

# FRENCH THE MASTER GUNNERS, SAYS GERMAN

## FRENCH GUNNERY IS SUPERIOR TO THE GERMANS'

Admitted in a Letter Found on Dead German.

## BOASTED GUNS OF THE ENEMY OUT-CLASSED

Reply to French fire only provokes cannonading more destructive than preceding ones.

Paris, Oct. 5.—This letter, dated Sept. 26, was found on the body of a German officer who was killed in Champagne.

"One o'clock in the morning. At seven it will have been seventy-two hours since, without interruption, we have been frightfully bombarded—seventy-two hours of endless, deafening uproar which even the steadiest nerves can hardly endure. "I was ordered into the trenches at an observer at seven a.m. Naturally, telephone lines were broken. I reached the position of the reserves without much trouble, their trenches being destroyed only here and there, but there the difficulties began. Mines and bombs were exploding at brief intervals, interspersed with bullets from the machine guns. From that point on the trenches were so damaged that we were obliged to crawl on all fours. "A shell striking an ammunition magazine causes a formidable explosion. The French keep on firing into the line. How I hate them. How I admire the French artillery. They are the master gunners. We really cannot imitate them, I regret to say. Continuing fire into the enemy provokes more violent explosion than the preceding ones. "God knows what they have blown up now. From this moment I have lost all sensation of fear. "I left my telephone operator and went ahead, amid uninterrupted crackling of bursting grenades, the explosion of shells, the whistling of bullets, the howling of shell fragments and the creeping closer and closer to the trenches. I arrived at the second trench, ten yards behind the first. The second trench is just deep enough to kneel in. "Profiting from a period of relative calm, I cast a glance ahead. Our barbed wire fences are destroyed. I signal our batteries, which resume a rapid fire. Then I creep back to get my telephone operator. It takes me four hours to cover ground which ordinarily could have been covered in twenty-five minutes. "This is becoming frightful. An explosion throws me against a wall of a trench. A lieutenant tells me I am struck in his shelter also. I rush out and see that all of the bombproofs on the slope are burning.

## WANT ALL BARS IN MANITOBA CLOSED

Winnipeg, Oct. 5.—A delegation from the Social Service Council of Manitoba waited upon Premier Norris and the cabinet this afternoon urging the closing of all bars in the province immediately as a war measure. A resolution was presented by the delegation setting forth their claim as to the necessity for the introduction of prohibition in order to maintain national efficiency in the present crisis. The government promised consideration.

## NEW MIDVALE STEEL CO. SEEKS INCORPORATION

Dover, Del., Oct. 5.—An application for a certificate of incorporation for the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000,000, was filed in the office of the secretary of state here today. The new concern will succeed the Midvale Steel Co. recently taken over by New York financiers from Philadelphia interests.

## GRAY HAIR

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## WHY GERMANS ARE SO KEEN TO RECOVER HILL 191 FROM FRENCH

Town of Cernay, which is objective of French and commands important railway, is only mile and three-quarters distant.

Paris, Oct. 5.—A field correspondent of the Havas Agency in a despatch received here gives further details of the struggle between the French and the Germans for Hill No. 191, one of the heights of Massiges in the battlefield of Champagne, which was captured by the French in spite of the German staff order that it must be held at all costs.

"The hill," the correspondent says, "was believed by the Germans to be impregnable. They used to say of it that with two sweepers and two machine guns the hill could be held. On the contrary, however, the position was taken on September 25 by a splendid advance of the Colonial troops, one of the brigades of which charged with a general at its head. "During the fighting three thousand grenades were captured and used against the enemy, as well as two "77" guns, each with a supply of 2,500 shells. The French soldiers were delighted with the success of the advance. An officer said he could not find men to conduct prisoners back of the line, as all of the men wanted to stay with the advancing forces.

