

ITALIANS STORM HUN HEIGHTS; AMIENS VIRTUALLY EVACUATED

THE QUESTION CONFRONTING ALLIES NOW IS HOW MUCH IS YPRES WORTH

Since It Is Outflanked on the South it will be Difficult and Probably Expensive to Hold — Withdrawal There to Prepared Defences Would Straighten and Materially Strengthen the Allied Line — While Germans Have Delayed Striking with Full Power Allies Have Improved Vastly Their Defences.

Shelling of City of Amiens and its Partial Destruction by Enemy Have Put that Important Distributing Base Out of Business and it has been Practically Abandoned by the Allies — Allies Probably have More Divisions which have Not Been Engaged than the Germans Have.

Special Cable to the New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Casper Whitney).

Paris, May 12.—The German delay in striking again with full power may be ominous of the weight which may be added to the blow when it falls, but the officers at the front regard it as comforting suggestive of the Boches having been severely hit. The respite has given the hard-pressed Allies a valuable opportunity to improve their defences and rearrange and better their lines of communication that were disrupted by the German advance. The shelling of Amiens put that important distributing base out of business and necessitated the use of devious lines of limited capacity. This gave the Boche a great advantage with his two lateral and an increased number of communicating roads.

No record of track laying has ever surpassed the work done behind the Amiens line during the last month and the Allies' transportation will be a simpler problem when the offensive starts again. "Where will the Boche strike next?" I have asked British and French officers I have met in this neighborhood.

"Undoubtedly they are after Amiens," the majority agreed. The city is now already practically abandoned, but chiefly they aim to separate the main forces of the British and French.

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FORMER ST. JOHN WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. Patrick Connolly Passes Away at Georgetown—Pte. Lewis McKay Wounded—Mrs. J. E. Carruthers Dead—Capt. McKee Promoted.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, May 12.—Mary E. Connolly, wife of Patrick Connolly, died Saturday night at her home in Georgetown. The family formerly lived in St. John and the body will be taken there by Maritime Express Monday morning. The husband and one son, Frank, survived.

W. H. McKay today received a telegram from Ottawa informing him that his son, Pte. Lewis Mills McKay, had been wounded, his injuries being gunshot wounds in the right arm. This is a third McKay boy wounded at the front in France. Pte. Robert McKay was recently invalided home and Gunner Lemuel McKay is in a convalescent hospital in England awaiting his return to Canada.

Pte. Lewis McKay went overseas with the 140th Battalion St. John.

Captain W. A. McKee, who recently received word to report overseas, received another wire from headquarters today that he has been appointed O. C. of 65th Battery at Woodstock.

Death occurred this morning of Mrs. Carruthers, wife of J. E. Carruthers, C. G. R. brakeman after five weeks illness. Deceased was a daughter of the late John Dunn, Ford Mills, Kent Co. She was aged 22 years and leaves three children.

FIFTEEN PERISH.

London, May 12.—The Admiralty announces that a British mine-sweeper sloop was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on May 6. Two officers and thirteen men are missing and are presumed to have been drowned.

CAPT. GEO. W. LORD OF CALAIS DEAD

Was Well Known Retired Deep Sea Captain and was President of Calais Savings Bank.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, May 12.—Capt. Geo. W. Lord, one of the best known citizens of Calais, died at his home in that city this morning, aged seventy-nine years. With his wife and daughter he returned last week from Florida, where he has been in the habit of spending recent winters. He had been in failing health for some years, but his demise at this time was unexpected. He was a deacon in the Calais Baptist church and acted for the moral welfare of the community for many years. He was a native of Ellsworth, Maine, and in his younger years followed the sea, being a well known deep-water captain. Later he engaged in shipbuilding in Calais, and afterwards conducted a ship chandlery and a grocery business until quite recently. He was president of the Calais Savings Bank and held many other offices of trust. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Franklin Johnston, of Chicago. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at three p.m. Flags were displayed at half-mast in Calais today as a mark of sorrow, universally felt at the death of a good citizen.

NEW BRUNSWICK GOT \$16,500 FOR LOAN

Nova Scotia Receives \$33,050 and Prince Edward Island \$3,000—Col. LeBatt's Resignation.

Ottawa, May 12.—A return tabled by the Hon. A. R. MacLean, acting minister of finance, in parliament Saturday morning, gave the amounts paid as remuneration in the various provinces in connection with the Victory Loan. They are as follows: Quebec, \$138,570; New Brunswick,

French Obtain Some Advantages Over Huns

Considerable Activity in Progress Italian War Theatre—French Recover Another Slice of Territory in Sharp Fight North of Kemmel—Later they Repel German Attack and Inflict Heavy Losses—Enemy Not Yet Prepared to test His Strength in France and Flanders.

