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## FRENCH CAPTURE VILLAGE OF SAILLISEL, NORTH OF SOMME

### ARMIES OF FRANCE GAIN MUCH GROUND

Germans Gain Foothold South of Somme, Southeast of Berny, but Are Driven Out by Spirited Counter Attack--Violent Artillery Struggle--Russians, Roumanians and Serbians Win Notable Victories.

#### BRITISH UNDER HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE—NIGHT ATTACKS SUCCESSFUL—EFFECTIVE AIR RAIDS AGAINST GERMAN BILLETTS AND TRAINS—RUSSIANS LOSE TRENCHES IN GALICIA.

Paris, via London, Nov. 12.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"North of the Somme we completed the conquest of Saillisel and carried, with grenades, some groups of houses in the eastern part of the village, where parties of Germans were still holding out. The whole village is now in our possession.

"The losses the Germans sustained in this fighting are indicated by the number of bodies which cover the captured ground.

Paris, Nov. 12, via London.—The French gained ground last night in the vicinity of Saillisel, on the Somme front, the war office announces. South of the Somme the Germans penetrated French trenches, but were expelled.

The statement follows:

"North of the Somme we made progress during the night to the north of Saillisel, as well as in the eastern part of the village. The enemy bombarded violently.

"South of the Somme, after a lively bombardment, the Germans attacked our trenches southeast of Berny. An attack was broken down by our fire. Enemy patrols which were sent out against a German trench, opposite Armancourt, were entirely successful.

"On the remainder of the front there was intermittent cannonading, which was more active at Fumil Wood, on the right bank of the Meuse."

#### Artillery Struggle Violent.

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#### Victory at Saillisel.

Paris, Nov. 11.—North of the Somme the French have retaken Saillisel village. The Germans dropped bombs on Amiens several times during the night.

"We delivered a sharp attack on the village of Saillisel, on the Baupenne road which we recaptured.

#### Germans Repulsed.

"South of the Somme an attack made by the Germans against our positions south of the Fresnois was repulsed with bombs. The artillery duel continued violently on both sides in the regions of Ablaincourt and Gommeourt. There was an intermittent cannonade on the rest of the front.

"Between ten and eleven o'clock on the morning of November 10, a group of seventeen British airplanes bombarded the steel works at Fookingen (Volklingen), northeast of Saarbrücken. One thousand kilograms of projectiles were dropped on the buildings, which were damaged seriously. In the course of the operation British machines fought several actions against enemy machines, three of which were destroyed. On the following night, between 8 and 9 o'clock, eight of our airplanes executed a fresh bombardment of these works, dropping 1,000 kilograms of projectiles. Several fires were observed. All our machines returned safely."

"During the night of Nov. 10-11 our squadrons drenched with projectiles the stations of Ham, St. Quentin, Terzieux and others in the Somme region, and the airfields at Dreux, the blast furnaces of Hazodange (north of Metz). These operations caused great damage, and several explosions and fires were observed."

"A German airplane, during the night of Nov. 10-11, bombarded several French towns. Nancy and Lunelville received projectiles which caused damage or casualties. The open town of Amiens was also bombarded on various occasions during the same night. Nine persons of the civilian population were killed and 27 injured."

#### The British Front.

London, Nov. 12.—The bulletin from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads:

"The enemy's artillery has shown considerable activity during the day, particularly in the neighborhood of Lesboeufs and Eaucourt L'Abbaye. Early in the morning, and again during the afternoon, we successfully discharged gas against the enemy trenches north of the Ancre. "Otherwise there is nothing to report."

#### Fights in the Air.

London, Nov. 11, 11:40 p. m.—The British official communication issued this evening reads as follows:

"Some sixty prisoners, including four officers, were taken as a result of last night's successful attacks. Yesterday there was again considerable activity in the air. During the day bombing raids were continued with effect against enemy billets, aerodromes and headquarters, and at night enemy stations and trains were successfully attacked, two trains being hit by bombs, while a third was set on fire and a number of explosions followed."

"In the course of numerous fights in the air three enemy machines were destroyed, and a fourth was forced to land within our lines. Many others were driven down in damaged conditions. One of our machines is missing."

#### Russians Successful.

Petrograd, Nov. 12, via London.—The Russian army which is invading Transylvania to assist the Roumanians in the defense of their western frontier has gained further successes, the war office announces, and have penetrated Transylvania a distance of more than 50 miles below the Bukovina border. In Dobruja the advance against Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army continues.