Hill No. 191, which the French have captured, lies north by east one-third of a mile from the village of Massiges, the town lying on the south slope of the ridge of which Hill No. 191 forms a part. A small stream known as De l'Etiang flows to the southeast at the foot of the ridge on the south side. The French in making the assault of Hill No. 191 had to pass down into the valley, cross the stream and cut their way through the entanglements for a distance of one-third of a mile. Looking north from Hill No. 191 Cernay is seen just beyond at a distance of one and three-quarters miles. The capture of Cernay is the immediate objective of the French.

The main French attack is at present directed along both sides of the national turnpike or macadam road which leads north from Ville-sur-Tourbe to Cernay. Hill No. 191 is to the left of this turnpike at a distance of three-quarters of a mile, and so long as the hill remained in German hands the defenders were able to sweep the approach along the road for a distance of several miles. Between Hill No. 191 and Cernay there remains only Hill No. 155 to occupy. This latter hill, as its number indicates, is not quite so high as Hill No. 191, but its position close to the hamlet of La Justice enables it to command the approach on the Cernay road beyond Hill No. 191.

The possession of Cernay by the French will place them within four and one-eighth miles of the Somme-Py-Challenge railway. This distance is the actual mileage reckoned along the national highway, which passes north from Cernay through Sechaux and crosses the railway at Trieres. The French right wing advance toward the Somme-Py-Challenge railway originated in the vicinity of Ville-sur-Tourbe. From Ville-sur-Tourbe to Cernay the distance is low and one-half miles. The measure of the ultimate success of the French drive in the Champagne is possession of the Somme-Py-Challenge Railway, a stretch of nine and one-half miles of railroad. Beyond Challenge lies Grand Pre, at a distance of six miles. At Challenge the railway branches northward toward Vouziers, which latter place is the main depot of the army of the Crown Prince. Vouziers is distant six and a half miles by rail from Challenge. From Somme-Py to Vouziers the total railroad distance is sixteen miles. Against the Somme-Py-Challenge stretch of road the French front extends from Auberville in the west to Ville-sur-Tourbe in the east, a distance of about thirteen miles. The efforts to advance which commenced in the Champagne a week ago, and which still continue, will necessitate the bringing up of large forces of fresh troops. The French are enabled to utilize the Chemin-de-Fer de l'Est (Eastern Railway) and the important city of Chalons on this railway. The distance from Souain right on the battlefield, to Chalons is only fifteen miles. Supplies and troops can be pushed north from Chalons by the St. Hilaire-Ste. Menohoul railway as close to Souain as Sulpeuse. This last named place is distant three miles only from Souain. The railway running north from Ste. Menohoul continues on to Chalons.

## WITH THE FRENCH AT YPRES



FRENCH TROOPS IN NEW BLUE GREY UNIFORMS DETAILED FOR ROAD MENDING.



FRENCH ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN NEAR YPRES.

These pictures were taken in the Ypres district of the western firing line. The men around the gun are on the lookout for the enemy's aeroplanes and are always ready to bring to earth any they see. The new French uniform is far safer than the old one with the red top. With the new uniform of blue-grey the troops can do their work without fear of being detected by the enemy.

## SIXTH DEATH FROM TYPHOID AT BORCHESTER

Two new cases reported yesterday and situation causing considerable anxiety.

Special to The Standard. —Dorchester, N. B., Oct. 5.—The sixth death from typhoid fever occurred in the Moncton hospital at 7.30 a. m. today, the victim being Miss Sarah Walker, who was taken to that institution about ten days ago. The situation is to be most serious causing unusual anxiety throughout the town. Two cases are reported so serious that they cannot survive many hours. Two new cases are reported today. The conditions complained of at Sunday's mass meeting are being remedied with as much speed as possible. Responding to wishes freely expressed by the citizens, the body of Miss Walker, whose home is in England, will be brought here by express No. 2 tomorrow (Wednesday) for interment in the Rural cemetery.

## T. B. MACAULEY SUCCEEDS FATHER AS PRESIDENT OF SUN LIFE CO.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—At this afternoon's meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Mr. T. B. MacAuley was unanimously elected president of the company, in succession to his father, the late Mr. Robertson MacAuley. In accepting the presidency, Mr. MacAuley relinquishes the secretaryship of the company, which he has held since 1898. The position of secretary was filled by the appointment of Mr. F. G. Cope, formerly assistant secretary.

