FIGHTING IN ZERO WEATHER, THE BRITISH CARRY LINES FORWARD ON ANCRE FRONT

Capture of Grandcourt is But One Phase of Newly Assured Offensive—Dispirited German Troops are Not Moved by Prospect of America's Entry Into the War

By Courier Leased Wire.

With the British Armies in France Feb. 8—via London, Feb. 9—The recent night fighting in the moonlight and across the frozen snow, in a temperature near zero, has carried the British lines well forward on both sides of the Ancre in the direction of Miramount, one part of the operations being the occupation of Grandcourt which was officially announced last night. For some time the British have been gradually improving their position in the Ancre sector, but the latest and most important phase began on Saturday night when, under a moon almost too brilliant for their purpose, the English troops swept forward five hundred yards over a frontage of a mile taking 200 prisoners. This was north of the river and since then the pressure has been from the south.

Farm Taken

On Tuesday night the British occupied a long section of a trench just west of Grandcourt and Wednesday patrols were sent out who reported that Grandcourt had been evacuated and that the enemy had retired toward Miramont after abandoning many gun positions. This was due to the fact that the British had reached a position where their guns could rake Grandcourt from three sides. Still pressing forward on the north General Haig's forces took Baillescourt Farm today after a brief resistance.

German Claim False

British staff officers pointed out the significance of these latter advances in view of the German official statement of Tuesday, which claimed the recapture of trenches occupied on Saturday. These officers say that the subsequent events are the best proof that the German statement was not true. Grandcourt was badly smashed but bits of walls still standing distinguish it from some of the other villages which were completely flattened and pulverized. German stores of provisions were found in the villages and the British Tommies dined to-day on German rations.

Hun Discouraged.

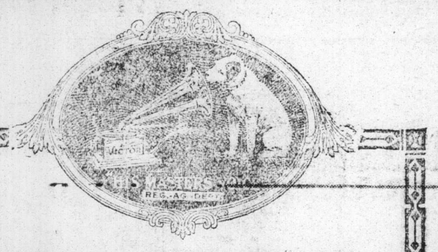
Meagre details of the breach of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany have just reached the German soldiers in the front line trenches, according to the statement of prisoners taken by the British to-day. At Baillescourt Farm, north of Grand court, eighty men and one officer of the 85th German infantry regiment were captured. Most of them were from Hamburg and were formerly engaged in the shipping trade and spoke English fluently. One of the prisoners said that he had heard from his own sources that America had broken off relations, but that he did not know exactly what this would lead to. Another prisoner shrugging his shoulders, said:

"It makes no difference now who comes into the war. We don't care. For me the war is finished and the sooner all is over the better."

A British Subject

Washington, Feb. 9.—Geo. Washington, the negro fireman, who lost his life in the sinking of the British steamer Turino, was reported by Consul Frost to-day to be "apparently" a British subject. It was stated that he was born in Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. Margaret Snager, priestess of the birth control movement was sentenced to thirty days in the workhouse for disseminating birth control information. Her assistant was fined $50. Mrs. Snager refused to give the court an undertaking that she would cease her propaganda in return for her liberty and went to prison.



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NEWS OF NORFOLK

Banquet to Returned Soldiers in Simcoe—Board of Education Meets

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From our Correspondent

Simcoe, Jan. 8th.—Simcoe's centre of life was in the armouries yesterday. The I. O. D. E., after soliciting contributions and decorating the place, by a well developed organization which touched every conceivable money making device, was to the fore from three to six o'clock and from 8 to 11.00 and during the recess, the civic banquet to returned soldiers obtained in the officers' messroom.

Lt.-Col. Snider, Major Sweet, Capt. McKegney, Capt. Ferguson and Pte. Landers accompanied by the 215th came over for the evening. The band gave a delightful program of good music and just for instance Capt. McKegney and Pte. Landers unloaded each a very forceful if brief and unassailable appeal for men. The order while the speakers addressed the mass meeting and while the band played was such as that for which Simcoe has become noted.

The most prominent and most highly appreciated feature of the decorations was the series of large wall canvas representations of the allied nations, large and small, by local artists, and so much attention did these attract that the Chapter has decided to leave the pictures in place till Saturday afternoon when they may be seen free of charge.

The Daughters of the Empire realized out of to-day's proceedings over $825.00. A class of school girls gave a very pretty drill in the evening.

Mr. Robt. Rawlings, one of our returned soldiers has been given R. R. No. 4 as mail carrier.

We heard this evening that Thos. Tickner, officer at the fire hall, has resigned.

The waitresses at the Civic Banquet to returned soldiers were Mesdames G. Butler, W. Rigg, C. Price, and Misses Lawson, Furlinger, De Cou, Hurley Leach, Roberts, Thompson, Perry, Oldes, Butler, McKnight, Collins and Porter.

The 215th band is a well balanced organization and has a strong reed section and is especially well suited for indoor work...The long absence of a band in town has been keenly felt and last night's treat was highly appreciated. Sergt. Waters leaves nothing to be desired but advised us that he has room for two more eligibles.

