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Germans Realize They Cannot Win

A Pretty Definite Statement Of Situation

Allies Can Get Through This Realized in Berlin—Plan to Smash Roumania and Then Run Amuck in Submarine Campaign in Hope to Force Good Peace Terms

London, Oct. 26.—(New York Times cable)—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Stockholm sends the following under yesterday's date:—The facts with regard to the official German attitude on the present position of the war, together with an outline of the course to be pursued have been told to me by a distinguished neutral who is a resident in Berlin and who for a few days has been visiting in Sweden. My informant speaks with the knowledge that he is not a casual foreigner in Berlin, but one whose business brings him in touch with public life and public men, and who has special facilities for knowing the minds of political leaders. I present his narrative as nearly as I can in his own words:—

"I left Berlin about a week ago. It may be taken as quite definite that the authorities realize the war is lost. Two months stand out quite clear to Germany's powers. The first is that while Germany still retains the power to manufacture munitions at a large and formidable rate, the output of the allies is now in advance of the German output and the significance of this is realized. The second point is even more important. It is recognized that the reserves of man power are not sufficient to allow Germany to continue the war to a victorious issue.

"The offensive on the Somme is a blunder. They believe they can improve the hold, hold them back for a long time, but they realize they cannot hold them indefinitely. It is privately acknowledged that sooner or later the allies must break through. More than this, the Germans have calculated the limit of time they have effectively withstood attacks on the western front at twelve months. They know, however, the allies may get through before.

"With these facts in mind, they have framed their future course of action. They are seeking for a peace which will not brand them as defeated, and to get it they will make considerable sacrifices. The whole of their new plans will be co-ordinated toward that. Whatever may be their fears of the future, they have still at their command vast fighting forces of various kinds.

"They are going to use them to bring about this peace which they want so badly.

"First of all, they have made up their mind to smash Roumania completely. Then they are going to throw their attention to the winds with reference to submarines. They are going to use wireless vessels to annoy and hurt Great Britain as much as possible; they will be quite careless of the feelings of neutrals. The visit of Ambassador Gerard to America is undoubtedly connected with this coming submarine campaign.

"The general idea is not to conquer, but by annoyances, losses and perils, to increase the desire for peace which already exists among some sections of the population already. The more haste the more speed will be proposed into Germany must have peace by a year from this. The latter is not stated in so many words, but that is what the position comes to."

"The 178th is a Highland Battalion that has been at Camp Borden. It is under the command of Lieut-Col. Bruce. The battalion is at full strength and is considered a "crack regiment."

SUSPECTED OF THEFT OF \$280 FROM A FELLOW LODGER

In the police court this morning, two prisoners were charged with drunkenness. They were fined \$8 or two months in jail. Sydney Parker, for being one of a disorderly crowd, was fined a like sum.

John Sarchen was arrested last night by Detectives Barrett and Briggs on suspicion of theft of \$280 from a fellow lodger in the house of Louis Feder in Bond street. It is said that a man named Zauger had been sleeping in the house, and when he awoke in the morning the money was gone and also the Sarchen. The case was set over until an interpreter can be secured.

UNNECESSARY The West St. John fire department were called out last night to extinguish a bonfire in Rodney street. It is thought that some boys sent in the alarm and then ran away.

ELEVEN, MAYBE MORE, DIE IN HOSPITAL FIRE IN FARNHAM

Institution of The Grey Nuns Is Destroyed

Death List May be Increased As Buildings Were Still Afire This Morning and Not All People Accounted For

Farnham, Que., Oct. 26.—Six adults and five children at least lost their lives in a fire which destroyed St. Elizabeth's Hospital last night. This morning the ruins were still blazing and it was impossible to approach near them to make a search for missing patients, variously estimated at from fifteen to twenty-five.

The blaze started in Howse's big implement warehouse, and spread to both Nuns and comprised two buildings, one devoted to accommodating sick and another a school for children. About 800 people were in the two buildings when the fire broke out.

London, Ont., Oct. 26.—Fanned by a forty mile gale, fire, which broke out early today, swept away \$50,000 worth of buildings in Talbot street west, in the heart of the business district at Aylmer. The blaze started in Howse's big implement warehouse, and spread to both Nuns and comprised two buildings, one devoted to accommodating sick and another a school for children. About 800 people were in the two buildings when the fire broke out.

