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Damascus Now Occupied By the British

FRENCH TROOPS OPEN NEW ATTACK NEAR RHEIMS

Germans Fall Back in Haste Before New French Assault at Rheims

This Morning's New Offensive Brings Instantaneous Success—Further Great Gaps Gouged Out of the Hindenburg Line—Germans Moving Artillery From Belgian Coast—German Lines of Retreat Threatened—St. Quentin Captured Yesterday and French Press Forward Today on all Sides of It—Americans Again Hotly Engaged—Canadians Though Greatly Out-numbered Fought Huns to a Standstill—Damascus, Syria's Greatest City, Falls to Allenby's Forces.

CLEARING OUT THE HUNS FROM ST. QUENTIN

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(Official)—The British are pushing further into the German positions on the front between St. Quentin and Valenciennes. The Allies have finished the work of clearing out the German defenders. South of Locatelet and Goffy and have freed Juncourt just to the south of the enemy troops.

BRITISH CROSS THE LYS AT STRATEGIC POINT

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The French and Belgian troops have made fresh progress in direction of Peogledé and Roulers and the British have seized Lodgehem on Roulers-Menin road. British detachments a statement says has crossed Lys between Warvick and Commines.

BULGARIAN SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

PARIS, Oct. 2.—Premier Malinoff appeared before the Bulgarian parliament on Monday and read the speech from the throne, which was postponed at the first sitting on Friday. Malinoff, according to German papers, said that the Bulgarian King and government intended only to fulfil their duty towards the Fatherland in making an honorable peace that was worthy of the sacrifices which had been made. The reason for this step, Malinoff stated, was the general situation which confronted the country.

WIDE GAPS TORN IN GERMAN DEFENCE SYSTEM

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(Official)—Wide gaps have been torn in the German line between St. Quentin and Locatelet by Field Marshal Haig's forces. The British commander reported today the breaking of the German line on Fonsomme-Beaurevoir front. Beaurevoir is two and a half miles east of Locatelet and Fonsomme is nearly five miles northeast of St. Quentin. St. Qupahar, four and a half miles southwest of Bellicourt, has been captured as has the hamlet of Preselle, just to the north. South of Cambrai, British troops, including the Scottish and New Zealanders, have occupied Crevecoeur and Rumilly.

350 KILLED IN RAILWAY DISASTER IN SWEDEN

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Three hundred and fifty persons have been killed in a railway accident north of Malmo, Sweden. Fifty children returning to Stockholm from the country are among the dead.

FRENCH FORCES PRESSING OUT BEYOND ST. QUENTIN

PARIS, Oct. 2.—French troops have now passed beyond St. Quentin northeast, east & northwest of the town, according to the Havas Agency. They hold a line running along the Somme front from Tronquoy to Rouvrois and then along the St. Quentin-Lafere road to the River Oise. West and north of Rheims, the French have made further important gains. The entire Massif of St. Thierry is now in French hands.

DAMASCUS TO BE OCCUPIED BY BRITISH TODAY

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Turkish commander at Damascus has asked for terms for surrender of city to General Allenby's forces, the Manchester-Guardian reports. It is expected that the troops of the British army in Palestine will enter city today.

ALL GERMAN SECRETARIES OF STATE HAVE RESIGNED

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 2.—All the German secretaries of state

have resigned and Prussian ministers intend to resign is the report from Berlin.

NEW FRENCH OFFENSIVE MAKES SWIFT HEADWAY

PARIS, Oct. 2.—French armies east and west of Rheims continue to advance today and the Germans are falling back more hurriedly than at any time since Sept. 26. French have captured five or six villages and their advance has reached a depth of from five to six kilometres. Americans are again hotly engaged. Germans are moving their artillery away from the Belgian coast in front of advancing Belgians and British.

DAMASCUS OCCUPIED BY BRITISH FORCES

LONDON, Oct. 2.—(Official)—Damascus, the capital of Syria was occupied by General Allenby's forces on Tuesday morning. Damascus is a Turkish base in Syria and Palestine and its reported fall probably means the end of all Turkish resistance to General Allenby in Palestine and Syria. The city which dates back to the dawn of history is a junction point of railways leading to port of Berna and Hoppo, 180 miles northeast. Aleppo is most important Turkish base in this region of Asia Minor as it is the junction point of railroads from Palestine and Mesopotamia. Damascus is the capital of Vilayet of Syria and has a population of 150,000. It is one of the Holy Cities of Mohammedans and Arabs regard it as one of four paradises on earth.

SERBIA IS BEING EVACUATED BY BULGARIANS

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Serbia is being evacuated by Bulgarian troops who are returning to Bulgarian territory according to Serbian official statement of Tuesday night.

GERMAN DEFENCE HAS BEEN BROKEN

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Between Cambrai and St. Quentin German line of defence has been broken. It is uncertain what lines enemy has in rear, British advance threatens German line of retreat in Oise valley and also from Massif of St. Gobain. Haig's forces today captured Rollegmen Capelle and advanced for a distance of three thousand yards southwest of Roulers.

