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## AMERICANS DRIVING TOWARD METZ TAKE IMPORTANT POINTS FRENCH ADVANCE MILE AND HALF

## BRITISH CROSS HINDENBURG LINE—ADVANCE THREE MILES ON 15-MILE FRONT, 1500 PRISONERS

British Start New Offensive This Morning And Break Through Hindenburg Line Despite Spirited Resistance.—Advance Of Two To Three Miles Made On Fifteen Mile Front.—Attack May Develop Into Great Battle.—Americans And French Drive Nearer Outposts of Metz.

London, Sept. 18.—The British have crossed the Hindenburg line in their new attack at Villeret and at the sugar beet factory, south of Gouzeaucourt, according to battle front dispatches received here this afternoon. The British are within a mile of the Hindenburg line on a wide front, the dispatch stated. The advance was made on a front of nearly 15 miles, extending northward from the village of Holnon. The latest advices said the British had advanced an average distance of two or three miles and had taken 1500 prisoners.

Villeret is five and a half miles northwest of St. Quentin. Gouzeaucourt is five and a half miles north and west of Villeret and seven miles southwest of Cambrai.

**FRENCH LEND SUPPORT**  
By Lowell Mellett  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
Sept. 18.—(Noon)—British and French troops swept forward in a simultaneous smash against the Hindenburg line defenses centering about St. Quentin, this morning.

The British attacked on a front of about 12 miles, extending from Savy wood (two and a half miles directly west of St. Quentin), northward to Pienrice (12 miles southwest of Cambrai). At the same time the French, supporting the British right flank, advanced southwest of St. Quentin. Despite a heavy rain, the attack was going well at the hour of cabling. The attacks began at 5:30, following a brief "crash" bombardment. The attack caught the Germans in the midst of the new trench building begun a few days ago. A long tunnel had been partially constructed in the middle of the portion of the line under attack.

**METZ GUNS USED**  
By John De Gandt  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
Paris, Sept. 18.—(3:25 p. m.)—The advanced defenses of Metz have entered the action against the Americans, according to L'Heure.

American forces are continuing their progress along the left bank of the Moselle. The Germans are slowly withdrawing toward their prepared line covering the Conflans junction of the Metz-Conflans-Montmedy railway. At certain points the Americans have advanced about 27 kilometers (nearly 17 miles) since the start of their offensive. Our infantry has reached a point less than ten miles from Conflans (12 miles west of Metz) while patrols have advanced from two to five kilometers (a mile and quarter to more than three miles) farther north. The Americans are nearing Pagy.

**BRITISH NEAR ST. QUENTIN**  
London, Sept. 18.—The British attacked this morning northwest of St. Quentin, Field Marshal Haig announced. British troops yesterday captured Holnon, two and three quarters miles west of St. Quentin. The Germans recaptured most of Moeuvres (seven miles west of Cambrai) by a counter attack yesterday evening. The British advanced slightly last night south of the LaBassee canal in Flanders.

At the same time the French, operating in the Woerwe advanced two to three kilometers (a mile and a quarter to a mile and three quarters). They reached a line east of Watronville, Hautcourt, Dieppe and Moranville, it was reported. (Dieppe is six miles northeast of Verdun. Hautcourt is three miles southwest of Dieppe. Moranville is a mile south of Hautcourt. Watronville is three miles south of Moranville.)

**WAR SUMMARY OF UNITED PRESS**  
1507th Day of the War; 63d Day of Counter Offensive  
Metz front—American and French forces continued to advance on the two wings. The Americans are moving up the Rupt De Mad valley toward Gorze and Chambley, while the French are striking eastward and northeastward from Verdun, along a front of more than two miles, toward the new Hindenburg line at Etain.

## FIGHTING IN BALKANS WILL STOP BULGARIA ASSISTING GERMANY

(Warning To Bulgars That They Must be Prepared to Defend Themselves.)

By J. W. T. Mason.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
New York, Sept. 18.—The French, Serbian and Greek operations along the Balkan front give promise of a major offensive being conducted against Bulgaria next spring in strategic conformity with the operations which America and the allies will then start against Germany in the west.

The present movement, itself in Macedonia, can scarcely have been planned to preserve for any length of time into the winter season, which soon begins in the Balkans. It would be hazardous, if not impossible, to prolong an offensive during the severe snows of mountainous southeastern Europe. A Balkan offensive has always been associated with the spring.

**SOLICITOR GENERAL JOHN W. DAVIS MADE NEW AMBASSADOR**  
Is Now On Way To Switzerland To Arrange For Exchange of Prisoners  
By Robert J. Bender.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Washington, Sept. 18.—John W. Davis, solicitor general of the United States, has been selected by President Wilson as American ambassador to Great Britain, it was officially announced today.

**NO COMPROMISE WITH CRIME SAYS MINISTER**  
Premier Clemenceau Says No Bargaining Between Crime And Justice  
Paris, Sept. 18.—Premier Clemenceau speaking in the senate last night, declared that the allies must keep on fighting until Germany understands there can be no compromise between crime and right.

**LATEST NEWS FROM BALTIC PROVINCES AND FROM SIBERIA**  
Indications Germany Is Preparing To Withdraw From Baltic Front  
Washington, Sept. 18.—Germany gives some indication of preparing for a future withdrawal from the Baltic provinces.

**SPANISH INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN NAVY YARD**  
Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—Several hundred cases of Spanish influenza have developed at the Philadelphia navy yard and the naval home, according to reports to the bureau of health today.

**WILSON'S NEXT MOVE WILL BE RECOGNITION OF JUGO-SLAV NATION**  
Of These There Are Six Million In Austria-Hungary—Hit Austria Hard  
Washington, Sept. 18.—Recognition of the Jugo-Slavs in Austria will be President Wilson's next thrust at the enemy, according to diplomatic officials here today.

## ALLIED VICTORIES PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF KAISER'S SCREAMING

Secretary Daniels Says Teuton Rulers Acting Quickly Because Afraid

Annapolis, Md., Sept. 18.—Austria's peace conference note; Germany's peace offer to Belgium and the "scream of the kaiser at Essen" were all due, directly to the allied American victories, Secretary Daniels said today at the graduation of 846 ensigns for the naval academy.

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