

French Advance Their Lines on Two Mile Front at Kemmel and at Rheims

HONORS IN FIGHTING MONDAY GO TO THE ARMY OF FRANCE

On the Front Northeast of Loche, on the Northern Side of the Lys Salient in Northern France and Just West of Kemmel French Advance Their Line Over a Two-mile Front—Far to the South, Near Rheims, French Advance Into Enemy's Positions as Far as the Third Line of Trenches—Australians Improve Positions—Von Below Has New Army in Front of Arras.

The allied armies are not permitting the Germans to "get set" for a serious blow at the western front. Here and there along the line, there have been sudden blows at the German positions and in all of them ground was captured by the Allies.

The French have done the most of this work. On the front east and northeast of Loche, on the northern side of the Lys salient in Northern France and just to the west of Kemmel, where some of the more intense fighting of the war has been going on, the French have advanced their line over a two-mile front. Far to the south, near Rheims, the French have advanced into the enemy's positions as far as the third line of trenches.

The Australians on the front before Amiens have been active and have improved their positions. Heavy artillery firing is reported from several points along the front, it being especially severe near Hangard and south of the Avre, near Amiens. The Germans also report heavy cannonading in the region of Kemmel.

Severe U. S. Losses. The American sectors have been the scenes of fierce aerial battles. The Americans suffered a severe loss when Raoul Lufbery, of Wallingford, Conn., one of their most famous air fighters, went to his death in a thrilling encounter above the city of Toul. The Germans have lost several machines, one of which is believed to be the one that accounted for Lufbery.

In the Italian theatre of the war, the fighting in the mountains east of the Brenita river continues, reports telling of struggles on the slopes of the mountains.

The French troops in Macedonia have taken the offensive near Lake Ochrida and have advanced to a depth of over twelve miles at some points. The object of this operation appears to be the straightening of an awkward salient in the line.

The unrest, which has been reported from time to time from Austria in spite of the efforts of the censor, has again boiled up in Prague, where crowds of Czechs and Slovaks have cheered for President Wilson, Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George.

New German Army. A new German army, led by General Von Below, is reported to have been definitely located in front of Arras. This army is said to be made up of units which were not thrown into the great battles on the Somme and along the Lys, and it is believed that it has been brought up to the Arras front to lead the coming attack on the allied positions at that point.

The German reserves are undergoing intensive training far behind the actual fighting front and are expected to reach the front in time for the next smash at the Allies. It is pointed out that the German attack on March 21 was timed so that the Germans were able to take advantage of the bright moonlight for several nights. The moon is now just past the phase which signalled the advance from St. Quentin and Cambrai and the long-expected attack may be launched at any time.

German submarines are carrying on unrestricted warfare against Norwegian fishermen. Five Norwegian vessels were recently sunk in the Arctic and a Russian mail steamer was shelled, numerous casualties resulting. Many persons have been killed or wounded in the latest German air raid on London.

KORNILOFF KILLED. Moscow, Friday, May 17. (By The Associated Press)—The city of Abo, the former Russian commander-in-chief, has been killed in a battle with the Soviet troops near Yekaterinodar. His army of ten thousand men has been defeated and is retreating. The death of General L. G. Korniloff has been reported many times since the war began.

BIG OFFENSIVE DID NOT BEGIN DAY INTENDED

French Carry Out Important Movement Around Loche.

FIGHTING OCCURRED NORTH OF ALBERT

British Further Advance Line To Villers-En-Scorbie—Two Miles.

London, May 20.—In sharp operations around Loche, French troops made an important advance on a front of more than two miles and captured over-four hundred prisoners, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from British Headquarters in France tonight.

The text of the report reads: "During the night French troops carried out successful operations east and northeast of Loche. All their objectives were gained on a front of some four thousand yards and over four hundred prisoners were captured. Local fighting occurred early this morning north of Albert, as a result of which a few of our men are missing. A party of our troops rushed and captured a few prisoners and two machine guns. The hostile artillery has shown considerable activity today with gas shells in the section north of Bethune."