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## KELLY MUST STAY IN CHICAGO JAIL UNTIL CASE COMES UP OCT. 15TH

Counsel for Attorney-General of Manitoba gives assurance contractor will not be called before Royal Commission.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Thomas Kelly, the Winnipeg contractor, whose extradition will be sought here, must remain in jail at Waukegan until his case comes up before United States Commissioner Mason, October 15.

The date was set this afternoon, when the commissioner also denied bail. W. S. Forest, one of the attorneys representing Kelly, quoted supreme court decisions in point of giving bail in extradition proceedings, but to no avail. R. A. Bonnar, K.C., representing the Attorney General of Manitoba, assured counsel for the defence that Mr. Kelly will not be called as a witness before the Royal Commission which investigated the alleged frauds in the construction of the parliament buildings at Winnipeg.

Counsel for the defence, however, were of the opinion that despite Mr. Bonnar's offer, the Manitoba authorities might force Mr. Kelly to testify before the commission. The offer of Mr. Bonnar was made in response to a statement by Mr. Forest that his client had been in Detroit Lakes, Minn., for three months prior to his coming to Chicago on business last week, and that the Canadian authorities were continually informed as to his whereabouts. Mr. Forest asserted that Mr. Kelly did not wish to return to Canada because he did not wish to appear as a witness before the Royal Commission, and was waiting the completion of its inquiry. A railroad ticket was submitted in evidence by Mr. Forest, which, he said, was purchased by Mr. Kelly when he left St. Paul for Chicago, and showed, he said, that Mr. Kelly intended to return to St. Paul.

## MORE NORTH SHORE MEN FOR THE 64TH

Newcastle, Oct. 5.—The following left yesterday to join the 64th at Sussex: John Henderson, Newcastle; Jos. Hawkins, Chatham; a soldier at the wireless; and Thomas Chamberlain of Canadian. Lewis P. Clark of Upper Nelson has also enlisted for the 64th. Five or six more soldiers will leave in a few days. Capt. L. D. Jones is the recruiting officer.

## POLICE COURT.

The Police Magistrate yesterday gave warning to all young boys and girls to be off the streets before 9 o'clock p. m. during this month and before 7 o'clock during the months of November, December, January and February. He stated that this was not a new law, but one which had been passed in eleventh Victoria, before the present Commissioners were born. There is to be a difference this year, however, in that the law will be enforced. James W. Cody, charged with drunkenness and interfering with pedestrians, was sentenced to a fine of \$8 on each charge. Officer Fuller testified against him. Louis McDermid, charged with drunkenness and profanity, was given four months in default of paying \$16. Officer Moore was the one who brought this prisoner to suit for retribution. Louis Kennedy outdid the others and was found guilty of drunkenness, profanity and obscenity, for which he received the option of six months in jail or increasing the city treasury by \$24. James Oakes, reported for violating the traffic law, was allowed to go with a fine of \$10 staring him in the face if he should infringe again. Again it was Officer Fuller who brought the evil-doer to justice. John Jamieson, charged with carrying concealed weapons, was remanded after Officer Linton had given his evidence.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers have been recently recorded. St. John County. B. R. Armstrong to G. A. Doyle, property on Portland Place. Johanna Campbell to Mrs. William Morrow, Jr., \$150, property at St. Martins. S. H. Ewing et al to Mrs. F. E. Kee, property at Lancaster. Mary A. McArdle to G. W. Day, property at Simonds. W. M. Wallace to Mrs. W. M. Wallace, property on Flack River Road. St. Mary County. Hamilton Edwards to J. S. Edwards, property at Kingston. Joseph Gulliver to H. L. Gulliver, property at Waterford. Sarah E. Jamieson to Collette Dibley, \$400, property at Norton. Agnes Neal to C. L. O'Neil, property at Stadhoud. C. L. O'Neil to David McDonald, \$1,000, property at Springfield.

## PLANS FOR GIANT STEEL COMBINE UNDER WAY

Bethlehem negotiating for Pennsylvania and big rivals fighting for control of smaller concerns.

