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Germans Start Big Counter Offensive

Launch Attacks Against French Positions But With Practically No Success—The Fight on the Ancre—Roumanians Forced Back

Paris, Nov. 15.—An important German counter-offensive began at six o'clock this morning against French positions south of the Somme between Abbeville and Chaufines Wood, after three days of intense bombardment.

British Report London, Nov. 15.—The British troops north of the Ancre were engaged last night in consolidating the ground won in the new offensive movement, and no further important operations were undertaken.

Petrograd, Nov. 15.—In the Tigris-July Alt and Jul valleys on the Transylvanian front, the Roumanians have been forced back by the Austrians and Germans, who have brought up reinforcements.

Petrograd, Nov. 15.—Russian troops on the River Naraykva in Galicia, yesterday assumed the offensive and forced the Austro-German troops from the positions which they had occupied on both sides of the road leading to the village of Slavc.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Withdrawal of Bulgarian troops on the Balkan front is announced by army headquarters.

REMARKABLE GERMAN WORKS ARE CAPTURED

(Copyright 1916 by the Associated Press.) With the British armies in France, via London, Nov. 15.—The British advance along both sides of the Ancre, which continued yesterday, has resulted in the capture of Beaumont, a position of great strategic importance, and the capture of the village of Beaumont, is considered by the British commanders as one of the most important successes in the four months of the offensive.

More than 5,000 prisoners have been collected in the extensive subterranean galleries and chambers which were sunk on both sides of the valley and in miles in extent. Five hundred Germans surrendered in a tunnel near St. Pierre Division, which was a mile and a half long.

The British success south of the Ancre was increased owing to the fact that the Germans in this section were on the point of being relieved by fresh troops, when the attack was launched. The result was that twice the normal strength of the garrison was trapped by the barrage fire.

Two-thirds of the British casualties south of the Ancre were walking cases. The total losses were lighter in proportion than in any previous operation of the past four months.

The British attack was pressed continuously last night. All ground as far as Beaumont has been well consolidated and the troops are pushing beyond it. The Germans so far have not attempted any counter-attack.

Report of Anti-Tuberculosis Association Emphasizes Problem of Those Who Cannot Pay

At the regular meeting yesterday of the St. John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, the nurse's report was submitted as follows:—

Table with columns: On list Oct. 31, Dispensary days open, Attendances, Prescriptions filled, Old patients, Philanthropic pulmonary, Under observation, Sent to County Hospital, Discharged, Visits—Old patients, new patients, Patients receiving milk, 108.

DEATH OF EDWARD J. OLIVE Edward James Olive, son of Margaret and the late Charles F. Olive, passed away this morning at his home, 185 Princess street, after a brief illness. He was the last two weeks he was confined in his home with heart trouble, but his condition was not considered to be serious and his death came as a great shock to his relatives.

TO THE 168TH Quartermaster Sergeant J. A. Juteau of the Royal Canadian Regiment Infantry Battalion, arrived in the city this morning and reported for duty with the 168th Battalion, where he will take charge of the training of the N. C. O.'s and men under Captain Correll.

HUNGARIAN BID FOR PEACE

Count Apponyi Chosen to Put Out Feeler A FALSE ASSUMPTION

Professes to See Roumania Crushed and Allies' Last Card Played—Tries to Put Peace Words Into Mouth of Lord Grey

Berlin, Nov. 15.—(Via London, Nov. 15, delayed)—The opening of peace negotiations may, perhaps, be expected with fair prospects of success in the course of the coming winter, according to Count Albert Apponyi, veteran Hungarian leader and former Hungarian premier. Count Apponyi, who is visiting Germany to deliver two addresses on Hungarian history, expressed his views in an interview given to a correspondent of the Associated Press, in which he discussed the general European situation.

"We cannot expect," he said, "to see peace negotiations opened within the next few weeks while the Roumanian campaign is still undecided. However, I regard our chances for success there as excellent, and once Roumania is crushed, I think both sides will be willing to consider the question of peace. Roumania was the Entente's last card, and is proving a losing one. We are massing a big army against the Roumanians, and I think that the end will come soon. Of course our progress on the Transylvanian front is a bit slow, owing to the great difficulties of the country and particularly to the deficiency in rearward communications. These communications are far poorer than in the west or even in Galicia and Russia. However, the entry of Roumanians into the war has in many respects been really advantageous to us."

