

GREY-COATED SOLDIERS FED INTO ZONE OF FRENCH FIRE LIKE CORN INTO A HOPPER

Extreme Left of Their Line Denied to Strengthen Their Forces on the Right of the General Field

WEATHER BEGINS TO PLAY BIG PART

Despite Strenuous Efforts of the Germans They Have Met With General Checks and Repulses

FOR days and nights the Germans have attacked with the fury of despair. They have been jamming corps up on corps into the angle of the Allies' line at Ribecourt in a desperate attempt to pierce it.

The extreme left has been denied of troops that they may be thrown into this vortex. But it has been a vain effort. Grey-coated soldiers have been fed into the French field of fire like corn into a hopper. They have been ground to dust.

These violent counter-attacks are the direct result of what might be called the present siege-field operations. To say that a modern battle lasts over two weeks, the time the hostile armies have been engaged before Paris conveys a wrong impression to the untechnical.

Infantry and cavalry are not advancing and retreating during such time. What happens is that the troops of the contending forces "dig themselves in" at favorable points, whilst the artillery continues an uninterrupted fire.

The men in the trenches are relieved as often as circumstances permit, but this kind of fighting, as one soldier described it, is "la vie a l'enfer."

Weather's Active Part.
The German field fortifications have been splendidly planned and painstakingly constructed. Their trenches not only give shelter from the enemy's projectiles, but from the elements. The bombproofs deflect shells and keep out rain and cold.

And the weather is beginning to play an active part in the campaign. The realisation of this has brought about the recent suicidal counter-attacks of the enemy. With winter coming on the Germans know that nothing short of a decisive victory can save them.

Frightful Congestion.
Despite their genius for organization, their lines of communication must now be frightfully congested. The evacuation of the wounded and the return of "empties" cannot but seriously interfere with the replenishment of ammunition, and now the situation is complicated by the necessity of supplying the troops with winter kit.

Take the item of blankets alone. How is it humanly possible to distribute 1,000,000 blankets to the German troops under the present conditions? Remember that the supply of reinforcements and ammunition must be constant. Otherwise all is lost. Already the enemy's transport service is strained to the breaking-point. Under this added weight it must collapse. This would mean the beginning of the end.

German Plan Fails.
Even now it is plain from the positions of the two armies that the elaborate plan of the German general has ended in complete failure. The one battle formation they wished to avoid was that of parallel fronts. Such is the position at this moment.

Another point that must not be overlooked is that the French soldier is now a veteran. The men are bronzed and hardened to a degree. Not

Recruits Required Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve.

500 Recruits are required immediately for Active Service in Europe. Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 35 and must be either Fishermen or Seamen.

Period of service for this special force will be for one year from date of enrolling.

Free passes to St. John's can be obtained from Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, Customs Officials, or by application to H.M.S. 'Calypso.'

A. MacDERMOTT, Lieutenant-Commander, oct26.6i

"WE HAVE YOU WHERE WE WANT YOU NOW."

Rotterdam, Oct. 28.—Fierce fighting continues on the northwest frontier. In Bruges, four thousand German wounded are suffering, mostly from shells of the British fleet.

The Germans say the naval gun fire is devilish. The shells are pouring like hailstones amid the masses of troops.

English prisoners brought to Ghent remark to their captors: "You've got us, but God help you, we have you where we want you now."

only are they physically fit, but they now work smoothly in the grooves of military routine. The improvement in morale is marvellous. They have lost their dread of the German military bogey.

Study the Map.

Your map cannot lie to you. If you have conscientiously moved your German, English, and French pin flags forward or back each day, according to the information given in the official communications, you have not fooled yourself as to the seriousness of the situation.

At one stage of this war in Berlin every other shop had a map of France in the window. The employees used to vie with each other for the privilege of moving forward the German pin flags each day. No business was thought of until this important work was done. Time and again the shopkeepers combed the latest great General Staff War Bulletin while changing their flags forward. They smiled at the task.

Changed Conditions.
Picture these same shopkeepers now. Surely they notice that the victories won by the Germans are farther and farther from Paris. They must see that the German line is advancing backward.

For the moment fighting along the front defended by the British has ceased. Many of the German trenches are evacuated. Even the artillery fires only at long intervals. The old ruse of the "Quaker" battery has been successful again.

At a certain point the French mounted sawed-off telegraph poles on cart wheels, with a few dummy figures grouped about. Soon an aviator from the enemy's lines circled above the battery. In a moment a salvo sounded. It began to rain projectiles in the vicinity of the "Quaker" guns.

500,000 MEN READY TO JOIN JOFFRE

Half a Million Men Finish Training and Go to the Front

London, Oct. 28.—New forces are ready to join Gen. Joffre's armies, says a Bordeaux despatch to the Times. It continues: "This year's recruits, after two months' training, are now fit to bear arms. They are excellent material, young and enthusiastic, and will be joined at the front by a section of the reserves not yet called to the colors, representing probably nearly half a million entirely fresh troops."

