

SPANISH INFLUENZA SWEEPING THROUGH EASTERN STATES

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Austro-Hungarian Forces Are In Disorder Before the Italian Troops in Albania

COALITION GOVT. FOR GERMANY UNDER NEW CHANCELLOR

SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, SALOONS AND FACTORIES CLOSED IN PENNSYLVANIA ON ACCOUNT OF THE SPANISH INFLUENZA

Epidemic Has Reached Serious Stage in Eastern State—
War Industries and Liberty Loan Drive Affected—
Disease Spreading Through State of Ohio.

GAINING IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Oct. 4.—The epidemic of influenza is steadily gaining headway in Toronto. There are now some 30 cases in the various city hospitals, and well over 300 cases of a mild type throughout the city. The eastern section of the city appears to have the hardest hit.

Philadelphia, Oct. 4.—Orders of the state health commission are closing every saloon and place of amusement in Pennsylvania were enforced today in an effort to check the spread of Spanish influenza, which in some sections of the state, particularly in the east, has reached epidemic proportions, and is seriously interfering with war industries. Public gatherings of all descriptions are also prohibited under the order, and this, together with the loss of a large number of Liberty Loan workers, due to illness, will slow up the drive.

In Philadelphia and nearby towns, where the situation daily is becoming more serious, the closing orders of the local health authorities were even more strict than those of the state officials, in that they added all schools, churches and Sunday schools to the list. Virtually every large industrial establishment in the metropolitan district of Philadelphia, one of the greatest centers of war activity in America, has been stricken with influenza, more than 4,000 men at the great Hager, Island yard alone being off duty for this reason. There is a shortage of doctors in the city, and appeals have been sent for medical assistance.

SPREADING IN OHIO.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 4.—Spanish influenza is spreading throughout Ohio, according to reports received here this morning. All classes at Miami University, Oxford, were suspended, and about 500 students left for their homes. The university hospital is crowded with sick and parts of the men's dormitory has been taken over for hospital purposes.

At Camp Sherman the total death toll since the discovery of the influenza epidemic is 98. Seventeen deaths occurred yesterday afternoon. The total number of cases reported then was 3,952.

SUBSIDING IN NIAGARA.

Niagara Camp, Ont., Oct. 4.—The influenza epidemic in the Polish camp here appears to be easing up, and today there were only 125 cases in hospital. Another death occurred last night, this making a total of fifteen deaths from influenza among the Polish soldiers here.

It is probable that the Canadian camp will break up earlier than the end of the time ago. The great number of the troops may be at Exhibition Camp, Toronto, by the 21st.

THREE IN ONE FAMILY.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Oct. 4.—Three deaths in one family from Spanish influenza have been reported to the medical health department.

22 IN MONTREAL.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Montreal, Oct. 4.—Twenty-two new cases of Spanish influenza were registered at the city hall since yesterday.

QUEBEC HOSPITAL CLOSED WITH NUNS ILL WITH GRIPPE

One Dies While Twenty Others
Are Stricken.

Quebec, Oct. 4.—Notwithstanding the repeated statements of the city health officers that there was no occasion for alarm over the epidemic of grippé here, the Hotel Dieu Hospital was forced to close down yesterday. More than twenty nuns have been stricken with the disease. One of the nuns died yesterday.

CELLULOSE PLANT TO LOCATE IN CANADA IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Non-Inflammable Composite is Manufactured by the Company.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Oct. 4.—The establishment in Canada of a plant of the British Cellulose Company is immediate probability. The company has a plant in process of erection in New Jersey, and as a result of a conference between General Sir Sam Hughes and J. D. McCurdy, the aviation expert in Ottawa this week at once for the erection of a similar plant in the Dominion. The capital is the enterprise, which only awaits some further negotiations before becoming an accomplished fact.

The British Cellulose Company manufactures particularly a non-inflammable composite for the covering of aeroplanes. The composition, if it is fact, may also be used for the manufacture of cinematograph films, window panes, trays, tables, chairs, etc. While it may also be used in the manufacture of silk. The plant, therefore, will be easily transformed from a war to a peace industry at the conclusion of hostilities.

1,800,000 SAMMIES OVERSEAS

Spanish Influenza Expected to
Retard Future Movements
to Some Extent.

Washington, Oct. 4.—American troops abroad now number 1,800,000, members of the house military committee were informed today at their weekly conference in the war department. Spanish influenza in camps and cantonments will retard the shipment somewhat in the immediate future, the members were told.

YANKEE TANKS WENT THROUGH GERMAN RANKS

Huns Received a Surprise
When They Attempted
To Take Apremont.

