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AMERICANS ADVANCE IN A NEW ATTACK ALONG EXTENDED FRONT

ACETYLENE GAS WORKS WRECKED BY EXPLOSION; MAN KILLED

DEVASTATION AT SCENE OF EXPLOSION THIS MORNING



The picture on the left looks directly on the site where formerly stood the Mitchell gas plant. The buildings in the centre of this picture stood north of the gas plant. Just to the left of the inset, small round carbide tanks may be seen. These were in the centre of the gas plant and remained more or less in their original position, while the huge cement blocks of which the building was constructed, were carried away some distance. To the immediate right on the picture on the left and in the background may be seen a tree with all its lower limbs torn off as a result of the explosion. The picture on the right is taken from the east of the gas plant. The badly-damaged Park home stands in the centre, and next to it is the Fishbein home. The debris in front of the Park home is all that remains of the Park kitchen. Fire Chief John Aitken may be seen standing in the foreground of this picture. He is standing where the gas plant building formerly stood and almost exactly on the spot where the body of the only victim of the explosion was found lying. Part of the machinery of the gas plant may be seen on the left of this picture. The inset is Stephen Snider, who met his death when the gas plant blew up, wrecking hundreds of windows and causing many thousand dollars damage to places in the vicinity.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AT SMALL GAS PLANT KILLS EMPLOYEE, DESTROYS SEVERAL BUILDINGS AND ROCKS HOUSES FAR AWAY

Stephen Snider, 550 Horton St reet, Victim of Accident Which
Wrecks Plant Owned by Commissioner F. G. Mitchell
—Windows Shattered Over Wide Area.

Steven Snider, 550 Horton street, is dead and thousands of dollars worth of damage resulted from an explosion in a small acetylene gas plant on Rectory street, near Dundas, at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The explosion shook practically every house in the east end of the city and smashed windows for blocks around. Houses and buildings in close proximity to the explosion were severely damaged.

Snider was the only unfortunate. As far as can be learned, no one else received a scratch. This in itself seems miraculous. Windows flew in all directions. It is considered fortunate that no one happened to be in the pathway of the flying glass.

Snider was employed by the London Bill Posting Agency. In his spare time he ran the gas plant for Commissioner F. G. Mitchell. Here presto light tanks for autos were charged.

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Explosions That Follow Fire In Shell Plant Rock Country Around Like An Earthquake

Buildings Afire at Perth Amboy, N. J., Are Being Blasted in
an Effort to Stop the Flames—Dead Estimated at
From 25 to 100.

FELT IN NEW YORK.
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, 29 miles distant, and was even reported to have been felt as far away as Islip, L. I., 50 miles from the scene. The city was again shaken at 10:30 o'clock with a series of explosions at the plant. The explosion broke windows of buildings in the lower part of the city. Fifty of them crashed in on the Broadway side of the Produce Exchange building at Bowling Green. The police reports were that a great amount of glass was broken in windows all over Staten Island.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 5.—Explosions followed by fire, which last night destroyed a number of buildings of the great shell-loading plant of T. A. Gillespie & Co., at Morgan, near here, with the probable loss of many lives of workmen, variously estimated at from

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POLICY TO BE BASED ON 1917 PEACE IDEAS

New German Chancellor Favors
Full Restoration of
Belgium.

ASKS NO ANNEXATIONS

Will Demand Return of the
Kaiser's Colonies and
Freedom of Seas.

Paris, Oct. 5.—Prince Maximilian of Baden, the new German imperial chancellor, will declare against annexations in the west by Germany and in favor of the full restoration of Belgium, according to a dispatch to Le Journal from Zurich. The restoration will be carried out by means of an international fund, however, according to the program which it is intended the chancellor will propose to the Reichstag today. In general, it is declared, his statement of policy will be based on both the Reichstag peace resolution of 1917 and the recent statement of Baron Burián, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. There are indications also that the chancellor will make known a disposition to confide the revision of the Brest-Litovsk and Bucharest treaties to a congress of all the belligerents. He will declare against payment of the damage done to France, it is declared, and will demand the freedom of the seas in the German sense of that phrase and the return of the German colonies.

It is further forecast that the chancellor will favor partial and progressive disarmament, but he will not entertain any idea of an arrangement with France concerning Alsace-Lorraine, and is absolutely opposed to the return of the two provinces.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.
Toronto, Oct. 5—8 a.m.

Strong breeze to moderate gales, southerly, shifting to northwesterly and northerly; occasional showers; clearing and cooler on Sunday.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	58	54	Fair
Calgary	58	38	Fair
Winnipeg	48	46	Cloudy
Port Arthur	54	44	Rain
Perry Sound	56	46	Rain
Port Stanley	62	56	Cloudy
Duluth	60	60	Cloudy
Toronto	61	52	Cloudy
Kingston	56	52	Rain
Ottawa	61	56	Rain
Montreal	58	56	Rain
Quebec	52	38	Rain

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 thunderstorms.

HUNS LONGING FOR PEACE

Amsterdam, Oct. 5.—Admiral von Hintze, who has repeatedly tendered his resignation, has now joined the majority parties and will continue in office. It is said by the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. This change in von Hintze's attitude has occasioned considerable surprise in Berlin, it is said. During his visit to main headquarters, it is reported, he resolutely championed parliamentarism.

