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Further Gain In Champagne

French and Americans Win Near Blanc Mont and River Arnes—Have Crossed Aisne Canal in Rheims Region

Paris, Oct. 5—Under the pressure of French and American attacks in Champagne the Germans have retired on their left flank and given up territory east of the Meuse, according to the war office announcement today.

West of the Sulpis the French, keeping in touch with the German rear guards, have reached the heights southeast of Moronvilliers.

The French have maintained their gains in heavy fighting east of the Arnes Forest.

Northwest of Rheims in the last five days the French have taken more than 2,500 prisoners and thirty-one guns.

Paris, Oct. 5—The French and American troops in Champagne have gained further ground north of Blanc Mont in the direction of the River Arnes, according to the official statement from the war office today.

Along the Aisne Canal, in the region of Rheims the French are pressing the Germans vigorously and have crossed the canal at several points. The French have reached the outskirts of Bernécourt, east of the canal.

Violent fighting continues north of St. Quentin. In desperate fighting the French have driven the enemy from the heights southeast of Castron Vert.

Paris, Oct. 5—In the fighting in Champagne the French have advanced about two and a half miles north of Auldeire and about five miles northeast of Somme-Py, taking prisoners and villages, according to the French official communication issued last night.

The railroad town of Challerange has been evacuated, but has not been occupied by the Allies. Both armies are firing upon it.

FAIL AGAINST AMERICANS

With the American Army in Lorraine, Oct. 5, 11:30 a. m.—(By the Associated Press)—After a forty minute barrage, the Germans last night attempted to retake the American lines east of Guezdun in Lorraine with a strong party. The attack was a total failure.

Gerardmer is southeast of Epinal and eight miles from the German border opposite Colmar, Alsace.

MOROCQUET CAPTURED

London, Oct. 5—A statement dealing with the operations around St. Quentin issued by the French war office and just received here says: "We have taken Morocquet, south of Sequehart, and many fortified woods. We have captured Morocquet, where we took 400 prisoners, and four cannons."

AMERICAN GAINS

Washington, Oct. 4—General Pershing's communique for this date received at the war department tonight reports the retaking of the attack west of the Meuse, and the advancing of the American line two to five kilometers. Several villages were also reported taken from the enemy.

BRITISH PROGRESS

London, Oct. 5—North of St. Quentin British troops made substantial progress yesterday in minor operations southeast of Castron Vert and north of Leclatlet. Field Marshal Haig's report today says that 800 prisoners were captured. The British line northwest of Leclatlet was advanced slightly on Friday night.

The Airman

London, Oct. 5—The British airman has played a big part in the successes of the western front. It is learned that 200 tons of bombs were dropped in the last week upon German railways and other military objectives in the Champagne and the Somme. In one day alone fifteen air raids were carried out, of which seven were upon the railroad.

In the air fighting over Northern France and Belgium 124 enemy machines were brought down and forty-six driven down out of control. Ninety British machines are missing.

POWER-FORRESTER

Last evening in the Mission Church St. John Baptist, Paradise Row, Rev. H. E. Bennett united in marriage Mrs. Cora May Forrester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holly Marr, of Rostesley, and William Henry Power of Halifax. The bride, who was given away by Frederick George Smith of this city, looked lovely in a tailored suit of silver grey with matching hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Power left on the late train for Halifax, where they will make their home.

Postmen's Strike Ends

Madrid, Oct. 5—The strike of the postmen has ended and work has been resumed. The government gave the strikers assurance that it would satisfy their reasonable claims.

Weather Report

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

Synopsis—The shallow depression which was over Saskatchewan yesterday morning has now reached Lake Superior with its energy increasing, giving rain from Manitoba to Quebec, attended by local thunder storms.

Forecasts.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh to strong winds, showery today and for a part of Sunday.

Lower St. Lawrence—Strong breezes to moderate gales, mostly northeast to east with rain; Sunday, continued unsettled.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair and cool today, then becoming unsettled.

Rain.

Middle—Moderate to fresh southwest to south winds, generally fair today; rain tonight and on Sunday.

New England—Unsettled, probably showers tonight and Sunday, cooler. Sunday, moderate southwest winds, probably becoming northeast.

ENEMY KINGS IN BOMBARDED TOWN

Monarchs of Wurttemberg and Saxony Flee For Safety

MORE NEWS OF CRUELTY

Flemish People Freed From Hun Clutch Tell of Outrages—Germans Short of Food For Horses And Also Lack Auto Tires

With the British Army in France, Oct. 4—(By the Associated Press)—From civilians freed from the Germans in the kings of Wurttemberg and Saxony both narrowly escaped having something happen to them at Dadielle, northeast of Menin, a few days ago. Both monarchs were in the town when the British guns suddenly opened upon it with a whirlwind bombardment. They fled in a hurry, and, so far as is known, managed to get away safely.