To illustrate what he regards as the improving chances for peace negotiations, Count Apponyi referred to recent speeches of statesmen in the opposing camps.

"Not Lloyd George, of course," he pointed out, "but such men as Lord Grey and Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, for example." He suggested a comparison between the utterances of these leaders a year ago and at present.

"Then," he said, "their respective standpoints were as far apart as the poles, but now, although there are still wide differences between them, they have most appreciably narrowed."

The references to crushing Germany have been eliminated from the British pronouncements and the agitation for annexation is dwindling in Germany.

"Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg," he went on, "has pointed out in his latest speech that he has never demanded the annexation of Belgium. Such instances as these show, in my opinion, that there are now no really insuperable obstacles to the opening of peace negotiations. Of course, the Kingdom of Poland must stand, but I believe Russia can be brought to reconcile herself to this situation."

DIVORCE COURT IN SESSION HERE

At the adjourned sitting of the divorce court held in Chambers here this morning, Judge Crockett gave judgment in the case of Pickle vs. Pickle. In this case he gave a decree annulling the marriage. Those interested belong to Hampton.

Evidence was taken in the case of Lillian Carr vs. William Carr. Those in this case formerly resided in York county; the petitioner is now residing in the city. Evidence was given by the petitioner and by the mother of the defendant. Adjournment was made until December 12 in Fredericton, when His Honor will give judgment.

Francis Kerr appeared for the petitioners in both cases.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning several prisoners were fined 28 or two months in jail for drunkenness. The court ordered the name of Joseph Dickson placed on the interdict list. Fred Southern was fined 38 for intoxication. The captain of the Manchester Merchant steamer, that the prisoner believed, stated that he did not want to take the man back, as he was a source of trouble. Southern said that it was all attributed to drink, he had a good captain and wanted to go with him. The magistrate let him return to the ship on a suspended sentence of eight weeks in jail.

FOUR BELOW AT FREDERICTON

Believed in Capital That River Navigation Has Closed Fredericton, Nov. 15.—The thermometer registered four degrees below zero last night. Considerable ice formed in the river and it is believed that navigation is closed for the year.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION SERIOUS

Premier Hughes Obligated to Reconstruct Cabinet Trying to Stir up Country for Separate Peace

London, Nov. 15.—A Reuter despatch from Melbourne, Australia, says that the attempt of the incumbent section of the labor party to overthrow Premier Hughes has caused a serious split in the party and as a consequence the premier has been obliged to reconstruct the ministry from his remaining followers, so that he can carry on the government with the assistance of the Liberals until a general election is held.

The new ministry includes Mr. Hughes as premier and attorney general; G. F. Pearce, minister of national defense; J. A. Jensen, minister of marine, and Mr. Poynton as treasurer.

The labor secessionists include nineteen senators and twenty-four members of the house of representatives. Among those are M. O'Malley and H. Mahon, who resigned from the Hughes' ministry and formed a new labor party with Charles McDonald, speaker of the house of representatives as acting leader. There are three parties now in the house of representatives, none of them able to govern alone.

Labor difficulties are increasing, 80,000 men being idle as a result of the coal strike and 100 steamers have been laid up. The wool sales have been suspended owing to the impossibility of getting freight.

GASOLINE TANK EXPLODES; J. A. BOUDREAU HURT AND WINDOWS ARE BROKEN

Digby, Nov. 15.—While experimenting with gasoline tank in his machine shop at Meteghan River last night, James A. Boudreau was seriously injured, the tank exploding under a pressure of 800 pounds. He was struck in the chest by a piece of debris and his right hand was badly cut. It is thought he will recover.

Many windows in the vicinity were broken and the explosion was heard for a long distance.

F. C. SMITH HEADS ST. ANDREW'S CURLING CLUB

Annual Meeting Elects Officers and Also Some Members The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Curling Club was held last evening with a large number of members present.

Following routine business the election of officers took place as follows: F. C. Smith, president; C. H. Peters, vice-president; John White, F. C. Beatty, R. G. Haley, P. A. Clark, W. J. Wetton, W. B. Tennant and Dr. A. H. Merrill, managing committee.

The following were elected members of the club:—R. H. Anderson, Clifford McAulay, George Blizard, C. S. Huntington, H. R. Nixon, J. E. Stephenson, W. E. Anderson and S. E. Elkin.