Declaring that Germany is ready to make sacrifices to obtain the advantages of admittance to a league of free and equal peoples, the Vorwaerts of Berlin, the Socialist organ, says: "If our opponents will name the price which individual nations must pay in order to participate in the advantages of lasting peace, then the German nation can decide whether or not to accept. Our people's desire for speedy peace is stronger than ever. The Government must take this into account, but must not make peace at any price."

FERDINAND ABDICATES AS KING OF BULGARIA AND PRINCE BORIS SUCCEEDS

Copenhagen, Oct. 5.—The official Austrian correspondence bureau has given out a dispatch 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.

Grave Digger Dies In An Attempt To Stop Runaway Team

Montreal Man Is Victim of an
Accident in Cemetery.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Montreal, Oct. 5.—Giuseppe Sonty, grave digger, was the victim of one of the tricks which fate plays so often in connection with the most tragic circumstances, when he was killed in the Cole des Neiges Cemetery here yesterday.

Sonty was digging a grave, when a runaway team, drawing a heavy hearse, evidently frightened at something on the road, dashed down the inclined pathway from where the hearse had just returned from burying the remains of a Spanish influenza victim, and the driver, seeing the danger when the horses started, jumped for his life. Sonty, dropping his shovel, jumped in front of the horses, in an attempt to stop their mad career, but the team, going down hill, knocked over the unfortunate man and trampled him under foot.

When the ambulance arrived, they found him dead beside the grave which he had been preparing.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 57; lowest, 31. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 63; lowest, 56.

HOLLAND DENIES NATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TALK PEACE

The Hague, Oct. 5.—Holland has not invited the belligerents to negotiate for peace, it was declared by the foreign office today. There is not a word of truth in the statement of the Berlin Tageblatt to that effect, the official announcement states.

HUNS LEFT LENS IN RUINS, MINES WERE FLOODED

Paris, Oct. 5.—The deputy mayor of Lens, M. Basly, says the liberated city is in ruins, and the coal mines are flooded and otherwise damaged. To reclaim the mines will require an enormous amount of work. The Government has made a loan of over 2,000,000 francs to Lens to cover the first expenses, such as the buying of tools and other implements. Several of the mine owners declare that all efforts will be put forward to get the mines on a working basis as soon as possible.

London Advertiser's Coal Campaign Coupon

Fill in and send to Coal Campaign Editor, The
Advertiser, Dundas street:

Name

Address

Coal consumption last year

Coal requirement for coming year

Supply at present in your cellar

Are you willing to have cellar examined by responsible official?

Have you reasonable expectation of securing your supply?

Do you believe city authorities should act at once to secure supply for the city?

YANKS AND POILUS DRIVE HUNS FROM STRONG POINTS IN CHAMPAGNE AREA

British Advance Positions Around St. Quentin, Le Catelet and Beaurevoir—French Have Captured 2,500 Prisoners Northwest of Rheims in Last Five Days.

AMERICANS LAUNCH ATTACK.

Paris, Oct. 5.—American troops attacked again this morning between the Meuse and the Argonne, along an extended front. The advance at some points has reached more than a mile, and several villages have been taken.

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 Monts, according to the war office announcement today. West of the Sappe the French, keeping in touch with the German rearwards, have reached the heights southeast of Moronvillers.

The French have maintained their gains in heavy fighting east of the Argonne Forest. Northwest of Rheims, in the last five days, the French have taken more than 2,500 prisoners and 31 guns.

BRITISH FORCES CAPTURE 800 PRISONERS NORTH OF ST. QUENTIN

London, Oct. 5.—In the region north of St. Quentin British troops made substantial progress yesterday southeast of Beaurevoir and north of Le Catelet. Field Marshal Haig's report today says that 800 prisoners were captured.

The British line northwest of Le Catelet was advanced slightly, Friday night.

The statement reads:

"In successful minor operations yesterday north of St. Quentin we made substantial progress southeast of Beaurevoir and north of Gouy and Le Catelet, capturing 800 prisoners.

"At night our line again was advanced slightly northwest of Le Catelet."

FRENCH CAPTURE MORECOURT.

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 Chardon-Vert, south of Sequehart, and many fortified woods. We have captured Morecourt, where we took 400 prisoners and four cannon."

FRENCH AND AMERICAN FORCES GAIN GROUND IN THE CHAMPAGNE

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 Berniercourt, 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 Chardon-Vert.

SERBIAN FORCES DEFEAT FOE TROOPS NEAR TURKISH FRONTIER

London, Oct. 5.—Austro-German troops have been defeated in fighting with the Serbians, who pursued them towards the old Serbo-Turkish frontier, says a Serbian official statement of Friday. The statement reads: "We have repulsed Austrian and German reinforcements after some fighting and have pursued them towards the old Serbo-Turkish frontier. We captured 100 prisoners."

BOCHE RAID ON YANKEE LINES IS REPULSED WITH LOSS TO FOE

With the American Army in the Lorraine, Oct. 5.—After a 40-minute barrage the Germans last night attempted to raid the American lines east of Gerardmer, in Lorraine, with a strong party. The attack was a total failure.

The German party comprised 60 men, and every member of it who reached the American lines was either killed or captured. Five wounded prisoners remained in the hands of the Americans.

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

ALLIES TAKE PRENYS.

Paris, Oct. 5.—Allied forces in Serbia have come into contact with the Austro-Hungarians near Vranje, Southern Serbia. Serb forces, operating against the Austrians, took Prenys on Thursday.