The war office announces the capture by the Russian army in Transylvania of two commanding heights south of Almasmezo, 55 miles southeast of Dorna Watra. In Dobruja the Russian advance southward continues.

Austro-German troops, in large force, attacked Russian positions in the Stokhod river region of Volhynia yesterday, and captured a section of Russian trenches.

The artillery struggle was especially violent throughout the night in the Ablaincourt and Gommeourt sectors. After an all-day battle in Galicia, southeast of Lemberg, Austro-German troops captured a section of the Russian trenches, the war office reports. The engagement occurred in the vicinity of Lipsicadoina and Svistelnik, where continuous heavy fighting has been in progress since the Russians captured Austro-German positions there last week.

#### Series of Sharp Thrusts.

The past week has brought a continuous series of sharp thrusts and counter-thrusts along the entire southern section of the Russian front, with both sides constantly drawn into

### NINE PERSONS IN MOTOR CAR ARE DROWNED

#### Automobile Plunges Through Open Draw Into North Arm of Fraser River, Near Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 12.—Nine persons were drowned at eight o'clock Saturday evening at the Fraser avenue bridge across the north arm of the Fraser river, five miles from the center of Vancouver. They were aboard a large covered automobile, which was on one of its regular trips from Ladner into the city. Twelve persons, including the driver, George Smith, were aboard the car. The draw swing was open to allow a tug to pass up the Fraser and the big automobile plunged through the gates and over into the tideway, twenty feet below.

The known dead are: Thomas Marshall and A. Steward, manager and engineer, respectively of the evaporating plant at Ladner; Mrs. Evans and daughter, Lorna, who are mother and sister of the little girl who was saved; R. Wilcox and Ken Ritchie, young men of Ladner; Mrs. Annie Brown, of North Vancouver, and Chinaman. There was doubt this evening of the identity of the two others.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg continues to hammer the Russian position between Berezany and Halicz, in Galicia, southeast of Lemberg, where, occupying a range of hills along the Narayuvka river, the Russians are still reaching out threateningly toward Lemberg.

The Russian army is successfully accomplishing its purpose of preventing a further diversion of Austro-German troops to the Roumanian front.

#### Serbians Victorious.

Paris, Nov. 12, via London.—The Serbian forces in the Corna river region, on the Macedonian front, southeast of Monastir, have inflicted a further defeat on the Bulgarians, it is announced officially.

All of Culese Hill is now in the possession of the Serbians as well as the village of Pogoz, which was captured by the result of a brilliant assault.

#### Roumanians Winning.

Bucharest, via London, Nov. 11.—Official announcement was made here today that Roumanian forces have captured two mountain positions in the Tritus Valley, on the Transylvanian front, and have assumed the offensive over a long section of the battle line. Several Austro-German attacks were repulsed. At Dobruja the army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen has been driven back.

### Duke of Devonshire Formally Installed as Governor General

Oath Administered at Parliament Building in Halifax Saturday Afternoon by Sir Louis Davies—Vice-Regal Party Received with Much Ceremony at Halifax.

Halifax, Nov. 12.—The Right Honorable, the Duke of Devonshire was formally installed as governor-general of Canada in the historic council chamber of the Nova Scotia provincial building here at three o'clock Saturday afternoon in the presence of representatives of the Dominion government, the cabinet, the senate, the navy, the army, the supreme court of Canada, the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, the provincial cabinet, the clergy of Nova Scotia and prominent citizens. The ceremony was sworn in by the Hon. Sir Louis Davies, K. C. M. G. The Duke of Devonshire was the third governor-general installed at Halifax, the others being the Marquis of Lorne and Earl Grey. The ship bearing the Duke of Devonshire, the Duchess of Devonshire, their two daughters, Lady Maud Louisa Emma Cavendish and Lady Blanche Katherine Cavendish, arrived here at noon.

#### Ducal Party Greeted.

The big gun on Citadel Hill had just boomed the noon hour when the ship bearing the ducal party swung in alongside the pier. The gang plank was swung out and the under-secretary of state, Mr. Mulvey, went on board and paid his respects to the ducal party.