Woodhouse Anglicans at St. John's annual church social were interrupted by the Litho fire and broke away to drive to town to see the disaster. They went on with the affair last night. There were a few very liberal contributions from the country to the overseas shower yesterday.

Mrs. Ramey's pair of 30-year-old pillow slips netted over $105 for the I. O. D. E. fund.

The Jipsy fortune tellers were Mrs. Chas. E. Boyd, Mrs. Tom J. Agar, Misses Lulu Jackson, Pidgie Matthews, Bently and Mrs. Puzey.

A local weekly insinuates that the Town Council should have supplied from their private means the addition funds required by the school board.

Board of Education

The standing committees for the Board of Education appointed last night were:

Finance—Kelly, Sutton and Marston.

Grounds—Burt, Everett and Martin.

Repairs and Supplies—Lawson, Edmonds and Marston.

Visiting—Edmonds and the whole Board.

Management—Innes, Murdock, and Aiken.

The Board will meet first Fridays at 8 p.m.

Retiring chairman Edmonds got a vote of appreciation, but Janitor Haddow did not receive the desired addition to his small salary.

The Board turned down a military training in public schools proposition only three voting for the motion.

The public schools have an enrolment of 652 with an attendance of 521.

Fees to the amount of $35.25 were collected from non-residents during January.

A special meeting to deal with the new schools question will be held presently.

Mr. R. L. Innes, general manager of Dominion Canners went to Cleveland on Wednesday night to attend a convention and in his absence Mr. W. P. Innes, of Simcoe notified the directors regarding the fire at the local Litho plant. A meeting will be held shortly. It is expected that the factory will be promptly re-built on the same site. The vault is intact and it is expected that most of the valuable stones and plates containing the original work of the artists, will be unharmed.

The funeral of the late James Leisk, of Windham, who died on Monday, a most honorable man, was held to Oakwood Cemetery this afternoon, interment taking place with Masonic honors. The bearers were Dr. Burt, Wm. Sutton, Edw. McNally, R. E. Gunton, Frank Reid and James Goodlit. There was a long funeral procession. Rev. Garnham of Bloomsburg officiated.

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U. S. NOTES

The Senate has passed over the President's veto the immigration bill which carries the literacy test.

The punitive expedition of 10,000 under General Pershing, which has just evacuated Mexico, has been held at the border.

Many new recruiting depots are being opened and with an increase of about 75 per cent. in applications since diplomatic relations were cut with Germany.

John A. Dix, ex-governor of New York State, admitted before a bankruptcy court that he had obtained through the New York Central, an advance of $212,000 on a tie contract.

Eighteen members of the crews of interned German ships in New York harbor have formally applied to the United States immigration authorities for admission to the country.

A western blizzard severely hampered traffic by land and sea in and about New York city. Nine persons were severely injured by falling on icy pavements, and four barges and a lighter were sunk.

Officials of the Jewish War Sufferers Relief Fund in New York say that nearly a million Jews in Poland, Galicia and Bukowina, the "No Man's Land," between the Austro-German and the Russian armies, will die from starvation and exposure if the work of relief is stopped.

The Lehigh Valley Railway Co. efficiency department collects all newspapers left in passenger cars and have installed paper bailing machines at seven divisional points. The bales are sent to a storehouse where the company has installed a macerating machine which reduces the paper to pulp.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Matters in connection with the Brant County Sanitarium were considered yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Brant county Medical association. It was considered that action should be taken to increase the attendance there. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Jaffrey, of Hamilton, who delivered an instructive address upon scientific matters in connection with the profession which was much enjoyed by all.

BOND SALES

By Courier Leased Wire.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 9.—The municipal bond sales in Canada for January, as compiled by the Monetary Times, amounted to $1,969,256, as compared with $669,000 for December and $1,969,256 for the corresponding period of last year.

Comparing the record of January, 1916, with that of the month just ended, the bond sales were as follows: Canada, 1917, $1,969,256; 1916, $1,909,441. United States, 1917 $2,285,000; 1916 $3,183,215. Totals, 1917, $4,254,256; 1916 $5,092,656.

FIRE LOSS

Toronto, Ont. Feb. 9. — The Monetary Times' estimate of Canada's fire loss during January amounted to $1,918,660, as compared with December loss of $3,271,496 and $1,649,217 for the corresponding period of last year.

MONARCH DEFEATED

By Courier Leased Wire.

Winnipeg, Feb 9—The 223rd battalion defeated the Monarchs 9 to 3, in the Patriotic Hockey League last night.