The British Gain. British Headquarters in France, May 20. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—There is much violent gunning during the night time and it continues spasmodically. Today is one of the days mentioned in trench gossip as likely to witness a renewal of the German offensive. The gassing sky is moaning and droning with our machines.

Saturday's success of the Australians has resulted in carrying forward our line to Villers-En-Scorbie on a front of two miles.

STEEL OF CANADA LOSES A POINT

Montreal, May 20.—In view of the reaction in the New York market local prices fell very well throughout the day. Steel Co. of Canada showed a point decline from the opening. Iron closed a half point off. Quebec Railway was stronger, the common advancing from 20 1/2 to 21 3/8 and the bonds strengthening from the recent low at 57 to 60. Included in the supplementary railway estimates passed by the house this morning, is an amount of about three and one half million dollars for the purchase of the Quebec and Saguenay Railway, so that it looks as if this long discussed matter was now about to be settled.

Odd lot investment buying, particularly in Civic and some of the preferred securities, was noticeable today.

NOTED AIRMAN KILLED. With the American Air Force in France, May 20.—(By The Associated Press)—Major Raoul Lufbery, who had been regarded as the best aviator in the American air service, was shot down in flames and killed today (Sunday) by a big German triplane which he was attacking. Lufbery jumped from his flaming machine when eight hundred yards above the ground. He had seventeen victories to his credit.

GEORGE W. FOSTER. The death is announced in Brookline, Mass., of George W. Foster, formerly postmaster, merchant and hotel keeper of Maryville. He was 82 years of age.

STILL ANOTHER WARM DAY IN THE PROVINCE

Yesterday was another warm day in New Brunswick, St. John and few other places excepted. At Moncton, about the warmest spot in Canada Monday, the mercury climbed up as high as 83 (we will give the St. John temperature later on).

Halifax reported an official temperature of 78, the Upper Canadian cities 80 or thereabouts. After a hot Sunday in Quebec with the thermometer marking 83, the ancient city had a slight snow fall centered by noon, the mercury sagging to 48. In St. John yesterday the temperature was 44 officially at one time. The sluggish quick-silver did rise to 52, but no higher before the day was over. It is unseasonably cold in the west, but warm in the New England states.

FURIOUS FOREST FIRES DESTROY THREE MILLS

Dwellings, Barns and Other Property Swept Away in Pictou County—Large Quantities of Lumber Burned.

Special to The Standard. Stellarton, N. S., May 20.—Forest fires have destroyed the lumber mill, woolen mill and grist mill belonging to Howard Aylesworth, together with his home and all his other buildings. The house of Thomas McLean and a barn were also burned. These buildings were located along the East River where a large quantity of lumber, the property of the Scotia Lumber Co., was destroyed.

At Glenelg, Robert Mills lost his house and other buildings. The barn of Archibald Jordan and a flock of sheep were destroyed. Part of the mill on the occasion has in her many automobile parties fought the flames.

DEFAULTERS ARE BROUGHT TO CITY

Party Arrived With Dominion Police Last Evening—Large Number Said to be Hiding in Woods.

The Dominion police brought to the city last evening a party of men who were apprehended on Sunday in Kent county for not complying with the military service law. The party was one of the St. Pierre brothers, who caused no little excitement at Cocagne Bridge recently when the family opposed the police in the discharge of their duties. The mother on the occasion had in her hand a revolver which she threatened to use, and another son had a gun. This weapon was however not used.

The men were rounded up on Sunday and it is thought that the police have in the party several of the men who did the agitating. It is also reported that at least a hundred, all natives of the county have been taken themselves to the woods and intend to defy the officers. Kent county owing to smallpox was later in coming under the military service act, and it will likely require sometime to apprehend the defaulters. Chief Rideout, it is stated, has given the men in hiding until Sunday next to report and failing to do so, he intends to take active measures to arrest them.

