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GENERALLY FAIR

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BRITISH IN THE WESTERN SUBURBS OF VALENCIENNES AND GET OTHER TOWNS; GERMAN NEWSPAPERS DEMAND PEACE

HOLLAIN AND BRUYELLES RECLAIMED

Two More Towns on the River Scheldt Taken by the British.

FROYENNE VILLAGE CLEARED OF ENEMY

German Army Battling Hard To Prevent Outflanking of Tournai.

ENEMY STRONG ON BANKS OF SCHELDT

Belgians Reach Lys Canal and Czecho-Slavs Take Terrors.

(By The Associated Press)

The fall of Valenciennes to Field Marshal Haig's forces is imminent. Despite the desperate resistance of the Germans, the British have entered the city on the west, while to the north they have made a deep thrust into the great Raisines Forest, and are moving in the direction of Conde, near the angle of the Scheldt. Valenciennes had been in uninterrupted French possession from 1677, until the on-rush of the Germans early in the present war led them many miles into France. It is now about to be added to the rapidly growing list of towns, the reclamation of which has brought rejoicing to the French people. Although the progress of the Allied forces in Belgium and French Flanders has slowed up somewhat in the face of the stiffening of the lines of the rearwards aiding the retreat of the German armies, appreciable gains have been made, some of them of much importance.

Capture Two More.

Hollain and Bruyelles on the Scheldt south of Tournai, are now in the hands of the British, and north of Tournai the village of Froyenne has been cleared of the enemy, who is withdrawing toward the Scheldt. There has been sharp fighting for the crossings of this waterway at Post-A-Chin, the Germans are battling hard to keep the Allies from outflanking Tournai on the south. Behind the Scheldt the Germans are massed in strength, their machine guns on the east bank are active and are receiving the support of artillery and trench mortars. In the northern battle area, the Belgians have reached (Continued on Page Two.)

LIEUT. HEINE IS A PRISONER OF WAR

Family in Moncton Feared He Had Been Killed.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Oct. 22.—Mrs. Roland W. Heine received a cablegram from the Red Cross Society in London today stating that her husband, Lieut. Heine, who was with the Royal Air Force, is a prisoner in Germany. Lieut. Heine was reported missing a few weeks ago and news received today that he is a prisoner at Karlsruhe was joyful, received by his wife and many friends in this city.

A Simon-Pure German Doctrine

London, Oct. 22.—It is recalled by the Times correspondent at Berne that Mathias Erzberger, leader of the German centrists, and a member of the government formed to convince the outside world of the peace-loving character of this government, in a newspaper article written in February, 1915, expressed sentiments quite the contrary to those he is now supposed to entertain. He wrote: "The greatest ruthlessness is in reality the greatest humanity. If it should be possible to destroy the whole of London that would be more humane than to allow one of our fellow-countrymen to bleed to death on the battlefield, because such a radical cure would lead most speedily to peace."

"England has taken from us more than 400 merchant ships. The answer to this should be that for every German merchantman one English town or village will be destroyed by our airmen."

The German newspapers are laying great stress on the supposed attitude of Herr Erzberger on the peace question. They refer at length to his plan for a league of nations.

Atlantic Seaboard Due For Cold Wave

The Atlantic seaboard is due for a cold wave about the latter part of the week. The temperature went down to 17 in Battledorf yesterday and to 18 in Saakatoon. Elsewhere in the Canadian and American far west it was cold all day. A despatch from Washington says: "An early taste of winter is about to be given the country from coast to coast. A special bulletin from the weather bureau today says there will be a decided change to cooler within thirty-six hours in the plains states, and the eastern rock mountain region, extending by Thursday to the Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys, and the west gulf states and by Thursday night or Friday to the Middle Atlantic, New England, South Atlantic and East gulf states."

THREE DEAD FROM POISONED SALMON

Moses Dee of Gillespie, Victoria County, Third Victim—Others Were Mrs. Cote and Charles Kennison.

Special to The Standard. Grand Falls, Oct. 22.—Moses Dee of Gillespie passed away today, the third person to die as the result of eating poisoned salmon in tins at his home three weeks ago. Charles Kennison and Mrs. Cote, mother of Joseph Cote, a well known Drummond merchant, were the others to die. Mrs. Cote was staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dee. Mrs. Dee was away and the salmon was eaten by Mrs. Cote, Mr. Dee and Mr. Kennison, a boarder.

