

FRENCH TAKE VILLAGE

Completed the Capture of Saillisel After Hard Fighting.

British Made Advance, Capturing and Consolidating One Thousand Yards of the Strong Regina Trench—German Position North of Ancre is Now Threatened and Cannot Hold Out for Long.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Two important successes have been won by the Allies on the front of the Somme where the French completed their capture of Saillisel Village Saturday and the British completed the consolidation of another thousand yards of the strong Regina trench, north-east of Thiepval, captured early on Saturday morning.

The Regina trench fell at a single blow. Saillisel Village required a long drawn out hand-to-hand struggle to master it. The British took 60 prisoners, including four officers, in their successful attack on the Regina trench. The French took 220 unwounded prisoners and seven officers with eight machine guns in their fighting for Saillisel.

Step by step, the French had driven the Germans back until they occupied Saturday only some groups of houses in the eastern part of Saillisel Village. These defences were carried Saturday in a grenade attack. As seen from the great number of bodies encumbering the ground in this village, the German losses are heavy.

The capture of the additional thousand yards of the Regina trench by the British further imperils the German positions north of the Ancre by making the salient too sharp for holding with success, and the capture of Saillisel by the French, imperils the remaining German positions in the St. Pierre Vaast Wood. The Germans are reported to be already evacuating this wood in part.

Besides driving the Germans from the eastern portion of Saillisel the French, by bombing attacks, made progress to the north of it. The Germans bombarded this position with great violence.

Allied Aviators Busy.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Numerous aerial raids, including one on the German steel works at Volkingen, Rhenish Prussia, have been carried out by British and French aircraft in the past two days, according to official announcements here and at Paris. The raid on Volkingen was made by seventeen British naval aeroplanes. These dropped 1,000 kilograms (2,220 pounds) of explosives on the German steel works, seriously damaging the buildings. German machines attacked the British craft, fought several actions, and suffered from the encounter, three of them being felled. This raid which culminated at Volkingen, between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning, was followed by another raid by French aeroplanes at night. These dropped the same quantity of explosives as the British machines on the steel works and started a number of fires. The French and the British machines also bombarded railway stations in the rear of the Germans on the Somme front, and the French also drenched with projectiles the German blast furnaces at Romsbach and at Hagandange in the region of Metz as well as hangars and aerodromes. Great damage was done.

Broke Up Peace Meeting.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—A conference at Cardiff, Wales, in favor of opening peace negotiations, which had been arranged by the National Council of Civil Liberties, was broken up Saturday. A crowd of patriotic demonstrators broke into the hall and severe fighting resulted, although there were no casualties. The president of the South Wales Miners' Federation was in the chair. Speeches were made by James H. Thomas and Ramsay MacDonald, members of the House of Commons. The delegates to the conference appeared to be mostly young men of military age. When the demonstrators reached the hall in which the conference was being held they met with stout resistance from within, but eventually the doors were broken down. Fighting followed, in which it is reported that women delegates fought like tigers. Mr. Thomas attempted to rally his supporters but was dragged from the platform and narrowly escaped serious injury. When the demonstrators were in full possession of the hall they waved flags and sang "God Save the King."

New Kingdom Formed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Formation of the new Kingdom of Arabia, with Grand Sherif Hussein Ben Ali as monarch, and Mecca as the capital, was reported to the State Department Saturday in an undated telegram from Mecca, signed by Sherif Abdullah, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Arabic nation, Abdullah said, would henceforth be an active member of the Society of Nations, and confidently looked forward to recognition by the United States. The new kingdom resulted, he said, from an unanimous meeting of the notables and citizens of the country, who definitely threw off the yoke of the Committee of Union and Progress at Constantinople.

Military Cheques Forged.

KINGSTON, Nov. 13.—A Nicholson, a young clerk, arrested on a charge of forging military cheques, has been released and Quartermaster-Sergeant Ince of Belleville has been arrested on a similar charge. Three other military men are under surveillance and more arrests are expected. Ince is a handwriting expert and he was called to examine the forged cheques. As a result of his findings Nicholson was arrested. T. N. Payne of Ottawa, another handwriting expert, examined the cheques and his investigation resulted in the arrest of Ince. The sum of \$500 is involved in the case.

REFLECTIONS

By Crawl Slack

I have been so blessed busy getting ready for the winter, That I've overlooked the matter, that of riling up the printer, With my brain-storm jumble jingles which I scrawl from time to time, In their somewhat lengthy meters and their crude unlicensed rhyme. I've been digging the potatoes, that is, what there were to dig, For there wasn't very many nor they were not very big, I didn't stop to sort them now for I hadn't time to give, But later in the season I'll just run them through a sieve.

There shall have to be some scrimping if they manage to stay by us, But I stand in with my neighbours and perhaps they will supply us, Mine will never stand the peeling, they're so measly and small, So I guess that like the Huns we'll have to eat them skins and all. I have picked the winter apples too, the russets and the spies, Like potatoes they're not famous for their quantity nor size, All my may-day speculations they have somewhat took a drop, But perhaps my Christmas presents will turn out a bumper crop.