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Winter Coats at $5.95

Ladies' and Misses' good warm *Winter Coats*, in variety of materials and styles in medium and dark mixtures, coats worth up to $12.00, sale price.....*$5.95*

Tailor Made Suits $3.50

Ladies' Tailor made *Skirts* in navy and black, wide flare yoke or pocket, trimmed, range of sizes up to 36 waist, to clear at.....*$3.50*

End Blanket Cloth $1.00 Per Yard

10 Ends *Blanket Cloth*, 54 inches wide, 1-2 to 3 yards long, suitable for children's coats, etc., regular $1.50 and $2.00, Sale price.....*$1.00*

$2.00 Coating Serge at $1.50

52 in. wide *All Wool French Coating Serge*, in navy, brown, green and black and worth to-day $2.00, sale price..*$1.50*

50in. Shepherd Check 43c

3 Pieces *Black and White Shepherd Check*, 50 inches wide, regular 65c., sale price.....*43c*

1 Piece *Black Taffeta Silk*, 36 inches wide, worth $2.25, sale price.....*$1.75*

Underwear

Winter Underwear, Ladies', Misses', and children's in vest and drawers to match, all sizes, special at *$1.50, $1.25, $1.00, 75, 50 and 35c per garment.* Worth one third more.

FURS At a Big Reductions

All Furs, including Setts of Sable, Mink, Natural, Lynx, Red Fox, Black Lynx, Persian Lamb, Mole, Black Wolf, Natural Wolf, all to clear at 25 to 50 per cent. off regular price.

Hudson Seal and Persian Lamb Coats, 45 inches long, wide sweep, fur trimmed. No. 1 selected skin. Regular $225.00, sale price.....*$150.00*

1 only *Northern Rat Coat*, well matched skins, guaranteed satin lining, 45 inches long, wide sweep, shawl collar and deep cuff, regular $85.00, sale price...*$60.00*

Tweed Suitings 75c

4 Pieces *Tweed Suiting*, 48 inches wide, extra weight, worth $1.25, sale price *75c*

Flannelette Gowns $1.39

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, full sizes, good quality material, gowns worth up to $1.75 and $2.00, sale price.....*$1.39*

Childrens Coats $2.98

Children's White Bearcloth Coats, also a few colors, sizes 1 to 4 years and regular $3.50 to $4.50, sale price.....*$2.98*

1000 Yards Raw Silk 42c Yard

1000 yards natural color *Raw Silk*, 54 inches wide, nice even thread, worth 75c., sale price.....*42c*

Knitted Silk Mufflers at 69c

Ladies' Knitted Mufflers, grey black, brown, white, regular 85c and $1.00, sale price.....*69c*

Black Underskirts $1.00

Black Sateen Underskirts, good quality, deep flounce all lengths, worth $1.50, sale price.....*$1.00*

Five Specials in Ladies' and Childrens' Hosiery

Boys' Hose 35c — Boys' heavy 1-1 ribbed cashmere hose, double knee, fast black, sizes 9-9 1-2, sale price per pair.. **35c**

Children's Hose 23c — Children's heavy School Hose in 1-1 ribb, sizes 8 1-2 to 10, sale price per pair.. **23c**

Ladies' Cashmere Hose 50c — Ladies' Cashmere Hose, full fashion, double heel, and toe, fast black, all sizes, sale price.. **50c**

Fleeced Lined Hose 25c — Ladies' Good quality fleece lined hose, elastic top, good black, sizes 9 to 10. Sale price.. **25c**

Boy's Hose 75c — Boys' heavy weight all wool 2-1 ribb Hose, fast black, sizes 8, 8 1-2, and 9 1-2 Sale price per pair.. **75c**

Flannelette Blankets $1.39 Pair

33 Pairs of *Flannelette Blankets*, 64x76 in size, white or grey, a good heavy quality, price less than mill cost, worth $1.75 pair, sale price, pair..... **$1.39**

36 in. Flannelette 15c Yard.
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White Flannelette 15c Yard
White Flannelette, soft twilled make, special at per yard..... **15c**

White Flannelette 18c Yard.
Heavy White Flannelette, 36 inches wide, special at per yard..... **18c**

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10 Pieces of Dark Blue Shirtings in stripes and checks, fast colors, worth 22c yard special price, yard..... **17c**

White Sheeting at 28c Yard.
5 Pieces of White Sheeting, 2 yards wide, special at per yard..... **28c**

Twilled Sheeting 37 1-2c Yard
Pure White Twilled Sheeting, 2 yards wide, special per yard... **37 1-2c**

Plain White Sheeting 39c Yard.
Heavy Plain White Sheeting, 2 yards wide, extra value at per yard..... **39c**

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8.—5.12 p.m.—(Ex. Sunda Hamilton, Welland, Buffalo York and Boston.

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3.—2.31 p.m.—(Daily)—For ford and Intermediate poi Thomas, Detroit, Toledo, B and Saginaw.

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9.—9.36 p.m.—(Daily)—For ford and Intermediate Poi Thomas, Detroit and Chicago

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From West—Arrive B 10.00 a.m., 5.42 p.m.

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Lv	7.50	9.47	11.47	1.47	3.47 5.5
Mt. P.	8.02	9.59	11.59	1.59	3.59 5.5
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W'f'd	8.21	10.20	12.20	2.20	4.20 6.2
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