

DURAZZO SHOT UP BY ALLIED FLEETS

Number of Ships Sunk in Harbor in Course of Raid.

BATTERIES SILENCED

Main Austrian Fleet at Cattaro Kept in Port.

An Italian Sea Base on the Lower Adriatic, Oct. 11.—For the first time in the history of the world American ships have fought in the Adriatic, participating in the attack upon and destruction of one of the greatest Austrian naval bases, Durazzo, founded by the inhabitants of the island of Corfu over 2000 years before the discovery of America.

The expedition started from an Adriatic port at 8 o'clock in the morning and immediately divided into two groups. The larger units sailed northward to take up positions between Cattaro, where the bulk of the Austrian fleet lay, and Durazzo for the purpose of sniping in the bad any attempt at interference.

At 11 o'clock the Albanian hills were sighted, and shortly afterwards the white houses of Durazzo were in sight. Half an hour later the fleet was on the edge of the Austrian mine field. A highly dangerous task was now entrusted to the submarine chasers, namely, to steam ahead and explore, and mark safe passages for the larger craft with white flags fixed on small floats.

Through the whole operation, fearlessly picking their way between the sunken mines, the small craft kept steadily on their way, until they had crossed the whole of the dangerous zone. Then the remainder of the fleet entered the mine field, following a little further their lead to be detected by the Austrians.

Austrians Open Fire. At this point the Austrian coast batteries opened fire, and a great quantity of water were caused by the striking shells. The projectiles kept creeping nearer and nearer the American craft, which were unable to maneuver, owing to the mines. The men stood the test splendidly, and aroused great admiration by their cool and cheerful bearing as they awaited the order to fire.

Two U-Boats Sunk. The fire of the Austrian batteries already was slackening when two enemy submarines appeared on the surface and fired two torpedoes, which hit a British destroyer without sinking her. This was just what the Americans had been waiting for, and before they could do any more mischief, swooped down on the submarines and sank them both with superb gunnery.

MAJOR C. B. TOPP LIES IN LONDON HOSPITAL

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Oct. 11.—The following Canadian wounded are reported: Letreport—Lieut. A. W. Evesleigh, chest and back, dangerous; Lieut. C. B. Topp, face and hand, severe; Capt. T. H. Stewart, shoulder and leg, slight; Lieut. R. B. Stuchling, foot and leg; A. J. Easterbrook, leg, severe.

OTTAWA-McGILL GAME HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—The Ottawa-McGill football game, scheduled for Lansdowne Park tomorrow, has been called off because of the influenza epidemic which has been in Ottawa since late tonight. The Ottawa team was brought to have the game called off because of the influenza epidemic which has been in Ottawa since late tonight.

PRESENTED DECORATIONS.

Kingsford, Oct. 11.—Today Brigadier Hemming presented to Sergeant Major T. Turner the following decorations: Service Medal, and to Sergeant-Major Lowry the Croix-de-Guerre of Belgium. The Belgian cross was earned at March for distinguished work on the western front in connection with his battery.

SITUATION AT OTTAWA IS NOT SO HOPEFUL

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—Between six and seven hundred new cases of influenza have been reported to the health authorities by the doctors of the city and eight deaths from pneumonia are reported to have occurred on Thursday. Report of the deaths which have occurred on Friday have not yet been received at the city hall, altho at least six people are known to have died in the hospital and in private homes from the malady, on Friday.

The situation is not as hopeful as it was on Thursday, and as a result the health authorities are taking extra precautions to combat the spread of the disease.

CHANGE OF HEART, NOT CONSTITUTION

Hon. A. J. Balfour Declares Right Peace to Be Necessary.

London, Oct. 11.—A. J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, speaking at a luncheon given to a party of American editors today, said:

"We have to make a right peace and I do not think a right peace is a very easy thing to make. Our enemies are attempting to change their constitution, but appear to have no notion that what we call a change is not so much a change in the formal purpose of the government as a change of heart whereby that government is to be directed and animated."

"One would have thought," continued Balfour, "that those who brought in America to their own undoing by crimes of this sort, would have shrunk a little from repeating them at the moment when their fate is to be decided by any other of the co-belligerents."

GERMANY WILL CLING TO ALSACE-LORRAINE

Paris, Oct. 11.—Despatches from German sources show The Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin, the organ of the Prussian junkers, as expressing bitter dislike to German diplomacy which did not succeed in disrupting the entente coalition.

