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Reported They Are Giving Up Antwerp

Evacuation by Enemy, Says London News Paper; French Only Seven Miles From Ghent; Allies Across The Scheldt and German Resistance Weakening

A despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons from New York states that the London Daily Express says the Germans have evacuated Antwerp.

London, Oct. 21.—The French troops on the Allied centre in Belgium have gained a bridgehead across the Lys Canal at Nivelles, seven miles west of Ghent.

ENEMY WEAKNESS.

Paris, Oct. 21, 1 p.m.—Allied troops have crossed the Scheldt River at several points in the region of Audenarde, fifteen miles southwest of Ghent. Audenarde has been encircled and its fall is expected momentarily. German resistance is reported to be weakening on this sector of the front.

TEN MILES FROM GHENT.

London, Oct. 20.—Allied forces in Belgium are within ten miles of Ghent, according to the official statement on operations there issued by the war office tonight. The statement reads:

"The advance of the army groups in Flanders, under command of King Albert, continued throughout today. After vainly trying to arrest our progress towards the western bank of the Lys, along the Brines-Eccloo Canal, and near the Dutch frontier, the Germans have been forced to withdraw over the whole front."

"The Belgian army has established itself along the canal. Its left flank is on the Dutch frontier and the army has occupied the important centres of Aalst, Adegem, Bellemeuse (about ten miles west of Ghent)."

ALL THREE OF ALLIES WIN.

Have, Oct. 20.—The following official communication was issued today by Belgian headquarters:

"The offensive operations of the armies in Flanders under the command of General Rie continued during Sunday. After attempting to oppose our advance on the west bank of the Lys river and the Brines Canal from Edeco to the Dutch frontier the Germans were obliged to retreat along the whole front. The Belgian army is standing along the canal, with its left resting on the Dutch frontier."

"The French army in Belgium has not only driven the Germans back but has captured the enemy's rear guard, but has even, notwithstanding the inundations caused by the Germans, crossed the river, establishing a bridgehead between Ghent and the Dutch frontier."

"The second British army, overcoming violent enemy resistance and difficult communications, crossed the Lys along its whole front and reached on the right the western outskirts of Pecq in the valley of the Scheldt. The front of this army passes through a line west of Pecq, the outskirts of Dossignies east of Rillieux, Vichte and Wilsbeke. It has taken since Oct. 14, 6,500 prisoners and captured 160 guns."

BELGIANS REACH DUTCH BORDER.

London, Oct. 20.—The Belgian advance continues. Cavalry closely following the enemy today captured several machine gun nests, according to reports received tonight.

Further north the Belgians reached the Dutch frontier. To the south they reached a line more than twenty kilometers east of Bruges, capturing numerous villages. The material abandoned by the enemy is enormous. Several batteries were captured on the Belgian coast."

DENMARK EVIDENTLY WANTS PROVINCE BACK

Sends Note to Germany About Schleswig-Holstein

Amsterdam, Oct. 21.—Denmark, according to news agency telegrams to the Dutch press, has sent a note to Germany suggesting that certain terms of the treaties executed between the two countries in the period from 1866 to 1870 should be carried out.

The Vadenland points out that Article 8 of the treaty of 1864 which ceded the Duchedom of Schleswig-Holstein to Prussia provided for a plebiscite in Schleswig to decide whether the inhabitants would prefer allegiance to Germany or to Denmark. This provision, it is declared, never had been carried out.

HUNS TORPEDO ONE OF STEAMERS WHICH SPAIN REQUISITIONED

Madrid, Oct. 20.—(Havas Agency)—The Epoca says that the steamer Maria, which had been requisitioned by the Spanish government, has been torpedoed by the German submarine.

CITY'S OFFER ACCEPTED.

Kane & Ring have accepted the city's offer of a compromise settlement on their claims on account of their contracts for reconstructing No. 5 wharf and warehouse and rebuilding the trestle last year. Their claims totalled more than \$6,000, and the city's first offer was for \$8,076.78. An agreement was reached on the basis of each side conceding \$1,200, but settlement was held up on the contractors' demand for interest. They have relinquished this claim and accepted a payment of \$4,876.77, giving the city a release for all claims.

VICTORY LOAN POSTERS.

Regarding reports that he had refused to permit Victory Loan posters to be displayed in the windows of his drug store at the corner of Charlotte and Princess streets, George A. Cameron said this morning that the posters had been on display in his windows since the first day they were issued and he had decorated his car with advertising stickers as well. He was at a loss to explain the origin of the reports. Water street merchants say they have so far received no request to place posters in their windows.

GAVE HIS LIFE IN WAR



Sergeant Lester L. Murray, killed in action on Sept. 30, as announced elsewhere.

MAY HAVE THE REPLY TONIGHT

Lansing Says Berlin Answer Coming Very Soon

London Believes That if it is Unfavorable Austria-Hungary and Turkey Will Take Separate Action For Peace

Washington, Oct. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing said today he had reason to believe the German reply to President Wilson's note would be received very shortly, perhaps before the day was over.

The Prospect.