Body Taken Home

The remains of the late Mrs. Burgess, who died at her residence, Freshwater Road last Monday, were sent to Tack's Beach, Placentia Bay, by this morning's train for interment near her children.

The body had been embalmed by Undertaker Collier and was enclosed in a beautiful casket.

The funeral takes place Wednesday Rev. J. Brinton went to officiate at the interment and will assist the clergyman, Rev. Mr. Templeton.

Miss Laura Burgess and her brother accompanied the remains.

Footer Today

The Collegiate football match, St. Bon's vs. Felldians, did not take place on Saturday on account of the weather. It will take place to-day.

S. S. Frances, 7 days from Philadelphia, arrived Saturday night with coal to A. Harvey & Co. After discharging her present cargo she loads pebbles.

ELECTRIC LIGHT POLE CAME DOWN

And Two Passers-by Had Narrow Escape From Injury or Death

On Saturday night, about 11.30, the electric light pole at Haw's Corner, New Gower St., fell to the ground, carrying with it numerous wires, globe, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Pike, who were passing at the time, narrowly escaped death. There are several such rotten old poles in and around the City and are a nuisance to pedestrians. City Engineer Ryan should see that all such be removed immediately. This one crashed down at a time when not a breath of wind was blowing.

PROSPERO HERE FROM THE NORTH

S. S. Prospero returned from the northward at 4.30 a.m. after a stormy trip.

She brought a half cargo and the following passengers:—Messrs. J. T. Croucher, J. J. Tobin, W. Roberts, Williams, J. C. Tullo, M. Howell, G. Matthews, R. Croucher, C. Simms, E. Roberts, H. Luscombe, Capt. Rendell, A. Folow, J. Coombs, Ritcey; Messdames Taylor, Simms, Austen Sinnott, Hudson, Coombs; Misses Walton, Stone and 19 steerage.

Portia left Channel at 2 a.m. for the northward.

Schr. Carl is now loading fish at G. A. Buffett's, Marystown, for Europe.

LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN are holding a Dance and Presentation of Bugles at their Hall Tonight. Dance to commence at 10 p.m. Admission: Gents, 50c.; Ladies, the same as usual (Basket.)—nov2.1i

LATER HOURS FOR THE NICKEL

Commencing to-night the Nickel Theatre will remain open each night until 10.45. This will continue until the stores close.

This is for the purpose of giving employees of the Water Street stores an opportunity of seeing each performance after the stores close, and all shop hands will now have plenty of time to see the whole programme.

An all-feature programme has been arranged for this evening. The two reel picture is one which will appeal to all young folks and the other ones as well. It is entitled "The Portrait of Anita" and is a pretty pathetic story of love followed by after-marriage coldness on the part of an artist husband, and then contrition when it is too late. The settings are beautiful, and altogether it is a masterpiece.

"Olives and their Oil" is an educational story which will be found highly interesting.

A full reel of The Mutual Weekly will show all the latest events in the great events in the world's history. There will be two comedies by the Keystone Co.

In one "Love and Dynamite" the world's great funmaker, Ford Sterling, plays the leading role. There will also be a grand social drama with many unusual situations.

Arthur C. Huskins, the sweet voiced tenor will be heard in a new song, and Prof. McCarthy and Joe F. Ross will render classy selections. Remember the nickel is open until 10.45 to-night.

WANTED.

Commissions for the Collection of Rent, Overdue Accounts, &c. Accepted on a commission basis. Advertiser has had plenty of experience and can give references. C. W. THISTLE, 148 New Gower Street.—oct12.1m

FOR SALE

2 Good Milch Cows, one to calf in April, and one to calve in June, giving at present from 2 to 3 gallons of milk per day, each. Apply to STEER BROS. Office.—oc28

FOR SALE

One Motor Boat, about 22 feet long, equipped with new Ferro 5 1/2 h.p. Engine with Kerosene Adapter and Reverse Gear. A snap for a quick sale.—oct1.1f

ATROCITIES ARE PROVEN

German Officers Swear to Murder of Wounded on the Battlefields

Washington, Oct. 28.—The French Embassy has issued the following statement:

"The report appeared in the Press some time ago, according to which General Stenger, commanding a brigade of the German army in France, had issued an order to his troops prescribing to them to give no quarter to any prisoners, but to shoot them all, and to finish the wounded. An official statement from Berlin via Sayville, was issued thereupon, declaring that this was an 'impudent lie.'"

"The atrocious order had, nevertheless, really been given, and carried out, and proof of it is in the hands of the French government. Over twenty German prisoners of the 112th and 142nd regiments of infantry (forming the Stenger brigade), are now held in France, at Mont Brison and St. Etienne. They have declared, under oath, before the magistrate, that this order was actually issued on the 26th of August, and that, in accordance with it, all French wounded found that day were at once despatched. Officers, and notably Captain Curtius, personally, of the 112th regiment, superintended the execution."