American Headquarters in France, Oct. 4.—When German forces advanced on Tuesday in an attempt to capture Apremont, on the front northwest of Verdun, American tanks suddenly emerged from the town in all directions. The tanks went lurching through the German ranks, spraying bullets into them from all sides and spreading the utmost terror and consternation. The American tanks, after smashing their way through the German lines, wheeled about and repeated the operation with deadly results. The enemy German company nine men were killed and thirty were wounded out of seventy. In another company ten were killed and forty wounded out of eighty.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE SECRETARY DIES AT HAMILTON

R. L. Gunn Was Well Known in Civic and Fraternal Circles.

Hamilton, Oct. 4.—R. L. Gunn, secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Ontario, died here early today at the age of 62 years. Mr. Gunn was a native of Hamilton and his family had been in the city for many years. He was a civic, club and fraternal circles. He began his career as accountant with the Great Western Railway, was city auditor for many years and later clerk of the city council. He was also secretary of the Hamilton Club and president of the Thistle Club. He is survived by his wife, two sons and three daughters.

SENATOR ROBERTSON'S SON IS MISSING

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—Senator Gideon Robertson has received word that his son, the flight lieutenant, G. Elliott Robertson, who was missing since October 2, has been missing since October 2. He is 18 years of age, and is attached to the famous 85th Flight Squadron, organized by Lieutenant W. A. Bishop, V. C.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 59; lowest, 46.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 46; lowest, 31.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.
Toronto, Oct. 4.—5 a.m. forecasts.

Today—Fine.
Saturday—Moderate to fresh south to southwest winds; partly fair, with some showers; stationary or a little higher temperature.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria..... 58 48 Cloudy
Calgary..... 58 48 Clear
Winnipeg..... 70 38 Fair
Port Arthur..... 60 40 Cloudy
Parr's Sound..... 58 38 Clear
Buffalo..... 58 34 Cloudy
Toronto..... 59 44 Clear
Kingston..... 59 42 Fair
Ottawa..... 56 42 Fair
Montreal..... 52 46 Fair
Quebec..... 52 32 Cloudy
Fether Point..... 46 30 Cloudy

Weather Notes.
Since yesterday morning showers have occurred in the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

THE CANADIAN ARMY COMMAND



A report comes from France by way of London that Major General Sir Arthur Currie is to be transferred to command of one of the British army corps and that he is to be succeeded as commander of the Canadian army by Major General Sir David Watson of Quebec. The photograph shows the Duke of Connaught shaking hands with General Watson, while General Currie looks on, on the left.

FULFILL PROMISES FIRST

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Montreal, Oct. 4.—The Montreal Gazette, in its leading editorial, says: "We are disposed to discredit an Ottawa dispatch, which states that the Union Government is discussing measures for organization as a party. Even were it possible, the time is premature and inopportune for formulating a platform of political principles upon which to found a party, the Union Government has not yet fulfilled its mandate to win the war, and the good old Lincoln doctrine about the unwisdom of swapping horses while crossing a stream still holds its merit. The less we have of party politics until victory is won, and our soldiers turn westward to again resume the pursuits of peace, the better. What may happen thereafter is in the lap of the gods."

COALITION MINISTRY FOR GERMANY UNDER PRINCE MAXIMILIAN

Socialists Are Expected To Be Included in the New Ministry
—New Chancellor Outlines a Program Before the Reichstag On Saturday.

London, Oct. 4.—There is little room for doubt that the solution of the German governmental crisis will be found in the shape of a coalition government under the chancellorship of Prince Maximilian of Baden. No official news of the situation has as yet reached London, but, according to German newspapers, there is a possibility that among the ministers there will be some Socialists. Prince Maximilian is a cousin of the Grand Duke of Baden, and president of the Upper Chamber of that grand duchy. He is related to the emperor by marriage and is popular at court. He is credited with democratic tendencies, it is understood that he has been recommended by Friedrich von Payer, who will remain as vice-chancellor in the new government.

SOCIALISTS IN BULGARIA WANT BALKAN LEAGUE

Party Will Support Government
ment If It Makes Peace.

Sofia, Oct. 4.—The Bulgarian Socialist party will support the Government in the Sobranje on the sole condition that the Government makes peace, according to the Socialist newspaper Narodna volya, which is quoted in a dispatch received from the Bulgarian capital. As a further condition the Socialists demand that the Government shall make such negotiations as are necessary to secure good relations between the Balkan peoples, and which will tend toward the establishment of a Balkan league.

