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French Press On In Verdun Region

Make Advance West and South of Fortress of Vaux; Germans Give Russians Temporary Set-back

Paris, Oct. 27—French troops made further progress last night in the Verdun region, advancing west and south of the fortress of Vaux, according to the official announcement issued this afternoon by the French war department. One hundred Germans were made prisoners.

German artillery, the statement adds, is violently bombarding Chenois Wood and Fort Douaumont, which were captured by the French in their surprise attack on Tuesday.

In the region of the Somme last night, French artillery destroyed a German munition depot near Ablaincourt.

Portuguese Victory

Lisbon, Oct. 27.—General Gill, commanding the Portuguese troops in East Africa, reports that his column encountered the opposing troops at Nakatala on October 21 and that, after a prolonged combat the enemy retreated precipitately, abandoning a quantity of arms and ammunition which fell into the hands of Portuguese. General Gill reports that his command was within a mile of Newala on Sunday, October 22.

Germans and Dutch

Amsterdam, Oct. 27.—As a measure of reprisal against Norway, says the Nieuwe Rotterdamche Courant, Germany has notified Dutch firms that they must not use German iron for repairing Norwegian vessels. Unless they comply they will be deprived of further supplies and material from Germany.

All Fine, Says Berlin.

Berlin, Oct. 27—Russian troops in the district west of Lutsk, in Volhynia, made a heavy attack at midnight on the Austro-German lines in the Kiselin sector, after prolonged artillery preparations. The attack, the war office announces, broke down before the defensive entanglements. The Russians have repeated their attacks along the Shara River, but failed to gain any advantage.

"In the Southern Carpathians there were renewed assaults on the Teutonic lines by the Russians and Roumanians, but here also the hostile effort to advance was futile.

Smoothing It Over.

Berlin, Oct. 27.—On the south bank of the River Somme last night German artillery fire on the French trenches in the sector of Fresnes, Mazzansourt and Caulnes held down a strong attack which was under preparation, says the German official statement today. North of the Somme last night the only engagements were those of reconnoitering detachments.

French forces at noon yesterday attacked the German positions to the east of Douaumont Fort in the region of Verdun, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

PRAISE FOR THE VERDUN TROOPS

Paris, Oct. 27.—Gen. Niville, French commander at Verdun, has addressed the following proclamation to Gen. Mangin and the officers and men of his command who participated in the recent French advance north of that city:

"Officers and men of Gen. Mangin's group: In four hours, by a magnificent assault, you wrested at one blow, from a powerful enemy, ground northeast of Verdun bristling with obstacles and fortifications which he took eight months to tear from us bit by bit at the cost of desperate efforts and considerable sacrifice. You have added fresh and splendid glory to the flag of the army of Verdun. In the name of that army, I thank you. You have deserved well of your country."

GERMANS LOSE TWO DESTROYERS IN RAID IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

Ten Make Attempt Upon British Transport Service But Fail and Are Driven Off

London, Oct. 27.—Ten German torpedo boat destroyers attempted to raid the British cross channel transport service last night, but the attempt failed, says an official statement issued by the British Admiralty today. Two of the German destroyers were sunk and the others were driven off. The German destroyers succeeded in sinking one empty transport, the Queen. All the members of her crew were saved.

ANOTHER REPORT

J. M. Robinson & Son reports:—The British destroyer Flirt is missing and the British destroyer Nublian sank while being towed to port, according to a later report of the admiralty.

THE BLOCKADE OF LIBERTY

SERGEANT MAJOR M. CRAWFORD IS KILLED IN WAR

Goshen Young Man Who Had Lived in St. John — Others in Today's List

Sergeant-Major Merton Crawford, who made many friends in St. John while stationed here with the 6th C. M. R., has been killed in action. The official announcement to this effect has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

SERGEANT-MAJOR MERTON CRAWFORD
Killed in Action.

Christopher Crawford of Goshen, Queens county. He entered the ranks as a private and by his ability and excellent conduct won the rank of sergeant-major. Leaving Canada with the 6th C.M.R. he saw severe fighting with this unit and afterwards with another battalion to which he was transferred when the 6th was disbanded.

He was twenty-five years of age and, previous to enlisting, had made his home with his parents in Goshen. His parents and sisters have the universal sympathy of their community and of friends in this city in the loss of a gallant soldier who died in defense of liberty and righteousness.