London, Oct. 21.—Official quarters in London were still without news of the German reply to President Wilson at a late hour last night.

The view here is that if the reply is unacceptable to the Entente Powers, Austria and Turkey will arrange a joint conference to take independent peace action.

Delayed For Few Days?

Paris, Oct. 21.—Differences of opinion on various points in the German reply to President Wilson have arisen during a conference of the Reichstag groups. As a consequence, the despatch of the reply has been postponed for a few days, says a despatch from Zurich to the Matin.

A Good Answer.

Paris, Oct. 20.—Universal press is accorded President Wilson's answer to Austria-Hungary by the Paris press. The papers agree that he struck a vital part of the German demand for the right of self-government for the Czechoslovaks and the Jugos-Slavs, who are now an integral part of the Entente forces, claiming for themselves the right of self-government.

New York Government.

Basel, Oct. 20.—Turkey's new ministry has been completed with Tewfik Pasha as grand vizier, and Tefik Pasha as minister of foreign affairs.

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EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS NOT MORE THAN 200

San Juan, Porto Rico, Oct. 17.—(By the Associated Press)—Latest estimates on the loss of life in the recent earthquake which struck Porto Rico place the total at not more than 200, mostly at or near Mayaguez. The property damage is estimated at \$5,000,000.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis.—A moderate disturbance is moving eastward across the maritime provinces accompanied by strong winds and showers and another is centered over Saskatchewan.

Forecast.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence.—Moderate westerly winds, fine with moderate temperature today and on Tuesday.

Gulf and North Shore.—Strong southwesterly winds, fine tonight and on Tuesday, with moderate temperature.

Maritime.—Strong southwest to west winds, occasional showers; Tuesday, fresh west and northwest winds, fair. New England.—Fair and slightly cooler tonight and Tuesday, fresh northwest winds on the coast, diminishing Tuesday.

Great Need at Once for Forty Women Helpers

Appeal for Volunteer Nurses in St. John

NEED NOT BE EXPERIENCED

Cases in City Reported up to Noon Today 500—Boston Lifts Ban After Nearly 4,000 Deaths—Decline in New York—Reports From Other Places

The number of officially reported influenza cases in the city up to 3 p. m. today is exactly 500.

This is the same number as was reported in the morning papers, which is explained by the fact that the board of health's inspectors and venereal caught up with their work by keeping busy on Sunday.

There are quite a number of new cases yet to be investigated and looked after by the board of health.

Quickly influenza figures are nearing what physicians think would be the top notch of epidemic in a city of 50,000. Since Saturday's report in The Times the record shows an increase, but still the health officials are not unduly alarmed.

May Open Special Hospital.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock the minister of health, Hon. W. F. Roberts, and Dr. Geo. G. Melvin, chief medical officer, will meet with the local board of health and confer over the need of opening an emergency hospital in which to care for influenza patients who may have no residence here and others whom it may be inadvisable for them to leave their homes.

It is understood the board of health, upon which the municipality will have some board members, expects to have in mind the Parks Convalescent Soldiers Home in New Brunswick avenue, a block of Mount Pleasant. This building has been very little occupied of late and if it is decided to open it for epidemic purposes a rush order of plumbing and fixing up will have to be done. Other buildings which have been under consideration by the board are Calvin church and the old Bentley street school.

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TAX CAPACITY OF PRISONERS' DOCK IN THE POLICE COURT

A Series of Cases Having to do With Alleged Liquor Law Violations, Result of Inspectors' Activity

The prisoners' dock in the police court was filled this morning with cases arising out of the activity of the inspectors of the liquor law.

John Fitzmaurice was charged with having liquor in his possession; Edward Burns, with supplying liquor; Minnie Burns with being drunk, supplying liquor, and stealing \$10 from James Boyd; T. White with drunkenness, resisting the police and doing damage to the police patrol and two Russians were charged with having liquor in their possession.

Minor Burns pleaded not guilty to all three charges. McAlush told of going to her home in Bon's alley on Saturday night and searching for liquor. He found about 600 empty lemon extract bottles. James Boyd said he met the Burns woman in Pond street and he saw Burns with three or four other men standing at the corner of Sheriff and Brook streets. He saw Burns leave the gathering and go down into an alley off Brooks street and then return to the gathering. As he passed, McAlush said, he noticed that Burns' both side pockets were bulging out. He went back to the gathering and then they left and went into an alley. McAlush said he saw Burns pass Fitzmaurice a bottle of liquor. He then searched Fitzmaurice and found a bottle on him. The case went to the afternoon session. William M. Ryan is appearing for Burns. This is the sixth time that Burns has been before the court on liquor charges.

T. White was fined \$80 or two months in jail for drunkenness, \$20 or two months for damaging the police patrol and \$80 or two months for resisting the police.

FINE OF \$100.

George L. Craig, who was in the police court on Saturday afternoon charged with selling extracts, was allowed his freedom on paying a fine of \$100. William M. Ryan appeared for the defence.

WM. POWER, MARRIED THREE MONTHS AGO, IS VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

(Special to Times.)