I suppose we shouldn't murmur but instead be giving thanks, For we do not rule the weather nor old nature and her pranks, The corn crop in its average so we'll have some Johnnie cake, And when a fellow's hungry that isn't hard to take, The year has brought its gladness it has also brought its tears, Perhaps a greater portion than other by-gone years, It has been a little anxious too, for mother and for me, For our boy is in the trenches fighting somewhere overseas.

He enlisted for service with the eightieth last spring, Then his mother's heart was sorrowed and that sorrow seems to cling, True, it makes it very lonely for us here with him away, And for his welfare mother prays each hour of every day. I try to keep a-thinking that perhaps it's for the best, That it's a decree from heaven just to put us to the test, But I miss him not a little as I putter 'round alone, Too, at times my heart is leadened and as heavy as a stone, Some have said that he was foolish to leave his home and all, And they claimed 'twas not his duty for to answer England's call.

Well for me I would rather have him called a fighting fool Than be termed a milk-sop dandy, or a timid sissy tool, But I've asked myself the question is there no relenting ruth, Pointing to a parent's sorrow over maimed and ruined youth, Is the Christ-like spirit buried? no regard for blood or pain? Are the blood-pools of the ancients to o'erflow the earth again?

FRANKVILLE

Nov. 10

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson spent last Sunday at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Holmes, Lehigh Corners.

Mrs. Wilford Hewitt Lehigh Corners has been visiting for a few days at North Augusta.

Mr. D. L. Johnston, Athens was here one day this week calling on his sister, Mrs. Enos Soper.

Mrs. Jack Kenny and little son of Morristown, N. Y., are spending a few weeks among their friends.

Mrs. Wm. Looby returned on Saturday after spending a week in Smith's Falls.

Mrs. Frank Livingstone and little

daughter of Roleau, Sask., arrived last week at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strikefoot.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Livingston of Brockville are spending a few days visiting their friends.

Miss Mabel Connerty of Jasper, spent Sunday with her cousin Mrs. C. R. Church.

Mrs. Harte went to Brockville yesterday to visit.

Dr. W. H. Bouras who has been ill is able to be around again.

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Rev. Mr. Camerford left yesterday on a two weeks hunting expedition.

Mrs. Cochrane, wife of the Hon. F. Cochrane of Ottawa spent the weekend with her sister Mrs. Oliver.

Nurse Blackburn of Philippsville is visiting Mrs. A. E. Crommy.

Rev. Mr. Crawford gave an illustrated lecture in the Methodist church, on Friday evening, Nov. 10.

Carroll Livingstone has been appointed treasurer of the envelope system of the Methodist church.

Red Cross workers have their head quarters in Mrs. Dixon's rooms.

Division Court was held on Friday in Montgomery's Hall.

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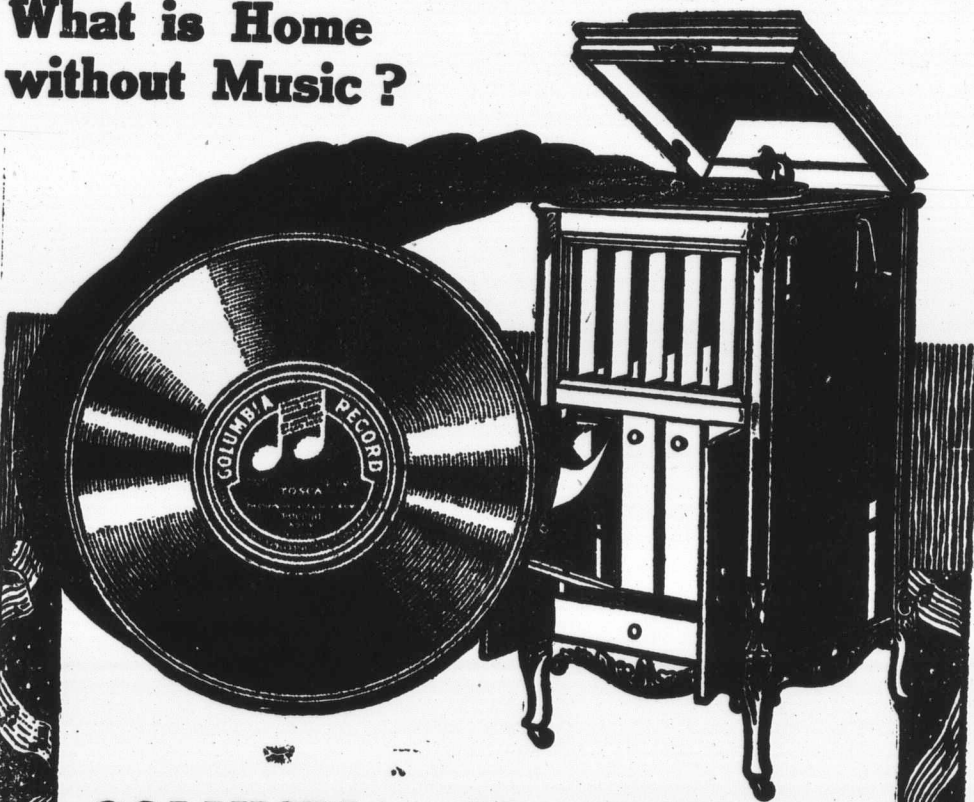
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