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WHOLE GERMAN FRONT SHAKEN BY GEN. FOCH

HINDENBURG LINE IS DISINTEGRATING AND BOCHER ARMIES IN A BAD WAY

MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RETREAT

Strangled By a Wall of Even-Advancing Enemies, the Situation Looks Grave for Prussian Leaders

Washington, Oct. 3.—The German grip on northern France and Belgium has been definitely broken. Even the most cautious military observers in Washington agreed yesterday that the Hindenburg line was disintegrating and army officers centered their whole attention on the efforts of the German leaders to extricate their armies without a crushing disaster.

Outflanked in Belgium and in the Champagne, the great German zone of defensive works known as the Hindenburg line already was becoming untenable when Field Marshal Haig's men smashed through it yesterday just north of St. Quentin. The immediate investment of the city by French troops and the swift widening of the breach northward, coupled with the continued rapid progress of French, Belgian and British forces in Belgium, it is thought here, may possibly upset the whole German scheme of retirement which already has begun on the Rheims front.

Ringed by a wall of victorious enemies over the whole front, from the North sea to Verdun, the situation of the Germans is undoubtedly grave. The drive in Belgium is menacing vital communications on one side, while American and French troops in the Champagne are surging forward toward equally vital supply lines on the other. The battle line is assuming the shape of a vast trap, thrusting its jaw out to engulf the German armies.

The German leaders have seen their danger. Official reports to the state department today indicated that evacuation of the submarine bases on the Belgian coast was imminent. There also is conclusive evidence that the evacuation of the lines before Rheims is well under way. The question uppermost in the minds of army officers here is whether the German high command has acted in time.

HELL MORE MERCIFUL THAN BRUTAL TROTSKY

Stockholm, Oct. 3.—War Minister Trotsky has issued orders that all women of Kazan be delivered into the hands of the Red Guard, according to the social revolutionist newspaper of Petrograd.

OSBORNE DEVARILA IS AGAIN AT THE FRONT

Mrs. J. S. Pool today received a letter from her daughter in San Francisco, in which she states that a card had just arrived announcing the safe arrival of her son, Osborne DeVarila, over seas. Young DeVarila was one of the 50 Americans sent home on sick leave to work in the Third Liberty loan campaign. He had been in the United States about three months traveling and speaking and is now again at the front with his battery. DeVarila is the lad who fired the first American big gun against the Huns.

THE TAMPA IS SUNK AT NIGHT

Lost Off English Coast With Heavy Loss of Life—No Eye Witnesses—Heavy Explosion

Washington, Oct. 3.—The U. S. S. Tampa, formerly a coast guard cutter in the naval service, was lost off the English coast on September 26 with all on board while on convoy duty. Ten officers, 102 enlisted men of the crew and one British officer and five civilian employes lost their lives. The steamer was sunk at night in the Bristol channel, having probably been struck by a torpedo while in the act of convoying.

There were no eye witnesses. Following the explosion, great quantities of wreckage were found drifting about. Life belts and two bodies were picked up. Captain C. Satterlee was commanding the cutter.

TWO ARE ARRESTED FOR TREASONABLE TALK

Two sensational seditious utterance arrests were made in Jackson county within the past 14 hours which are being investigated by United States District Attorney B. E. Haney of Portland, who is here attending the federal court session, says the Medford Tribune. Both of the prisoners are of German descent, and on one of them after he was taken to the federal building yesterday forenoon, a loaded 38 caliber revolver and a small bag of cartridges was found.

The prisoners are Marvin Jackson Vedder about 35 years old, floating laborer and socialist, on whom the revolver was found, and who was arrested Wednesday forenoon, and Ralph Bieberstadt, 31 years old and single, who is registered for the draft and who resides with his parents on the Bieberstadt ranch in the Eagle Point district. He was arrested Tuesday night and brought to Medford.

After questioning both men at the federal building District Attorney Haney is holding them for further examination.

POUND LOAF OF BREAD TO RETAIL AT 10 CENTS

An article which recently appeared in several daily papers regarding the price of bread was rather misleading, since it stated that the price of bread would be reduced one cent per loaf. While this effected the situation in those cities where 11 cents were asked for the pound loaf of bread, it made no change in this city, since the price for the pound loaf was not raised to 11 cents here. The following notice has just been received by the Moore Bakery, from Food Administrator Ayer of Portland: "The food administration in Washington has advised me that the baking division investigation of manufacturing costs and wholesale and retail prices of bread warrant the establishing of a maximum wholesale price of 8½ cents for the pound loaf and 12½ cents for the pound and a half loaf, the pound loaf to retail at not more than 10c and the pound and a half loaf not to exceed 15c. In accordance with these instructions beginning Tuesday, October 1st, you will please make your prices conform to the above."

