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BIG GERMAN ATTACK ON VERDUN FRONT IS REPULSED

France Announces the Adoption of Food Regulations to Conserve Resources

FRANCE ALSO RESTRICTS MEALS IN RESTAURANTS

Puddings Prohibited and Strict Economy Enforced on All Articles of Diet

Paris, Jan. 25.—France to-day followed the example of England and Italy in restricting meals in restaurants. Diners in restaurants are hereafter restricted to hors d'oeuvres or soup, two other dishes and cheese or desert. In regard to the two main dishes, the bill of fare, instead of the 60 or 70 items usually presented, is confined to a maximum of nine. The nine consist of one egg dish, two fish, three meat and three vegetable. The restrictions have been drawn up in conjunction with the representatives of the provision trades and have been taken in good part by both the public and the restaurant proprietors. Public opinion generally recognizes the importance of stopping the waste in food.

The decree was printed in the official journal to-day, but does not come into effect until February 15. It is applicable to all establishments where meals are sold to the public, including clubs, hotels, boarding houses and canteens. Managers must submit bills of fare for lunch-noon to the police authorities not later than 10 o'clock in the day and for dinner not later than 5 o'clock and must hang up a copy of the regulations in a conspicuous place. The restrictions include an absolute prohibition of puddings and all other articles of confectionery, milk, eggs, sugar and vegetables. Salads count as course, unless served on the same plate with meat. Albert Clavelle, under secretary for national subsistence, said in regard to the restrictions: "We have got to think of the future. The food situation is not grave at present, but importations may be subject to delay and our home production may meet unforeseen accidents. It is a question of holding out. That is why we are taking at once precautions which, without incommencing the public, will enable us to realize appreciable economy."

The British Manufacturers' Association of Kitchener, which has been formed to foster British sentiment and promote patriotic enterprise, includes all the manufacturers who were prominently identified with the movement to change the city's name.

Summary of To-days War News Over the Courier Leased Wire

Paris account of German attacks yesterday which appears to have been the most important offensive movement undertaken on the Franco-Belgian front in several weeks, says that the movement was launched along a rather wide front, being delivered at four points between Avocourt Wood, on the extreme left of the French lines about Verdun, and Dead Man Hill, a distance of more than 4-1/2 miles. The attack was repulsed, except that the Germans penetrated advanced trenches near Hill 304. The fighting in the Riga region, the Northernmost sector of the Russian front, continues to show advances for the Germans, according to Berlin, which reports additional Russian positions gained on both sides of the River Aa, southwest of Riga, bordering the great Tirul marsh.

The fighting in this marshy region is made possible at this season by the freezing of the swamps. The Russian offensive early this month was taken to be aimed at Mitau, the

Weather Bulletin
Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Atlantic disturbance has proved rather unimportant. The weather is very cold throughout the Dominion. Forecasts. Moderate to fresh northerly winds; temperature zero or lower in most localities tonight. Saturday—very cold, a light snow by night.



Hon. Uncle Sam—per President Wilson—proposes to snap the fuse and cripple the world's bomb of war. By Donahy in Cleveland Plain Dealer

LLOYD GEORGE TALKS OF WAR COUNCIL OF EMPIRE

It Will Mark a New World Epoch—A Variety of Matters to be Discussed—Allies are Going to Perpetuate an After the War Unity

London, Jan. 25.—Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George gave an important interview today on the subject of the forthcoming Imperial War Council to the London correspondent of the Australian United Cable Service. The Prime Minister said: "I do not wish to interfere in any way with the affairs of a great self-governing dominion, but we took the step of urgently inviting the dominion premiers to London, despite the fact that it might cause much inconvenience locally, because we desired their advice and assistance in coming to decisions about the conduct of the war and the negotiation of peace. "Australia, knows that I am no jingo. My record contains no journeyings into flamboyant imperialism, yet I regard this council as marking the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the Empire. The war has changed us. Heaven knows, it has taught us more than we yet understand; it has opened a new age for us, and we want to go into that age together with our fellows overseas just as we have come through the darkness together and shed our blood and treasure together."

First Duty of Council
It was obvious, to the correspondent, that in Mr. Lloyd George's mind the first duty of the council would be to consider the immediate task of winning the war. "The Empire War Council," continued the premier, "will deal with all general questions affecting the war. The prime ministers or their representatives will be temporary members of the war cabinet, and we propose to arrange that all matters of first-rate importance should be considered at a series of special meetings. Nothing affecting the dominions, the conduct of the war or negotiations for peace will be excluded from its purview. There will, of course, be domestic questions which each part of the Empire must settle for itself—questions such as recruiting in the United Kingdom, or home legislation. Such domestic matters will be our only reservation, but we propose that everything else should be so to speak, on the table."