SOLDIER TO GET VACANT POST IN FERRY DEPT.

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Pte. Pitt left St. John in last February and went across from England in the old and prior to enlistment was in the employ of the Corona Candy Company as a traveler.

That Pte. A. Keirstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Keirstead of 180 Elliot low, had been wounded in the wrist on October 16, was the word received by the parents this morning. Pte. Keirstead was slightly wounded in last February, in the side, but soon recovered and returned to the firing line. He is twenty-three years old and weak eyes with the ammunition column. After recovering from his wounds in last February, he was transferred to the heavy gun. Prior to enlistment he was in the employ of the Corona Candy Company as a traveler.

Acting Sergeant Major Whitehouse, who was wounded in the hand and face, was admitted to No. 4 Victoria hospital on Sept. 23, suffering from shell concussion.

Sergeant Major Whitehouse was employed in the Atlantic Sugar Refinery prior to donning khaki. He is a native of England, and was a member of the Imperial force for seven years before coming to Canada. He is also a veteran of the South African war, and was wounded while in action with the Boers.

Pte. Geo. B. Cushing, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cushing of Lancaster Heights has been wounded in the right hand by shrapnel and had been admitted to a field ambulance was the word received by his mother this morning. Private Cushing went overseas with a local battalion and has been through the thick of all the heavy fighting on the western front. Some time ago he was struck in the eye by a piece of shrapnel and after recovery was offered promotion, but his answer was "I came as a private and want to see it through with them." He is twenty-three years old and prior to enlistment was in the employ of the C. P. R. on the road.

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BARONET VISITS LOCAL POLICE COURT

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While in the city he is the guest of T. N. Vincent, garden street. He is in the province looking for big game and at the same time is enjoying a vacation while renewing old acquaintances.

Young Women Die in Fire New York, Oct. 25.—Two young women were killed in a fire which wrecked a seven story loft and factory building in east Houston street last night. Several other persons, who were in the building when the fire started have not been accounted for.



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First of the 115th To Be wounded

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Looking For Early Fall of Fort Vaux

HAMMER THE GERMANS AND KEEP DOING IT

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Winter Will Not See Let-up to Driving Operations—British Excellently Equipped for All Demands of Cold Season

New York, Oct. 26.—The New York World this morning publishes the following cable from Staff Correspondent Joseph W. Grigg:—

British Headquarters on the Somme, Oct. 26.—Whatever may be the developments of the next few weeks, one thing impressed me in the four days' visit which I have made to the British front is the complete readiness of the colossal British war machine in France to meet the rigors of a third winter there. The Germans argue that attacks in the west, thus giving the Germans opportunity to "dig in" for the winter, but this is the furthest thing from the mind of anyone in the British army who has had any experience in contact. The slogan of this army is: "Hammer the Germans and hammer them incessantly."

Bad weather may hinder certain operations, but the shell heaps in France indicate no decrease in the standing. There is an ominous steadiness about it at other parts of the line than the Somme sector even now. In the zone adjacent to the fighting line, especially in the Somme sector, it looks as if the British army had no idea of settling down now; they have got Germany going and the British soldier is absolutely convinced that the magnificent organization back of the British army will see the workings of the main arteries behind this fighting force can realize fully how Tommy Atkins is equipped, best fed, best cared for soldier in this, the biggest of all wars.

The critical situation of the moment is only a memory. There is sure to be mud aplenty in Flanders and France this winter, in the trenches and out of them, but there are more means of relieving distress than there were two years ago. The British fighting man is sure of being well clothed, well fed, and even his sense of amusement is catered to by better developed forms of entertainment.

GROWS SERIOUS

Situation Between Germany and Norway Over Submarine Activities

London, Oct. 26.—(New York Times cable).—The situation between Germany and Norway as the result of the numerous sinkings recently following the declaration of policy as to submarine warfare by the German government, has become very serious.

The Times this morning says: "It is reported that the Norwegian mail steamer, which left Bergen yesterday for Newcastle, was stopped by a German submarine. This is the first time the Germans have taken such action in the case of these steamers and in the existing circumstances the incident is regarded as one of some gravity."