NEW CHANCELLOR IS NOW IN THE HARNESS

Amsterdam, Oct. 3.—Prince Maximilian, of Baden, has been named German imperial chancellor. He is heir to the throne of the Grand Duchy of Baden, and a recognized leader of the Delbrueck group of German moderates.

LENS AND ARMENTIERS ABANDONED BY ENEMY

Americans, British and French Continue Their Advance, While Belgians Hold Firm—Germans Remove All Inhabitants as They Retire From St. Quentin

Berlin, Oct. 3.—The war office announces that Lens was evacuated by the Germans Tuesday night, Armentiers being evacuated the same evening.

Paris, Oct. 3.—The Matin announces that the Germans are evacuating Lille and that the commander there has requisitioned all means of transportation, even wheelbarrows and baskets, to take away the booty. The newspaper adds that the evacuation of the townspeople to Belgian towns near the German border is being pursued hastily.

London, Oct. 3.—The Germans are in retreat over a wide front north and south of La Basse canal, with the British closely following them, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters today.

With the Americans Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 3.—American units reached the Kriemhild Stellung line at one point yesterday. Just south of Briulles they advanced to the spot where they established actual contact with the enemy system.

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 3.—General Haig's forces are reported to have captured Ramcourt, Guoy, LeCatelet and Sequehart, but the report is unconfirmed. Over 2,000 prisoners were taken.

London, Oct. 3.—The Belgians improved their positions at various points, and took Gheluwe, near Menin, and Lebizet, north of Armentiers.

Paris, Oct. 3.—Since the evacuation of Lens and Armentiers it seems certain that a line south of Lens toward Douai will be involved. The city of Lille is also likely to fall. The Germans have fallen back three miles along the Lens-Armentiers line.

With the British Forces in France,

AMERICANS MEET OLD ANTAGONISTS, PRUSSIAN GUARDS, IN A NEW BATTLE

With the American Army in France, Oct. 3.—In the valley of the Aire the Americans met their old antagonists, the Prussian guard. This division, with the reputation of being the best in the German army, was thrown in against the marines in Belleau wood last June and soundly beaten. The guard fared badly against the Americans, being thrown back a distance of one mile.

North of Montfaucon lies Tullerille hill, a natural fortress, dominating the town. This hill was held today against American frontal attacks. But late in the day cavalry was thrown into the fight, with the task of aiding the infantry surrounding the hill with its myriads of machine guns, and the last reports have it that the hill is nearly surrounded.

This is the hottest spot of the whole battle.

The German command apparently had an idea for some days of the coming American attack, for troops had been on the move in this sector for several days. But as in the St. Mihiel battle, the Germans miscalculated the day. They had the attack scheduled two days after it started and in this sector captured orders set September 25 as the time for the American blow, a day too soon. When it did not come that day the foe eased his caution, so we surprised him.

Captured documents also show

Oct. 3.—The British launched fresh attacks this morning on a front of nearly six miles between Sequehart and Bony, northeast of St. Quentin. In their retirement from St. Quentin the Germans removed all the inhabitants.

London, Oct. 3.—In the last week the allies on the western front captured 60,000 men and 1,000 guns.

London, Oct. 3.—The British continued their attack today north of St. Quentin, the Germans continuing their rear guard movement from Lens to Armentiers.

Paris, Oct. 3.—The French troops continued to advance in heavy fighting north of Rheims. They captured Loivre and the railway junction of Challerange in the Champagne.

Washington, Oct. 3.—The Turks in Persia have been ordered by Constantinople to leave immediately, due to the disaster in Palestine, according to reports received by the British. They will probably re-occupy Baku.

Archangel, Oct. 3.—American troops hold the farthest point reached by any allied forces, advancing southward from Archangel. This is a village 300 miles southeast of Archangel on the River Vaga.

AMERICAN MINISTER IS CHARGED AS DISLOYAL

Washington, Oct. 3.—The senate committee on foreign relations has referred to the state department several charges involving the loyalty of the American minister and several of the consular officers in an unnamed Central American republic. These charges are of the gravest nature and may lead to prosecutions in the federal courts. Big German banking interests are said to be involved in the affair.

that the Germans expected an American attack on Metz on the same day as the attack in Champagne. One of the captured documents, under date of September 25, noon, read in part:

"The attack which was expected today against the third army has not yet taken place. Strong concentrations in towns in the back areas of the enemy opposite the third army and the known presence of tanks give definite indications that attacks are to be expected. The order to this group is being increased in readiness for action."

I ran across an interesting piece of German propaganda, recently dropped over the American lines. It read:

"Austria-Hungary has proposed to enter into peace negotiations. Germany, Bulgaria and Turkey are not opposed to it."

"Peace is in sight—peace before winter."

"The German successes of the spring and summer have been followed by entente successes. The German army now occupies its old and strong positions."

"The two adversaries are ready for new battles, but what result can the entente obtain even under the most favorable circumstances. A slow withdrawal of the adversary, greater devastation of French soil, and all this at the price of unheard-of sacrifices."

