

THE PEACE PROPOSAL CAUSES DECIDED STIR IN LONDON

GENERAL PETAIN'S TROOPS WIN MORE IMPORTANT SUCCESES

Fort Brimont and Massif of Moronvilliers Have Been Taken—Massif of L'Abessee Has Been Encircled, French Holding the Whole Course of the Arnes River, Crossing the Suippe River at Orainville and the Arnes at Several Points.

Paris, Oct. 5.—Fort Brimont has been captured by the French troops, the war office announces tonight. The massif of Moronvilliers has been taken and the massif of Nogent L'Abessee encircled. The statement adds: "We hold the whole course of the Arnes river; we have crossed the Suippe river at Orainville and the Arnes at several points."

The text of today's statement reads: "The pursuit of the enemy continued all night on the whole of the Suippe river front. On the left the French crossed the Aisne Canal in the region of Sepigneul and reached the outskirts of Aguilcourt."

General Progress. "Further east the French are approaching Amancourt-La-Petite. The massif of Nogent L'Abessee in our possession and we have advanced far beyond it. The French are progressing on a general line north of Feneuil north of Lavannes and north of L'Esneux.

TIME NEAR HERE FOR \$500 PRIZES

City Cornet Band's Big Fair and Chances to Win \$2,510 Next Week.

The good war news should put everyone into a receptive mood for the always interesting announcement of the City Cornet Band's fair. It is coupled with their sixth grand round-the-world excursion offer. Round-the-world travel is not among the possibilities of the hour but the alternative of \$500 each to the winners of the two capital prizes is equally alluring. Further details will be given as the fair time approaches; suffice it to say there will be 188 prize tickets of aggregate value of \$2,510.

And in addition the experience and brains which make this band's enterprises always outstanding are being put into the preparation for the fair which they will open next Monday in St. Andrew's rink. This time, with the fair and drawing, it's going to be a big time in the rink next week, good amusements and all that go when the C. C. Band is the directing force.

Capt. Raymond Dead. Paris, Oct. 5.—Captain Raymond, commander of the famous storm escalade, has died in a hospital at Chalons-sur-Marne, of injuries received in an accidental fall. He had the reputation of being one of the best group.

Hospital Bombarded. Paris, Oct. 5.—(Havas Agency)—Many French soldiers were killed or injured when a German airplane bombed a hospital at Chalons, on the night of October 1-2. At the time of the raid German prisoners were being sheltered in the cellars of the hospital.

Writing to Deputy Margains, of the department of the Marne, Premier Clemenceau declared that the bombardment of the hospital is an episode "in the long succession of German crimes which will be taken into account at the final settlement."

The German Retreat. With the American Army North west of Verdun, Friday, Oct. 4.—(By The Associated Press)—"Between the Meuse and the Argonne a greater loss of territory will have been gained, the German retreat to strategic considerations, but any withdrawal that the Germans may make will be under stress of compulsion from the Allied forces."

Villages Evacuated. Geneva, Oct. 5.—Forty villages in Alsace-Lorraine, from Basel to Colmar, have been evacuated by the civilian population, according to the Democratic. The German authorities, the newspaper says, have now ordered the inhabitants of Mulhausen, Altkirch, and other smaller towns to prepare to leave immediately.

On Belgian Front. Ottawa, Oct. 5.—A cable dealing with the operations on the Belgian front in Flanders has been received here and was issued from the office of the consul-general. The cable states that the presence of the king of Belgium, as supreme commander, among his soldiers, has inspired them with bravery and determination.

The following sentence, says the cable, uttered by a private, shows in a striking way the sentiments of all his fellow soldiers on the battlefield: "The king is a real soldier here and a real father to us; we are all ready to give our lives for him and for Belgium."

Ten Thousand Prisoners. Havre, Oct. 4.—(Friday)—In the operations in Flanders since Sept. 28, the Belgian, British and French forces have taken 10,000 prisoners, 250 guns and 600 machine guns, says the official statement from the Belgian war office tonight.

