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Germans Gather More Force In Desperate Attempt To Hold Back The Allies' Left

Terrific Fighting Near Roye, Where Enemy Has Been Strongly Reinforced

Fighting Line Forced Farther North—Effort to Bridge The Meuse Fails—Allies Are Gaining Step by Step in The Woevre District

Paris, Oct. 2.—An official statement issued by the War Office this afternoon says that terrific fighting continues incessantly near Roye where the Germans have been strongly reinforced. The statement says:

On our left, the battle continues with terrific fighting, notably in the region of Roye where the Germans appear to have concentrated important reinforcements. The action extends more to the north.

The front of the battle line is now extended into the region to the south of Arras.

Upon the Meuse the Germans attempted at night to throw a bridge across the river near St. Mihiel. The bridge was destroyed by our guns.

In the Woevre district our offensive continues and progresses step by step notably in the region between Apremont and St. Mihiel.

On the remainder of the front there have been attempted only partial operations here and there.

GERMANS GET READY IN COLOGNE

London, Oct. 2.—A despatch from Copenhagen to the Times declares that extensive preparations are being made in Cologne for the defence of the city against a possible attack.

'ALLIES ATTACK POLA'

London, Oct. 2.—A despatch from Venice to the Daily Mail reports that the allied fleet has begun operations against Pola, the chief naval station of Austria-Hungary.

CURTAIN SOON TO BE RAISED

London, Oct. 2.—A correspondent of the Central News at Calais, after a tour in the vicinity of the allies' left, says: "Without disclosing military secrets I can say that I have seen many things to remove any misgivings as to the outcome of the battle. The line of attack on the western front is being lifted on the greatest drama ever seen in war."

The position of the German right wing on Wednesday was such that a portion lying between Lassigny and Chaules was in extreme danger. Above Chaules the German lines, which a few days ago faced westward, are now facing northwest and have been bent back on the line of Chastaigne, Cambrai and Valenciennes.

SHORT OF FOOD

On Sunday a German patrol was captured near Shatlines. The fate of the Germans was due to a shortage of horses. The men said that they had had nothing to eat for some days. They belonged to General Von Kluck's command.

It has been apparent throughout that General Von Kluck's right was made more precarious by the crowding on him of reinforcements from the centre and the left by the German general staff. His commissariat failed. This might have been avoided if the Germans had been prepared to sacrifice their carefully selected position in the Noyon region, but they staked everything, as the peril of an envelopment was becoming more imminent.

BELIEVE ATTACK ON ANTWERP IS BUT A DEMONSTRATION

London, Oct. 2.—In describing the attack of the Germans on Antwerp, the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, writing from Antwerp, under date of Thursday noon, says:

"From the top of a gas tank at Hoboken (three miles southwest of Antwerp) last night, I witnessed a scene of some grandeur. The line of attack on the city was defined very sharply in the clear night air by flashes of the enemy's great siege guns. Similarly the line of defense was shown in points of light which stabbed the night from the Belgian forts. It was almost possible occasionally to see the effect of the falling shells."

The artillery duel continued throughout the night. The German fire seemed to be directed chiefly toward emptying the outlying villages and every road into Antwerp was choked with refugees.

"There is no doubt that many alarming reports of the German operations will creep across the frontier to Holland. We cannot give definite information from here on account of the prohibition against news which might be useful to the enemy, but it can be said, with confidence, that the position, while calling for the utmost vigilance and effort, is not alarming."

"The Belgians have suffered in some quarters, while in others they have inflicted losses. The general balance inspires confidence."

"All scouting officers agree, however, that the German attack is merely a demonstration, which is not intended to be pushed home. No Belgian aviators have uncovered any great masses of German infantry."

SAY THEY HAVE A BIG ARMY

London, Oct. 2.—It is officially announced at Vienna, according to a Rome despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, that the Austro-German army concentrated at Cracow numbers 2,800,000 men.

German Airman Fled

Paris, Oct. 2.—Two German aeroplanes were observed on Thursday morning flying towards Paris by way of Compiègne. Several French aviators flew up, prepared to attack them. The Germans, however, turned about and disappeared.

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—Col. Sam Hughes is on one of the transports. It is not known, however, whether he will go across the Atlantic on the vessel or go ashore somewhere down the Gulf. It is expected here that he will go to England in any event within a few days, partly on business and partly for a rest.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The pronounced area of high pressure still covers the Great Lakes and middle states, but in the west there has been a change, and the weather is disturbed from Manitoba to the Pacific.