MORNING DESPATCHES

250,000 ENEMY TROOPS AT SOFIA!

LONDON, Oct. 2.—It is reported that two hundred and fifty thousand Austro-Hungarian troops have arrived at Sofia, and will attempt to keep the railway open to Turkey.

CANADIANS GREATLY OUTNUMBERED, BATTLE ON

With the British Army, Oct. 2.—The struggle around Cambrai has reached a stage of intensity never known before. The Canadians were fighting eight German divisions yesterday. Nearly one hundred thousand Germans are facing Canadians.

FRENCH HAVE CAPTURED ST. QUENTIN

LONDON, Oct. 2.—Field Marshal Haig states in his night report that St. Quentin is now in the hands of the French.

BRITISH RECORD FOR SEPT.—66,000 PRISONERS AND 700 GUNS

LONDON, Oct. 2.—During the month of September the British captured 66,000 prisoners and 770 guns on the western front.

Holloway St. Choir Concert a Success

by a Well-Reviewed Program Given Entirely by Local Talent

Holloway Methodist Church choir held a concert last evening in the parlors and Sunday school room of the church. The program was tastefully arranged with early autumn flowers—asters, gladioli, salvia and with a background of spiky-tined leaves fresh from the artistic brush of Jack Frost. To one side stood the honor roll which contained the names of hard worshippers who answered their country's call and have gone overseas—some, no doubt, never to return—but whose memory will always be cherished.

The program was long but throughout its entire length, the closest attention and heartiest applause by the large audience in attendance denoted the keen interest and pleasure the hearers felt.

Mr. Harry McKay sang "Mary," feelingly, and in a southern melody the "darkey" accent was excellent. The story of a cooking disaster entitled "The Pudding" was recited by Miss Worrell in a very realistic manner and in response to the hearty encore she gave a pastiche reading "There's something in the British flag."

Mr. Stewart Robinson's rich baritone voice was heard to advantage in the selections "A Chip Off the Old Block" and "Athols."

Two piano selections, "Sous Bois" and "April Showers" displayed the good technique and musicianship of Miss Winnifred Pearce.

Two ladies troubles were recited by Miss Isabelle Adams in a reading entitled "Mrs. Bateson's Tea Party" and was heartily enjoyed.

By request Mr. E. Moack sang "She Was So Queer" and his hearty rendition requested another which was granted in "Mary of Argyle."

"How the Le Rue Stakes Were Lost" by Newton Hood transported the audience to an exciting racing contest in the mastery way it was handled by Miss Jean Bishop.

Gena Branscombe, the writer of appealing songs, composed the song "Dear Lad O'Mine" that was sung by Miss Stretch Walton in a sweet expressive voice which called forth hearty applause.

The chairman, Rev. J. N. Clarry, congratulated the choir on the success of the entertainment and expressed his appreciation of their able support inviting the audience to come on Sunday and hear them. He also spoke very feelingly of the national interests and the satisfaction felt in belonging to the British Empire which has carried the world through the darkest days of its history.

There's something in the British After All." Mrs. Duff sang in her usual manner a pleasing song, "There's a Land" and graciously responded to an encore with "A Fat Little Fellow Wid His Mammy's Eyes."

Many of the audience had the pleasure of hearing the director of vocal at Albert College, Mr. S. S. Anglin, for the first time and were immediately favorably impressed. His clear enunciation, artistic delivery and pleasing manner won the approval of his audience at once. His selections were "The Admiral's Broom" and two short numbers, "To My First Love" and "You'd Better Ask Me."

The accompaniments were artistically played by Miss Lillian Lobb, the organist and musical mistress of the choir, and very ably supported the singers. Miss Lobb, who arranged the concert with the assistance of the choir is to be congratulated on the success which crowned her efforts, making the evening an enjoyable one for all present.

The concert was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

Argues Verdict Was Justified

Counsel for Sister Basil Contends Archbishop was Personally Liable

The third day of argument on the appeal in the Appellate Court against a verdict of damages for \$24,000 granted to Sister Basil against Archbishop Spratt, Dr. Phelan and the Mother Superior, was entirely taken up by the arguments of W. N. Tilley, K.C., counsel for Sister Basil. In his arguments he tried to show that the alleged attempted abduction of Sister Basil was made with the sanction and full knowledge of the Archbishop. He further claimed that the manner in which the statement regarding the sending of the sister to an asylum and the conclusion arrived at by Father Mea, to whom the statement was made, was justification for the verdict the jury had arrived at. The argument was also directed towards proving the personal liability of the Archbishop as being cognizant at the time of the contemplated abduction. The happenings on the night in question were reviewed by counsel. "If he was innocent, why was he pussy-footing around so early in the morning?" asked Mr. Tilley, referring to the actions of the Archbishop. After noticing in March, 1916, that Sister Basil was not being treated as the rest of the sisters, Father Mea brought the matter to the attention of the Mother Superior and then the Archbishop. Mr. Tilley contended that he never discussed the conversation he had with the Archbishop what he was making a threat of proceedings to have Sister Basil placed in an asylum. At the Archbishop's suggestion he conveyed the information to her. A letter from Sister Basil to the Archbishop was read, in which she remarks that she was shocked to hear that he and Francis Regis had contemplated having her placed in a lunatic asylum. "This is the inference she drew from it, and it was the inference Father Mea drew," said Mr. Tilley.