Son of Sergt. J. J. Smith.

Sergeant John J. Smith of the local police force received a letter this morning from his son, Corporal Wm. D. Smith, who was recently wounded in action. He is in Dublin Castle Hospital suffering from shrapnel wounds in face, arms and legs. Owing to the congested state of hospitals in England, he said, many soldiers were being sent to Ireland for treatment. Speaking of his injury he said that four pieces of shrapnel were imbedded in his right arm and left leg and the wounds were quite painful. He spoke of participating in the great battle of the Somme and said that he went through three of the main charges without getting a scratch, and it was practically after it was all over that a small shell fell close to him and put him out of the fight.

York County Man.

Sergt. George S. Sears, with next of kin in St. Marys, appears in the casualty list as missing. Sergt. Sears served for several years with H. Company, Royal Canadian Regiment. On the outbreak of the war he left with H Company for St. John and from here went to Halifax. He served with the R. C. R. at Bermuda and also went to England with that unit. From England he went to France, joining a unit on the firing line. His wife, formerly Miss Venner, lives in St. Marys. Prior to enlisting in the R. C. R., Sergeant Sears had served in the West Kent Regiment of the Imperial army. Between terms of enlistment in the R. C. R. he was color sergeant of D. Company, 71st York Regiment, and also was employed on the construction of the St. John and Quebec Railway.

Returned to Firing Line.

A letter received by Lt. Col. Guthrie from Capt. J. H. Wandlass states that he had returned to the firing line and is now with the 15th Battalion and has taken recently an active part in the fighting on the Somme. He stated that his brother, Loring Wandlass, is near him.

Military Wedding.

A military wedding took place on Monday morning at St. Francis Xaviers Church, in Sussex, when Rev. Fr. McDermott married Private Francis McLaughlin, of the 132nd Battalion to Miss Mary Petrie. The groom is a resident of Tracadie and the bride is a popular Bathurst girl. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin left on a short honeymoon trip.

Goes to Princess Pats.

Lieut. R. Bruce McFarlane, who went overseas with the 140th Battalion, in a letter to his sister, Mrs. A. H. Woods, of Fredericton, states that he has been attached to the 106th Battalion for instruction, but is to go to the front

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Our Allies In The East Give Way But Fighting Stubbornly

TALE OF BATTLE HIGH IN THE AIR

Italian Dirigible Pilot Receives From King Gold Medal for Valor

Rome, Oct. 27.—A fight between an Italian dirigible airship and an Austrian aeroplane at a height of more than three miles over the Albanian coast, resulting in the aeroplane being shot down and the dirigible afterward being destroyed by its own officer inside the Austrian lines, was told yesterday when King Victor Emmanuel conferred medals for valor on three members of the Italian air corps.

On the morning of Oct. 12, while off the Albanian coast, an Italian dirigible piloted by Captain Ercole, with Captain Corbelli and Captain Albino as observers, was surprised and attacked at a height of 16,000 feet by an Austrian aeroplane.

The aeroplane, on obtaining a favorable position, turned its machine gun on the dirigible, mortally wounding the observer and disabling Captain Ercole's left arm. Ercole, however, succeeded in overcoming the aeroplane and in killing the pilot, but the dirigible was obliged to land thirty miles within the enemy lines.

Captain Ercole destroyed the dirigible and after two days of wandering and suffering from cold and hunger, managed to elude the Austrians and, recrossing the mountains, finally reached an Italian camp on the River Voyusa.

King Victor Emmanuel conferred a gold medal for valor on Captain Ercole and silver medals on Captains Corbelli and Albino.

Roumanians And Russians Forced To Retire

ENEMY ATTACK CONTINUES

Are Striking Along Entire Dobrudja Front—A Gain by Roumanians in Moldavia, Bad Weather, Reports the French War Office

Petrograd, Oct. 27.—Although offering stubborn resistance to the German-Bulgar-Turkish forces attacking in Dobrudja, the Russians and Roumanians, according to today's official Russian statement, are retiring to the north of a line between Hirsova and Casapkeul. This line is approximately between forty and sixty miles north of the Tchernavoda-Constanza Railroad line.

The statement adds that the forces of the Central Powers and their allies are continuing their attack along the entire front in Dobruja.

Roumanian troops on the western frontier of Moldavia, however, have captured the Transylvanian village of Balan and the Piatrarotkul heights. Fierce fighting is continuing on both banks of the Osik river.