A cool wave is setting in over the northern portion of the province and showery conditions over the southern portions.

Warmer Tomorrow

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds, fine today and Saturday with a little higher temperature.

New England forecasts—Fair tonight, warmer in western Massachusetts; Saturday, fair, warmer in the interior; gentle east to southeast winds.

STEADY ONWARD DRIVE OF THE RUSSIAN TROOPS

Official Announcement Tells of Continued Good Work of The Czar's Soldiers

Petrograd, Oct. 2.—The general staff has given out the following official communication:

"The Russian troops have continued to repulse the enemy from the boundaries of the government of Suwalki and Lomza. The engagement has been very fierce west of Symon."

"The German troops that were attacking Oswetzy, are retreating hastily to the north. Considerable forces of the enemy which the bulk arrive from the west, are concentrating in the districts west of the governments of Piotrkow and Kielce."

"The Russian cavalry and vanguard are reconnoitering energetically through all that region, impeding through vigorous attacks the movement of the enemy."

"The Germans always endeavor to use the highways in Russian territory because the other roads being rough, paralyze their artillery trains."

"An attack by the Russian cavalry against the German vanguard in front of Androw, and marching on Kielce, was crowned with great success. The German infantry was caught unawares, and is retreating in disorder, pursued by the Russian cavalry."

"The bombardment of Oswetzy did damage to only a few private dwellings, and a few telephone lines at the garrison was shattered by numerous concrete shells."

"The offensive by the Russian troops marching through the forests of Augustow, is very rough, making it very difficult for the troops to keep their lines. This has resulted in a series of engagements."

"The advance of the Russian troops is meeting with success everywhere."

"The battle is proceeding over an extensive front, the Germans occupying positions near Mariampol and South of St. Shushin."

"In the vicinity of Wreschow, the ground is very rough, making it very difficult for the troops to keep their lines. This has resulted in a series of engagements."

"The advance of the Russian troops is meeting with success everywhere."

IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR SAINT JOHN

At a meeting of the Board of Trade called this morning with the president, J. M. Robinson, presiding, the matter of the winter mail service and the proposed new I.C.R. elevator were discussed. It was decided to recommend to the government that the capacity of the elevator be increased to 1,000,000 bushels.

The harbor committee reported on their recent visit to the new work at Sand Point and expressed themselves as pleased with the progress being made. The council approved of a letter from the Halifax Board of Trade regarding a reduction in cable charges.

It was decided that the local board co-operate with the Eastern Townships Board of Trade in requesting the Dominion government to consider the advisability of calling a meeting of representatives of all interests to convene at an early date to discuss the matter of trade between Canada and Germany and Austria.

The secretary was authorized to communicate with the trade commissioner in London with reference to securing the addresses of people using pit props and the figures they were willing to pay for them. He was also authorized to write to the Dominion government in an effort to have it appeal to the imperial government regarding the removal of the restriction of deck-loads during the coming winter. It was explained that Great Britain and Russia had agreed to suspend the law prohibiting the carrying of a deck-load of more than four feet six inches this season.

The secretary was instructed to send a communication to Hon. J. D. Haesen regarding his efforts in having the remount depot established at St. John.

COLLECT IN MONTREAL FOR RESTORATION OF LOUVAIN UNIVERSITY

Montreal, Oct. 2.—A campaign for the collection of funds to aid in the restoration of the wonderful old University of Louvain, destroyed by the Germans, has been inaugurated in Montreal under the auspices of Laval University. Mr. Dault, vice rector of Laval, has accepted the honorary vice-presidency.

BANK CLEARINGS

The St. John bank clearings for week ended October 1, were \$1,809,347; for the corresponding week in 1913, they were \$1,568,724.

KING'S STIRRING MESSAGE AWAITED TROOPS FROM INDIA ON THEIR ARRIVAL

London, Oct. 2.—King George, according to a Marseilles despatch to the Daily Telegraph sent two messages of greeting to the British Indian troops for delivery to them on their arrival in France.

TO THE BRITISH

"You have been recalled from service in India, together with your comrades from that country, to fight for the safety and honor of my empire. Belgium, whose country we are pledged to defend, has been devastated, and France has been invaded by the same powerful foe."

