cars of t giant shells which are hurled or hills at the boche

While the Mezieres-Longuy is the Germans are putting up the at struggle east of the leu wood positions in that regio now the keystone of the entire we as the valley to the Mezieres-Sedan railway and the enemy wi ced to retire behind that line wood itself already has been

an advance across the valley the aratively short distance to Mont-(twenty-five m'les directly north ordun) would be equal in importto the longer advance to Mexicre

In addition to giving the Americas and of the valley stretching t it in flanking the Briev fron fields oder our artillery fire.

e westward in the Aisne region would necessarily be compelled to recede, bringing historic Sedan (scene of the decisive battle of the Franco-Prussian war, ten miles southeast of Mezierer again into the battle area.

By EDWIN L. JAMES Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Tith the American Army Northwest of

Verdun, Oct. 29. American guns of large caliber have egun firing on the Longuyon-Sedan-caleres rallroad, the most important man line of communication, with the bject of interrupting traffic and ulti-nately breaking the line. Thus the offensive of the American

irst Army, begun September 26, begins leve its objective. Our advance some eighteen kilometers now makes casible the, shelling of the German communication line, to defend which he German command has made such ormous sacrifices in past weeks. Of arse, the nearer we get to the line greater is the number of guns ch can be used against it. It is not d to give details about the big ut it may be said that they ng the largest that have been

among the largest that have been of in the war.

Brisk local fighting continued yester-y on both sides of the Meuse. East the river there were heavy contacts the Boise-de-Lagrand Montagne and Wood for the fifth time Sunday We have now retaken it again, to terrific German artillery fire. west of the Meuse our patrols

had deserted Clery-le-Grand, th of Grand-Pre the Germans also w from Belle Joyeuse farm, has changed hands eleven times last ten days. We sent patrols farm to have the Germans open machine-gun fire from dominat-

yesterday were slight.

IAT BATTLE, SAYS VIENNA

ne Admit Allied Break Through on Piave

By the Associated Press a, Oct. 28 (delayed).—A great is raging on a front of thirty-miles east of the Brenta, act to the official statement today the Austro-Hungarian head-Between the Brenta and the miles attacks were repuised.

The been fighting through the the Fields, where a British the Fields.

East of Grave-di-Pappadopolo the enemy was attacked with extreme vio-lence by the Fourteenth British corps and by the Tenth Italian corps and has yielded. has yielded.

Our troops have broken through
the enemy's lines, liberated several
villages, and entered San Lucia di
Plava and Vazzoli. They are at the
gates of Monticlano, We have captured prisoners and guns, but the
number has not yet been determined.
In Albania our troops are closely
pressing the enemy's rearguards. On
the morning of October 27 they entered Alessio. They are marching on
San Glovanni di Menua.

Apart from artillery activity and patrol encounters on different parts of the front there is nothing of special interest to report.

AMERICAN

American Headquariers in France,
Oct. 28 (Delayed).
On the Verdun front the day was
marked by heavy artillery fire on both
sides of the Meuse. An enemy counterattack against the Bois Belleu was
repulsed. In the Woevre our detachmore successfully raided the enemy's
lines and captured prisoners.
In spite of poor weather conditions

aviators were again active on the front of the First Army and shot down three enemy airplanes and one obser-vation baileon. All our machines rerned.
Section B, of the early Monday com-mique received last night says.
It was reported at 6:25 p.m.. Octo-c 27. Northeast of Grandpre. a patrol of the Seventy-eighth Division early on the morning of October 27 captured La Relle Joycuse, which was found unoccupied.

It was reported at 10:25 a. m. October 28: Increased enemy artillery activity, with barassing fire, high explosive and gas, on Bantheville, Cunel, Brieul and the Bois de Dannevoux.

