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British Launched New Attack Today

Troops Are Making Good Progress, Haig Reports—Advancing South of Valenciennes—Have Taken Bruay and Reached West Bank of the Scheldt

London, Oct. 23.—The British began a new attack early today on the front between Leateau and Solesmes, south of Valenciennes, Field Marshal Haig announced today. The British have captured Bruay, two and a half miles north of Valenciennes, and have reached the west bank of the Scheldt. The statement follows:

"At an early hour this morning our troops attacked on the Leateau-Solesmes front and are reported to be making good progress.

"Further north, between Valenciennes and Tournai, we have taken Bruay and reached the west bank of the Scheldt at Bieharies and Espain. Considerable resistance was encountered on this front yesterday and sharp fighting took place in which our troops, pressing the enemy vigorously, inflicted many casualties upon him and drove him from his positions, capturing a number of prisoners."

Stronger Resistance Here.

Paris, Oct. 23.—On the Serre front last night the Germans met with heavy machine gun fire the efforts of the French to cross the Souche and Serre rivers, the fighting for the last. The fighting for Bois de Forest began a week ago and has been one of the most stubborn since the beginning of the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Daylight Saving Plan Near an End for the Season—Some of Its Advantages and Also the Problems it Raises

Whilst most St. John people are snoozing away under the blankets next Sunday morning at two o'clock the Daylight Saving system will slip out of existence for another year and the town will awaken to find the clocks registering an hour further back, that is provided the hands are changed before retiring.

A few days ago it was thought that the United States government was going to extend the daylight saving period, which case Canada was expected to follow suit, but like the gasoline Sunday the American government reconsidered the matter and dropped any idea of extending it.

On the Serre Front.

Paris, Oct. 23.—Tonight's official statement reads:

"On the Serre front we again forced the enemy retreat notwithstanding an obstinate defence by his machine guns. We took Chalandry and Grandpuy. Our line runs along the Serre as far as Maraismes towards the angle of the Scheldt at Conde."

Enemy Driven Back.

"In Alsace a strong enemy detachment attempted on three different occasions to reach one of our centres of resistance north of Thann, but was driven back."

"On Oct. 21 along the west front and in Flanders our observation squadrons carried out important work of reconnaissance and surveillance behind the enemy front. Two enemy planes were brought down and a balloon was burned. During the early part of the night our bombing planes dropped 18,800 kilos of projectiles on important railway junctions, and, in particular, on the stations at Longuyon, Stenay, Hiron, Vervins, Marle, Mont Corny, Rosoy-Sur-Serre, Preville-Sur-Serre and Liart. They noted a great number of hits on their objectives, following which fires broke out in the stations at Longuyon, Hiron and Rosoy."

Trains Delayed by Accident on C. G. R.

The derailment of five cars belonging to the east-bound Maritime Express on the C. G. R. at Westcock Crossing near Sackville yesterday, considerably upset the schedule of trains coming into this city. The Halifax train due late yesterday afternoon did not reach here until 8:45 p.m. This morning the Halifax C. G. R. express due about six o'clock was delayed until one o'clock this afternoon. Naturally these delays, due to the clearing of the tracks at the scene of the run-off, interfered with the plans of many passengers.

Public Utilities.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission was held this morning. The routine business was transacted. The commission will meet this afternoon to discuss some new business. Those present were G. O. D. Otty, chairman; A. B. Connell, K. C. Woodstock; F. E. Robinson, secretary; Felix Michaud of Buctouche was absent on account of being ill with Spanish influenza.

Weather Report.

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

Synopsis—Shows have occurred in eastern Nova Scotia and in northern Ontario. Elsewhere the weather has been fine and in the western portions quite cool.

Forecast.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy today and on Thursday, showers in a few localities.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate winds, generally fair and cool today and on Thursday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Winds, fair and cool today and on Thursday.

Fair.

Maritime—Fresh northerly winds, clearing in eastern districts, fair in west. Thursday, moderate winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

Superior—Moderate winds, mostly north and northeast, fair and cooler today and on Thursday.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fair and cool today and on Thursday.

New England—Fair tonight and Thursday, not so cool tonight; light variable winds, becoming south.

PEACE TALK AT CRITICAL POINT, SAYS PRINCE MAX

Peace of Justice or Peace of Violence? GERMANY READY FOR EITHER

Copenhagen, Oct. 23.—Peace conversations between Berlin and Washington have reached a critical point, according to Prince Maximilian, the German imperial chancellor, speaking before the Reichstag yesterday.

In the course of his address he urged that debate on the situation arising on the exchange of notes between himself and President Wilson be restricted as far as possible to the question of peace.

"The whole German people is anxious to hear the views of the government regarding the prospects of peace," he said, "but I am able to speak only with the greatest reserve and urge that the members of the Reichstag limit the debate as is consistent with the seriousness of the hour. The whole German people have spoken to by President Wilson and this fact gives the utterances of the representatives of all parties added weight."

