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LINE AFLAME FROM VALENCIENNES TO THE RIVER MEUSE

Germans Resisting Well But Allies Make Headway

Hun Losses in Effectives 50,000; Three Battles in Progress and Allies do Well in All of Them

Paris, Oct. 26.—The battle has flamed up again and heavy fighting is now under way from Valenciennes to the Meuse. The Germans are fighting well everywhere, but the Allies continue to make substantial headway in the task of driving back the enemy on the Meuse line.

Although the recent fighting has been marked by no sensational developments, it is having a cumulative effect which, apart from the ground gained, adds considerably to the waste of men and material with which the Germans must reckon. In the last four days the enemy has lost well up towards 15,000 prisoners and 200 guns. His total losses of effectives cannot have been less than 50,000.

THREE LARGE BATTLES.

Strictly speaking, there are three large battles in progress, all of which are being conducted with equal success for the Allies. The first is being carried on by the British third and fourth armies, which, pushing on towards Meuse, have reached the Valenciennes-Hirson double track railroad.

The second is the attack of General Mangin north and east of Laon, which has resulted in a gain on a front of eight miles for a distance of two miles. He has carried his line out of the swamps around Sisson.

The third battle is being fought by General Guillaumat on a front of seventeen miles from Sisson to Chateau Porcien, where the line joins the Kremslud system of defenses. The average gain has been a mile, although at some points the advance has been greater.

FAVORABLE IN BELGIUM.

London, Oct. 26.—Operations in Belgium continue to develop favorably, according to an official statement issued at the war office last night, which says the French have carried Zutulle, in spite of desperate resistance, while the British have occupied the villages of Ingoyheim and Oerghem and are advancing towards the Scheldt river.

VALENCIENNES BEING RAPIDLY BOTTLED UP BY HAIG'S MEN

British Last Night Were On Outskirts of Lequesnoy

FIGHTING IS HEAVY

If Forward Pressure Can be Maintained as in Last Three Days, Valenciennes Soon Must Fall—Moon, in Flanders, is Captured

With the British Army in France and Flanders, Oct. 26.—(By The Associated Press)—The British troops tonight were on the outskirts of Lequesnoy, having driven forward across the Lequesnoy-Valenciennes railway line. The enemy appears to have retreated from a considerable portion of the ground in this zone.

British patrols late today were operating in the Lequesnoy region, while British infantry had reached the high ground north of Marsches and were attacking the German positions there.

Today's advance greatly increases the menace to the Germans holding Valenciennes, which is rapidly being bottled up.

If a line were drawn through the positions now held by General Hornet's army on the north and General Byng's forces on the south it would pass well to the east of Valenciennes. Should the British continue their forward pressure as it has been pressed for the last three days, the enemy will be forced to evacuate Valenciennes very soon.

When the British attacked this morning they held Valenciennes and the high ground east of that place. From these points they drove off before daylight to the ridge country east and north.

The details of the fighting here are not yet available. The British pushed forward early in the day and were still going ahead.

Went to the Front.

The British second army, attacking in conjunction with the French on the north bank of the Meuse, has steadily advanced in the face of heavy artillery fire and captured Moon, in Flanders. The enemy is reported to be making good progress on the British left.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Gunner Herbert Robert Armstrong took place this afternoon from his parents' residence, 278 Rockland road. Services were conducted by Rev. H. C. Fraser and interment was made in Fernhill. Members of the 9th Siege Battery, to which unit Gunner Armstrong belonged, and the Depot Battalion, hand accompanied the body to the grave.

The funeral of Harry B. McLean took place this morning from his late residence, 28 Lorne street. Services were conducted by Rev. D. J. McPherson and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Robert Hastings took place this afternoon from his late residence, Elliot row. Services were conducted by Rev. G. A. Kubring and interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Rev. H. Percy Everett took place this afternoon from his parents' residence, Brussels street. Services were conducted by Rev. D. J. McPherson and interment was made in Fernhill.