As soon as the ship was docked His Grace, the Duke of Devonshire, Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, Lady Maud Louisa Emma Cavendish and the Lady Blanche Katherine Cavendish were soon close to the rail of the upper promenade. His Grace wore a morning suit; Her Grace, Lady Maud and Lady Blanche wore traveling costumes, and their furs. The sun shone brightly, there was a nip of cold in the air, a typical fall morning in Canada. In spite of the rough trip all had an excellent color and were taking a keen interest in everything around them. They remained on board for luncheon.

Shortly before 2 o'clock the Hon. Mr. Blonard, secretary of state, Mr. Mulvey, under-secretary of state; Admiral Kingsmill and staff, Major General Hodgins, adjutant-general and his staff, went on board to receive His Grace the Duke of Devonshire and the Duchess. In a few minutes they disembarked again accompanied

by Captain Buckley-Johnson, King's Royal Rifles, and were followed shortly afterward by His Grace and Her Grace and suite.

His Grace was preceded by the Equerry in the handsome uniform of an officer of the Coldstream Guards. His Grace wore a morning suit and was followed by Her Grace, who wore a black sealskin coat, trimmed with ermine.

They descended from the upper to the lower floor of the pier where they were received by a guard of honor with a military salute. His Grace and Her Grace and suite were then conducted to automobiles and proceeded to the parliament buildings.

The streets from the pier to the parliament building were lined on both sides with khaki clad men of overseas troops and forces doing garrison duty here.

Though the citizens had not known in the morning of the coming of the ducal party the soldiers were on the streets at noon hour, and it soon became noised about that the new governor-general had arrived. The result was that there were many thousands of citizens along the route to the provincial buildings and the Duke and Duchess were kept busily engaged bowing their acknowledgments.

The Duke was received at the province building by a guard of honor made up of a detachment from the 63rd Halifax Rifles, commanded by Captain H. Clarke, and the band. The Duke and Duchess and suite went at once to the house of assembly where the procession was formed.

A few minutes to three o'clock Captain Hicks, secretary to the lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia led the procession from the house of assembly to the council chamber.

On the entrance of the Duke and Duchess the entire assemblage arose. The Duke took his seat on the dais on the south side of the council chamber and the Duchess was escorted to her place at the left of the dais. Just behind the Duchess were the members of the family; to their left were the Hon. Sir Louis Davies, K. C. M. G., and members of the supreme court of Nova Scotia. His Excellency was immediately sworn in by Sir Louis.

### ST. STEPHEN HAS BRISK FIRE ON SATURDAY

#### Two Houses Burned and Others Damaged—High Wind Prevailed at Time—Loss \$2,000.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Nov. 12.—What threatened at one time to be a very serious fire broke out Saturday in a small tenement house on Pine street, owned by Miss Annie Thompson, and occupied by Sheridan O'Brien and his family. This building was completely consumed with about all its contents, which included a winter's supply of wood and \$65 in money. An adjoining house owned and occupied by Mrs. Ellen Bamford was practically destroyed, but her loss was covered by insurance.

Miss Thompson's loss is pretty well covered by insurance, but Mr. O'Brien who is a hard working and industrious citizen, had no insurance.

The burned properties were located at the upper end of the town, and a gale was blowing directly toward a residential district. Eight houses were on fire at various times, and only good work by the St. Stephen, Calais and Milltown firemen prevented a serious conflagration. The total loss above insurance will be about \$2,000.

WIFE OF 18 TAKES HER OWN LIFE

#### Capt. Black and Others Leave to Aid Kilties Campaign—Automobile Burned.

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Fredericton, Nov. 12.—Mrs. Jacob Elliott of Burt's Corner committed suicide by taking a dose of strychnine at her home on Friday night and was found dead by her husband on his return from work.

Capt. J. D. Black, quartermaster of the 236th Battalion, left here on Saturday evening for Toronto to arrange for advertising in connection with the Kilties' recruiting campaign in Ontario.

A runabout automobile, owned by W. K. Howard, a lumber buyer of Bangor, Me., was burned on the Woodstock road near McKimley's ferry on Saturday.

### IT WAS GERMAN U-BOAT WHICH SANK COLUMBIAN

#### Crew Landed at Corunna, Spain—Germans Blame Captain of Rowanmore for Loss of His Vessel, Which They Say Disregarded Submarine Signals

#### SEVERAL BRITISH AND NORWEGIAN VESSELS VICTIMS OF HUN'S UNDERWATER CRAFT—ONLY ONE AMERICAN WAS ON BRITISH STEAMER ARABIA—DANISH BOAT TORPEDOED.