Would Face Continuation of War as People Driven to Last Extremity—Want Clear Understanding of Wilson's Terms

Five hundred and forty-eight is the number of influenza cases reported by the local board of health. This does not mean that 548 is the total number of cases, for the inspectors and investigators have so much to do in verifying figures and disinfecting houses, etc., that it is impossible to assume the reported total is usually fifty to sixty cases behind the actual conditions.

SATURDAY NIGHT IS TIME TO SET THE CLOCKS BACK

The Board of Health has engaged the services of Dr. W. L. Ellis of West St. John to attend to all influenza cases reported by the city authorities here and to see that the city is kept clean through financial inability.

Emergency Hospital Almost Ready.

So vigorously has the work of fitting up the Park Hospital for influenza cases proceeded that the city authorities here are now in a position to receive patients from Imperial Theatre staff are now giving the building soap and water treatment to the military authorities here.

Influenza and the Soldiers.

As the epidemic approaches the height of its run in this city the grip it has upon the soldiers in barracks here is loosening. Not everybody in St. John has known how thoroughly the malady had taken hold of the boys in khaki.

Latest Evacuation Proposal Is Grotesque

Germans Willing to Retire From Invaded Territory if Allies Remain Where They Are; Kaiser Still Hopes to Hold Alsace and Lorraine

Paris, Oct. 23.—Germany's high command is ready to evacuate the invaded territories of France and Belgium on the express condition that the Allied troops remain where they are, not located, according to the latest information from Berlin, says the Zurich correspondent of the Journal.

A SOCIALIST REPUBLIC IS AIM OF THIS PARTY

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JOHN DESMOND.

The death of John Desmond, little River, occurred last evening at his residence. Mr. Desmond was a well known farmer and was highly respected in the community. He was sixty-eight years old and leaves two sons, Stephen and Frank J., and one daughter, Miss Mary, all at home. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

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Allies Advance In The Balkans

Serbians Capture Headquarters of German Division—Liberated Roumanians Join Italian Army—Jago-Slavs Reject Manifesto—Progress in the North—Famine Conditions in Russia are Appalling

Paris, Oct. 23.—The official communication dealing with operations in the eastern theatre says:

"On October 21 French forces reached on the Danube Lom-Palante (Bulgaria) twenty-two miles southeast of Vidin which they occupied; they captured a convoy of enemy barges loaded with merchandise and what was left of the North of Aleksinatz. Serbian forces have progressed notwithstanding very strong resistance by the enemy.

"Serbian cavalry have reached the region east of Paracin, capturing part of the headquarters of a German division, including the archives and baggage of General Von Gallwitz, commander of the division.

"In the region of Ipek and Novipazar detachments of Serbian Comitadjis and Montenegrins, supported by French troops, captured in the course of engagements with Austro-German forces in retreat more than 1,600 prisoners and important booty."

HARRY LAUDER IS CONSCRIPTED

Comes Under New British Age Limit—Expresses Satisfaction at the Summons—Future Plans Uncertain

A despatch from London states that Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, has been called to the colors under the new extended age limit, which includes able-bodied men up to fifty-one years. Lauder is forty-eight. The cablegram says that military papers were handed Lauder while he was entering a theatre in Dundee, Scotland. The well-known performer expressed satisfaction at receiving the summons, but it is not known whether he will be taken for military or special non-combatant duty.

GERMANS IN AUSTRIA FORM A NEW STATE

Seek Their Autonomy—Independence of Hungary Coming—Part of Poland Gets Government

Basel, Oct. 23.—The German-Austrian deputies in the Austrian Reichsrath have formed an assembly for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Germanic people in Austria and have issued a declaration announcing the creation of the "German state of Austria."

PT. EPHRAIM SMITH IS KILLED IN ACTION

Brother of Sergt. Harvey L. Smith of Paymaster's Office, Depot Battalion

Raleigh R. Smith, C. G. R. operator at Amherst, has received news of the death of Pte. Ephraim Smith, killed in action on Sept. 27. He enlisted in the service and had been in the service but nine months but was through many strenuous battles. While in England he was awarded a guard of honor to King George during a conferring of medals.

WOUNDS ARE DANGEROUS

Kenneth W. Armstrong, 233 Victoria street, received word from Ottawa this morning that his son, Gunner Kenneth Woodworth Armstrong, previously reported wounded and admitted to No. 22 General Hospital, Camiers, is now reported dangerously ill with gunshot wound in shoulder and back. Gunner Armstrong enlisted in the 9th Siege Battalion and went overseas in a draft from that battery in December, 1917. He went to France in April of the following year and was transferred to No. 4 Siege Battery while engaged with this unit. He received his wounds in October, 1918. Prior to enlistment he was employed in Mr. R. A.'s wholesale department, this city.

REMIER A FLOAT AGAIN.

The steamer Premier, which was quite badly damaged while in collision with the D. J. Purdy a few weeks ago and which is now in Market slip, was temporarily repaired today and at high tide floated. It was the intention of her owners to have her placed on the blocks, but they are now going to leave her in Market slip and have necessary repairs to her hull made there.

AT WORK ON BUILDINGS.

The work of erecting a building in the Barrack square for the Ordnance stores of this military district was commenced this morning by Kane & R. local contractors, and the excavating for the new garage room to be erected was commenced also.