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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 coast in Belgium have gained a bridgehead across the Lys Canal at Nevelle, seven miles west of Ghent.

COMPLETED THE BLOCKING UP OF OSTEND CHANNEL

Germania Scuttled Mail Boat Near the Old Vindictive

SCENES IN THE CITY

Huns Were Teaching Children German Language—Donaui a Place of Desolation After Ruthless Destruction by Enemy

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Before leaving Ostend, the Germans scuttled a large mail boat along the old British warship Vindictive, which was sunk in the channel there last May.

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.

HUNS TORPEDO ONE OF STEAMERS WHICH SPAIN REQUISITIONED

Madrid, Oct. 20.—(Havas Agency)—The Epic 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.

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 I. Morray, 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.

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 moving eastward across the maritimes provinces accompanied by strong winds and showers and an easterly centered low.

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

Lower St. Lawrence—Fresh westerly winds, fine tonight and on Tuesday, with moderate temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong southwest to west winds, showery; Tuesday, fresh westerly winds, fair and cool.

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 visitors 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, but these will possibly not be counted before midnight or perhaps tomorrow forenoon.

Quotidian 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.

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 the city to care for influenza patients who may have no residence here and others whom it may be inadvisable to send to the city.

It is understood the board of health, upon which the municipality will have a representative, expects a conference with a special hospital, have in mind the Park Convalescent Soldiers Home in Newblaine 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 the 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 this morning was spacious. Inspector McAlinh said that on Saturday night and searching her premises he found about 600 empty lemon extract bottles. James Boyd said he met the Burns woman in Pond street, who was carrying a large quantity of lemon extract from her for which he gave her \$1. He said that she mixed the extract with hot water and sugar. He drank it and fell asleep. When he awoke, about eight o'clock, he went up to a restaurant to have something to eat and when he went to pay the bill found that a \$10 bill which he had had prior to going into the house was gone. The case stood over until this afternoon.

Edward Burns pleaded not guilty to supplying liquor to John Fitzmaurice. Inspector McAlinh said that on Saturday night he and Inspector Garnet went to Sheriff street and while hiding in an alley 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, McAlinh said, he noticed that Burns' both side pockets were bulged out. He went back to the gathering and then they left and went into an alley. McAlinh said he saw Burke pass Fitzmaurice and found a bottle on the floor. The case stood over until this afternoon.

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 \$88 or two months in jail for driving a motor car 820 or two months for damaging the police patrol and \$80 or two months for resisting the police.

SINE OFFICIO. 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.

JURY SELECTED. The following have been empanelled 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, Ira Kierstead, Robert McCreary, William A. Steiger and George C. Wetmore.

Heavy Work But the British Won

Carried Strong Position on Sunday Near Lecateau

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.

TRIBUTES TO MEN OF THE SEA ON NELSON DAY

Navy League in London Receives Messages

Royal Navy and Merchantmen Haig's Glowing Words to Men of Ocean Service—Jellicoe Includes Fine Tribute to the United States Army

London, Oct. 21.—On the occasion of the annual celebration of Nelson Day, the Navy League has received day messages from prominent public men.

"On the courage, skill and endurance of British seamen, and always have depended, the issues of the great war," wrote A. J. Balfour, secretary of the Admiralty. "But for them, our continental allies would have been severed from all external aid."

Admiral Sir David Beatty said: "On this anniversary of the triumphant establishment of British supremacy, the grand fleet sends greetings to the Navy League."

A message from Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the British army, was received in London.

"The heart of every one in the British army goes out with mine to the officers and men of the royal navy and mercantile marine. Words fail me in expressing adequately the gratitude and appreciation for our comrades of a sister service. Thanks for their triumphant efforts, we remain mistress of the sea."

Admiral Sir David Beatty wrote: "The events of the present year have emphasized to an exceptional degree the supreme value of sea power not only to the British empire but to the allied cause as a whole. It is sea power alone that has made it possible to bring to and maintain in the main theatre of the war on the western front that great United States army which has turned out to have made possible the recent great victories in Palestine and Macedonia."

BAD TIME IN MOTOR BOATS

Wind and Waves High and Some on River Had Rough Experience

That skilful steering and cool-headedness on the part of helmsmen were responsible for saving many lives is a statement of several people who came down river in motor boats last evening. All those who braved the wind and waves are narrating exciting experiences encountered while coming through Grand Bay and also after passing through the Narrows, and in many instances they were also badly frightened and several acknowledged that they thought their time had come.

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 three months ago to Miss Della O'Shea of Boon Road, who survives him. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Power of Red Bank, and the following brothers and sisters: James and John in the west, William of Boston, Patrick home, Katherine of Boston, Mary of Woodstock, Stella Theresa, Philomine and Carmel at home.

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.

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 Loreine and Alsace the French captured prisoners.

British Headquarters in France, Oct. 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 Vred and Cateliet 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. Livesay, Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—After capturing a series of villages on our right bank, including Loucheux, a western Ontario battalion yesterday entered Denain. The line was then established east of Ecaillon, Norming to east of Wandignieschateau.

Nearing Valenciennes. London, Oct. 21.—In the Valenciennes region the British are approaching St. Amann, six miles northeast 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 Belvea, 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. Belvea 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 Belvea 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 & Home, 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.

MRS. SARAH MCKAY. The death of Mrs. Sarah McKay occurred early this morning at her home, 21 Brooks street, after an illness of one week. Death was due to bronchitis and pneumonia.