Some enlightening information was gained from these liberated Flemings. Some of them from Leclieghem said that ever since the Germans first came to their town in 1914, they had forced all civilians to sleep on the floor, while husky Germans occupied their beds. Twenty-eight of the villagers were killed, or in the suburbs of the town, where they remained until the British entered. The Germans told the villagers that they would like to surrender to the British troops, but that the Scots had the nasty habit of cutting the throats of the Germans when they caught them, and therefore they were afraid to take a chance. The Germans, the villagers said, also told them terrible things the British would do to the villagers when they entered the town.

According to the villagers, many German homes have died in Flanders because there was no food of any kind for the horses and the German automobiles all are running on their rims because the Germans have no tires.

Several Ships In With Soldiers To Homeland

Between 4,000 And 5,000 Reach Atlantic Port

WOMEN AND CHILDREN, TOO

Combination of Circumstances Responsible For Sending So Large Number at One Time—Wanted For Good Class of Ships

MILLIONAIRE IS UNDER ARREST

Charge in Connection With Making Defective Shells for U. S. Army

MAY BE CALL FOR MORE MEN FROM CANADA

Ottawa, Oct. 5—The Evening Citizen says: "Cable despatches from overseas indicating heavy losses among the Canadian forces are likely to cause renewed consideration as to whether to call up the second class, abolish more exemptions or summon the 25,000 who have attained twenty years of age. The last mentioned course is regarded in some quarters as more probable but it is unlikely that they alone will be taken."

LENS IN RUINS; MINES FLOODED

Enormous Amount of Work Necessary to Overcome Devastation Wrought

TORONTO POLICE, 300 IN NUMBER, HAVE ORGANIZED UNION

Have Been Affiliated With Trades and Labor Congress

GENERAL GROENER NEW PRUSSIAN WAR MINISTER

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 5—General Groener has been appointed to succeed Gen. Von Stein, resigned, as Prussian minister of war, says the Strassburg Post. General Groener has been chief of staff in the Ukraine.

THE END OF HIS ROPE.



PROCLAIMING INDEPENDENCE OF BOHEMIA

Virtually Assured, Say Members of National Committee

NEW CZECH MONEY ISSUED

Slavic-Latin States Also Demand Autonomy—Bulgarian Press Hinting at Territorial Claims

EVADING ORDER RE CREAMERY BUTTER

Government Hears of Plans And Takes Steps To Prevent

NO WARNING GIVEN FRANCO WAS SHELLED

Madrid, Oct. 5—Despatches received here say that twenty-six survivors of the supposed Spanish steamer Franco were landed at Alicante. The survivors told the maritime prefect that the submarine emerged and began shelling the Franco without warning. The crew succeeded in leaving the steamer on a raft.

FREDERICK NURSE VERY ILL IN PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL

Fredrickton, N. B., Oct. 5—On Wednesday Mrs. Whitman Brewer received word that her daughter, Vest, who has been training in the Rhode Island hospital in Providence, was ill with pneumonia resulting from influenza. Telegrams following reported her seriously ill. Her father left last night for Providence. Miss Brewer's three years course would be completed next January.

Great Explosions in New York

IS SERIOUS IN SEVERAL CITIES

Many Deaths From The Spanish Influenza

No New Cases Here—Boston Has 154 Deaths In Day—Theatres, Schools and, In Some Cities, Churches Being Closed

No new cases of Spanish influenza were reported to the board of health this morning. When asked what steps would be taken in case the disease broke out here, Dr. George G. Melvin, chief medical officer said that it would not do to anticipate any more as yet as it was a little premature. In case it did break out here, he said, every precaution would be taken to prevent its spreading.

Halifax, Oct. 5—There are seventy cases of Spanish influenza in this city. Some cases are reported critical. It is rumored that deaths have taken place. All theatres will be closed today and tomorrow all churches in the city will remain closed. Several of the churches are asking permission to hold open air services.

Sherbrooke, Que., Oct. 5—Seven more deaths from Spanish influenza and pneumonia were reported to the health authorities this morning. The temporary hospital has already 100 patients. The Protestant churches have withdrawn all services tomorrow.

Ottawa, Oct. 5—At a meeting of the board of health last night it was decided, on account of the prevalence of Spanish influenza to close all schools and theatres, and prohibit public meetings till further notice. Churches are asked to discontinue services.