"I have implicit confidence in you, my soldiers. Duty is your watchword, and I know your duty will be nobly done."

"I shall follow you every movement with the deepest interest, and mark with eager satisfaction your daily progress. Indeed, your welfare will never be absent from my thoughts. I pray God to bless you and guard you and bring you back victorious."

TO THE HINDOOS

The message to the Indian troops, which was in Urdu, is translated as follows:

"I look to all my Indian soldiers to uphold the flag of the British Raj against an aggressive and relentless enemy. I know with what readiness my brave and loyal Indian soldiers are prepared to fulfill this sacred trust on the field of battle, shoulder to shoulder with their comrades from all parts of the empire."

"Rest assured that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers. I bid you go forward and add fresh laurels to the glorious achievements and noble traditions of courage and chivalry of my Indian army, whose honor and fame are in your hands."

Grim Order Obeyed And Not One of 500 Germans Escape

"Make Me a Cemetery Down There," The Command as Kaiser's Troops Are Caught In Trap

London, Oct. 2.—Dilating upon the splendid accuracy of the artillery fire and the extent to which the artillery has been used in the present war, the Daily Mail correspondent in France says:

"The French artillery counted for little in these protracted operations. On the allies' left wing, the men say that they have nothing to do and several have complained of spending eight days in the trenches without seeing a German."

"There was one appalling incident. Three days ago 500 Germans were caught in some flat fields with slopes on every side."

"The French artillery took up positions secretly, and when the moment came to open fire, the officer in command said 'Make me a cemetery down there.' His order was obeyed, the guns accounting for the greater part of the 500 and the rest for the rest. Those who were there say not a single German escaped."

"It is no wonder that the Germans have nicknamed the big French guns in the field artillery 'The Black Butchers.' The shells they fired were so accurate that they exploded only ten feet above the ground and spread their explosion along a line measuring 100 yards by thirty yards. The shock of their explosion alone often kills at once a whole row of entrenched men."

THE SHELLING OF RHEIMS GOES ON

Four Missiles Drop Into the Cathedral Through Shattered Roof—Consuls' Appeal Vain

London, Oct. 2.—The Rheims correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, under date of Wednesday, sends this story of the continued bombardment of Rheims:

"The bombardment of Rheims still continues. The city has now been under the guns of the German guns for sixteen days and in every part of the city, the whistle of shells is heard as well as the loud reports of their explosions wrecking buildings in every quarter."

"The fire is no longer being directed against the Cathedral although during Monday night four shells dropped through the shattered roof and exploded in the raised interior."

"This morning, a little after midnight a fierce artillery duel was heard on the front, just outside the city. It was resumed with even greater intensity at four o'clock."

"When the Germans first bombarded the city on September 4, the American, Spanish and other consuls appealed to the German commander to spare the city but they pleaded vainly."

"On the way from Paris to Rheims, one passes the famous College of Athletes, where France expected to train her competitors for the Olympic games. The gymnasium buildings are a mass of ruins, as is also the magnificent marble open air swimming pool. Several shells fell in it."

"Passing the scene of the recent battles of the Marne, the traveler may see hundreds of old men and women harvesting in the same spots where a few days ago, there were numerous bodies."

TWO GERMAN TAKEN OFF STEAMER HERE

Two Germans off the steamer King Prince Olav, lying at West St. John, were taken prisoners today by a company of the 62nd regt. on duty here. They will be examined by the militia authorities this afternoon.

ST. JOHN ORGANIZATION FOR RELIEF OF BRAVE BELGIANS

Committee Formed at Public Meeting and Will Begin Active Work—Money, Clothing and Provisions Needed

Citizens who met this morning in the Board of Trade rooms to consider the formation of an organization for the relief of the Belgian sufferers, lost no time in getting down to business, and as a result an executive committee has been formed to look after the collection of aid for these stricken people.

Mayor Frink called the meeting to order and was appointed chairman. He will also act as treasurer for any cash that may be given. Col. A. J. Armstrong is secretary.

The mayor said that Canada, as well as the whole British empire owed a debt to the Belgians and he thought it was only right that St. John, as well as the province of New Brunswick, should do something to relieve them. It was for this reason that the meeting was called.

A. P. Barnhill said that in order that the movement might take the proper form a committee should be appointed, composed of those already interested in the work, as well as others who were willing to take a hand. At the present time what was needed mostly were clothing and food supplies, while money might be used for the purchase of necessities. It was useless, however, to have the money forwarded to Belgium as there was no way to spend it there.