Paris, Nov. 12.—A wireless despatch from Madrid says that it was a German submarine which sank the American steamer Columbian. According to this information, the Columbian encountered the submarine on Nov. 6, during a violent tempest. The submarine compelled the Columbian to interrupt her voyage and lie to under surveillance until Nov. 8. When the storm subsided, the despatch says, the submarine ordered the crew to abandon the ship, and then sank her.

A Havas despatch from Madrid quotes the newspapers from Corunna, Spain, where the crew is reported to have landed, to the effect that when the Columbian was held up the submarine ordered the crew to disembark, but that the storm was so severe that this was impossible until two days later.

The despatch also says that the Norwegian steamers Balto and Fordalen were destroyed in the same manner on Nov. 9.

A despatch from London on Nov. 8 said that the American-Hawaiian steamship Columbian, of 5,574 tons gross, was sending out wireless telegraphy calls for help, stating that she was being shelled by a submarine.

The Columbian is under American registry, and sailed from New York October 18 and Boston October 21, bound for Genoa. The Columbian is owned by the American Hawaiian Steamship Company of New York. The vessel carried no passengers, but had a crew of about 113 officers and men. She was under charter by the France and Canada Steamship Company, with offices in New York.

#### Blames Rowanmore's Captain.

Berlin, Nov. 11 (Associated Press via Sayville Nov. 12).—The report of the commander of the German submarine which sank the British steamer Rowanmore, on which there were several Americans, has been received by the admiralty, and indicates that the captain of the steamship was responsible for her bombardment by the submarine. The report says the Rowanmore disregarded the submarine's signal to halt, and endeavored to escape at full speed, making it necessary for the submarine to fire a few shots in order to bring her to the coast.

The crew showed its opinion of the captain's course, the report says, by piling into boats, leaving the master alone on the steamer. He was forced to lower a boat unaided, and was paddling around alone therein which was picked up by the submarine.

The Americans on board, as far as can be located, consisted of several negro firemen.

No report has been received on the case of the British steamer Marina which, with fifty-two Americans in the crew, was sunk by a submarine off the Irish coast.

Three other cases of the sinking of ships have been submitted by the American embassy to the foreign office. These vessels were destroyed in September. No evidence was presented in this connection to indicate that Germany's assurance in regard to the conduct of submarine warfare has not been observed. No report has been received by the embassy.

An informal request for information in regard to the sinking of the Rowanmore and Marina was made to the German government last month. There were two white Americans and five Filipinos in the crew of the Rowanmore, all of whom were saved. Affidavits obtained by the American consul at Liverpool said the Rowanmore attempted to escape, but that the submarine continued to shell her after she stopped. Six Americans on the Marina, which was armed with a 4.7-inch gun, lost their lives. American survivors said, under oath, that the vessel was torpedoed without warning.

#### Three Norsemen Sunk.

London, Nov. 11.—The loss of three Norwegian steamers is reported in Reuter despatches. The Norwegian steamer Tripel is said to have been sunk by a submarine, while the steamers Balto and Fordalen were torpedoed. Thirty-six of the crew of the Tripel are reported to have been saved.

#### NINETEEN WOMEN KILLED BY TRAIN

#### War's Horrors Not Only Evils which Capital City of Germany Have to Contend with

Berlin, Nov. 11, by wireless to The Associated Press, Nov. 12.—The Jalk express, which runs between Constantinople and Berlin, dashed at full speed today into a party of women section hands in a suburb of Berlin. Nineteen women were killed.

There was a heavy fog at the time. The women had stepped out of the way of a westbound train and did not observe the approach of the Balkan express.

### ST. JOHN OFFICER WOUNDED

#### Names of Chatham and Milltown Men Also Appear in Midnight Casualty List.

Ottawa, Nov. 12.—Midnight casualty list.

Infantry. Missing, Believed Killed in Action. H. W. Vatcher, Halifax, N. S. Wounded—

W. P. Connors, Chatham, N. B. Sergt. W. E. Nelson, 60 Pitt street, St. John, N. B. Alfred Plank, North Sydney, N. S. Charles Verhille, Milltown, N. B. Artillery.

Wounded—Gunner G. B. Nickerson, Yarmouth, N. S.

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