Bad in Boston. The Boston board of health in an effort to stop the spread of influenza issued an order last night closing from midnight on Sunday until further notice all saloons, bowling alleys, pool rooms, billiard halls, slot machine parlors, soda fountains and amuseur rooms.

Governor McCall and the state emergency public health committee made a public request that church services be temporarily abandoned. No order was issued prohibiting services but the committee is confident that practically every church in Massachusetts will be closed on next Sunday.

The death rate in Boston continues high. Reports at 10 o'clock last night showed 124 deaths from influenza and twenty-nine from pneumonia. The epidemic is spreading rapidly in the western part of the state, but is being held in check in the eastern portion, where most of the organized work against it has been done. Dr. Bernard W. Carr, state epidemiologist, estimated yesterday that 175,000 cases of influenza had developed outside of Boston, with more than 8,000 deaths.

JAMES STOKES DEAD.

New York, Oct. 5—James Stokes, banker, lawyer and philanthropist, died today at his summer home in Ridgefield, Conn. He was probably most widely known for his work in the Y. M. C. A. in the United States and abroad.

IN WALL STREET.

New York, Oct. 5—Nominal changes prevailed at the dull opening of today's stock market; rails and shippings showing irregular tendencies while utilities, oils and motors hardened fractionally.

ONE NURSE OFFERS.

Since the announcement that Boston is anxious to secure the services of all the nurses who can be spared to help fight the influenza epidemic, only one nurse has reported to Mayor Hayes her willingness to go. Owing to the scarcity of nurses in St. John those who are here are pretty fully employed.

FERDINAND IS SAID TO HAVE QUIT THE THRONE

Boris New Ruler in Bulgaria, Says Report Coming From Austria

Copenhagen, Oct. 5—The official Austrian correspondence bureau has given out a despatch from Sofia, dated Friday, stating that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria abdicated on Thursday in favor of Crown Prince Boris. The new king, it is declared, has already assumed the reins of office.

Serbs Defeat Austrians.

Paris, Oct. 5—Allied forces in Serbia bis. Serb forces, operating against the Austrians, took Vranje, southern Serbia, on Thursday.

Works in Morgan Are Wrecked, Many Killed

DEATH LIST MAY BE 100

Terrific Explosions of T. N. T.—Shock of It Felt in New York, 29 Miles Away—All Towns in Vicinity Ordered Evacuated

Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 5—Explosions followed by fire which last night destroyed several buildings of the great shell-loading plant of Gillespie & Company, at Morgan, near here, with the probable loss of many lives of workmen, variously estimated at from twenty-five to 140, continued at frequent intervals during the early morning hours, culminating at four a. m. with a terrific blast, which blew one of the few remaining warehouse magazines to dust.

Buildings are being blasted to stop the spread of flames, which were said to be raging in some of the buildings at 9:30 a. m. At that hour only 101 of the company's 4,000 night shift employees had been accounted for. Scores of injured persons have been sent to hospitals at Elizabeth and Rahway.

Another terrific explosion of a T. N. T. magazine occurred at 10:09 a. m. Buildings rocked in Perth Amboy. The task of trying to learn how many were killed and who were saved had to be left in abeyance. Thousands of people had hurried away from Morgan and surrounding towns during the night, leaving many communities today virtually without resident populations, and it was considered probable that with these went many of the Gillespie employes, as yet unaccounted for.

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New York, Oct. 5—The explosion which occurred in the Gillespie plant at Morgan, N. J., at 10:09 a. m., was like many of the previous explosions, distinctly felt in New York, twenty-nine miles distant, and was even reported to have been felt as far away as Lisle, L. I., fifty miles from the scene. The city was again shaken at 10:30 o'clock with a series of explosions at the plant.

As a measure of precaution, the authorities have ordered the evacuation of all towns within a ten mile radius of Morgan.

WATER STREET OFFICE HAS A VISIT FROM THIEF

Something Like \$100 Stolen From Brandram - Henderson Limited Last Night

Another robbery was committed in the city last night. The office of Brandram-Henderson, Ltd., 7 Ward street, was broken into and upwards of \$100 was stolen out of the cash box. The burglar made his entrance through one of the windows, which was smashed in. The matter had been reported to the city detectives. The entrance was made in the same way as that to the store of H. J. Gardner, corner of Sydney and Duke streets, which was entered about a week ago, when merchandise to the value of about \$50 was stolen.

FOR SIBERIAN FUND

At a meeting of Brunswick Chapter, I. O. O. F., last evening, it was decided to proceed with the collection of a fund to supply comforts for the men of the Siberian force. Arrangements have been made with the Royal Bank of Canada here to accept contributions and the chapter hopes to make similar arrangements throughout the province in order to give all who wish a convenient opportunity to contribute.