

THE GERMANS EVACUATE LENS AND ARMENTIERES

THE ENTENTE ALLIES AGAIN CONTROL THE GREAT COAL AND IRON FIELDS OF FRANCE

Berlin Announces the Evacuation of Lens, Where Canadians Operated for Months, and Also Armentieres—Retreat in La Basse Sector of Far Reaching Importance—Heavy Fighting Continues North of Rheims, Where French Continue Their Advance, Capturing Loivre—Challenge in Champagne Also Taken.

Berlin, Oct. 3, via London—Lens was evacuated by the Germans on Tuesday night, the war office announced today. Armentieres was evacuated the same evening.

In moving from Armentieres and Lens, the official statement says, the Germans occupied rearward positions east of these towns. Yesterday the British bombarded the abandoned positions and then pushed across the Fleubaix-La-Basse-Hulluch line.

Lens and Armentieres are the keys to the great coal fields of France in the district of Pas De Calais. With the Germans out of Lens the Allies have made the first important step in the occupation of the coal fields about Lens.

In their first rush into France the Germans gained these important coal fields and the iron fields of the great Briey Basin north of Verdun. In September, 1918, the British made an attempt to outflank Lens on the north, but the German defence could not be broken.

When the British left Armentieres last April they deluged it with poison gas and the Germans were not able to enter the town. It is not unlikely the Germans have done the same with both Lens and Armentieres.

Geneva, Oct. 3.—German military authorities have begun to remove the inhabitants of Alsace, according to the Democrats in expectation of a Franco-American attack on the frontier.

Paris, Oct. 3.—That the German situation on the western front is grave, the Frankfurter Zeitung admits adding that the German front is gradually crumbling.

London, Oct. 3.—British troops this morning resumed their attack north of St. Quentin, Field Marshal Haig so reports in his official statement.

HOW TO BOOST VICTORY BONDS

Burton and Lincoln Agricultural Society Transforms Itself Into Victory Loan Committee To Sell Appointed Allotment of Bonds.

A live organization is the Agricultural Society of the parishes of Burton and Lincoln in the Cunbury County, Anderson Parker, president, and R. D. W. Hubbard, secretary.

Following the discussion of this live stock question the members naturally drifted to a talk on the coming Victory Loan and the prospects of raising the amount allotted to the parish, \$50,000.

Paris, Oct. 3.—General Plumer's army, fighting on the Belgian front, is reported to be two miles from Turcoing. Despatches from the front state that the Menin and Roulers are burning and that the Anglo-Belgian thrust continues in the direction of Courtrai, where the great road to Ghent opens.

Heavy Fighting. Heavy fighting continues in the region north of Rheims and the French have continued their advance, capturing Loivre, says the war office statement today.

ONE HUNDRED AND TEN LOSE LIVES

United States Naval Vessel Apparently Hit By a Torpedo. Washington, Oct. 3.—The U. S. S. Temps, a former coast guard cutter in naval service, was lost off the Atlantic coast Sept. 26, with all on board, while on convoy duty.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Casualties: Infantry. Killed in action: Lieut. R. B. Lloyd, St. John, N. B.

MICHAEL BEAR GETS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Michael Bear, an Indian who assaulted little Dorothy Cox, has been sentenced to twenty-five years in Dorchester penitentiary.

WITH VICTORY IN SIGHT THE FRENCH HAPPY

Premier Clemenceau in Ringing Pronouncement Declares Allied Nations Should Set Themselves For Last Sacrifices Necessary Before Final Triumph.

Paris, Oct. 3.—With victory in sight the Allied nations should set themselves for the last sacrifices necessary before the final triumph is secured, Premier Clemenceau declared today in a ringing pronouncement.

Aristide Briand, former French premier, who after the failure of the Dardanelles expedition, succeeded in his advocacy of the creation of a Saloniki front, the decisive operation, was the recipient of many congratulations in the lobby of the chamber of deputies yesterday.

U. S. NEWSPRINT PRICES ARE FIXED

Circuit Court Judges, Acting as Arbitrators in Controversy, Set Quotation at \$3.50 Per 100 Pounds.