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George Barnes, president of the Ontario Grape Growing and Wine Manufacturing Company, is dead at St. Catharines, aged 63. Guelph and South Wellington Agricultural Society may not hold a fair this year. C. L. Lelles was elected president. So great was the need that when five cars of coal reached Owen Sound yesterday immediate delivery for consumers was permitted. S. J. Williams, president of the Kitchener branch of the Canadian Patriotic fund, has resigned as a result of the recent civic elections.

CANADIAN RANGERS A PARALLEL TO THE RECENT SPEECH OF PRES. WILSON

Pay a Visit to the City of Dublin They Are Accorded a Most Hearty Welcome

Dublin, Ireland, Jan. 26.—The visit of the Canadian Rangers to the City of Dublin was successfully inaugurated to-day when the battalion formed at Wellington barracks. Lord Mayor Gallagher and the lady-mayress accompanied by leading citizens of the Irish capital were present to convey the city's welcome. The Lord Mayor said the voluntary service of Canadians of Irish birth and all creeds and politics showed what the Irish could do when united by one great cause. The battalion paraded the streets, the Lord Mayor taking the salute from the steps of the Mansion House. Later the Canadians were reviewed in Phoenix Park by the Lord-Lieutenant and Lieut-General Bryan Mahon, commander of the British forces in Ireland. The press of all shades of politics warmly welcomed the visit, which excited great public interest.

LABOR REQUESTS In Connection with Peace Conference

Manchester, Eng., Jan. 26.—The Labor conference in session here unanimously adopted to-day a resolution urging that all the British representatives at the peace conference should work for the formation of an international league to enforce the maintenance of peace on the plan advocated by the president of the United States and approved by the British plenipotentiaries. The resolution also demanded that the British plenipotentiaries should include an adequate number of parliamentary representatives of organized labor. The mover of the resolution remarked that many words had been spoken about Russia, but it should not be forgotten that it was Russia that initiated the Hague conferences. A statement London, Jan. 26.—(New York World cable)—The morning Post correspondent at Amsterdam says that he learns from well informed sources at The Hague that the German government intends to issue a statement with reference to President Wilson's speech in the American senate, but neither the nature of the statement nor the manner in which it will be published is yet known.

SIXTY THOUSAND Is the Number of Bombs Falling on Rheims Over Five Hundred Civilians Have Been Killed

New York, Jan. 26.—Sixty thousand bombs have fallen on Rheims, France, since the beginning of the war, 545 civilians have been killed and 652 wounded, according to a statement prepared by Whiter Warren, the architect. Mr. Warren returned from France yesterday with material for a supplementary report to the French Institute on the present condition of the Rheims Cathedral. Of the number killed, 86 were children and 192 were women, Mr. Warren said. The cathedral, he added, has received 100 bombs and all the quarter that surrounds it is absolutely demolished. "If one overlooks the demolished flying buttresses and surface wounds," said Mr. Warren, "the carcass of the Cathedral, which is built like a fortress, has resisted nobly. But the three winters which have passed since the burning of the roof threaten absolutely to destroy the vaults which are thus without protection from the weather."

WAS ELECTROCUTED

Windsor, Jan. 26.—St. Clair Walker, aged 28 and married, was electrocuted last night in a garage on Pitt Street. With another employee he was repairing an electric light wire and his hands came in contact with an exposed fire. He died within three minutes.

BIG HUN OFFENSIVE TAKES PLACE ON VERDUN FRONT

Attacks Were Made at Four Points but the Enemy in Each Instance Was Repulsed

Paris, Jan. 26.—On the Verdun front last night the Germans made attacks at four points between Avocourt wood and Dead Man Hill. Today's war office announcement says the Germans were driven back with severe losses, although they penetrated advanced trenches near Hill 304. In Upper Alsace the Germans left their trenches at two points to attack, but were checked by the French artillery. The text of the announcement follows: "On the right bank of the River Meuse, after a violent bombardment German forces yesterday evening delivered attacks upon four points of our front: between Avocourt Wood and a point to the east of Dead Man Hill, but they were repulsed by our infantry and our machine guns. Our assailants were compelled to make their way back to their trenches with the exception, however, of certain detachments who were successful in penetrating some of our advanced trenches in the sector of Hill 304. The enemy during this attack suffered severe losses and left numerous dead in front of our lines, particularly in Avocourt Wood. During the course of the night German troops undertook several surprise attacks upon some of our minor positions, but these failed under the fire of our men located to the north of Chilly, south of the Somme and to the northeast of Vingre, between the Oise and the Aisne. "In Upper Alsace, near Largitzen, after a spirited bombardment, forces of the enemy came out of their trenches at two points. Our artillery put a definite check to this endeavor. On the remainder of the front, there has been intermittent cannonading. The German Claim Berlin, Jan. 26.—via Sayville—French trenches on Hill 204, north-west of Verdun, were stormed yesterday by German troops along a front of 1,600 metres, the war office announced to-day. Approximately 500 prisoners were taken by the Germans who also captured ten machine guns. The French failed in a counter-attack at night.

J. L. BARNES, Sec'y-Treas.