Aerial Operations. Paris, Oct. 4.—(Friday)—In aerial operations today nineteen enemy machines were destroyed and three captive balloons set on fire. French bombing aviators were active in the area behind the German lines.

Men's Overalls and Overall Pants, black, blue and striped; also Union made. Prices lower at Bassett's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

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GERMANS ARE BUSY GOBBLING UP ALL RUMANIA'S WEALTH

Control of Coal, Lignite and Oil Output Sought By Capitalists.

AUSTRIA TAKES HAND.

Teutons Eager To Become Independent of America's Petroleum Products.

(Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard.)

Many interesting facts in regard to the economic exploitation of Rumania by the Central Powers are given in a review of the present economic situation of Rumania by E. V. Letzger. Writing in "La Rumanie" of Paris, he points out the methods employed by the Teutons in strengthening their grip on Rumania so as to make their occupation of the country permanent both in the political and economic sense.

In discussing the question how German capital is buying up everything that may be of any value to the "vaterland," the Rumanian writer declares: "A new foreign policy—one can easily guess its nationality—is now making efforts to obtain absolute control of all the coal mines in operation and the coal fields that may be exploited, not only in the Rumanian territory held by the powers of occupation but also in the unoccupied parts of Rumania, Moldavia and Bessarabia. Furthermore, the German official news agency reports that the Berlin Deutsche Gesellschaft, the Bleichroeder Bank and the Banca Generala Romana, which is nothing but a Rumanian branch of the former, have just purchased the coal mines of the country which will give them alone 80 per cent of the total oil production of Rumania."

Buying Lignite Mines.

"The exploitation of Rumanian oil will be intensified so as to save German coal by the substitution of oil and help the development of the German railways. Furthermore, the above mentioned German banks also have bought up many lignite mines of Rumania, thus obtaining a share of about 50 per cent of the Rumanian mines of lignite."

"After having taken over the Rumanian railways and ships, the Germans are now trying to seize all the available combustibles of Rumania: petroleum, wood, oil, lignite. The rich support of the establishment of the German exploiters has indeed become a field for experiments which enables our enemies to put into practice the theories of commercial exploitation of a given country. But the notion of 'Kolossal' is always haunting the German brain, and from the very beginning the Teuton invaders have not been satisfied with the establishment of branches in the various industries. But they have established associations of several industries, which can mutually support each other in the event of a better centralization of production and the various means of exploitation and transformation of raw materials."

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—Following are the casualties:—

Killed in action:—Lieut. G. P. Chisholm, Halifax. Acting Corporal H. L. McPhee, Earncliffe, P.E.I. P. B. Merrill, St. John. G. Sullivan, Moncton, N.B. Died of wounds:—W. C. Day, Hatfield Point, N.B. A. R. Chisholm, Briley's Brook, N. S. P. Garnett, St. John. Wounded:—Lieut. C. B. Tuttle, Wallace Bay, N. S. Lieut. J. E. Christie, M. C., Truro, N. S. H. P. Jamieson, Fall River, N. S. N. N. Isner Pine Harbor, N. S. P. Burke, French Cove, C. B. Lance Corporal G. Brooks, M. M. Newcastle, N. B. D. A. Dewar Montague, P.E.I. Infantry. Wounded:—P. J. Arsenault, Summerside, P.E.I. F. J. McLeod, Summerside, P.E.I. M. C. MacNeil Dartmouth, N. S. H. W. Puddington, Moncton, N. B. Lance Corporal A. E. Goggin, Sackville, N. B. L. Grant, McAdam, N. B. B. R. Vessey, Charlottetown, P.E.I. N. L. Williams, Bridgetown, N. S. J. C. Whitehouse, Millbank, N. B. Sergt. H. Costain, Miminegash, P.E.I. J. D. Gordon, Alma, N. S. P. Fredrickson, O'Leary, P.E.I. E. S. N. Flendell, Clementsval, N. S. Engineers. Wounded:—Lieut. F. N. Jones, M. C., Dartmouth, N. S.

