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Lille Is Captured By Marshal Haig's Troops

HUNS HURRIEDLY MOVE U-BOATS FROM OSTEND

Other Naval Bases to Shelter of Mine Fields

MORE TOWNS ARE LOST

Military Equipment Moved From Bruges, Turcoing and Roubaix—Prisoners Indicate General Desire to Surrender

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Wednesday, Oct. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Bruges, Turcoing and Roubaix have been captured of all civilians and the Germans have removed their military establishments from these cities.

All submarines have been hastily removed from the U-boat base at Ostend and it would appear from information captured German naval bases along the Belgian coast are either being moved, or being made ready for instant removal, probably in the rear of the German mine fields in the North Sea.

Four new divisions have appeared in the Flanders battle. All the prisoners captured complain bitterly that they are being compelled to continue fighting steadily without rest. Many of them have been continuously retreating since August 8. A large number recently admitted that they picked their lives ready to surrender when they believed they were to be attacked.

SORROW TODAY IN MORE HOMES

Several Of Our Soldiers Have Given Lives

Pte. B. F. Ramsey Succumbs To Wounds—Pte. C. E. K. Jones and Pte. W. Givan Killed—Others in Casualty List

To Mrs. Louise F. Ramsey of 27 Murray street this morning came news of the death of her son, Pte. Bertie Frederick Ramsey, in the war. A few days ago he had been reported wounded and missing on August 28. Letters had since gone forward to various places overseas in effort to glean further news of the young soldier, while the family clung to the hope that he might still be alive and would be among the returning ones when the war ends.

News dispatch that hope for a despatch from headquarters in Ottawa states that Private Ramsey now is officially reported "died of wounds on August 28."

He had gone overseas with the 11th Battalion, existing when only nineteen years old, leaving his position in the King street office of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd. He was in England but a short time when he was sent to France to join the New Brunswick battalion. He was in the battle of Vimy Ridge and there was wounded in the shoulder by shrapnel. In March of this year he returned to duty after convalescing in various hospitals. And now he has given his life.

Private Phillip Goguen of 74 Chapel street, North End, has been reported missing by the Ottawa authorities, the date of his disappearance being Sept. 30. Private Goguen enlisted with the Canadian Engineers and his letters tell of doing sapping and tunnelling work at the front. He used to work at the mason trade here and also a shoemaker with the Dominion Coal Co. plant on the harbor front. His wife and six small children live in Chapel street.

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UPRISING AGAINST HUNS IN NORTHERN RUMANIA

Paris, Oct. 17.—Outbreaks against the Germans have occurred in Northern Rumania, in the province of Moldavia, says a despatch to the Journal from Zurich. The population suddenly assumed an openly hostile attitude to the German authorities, according to the address which come by way of Bucharest.

Important Centre Falls Before Might of British

Our Soldiers Away Again This Morning on a New Drive on the Behain-Lecateau Front, Southwest of Cambrai and Good Progress is Being Made

London, Oct. 17.—(From Reuters to C. P., Ltd.)—The British have captured Lille.

British Headquarters in Flanders, Oct. 17.—(Reuters)—The Germans on leaving Lille, which was captured today by British forces, did not set fire to the buildings in the city or cause any explosion.

A NEW DRIVE

London, Oct. 17.—Field Marshal Haig's forces this morning began an attack on the Behain-Lecateau front, along the Selle River, southwest of Cambrai. Satisfactory progress was reported by the British commander in his official statement.

SLIGHT ENEMY SUCCESS

London, Oct. 17.—During the night the British gained ground south-west of Lille, capturing a few prisoners. The Germans have been counter-attacking to the north of here and in strong local thrust at Haussy, in the region south of Valenciennes, rodd the British back in the western edge of the village.

BRITISH IN CONTROL

London, Oct. 17.—British forces entered Courtrai during yesterday's fighting, according to a statement issued at the War Office today. More than twenty villages were captured by the Allied forces in Belgium during the day.