This is Enemy Report.

Sofia, Ovt. 26—The Russo-Roumanian army in Dobrudja is in precipitate retreat north and west from the Tchernavoda-Constanza railway toward Hirsova, Braila and Tultcha on the Danube, says an official statement of the war office issued today. The capture of fifteen officers and 771 men and fifteen machine guns is announced.

Berlin, Oct. 27.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces pursuing the retreating Russo-Roumanian armies in Dobrudja have reached the district of Hirsova, approximately forty miles north of Tchernavoda.

Weather Bad.

Paris, Oct. 27—Bad weather is hindering the military operations on the various fronts in Macedonia, says the official statement issued by the French war department.

Temporary Setback.

Petrograd, Oct. 27.—German forces yesterday launched an attack against the Russian positions on the western bank of the River Shara, in the region of Goldovitchi and forced the retirement of the Russians to the eastern bank of the river, today's Russian official statement announces.

GREECE AND THE ALLIES CLOSER

Athens, Wednesday, Oct. 25.—(Via London, Oct. 27.)—(Delayed.)—An understanding reached yesterday by King Constantine and representatives of the Entente Powers generally is believed to be the imminent result of a conference of the military and political leaders of France and Great Britain in Boulogne on last Friday. The terms of the understanding includes on the part of Greece:

First—Sincere compliance with the demands of Admiral Fournet.

Second—Effective maintenance of order in Athens and Piraeus.

Third—Guarantee of constitutional liberties to Greeks through the operation of the legal functions of their government.

Fourth—No opposition to recruiting for the Venizelist movement, which now is characterized as "anti-Bulgarian" instead of National Defense.

The Forward, the Royalist organ, today strikes the keynote of the situation, asserting: "The Boulogne conference has opened the way to a larger understanding between the powers and Greece."

SEAL HERDS HAVE RAPIDLY INCREASED

Killing at Pribilof Islands to Be Resumed Next Year

Seattle, Wn., Oct. 27.—The seal herds on the Pribilof Islands in Behring Sea have increased so rapidly since killing of the fur-bearing animals was prohibited, that the government will begin to kill them regularly next year, according to a statement made by H. J. Christoffer, assistant agent for the United States bureau of fisheries, who has returned after an inspection trip to the islands.

The steamer in which he returned brought back 7,000 skins which were taken from seals killed to supply food for the natives on the islands. The skins will be shipped to St. Louis, where the government will sell them at auction.

DAUGHTER AND SON RESIDENTS OF ST. JOHN

John Knorr Passes Away at His Home in Blissville

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 27—John Knorr, of Blissville, died yesterday, aged seventy-one. He is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters—Mrs. Herbert Barton and Charles Knorr of St. John, Mrs. R. B. Smith and John Knorr of Oromocto; Mrs. Robert Charlton of Montreal, and George Knorr of Blissville.

At Gagetown on Wednesday, Wilford Cummings, a negro, was convicted of resisting officers in discharge of their duty and was sentenced by Judge Wilson to two years in the penitentiary.

J. F. TILLEY VERY ILL IN A MONTREAL HOSPITAL

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 27—J. Frank Tilley of Woodstock, who lately enlisted in the Irish Canadian rangers, is seriously ill in a Montreal hospital. He was formerly dairy superintendent for New Brunswick.

VILLA BAND DEFEATED BY PARTY OF COWBOYS

Field Headquarters, American Punitive Expedition, Mexico, Oct. 27.—A party of thirty-five cowboys from the Santa Anna ranch, one of the Hearst properties, near Babicora, attacked and defeated a detachment of Villa's followers about three miles from San Geronimo, according to a report today. It is said that two of the bandits' officers and two privates were captured.

THERE MAY BE TROUBLE WITH OPIUM PLANTERS

Amoy, China, Oct. 27.—Troops which had been guarding the Kwangtung Fukien border have been recalled to assist in the destruction of poppies which have been planted extensively for the making of opium in the Tungan district during the unsettled period resulting from the recent revolts in the vicinity of Canton. Resistance by the opium planters is considered probable.

BREWSTER TO BE PREMIER

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 27—At a meeting of Liberal members elected to the provincial legislature, held yesterday, H. W. Brewster was formally nominated as leader of the party. It is now officially announced that he will assume the premiership so soon as his party is called into office. He said that he could not announce the formation of his cabinet until he was called upon to take office.