The German armies in Flanders and Picardy are still inactive. Except for their artillery wings, which are carrying out bombardments on various sectors, they are doing little work anywhere.

Evidently the enemy is not yet prepared to test his strength against the reinforced lines of resistance, although it is still anticipated that the day is not far distant when he again will try to break through the allied front. Meanwhile the British and French armies are letting no opportunity pass to peck at the German points where the enemy front is considered particularly vulnerable.

North of Kemmel the French have recovered another slice of territory in a sharp fight in which they came into hand-to-hand combat with the Germans. In addition more than 100 prisoners were taken.

Germans Attack French.

The Germans endeavored to offset this advantage by an attack against the French northwest of Orville-Sorel, but the defenders turned their

artillery on the enemy and successfully withstood the attack, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing more prisoners.

Considerable activity is in progress in the Italian theatre. Between Asiago and the Brenta River on the northern front, the Italians have stormed Austrian positions at Col Del Orso and destroyed the garrison in hand-to-hand fighting.

Italians Preparing.

At several other points along the northern front the Italians have worsened the enemy in engagements evidently started with the intention of recapturing the line. The Austrian emperor, accompanied by his foreign minister, has paid a visit to the Italian front, afterwards proceeding to German headquarters.

The taking of the initiative into their hands apparently augurs well for the morale of the Italians, and it is not improbable that, with the snow in the mountain passes having melted and the spring freshets on the wane, it is their purpose now to make things interesting for the invaders.

MUCH INTEREST IN LAND INVESTMENT CASE IN COURT

Fred T. Tingley and Edgar M. Copp, the Defendants, Win Test Trial at Dorchester—Winnipeg Land Speculator Involved.

Special to The Standard.

Dorchester, May 11.—The sitting of the Westmorland Circuit Court closed this morning between one and two o'clock, after a lengthy night session; all cases on the docket but one were settled out of court. The trial of the case of Jacobs Ward and wife against Fred T. Tingley and Edgar M. Copp, and the case of Samuel L. Alward against the same defendants, both cases being tried together, was commenced Wednesday morning before Justice Crockett, and a special jury, M. G. Teed, K. C., and James Friel, K. C., K. C., A. B. Copp, M. P., and Lieut. G. R. McCord for defendants. The actions were brought for damages for alleged deceit and misrepresentation by defendants on sales by them to plaintiffs of building lots in West Rydal, a sub-division two miles outside the western limits of Winnipeg, six years ago, during the boom and speculation in western lots and land.

The plaintiffs had invested among them over \$3,000 and many farmers in Saskatchewan and Westmanland bought and were dissatisfied and the trial was considered to be in the nature of a test case, consequently wide interest was aroused in the outcome.

A commission was sent to Winnipeg to take evidence, F. J. Sutton, formerly of Moncton, being Winnipeg counsel for the plaintiffs. The jury after hearing evidence and arguments found for defendants practically on all questions submitted, even to the extent of finding the lots were worth the money paid.

Judgment was accordingly entered in favor of the defendants in both cases. Court adjourned sine die.

\$16,500: Nova Scotia, \$33,050; Prince Edward Island, \$3,000; Ontario, \$460,915; Manitoba, \$42,250; Saskatchewan, \$35,500; Alberta, \$20,000; British Columbia, \$6,500.

Col. R. H. LeBatt has, it is understood, resigned his position on the board of pension commissioners. Official announcement is expected to be made shortly.

The full disability pension granted to him has recently been a subject of criticism in the House.

THE DRAFTEES ARE MAKING SPLENDID, WILLING SOLDIERS

Canadians Called to Colors Under Military Service Act Forming Best of Impressions in England.

Toronto, May 11.—A special cable to the Evening Telegram from Douglas R. Robertson today says Canadian draftees are taking to training like ducks to water. Your correspondent visited several Canadian camps yesterday and the instructors speak in the highest terms of the new men. Their fine physique and eagerness to learn are making the best of impressions. Draftees say they are well pleased with their new surroundings, and any apprehensions of discriminatory treatment were speedily dispelled by the friendly reception from veterans. The use of the word "conscript" is a punishable offence at camps. A discrimination is forbidden.