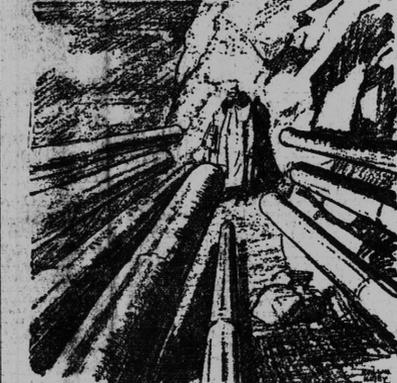
The funeral of George McKinley took place this afternoon from his late residence, Spar Cove road. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Florence Seymour took place this morning from the residence of her brother-in-law, Bart Fardie, Rodney street, West St. John. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. James Garnett took place this morning from her late residence, Elm street. Services were conducted at the house last evening by Rev. B. P. McKim. The body was taken this morning to Garnett Settlement for interment.

PHOTIC AND PHOTODUPLICATION.

Under the decree a woman having registered "has the right to choose from among men between nineteen and fifty a co-habitant husband." The consent of the man chosen is not necessary, the decree adds, the man chosen having no right to make any protest.



AT THE END OF THE ROAD.

Enemy Forced To Use Raw Troops Brought From East

Only Twelve Divisions In Reserve On West and None Fresh

TONIGHT YOU CHANGE THE HANDS OF CLOCK

With the British Army in France and Flanders, Oct. 26.—(By The Associated Press)—The heavy losses which the Germans have sustained since the allied offensive began have forced the enemy to use raw troops brought from the eastern front. The enemy now has 185 divisions on the western front, of which 138 are German infantry divisions, including thirty-one divisions withdrawn after they had suffered severe casualties during the last two weeks, and six Austro-Hungarian divisions.

There are only twelve enemy divisions available in reserve on this front, and these are being used to meet the situation which the allies are now facing appears to be fully appreciated by many of the German people, according to letters captured along the front.

IN WALL STREET.

New York, Oct. 26.—Ralls, shipings and some of the better known equipments were higher by fractions to a point at the opening of today's stock market, Baldwin Locomotive proving the only noteworthy exception.

Agree To "Regulation" Of The Alsace-Lorraine Question, Says Self

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—As for Alsace-Lorraine, it is at once clear that as these territories were expressly mentioned among President Wilson's fourteen points, we agree to regulation of these questions," said Dr. W. S. Solf, German foreign secretary, in addressing the Reichstag on Thursday. (In the same address referred to President Wilson said that "the wrong done to France by Prussia in 1871 in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine, which has unsettled the peace of the world for nearly fifty years should be righted.")

"Moreover," having accepted President Wilson's programme as the basis of the entire peace work, Dr. Solf continued, "we will loyally and in the sense of complete justice and fairness fulfill the programme in all directions and at all points."

FREE LOVE BUREAU EXPLORER BERNIER NEAR DEATH ON TRIP NORTH

Suffered From Ptomaine Poisoning—Cared For at Point Aux Equimaux

Quebec, Oct. 26.—Capt. J. Bernier, famous explorer, came near death by poisoning on a recent trip to the Labrador Coast. He fell sick while on the Canadian Government steamer Bouville and partook of some tar syrup, falling very sick soon afterwards. He was taken ashore for medical treatment at Point Aux Equimaux and Dr. Lapointe there, who attended to him, said the explorer suffered from ptomaine poisoning.

FARNHAM CADET BADLY HURT AT CAMP BORDEN

Toronto, Oct. 26.—Semi-conscious from injuries received a week ago at Camp Borden, Ontario, George Pondrette of Farnham was admitted yesterday to the general hospital ward of the Royal Air Force. He was injured in an airplane crash. It is thought he is suffering from spinal injuries.

Everyone In Alberta Must Wear Gauze Mask When Outdoors

Edmonton, Oct. 26.—All persons in the province of Alberta will be compelled to wear a gauze mask outside their own homes or residences except when it is necessary partially to remove the mask for the purpose of eating. This order was issued by the provincial board of health yesterday.