The Baden Presse, the semi-official organ of Prince Maximilian of Baden, the imperial chancellor, says: "If Germany is ready for sacrifices it must be understood that she is not ready to give Alsace-Lorraine or a single meter of German commercial territory in the Orient. Neither is she ready to submit to any discussion whatsoever."

FIFTEEN OF CREW LOST UPON U. S. DESTROYER

Washington, Oct. 11.—In a collision between a United States destroyer, the Snaw and a British vessel Oct. 9, two officers and 13 enlisted men of the destroyer were lost. Thirteen other members of the crew were injured. The collision occurred in British waters. The destroyer was able to make port under her own steam, the navy department said tonight in announcing the collision, which, according to reports, was caused by the jamming of the destroyer's steering gear.

TO FORGIVE BULGARIA FOR OPPRESSIVE DEEDS

London, Oct. 11.—The Serbian premier today told a representative of Reuters that all Serbia needed was a very slight rectification of her frontier to safeguard the railways running to Rumania and Salonica, but Serbia and the other Balkan States were willing to forgive Bulgaria for oppressing their peoples.

SERBIAN ARMY REACHES LINE OF TOTTRETT RIVER

London, Oct. 11.—A Serbian official statement says: "In spite of strong resistance Wednesday we reached the right bank of the Tottrett river. We have advanced to the mass of Zlatitschava on the right bank of the Morava. French cavalry have advanced to the line of the Tottrett river. Our cavalry have occupied Zintipotok."

BROKE FARMER'S ARM.

St. Thomas, Oct. 11.—Elgin Marriott, 18-year-old resident of Port Barrow, appeared before County Magistrate Hunt today and was remanded to stand trial at the December sessions on the charge of assault. The accused with three younger brothers went on the farm of Charles Murphy and was taking his chickens when the farmer appeared and ordered him off. A quarrel ensued and Elgin Marriott struck a heavy stick and struck the farmer, badly fracturing his arm.

Advertisement for The Robert SIMPSON Company Limited. Text: On account of the death of Mr. Richard B. Fudger, one of the Directors of this Company, the store will remain closed today.

ELEVEN SOLDIERS DIE OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

Since yesterday morning 11 soldiers have died in Toronto from pneumonia, following Spanish influenza. Ten of the soldiers died in the Military Base Hospital, East Gerrard street, and one died in the Davisville (North Toronto) Military Hospital. There were 75 pneumonia cases among the soldiers at the Military Base Hospital yesterday. It was a new high record. The names of six of those who died from the after-effects of influenza:

Cadet Donald Campbell, 210 Jarvis street; Cadet P. Conroy, Montreal; Pte. Geo. H. Smith, 54 Melville avenue; Air Mechanic J. Watson, Britain, Ont., and P. Wm. Shortley, Montreal.

ASK PUBLIC TO HELP IN RELEASING NURSES

The present shortage of nurses, both military and civilian, is so serious that a special effort is being made to meet the emergency by the military authorities of military district No. 2. They have obtained the services of every available nurse in the district, and also from outside points.

INCREASE IN FAIRBANK.

Spanish "flu" is on the increase in Fairbank, where many children and older people are ill. In the lower district of Fairbank the disease is spreading. Local doctors are busy in an effort to cope with the many cases needing attention.

THREE MORE DEATHS.

Three more deaths were reported late last night at the General Hospital: Mrs. Leonard, 75 Shaftsbury avenue; Peter Lenhart, Fort William, and Stanley Lenhart, 21 Peter street.

STORES TO CLOSE EARLY.

Montreal, Oct. 11.—Early tonight Montreal was shut up by orders being issued by the municipal board of health barring the doors of business places, with a few exceptions. All wholesale and retail stores must close at 4 p.m. under the new orders.

DRASTIC PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Oct. 11.—The chief medical officer of the city of Winnipeg today issued a proclamation which practically suspends all public assemblies within the city until all danger of infection from prevailing pulmonary diseases is considered past. After tomorrow, Saturday night, all schools, theatres, churches, moving picture houses, business colleges, dance halls and other places where people assemble in numbers are to be closed, and departmental and other stores, dining rooms, street cars, railway trains, etc., are to be regulated under special precautionary measures as from the same date.

