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#### FLANK ATTACK BY SEA?

Situation on Belgian Coast Leads to That Conclusion and There is Some Speculation Upon It.

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German Situation Grave. 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 jaws out to engulf the German armies. The German leaders have seen their danger. Official reports to the state department indicated the 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 to whether the German high command has acted in time.

Announcement from Paris that 2,000 prisoners were taken by the French in operations between the Meuse and the Aisne rivers is significant of the difficulty of getting troops safely out of an abandoned position. There has been no German attack on a large scale since the Berlin character of the advance. Only a volley of 2,000 rounds were captured. The state department has received a report that 250 miles of the Hindenburg line has been broken. The German position is now so critical that a salient will develop within a day or two. The possibility of a flank attack by sea is also being considered.

Train Smashes Auto. Mr. Robt. S. Nunnery, of Fort Lawn, met with a serious and well-nigh fatal accident Tuesday when he collided with a train on the Wilmington Railroad. Mr. Nunnery was thrown from his car and sustained a fracture of the skull. He is now in a hospital in Wilmington.

#### British Smash Hindenburg Line

With the British Army on the St. Quentin Sector Oct. 3.—The British troops smashed a large and vital section of the Hindenburg line today between St. Quentin and Cambrai. They have occupied many additional towns and villages and 5,000 prisoners and numerous guns have been taken. The battle was resumed at 6 o'clock in the morning and continued throughout the day, English and Australian divisions driving deep into the enemy defenses. The ground over which the British troops fought their way against the inevitable swarms of machine guns was littered with German dead. The advance has reached a depth of about five miles at its apex and it follows that the principal Hindenburg defenses here have been shattered. A few hours may see the British all way on the other side of the great German defensive system. From the north comes most significant news. The Germans who were gradually being left in a salient have begun a retreat on practically all the Armentieres sector and appear to be in full flight. British troops have entered and are now passing through Lens. Aubers ridge, south of Armentieres, has been taken and the British are east of there. Indications are not wanting that the Germans have been forced to begin one of the war's greatest retreats. The troops co-operating with the Belgians have taken villages near Roulers after hard street fighting. They have forced the Germans well back and are still going. The Germans must get out of the Belgian coast as Ostend if the advance here continues, as it gives every sign of doing.

#### COMPLETE DRAWING OF NEW DRAFT NUMBERS

Washington, Oct. 3.—The drawing of the new draft numbers for the year 1918 was completed today. The drawing was held at the War Department in Washington. The drawing was held in the presence of the War Department officials and the public. The drawing was held in the presence of the War Department officials and the public. The drawing was held in the presence of the War Department officials and the public.

Washington, Oct. 3.—With the completion Tuesday of the third great military lottery since the nation went to war, machinery of the provost marshal general's office was set in motion to finally check the master list and mail copies to the 156 district boards over the country which are to make them immediately available to post them for the public. The last of the 17,000 numbers which are to determine the order in their respective classes of the 13,000,000 men who registered September 12, was taken from the big glass bowl in the caucus room of the senate office building at exactly 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. General Crowder drew out the capsule which contained No. 12,734. The drawing, which started at noon Monday by President Wilson, had been completed in six hours less than the estimated time due to a race which developed between the shifts of young officers charged with the drawing.

During the first check of the tally sheets only one number was found displaced. The correction was easily made from the tally wires on which the actual slips of paper bearing the numbers had been strung after being removed from the capsules. General Crowder stayed with the workers during the entire 20-hour period, and the drawing was watched by a constantly changing but never large audience. Time of receipt of the master lists by district boards will be governed by the distance they are located from Washington. The boards have been instructed to make them public immediately. When General Crowder took the last capsule from the bowl, order numbers had been given to approximately 24,000,000 registrants. Numbers for the first 9,000,000 registrants were drawn July 20, 1917, and those for the nearly 1,000,000 registrants turning 21 before last June 30 were drawn last June 27.

WE HAVE 1,000 GERMANS TO EVERY AMERICAN PRISONER. Washington, Oct. 3.—The German protest against the use of shotguns by American troops has been received at the state department. Shotguns are used by American troops, it was said, only as authorized by the accepted rules of war. They are employed in general police work and in guarding prisoners, being more desirable for such work than the high powered army rifle because the firing of the latter might cause the death or injury of persons it was not intended to hit. Germany's threat of reprisals is not causing any anxiety among American officials. The Americans hold 1,000 German prisoners to every 10 Americans in enemy prison camps.

Personal. Judge Ernest Moore returned Wednesday from a business trip to Manning. Miss Margaret ... has been ...

#### SUFFRAGE LOST BY AN OVER-OPTIMISM A NARROW MARGIN

Lacked Two Votes of the Necessary Two-Thirds For Passage. Washington, Oct. 3.—The senate Tuesday refused to grant the request of the President that the woman suffrage resolution be passed as a war measure.

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#### RED CROSS NEEDS 330 MORE SHEETS

Lancaster's Allotment for Hospital Shower Must Be Made Up. More workers needed.

Surgical Dressings Department Makes Another Appeal for Workers in Order to Meet Large Allotment.

#### ATTENTION MEN AND WOMEN OF LANCASTER

Sheets for the Red Cross L. Shower. Lancaster's allotment must be completed. 330 more sheets needed. Each sheet costs approximately \$1.80. If you cannot contribute the sheet contribute money.

(By MISS MARGARET) The Lancaster chapter has never yet failed to fill an allotment. It must not fail in this. Surely you would not see the soldiers wounded in the fight for you, lack the few comforts you can send them.

The colored auxiliary has come splendidly to the aid of the chapter. Not only offering to launder the immense linen allotment, every yard of which must be freshly before shipment, they have tributed \$25.00. The Red Cross is most appreciative of their contribution and cannot too highly commend them for their work.

The surgical dressing must again appeal for workers. No knitting is being done because of the material. A large allotment of rigation pads which should be completed within the next week days is much less than half of what you are not selling Liberty bonds and make surgical dressings.

Among the reported districts were: Richmond, \$14,158.750, Atlanta, \$1,674,800, Dallas, \$4,812,450.

Iowa still stood alone tonight as the only state to report officially that it was over its quota. The Richmond district reported that Crozet, Hot Springs and Milford, Va., and Asheville and Buncombe county, North Carolina, had over-subscribed their quotas.

In connection with the efforts to prevent a slackening of campaign morale, it was cited today by treasury officials that practically all of the six billion dollars to be raised will have been spent by the time it is received at the treasury. The government already is paying out money at the daily rate of \$50,000,000 which is substantially the money to be raised in the fourth loan.

In September it was shown by a treasury report the government paid out \$1,557,244,000 or \$248,000,000 less than the \$1,805,000,000 record in August. The total cost of 18 months of war to October 1, was shown to be \$18,896,945,600 or three times as much as will be raised by the fourth loan.

Sunday Services. Communion services will be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at the usual hour for services. The Sunday school will also hold rally day exercises at 10 o'clock.

WILSON BUYS \$1,000 B.C. AND STARTS \$40,000 B.C. Washington, Oct. 3.—President Wilson has purchased \$1,000 of the new Liberty Bonds and started \$40,000 of the new Liberty Bonds.

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