AUSTRIAN

Vienna, Oct. 28 (delayed), in the Setti Communi the fighting wity of the enemy yesterday was tred to isolated thrusts, which were

hast of the Brenta a great battle is raging on a front sixty kilometers (about thirty-seven miles) wide. In the mountains between the Brenta and the mountains between the Brenta and the Playe all enemy assaults again failed. The Strakuppe, south of Fon-tana Secca, which was lost to the Italians, was recaptured in a counter-attack and its defenders captured. An Entente attack was launched on the Playe, after the strongest artil-iery preparation, during the night of October 25-27. Near Val Pobriadene weak enemy detachments succeeded in coining the left hank of the river, but weak enemy detachments succeeded in gaining the left bank of the river, but most of them were pressed back, From the direction of Grave di Papadopoli the British thrust forward as far as Tezze and San Polo di Plave. The least through on a front of two kilo-meters was barred off on the flanks by our troops. Fresh fighting has been going on since early this morning on the Plave.

PRENCH

Paris, Oct. 29.

The arrillery fire has been rather twely in the region of the Oise, experially opposite Grand Verly. In the surse of the night the French, oversming the resistance of the Germans, approached slightly nearer to Guise. We captured the barracks and hostital near the rallway station and the irst-line trenches south of the chacau

tore to the south we have passed ond the Louvry farm. On the it of the Feron French elements tinne to progress east of Monceau-cuf and have taken forty prison-On the front of the Serre there been great machine-gun activity, nch patrols everywhere are in conwith the enemy.

Allies Break Piave Line; Capture 15,000

Italian front issued last night says: "The attack of the Tenth Army coninued today, and is progressing most atisfactorily. On the right the Eleventh Italian corps has reached the line of Roncadelle, Ormelle, Tempic, Borgo,

Biancha and Rai. In the center the Fourteenth British corps is in touch with the Italians in the neighborhood of Rai, and has eached the line of Chonoto and Chamkilometer south of Borgo Millanotti.

"On the left the Eighteen Italian rear of the Fourteenth British eorps, has attacked in a northerly di-rection, and is making good progress. "Reports of further captures of guns and men come from all corps."

AUSTRIAN TROOPS FIGHT DESPERATELY

By the Associated Press Italian Heaquarters on the Place. Oct.

25 -The advance across the Plave, for the third time, was marked by a desperate battle. This time, however, the tables are turned against the Austrians, tables are turned against the Austrians, who are stendily being pressed back from the eastern bank of the river.

The battle now has been going on for six days, and has been marked by the desperate resistance of the Austrians. They have directed their artillery fire saminst pontoon bridges thrown across the Plave, and their hombing airplanes also have caused trouble for the Allies. The Allies not only have had to battle against the swift river current, but also to contend with the renewal of the ponteons and foot bridges damaged by the

to contend with the renewal of the pon-tions and foot bridges damaged by the Austrians. Once across the river the Allies have had to overcome strong Austrian trench positions and machine-gun posts.

Pence Moves Concealed

both sides of the Meuse. East river there were heavy contacts Boise-de-Lagrand Montagne and vicinity of Bois Belleu. We took Wood for the fifth time Sunday on, only to be later driven out We have now retaken it again, terrific German artiliery fire, west of the Meuse our patrols forward found that the German deserted Clery-le-Grand, of Grand-Pre the Germans also for from Belle Joyeuse farm, has changed hands eleven times last ten days. We sent patrols farm to have the Germans open machine-gun fire from dominations. They had evidently set a precting a large force of Ameritans into the place.

Although facing a heavy cannomade and strong machine-gun fire, the Allied troops succeeded in effecting a crossing of the Plave. The British, Italian and French soldiers are in the best of spirits, and eager to continue the advance.

All the roads leading to the mountains or the Plave are crowded with heavy masses of troops, guns and other war material proceeding to the front in orderly fashion. Whenever a staff automobile rushes by at sixty miles an hour it is a common loke among the soldiers to exclaim:

They are trying to beat us to Vienna!"

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Thanks to the fair weather of the last two days, the river has been left several miles behind in the region southeast of Montello.

"We used to say that all roads led to Rome," said an Italian general, speaking of the new advance, "but now it appears that all roads lead toward the land of the barbarians."

