

GREATEST OF VICTORIES OF HISTORY APPEARS TO BE IN MAKING IN WEST

Last German Defense on Two Fronts Is Broken and Allied Forces Are Fighting in Open, Pursuing Fleeing Germans and Pushing Forward Toward German y; Cavalry Are Reported in the Outskirts of Le Cateau; Argonne Forest Pocket Wiped Out.

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somme, Caurior, Carnieres, Fontaine Notre Dame, Marcy and Mezieres-sur-Oise are reported to have fallen.

The British and Americans are reported to be on the outskirts of Le Cateau and approaching Solesmes. To the southward the French are bearing down on Ribemont.

The allied progress has been extended northward to the Scarpe and our detachments are reported to have entered Vitry-en-Artois and Arleux and to be headed for the greater center of Douai.

French Make Progress In Laon Region Attack

Paris, Oct. 10.—(U. P.)—Renewal of the attack in the Laon region was announced by the French war office today. Progress was made there, as well as east of St. Quentin and in the Champagne.

"We occupied Landricourt wood and passed Beattoux and Fontaine-Notre Dame," the statement said.

"North of the Aisne (in the Laon region) we vigorously pushed the enemy back in the region east of Ostel. We hold La Croix sans Stele tableland and crossed the Aisne canal farther eastward in the region of Villers-en-Prayeres.

"In the Champagne a sharp attack allowed us to take Liry, with some prisoners."

Center of Cambrai Is Wrecked by Explosion

With the British Armies in France, Oct. 10.—(U. P.)—A tremendous explosion is reported to have wrecked the center of Cambrai. Already swept by fire, 15 or 20 blocks in the heart of the city are completely in ruins.

Americans Break Line On Front of Four Miles

By Fred S. Ferguson

WITH THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY, Oct. 10.—(U. P.)—Americans are through the Kriemhilde line on a front of six kilometers (nearly four miles). They have smashed the last organized German defenses in this

region west of the Meuse and are advancing northward with only natural defenses between them and the Belgian frontier.

The Argonne pocket has been wiped out by the junction of French and Americans at Lancon. The Americans are moving up through the forest, with engineers blazing the way through the woods and tangled masses of wire.

Advance Eastward From Lens Begun by British

LONDON, Oct. 10.—(U. P.)—Allied troops are within two miles of the great German base of Le Cateau, Field Marshal Haig announced today.

The British have begun to advance eastward from Lens and have captured Sallaumines and Novelles, about two miles east of that city.

"There is fighting south of the main road on both sides of Cauchy and also east of Cambrai, where we made progress," he reported. "We are west of the general line of Vitry-en-Artois, Izelles-Esquerchin and Nouvroy."

(Le Cateau is only 15 miles from the Belgian border, between Valenciennes and Maubeuge. It is 17 miles directly south of the former city.)

German Burning Villages

By John T. Parkinson

With the British Army on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front, Oct. 9.—(U. P.)—After three weeks, the German army east of Le Cateau today, more than 10 miles eastward of the present battle line.

The Germans are reportedly firing villages and everything that they cannot carry off and it is strongly indicated that another big retreat has begun.

It is believed that the Germans have entered the first stage of a new retirement to a hurriedly prepared new line between Le Cateau and Vaux Andigny. Thousands of additional prisoners and quantities of guns have fallen into the hands of the British.

British troops that entered Cambrai found the city little damaged. Cavalry, pushing on from Cambrai, reported fires and explosions in the area about Candry, Inchy, Le Cateau, St. Sulpice, Vaux Audigny, Beauchain and Bertry.

So slight was the resistance in the Bertry district that the British advanced on the town, marching in columns of four. Nine villages fell into the hands of the British on their dash past Cambrai. After taking and Chatelet-sur-Loire they pushed on beyond Wambain, Haucourt, Selvigny, Caullery, Ligny and Montigny.

Weather Hinders Airmen

Paris, Oct. 10.—(U. P.)—The weather Tuesday was most unfavorable for aerial operations. It was announced by the French air ministry today. However, three hostile planes were shot down and two captive balloons set afire.

Weather was better at night and 25 tons of bombs were dropped on stations at Mont Cornet, Marle, Rethel, Aspel d'Avilly, Juville and Chatelet-sur-Loire and the railways between these stations. Fires were observed and explosions noted at several places.

2000 More Germans Taken

Washington, Oct. 10.—(U. P.)—Continued advance by the Americans east of the Meuse to the outskirts of Sivry and penetration of the German line west of the Meuse, with capture of 2000 additional prisoners Wednesday, was reported by General Pershing today.

"East of the Meuse our troops maintained their yesterday's advance in spite of violent and repeated counter attacks," the communiqué said, "and progressed to the southern outskirts of Sivry and into the Bois de Chaume. West of the

Meuse, against freshly engaged divisions, we have penetrated the enemy's line of resistance between Cunel and Romagne-Saint-Montauzon. Between the Meuse and the Argonne, where the Germans are rushing in reinforcements and concentrating artillery.

The enemy is frantically reinforcing the sides of what remains of the Argonne pocket while withdrawing in the center.

Continuous Yankee artillery fire cracked the Kriemhilde line near Romagne. The infantry, storming the Romagne hills, found wrecked German artillery in the demolished positions.

The remaining defenders, unable to retreat through the American artillery and machine gun barrage, crawled forward toward our positions and waited to surrender.