Newcastle, N. B., Oct. 21.—Wm. Power of Red Bank died of pneumonia this morning, aged thirty-two. He was married but three months ago to Miss Della O'Shea of Boom Road, who survives him. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Power of Red Bank, and the following brothers and sisters: Lorne in France, Patrick at home, Katherine of Boston, Mary of Woodstock, Stella Theresa, Philomine and Carmel at home.

JURY SELECTED.

The following have been empaneled as a jury to enquire into the death of George Kimball. The inquest will be held on Friday night at 8 o'clock. N. S. Springer, foreman; Thomas Arnold, J. M. Kierstead, Robert McEwen, William A. Steiger and George C. Wetmore.

Heavy Work But the British Won

MAJOR-GENERAL LIPSETT FALLS

Former Canadian Division Commander Is Victim of German Sniper

London, Oct. 20.—(By the Canadian Associated Press)—Major-General Louis James Lipsett, C. B., C. M. G., lately commanding the third Canadian division at the front, has been killed by a sniper.

Carried Strong Position on Sunday Near Lecateau

MORE THAN 3,000 PRISONERS

Forced Passage of Flooded Sella River, With Tanks Helping—Downpour of Rain Made British Advance Very Difficult—Only Artillery Work on French Front

London, Oct. 21.—More than 3,000 prisoners were captured by the British yesterday in the operations north of Lecateau when the Sella River was crossed on a wide front, according to Field Marshal Haig's statement today.

The German positions were of great natural strength and were strongly held and there was heavy fighting throughout the day. The weather was unfavorable and the river was in flood, but the British forced a passage of the river early in the fighting.

The attack was launched by English, Scottish and Welsh divisions at 2 o'clock in the morning under most unfavorable weather conditions, a continuous rain rendering the advance extremely difficult. In overcoming the enemy's resistance great assistance was rendered at certain points by the tanks, which, despite the flooded state of the river, succeeded in passing to the east bank at an early hour.

So soon as the line of the river was secured bridges were rapidly constructed under a heavy fire from the hostile artillery and machine guns, enabling our guns to push forward close behind the advancing infantry and to afford them effective support at short range.

French Front.

Paris, Oct. 21.—There was no infantry fighting of moment on the French front last night. The official statement from the war office today reports only artillery activity between the Serre and the Aisne. In raids in Lorraine and Alsace the French captured prisoners.

British Headquarters in France.

20.—(Reuters).—The first and third British armies this morning joined battle with the Germans from northeast of Lecateau to the Scheldt Canal. The weather was wet and the ground heavy and slippery, but the attack started most favorably. The capture of Verd and Catlet is confirmed.

Fires broke out fresh in Douai yesterday and the enemy has been bombing heavily some of the towns captured by the British, evidently not intending that they shall enjoy the fruits of their victories untroubled.

The Canadians.

With the Canadian Forces, Oct. 20.—(By J. F. B. Livesey, Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—After capturing a series of villages on our right flank, including Loucheux, a western Ontario battalion yesterday entered Denain. The line was then established east of Ecaulin, Norming to east of Wandignieschateau.

Nearing Valenciennes.

London, Oct. 21.—In the Valenciennes region the British are approaching St. Amand, six miles northwest of Valenciennes. North of Tournai they are pushing forward to the line of the Scheldt River.

PTE. E. G. BELVEA DIES OF PNEUMONIA IN THE MILITARY HOSPITAL HERE

Private Ernest Glendon Belyea, aged twenty-three years, died this morning at half-past four o'clock in the St. James street military hospital of pneumonia. He was a son of the late George H. and Mrs. Belyea and is survived by five brothers, Alfred L., contractor and builder; William, James, George and Roy, all of this city; and four sisters, Mrs. Harry Cougle of Fairville, Misses Ada, Emma and Agnes of this city.

Before enlisting, Private Belyea had been engaged as a carpenter with his brother. He had spent the summer in camp at Sussex with the Depot Battalion, returning to the city with that unit only a short time ago. He had been ill only four days.

On the west side, where he was born and had lived, he had many friends, who will deeply regret his early death. Of fine character and disposition he had won the esteem and respect of those with whom he had come in contact both in civilian and military life. The funeral will be held with military honors on Tuesday afternoon.

J. A. GRANT BEREAVED

J. A. Grant, of Grant & Howe, shipbuilders, received word this morning of the death of his brother, Thomas Grant, of Chicago, which occurred today from pneumonia following Spanish influenza. Only recently Mr. Grant removed from Regina to Chicago. Besides his wife he leaves two small children. J. A. Grant will leave this evening for Chicago.

LEFT GREAT AIRDROMES IN ABANDONING COAST

London, Oct. 20.—(British Wireless Service)—In withdrawing from Flanders and the Belgian coast the Germans not only gave up their submarine bases but also left behind immense airdromes. Before the enemy retirement northern Belgium might have been known as the home of the Gotha. By moving eastward the Germans lose the points nearest to England from which they were wont to carry out raids upon London and other English towns. Hereafter, it is believed the Germans will find it increasingly difficult to make air raids on London.