NEGLECTANCE ALSO IN HALIFAX DEATH

Officials Criticized for Bonehead Work in Caring for Seaman—123 Cases of Flu.

Halifax, Oct. 22.—One hundred and twenty-three cases of influenza were reported by the medical authorities in Halifax today. This is more than twice the number reported on any previous day. The local board of health is being adversely criticized in the matter of not providing for ready and adequate hospital accommodation for influenza patients. The criticism has developed more particularly since a seaman named Lorraine Burgoyne, who should have been admitted to hospital on the sick mariners' fund, did not arrive in the hospital for five days after being taken ill, although his captain went to much trouble to get him admitted. The seaman died last Monday morning, and the delays in getting him treatment are regarded as having been at least auxiliary in causing his death.

AUSTRIA TO REPLY.

Berne, Switzerland, Oct. 22.—The Austrian propaganda service sends the following announcement from Vienna: "The Austro-Hungarian government will reply very soon to President Wilson's note, more so as the president has not replied to the questions concerning conditions on which peace negotiations are possible."

VALENCIENNES TO FALL SOON BEFORE HAIG

British Army Takes Possession of West Suburbs of the City.

GHEENT AND TOURNAI ALMOST CAPTURED

French and Germans Engage in Fierce Battle Along the Serre.

GREATEST FIGHTING EAST OF VOUIZIERS

Canadians Apparently in Heavy Fighting Near Town of Cateau.

By Arthur S. Draper.

(Special cable to the N. Y. Tribune and the St. John Standard.) London, Oct. 22.—Valenciennes, Ghent and Tournai will soon be in the hands of the Allies. The British are in the suburbs of Valenciennes. The French, co-operating with the Belgians, attacked this morning, crossing the canal De Derivation, De La Lys at several points southwest of Ghent. The British met only slight opposition to their advance on Tournai and Valenciennes, the bulk of the German army being already behind the Scheldt.

North of Cambrai the Allies are merely hurrying the retreat of the German army, the British are merely hurrying the retreat of the German army, the British are merely hurrying the retreat of the German army. The British are merely hurrying the retreat of the German army, the British are merely hurrying the retreat of the German army. The British are merely hurrying the retreat of the German army, the British are merely hurrying the retreat of the German army.

NOTE IS EVASIVE DECLARE FRENCH

Newspapers Express Opinion Note is Moral Abdication of German Emperor.

VESSEL RUN ASHORE ON N. S. ISLAND

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Oct. 22.—Mail carriers from an island brought word today that the schooner Lizzie, 99 tons, Captain Munro, with coal for an island port, is ashore on a rock at the east end of the island, and is fast breaking up with the heavy northeast breeze which is blowing today. The Lizzie was run ashore at 11 o'clock on Sunday night because the vessel was leaking. The crew came ashore in the ship's boat on the island Monday morning. There used to be a life boat on the island, but it was removed and the life-saving station discontinued last fall.

HUNS WILL RESIST A PEACE OF VIOLENCE

Copenhagen, Oct. 22.—(By The Associated Press)—"President Wilson's reply to the latest German note may perhaps bring definite certainty as to the result of the negotiations," Prince Maximilian, the imperial German chancellor, said today according to a despatch received here from Berlin. "If then, we must prepare to resist a peace of violence." Prince Maximilian continued: "A government which acted otherwise would be left to the mercy of the fighting and working people. It would be swept away by public opinion."

MRS. F. L. CHASE DEAD.

Mrs. Chase, wife of Fred L. Chase, of Vassie & Co., died of influenza early this morning. The funeral will be held this afternoon.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS FIGHT IN FRANCE TAKING TERROR

French Forces Succeed in Capturing Chalandy and Granddup.

CLERY-LE-PETIT AND BRIEULLES ON FIRE

Germans Left Village of Chatelet Chery Mined When They Quit.

Paris, Oct. 22.—French troops have captured Chalandy and Granddup, north of Laon, according to the war office announcement tonight. The Czecho-Slovak troops fighting with the French recaptured the village of Terrors, which had temporarily fallen into the hands of the enemy. With the American Army northwest of Verdun, Oct. 22.—(By The Associated Press)—The towns of Brioulles and Clery-Le-Petit, along the western bank of the Meuse and north of the American line, were reported to be burning today.

There was little fighting activity during the forenoon. The Germans bombarded the American left with mustard and other gas shells.

No Big Guns. The enemy, however, made no efforts to bombard the new positions gained by the Americans Monday, indicating the possibility that he has withdrawn his big guns in that area.