The enemy machine gunners, back of these defenses, put up quite a resistance, especially in Cunel wood, which the advancing doughboys mopped up before noon. A great mass of German infantry, protected by machine gunners, was encountered on either side of the wood and the American advance was temporarily halted.

The artillery during the attack worked so fast that gunners threw cold water over the barrels of the guns to cool them off.

The army is enthusiastic over the success of the attack, as it leaves no further organized trench and wire defenses to the Germans.

The Romagne heights, now held by us, also dominates the enemy positions for miles to their rear.

21,000 Taken in Two Days

London, Oct. 10.—Twenty-one thousand prisoners and at least 500 guns were captured by the British and Americans in their drive between Cambrai and St. Quentin in two days. Wednesday's bag includes 10,000 prisoners and between 100 and 200 guns, and 11,000 prisoners and 200 guns were captured Tuesday.

Between them the British and Americans have taken, since August 23, 110,000 prisoners and 1200 guns.

Berlin Admits Cambrai Lost

Berlin (Via London), Oct. 10.—"We have lost Cambrai," says Wednesday's war office statement.

Attack Complete Surprise

With the American First Army, Oct. 10.—(U. P.)—The attack west of the Meuse was a complete surprise to the Austrians in that section. It would have taken four or five days to smash the wires and reduce the defenses by artillery preparation, but the surprise attack enabled the infantry to penetrate the lines within a few hours and hold them.

The Austrians were anxious to surrender. One captain was found waiting on the trunk of a fallen tree.

All of the principal centers behind the German lines were bombed extensively in connection with the attack. Tons of explosives were dropped on Mesieres, Voulziers and points along the Meuse.

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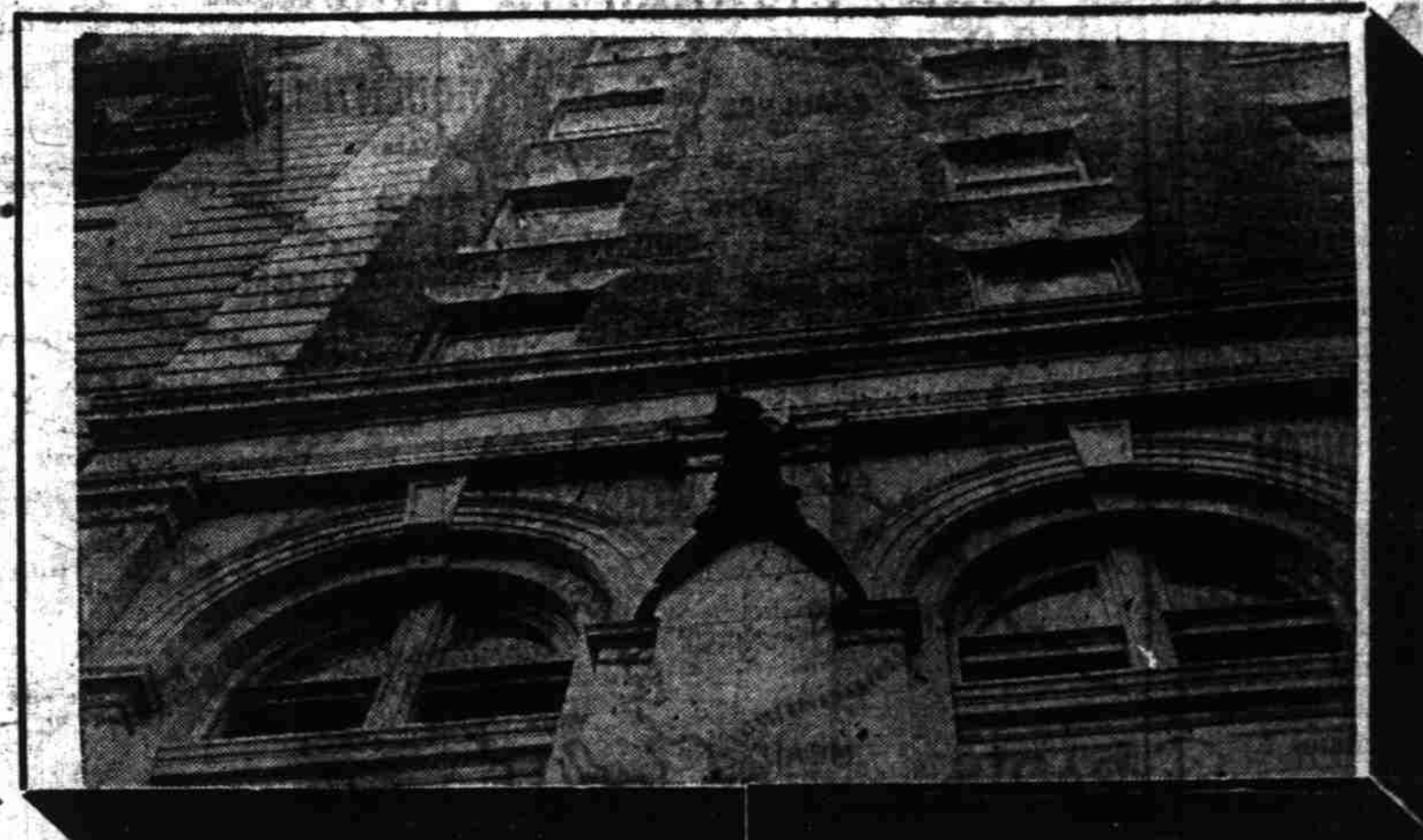
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