SHACKLETON OFF TO ANTARCTIC TO AID OF HIS COMPANIONS

Panama, Oct. 26.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, who has arrived here from Lima, will leave on Sunday for New Orleans on his way to San Francisco. From that city he will start for Australia to send a relief party to rescue the ten members of the Shackleton party who were left behind in the Antarctic continent.

The ten men of the Shackleton party still in the Antarctic were landed from the Aurora and were marooned there when their vessel was caught in the ice and carried away.

FUND INCREASES

The fund at the mayor's office for the British Red Cross Society shows some growth in the contributions now are as follows: Previously acknowledged \$282.74; Trinity Church (including \$10 from Lady Robert Chamberlaine, G. D. Esq.) \$179.10; International Harvester Company (part of \$8,500 distributed throughout Canada) \$100, total \$561.84.

The mayor also has received \$26.20, the proceeds of a bazaar held by several little girls at 29 Horsfield street; one half of which is for the Belgians and the balance for the Poles.

French Push On To Within 500 Yards

German Strength Is Lacking

Paris, Oct. 26.—The French troops at Verdun are following up as fast as they can the advantage gained by their sudden forward sweep on Tuesday and, according to the latest information have closed in to within less than 500 yards of Vaux Fort. Announcement of the capture is momentarily expected here, thus completely restoring the French line held on February 25.

The German forces at Verdun are reacting so slowly and with such apparent lack of strength that in the opinion of the French military men they no longer possess a general reserve, but are obliged to withdraw men from one section of the front to reinforce another in case of need.

Reports of the casualties which are now in hand, show the French losses were very light indeed, considerably less than the number of prisoners taken and a large proportion of them are cases in which the men were slightly wounded. Considerable material was captured. The Germans had massed guns of all calibres in the ravine of the French, which fell into the hands of the French.

Three lieutenant generals, who under the command of General Mangin, led the attacking divisions, were all lieutenant colonels at the outbreak of the war and had been singled out by General Joffre for promotion on account of their technical ability, energy and initiative.

IN SIX HOURS AND A HALF

With the French Army at Verdun, Oct. 26.—(By staff correspondent of the Associated Press, delayed).—The French today recaptured from the German Crown Prince in six hours and twenty minutes, territory northeast of Verdun which it had cost the Germans five months of the hardest fighting and a half million men to take earlier this year.

The effect of the victory was to give the French freedom of movement around Verdun, permitting them to prepare for a further advance when the opportunity ripe, at the same time dealing a stunning blow when the Germans thought the French striking force was entirely assembled in the Somme region. The victory also leaves Fort Vaux, now in German hands, perilously open to attack.

Such a brilliant success in so short a time was not expected even by the most optimistic when the order of the offensive was given at 11.30 o'clock this morning. For two days the artillery preparation by the French batteries had been of the most extreme severity.

BAN JOHNSON IN ULTIMATUM

Shuts Off Players From Increasing Their Income After Season is Over

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Major league baseball players will not only be barred from engaging in exhibition baseball games, but are forbidden to increase their income after the regular season is over, by indoor baseball, basketball or football. This is the answer of President E. B. Johnson, of the American League, to the protests of David L. Pulka, President of the Ball Players' Fraternity, against the new contract covering the points mentioned was exhibited by President Johnson, and he said that it had been approved by Mr. Pulka. It forbids participation in any exhibition games, indoor baseball, basketball or football, unless the written consent of the club has first been given.

"We decided," said Mr. Johnson, "not to permit the exhibition games, because the hippodrome features could not be divorced from them."

NEW C. P. R. AGREEMENT PROBABLY ON NOV. 1

Winnipeg, Oct. 26.—November 1 is the date when the new schedule will be put into effect on the C. P. R. if the wishes of the men prevail. Representatives of the men will wait on Grant Hall, vice-president and general manager this morning to obtain his signature to the agreement.

Resigned by Villa Mexico City, Mex., Oct. 26.—The war office announced today that government troops had been dispatched from Santa Isabel and to surround a Villa's force which is attacking it. Santa Isabel is an advanced outpost and the garrison there has been attacked by a superior force of Villa's men but is holding its own, pending the arrival of reinforcements.