Traffic has been so well organized that there has been scarcely any interruption. The vast network of roads leading to the plains of the Plave are filled with soldiers and trucks carrying war material. Whenever a homb or shell drops on the roadways the debris is quickly removed and the road once again is free.



LILLE HAILS BRITISH FIFTH ARMY AS SAVIOR OF CITY

By PHILIP GIBBS

optioned from Page One warm, moist wind from which flutred down patches of bright gold from Buesse earts of the people who were glad af-

British Generals in Stands

Stands had been built and draped with the British colors in the Grand Place. They were crowded with Brit-ish generals and staffs from the Fifth army and other armies, divisions and orps, and with thousands of citizer

building reminding one of all the ruins through which we struggled to this On the other side was the old Bourse with high brown steps and tall, chimney pots and dormer winows filled with women and children Behind that rose the tower of the new Bourse and part of a big white building richly sculptured which was the new theatre of Lille, never played French actors, opened by the enemy with some Wagner pieces.

The Grand Place of Lille is surrounded high roofs and low roofs irregular on the skyline. The sunshine of this autumn day splashed across the house fronts and its light was on the golden letters of one place called the Cafe de La Paix, me British airplanes came as patrol above the square, showing their diaphan-ous wings in the sunlight, swooped low, urned somersaults above the telegraph vires and did other boyish stunts over of the people, who waved handkerchiefs and flags and cheered to them and laughed up to them.

the Fifth Army in exchange for an army

There was a long wait, and then around the corner of the Rue Nationale came a number of horsemen with per nons fluttering. They were spaced as them rode General Birdwood-"Birdle"

shrill cheers like sliver horns blowing, for in Lille there are more women now than men. The British generals and their officers carried great bouquets of flowers and they saluted the crowds looking up to the high halconies with smilling eyes. Ten orderlies rag out to their horses' heads and they dismounted and General Birdwood advanced on to and General Birdwood advanced on to the Mayor of Lille and his councilors and gave them the flag of the Fifth Army, speaking in French and express-ing the gladness of the British army at the liberation of Lille and the ad-miration of that army for the courage of its citizens. There was an exchange of flags, and the sliver cheers rang out again, and all the Grand Place was twinkling with little flags.

Then came the march past of the troops, and that was what went most to the hearts of the crowds in Lille, for these were the men who had fought for them through four years of the war in many battles, in dark days, through

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OLD BY GEALERS EVERYSHERE

From their own homes it is a lon were lean and hard, as men who

It was as though some electric spars had fired the crowd. They rose an cheered louder than before with shril fervor, and then thousands of voices tool

by handsome buildings, some of them built a century or more before the libration, some of them modern, with and again the people of Lille were stirtune they played.

The soldiers had flags in their belts and rifles and flowers on their guns and wagons. For nearly two hours they passed and passed—riflemen and gun-neds and Red Cross men and Red Cross ambulances, engineers and signalers and cyclists, field batteries and howitzers. The b'shop of Lille came into the square and the tail old prefect and many battles, in receipt of the hemage many dignituries of the town, strange to of the people they had helped to save sometimes the slave-gang came a

Civilians Cheer and Weep

While the fighting near Valenciennes was in progress a remarkable scene was taking place in Denain, recently captaking place in Denain, recently cap-tured by the Fourth Division of Canadians after severe resistance by the enemy outside and in its streets. Many hundreds of people were in the town during this battle, lying down in cellars while the them rode General Birdwood—"Birdle" of the Dardanelles and the Australian Corps, the new commander of the Fifth Army. Behind him was General Aiken of the Eleventh Corps, endecthing the corps and contained the corps are contained to the corps and contained the corps are contained to the corps and contained the corps are contained to the corps and contained the corps and contained the corps are contained to the corps and contained the corps are contained to the corps and contained the corps are contained to the corps and contained the corps are contained to the corps and contained the corps are contained to the corps and contained the corps are contained to the corps are contained of the Eleventh Corps and other general alken of the Eleventh Corps and other generals and staff officers.