Rev. E. B. Hooper said that he had received his friends at his home in Clarendon street yesterday afternoon and evening. He thought the applications for relief could be better met if a ship was sent to G. E. Barbour, who has interested himself deeply in the Belgian relief work, and who has recently returned from Montreal, told of enquiries he had made while there. He also read a letter from the Nova Scotia committee, explaining their plans. It was noted that depots had been established all over Nova Scotia for the collection of new and old clothing, non-perishable food, etc., and the railway was transporting the goods free of charge.

The Belgian Consul, Daniel Mullin, K. C., local Belgian consul, read a letter he had received from the Belgian relief committee in Montreal, informing him that the C. P. R., G. T. R., and C. N. R. had agreed to transport all supplies donated, free of charge, and that the central organization was negotiating for the charter of a steamer to take the goods across the Atlantic. Mr. Mullin told graphically of the reports of desolation and suffering in Belgium and said that all that could be done for the people who were represented would be greatly appreciated.

J. M. Robinson told of the work done in Rothesay. On receipt of a letter from the Nova Scotia committee in Stellarton, a meeting was held on Monday evening and a committee appointed. They had already collected \$800 and an amount of bacon. Arrangements had been made to have a special car take this stuff to Rothesay tonight to appear to his congregation on next Sunday and he thought the applications for relief could be better met if a ship was sent to G. E. Barbour, who has interested himself deeply in the Belgian relief work, and who has recently returned from Montreal, told of enquiries he had made while there. He also read a letter from the Nova Scotia committee, explaining their plans. It was noted that depots had been established all over Nova Scotia for the collection of new and old clothing, non-perishable food, etc., and the railway was transporting the goods free of charge.

Senator Daniel said he was in favor of the appeal through the churches on the first Sunday possible. Rev. G. P. Scovill said that he had already planned on asking (Continued on page 2, second column)

GIRLS ORGANIZE JUNIOR CHAPTER OF DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE IN ST. JOHN

Within the last few days a juvenile branch of the Daughters of the Empire has been organized in the city, and has assumed the name of Valcartier chapter. The first regular meeting was held on Wednesday evening, October 1st, at the home of Mrs. George McAvity, now with the Canadian committee in Stellarton. This little chapter has enthusiastically entered into the work of doing everything in their power for the soldiers and their families. One of the first objects is to try to look after the older chapters in selling tickets for the patriotic concert to be given in the Imperial theatre on October 15.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WAR MATTERS

Matter of Insurance on Soldiers Not Yet Decided—The Question of Sending Troops

The provincial government has not yet reached a definite decision regarding the proposals to insure the lives of the New Brunswick soldiers who have gone to the front," said acting premier, George J. Clark, who arrived in the city this morning. "This plan was widely advocated at the first, but was allowed to drop while the government took action along other lines but it may come up again for consideration."

"I notice that the British government has referred to an offer from New Brunswick of a regiment of 1,000 men, in a recent white paper. Of course this must have occurred through a misunderstanding, and I believe it arose from the offer of Lieutenant-Colonel McLeod to raise a regiment at the outbreak of the war."

"We have not yet heard officially of the plans of Colonel McLean and Colonel McAvity to raise regiments of cavalry and infantry, but these matters may come before us at our meeting on next Thursday."

"The provincial government has not taken any action along this line, for one reason, because the minister of militia discouraged such action. He pointed out that the raising of troops was a matter which the provinces could best assist by equipping the troops would be a big undertaking, and even the cost of raising and equipping the troops would be a big undertaking. It might be possible to meet the expenditure involved by public subscription of individuals and municipalities as was proposed in Nova Scotia."

"Hon. Col. Hughes advised me that the provinces could best assist by equipping the families of those who have gone to the front, sending contributions of food, etc., to the old country, and in other ways meeting the definite needs as they arise. Our official contribution of potatoes has been hailed with even more pronounced approval than I had hoped, the comments from Great Britain being especially gratifying."