Turkey About To Quit War

Offer of Peace Which is Near To Unconditional Surrender

Rumors of Preparations For Demobilization of Austrian Army--Anarchy Reported In Part of Hungary--Many Signs of Collapse

London, Oct. 26.—A Berne despatch to the Daily Mail says that the Turkish minister to Switzerland has handed the British and French ministers to that country an offer of peace virtually amounting to surrender.

WHISPER OF AUSTRIAN DEMOBILIZATION.

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 26.—Vienna newspapers are publishing articles relative to preparations for demobilization of the army. One newspaper says that two infantry regiments, stationed at Karlowitz, have revolted. Karlowitz is a village in Croatia, Slavonia, Hungary.

PEACE AT ANY PRICE FAVORABLE.

Paris, Oct. 26.—In well-informed circles it is said that the nomination of Count Julius Andrássy as successor to Baron Burián, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, is above all important from the viewpoint of a conclusion of peace and an application of the "safety first" principle in Austria. It is said that peace at any price is now popular at Vienna and Budapest.

The Zurich correspondent of the Journal says that the new foreign minister is understood to be a partisan of direct peace negotiations with the Entente without recourse to the offices of President Wilson. He says that the situation in Austro-Hungary is such that the monarchy will soon capitulate and throw itself on the mercy of the Allies.

The Czechs are now master of the situation at Prague. The Slovaks have decided to change the name of Pressburg to Bratislava. The Ruthenians of Galicia have declared for a separate Ukrainian state comprising regions of Austria-Hungary inhabited by Ruthenians.

Anarchy Reported.

It is reported that anarchy reigns in the ancient Danubian monarchy of Hungary. The correspondent says that in Austria no notice is being taken of decisions arrived at by Berlin.

Viscount Bryce.

London, Oct. 26.—Former Bryce, former British Ambassador to the United States, speaking at a luncheon given by the American Club to the Inter-Allied parliamentary committee yesterday, said in discussing President Wilson's note to Germany: "It is the straightest, simplest and most candid expression of opinion that has been given in my lifetime. It is one of the great qualities of a friend to be candid, then Germany has a good friend in America. We have the right to insist that the peace shall be in accordance with our military victories."

DEATHS IN CITY IN WEEK 48

Eighteen Due to Pneumonia and Ten Caused by Influenza

The St. John death rate this week is much below the average for this time of year, no fewer than forty-six being reported to the Board of Health. Out of this number twenty-one were from pneumonia and ten from influenza. This, however, is comparatively light in comparison with other places where the population is smaller than in St. John.

The list follows: Pneumonia, eighteen; influenza, ten; broncho pneumonia, three; senility, two; malnutrition, two; peritonitis, myocarditis, meningitis, convulsions, gastro enteritis, cholera infantum, heart disease, capillary bronchitis, hemorrhage of spinal cord, cerebral hemorrhage, and epithelioma of lip, each one.

ANTI-GERMAN AUSTRIANS LEAVE ON A SECRET MISSION TO SWITZERLAND

Zurich, Oct. 26.—Prince Frederick Lobkowitz and Baron Nauderby, who represent the strongest anti-German tendencies at Vienna, have left that city for Switzerland, charged with a mission about which numbers are given, according to a Vienna newspaper.

HORSES IN QUEBEC LUMBER CAMPS HAVE INFLUENZA

Quebec, Oct. 26.—News coming here from lumber camps in La Tuque and that vicinity, show that horses have been known to fall sick with what is called there, the horse influenza. The beasts cough, their nostrils run, then the animal dies from what seems to be congestion of the lungs.

POLICE COURT.

Two men were before the magistrate this morning charged with drunkenness. They were each fined \$8 or two months in jail.