The text of the official statement follows: "On the 16th, despite the stormy Belgian, British and French troops continued their attacks between Dismude and the Lys River. Brilliant assaults over a front of thirty-one miles enabled them to advance an average depth of more than three and a half miles. The Belgians crossed the Yper River north of Dismude and occupied Schooneke. The British crossed the Lys, pushing beyond Menin to a depth of several kilometers on the right bank."

"Throughout was captured by the British, Lichtervelde and Ardois were taken by the French, while the British captured Menin. According to the latest report British troops have entered Courtrai."

"Twenty villages were delivered from the enemy. No figures are available regarding captured prisoners and booty."

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GAIN OF 57 CASES IN THE CITY; TOTAL NOW IS 274

Today's Reports on the Influenza Situation; Permits for Certain Meetings

At half past two o'clock this afternoon the Board of Health reported 274 cases of influenza in the city. This is an increase of fifty-seven cases from yesterday's report.

All cases recorded at the health office are definitely characterized as belonging to the epidemic, though of varied degrees of severity. Some of the cases are mild and not attended with the so-called Spanish influenza.

Prior to noon today the Board of Health had only 234 cases on its books. The substantial increase indicated was made by the early afternoon return of Inspector McConnell, who is canvassing the local situation quite thoroughly. Permits for Essential Meetings

Hon. W. F. Roberts said today that he was issuing special permits for meetings having to do with pressing executive matters in connection with federal, provincial and civic business. It was not possible to issue permits for meetings of individuals through individual officers or representatives. Committee sessions and executive meetings are necessary, so to meet these contingencies, permits are being issued. The permits, however, particularly those for meetings, are not attended by anyone having a case of influenza in his or her home.

In forty-eight hours the Department of Health under the local government expect to have a clear and concise idea of the influenza situation in every parish in the province. Far-reaching arrangements are on foot that will submit to the minister of health and his officers a comprehensive view of the health map. These reports will be detailed surveys of the epidemic's progress in each parish in the province—a scheme of co-operation in which the county secretaries and parish councillors in every section of New Brunswick are heartily assisting.

The province was canvassed by telephone yesterday from one end to the other under the direction of the minister of health. Every facility was given the telephone "drive" by N. B. Telephone Co. officials and operators, and the most willing response was made to the request for co-operation. In a brief official statement this communicated to the secretaries of county councils, Hon. Dr. Roberts asked that parish councilors be furnished with a written request asking for an informal report on the influenza situation in their electoral district. This report from the councilors to be mailed within twenty-four hours to Dr. Geo. G. Melvin, chief medical officer, St. John.

In all the fifteen counties the secretaries promptly expressed willingness to get the notice in the hands of their council members forthwith. Some did not wait to transcribe the notice, but set out on foot personally to advise as many as possible and used local phones for the others. Every man communicated with seemed to realize the importance of this plan of taking a census of cases, and if the spirit of co-operation evinced in the long-distance conversations materializes into results, the department of health officials were interested with other alien enemies.

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INDICATIONS OF BIG WITHDRAWAL BY THE GERMANS

Possibly Give Up 35 Miles On Front in Belgium

FOUR JUMPS TO THE REAR

That is Information Reaching Our Headquarters—Enemy Run Short of Supplies—Believed Lille Left Intact

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—The withdrawal of the Germans from the Lille-Douai sector may become more rapid daily. Information which is considered reliable indicates that the enemy contemplates retiring for at least thirty-five miles on this front, probably splitting his front into four jumps to the rear.

This evacuation has become necessary since the Allied victories in the Cambrai area. Because of the defeat inflicted upon the Germans in Flanders a retreat has now become a movement of great urgency. Enemy artillery in the Lille area is now being moved back five miles from the front.

Here as everywhere else along the central British front, the Germans are looting the Christmas parcels to those who are so that they can be moved at the last moment. Prisoners say the Germans are constantly uneasy, never knowing when or where an attack is coming or when they will be called upon to fight their lives.