CORN PRICES ARE STRONG IN CHICAGO

Chicago, May 20.—Corn prices developed strength today, owing largely to unsettled weather adverse to rapid progress in planting. Selling pressure was light and the market advanced readily on scattered buying orders from commission houses. Some bullish sentiment was due to the large percentage of damaged corn in current arrivals and to questions as to whether under such circumstances a liberal supply of contract grade would be available for delivery on June and July sales. Opening prices, which ranged from 1-8 cent lower to 1-2 cent advance, with May at 1.37 3/4 and July 1.40 1/4 to 1.41, were followed by material gains.

Congestion in the May delivery tightened up the oats market in general. Demand, however, was confined chiefly to small lots. After opening 1-8 cent off to 1-4 to 3-8 cent up, with July 65 5/8 to 66 3/4 to 7-8, the market continued to harden.

DESERTER SERIOUSLY SHOT AT BUCTOUCHE

NO DISTURBANCE IN IRELAND HAS OCCURRED YET

Evidence of German Plot Expected To Be Published in Short Time.

SINN FEIN LEADERS HAVE SUCCESSORS

Sinn Fein Demonstration in East Cavan, But No Disorder.

(By Arthur S. Draper). Special Cable to the New York Tribune and St. John Standard.

London, May 20.—Ireland remains serene and undisturbed as only Ireland can. If any outbreak was expected after the wholesale arrests and deportations of the Sinn Fein leaders the government has been happily disappointed. Pleasure makers enjoyed themselves in celebrating the Whitsuntide holiday and thousands moved out of Dublin into the beautiful surrounding country as if nothing unusual had happened a few hours before. The round-up of the Sinn Fein outwardly at least made less of an impression in Ireland than elsewhere. Devalera, Griffith and other leaders who were grided with conspiring with the enemy are lodged in prison here awaiting trial.

This morning Professor John McNeill who has always advocated non-militant methods and Alderman Thomas Kelly of Dublin were nominated to succeed Devalera and Griffith. Some Irish newspapers express the belief that there is no considerable German plot and that the majority at least of the prisoners will have to be released as soon as the case has been tried.

With Strong Hand. Though the Irish government under Lord French have been conducting things with a strong hand they have been extremely careful not to provoke the Irish masses to revolt.

The majority of the British newspapers endorse the governments action. The general opinion seems to be that conscription has been abandoned for the present and that voluntary recruiting will be given every opportunity to supply the quota which Ireland is expected to furnish under the new "man power" act.

Maude Gonne McBride, widow of Major John McBride, who was executed in 1916 for his part in the Dublin uprising, has been arrested.

Looking For Trouble. Dublin, May 20.—A Sinn Fein delegate who yesterday called on the American mission, representing the American labor delegation now in England, endeavored to create a scene in the hotel lobby by declaring loudly that Americans were not treating the Sinn Fein fairly.

The members of the American mission replied that they would be glad to listen to all sides, and that they proposed to view the Irish question without prejudice, but that they could not take sides in internal British questions.

A Demonstration. Dublin, May 19.—(The Associated Press)—A Sinn Fein demonstration today at Cote Hill, East Cavan, was attended by 6,000 persons. Among the speakers were two priests. The Sinn Fein bore a banner inscribed "They may kill our leaders, but they cannot kill the Sinn Fein."

London, May 20.—The Times says: "The rebellion of 1916 was fomented by Germany. All Irish loyalists long have been convinced of that. Germany is at the bottom of the present situation. They have long suspected that plans exist somewhere for co-operation between rebel Irishmen and a German landing on the western or southwestern shores of Ireland."

"The publication of part of this evidence of a German plot will probably be made immediately."

Dominion Police Trap Former Private of 165th in Barn Attic—At Another Place in Same District Officers are Fired on and Fire Back in Return—Fugitive Escapes To Woods Where Hundred or More Slackers and Deserters are Believed to be Holding Fortifications With Rifles—Outlaws Given Until Sunday to Surrender—Serious Situation.

Moncton, May 20.—As a result of the rebellious and defiant attitude of deserters under the military service act at Buctouche and other points in Kent county a young man named Lorenzo Sawyer, French-Acadian, lies in Moncton hospital suffering from serious bullet wound received in combat with Dominion police officers Sunday afternoon. In digging Sawyer out of the garret of his barn where he had barricaded himself, armed with a double-barrelled shot gun, the police fired through the trap door, putting bullet from a 32-calibre revolver through Sawyer's body. Notwithstanding the seriousness of the wound Sawyer escaped from the attic window in the darkness and ran two miles to the house of a friend, where he fell exhausted from loss of blood.