Two explosions occurred in dugouts in Chatelet Chery today from mines left behind by the Germans when they were driven out of the town two weeks ago.

Prisoners captured yesterday were from all divisions known to be opposite the American lines. The 28th German or "flying shock division," apparently is no longer being used against the Americans on this sector.

YOUNG MAN INJURED BY THRESHING MILL

Simeon Bellevue of Boudreau Village Will Lose Leg—Court Postponed.

Special to The Standard. Dorchester, Oct. 22.—On account of the epidemic the Westmorland circuit court over which Judge Barry was presiding was adjourned indefinitely by the clerk of court, W. H. Chapman. Judge Barry did not attend.

Simeon Bellevue, Jr., about 19 years old, was the victim of a serious accident today at Boudreau Village. Young Bellevue was assisting in feeding a thrasher and fell into it, his left leg being so badly lacerated that amputation of a foot and part of the leg will be necessary. Bellevue's life was only saved by his falling on top of the man feeding the thrasher, throwing the latter on the belt and stopping the machine.

GERMAN NOTE NOT REPLY TO WILSON

London Circles Regard it as Mere Argument and Protestation.

London, Oct. 22.—The German reply to President Wilson is regarded here as "not business, but mere argument and protestation." In government, diplomatic and political circles the view is that it is not a reply. One highly-placed official described it as "badly camouflaged in sincerity." The government has not considered the reply in detail, although Premier Lloyd George and his colleagues held protracted deliberations today.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

The Manchester Guardian says it does not see that this particular controversy can with any advantage be carried much further. "President Wilson," the paper goes on, "insisted from the first that as a preliminary condition to an armistice the German armies must be withdrawn on all fronts within their own frontiers, and this condition has already been accepted by the government, conditions of an armistice, therefore, can only be considered with this as a starting point, and the actual position of the forces in the field cannot be taken as a standard."

SIR JOHN EATON TO BUILD IN MONCTON

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Oct. 22.—Sir John Eaton and party, of Toronto, have been in Moncton the past two days looking over property recently purchased from R. F. and M. Co., for warehouse purposes. Sir John was accompanied by a building expert and it is the intention of the company to start the erection of a warehouse for distributing purposes this fall.

THE MARITIME EXPRESS TRAIN GOES IN DITCH

Eastbound Train Wrecked Mile and Half West of Sackville Station.

THE PASSENGERS AND CREW UNHURT

Six Cars and Tender Leave Irons and Two Cars Are Demolished.

MESSENGERS SAVE LIVES BY JUMPING

First and Second Class Coaches Land in Ditch on Their Sides.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Oct. 22.—The Maritime Express, which left here this morning for Halifax, was badly wrecked about ten o'clock, one mile and a half west of Sackville. Four cars were derailed, and two express cars were broken in two in the middle, the express messengers saving their lives by jumping. Fortunately the passengers and train crew escaped with nothing more serious than a severe shaking up.

Considering the serious nature of the run-off, the escape of the passengers from death or serious injury, seems a miracle. Six cars, the first and second class, two express cars, baggage, mail and tender of the engine were derailed.

Cars Turn Over. The first and second class cars turned over in the ditch, while the express cars turned completely around and were smashed into kindling wood. Four or five hundred feet of the roadbed were badly torn up, and the line will be blocked until some time tomorrow morning.

Passengers on the Ocean Limited, from Halifax, as well as on trains going east, were transferred at the scene of the wreck and forwarded. Conductor James McClafferty and Driver R. McIsaac, of Truro, were in charge of the train. An unofficial report attributed the cause of the wreck to a broken rail. The wreck was one of the worst in point of damage to cars and roadbed occurring on the Moncton-Halifax section of the C.G.R. for some time.

WILSON HONORS SEVEN GENERALS

Foch, Joffre, Haig, Petain, Diaz, Gillian and Pershing Get Distinguished Service Medals—Sword for King Albert.

Washington, Oct. 22.—President Wilson, as commander-in-chief of the United States army, today awarded the distinguished service medal to Marshals Foch, Joffre and Haig, and Generals Petain, Diaz, Gillian and Pershing.

Paris, Monday, Oct. 21.—During the early days of the German occupation of Brussels, in 1914, a project was formed to present King Albert with a sword of honor on his return to the city. The model was made and the artist who designed it carried it through the barrier into Holland, and from there came to Paris. The sword has been made here. The hilt is of gold and platinum set with precious stones. It represents the Belgian lion overcoming the Teuton eagle. It will be sent to Brussels, and will be there in time for the king's entry to the city. The names of the Brussels committee in charge of the project will be kept secret until the Germans have retired from the country.