As a matter of fact it has been expected that the German withdrawal would be a quiet one, but apparently orders for this movement were postponed because the German high command wished to save as much as possible of the materials of war, which are becoming increasingly short. All prizes are being complained of a lack of supplies.

Lille itself will not be destroyed, but the cause for this is unknown. According to President Wilson's note has not yet had time to reach the Germans at the front. It is not improbable that the German command is beginning to realize the horror that would sweep over the world if beautiful Lille should be levelled. The city, however, will be sure that prisoners' statements that the city would be spared are correct only when they believed in Lille and find it undamaged.

FOUR YEARS AGO FIRST CONTINGENT REACHED ENGLAND

In a letter received by Mrs. E. A. Young, head of Field Comforts, West St. John, mother of a soldier of the first contingent, wrote that just four years ago today the men of that contingent had been received from mothers and the list will be open all this week.

LOYDS AND THE END OF THE WAR

London, Oct. 17.—(Canadian Press Service)—The House of Commons yesterday charged forty guineas per cent for payment of total loss in the event of peace being declared on or before December 31, and sixty guineas per cent if declared on or before March 31, 1919.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—A shallow depression now covers Wisconsin, while pressure is high in Manitoba. Showers have occurred locally in Manitoba and over Lake Superior. Elsewhere in Canada fair weather has prevailed.

Forecasts. Ottawa Valley and upper and lower Lawrence—Fair today, some scattered showers during the night and on Friday.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to variable winds, fair and cool today and for a part of Friday; some showers.

Five, Ten Showers. Maritime—Light to moderate variable winds, fair and cool today and first part of Friday, then some showers.

New England—Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight, Friday probably showers, south winds.

The War Is Lost, Says Berlin Newspaper

Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—"The war is coming to an end and in such a manner as no man in Germany desires," said the "Vorwoerts," of Berlin, on Monday. "Let us say it candidly," the newspaper continues, "During all these terrible four years the aim of our efforts and sacrifices was to prevent such an end."

SHOW SIGNS OF MAKING STAND AGAINST FRENCH

Germans Assisted by Weather and Condition of Roads

SISSONS-RETHEL LINE

Americans Occupy Important Little Village of Grand Pre, Converting Point of Railways Used to Feed German Army

With the French Army on the Alsne, Oct. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Favored by the bad weather and the bad roads, which are slowing up the advance of the Allied supply lines, the Germans appear disposed to make a stand for the time at least, on the line from the region north of Soissons to Bethel.

General Debeney's forces have made a slight advance west of Angoulcourt, passing the Serre, and arriving before the trenches which the enemy is still holding with the aid of a well sustained machine gun fire to stop their forward movement. The German artillery has also increased its activity in this sector.

North of Siasons the French troops are now along the advanced position prepared there as a secondary line of retirement from the Hindenburg line.

Further east, the Germans, supported by a violent artillery fire, counter-attacked the French troops under the command of General Guillaume. This reaction was of no avail. Gen. Guillaume's men are maintaining their line a quarter of a mile east of the road from St. Germain Mont to Geroulcourt. (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)

EARTHQUAKE IN PORTO RICO HAS KILLED HUNDRED

New York, Oct. 17.—With more than 100 persons dead and thousands without shelter, food or clothing as a result of the earthquake which shook the entire island on Friday, the government of Porto Rico today appealed to congress and the American Red Cross for assistance, in a cablegram received here and forwarded to Washington.