SAXON CONFERENCE HELD AT DRESDEN

State Meeting Was Summoned at Very Short Notice.

Basle, Switzerland, Oct. 5.—A crown council for the kingdom of Saxony was convened on short notice in Dresden on Wednesday, according to German advices here. The decisions taken are not known, but they are believed to be connected with the German situation in the internal political situation in Germany.

NORWAY LOST 8 SHIPS.

London, Oct. 5.—Norway lost eight vessels from war causes during the month of September, the Norwegian legation here announced today. The aggregate tonnage of these vessels was 11,942. Six sailors lost their lives.

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Official Comment Is Withheld Pending Receipt of Official Report of Imperial German Chancellor's Speech and the Proposals—Peace Nearer, Thinks Vienna.

London, Oct. 6.—The speech of the Imperial German Chancellor, Prince Maximilian, before the Reichstag, together with the report that peace proposals have been forwarded by him to President Wilson, has caused a stir in official circles, but in the absence of an official report of the speech and non-receipt of the proposals, comment is withheld.

Authoritatively it was stated tonight that probably no comment would be made until the discrepancies between the version of the speech as published here and the reports of the peace proposals have been cleared up. In the minds of the officials of the foreign office, the speech and the proposals do not coincide, although

A BLOODSTAINED PAW OF BEATEN BEAST OFFERED

Shipping and Armament Shares Especially Were Affected.

Geneva, Oct. 6.—An indescribable panic without precedent broke out on the Berlin stock exchange yesterday, according to the Neuste Nachrichten, of Munich. Shipping and armament company shares especially were affected.

GERMANS FALL BACK ON A 28-MILE FRONT

(Continued from Page One.)

"At the present hour Rheims has been redeemed; Fort Brimont and the massif of Moronvilliers are in our possession, and the massif of L'Abessee is completely encircled."

GERMANY MUST QUIT ALL OCCUPIED SOIL

Allies Will Keep Programme of Restitution, Reparation and Guarantees.

Paris, Oct. 6.—The white flag in the Temps on the peace proposition of the Central Powers. What Germany has done, says the newspaper, is to have the United States, who are belligerents as much as Germany, to play the role of mediator, as if they were outside our alliance.

In return, continues the Temps, Germany is willing to admit as the basis of negotiations President Wilson's programme for a general peace. "Admit as a basis is vague," says the Temps.

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DOZEN TOWNS ARE BATTERED BY EXPLOSION

Munition Disaster at Morgan, N. J., Cost Lives of Many Persons.

IMMENSE TERRITORY LIKE THE WAR ZONE

Immense \$18,000,000 Plant of Gillespie & Co. Destroyed.

New York, Oct. 5.—After more than eighteen hours of terror, with scenes graphically resembling those in war-devastated Europe, a dozen towns in Northern New Jersey were in shattered condition this afternoon as a consequence of the munition disaster which visited the district last night with a trail of tremendous explosions and raging fires which continued throughout the day.

At the \$18,000,000 shell-making plant—one of the greatest industries of its kind in the world—of T. A. Gillespie and Company, situated at Morgan, N. J., as one of a community of manufacturers producing ammunition for the American and Allied armies, an explosion from unknown causes scattered fire brands among tons of TNT, the most powerful explosive known.

Shock Felt 50 Miles.

Detonation followed upon detonation, and so repeatedly shook the terrain for a radius of fifty miles, this territory including New York City, where buildings were shaken and glass was shattered, much as the Black Tom Island explosion in the harbor here rocked the metropolis some months ago.

With the situation this afternoon such that firemen, soldiers, sailors and civilians returned home in the early morning hours. The flames burned unopposed at the Gillespie shops and were threatening with destruction two other great munition plants in the vicinity.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Oct. 5.—Miss Florence Ferguson is visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ferguson of Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell have returned from a visit to their daughters, Mrs. A. B. Copp of Sackville, and Mrs. C. L. McLeod of Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardy and son Paul of Hyannisport, Mass., who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ahearn, have returned home.