Municipalities which are practically closed are included in the above suburban to Winnipeg, including Rosser, Assiniboia, Transcona and Kildonan, and the City of St. Boniface, have adopted the same precautionary measures, which extend to labor meetings and strike conferences.

78 Cases in 24 Hours Reported in Hamilton

Hamilton, Oct. 11.—Seventy-eight additional cases of Spanish influenza during the past 24 hours have been reported to the health department, bringing the total now under official observation up to 450. The fact that there has been but 13 deaths since the outbreak of the epidemic, a percentage as low as in any other city affected, is, authorities declare, an evidence that the public is complying with instructions issued down in the official bulletins which have been placed in every home in Hamilton.

BRAZIL DIPLOMAT DEAD.

New York, Oct. 11.—Edward Flores, Brazilian consul to Sydney, Australia, died here tonight of pneumonia, which followed an attack of Spanish influenza. Flores was on his way to his home country, and stopped off here to visit friends. The body will be shipped to Buenos Ayres for burial after funeral services here Tuesday.

PROHIBITS ALL GATHERINGS.

Galt, Oct. 11.—While insisting that there is no Spanish influenza in the city and that the present epidemic is of ordinary grip, Dr. J. H. Radford today prohibited public dances and social gatherings until further notice, and has also placed a ban on traveling theatrical companies. He declares his action is to keep the disease out of the city if possible. The M.O.H. declared today that the city was clean of diphtheria.

MORE CASES IN REGINA.

Regina, Sask., Oct. 11.—Fifteen more Spanish influenza cases are reported here today. The death toll since the beginning of the epidemic is three.

TWO DEATHS IN VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 11.—There are now seventy cases of Spanish influenza reported in the city. Two deaths attributed to the disease have occurred.

INCREASING IN VICTORIA.

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 11.—Thirty-two cases of influenza were reported up to noon today.

SOUTH AFRICA SWEEP BY DREAD INFLUENZA

Cape town, Oct. 11.—The worst plague that ever visited South Africa was nothing in comparison with the present epidemic of Spanish influenza, according to medical testimony here. As the result of the epidemic there were more than 140 burials in Waitland Cemetery today. At Johannesburg more than 100 new cases were reported Monday, with 11 deaths.

The spread of Spanish influenza is diminishing in the mining districts, where the hospital cases have been reduced from 20,000 to 2000 since last week. Eight thousand cases have been reported at Durban. Some of the coal mines in Natal have been closed, and the local railroad services curtailed. Thousands of volunteers are assisting in relief work. Thousands have been inoculated against the disease with good results.

EPIDEMIC WASSACHUSETTS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, Oct. 11.—Reports received by the state department of health indicate that the epidemic of influenza is waning in this state. There are some exceptions, but in most sections the situation is encouraging. In the 24-hour period ending at noon today, only 11 communities reported 100 or more cases, and 173 of the 225 deaths recorded were in those places. Fall River, with 462, led in the number of new cases, while Boston, with 94 deaths, showed the greatest degree of mortality.

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NO SIGN OF ABATING SHOWN BY EPIDEMIC

Washington, Oct. 11.—The epidemic of Spanish influenza, which has reached practically every section of the country, continued today with no signs of abatement. Detailed reports as to its spread among the civilian population were not available at the public health service bureau tonight of the practices of their respective cities. New cases of influenza in army camps showed a slight decline in the 24 hours ending at noon today, but pneumonia cases increased very markedly. Influenza cases reported to the surgeon-general of the army numbered 12,024, pneumonia cases 2,242, 2747 new cases of influenza, and 889 deaths.

SERIOUS AT BRANTFORD.

Brantford, Oct. 11.—So serious was the Spanish influenza situation considered here tonight that a board of health delegation waited upon the health board demanding that theatres and churches be closed indefinitely. Cases of many of their serious pneumonia cases, reported in the city. The hospital board reported that admissions had to be refused at the General Hospital. The board of health urged the opening of the military barracks on Brant avenue as a temporary hospital and an appeal to the women of the city to act as nurses. Several large factories were reported practically closed. Ten deaths have thus far occurred.

MICHIGAN TAKES PRECAUTIONS.