MAY BE SLICK SCHEME.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 4.—A desperate effort by the cabinet and his advisers to hoodwink the Allies and the democrats in a belief in the democratization of Germany is seen by the press.

VANQUISHED TURKS WILL BE THROWN ONCE AND FOR ALL INTO ASIA, SAYS D'ESPEREY

Saloniki, Oct. 4.—"We will soon direct our blow at Constantinople and the vanquished Turks will be thrown once and for all into Asia," declared Gen. Franchet d'Esperey, the Allied commander-in-chief on the Macedonian front, in replying to a demonstration today.

ITALIANS ADVANCING IN ALBANIA HAVE PUT TO FLIGHT AUSTRO- HUNGARIANS THERE

Americans Capture Mont Blanc and Other Positions in the Champagne Region—French Forces Take Orfeuil and Bement Chateau.

London, Oct. 4.—Austro-Hungarian forces in Albania are retreating in considerable disorder before the advancing Italians. The Austrian forces are blowing up their depots.

METHODISTS DO NOT FANCY IDEA OF FASTING TO HELP GET PEACE

Suggestion Made at Hamilton Conference Not Welcomed With Joy.

DR. CHOWN'S OPINION

Superintendent Smiles and Says There Will Be No Change.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, Oct. 4.—Fasting is a thing of the past as far as Canadian Methodists are concerned. The general conference now in session here refuses to take seriously a suggestion sent on by the Bay of Quinte conference that the delegates spend three days in fasting, order to help bring peace to the world. Rev. Dr. S. B. Chown, who presided over the conference, said today: "Do you think the conference could fast for three days and carry on its work at the same time?" he was asked. "Oh, I think we will go on as usual," he replied. "There is a great deal of work to be done."

FRENCH TAKE IMPORTANT POSITION.

London, Oct. 4.—French forces in the Champagne have captured Orfeuil and Bement Chateau, northeast of Somme-Py. Mont Blanc, a position of considerable tactical importance, also has been taken from the Germans.

YANKEES GAS THE HUNS ON THE MEUSE ABOVE DANNEVOUX

With the American Forces Northwest of Verdun, Thursday, Oct. 3.—A successful gas attack was made by the Americans on this front at Vilosnes, on the Meuse, above Dannevoix.

The German artillery fire was spasmodic during the day. Many gas shells were thrown in by the enemy guns upon the American rear areas.

The American engineers have removed more than 100 buried German mines from the ground evacuated by the enemy.

BRITISH CAPTURE PRISONERS IN RAID IN ASIAGO REGION

London, Oct. 4.—Concerning British activities on the Italian mountain front, the war office today issued this statement: "Last night Warwickshire troops carried out a most successful raid into the enemy trenches facing Asiago, capturing 142 prisoners, including four officers. Our casualties were twelve."

HAIG TAKES 4,000 HUNS.

London, Oct. 4.—British forces, pursuing the retreating Germans in the Lens region, have reached the railway east of Lens, Field Marshal Haig announced in his official statement today. To the southeast, the British have made progress between Oppy and Mericourt.

More than 4,000 prisoners were taken yesterday by the British in their operations north of St. Quentin.

FOE COUNTER-ATTACKS REPULSED.

London, Oct. 4.—German forces last night delivered counter-attacks on Gouy and Le Catelet, midway between Cambrai and St. Quentin. Field Marshal Haig announced today that the enemy assaults had been beaten off.

The point of the British wedge in the region north of St. Quentin had been pushed at the end of yesterday's fighting to the high ground a mile northeast of Sequehart. The British are holding this ground, having repulsed a counter-attack.

FRENCH TROOPS PUSH BEYOND LESSENS IN ST. QUENTIN REGION

Paris, Oct. 4.—French troops in the St. Quentin region have advanced east of Lessins, says the war office statement today.

American and French troops in Champagne have made further advances northwest of Blanc Mont and Medeah Farm.

North and northwest of Rheims the French have increased their gains somewhat and improved their positions in the region of Betheny.

The statement reads: "During the night we made an advance east of Lessins in the region of St. Quentin."

"North and northwest of Rheims detail operations enabled the French to enlarge their bridgehead east of the canal and to improve their positions in the region of Betheny. One hundred prisoners remained in our hands."

"In Champagne the Franco-Americans increased their gains northwest of Blanc Mont and Medeah Farm."

Advertisement illustrations.
Presiding at the General Conference of the Methodist Church, now in session at Hamilton.



Rev. D. D. Chown

London Advertiser's
Coal Campaign Coupon

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