BARS I. W. W. RAVINGS.

Washington, Oct. 22.—All printed matter put out by, or in the interest of the Industrial Workers of the World has been barred from the Canadian mails. Postmaster General Barston today notified postmasters not to accept such matter destined for Canada.

Canadian Gets Victoria Cross

London, Oct. 22.—(Canadian Press Despatch from Reuter's Limited)—Five new Victoria Crosses have been awarded, the recipients of three of which have been killed. The most thrilling account accompanies the award to Piper James Richardson, of a Manitoba regiment.

Prior to the attack he obtained permission to play his company "over the top." As the company approached its objective, it was held up by very strong wire, and came under an intense fire which caused heavy casualties, which momentarily demoralized the formation. Richardson, realizing the situation, strode up and down with the greatest coolness. The effect was instantaneous. Inspired by his splendid example the company rushed the wire with such fury and determination that the obstacle was overcome and the position was captured.

Later, after participating in bombing operations, he was detailed to take back wounded comrades and prisoners. After proceeding two hundred yards he remembered that he had left his pipes behind. Although strongly warned, he insisted on returning to recover his pipes. He was never seen again, and is accordingly presumed dead through lapse of time.

Latest German Note Clumsy Trap—Lodge

Washington, Oct. 22.—Senator Lodge, Republican leader, in a statement today branded Germany's latest note as "a clumsy trap, awkwardly set, to involve us in diplomatic discussions," and said if it is answered at all, it should be with demands only for unconditional surrender. "It seems to me unbelievable," said Senator Lodge, "that anyone should be taken in by the latest German note. Of course, all they say about changing their government is pure camouflage. There has been no election in Germany. It is the same old Reichstag, governed by the same forces and interests. They are merely frightened and trying to deceive the American people—trying to gain by negotiation what they have lost in the field."

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY FARM TRACTOR

First Fatality of Kind Recorded Occurs in Aroostook County.

St. Leonard's, Oct. 22.—Trainers state that a farmer residing near Woodland Centre, in Aroostook, was killed yesterday in a peculiar manner. The farmer, whose name was Soderberg, was driving a tractor, and when the machine ran on a rock he was thrown backwards. His clothing caught in the reverse gear and the tractor was sent back over him.

He was horribly mangled and his death was instantaneous. The fatality is the first of the kind recalled here.

BOCHE PAPERS CLAMOR FOR PEACE SOON

It Must Not Be Delayed Single Day on Account of the Hohenzollerns.

OUTSPOKEN WORDS OF KARLSRUHE JOURNAL

President Wilson Expects To Get Official German Reply Today.

GERMANS DON'T LOOK FOR CHEAP PEACE

Their Press Considers Reply Good Basis for More Negotiations.

Washington, Oct. 22.—President Wilson discussed the wireless version of the German note at length with his advisers at today's meeting. The official text had not been delivered by the Swiss legation and it appeared certain that no announcement of the president's attitude would be made before tomorrow.

The official text of the German reply will not be delivered by the Swiss legation until tomorrow. This was announced late today at the State Department.

Peace Needed Badly.

Gespa, Oct. 22.—Peace must not be delayed a single day on account of the Hohenzollerns if they are an obstacle to it, declares the Volks-Freund of Karlsruhe, which also is permitted to speak of the disappearance of the superstitious belief that the emperor was chosen to rule by divine right.

The Schwabische Tagwacht says that everybody is now convinced the Allies will not accord Germany a cheap peace, "but if the glory and power of imperial Germany is the price, the German people are ready to pay."

In permitting such items to leave Germany, the German censorship apparently is preparing public opinion for coming events.

Strike a Snag.

London, Oct. 22.—The German press generally considers the reply to President Wilson satisfactory and a good basis for further negotiations despite the fact that most of the papers are not quite sure what the first part of the note means, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen.

CAN TAKE LOAFERS WITHOUT WARRANT

Work or Fight Law Amended to Facilitate Arrests.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—The anti-loafing law has been amended in such a manner as to provide for arrest without warrant. "Any peace officer," the amendment reads, "may arrest without warrant any person whom he believes on reasonable and probable grounds to be violating the provisions hereof, if, in the opinion of the peace officer, such person is justified in making such arrest."