TO THE EDITOR

Deserving Case

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Friend James A. Rideout, of North West Arm, Green Bay, writes me saying that he had the misfortune to have his dwelling house burnt last June. He would be glad to receive any help, little or much, from the Councils rounds the district.

I've no doubt that this friend needs and deserves help and trust that it may be found possible to do something for him.

Donations should be sent to Chairman of Council, North West Arm. W. B. JENNINGS, D. C. Moreton's Hr., Oct. 24.

CURLING COUNCIL VERY MUCH ALIVE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space to acquaint your many readers of the fact that we have the F.P.U. started here in right down earnest. Although our Council is only one month old, we have close on thirty members on the roll.

We held our last meeting on Monday, 27th ult., and had a lively time, and every member seems to be filled to the full of Union fire, and a deep interest is taken by everyone in the benefits derived from the Union.

There are some amongst us who are just joining for the time to come when we are far enough advanced to start a Union store here. We are just beginning to see the necessity of having our store, the Fishermen's Store, seeing that we are trodden upon with as great a brutality as the Germans treat those of their enemies they come in contact with.

I say, sir, it is high time that those aristocratic grab-all blunderers and time-killers, should be forced to slow down the pace they are now travelling.

I would like to say more, but time will not allow me, in addition to imposing on your good nature.

PETROGRAD. Curling, Oct. 28.

Gravenstein Apples, very best pack of No. 1s, 2s and 3s; last chance to buy Gravenstein's this season. Remember Snap Apple Night is Saturday. Also Bananas, Cal. Oranges, Grapes and Plums, Siberian Crabs, Cocoanuts, at very lowest wholesale prices. Outport orders given personal and strict attention at GLEESON'S, 108 Water Street, East.—oct28.

A Brilliant Discourse

His Lordship Bishop Jones was the preacher at the C.E. Cathedral yesterday at Matins. His Lordship who is known the English speaking world over as a brilliant preacher, delivered a beautiful address.

The Cathedral was crowded, including many of other denominations who were anxious to hear his Lordship.

Schr. Judeque arrived at Bonne Bay, Saturday, to load herring for Eastport.

Sergeant Corbett Dead

We regretfully chronicle today the death of Sergeant Corbett, at his residence, Tessier Place. Deceased had been an invalid for the last couple of years.

SPECIAL SALE
Ladies' & Misses Coats & Suits

For a limited time we offer the pick of our stock of COATS & SUITS at a Reduction of 20c. On the Dollar, for cash only. No charging at Reduced Prices and No Approval.

EXAMPLES—
A \$15.00 Coat or Suit for \$12.00.
A \$10.00 Coat or Suit for \$8.00.

Also—A Special Lot of Coats marked down to very special prices. Prices, \$4.00 to \$10.00

Sale Commences FRIDAY morning, October 30th.

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SHIP DESTROYED BY FIRE AT SEA

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His steamer caught on fire near the Columbia River on Oct. 19th, and the crew were obliged to leave her. The Santa Catalina was 639 tons, and was the fourth ship to pass thro' the Panama Canal.

WEDDING BELLS

Winkle-Geary.
A pretty wedding was solemnized on Oct. 14th at the Church of St. Elizabeth, 187 St. Broadway, New York, when Miss Fannie Geary and Mr. W. Winkle were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by Rev. W. Hayse.

The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Maude Deedy, while Mr. Geo. Geary supported the groom.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Parks, sister of the bride. The latter is one of Terra Nova's well-known daughters.

The presents the bride received were many and include several cheques. Mr. and Mrs. Winkle will in future reside at 511 West 186th St., New York. We extend congratulations.

Ordination

There will be an ordination service at the C.E. Cathedral on Sunday next when one will be admitted to the Deaconate and three Deacons advanced to the Priesthood.

Naval Reservists Coming Forward

The call for Naval Reservists is not falling on deaf ears, and we understand there are about 250 on the Calypso. During the next few days this number will be greatly increased.

Magistrate's Levee

A girl arrested for safekeeping was discharged. A domestic charged with larceny was convicted and sentence suspended.

From Hudson Bay

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Her many Newfoundland friends hope that the sea trip will prove beneficial. Chesbrough's Waterwitch, Capt. C. P. Moore, which loaded fish at Bowring's is now ready to sail for Pernambuco. She is waiting for a favorable wind.

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Mr. C. E. Hunt returned by the Fogota yesterday.

Mrs. W. G. Gosling who was visiting friends in Canada and the States returned by the Stephano today.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

NOTICE

Amongst the other important matters to be discussed at the Twillingate District Meeting to be held at Catalina will be the Herring Fishery and delegates should be given a full understanding of all Council's wishes in this respect. All delegates should be able to give particulars of the Settlements in their section and the population of the same in order to supply data for the arranging of Municipal Boards. It will be necessary to know the local and main line mileage of settlements.

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