Detroit, Oct. 11.—The governor has issued a proclamation ordering the discontinuance of public gatherings of every kind in order to check the spread of the Spanish influenza epidemic. No action was taken in regard to the opening of a temporary hospital.

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SERVICE WILL MARK CANADIAN LANDING

Preparations Complete to Observe Fourth Anniversary in England.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Oct. 11.—The recent glorious events on the battlefield have undoubtedly enhanced the interest in the celebration here Monday of the fourth anniversary of the landing in England of the first Canadian contingent. The arrangements for the commemoration are fittingly simple. Colonel Almond, director of chaplains, will deliver an address at the service in Saint Margaret's, Westminster, now the parish church for Dominion soldiers, and in the evening General Turner will preside over a dinner when many officers and men of the first contingent will be present. Of the three original brigades, Mercer is buried at Popperidge; Turner and Currie, command, respectively, the Canadians in England and France. Both are now having almost more decorations than their tunics can comfortably carry. Only two staff officers apparently still hold the same positions as when the contingent was first established on Salisbury plain.

Shorncliffe, the successor of Salisbury plain as the Canadian training camp, is now almost superseded by Witley and Bramshott.

Four years ago a small place on Victoria street was the office accommodation that the Canadians possessed in London. Their offices nowadays spread over the whole metropolis. Buxton, Derbyshire, is almost wholly commandeered by the medical services. Away in the north of Scotland Canadian foresters are felling great woods. They are working also in Windsor and Chatsworth parks. It is amusing nowadays to recall that while the Canadians in England in England the heroic efforts made by British journalists to paint up the contingent as a kind of military Buffalo Bill show. One London journalist, for example, wrote of the Canadian private walking Plymouth with a couple of revolvers sticking in his belt. The same person also discovered officers promading arm and arm with privates. Others, like him, considered it incumbent to give a note of the dash of the practices of their respective cities.

Since these days English newspapers and publicists generally have been mediaeval in their views of the Canadian troops as really better than merits, not patronizingly, but as with genuine admiration of their achievements.

RAPID FRENCH ADVANCE BRINGS THEM TO OISE

Germans Resisting on Line of the Suippe Are in a Dangerous Pocket.

With the French Army in France, Oct. 11.—The rapid advance of General Debeny's forces in close pursuit of the retreating enemy has brought them to the Oise in the region of Bernoville, where they are meeting with strong resistance from infantry and machine guns.

General Mangin's troops, after encountering lively opposition, have reached the Chemin des Dames in the region of Courtecon and have crossed the Ailette at Grand Pont. Chivy has been taken.

General Gouraud was closely pursuing the enemy in retreat this morning over nearly the entire front of his army west of the Aisne. The line of the Suippe are in another dangerous pocket.

DISEASE RUNS RAPIDLY THRU AMERICAN CAMPS

Washington, Oct. 11.—Rapid spread of the epidemic was reported from Camp Travis, Texas, with 1,117 new cases; at Camp Dodge, Iowa, with 1,066 and at Camp McArthur, Texas, with 624. Camp Funston, Kansas, reported more than 500 new cases. Camp Taylor, Kentucky, 437, and Camp Sheridan, Alabama, 242. Marked subsidence of the disease is shown in reports received from several camps including Camps Grant, Reynolds, and Dix. The latest influenza showed the least increase, Kansas, 192, and Camp Taylor, 206; Camp Funston, 192, and Camp Carter, Michigan, 160.

Seventy-three deaths from pneumonia resulting from influenza, the largest number in a twenty-four hour period since the disease appeared, occurred in Washington, between noon yesterday and today. Deaths were somewhat less than yesterday, totaling 1,472.

NEW YORK ENDEAVORS TO COMBAT DISEASE

New York, Oct. 11.—Dr. Herman M. Biggs, state commissioner of health, was directed by the public health council of the state department at a meeting here today to take charge of the Spanish influenza situation in the state. He was ordered to spare no expense to check the alarming spread of the disease.

The council adopted a rule making it a misdemeanor for any person to cough or sneeze in public places, to where in the state without covering the mouth or nose. Punishment will be \$500 fine or one year in prison or both.

It was decided to make influenza a reportable disease. Any new case will be placed immediately under state control.

From Sept. 18, until today, there have been 25,000 cases of influenza in the city and 2,752 cases of pneumonia. Deaths from influenza numbered 1,052 and from pneumonia, 1,599.

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