I saw several hundred of the Canadian draftees in camp, and they are keen for work, making ideal soldiers. Their colonel, a young Quebecer, who has seen service in France, with the first division, proudly declares his men beat all bayonet fighters in camp, and says he feels that the majority of men in his native province, though like all Canadians, against conscription, as a permanent, now realize the temporary necessity in the serious situation of the war and will give hearty response.

WESTVILLE VILLAGE HAS GRIM MYSTERY

Boy Finds Bone of Human Foot on Bank of C.G.R.—No Person Missing.

Special to The Standard. New Glasgow, N. S., May 11.—There was great excitement in Westville when it became known that a young lad, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyons, had found a human foot bone on the bank of the C. G. R. near his father's residence, where Alex. R. McDonald lived for several years. Police Officer McDonald investigated the matter this morning and submitted the bone to Dr. Bruce, who said it was a human foot. The bone was lying there uncovered and Mr. McDonald is of the opinion that it was carried there by a dog. Nobody is missing as far as is known.

GERMANS USING 22 VARIETIES OF GAS

By Wilbur Forrest.

(Special cable to the New York Tribune and St. John Standard.) With the American Forces on the Picardy Front, May 11.—In connection with the Germans' recent gas attack on this front it has become known that the enemy is constantly experimenting with various new methods of hurling death vapors into the allied lines.

One of the latest is the "tumbler method," a system of shooting glass gas containers from short range guns. The tumblers break quietly on striking the ground without the usual warning explosion peculiar to gas shells. It has now been determined that the enemy is using twenty-two different varieties of gas. This means that the gas warfare, so far as the enemy is concerned, will be continued on a large scale.

It is also known that the allies are making every counter preparation. The German claim that the use of gas was only inaugurated as an offensive weapon after the beginning of the present war has now been proved beyond doubt to be a typical German falsehood. Gas shells, of which there are many varieties, now have been found bearing the stencil on their steel sides, "Essen, 1912." Any effort to contend that these shells were originally marked for other purposes than for gas would be untrue because gas shells are always of special manufacture, being thinner and containing a special metal lining, usually zinc.

EIGHTEEN KILLED AND 29 WOUNDED IN OSTEND RAID

Of Killed Ten Were on Victrola, 17 of Whose Men were Wounded.

SHIP WILL LONG LIVE IN HISTORY

Declared Nelson Never Did Anything Finer with His Ship the Victory.

London, May 12.—A Dover despatch says that the British casualties in the raid on Ostend were two officers and six men killed and two officers and eight men missing, supposed to have been killed. Of these, two officers and eight men were on the Victrola, the Victrola's crew, the twenty-four men were wounded, of whom one officer and sixteen men were on the Victrola.

London, May 12.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The Victrola's noble end is acclaimed by the newspapers as securing her a place in history. The Victrola, with two of the most heroic deeds in naval annals, it is declared that Nelson never did anything finer and that if his ship, the Victory, is the cathedral of the navy, the Victrola is the twentieth century witness of its fighting spirit.

A FREDERICTON MAN WEDS ENGLISH GIRL

Fredericton, May 12.—Thomas Wetmore Rainsford, son of H. B. Rainsford, and Miss Eliza Poole, of England, were married at Christ Church Cathedral last evening by Very Rev. Dean Neales. The bride was given in marriage by LeBaron Bull, brother-in-law of the groom, and the witnesses were W. W. O. Fenety and Mrs. S. B. Water, with whom the bride lived. Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford left on the evening train on a wedding trip through the province.

Students of the University of New Brunswick attended services at St. Paul's Presbyterian church this morning to mark the opening of the encampment exercises. Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, of St. David's Presbyterian church, St. John, preached the baccalaureate sermon.

Miss M. Isabelle Camber died last night at the home of John McIntosh, Lower Kingsclear, aged 78 years. The deceased lady is survived by two brothers, Dr. Wm. D. Camber, of Woodstock, and John, of Lower Kingsclear. The funeral will be held Tues-

GERMANS AFTER RUSSIAN SHIPS

Teutons Threaten to Take Novorossysk, on East Coast of Black Sea Where they Claim their warships are in Danger of Attack by the Russians—Terrible State of Affairs in Ukraine, Inhabitants of which are Fleeing—Germany Employs Harsh Terms in Dealing with Rumania.

London, May 12.—In a wireless message to Ambassador Joffe at Berlin, the Russian foreign minister, M. Tchitcherin, instructs the ambassador to "try to obtain from Berlin, cessation of every kind of hostility."

The despatch adds: "Captures of our territory are in violation of the state of peace with Germany and are causing great unrest among the masses of our population."