H. B. RAINSFORD DEAD

Clerk Of N. B. Legislature For Thirty Years—Historic Record of Family

Fredrickton, Oct. 17.—Henry Bartlett Rainsford, clerk of the New Brunswick legislature since 1888, died at his home here this morning in the eighth year of his age. Heath followed paralysis which occurred recently. He had also held the offices of clerk of the peace and registrar of births and marriages for York. For upwards of twenty years he was secretary-treasurer of York county. He was a son of the late Henry Bartlett Rainsford and a grandson of the late Andrew Rainsford, first receiver-general for New Brunswick. The late Captain Charles Rainsford of the 104th New Brunswick Regiment, which won glory in the war of 1912, was an uncle, as was also the late Thomas Rainsford, who was provost marshal in charge of Napoleon at St. Helena.

Mr. Rainsford is survived by three sons and four daughters. They are Thomas W., George M. O., and J. Benjamin of Fredrickton and Mrs. Leharon Bull, Miss Jane H. and Miss Ethel M. of Fredrickton and Miss Eleanor of Boston.

FREDRICKTON REPORT ON THE EPIDEMIC

Fredrickton, Oct. 17.—Reports from physicians on the board of health indicate that cases of influenza and similar disease in Fredrickton number between 125 and 150.

Relatives here have been notified of the death of John P. Moohan in Lynn, Mass. He was a former resident of Fredrickton. Death resulted from Spanish influenza.

HERBERT W. SMITH DEAD. Herbert W. Smith of Glen Falls, aged thirty-nine years, died this morning after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Smith, who had been employed with the Atlantic Sugar Refiner, leaves his wife, one son, Frank, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith, five brothers, Earl, Percy and Fred in Boston, Arnold in France, George of this city, and one sister, Miss Cynthia, in Boston.

WAR HAS COST NEARLY MILLION BRITISH LIVES

London, Oct. 17.—Up to the present nearly one million lives have been sacrificed in the war, according to information received by Reuters' Limited.

ALBERT MARCHING TO ATTACK OSTEND

London, Oct. 17.—Belgian forces, under command of King Albert, which crossed the Yser River, are marching on Ostend.

The Belgians also made progress in the region north of Thourout and advanced in the direction of Thieill.

Abdication; Surrender

London Papers See This as Germany's Course

London, Oct. 17.—Rumors relative to the course Germany may take toward replying to the note from President Wilson form the main feature of this morning's papers. Some are convinced that Germany's unconditional surrender is coming.

Although the statement issued at the foreign office last night shows that yesterday's rumors were premature, extra ordinary reports concerning internal conditions in Germany are printed. Some newspapers take it for granted that Emperor William will abdicate. The Express says that for some time he has been sending his valuables to Holland.

Some editorials express the view that the disappearance of the emperor is imminent. "It is a mere symbol and a figurehead of what we pledged to destroy," says the Telegraph. "If what will be substituted for his insane and disastrous rule that matters."

Alteration of the German constitution, by which civil power would be admitted to a share of the control of the matters pertaining in the war, is a subject of utmost importance. By this alteration the emperor would cease to be the supreme war lord.

The Daily News, "means broadly that the Kaiser has surrendered to President Wilson and is equivalent to an admission that all is lost."

The Express claims to have trustworthy information that Germany's surrender is imminent, adding: "Semi-official information of an astounding kind has reached England, indicating a deep and serious political position in Germany. This is even more serious than the military situation, and is responsible for the coming debacle. A great civil upheaval is beginning. The Socialists of Germany, fearing anarchy is about to obtain and desiring to save the country from Russia's experience with the Bolsheviks, have prepared a scheme of government to take the reins so that when the Kaiser abdicates in order that it may exercise an immediate steadying influence."

CHANGE IN POLAND

Based, Oct. 17.—There is an official publication in Lublin newspapers reaching here stating that Austria is ready to suppress military occupation of Poland and hand over the civil administration to the Polish government so soon as it is ready to undertake the task. Until then, the item continues, Austria will do her utmost to assist in the reconstruction of the state, placing government employees at its disposal whenever necessary. In return Austria counts on Poland to export to Austria surplus food and raw materials.

BURRED TODAY

The funeral of Joseph Harvey took place this morning from his residence, Pleasant Point. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery.

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