BYE-LAW MATTERS

Several citizens were in the police court this morning on reports that they infringed various city by-laws. William Howe, of West St. John, was reported for violating the fire law by heating a car on a lot in a wooden building owned by William Rowley and by so doing setting fire to the building. The defendant, through Kenneth J. MacKae, pleaded guilty. A fine of \$20 was struck. James R. McDonald was fined \$2 for not having the staging of a building he is remodeling at the corner of Union and Windward streets, West St. John, properly lighted.

Hattie Jefferson was reported for driving a car on the wrong side of the street. The car and the royal mail team collided. The evidence was confusing. Guy McIntyre, driver of the mail team, and Arthur Jefferson, who was operating the car, gave evidence. The case was finally dismissed. E. S. Ritchie appeared for the defendant.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—A depression is developing off the Florida coast while pressure remains very high in the Pacific states. Snow has been general in the maritime provinces, while it occurred locally in Ontario and Quebec. Ottawa Valley—Moderate winds, a few light local snowfalls or furies, but mostly fair and cold today and on Thursday. Fair and Cold

GERMAN PROPAGANDA IN RUSSIA A FAILURE

American Writer Says Czar's People Are Looking for Another Year of War and Steadily Preparing—Situation in Roumania

London, Nov. 15.—German propagandists are making every effort possible all over Russia to stir up dissent among the allies and influence Russia to consider a separate peace, but there are no signs of success.

This was the statement made yesterday by Arthur Ruhl, an American writer, who has just returned here after a trip through Russia and Roumania. Mr. Ruhl added that in Russia there was no expectation of the end of the war for another year at least. The recent references to peace by statesmen of the belligerent nations have aroused in the Scandinavian people the belief that it is not far off. However, according to the impression gained by Mr. Ruhl, the Russians were looking forward to the spring campaign, expecting to accumulate vast quantities of guns and ammunition during the winter.

Though their losses have been exceptionally high this year, the supply of soldiers seems inexhaustible.

The prices in Petrograd, Mr. Ruhl found extremely high, but southern Russia was faring better, though transportation was continuing a difficult problem. Speaking of the Roumanian trip, Mr. Ruhl said that until recently Bucharest has been bombarded every few hours by German aeroplanes or Zeppelins, the city being poorly supplied with anti-aircraft defenses. Many casualties were caused and serious damage was inflicted in the capital until the defenses were strengthened. During the first raids many of the Roumanians left the city.

The Roumanian mobilization had moved slowly, Mr. Ruhl said, until the tide of battle turned definitely in favor of the Entente.

Then the Roumanian machine speeded up. "Though Bucharest is a volatile city," said Mr. Ruhl, "it has now settled down to hard fighting, confident, unafraid, but with full appreciation of the power of the waves beating against the country on all sides."

SOLDIER LOSES ARM AT SHOULDER

Fredericton Man is in Ramsgate Hospital—Other Casualties Mrs. Roy of this city has learned that her husband, Private Joseph Roy of the Royal Regiment, is in hospital at Ramsgate, England, suffering from wounds. His right arm has been amputated at the shoulder and he will soon be given his discharge. He intends residing in Glasgow where Mrs. Roy and family will join him.

CAUGHT IN ICE IN ST. JOHN RIVER

Captain John Gilchrist of the river steamer May Queen left Indiantown for Grand Lake this morning, but only got as far as Oak Point when he was forced to return to the city owing to the river being frozen over above Gagetown. He said that the ice had formed as far as the eye could reach and was more than half an inch thick.

The steamer Viking, owned by the Hampstead Steamship Company, which runs on the main river route from Indiantown to Fredericton, is frozen in at Oromocto and two tugs, the Fannie and Eldred, are caught in the ice at Sheffield. Steamship men think the weather will become milder and that they will be able to break through and get back to Indiantown.

The D. Purdy set on her regular trip to Fredericton this morning and a report which reached the city was to the effect that her captain would endeavor to force his way through the ice and reach the capital. This is the first time in years that the river has frozen over at such an early date.

HAS RAISED MORE THAN FIVE MILLION POUNDS FOR THE RED CROSS

London, Nov. 15.—The Times announces that its collections on behalf of the Red Cross today passed five million pounds.