RUSSIAN VICTORIES ON THE CAUCASIAN FRONT

Petrograd, Oct. 27—"Small Turkish forces yesterday attempted to advance toward Sharafmhan, six miles south of Ziaret on the Caucasian front, but they were repelled," says the official statement issued today by the Russian war department.

"In the Sakkiz region (Persia) our troops captured a portion of the Turkish transport.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of A. C. McMurtery, who died in Boston, and whose body was brought here for burial, took place this morning on the arrival of the Boston train. Services were conducted by Rev. P. R. Hayward and interment was made in Fernhill.

HOW LOOKS IN VAIN FOR HIS MONEY AFTER LITTLE WALK OF 13,000 MILES

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Clarence White Eagle, a Comanche Indian, is in Chicago today at the end of a 13,000 mile walk for which he said he was to receive a prize of $10,000, but he has been unable since his arrival yesterday to find the men who were to pay him the money.

White Eagle and two companions left Chicago on October 16, 1915, walked to New York and back to San Francisco, where the companions quit and the Indian finished the trip alone. He said that he had worn out thirty-five pairs of shoes on the journey.

POLICE COURT

Gustave Johnson was before the police magistrate this morning on the charge of drunkenness and refusing duty on board the steamer Athos, Captain Svenwysen. The court decided that the man be sent into jail until the steamer sails.

Bernard Barton was fined $8 for being intoxicated, $8 for acting disgracefully and told he was liable to $80 for resisting the police.

Three prisoners charged with drunkenness were fined $8 or two months in jail.

YELLOW PINE FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

New Orleans, La., Oct. 27.—The British admiralty will furnish several vessels for the shipment of a part of thirty million feet of southern yellow pitch pine for Europe, a large amount of which will go to the British government, according to an announcement by the Standard Export Lumber Company here.

This company stated it had booked the orders for the lumber and that it would be exported from Gulfport, Miss., and Beaumont, Texas, by January 1. One steamer carrying three million feet of the order already has sailed from Gulfport.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST LIEBNECHT TO GO ON

Berlin, Oct. 27.—A committee of the Reichstag has rejected a petition of the Social-Democratic minority that proceedings against Dr. Karl Liebnecht be suspended during the session of the Reichstag.

Dr. Liebnecht was sentenced for military treason. While his appeal was pending another courtmartial began action against him on the ground that he incited soldiers of the Thorn garrison to rebellion.

The Wheat Market

Chicago, Oct. 27—Sharp advances in the price of wheat resulted today from news that the rains yesterday in Argentina, instead of breaking the general drought, had been only slight and that the moisture in North Argentina was too late anyhow to be of value. Opening prices, which ranged from 1 to 3 3-4 cents higher, with December at 182 to 184 1-4, and May at 182 to 183, were followed by moderate additional gains and then something of a reaction.

BY-LAW MATTER

Harry White, driver for the People's Dairy, was today fined $10 for allowing his horse to stand in the street without a foot-strap.

GOOD NEWS COMES TO ANXIOUS WIFE

Gets Word of Husband Who Had Been Wounded—Now is on the Mend

A letter received by Mrs. P. J. Shelley of 68 Moore street, has greatly relieved her anxiety regarding her husband, who was reported wounded some time ago, and from whom she has not since heard. The letter was the kindly act of an English girl who was visiting the wounded in the No. 9 hospital in Rouen, France, where she met Mr. Shelly who asked her to write to his wife.

The letter conveys the good news that the patient is decidedly on the mend, although still suffering from the effects of a bad wound in the knee joint and subsequent illness. The writer says that she has seldom met so brave a soldier. "He is wonderful and never complains," she adds. Hope is held out that Mr. Shelley may be able to return to his home and family here before the winter is over.

RICHARD D. DAMERY

The death of Richard D. Damery occurred yesterday in the General Public Hospital. Mr. Damery, who was in his seventy-first year, is survived by his wife, one daughter and a brother, John Damery, also of this city. For many years he was caretaker of the Martello Tower and while there he established a most interesting museum of objects of historic and general interest. Unfortunately this valuable collection was destroyed by fire after its removal from the tower. Mr. Damery was well known throughout the city and enjoyed the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. He was a member of Elgin No. 2 L. O. A. The funeral will take place from 144 Paradise row on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

BORDEN'S NEW OFFICIAL SWORN IN TODAY

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—Col. Hugh Clark, M. P. for North Bruce, was sworn in this morning as parliamentary secretary of external affairs and will immediately enter upon the duties of his position under Sir Ribert Borden.