GERMANS MOVE INHABITANTS

Are Expecting Great American and French Offensive and Uprising in Alsace-Lorraine

Geneva, Oct. 3.—The Germans have begun to remove the inhabitants from Alsace in expectation of the French-American attack reported to be pending. The inhabitants of 20 villages have been sent to Bavaria. Some escaped to Switzerland. The Germans fear a general uprising in Alsace-Lorraine.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for today.

Killed in action	187
Missing in action	68
Wounded severely	212
Died of wounds	27
Died of accident	2
Died of disease	1
Total	497

Killed in action—Frank R. Coulter, Baker, Ore.

Marine Corps

Killed in action	4
Wounded in action, severely	24
Missing in action	1
Died of wounds	1
In hands of enemy	1
Wounded, degree undetermined	1

GERMANS DEMONSTRATE KULTURE ON AMERICANS

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Tuesday, Oct. 1.—Twenty patients, many of them already suffering from wounds received in the battle, were killed when a German shell struck an American hospital several nights ago. The hospital was only a short distance behind the fighting line. It is possible that it was a stray shell, but it appears probable that a deliberate attempt was made to attack the hospital.

WILL BURN HUN CITIES IN WAY OF REPRISALS

Washington, Oct. 3.—An ultimatum to Germany regarding the ruthless destruction of cities and private property in northern France and Belgium is being urged on the allies and the United States and is under consideration.

The burning of Cambrai and St. Quentin and the devastation of one of the most populous regions of Europe as the Germans retreat, has aroused great indignation, and it was said in diplomatic circles today that Germany would be warned soon that if she allows the work of destruction to continue, severe reprisals will follow.

It is suggested that the cities of the Rhine should be marked for destruction and the Berlin government told that for every French and Belgian city ruined without military reason a city equally important and valuable sentimentally and materially will be laid waste.

BEAN GROWERS ADVISED TO NOT SELL CROPS

County Agent Hurd has just received a letter from Prof. Geo. R. Hyslop, farm crop department, Oregon Agricultural College, in which he states that the recent severe rains in California has greatly damaged the bean crop of that state as well as done considerable damage to barley that was piled in the fields.

The following quotations from Mr. Hyslop's letter should be of interest to the bean growers of Douglas county: "California contributes so largely to the bean yield of the United States I believe this unusually wet season for that state may favorably influence bean prices in Oregon."—Roseburg Review.

WEST FRONT IS CRUMBLING SAYS ZEITUNG

BERLINERS NO LONGER SPEAK OF THE FAMOUS HINDENBURG AS BEING UNPREGNABLE

OPEN TALK OF LEAVING BELGIUM

Military Leaders Would Neutralize Alsace-Lorraine and Use it as a Buffer State

Paris, Oct. 3.—The Frankfort Zeitung admits that the German situation on the western front is grave, and says that the whole western front is crumbling. The evacuation of Belgium is being openly discussed. The German high command suggests that Alsace-Lorraine be neutralized and joined to Luxembourg, making a buffer state between France and Germany.

Paris, Oct. 3.—The German censor at Berlin permits the German press to print articles dwelling on the probable situation in Germany, in case Austria should be forced to lay day arms under pressure, according to advices reaching Paris. It is declared that if Austria-Hungary should give in, Bavaria might follow her example.

FORGOT THE SOFT PEDAL AND LANDS IN COOLER

An old man, supposed to be an old soldier from the home at Los Angeles and giving his name as Martin Markenson, was taken in by the police last evening, having used profane language in liberal quantities at the express office, and in the presence of ladies. He was locked up over night, but was released this morning and is about the courthouse. Markenson claims to have traded \$2,500 worth of property for 20 acres of land south of this city and states that he is here to find his land having never seen it, the deal having been a sight-unseen trade so far as he is concerned.

The general impression is that Markenson, who says he is a Russian, is slightly unbalanced. However, he may have been the victim of some "shark," for if his 20 acres is located anywhere near the point he expects to find it, he has no doubt traded for 20 acres of rattlesnakes, honey-toads and chaparral. If such is the case he is truly to be pitied, but as he is unable to make himself perfectly clear, he has been turned over to the county by Recorder Allyn, and had Markenson put on the soft pedal when conversing with the manager of the Wells-Fargo Express office, he would not have had to sleep in the city bastille last night.

GORGAS WILL RETIRE, IRELAND IN HARNESS

Washington, Oct. 3.—The president has nominated Major Merritt W. Ireland of the medical corps to be surgeon general of the army. Vice-Major General William Gorgas will be retired October 5. The president also nominated Brigadier General Peter C. Harris to be adjutant general of the army, Vice-Major General Henry McCain having recently been appointed to command a division.

American Headquarters in France, Oct. 3.—News of the Bulgarian armistice has been received with rejoicings by the troops, who shouted it across to the enemy lines, where the lines were near enough.