GREEK CHAMBER MEETS AND AT ONCE ADJOURNS

Athens, Nov. 15.—(Via London, Nov. 15.)—The Chamber of Deputies assembled this morning in accordance with the constitution. The premier read the royal decree convoking the assembly and adjournment was then taken sine die.

Americans Badly Treated By Germans

Were on The Dutch Vessel That Was Seized 'DECIDEDLY UNPLEASANT'

New York Attorney Adds That Belgian Women Were Treated With Unnecessary Harshness—Americans Finally Allowed to Return to Holland

Flushing, Nov. 15.—The three Americans who were on board the Dutch mail steamer Konig Regentes, when the steamer was captured and taken into Zebrugge by a German submarine, are now safely back on Dutch soil.

They had an experience which they say they are not anxious to repeat. They are Thomas Smith, an American courier; William Goodbody, a New York attorney, who had been in attendance upon a legal case in the Hague, and Howard Kimbly, Mr. Goodbody gave to the Associated Press an account of his four days' experience, and in conclusion said: "On the whole our treatment by the Germans after we had got off the steamer was decidedly unpleasant. Especially the Belgian women were treated with unnecessary harshness. We were glad to get to Roosendaal and finally to Flushing."

London, Nov. 15.—Reuter's Flushing correspondent quotes the passengers of the Dutch steamship Konig Regentes as saying that the steamer was held up by two submarines thirty miles off Zebrugge. Dutch torpedoes had been successfully used to prevent the hold-up. Nearing Zebrugge, German marines boarded the steamer, which entered the port under Dutch and German flags.

The correspondent adds that on the arrival of the steamer about thirty-five subjects of Entente Allied powers of military age were conveyed inland. The Konig Regentes now flies the German flag.

OUT OF THE CITY

Horsewhipping, Too, For Outraged Soldier's Wife

London, Oct. 15.—Vernon Cake is missing today. He wrote an improper letter to the wife of a soldier who went overseas last week, leaving five small children. The wife, who is a member of the neighborhood formed themselves into a vigilance committee and waited for him. They gave him a horse whipping and twenty-four hours to leave town.

FOOD RESTRICTIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN COMING

London, Nov. 15.—According to the morning newspapers, Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, will today present to parliament a measure providing for the rationing of food. A large number of shops, which the British Isles, of whole wheat flour instead of white flour; a ban on all fancy cakes and pastry and the institution of needless days on which neither shops nor restaurants will be allowed to sell meat.

London, Nov. 15.—The price of food, which has become such a serious matter in England as in all other belligerent countries, was discussed in the House of Commons today by the British Unionist member from Hereford, introduced the following resolution: "The opinion of the house is that the duty of the government to adopt further methods of organization to increase and conserve the national food supply and to diminish the risk of shortage and serious increase of prices in the event of the war being prolonged."

The debate on this resolution, if not arranged by the government, took place in accordance with its wishes. The activity of German submarines in sinking a large number of ships, which is related closely to the price of food, will be discussed in the House of Lords this evening by Lord Charles Bessford and Baron Sydenham.

WERE TAKEN OFF BY A BRITISH AUXILIARY

Shanghai, Nov. 14.—The passengers who were taken off the American steamer China, on February 18, by the British auxiliary cruiser Laurentide, while the China was on a voyage from Shanghai to San Francisco, have arrived here from Australia, where they had been held.

THE CHALEUR IN

The Royal Mail Steam Packet liner Chaleur arrived this morning from Bermuda and the West Indies and docked at the Atlantic Sugar Refineries wharf. In addition to mails, she had eleven first, ten second and twenty-three third-class passengers, also 1,800 tons of sugar for the refineries and 1,420 puncheons of molasses for local dealers and western points. On her last south bound voyage she made a special trip to the island of Tortola with a cargo of provisions for the inhabitants who were in dire circumstances, as the result of loss of crops and destruction of their homes in a hurricane. The cargo of provisions was taken on at Saint Kitts.

REALIZED \$40. Last evening a basket social and dance was held in the Lake Latimer school house. Despite the inclement weather conditions there was a large crowd present and Auctioneer Kirkpatrick found many ready and generous bidders. The sum of \$40 was realized for the children in Belgium. The teachers, Miss Dick and Miss Eboran, are to be congratulated on the success of the affair.