Miss Jennie Copp, late of Moncton, has returned home and accepted a position with Dickson & Troy as stenographer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser W. Harris have a new daughter.

Station Agent Thomas Dunn of Blackville, is spending his vacation in St. John's, P. Q.

Miss Lorena Goodfellow of Sackville, has had to resign her position with the Louisbourg Co. here, on account of ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Bickford Belandier and Mr. and Mrs. James Hogan of Amherst, N. S., spent the last week with Mr. and Mrs. William Bell of Derby.

Miss Rennie Appleby of Derby, an employee of the C. G. R., Moncton, is recovering from appendicitis.

Mrs. Leonard J. Parker of Derby, has returned from a visit to Houlton, Me.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Ryan of Boies-ton, were visitors in town Monday.

E. Roy Scales of Port Elgin, Ont., visited Newcastle this week.

Miss Bessie McCarthy of Boston, is visiting Blackville friends.

Warden and Mrs. G. Percy Burchill of Nelson, are receiving congratulations.

PAY DAY

Pay day is the welcome day of the week and that yellow envelope certainly looks healthy just now. Bigger than it used to be, isn't it? Well, what are you going to do with yours this week? What did you do with last week's? Blow it all in, or have you some of it left?

If you saved some of it, you did your duty and showed good sense. You were saving for Victory, whether you knew it or not. The man who blows in money just now is a national slacker. He is endangering Canada's future.

It is not too late to turn over a new leaf. Start saving today, if you haven't already. You are serving while you save.

On the recent arrival of a son in their family.

Mrs. O. Burton Somers is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Guy A. Mersereau of Bathurst.

Mrs. Stafford Dunn and children are visiting Mrs. James McCafferty of Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durant of Chatham Head, have lost their two sons from cholera infantum.

Mrs. Matthew McCarron is visiting her daughter, Miss Grace at Fredericton.

Rev. Lou A. Buckley, Y. M. C. A., superintendent of Boys' Work, held a conference with Newcastle workers at the North Shore district conference of C. S. E. T. and other boys over 15 to be held in Newcastle Oct. 25 to 27 instant.

Those present from the local churches were: Baptist—Rev. E. A. Kinley, F. E. Locke.

Methodist—Rev. F. T. Bertram, T. A. Clarke, H. K. Stuart.

Presbyterian—Joseph Andor.

Following committees were appointed: Local promotion and registration—F. E. Locke, convenor.

Meeting place and supper—Joseph Andor.

Pulpit supply—Rev. F. T. Bertram.

Reception—Rev. E. A. Kinley, convenor and others.

LIBERTY LOAN

Washington, Oct. 5.—One billion dollars has been subscribed to the fourth Liberty Loan. This is a sixth of the total in the first week of the three weeks' campaign. Official reports today showed total subscriptions as \$957,124,000, representing sales up to last night, and officials said unreported sales would raise the total above the billion.

FAT REDUCTION IS NOT SINFUL

The purpose of Beauty is to refine the native unattractiveness of human nature. We all have it in our power. It is the only autocracy that has no nihilist shadow. Alas! this means the fat woman must serve instead of rule, the beauty in woman is a composite of both line and feature.

Thousands of fat women are beautiful of face. But they lag behind in the race for preference—because a too ponderous outline dashes the favor their face has gained them.

Now, pretty fat women can reduce that fat (not the good pure-lined flesh) in a very simple way. No exercise—no dieting is necessary. Let them take one Marmola Prescription Tablet after each meal and at bedtime for a month. The fat will simply fade. No wrinkles or pouches of skin will form, but the loss will be uniform. The fat will go as stealthily as a flame fades away. The health will improve, the eye grow more brilliant, the skin, whiter, smoother. Marmola Tablets are a boon—and harmless (being made from the famous fashionable prescription: 1-2 oz. Marmola, 3-4 oz. P. E. Ex. Casca, Aromatic, 4-5 oz. Peppermint Water), and are likewise cheap, a large case of the drug or the Marmola Co., 864 Woodward ave., Detroit, Mich., costing only seventy-five cents.

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