

The St. John Standard

TOO ARMISTICE SIGNED!

A GRAND VICTORY WON BY FRENCH

Pétain's Men in Ten Mile Advance Yesterday Captured One Hundred Villages and Freed Great Number of Civilians — Germans Suffer Severe Defeat.

Paris, Nov. 7.—With ever-increasing speed the French troops are forcing the Germans back north of the Aisne and on all the rest of the front which the French are fighting over, according to the war office announcement tonight. An advance of ten miles has been made at certain points since yesterday.

The statement reads: "Our troops continued without cessation their pursuit of the enemy during the day. "On our left we crossed and went far beyond the road between Vervins and Avesne, north of Lachapelle, south of this locality we reached on the west the railway between Lachapelle and Hirson on the general line of Esfey and Origny-En-Thierache.

THE WAR WILL SOON BE OVER

United States Got into War Last and Celebrated First Says McPherson, But What Does it Matter? (By William L. McPherson.)

C. P. R. TAKES \$17,000,000

Montreal Has Subscribed Over \$60,000,000 of Victory Loan.

GIRL ILL-USED?

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Nov. 7.—The case of a girl who was brought to Fredericton from Keswick by the Children's Aid Society came before the police magistrate this afternoon.

REVOLUTION SPREADS.

London, Nov. 7.—Altona, across the river from Hamburg, and Pionburg, to the northeast, are reported within the power of revolutionary soldiers. The airfield at Apenrade in North Schleswig, has been occupied and the airman there placed under arrest.

WAIT ALL NIGHT.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The offices of Secretary Baker, Secretary Lansing and the committee on public information were kept open all night with officials waiting to announce immediately any news that might come of the result of Marshal Foch's meeting with the German armistice envoys.

False Report That War Had Ended Is Greatest Hoax of Present Year

United Press Received Fake Cablegram Which Started American Continent Celebrating—When Message Received Foch Had Not Seen German Emissaries—The Associated Press Gave the Facts.

New York, Nov. 7.—A hoax report that Germany had accepted the terms of the armistice and that fighting had ended threw this country and Canada into a delirium today and turned out to be the greatest hoax of recent years. Official assurance that the report was false failed to check the almost riotous demonstrations which swept over many American cities and millions of Americans will not know how they were fooled until they read the morning papers.

At 3:55 o'clock in Paris, it was officially announced that four German officers bearing a white flag would probably arrive at Marshal Foch's headquarters some time tonight. That announcement was one hour and thirty-five minutes after the hour reported as the end of the fighting and the German commissioners had been expected the troops still were fighting their way forward.

None of these unfounded reports of course, was received or distributed by The Associated Press, which on the contrary was developed by a debate in the Reichstag that the armistice had not yet been signed and that the German representatives would not meet Marshal Foch until five p. m. Paris time, or 12 noon, Washington time.

FOLLOWS HUSBAND TO THE GRAVE

Mrs. Allen, Wife of Dr. D. Boise Allen of St. Stephen, Passes Away While on Trip to Bury His Body.

ALLIED FLEETS GO TO CONSTANTINOPLE

London, Nov. 7.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters, Ltd.)—Reuters learns that the Allied fleets will anchor off St. Sophia, Constantinople, on Saturday next.

THE GERMAN PLENIPOTENTIARIES ARRIVE ON THE SOIL OF FRANCE

LONDON SEES PEACE IN A SHORT TIME

Entente Bill Against German Nation Will Stagger That Country. WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP ALL COLONIES

All Shades of Opinion Believe End of War is in Sight. (Special Cable to the N. Y. Tribune and the St. John Standard.) London, Nov. 7.—The Allies' reply to Germany, through President Wilson, was published here this morning, and the first impression of all shades of opinion seems to be that peace is now definitely within reach.

PREMIER WILL GO TO ENGLAND

Sir Robert Borden, Sir George Foster and Hon. Arthur L. Sifton Will Accompany Him.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The prime minister will leave at an early date for England to represent Canada in connection with the peace conference. He will have the assistance and advice of Sir George Foster and the Hon. Arthur L. Sifton, who will accompany him, and at a later date, as soon as urgent duties permit, Mr. Doherty will proceed to England for the same purpose.

ARMISTICE NEWS IS NOT HELD UP

Washington, Nov. 7.—Late tonight George Creel, chairman of the Commission on Public Information, issued the following statement as the result of widely circulated reports that the cable censorship was holding up dispatches which might confirm the false announcement cabled today that an armistice had been signed.

FLEET REVOLTS!

London, Nov. 8.—Virtually all the German fleet has revolted, according to a despatch received from the Hague. The men are complete masters at Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, Heligoland, Borkum and Cuxhaven.

MCCURDY RESIGNS.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—F. B. McCurdy, M. P., has resigned as parliamentary under-secretary for successors' civil service establishment. A successor has not yet been appointed.

Order Given to Cease Firing on Front Through Which They Passed, at Three O'clock on Thursday Afternoon—Berlin Appeals for Provisional Suspension of Hostilities—Enemy Envoys Due at French Outposts Last Evening—London and Washington Deny That Armistice Yet Arranged.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Nov. 7.—German grand headquarters requested Allied grand headquarters by wireless to permit the passage of the German delegation for armistice negotiations through the lines. The order was given to cease firing on this front at three o'clock in the afternoon until further orders.

PERSONNEL OF MISSION.

The mission is headed by Matthias Erzberger, secretary of state and head of the war press department, and includes General H. Kaxon Winterfeld, former attaché at Paris, Count Alfred von Oberndorf, former minister at Sofia, General Von Gruenell and Naval Captain Von Salow.

LABOR REPRESENTATIVE.

The prime minister and the minister of labor have conferred with the president of trade and labor congress as to the selection of a labor representative to accompany the prime minister and Mr. P. M. Draper, secretary of the trade and labor congress, has been selected for that purpose.

ST. STEPHEN DEAD

St. Stephen, Nov. 7.—At about 2 o'clock a. m. morning, M. J. O'Donnell entered into rest, after an illness of some months of cancer in his throat. Mr. O'Donnell was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of St. Stephen, and had the sympathy of all in his affliction.

HOWARD SIMMS.

(Note: "Unipress" is cable code address for United Press; Howard is Roy W. Howard, president of the United Press, and Simms is William Philip Simms, Paris correspondent of the United Press.)

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