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LILLE FALLS TO THE BRITISH ARMY; KAISER'S ARMIES FACING DISASTER IN RETREAT FROM BELGIAN COAST

FOE WAVERS UNDER TERRIFIC POUNDING OF ALLIED TROOPS

Smashing Victory Won by Marshal Haig in Northern Flanders; Retirement of Foe Is Almost a Rout

AMERICAN TROOPS WIN GROUND IN ONE OF WAR'S BIG BATTLES

By Associated Press

British Headquarters in Flanders, Oct. 17.—The Germans on leaving Lille which was captured to-day by British forces, did not set fire to the buildings in the city or cause any explosions.

London, Oct. 17.—The city of Lille has been captured by the British.

Haig Launches New Drive

Allied pressure on all sides of the salient of which Lille was the center compelled the enemy to give up the city, the largest town of France captured by the Germans and for four years an important unit of the enemy defense system.

The fall of Lille comes almost simultaneously with the launching of an offensive by Field Marshal Haig against the new German defenses south of Valenciennes. His troops to-day are storming forward south of Le Cateau across the Selle river, where they were halted last week.

In Flanders the Allies have gained important new successes, while from the Oise to the Meuse the Allied pressure is maintained strongly. In the angle north of Laon the Germans apparently are retiring from between the Oise and Serre rivers.

German Retreat in Flanders Nearing a Rout; 17 Divisions Fleeing

Paris, Oct. 17.—The whole of the German army of General Von Arnim is in retreat from the North Sea to the region of Lille, having been beaten back and overthrown by the Allied attacks to-day.

The retirement is assuming the proportion of a Rout. Seventeen divisions comprise the army of Von Arnim.

The Prussian Guards, ceding ground inch by inch, are dying, but not surrendering, in an effort to save their right wing.

Resistance by the Germans is crumbling all along the battle front except in the region of the Argonne and northern Champagne. There American troops under Generals Liggett, Cameron and Bullard and French troops under General Gouraud are engaged in desperate fighting.

Americans Ford River and Stagger Through Deep Mud to Beat Huns in Big Battle

By Associated Press

With the American Forces Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 17.—The capture of Grand Pre by General Pershing's forces was accomplished under terrific hardships and with a heroism not hinted at in the brief official announcement of the taking of this stronghold of the Germans north of the Argonne forest.

The American attack began at 6 o'clock in the morning. The men moved forward in the shelter of the forest, reaching the Aire at four points agreed upon where the stream could be forded.

Without attracting the attention of the Germans the Americans then waded into the cold water which reached to their waists and even higher, and pushed across the stream.

On the northern bank they found broad mud flats into which they sank half way to their knees. The Germans by this time had discovered their approach and opened a bitter machine gun fire but the Americans pushed steadily on. Beyond the mud banks which were crossed slowly and with the greatest difficulty the Americans found the Germans and closed with them in a desperate bayonet hand-to-hand fight. Rifles often were used as clubs and each man struggled to down his individual opponent.

At 11 o'clock the Americans had completely overcome the enemy, had driven him into the woods north of Grand Pre and were in possession of the important railroad.

King Albert Leads Victorious Army on to Ostend, Big Enemy U-Boat Base

London, Oct. 17.—Belgian forces under command of King Albert, which crossed the Yser river are marching on Ostend, a seaport on the English channel.

The Belgians also made progress in the region north of Thourout and advanced in the direction of Thieit.

Paris, Oct. 17.—The fate of the German defenses along the Belgian coast and in the great Lille industrial area has been sealed by the continued advance of the Allied armies under King Albert on the thirty-mile front in Flanders. The significance of the evacuation of the Belgian coastline is far greater than the gain of Flanders territory with its many airdromes and submarine bases.

German Line Can Be Outflanked

The extreme right wing of the German defenses in the west

Not a Doggone Thing!



SWINDLERS WORK SMOOTHLY; FILCH \$93.42 FROM TWO

Shabbily Dressed Young Man Tells Victims Fellow Who Left Has Money

The smoothest piece of swindling yet reported to the police caused J. Edward Wetzel, chief of police, to issue a warning to merchants to-day.

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WAR ENDING IN ANTI-HUN STYLE

Amsterdam, Oct. 16 (Wednesday).—The war is coming to an end, and in such a manner as no man in Germany desires, said the Vorwaerts of Berlin on Monday.

When the abatement of the influenza epidemic permits, the Harrisburg Rotary Club, acting in connection with organizations of Columbia and other river points will bring Major William E. Gray, to Harrisburg, to speak on the deepening of the Susquehanna river in order to make it navigable for deep sea vessels.

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FATHER AND TWIN BABES EXPIRE IN SOURBEER FAMILY

Mother, Desperately Ill, Not Advised of Her Husband's Passing Out

Death, births, then death again, all occurring within an hour, continued to make to-day the saddest in the life of the heretofore happy Sourbeer family at 423 Crescent street.

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WHY CERTAINLY! IT'S SAFE AND SANE TO WEAR GAS MASK

Knight of the Grip Who Sells Tombstones Does Not Want to Try His Own Wares While Influenza Rages

FINAL EFFORTS BRINGING CITY NEARER QUOTA

Subscriptions to Fourth Liberty Loan Coming in Rapid Fire Order

ONE PURCHASE REFUSED

Hotel Man Called to Account For Doing So Little For Government

If Harrisburg and Harrisburg district citizens continue to buy bonds the way they have bought them to-day and yesterday the city and district will go over their allotment before Saturday.

REGISTER DANNER DIES AFTER HARD BATTLE FOR LIFE

Pneumonia and Influenza Prove Fatal to Prominent County Official

Roy C. Danner, aged 34, register of wills for almost seven years, died at 3:55 o'clock this morning at his home, 1851 North street, from pneumonia, which developed from influenza.

ALLIES HURL VON ARNIM'S ARMY BACK

Paris—British, French and Belgian armies, under command of King Albert of the Belgians, have made a most important advance in their offensive in Flanders which was resumed this morning.

GAS COMPANY RAISES SUBSCRIPTION

Harrisburg—The Harrisburg Gas Company to-day announced that it has raised its subscription for Liberty bonds from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

OSTEND CLEARED OF GERMANS

London—Ostend is reported clear of the enemy, says a statement from the British Admiralty to-day.

ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN KILLED

Bloomington, Ill.—Congressman John A. Sterling, of this city, was killed in an automobile accident two miles south of Potiac to-day.

HOMES COMMITTEE OVER TOP

Harrisburg—Frank C. Sites, chairman of the Homes Committee, which set out to raise \$250,000 of the deficiency of the Harrisburg Liberty Loan quota, announced late this afternoon that the Homes Division total had exceeded \$350,000.

DESERTION COURT POSTPONED TO NOV. 4

Harrisburg—Judge Kunkel announced this afternoon that desertion and maintenance court had been postponed to November 4. Judge Kunkel announced no date as to the sitting of other courts.

HUN GUNS KILL TWO AMERICANS

Paris—Two Americans were killed, one man was wounded and material damage was caused in the German bombardment of Dunkirk yesterday with a long range gun.

This City Would Never Have Been State Capital if Its People Had Not Loaned Money to UNCLE SAM

Has the Spirit Changed?

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Friday; somewhat warmer to-night.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and warmer to-night; Friday partly cloudy; moderate south-wind to south winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will probably continue to fall slowly. A stage of about 4 1/2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank B. Swinart, Lehman county, and Edna S. Hoover, Dauphin county; Marshall H. Dean, West Hill Side, and Maybelle M. Wallover, Harrisburg.