M. Joffe, also is instructed to notify Germany that part of the Russian Black Sea fleet, which has left Sebastopol is now at Novorossysk, on the east coast of the Black Sea, which port the Germans are threatening to capture on the ground that their own warships are in danger of attack by the Russians. M. Tchitcherin says the Russian warships there will make no such attack.

A Reuter despatch filed at Moscow on May 2 says Germany has announced that all armed vessels in the Black Sea, including any ships on which are sailors of the Russian Black Sea fleet, will be treated as enemy warships. The reason assigned for this action is an attack said to have been made on a German submarine in the Black Sea.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT DISCLAIMS PEACE AIM

North German Gazette Declares Prof. Quide Did Not Represent Chancellor Von Hertling or Foreign Office.

Amsterdam, May 11.—The German professor who was recently reported by the Swiss correspondent of the London Daily Mail to have approached Prof. Heron, an American living in Geneva, with peace offers which he attempted to have sent to President Wilson, had not been officially deputized to make such offers, the semi-official North German Gazette of Berlin declares.

This Berlin authority says it is authorized to announce that Prof. Quide of Munich, who was reported to have made the offers, was without any commission whatever from Chancellor Von Hertling or the German foreign office.

KENTUCKY DERBY AT LOUISVILLE

Exterminator the Victor Proved Great Surprise—Escoba was Second—Winner Gets \$14,700.

Louisville Ky., May 11th.—One of the greatest crowds that ever witnessed the Kentucky Derby yesterday saw W. S. Kilmer's recent acquisition, Exterminator, ridden by Jockey W. Knapp, win the forty fourth renewal of the Classic handily by one length from K. D. Alexander's Escoba. Eight lengths back came Viva America, which had set the early pace, while the public choice, A. K. Macomber's War Cloud, was fourth.

The race was run over a sloppy track, and under the conditions the time 2:10.35 was good.

Exterminator's victory came as a surprise to most of the spectators as few had conceded the gelding a chance.

The start was good, Exterminator getting off in fifth place, while he still held by a length at the quarter. At the half the gelding had moved up to fourth place which he held by half a length, and at the three quarters he was first by a head. At the mile he had dropped back a little, and was second by four lengths. Coming into the stretch he moved up, and in the final drive he moved away, finishing with a generous length to spare. Escoba was second at the start and ran a good race throughout, never dropping further back than third place.

The gross value of the race was \$18,475, of which \$14,700 went to the winner of the remainder \$2,500 went to Escoba, \$1,000 to Viva America, while War Cloud saved his entry and starting fees.

Hun Methods Disclosed.

London, May 12, (Via Reuter's Ltd.)—Wireless messages sent from the Russian government to Berlin make disclosures regarding German methods in Russia. One complaint deals with a message received by the Ukrainian colony in Petrograd from Ukraine in which it is stated that the frontier has been closed by the Germans to all Ukrainians. The evacuation of Ukrainians from Russia is being carried out by means of wagons under terrible conditions, particularly for the sick and for children. It could be effected easily by the river Dnieper, the message says, but this route has been closed to Ukrainians by the Germans.

Count von Mirbach, German ambassador to Russia, to whom the Ukrainians applied for assistance, declared his inability to do anything. The Russian government begs the German foreign office to bring pressure to bear on the German government, because the needs of the Ukrainian refugees are very great.

Must Indemnify Germany.

Amsterdam, May 12.—Under a supplementary legal, political treaty between Rumania and Germany, the former country must indemnify German consular officials for all damage suffered by them during the war or done to consular buildings. Rumania renounces indemnification for damage caused in Rumania as a result of German military measures, including all requisitions and contributions. Within six months after the ratification of the peace treaty Rumania must redeem notes issued by the Banca Generale on the order of the occupation administration and will not put them in circulation against balances or deposits held by the German Reichsbank for covering.

Another clause provides that Rumania shall indemnify Germans for all damage suffered by them on Rumanian territory by the result of military measures by one of the belligerent powers. This stipulation also applies to losses which the Germans suffered as shareholders of undertakings in Rumania.

Rumania will also indemnify neutral nations for damage caused them on Rumanian territory, as a result of German military measures.

FRENCH PAPER HAS NO USE FOR DESERTERS

L'Autorite of Quebec Declares it is Better to Face Dangers of Trenches than be Banned from Society.

Montreal, May 12.—L'Autorite, a French weekly of this city, says, with reference to the large number of deserters in the Province of Quebec: "Where these deserters have themselves hidden is not known but we dare say that they will not escape the militia authorities, and that one day they will be apprehended. Better face the dangers of the trenches than be banned from society for the rest of their lives."