Today he was brought by Hon. Dr. Landry of Buctouche to the Moncton hospital in an effort to save his life. An operation showed that the bullet entered the young man's groin, passing out through the hip on the opposite side. Whether Sawyer will recover from his serious injuries may not be known for some days.

A SHEDIAC BOY DIES OF WOUNDS IN FRANCE

Private Nickerson Was Son of Daniel J. Nickerson and Nephew of Conductor Nickerson.

Shediac, May 20.—Daniel J. Nickerson has been notified that his son, Private S. Elias Nickerson, has died of wounds in France. The late Private Nickerson enlisted in Regina in 1915.

Conductor John S. Nickerson, of the C. G. R. is an uncle. Dr. Sormany, ex-M. L. A., has been elected councillor to represent the town of Shediac at the Westmorland county municipal board.

NEWSPAPER MAN JOINS THE STANDARD OIL CO.

Victor Ross, Financial Editor of Toronto Globe, Becomes Assistant to the President.

New York, May 20.—The Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, today announced the appointment of Victor Ross, financial editor of the Toronto Globe, to the position of assistant to the president of the company.

CASUALTIES.

Ottawa, May 21.—Tonight's list of 44 casualties reports five killed in action, ten died of wounds, three missing and believed to have been killed, three wounded and missing, three died, two missing, thirty-five presumed to have died, twenty-seven wounded, and six ill. The Maritime names: Presumed to have died: F. A. Jamison, St. John, N. B. Ill.—R. Stapleford, Sussex, N. B.

POOL ACCOUNTS.

New York, May 20.—More buying is reported for pool accounts in Ann. Can., Baldwin, R. B. C. Sloss and Ann. Linseed. Evidence of resting orders if found under the market for U. S. Steel, Rdg., and the Marine stocks. N. Y. F. B.

ARE RESPONDING WELL. N. Reicon of Montreal, who arrived from that city yesterday, says that the military authorities are meeting with no opposition there at the present time and the citizens were responding to the call to the colors in large numbers. The military service act is being enforced with excellent results.

\$14,000 RUM SEIZURE.

Lawston, Mo., May 20.—Small boys discovered a can of liquor in the railway yards here and after breaking into the wet goods sold a few samples. Their act led to the seizure of \$14,000 worth of spirits.

Two visits were made to the home of Lorenzo Sawyer, the second trip at night resulted in the finding of the reluctant barricaded in the garret when the episode previously described took place. Officers Fired On. Earlier in the day the officers went to the home of James Cormier, Buctouche Bay, where another lively shooting affray, with the deserter and the police occurred. Cormier was armed with a rifle and when he saw the officers approaching his father's house he skipped out the back door. He fired on the pursuing officers, who exchanged shots with him, but there were no casualties on either side. Cormier, however escaped to the woods where there are supposed to be a hundred or more deserters holding fortifications with rifles. Great excitement prevails in the locality where the shooting occurred and throughout the county of Kent which is being combed by the Dominion police. Young French Acadians are believed to be in hiding and deserters under the M. S. Act. Inspector Rideout expresses the opinion that there are 150 more to be rounded up in the same locality where the combat took place. He has deputized several residents in the neighborhood to notify all delinquents to report not later than Sunday next. If they fail to comply with the order he will again visit Cocagne, Buctouche and other nearby sections with a large force of Dominion police to carry out the duty of his office.

The situation in Kent and details of the shooting have been reported by Inspector Rideout to headquarters at Ottawa. The St. Pierre boys at Cocagne Bridge, who were the first Kent county men to give the police any trouble have yielded. One who reported Saturday went to St. John tonight to don a uniform. The other two have been granted a few days to finish some work. Lorenzo Sawyer, the victim of the Buctouche shooting, is 24 years old and deserted from the 165th, now overseas, on a last pass. He was married about two months ago.