Chief Justice Meredith asked whether it meant more than that the proper steps would be taken to confine her in an asylum. "What it means is that that doctor with those letters would give her a certificate without taking means to ascertain her condition," said Mr. Tilley.

Manner of Demeanor of Witness. In touching on the matter of Sister Basil being the author of letters and postcards, and which the Archbishop had referred to as being the product of a diseased mind, he had asked Father Mea to tell Sister Basil that she would find herself in a lunatic asylum. Mr. Tilley, further referring to this, said that it had been put to the jury as a threat, and that the question whether it was a threat or not depends largely on the manner or demeanor of the witness in the box, as a witness in the box describing what had been said to him always infers some manner or demeanor that the jury sees.

Mr. Tilley described at some length the alleged attempted abduction, and how, after many protestations, on the part of Father Mea, the party turned from the station to the Mother House, and after more wrangling they returned to the place of starting. He argued that the Archbishop knew what was afoot and said that he had invited the doctor to make out a statement of her insanity, that he knew a policeman was to be employed, and that he knew almost exactly the date the removal was to be made. "All this was proved," said Mr. Tilley.

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Miss Olive Cooper left yesterday for Toronto for a week's visit before proceeding to New York for a few months' study under a noted musician there.

Wedding Bells

A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Dixon, Barbara street, Trenton, when their elder daughter, Gladys, became the bride of Stanley Bumstead, B.A. B. Sc., the only surviving son of the late George Bumstead and Mrs. George Bumstead, of Owen Sound, who is now attached to the British Chemical Company Limited. The Rev. Capt. Foster, formerly of the Marmora street Presbyterian church officiated. Only the immediate relatives and friends were present. After the ceremony the happy couple left on the noon train for Western points. On their return it is understood they will reside in Trenton. Their many friends with the "Ontario" wish them much joy and success in their new sphere of life.

Lieut. G. E. Howard Missing

Lieut. George E. Howard, R.A.F., of Vermont Apartments, Toronto, was reported missing since September 25. A year ago he was wounded in the leg, and came home for two months, returning to duty last January. He is 23 years old and graduated from the University of Toronto. He enlisted in the C.O.T.C. and later entered the R.A.F. He went over in January, 1917. His mother resides at 12 Vermont Ave., Toronto. He is the nephew of Dr. Caldwell of this city and was a student at Belleville High School from 1902 to 1913.

Private H. H. Farley Fallen

Served With the Royal Montreal Regiment. The Misses Farley, 271 John St., received the sad news of the death in action of their nephew, Pte. Howard H. Farley, of the Royal Mounted Regiment in France, Sept. 3rd.

His sister with her aunt, Miss Farley, left at once for their home in Caticook, Que., and remained for the funeral service which took place on Wednesday, the 26th inst.

The large church of St. John the Evangelist was filled with sorrowing relatives and friends—Howard being a general favorite. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Farley, of Caticook and besides his parents he leaves two brothers, Mr. J. H. Farley, Montreal and Fred E. Farley, of Detroit and one sister, Miss Mary Farley, Caticook, also a great many relatives and friends to mourn his early death.

Pte. Farley was educated in Loyola College, Montreal, finishing his course there he entered McGill and took a science course, then enlisted in July 1917 and went overseas in October of the same year.

A young man of great promise and truly sterling qualities, dearly loved and deeply mourned, his memory will be cherished by a large circle of friends.

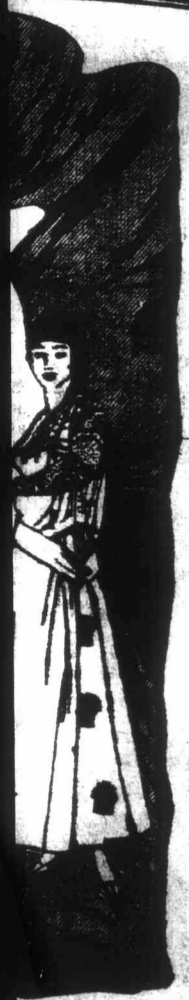
Military News

Taking Course in Toronto.

Misses H. Bishop, F. Farquarson, M. Lamb, U. Gould and V. Irton, of the staff of Queen's Military Hospital have gone to Toronto and are taking a course in the Military School of Orthopaedic Surgery and Physiotherapy, at the Hart House.

Absent on Leave.

Maj. D. K. Mundell, senior medical officer of the Royal Air Forces, Camp Mohawk, Deseronto, is absent on leave of absence. During his absence the senior medical officer at Toronto, was detailed a medical officer to take Maj. Mundell's place.



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