The work of this branch has increased very materially since the war began. It is the channel of all communications with the imperial and other gevrnments. The office is not one of emolument and so a by-election will not be necessary.

ONE KILLED; SIXTEEN OTHERS ARE INJURED

Edwardsville, Ill., Oct. 27.—E. A. Kantor, representative of a New York cloak and suit firm, was killed and sixteen other persons burned or injured seriously when a coach of the Illinois traction system caught fire after plunging 100 feet down an embankment near a trestle five miles north of here last night. The coach was bound from Springfield to St. Louis.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

The motor barge Daniel Munro arrived off Partridge Island this afternoon from New York with a cargo of coal for R. P. & W. F. Starr.

The schooner Nettie Shipman sailed this morning for New York with a cargo of piling. She was ready for sea on last Monday, but owing to unfavorable winds did not sail. Captain Trynor is in com-

BELIEVE CHANNEL TUNNEL IS COMING

London Papers Comment on Premier's Reception of Delegation

London, Oct. 27—(New York Herald cable)—The sympathetic spirit in which the premier, Mr. Asquith, received a channel tunnel deputation yesterday is the subject of leading editorials in today's newspapers.

The Chronicle says: "For a quarter of a century none but military considerations has prevented the construction of the tunnel, but the war has turned these the other way and it is our firm conviction that the new tunnel some day will be made and that when it has been working a short time every one will be at a loss to understand how we got on without it, and that, meantime, or more immediate, a start can be made, but after the war will be better."

The Daily Mail, which expresses the same view, says there are three convincing arguments in favor of a tunnel: First, the great advantage it would confer on British shipping lines by placing their western ports on a railway in touch with the cities of the continent and eliminating the miseries of a channel passage in bad weather; second, the possibility of despatching British goods in wagons, without any break in bulk, to the nations now in alliance with Great Britain, and, third—an advantage which might prove of the utmost importance in any future war—that a route to the continent be provided which would secure against submarine attacks.

ALEXANDER KILPATRICK

A well known and respected resident of Penobsquis, Alexander Kilpatrick, for many years a prominent woodsman, died after an illness extending throughout the summer. He was born in St. John sixty-nine years ago, but the greater part of his life had been spent in adjoining counties. He had a large acquaintance, particularly here and in Kings. He was a member of the I. O. F. Mr. Kilpatrick is survived by his wife and ten children. Thomas and John reside in Fairville and Katie is at home. One other son and six other daughters are in the United States. Joseph Kilpatrick, light keeper at St. Andrews, is a brother. To all the sympathy of many friends will go out.

BE STYLISHLY DRESSED

You need never stay at home for fear of meeting people because you are shabbily dressed. Call at Brager's, clothiers, and be well dressed by paying $1 a week, for ladies', gents', youths' or boy's clothing. 185-187 Union street.

SAYS FRENCH-CANADIANS HAVE NOT HAD FAIR CHANCE IN RECRUITING

Hon. Sydney Fisher Says Man Like General Lessard Should Have Been Sent to Quebec

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—The recruiting situation in Quebec was dealt with by Hon. Sydney Fisher in a speech here last night. "The French-Canadians," he said, "have not had a fair chance to recruit. There has never been any organized system by men who knew him to get the habitant to join the ranks. Had a man like General Lesard, one of Canada's leading soldiers been sent to Quebec and given a free hand among the people who knew him and have confidence in him there would now be 50,000 French-Canadians enlisted. Instead, the general is kept in Ontario doing practically nothing."

Mr. Fisher justified Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attitude in regard to the national service appeal on the ground that such an appeal ought to be made by a body outside of party politics and not by a committee of both sides of the house as had been suggested.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—Another disturbance is moving quickly across the Great Lakes. The weather is showery in Ontario; elsewhere it is fair. It continues mild in the western provinces.

Ottawa Valley—Southwest winds and showery. Saturday, northwest winds, fair and cool.

Showery

Maritime—Moderate winds; fair; Saturday, strong southwest and west winds, showery.

New England forecasts—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight on the mainland; moderate winds, becoming south and southeast, probably fresh on the coast.