BRIDES RECEPTION DAYS

For the first time since her marriage Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald (nee Gallagher) received her friends at her home in Clarendon street yesterday afternoon and evening. Her mother, Mrs. Catherine Gallagher, in black satin, and her sister, Miss Flo. Gallagher, in pink satin, received with her. Mrs. Fitzgerald was dressed in yellow satin with lace trimmings. Mrs. James McGrath, in brass colored satin, with black hat, poured; Mrs. Wm. Gillespie, in blue satin and black hat, served the ices. Others assisting were Mrs. A. L. Deter, in apricot satin; black hat; Miss Nellie Collins, in yellow silk with cream hat; Miss Agnes Gogan, in blue voile and white hat; and Miss Flo. Bradley, in black chamoisee with white hat. Little Misses Agnes Gillespie and Catherine McGoury were usherers.

At her home in Paradise Row, Mrs. W. H. Estey (nee Evans) received her friends yesterday afternoon and evening. She wore her bridal gown of blue satin with pearl trimmings. Her mother, Mrs. J. F. Evans, in blue silk, received with her; Mrs. Charles Morgan, in blue silk with black picture hat, poured; Mrs. Fred Lawson, in rose silk with white hat, served the ices; and assisting in the dining and reception rooms were Mrs. W. H. Anderson in mauve silk, with black hat; Miss Hazel Evans, in pale blue silk with white hat; Miss Florence Roden, in pale blue silk and black hat; and Miss Ethel Henderson in pink silk with shadow lace and black hat.

Mrs. William J. Spears (nee Markey), received at her home, 148 Britain street, on Thursday for the first time since her marriage. She was gowned in black satin with blue satin trimmings. She was assisted by her sister, Miss Florence Markey, gowned in delphine blue crepe de chine with Roman striped trimmings. The dining room was artistically decorated with foliage and scarlet geraniums. Mrs. Roy Ring poured. She was gowned in delphine blue crepe with net fichu and black picture hat. Assisting her were Miss Mary Doyle, in pink brocade crepe de chine with black velvet hat; Miss Marie Nugent, in pink satin with shadow lace trimmings and black velvet hat; Miss Mary Campbell, in Dresden blue satin with hat to match. Miss Maud Gorman, in midnight blue satin, ushered.

KAISER TRAVELING FROM ONE FRONT TO THE OTHER

Rome, Oct. 1 (via Paris, Oct. 2).—Emperor William, says a telegram from Berlin, is going from one front to another. He travels in a special train of ten Pullman cars, which formerly were painted white and blue, but which now have been repainted like the ordinary cars to protect the train from the bombs of French aviators.

When the Emperor goes to places out of reach of the railway he travels by automobile. Besides his aides and body guard, he is also watched by special secret field police.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate in St. John county have been recorded as follows: Annabell Brennan to Mary Warnock, property in Lancaster.

Helms of J. E. Burchill to Nellie M. Fritchard, property in St. Martin's.

William Levi to Carrie, wife of David Bassen, property in Georgia avenue.

Michael Power, et al. to Joseph Power, property in St. Martin's.

Joseph Power to Margaret Power, property in St. Martin's.

G. H. Stevens to Alfred Sheppard, property in St. Martin's.

G. H. Stevens to Alfred Sheppard, property in Lancaster.

W. G. Watters to Carrie, wife of David Bassen, property in Simonds.

William Webster to Mrs. Ella B. Mahoney, property in Dock street.

Kings County

David Muir to George Muir, \$100, property in St. John.

W. H. Parlee to Margaret J. Parlee, property in Norton.

Elizabeth A. Thorne to Agnes F. Keith, \$800, property in Hawlock.

AMERICAN CONSUL'S RESIDENCE STRUCK BY GERMAN SHELL

London, Oct. 2.—A despatch from Rheims to the Exchange Telegraph Company, dated Wednesday, says:

"Rheims was the scene of a fierce aerial bombardment this morning. During the bombardment, the American consul, William Bardell, had a narrow escape. A shell wrecked half of his residence over which the Stars and Stripes were flying."

TWO GIRLS CHARGED WITH STEALING

Miss Wille Finley will probably be brought before the magistrate this afternoon on the charge of stealing a feather box from the store of F. A. Dykeman, Charlotte street, where she was employed. The young woman was arrested yesterday by Policeman Ross. When she was brought before the court yesterday afternoon, Detective Killen testified that she admitted to him that she had left the feather at 260 Waterloo street, when he went and found it.

CHILD DEAD

Friends will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burns in the loss of their thirteen months old son, John Raymond, whose death occurred yesterday at their home, 28 Winslow street, west side. Burial will take place this afternoon in Holy Cross cemetery, Sand Cove.