HAROLD LINTON AND FRED. G. HAWKS DIE OF WOUNDS

Sad News of Soldiers Comes to Families Here, Including Killed, Wounded and Gassed

Mrs. Averna Linton of Fairville has received the sad news that her son, Private Harold Linton, had died of wounds at No. 54 General Hospital, Auberges, on Oct. 15. Information had previously been forwarded to his mother that the young soldier had been wounded Sept. 29 in the head, leg, arm and foot, evidently from machine gun fire or shrapnel.

Private Linton was only eighteen and half years of age, having enlisted with the 28th Kiltie Battalion when barely seventeen. He was subsequently transferred to the 13th Canadians and in due



PTA. HAROLD LINTON.

course went to France on the firing line. Previous to enlistment he was employed as a blacksmith shop of Samuel T. Cougle, Main street, and will be remembered as a bright young man of excellent habits and steady at his work.

Besides his widowed mother, now in the hospital, he leaves his elder brother, Kenneth, who is somewhere in France with the fighting 28th, and two younger brothers, Byron and John at home. To all his relatives the sympathy of the community is extended.

Pta. Fred J. Hawks

Mrs. F. Newbury of 117 Main street, Indiantown, has received word from her mother, Mrs. X. P. Hawks of the Range Queens county, to the effect that her brother, Fred G. Hawks, who left St. John with the 14th Battalion, had died of wounds at the front. Private Hawks had been transferred to the Princess Pats and it was while in this unit he received his mortal injuries. He was twenty-two years of age.

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ANSWER TO WILSON BY THE REPUBLICANS

Declare They Are Strong For Carrying On War and Against Note Writing to German Government

Washington, Oct. 26.—President Wilson's appeal to voters to return a democratic Congress in the November elections if they have approved of his leadership in this critical time, evoked a spirited reply in a formal statement from Republican leaders in the Senate and House and the chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee.

The Republican statement, declaring that the minority party in congress had supported the administration policies since the war with an animity and in absence of criticism unprecedented in party history, pointed to the record as proof.

The war, the Republican statement contends, is not the president's personal war, nor the war of congress, nor of a party, but the war of the people, and declared that the Republican party, representing more than half the citizenship of the country, demands its rightful share in the burdens and responsibilities it imposes.

If given a majority in either or both houses, the leaders said, the Republican party would drive forward the war and hasten victory.

"The Republican party," says the statement, "believes in the question of surrender should be left to Marshal Foch to the generals, and to the armies in the field. What they report that Germany has laid down her arms, the United States and the Allies should then impose their terms. Will that knowledge cause dejection to those who are fighting with us? All the world knows that the Republican party is opposed to negotiations and discussion carried on in diplomatic notes addressed to the German government. The Republican party stands for unconditional surrender."

HUN DELIBERATELY DESTROYED THEM

More Proof of Vandalism This Time From St. Huentin

Paris, Oct. 26.—Deliberate destruction of property and documents of historical nature was carried out by the Germans at St. Huentin, according to a report issued to President Clemenceau by the municipal authorities of that city, who have made an investigation.

Ancient city documents which had been walled up under control of the German command and placed under seal were found to have been removed or burned. Evidence showed that this occurred soon after the inhabitants fled from St. Huentin in March, 1917. At the time an attempt was made to mine the great pillars, but the rapid advance of the French prevented the Germans from carrying out their design.

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS.

Eight marriages and nineteen births—twelve girls and seven boys—were recorded during the week.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis.—Pressure is higher over the southwest states. Showers have occurred in Ontario and Quebec and in a few sections of the western provinces.

Forecast.—Ottawa and Upper Lawrence—Cloudy with local showers; Sunday, northeast winds and cloudy. Moderate to lower Lawrence—Occasional rain today; Sunday northerly winds, cloudy. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate southwest winds, occasional showers today and on Sunday.

Maritime—Moderate southwest winds, occasional showers tonight and on Sunday. New England—Probably rain and cooler tonight. Sunday partly cloudy and cooler; moderate, northeast to north winds.