Cheers rose from every window and balcony of the Grand Place and from the crowds around the square and thousands of flags fluttered. They were shrill cheers like silver horns blowing, for in Lille there are more worselves.

guessed we had seen these men or the battlefields and in places which be song in the air—a song of peace after in the mud of Flanders and the craters these years of war rising from the of the Somme, around Ypres and Arras and Amlens,

ter their long suffering. For them the way to Lille. It was a four years worst of the war was at an end, and journey and many fell on the way, but here they gathered to give praise to the now these men marched with a glint of Lille.

I stood on the steps of an old building leoking down upon the Joyous assemblage. The scene looked as though the had been arranged by some master of historical pageantry with a sense of drama. On one side were the ruins of the old town hall of Lille, burned out by the Germans by accident. I think, two yourse, ago, the gaunt skeleton of the

red by the spirit of the music which this time spoke to them of war and the march of fighting men over hillsides where shells are screaming. For all

than the people of Lille, though they

en who had released them from its in their eyes, with chins up and chest thrown out, as though it had been an easy way and no further than from Charing Cross to the bank, with no barbin the straps—these boys who had neve dreamed of soldiering five years ago

Bands Play English Tunes

They came with their bands at the head of each battalion and played old English march tunes to the people of Lille, and then suddenly as they passed the Statue of Liberty, the Markelliaise. up the old hymn which once sang of revolt, and now sings of liberty and love of France, and its music passed down the streets with passion in it.

Canadian Rescuers Henored

The people of Denain, poor though
they are, and still half starved, had
found or bought or made thousands of
flags, English flags and French flags
and had hung them across the streets
and from the windows of the houses.
Outside the church and down the high
street, the Canadian soldiers of the
Fourth Division were lined up, and fine,
grim fighting men they looked in their
steel helmets like seventeenth century
men-at-arms.

Denain is not a pretty town. It is in

Outside the church there was a group of priests in gold-worked-vestments glinting in the autumn sun that pierced through the mists and behind them a row of girls dressed as Alsatian maids, with colored frocks and big slik bows on their heads; and each of them carried a large bouquet of flowers for one of the officers of the Canadian corps as a tribute to heroes.

General Currie, the Canadian corps their brigadiers and other generals and staff officers, and then came a young English captain who was received with a royal salute by the Canadian soldiers. It was the Prince of Wales, and one of the Alsatian girls went to him and put a great bouquet in his arms, and he bowed fow and smiled his thanks Masses of flowers were given to the Canadian officers and there came little procession of old men in black, bearing a hanner which they gave to the general commanding the division as a gift from the town of Denain to the province of Quebec. They were veterans of the war of 1870, and for the second time they had been delivered from the

open and the officers and old men and women followed the Prince of Wales inside while the priests in their gold vestments went to the altar and praised



To the Left Into Slavery

"Those (Belgians) to whom the vord 'links' was spoken passed out one door; those to whom 'rechts' first meant slavery, the second, liberty - at least for the time being; see in their black coats and tall hats. It was a day of festival and thanksgiv-They grouped themselves around the ing in Lille and we saw the pride of mind the line in Lille and we saw the pride of wives wailing and screaming, dragging themselves on their knees to the feet of the Uhlans, who, with their crops, whipped them off like dogs. Men and women shuddered at the mere words 'envoye' en Alle-

magne (sent to Germany).' Read Brand Whitlock's amazing story of German brutality in the







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rescue them, they gave the men coffee, days ago and in the roof over the high but could not offer them food, for they altar was a big shell hole, showing what

had none; and the Canadiani did not stay, but after drinking the coffee and shaking hands with the women, who patted their muddy uniforms and poured out their thanks, they said:

"Now we must be getting on after old Heinle," as they call the Germans, "he chanting of the priests.