New York, Oct. 3.—Judges of the United States Circuit Court, acting as arbitrators in the controversy between the newspaper paper manufacturers and the federal trade commission over the price of newsprint, yesterday handed down a decision awarding a price of \$3.50 per 100 pounds for rolled news in carload lots, to be mill.

ALLIES HAVE QUARTER OF MILLION PRISONERS

Paris, Oct. 2.—During the period from September 10 to September 30 the Allies have captured 2,544 officers, 229,129 men, 1,900 cannon and more than 6,000 machine guns, according to an official statement issued last night.

CONSERVE COAL

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—Measures to conserve hard coal supplies are being urged on the different provincial fuel administrators. The likelihood is suggested here of steps to prohibit the use of hard coal until more severe weather sets in.

BOLSHEVIKI TO HAND OVER WOMEN OF KASAN

Stockholm, Oct. 3.—War Minister Trotsky, according to advices from Petrograd, has issued an order that all the women of Kasan be delivered into the hands of the Red Guards.

MANY MORE DEATHS FROM DREAD SPANISH INFLUENZA

Not Untrue To Its Name the Mysterious Disease Has Firm Hold on King Alfonso—Canadian and United States Cities Seriously Affected By Spread of Malady.

Madrid, Oct. 3.—(By The Associated Press)—The health of King Alfonso, who is ill with influenza, continues poor today. Members of the royal family will leave San Sebastian today for Madrid, but the king will remain in bed for a few days.

Washington, Oct. 3.—All theatres and moving picture shows in the District of Columbia were closed after tonight's performances until Spanish influenza in war-crowded Washington is stamped out.

JOHN CONNORS OF NEWCASTLE DEAD

Went Overseas With 26th in 1915—Dies of Gunshot Wounds. Special To The Standard. Newcastle, Oct. 3.—Mrs. John Connors has been informed that her husband, who went overseas with the 26th Battalion in 1915, had died of gunshot wounds in both legs and in an arm at the clearing station in France.

FRANK W. COOK DEAD

Portland, Me., Oct. 3.—Frank W. Cook, 39, member of a theatrical company that appeared in a local theatre a few days ago, is dead of pneumonia. He became a member of the San Francisco Minstrels 23 years ago, and has followed the theatrical business ever since.

G. P. R. FREIGHT HANDLERS OUT

Winnipeg, Moosejaw, Lethbridge, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton Involved. Winnipeg, Oct. 3.—Canadian Pacific freight handlers, railway clerks and station employees went on strike here today to enforce the demand that the wage award recently granted be retroactive as from May 1 instead of August 1.

Strike in Moosejaw. Moosejaw, Sask., Oct. 3.—Between seventy and eighty freight handlers, switch tenders, baggage clerks and yard office employees of the C. P. R. went out on strike today.

Quit in Vancouver. Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 3.—Two hundred freight handlers, checkers and freight clerks connected with the C.P.R. in this city and vicinity ceased work today on instructions from their headquarters.

Calgary Tied Up. Calgary, Alta., Oct. 3.—A much more serious stage of the C.P.R. freight handlers dispute was reached today at Edmonton, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge and the baggage and yard office clerks at MacLeod, walked out this morning.

Stay in Here. Saskatoon, Sask., Oct. 3.—There is no strike of C.P.R. men here. Regina, Sask., Oct. 3.—Freight handlers in the C.P.R. did not go out here. Local men state they will stay at work until they receive word from headquarters at Cincinnati.

BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Oct. 2.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decrease, £1,140,000. Circulation, increase, 1,757,000. Bullion increase, 515,210. Other securities, decrease, 698,000. Public deposits, decrease, 1,417,000. Other deposits, increase, 3,137,000. Notes reserve, decrease, 1,157,000. Government securities, increase, 2,468,000. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 16.21 per cent.; last week it was 17.78 per cent. Rate of discount five per cent.

Wait for Next Rainy Day... Birks... ONTARIO

McCormick's Jersey Cream Sodas... COME and take a glance inside McCormick's Biscuit Palace, the finest in America.