New York, Oct. 5.—Negotiations for the acquisition of the Pennsylvania Company by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which, if successful, may lead to a still larger combination of steel companies, were in progress today in this city. While it was learned that the deal was not finally closed, it was stated, on authority, that there was a likelihood that announcement to that effect would be made soon.

It was also learned that negotiations are pending for the purchase of the control of the Cambria Steel Co., and that there is a possibility of a combination of this company with the prospective Bethlehem-Pennsylvania merger. In fact, according to a high authority familiar with the situation in the steel trade, there was never a time since the formation of the United States Steel Corporation, fourteen years ago, that so many deals, involving millions and millions of dollars, were under way, as at present.

Practically every steel and iron company in the country of any importance had been approached, it was said, in the efforts of rival interests to organize larger corporations. Earsighted leaders in the steel trade foresaw, after the war, a period of reconstruction in Europe as the result of which there should be a large demand for American steel products, it was said in steel circles today. Such a motive combined with the more immediate demand for ordnance and other steel products which the war itself has created, governs the promoters in their efforts to bring together the smaller steel concerns in order to reap the benefit, through the economies of large organizations, of the prospective increase in trade.

In Wall Street gossip, the names of Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and H. C. Frick, who is understood to have a large interest in, together with an option on, stock of the Cambria Steel Company, were linked today as rivals of William E. Corey and his associates who have just acquired control of the Midvale Steel Company, and increased its capital stock to \$100,000,000. This gossip was strengthened by an authoritative statement explaining that Messrs. Corey and Schwab were in nowise co-operating, and that the rumors that Bethlehem and Midvale would combine had no basis.

The negotiations between the Pennsylvania and Bethlehem interests today dealt with the subject of the price, it was understood, at which the Pennsylvania Railroad, which owns fifty-four per cent. interest in the Pennsylvania Steel Company would relinquish

## CHIPMAN ANSWERS EMPIRE'S CALL

Ten Recruits as result of fine meeting — Weekly meetings being arranged.

Chipman, Oct. 5.—A very successful recruiting meeting was held at Chipman on Monday evening under the auspices of the local recruiting committee organized by Lieut. Clements, recruiting officer for Queens and Sunbury. The chair was taken at 8 p.m. by the Rev. G. T. Mowatt and very stirring speeches were made by Lieut. Brooks of the 5th Battalion, Captain Harrison, chaplain of the 64th Battalion, and Lieut. Clements. After the general meeting the men of military age were asked to remain behind for a confidential talk with the officers and in order that they might ask any questions that occurred to them. The net results of the meeting are that two recruits are going forward to Sussex today, three tomorrow and five others will go forward from Minto later in the week. In addition, however, to the immediate results the speeches have instilled great enthusiasm in the committee and the people of Chipman generally and the results will be far reaching. The committee are now determined to continue their efforts towards securing recruits unabated, while the whole country, who have been brought to a greater realization of the Empire's needs than ever before, are all talking about the call for young men and are determined that Chipman will not be behind other places in proportion to its population in answering the call.

It is proposed to hold weekly meetings each Monday evening. Good speakers are being secured for next week and the speakers for the week after are already announced, they will be Father Carney and Captain Harrison.

## Mr. Hewitt Here.

C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion entomologist, arrived in the city yesterday morning and while here inspected the fumigating and inspecting station where imported trees are examined for injurious insects. The station is in charge of H. E. Gould. Mr. Hewitt left St. John last night for Nova Scotia. He has just completed his inspection of the new laboratory of the Entomological Department at Fredericton, which is situated on the University grounds and formally took the building over for the government. The work of the department for the province will hereafter be conducted from this laboratory.

His holdings. The conferees, who met at Mr. Schwab's office, included E. T. Stotesbury, head of the Morcan banking house in Philadelphia, and a director in the Pennsylvania Steel Company; Henry Tainall, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; W. H. Donner, chairman of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and several directors of the Bethlehem Company. None would discuss the deliberations, except to say that nothing had been decided.

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