Music Touches Hardened Soldier The women's voices were so full of emotion and beautiful in their harmony that all the Canadian soldiers in the church set very still and in their eyes, the eyes of men who have seen the worst things of war, its most bloody creating their course, medium low and So those hard, tough men, went on again after the enemy and drove him to the outskirts of Valenciennes, where

worst things of war. its most bloody cruelties, there crept a melting look and they bowed their heads below that high, thrilling melody which was like running water to wash away the wounds of war. One of the priests turned to the crowd of soldiers and to the young prince among them, and in a loud voice said "Merci," and then, with an elequence that was not studied but from the heart, this man who had seen the suffering of his people in this town, thanked England for what she had done for France and a calaimed the valor of the Canadians, who were the rescuers of Denain, and reminded the Prince of Walee that though in old days England and France had fought each other because of rival interests and ambitions, yet, now when liberty of civilization was threatened, England and France had united and fought side by side.

The priest spoke the word "England" Denain is not a pretty town. It is in the coal mining region of France and like most coal mining villages in the world with rows of red brick cottages, beyond sing heaps and factory chimneys leading upto the big church which is the center of life and spirituality of the town. The church is ugly also, and with none of the beauty of medieval architecture, but there is a spiritual beauty here today—the gratitude of many hearts redeemed by the courage of men from four years of servitude and horror, and thanksgiving for the mercy that had come to them somehow or other.

The priest spoke the word "England" with love in his voice, and gave his gratitude to those brave men of England who through four years of war had given their blood without stint because of their ideals. I cannot translate his words or summarize them; but, as he works them in England. as he spoke them in French they

Then, suddenly, as he ended, there was loud music in the church of Denain, and perhaps it was a music never heard before in any church of France. For before in any church of France. For a band of Canadians struck up the "Marseillaise" and the notes of that hymn of revolution and liberty, which is now the hymn of France, rang out with its strange passions. is now the hymn of France, with its strange passion and and filled the sanctuary.

Outside there was another band, and Canadian Scots with their drums and fifes stirred the enthusiasm of the people to a high pitch.

There was a march past the Prince There was a march past the Prince of Wales, beneath the empty pedestal where once there had been a statue to General Villars, liberator of France. The Germans have taken the statue The Germans have taken the statue away, but there was something strangely significant in that procession past its pedestal by the men who had rescued Denain from the German scourge.

Warns His Soldiers

by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, chief of the General Staff, according to a cabtured document now in the hands of the Americans. The German commander's

appeal reads: "German soldiers, be vigilant! The trenches and camps, but we have not yet reached that point. To some the word represents a certainty; to others it is even a synonym of the peace so long desired. They believe that events no longer depend upon them. Their vigilance is relaxed; their courage and their endurance, as well as their aptrit of defiance toward the enemy, are dimin-

"Now, more than ever, you must be vigilant and hold fast. You are upon the enemy's soil and on the soil of Aisace-Lorraine, the bulwark of our country. In this grave hour the fatherland relies on you for its prosperity and for its safety."

Scale Wall, Swim Canal,
Reach Holland
The Hage, Oct. 29.—Three American
aviators, who were prisoners of war,
have succeeded in escaping from Germany into Holland. They are Plight
Lieutenants T. E. Tillinghast, of Westerly, R. I.; John O. Donaldson, of Washington, D. C., and Hobert Anderson, of
Honolulu.

In escaping from the prison at Valenclennes they forced their way through
the prison roof, scaled a wall and swam
the prison roof, scaled a wall and swam ciennes they forced their way through the prison roof, scaled a wall and swam across a canal. German sentries chal-longed them several times, but the Americans kept on, traveling by night under the guidance of the stars. They passed through Brussels and for nine days lay in hiding close to Budel, on the Brahant travity

Continue Rretrest in Serbia

By the Associated Press Vienna, Oct. 28.—The withdrawal of our troops in Serbia is taking place without disturbance from the Allies, and there has been fighting only north of Kragulevatz, says an official statement. Near Alessio, on the Albanian coast, there have been rear-guard engagements. On the Middle Drina there have been encounter the statement.

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