

GERMANS DRIVE FROM BELGIAN FRONTIER TO THE MEUSE GRADUALLY GAINING WAY; EVACUATION OF THE BALKAN STATES

TEUTONS PREPARE TO INUNDATE THE LOWLANDS Inhabitants Ordered From Their Homes By Enemy in East Belgium.

ZEEBRUGGE AND BRUGES ON FIRE Germans Evidently Destroying Ammunition and Hangars.

Amsterdam, Oct. 18.—Huge fires have been seen in the direction of Bruges, reports from Flushing say. The flames are spreading. It is also reported that Zeebrugge is partly in flames. Three conflagrations there are clearly visible in Flushing. The outbreak of the fires was accompanied by terrible explosions, suggesting that the Germans are destroying munitions dumps and hangars.

London, Oct. 18.—The Germans are preparing to inundate the low-lying lands south of the River Scheldt in Eastern Belgium, a Central News despatch from Amsterdam reports. The inhabitants have been ordered to abandon their homes immediately. Belgians Pursue Enemy.

London, Oct. 18.—(By The Associated Press, 1 p. m.)—Belgian cavalry is pursuing the retreating enemy on the Flanders front today with the object of cutting off his retreat to Ghent. The artillery is following swiftly and carrying out a vigorous bombardment with the same object. The town of Blankenberge, on the Belgian coast southwest of Zeebrugge, was occupied by Allied forces today. Scenes at Lille.

At British Army Headquarters, Oct. 18.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters, Ltd.)—Reuters' correspondent cables a description of the scene at Lille to celebrate the evacuation of the city by the Allies. A thousand men, women, and children docked into the streets displaying an amazing wealth of bunting and flowers and singing patriotic songs. Outwardly the town bears a normal appearance although what damage and robbery has been committed behind this exterior, it is too early to say. The shops are open and are reasonably well stocked, but there is a great shortage of certain necessities. A curious incident was that the son of the mayor of Lille was among the first to be evacuated. He was seen yesterday who discovered that the enemy had evacuated the city. Evidently the evacuation of Lille had been taken hastily, for only this week Commandant Von Gravenitz had returned from a visit to Tourcoing and had reported to the chief of staff that the town was in a normal condition. Possessing the probability that the evacuation of Lille was a hurried one, the commissariat of the British army made adequate arrangements and now reports are being sent into Lille.

MONCTON MEN DIE OF INFLUENZA Alexander P. Lutes of C. G. R. and Alonso Fisher McCoy Pass Away.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Oct. 18.—Friends here received word of the death of Alonso Fisher McCoy, which occurred this morning at Kentville, N. S., where he had resided for the past ten years. Deceased was a native of Moncton, being the son of the late Wm. McCoy, Moncton, and brother of George E. McCoy, C. G. R. draughtsman. Besides a wife and two children, deceased is survived by his mother, three brothers, and four sisters. Death was due to influenza.

SUPPLIES FOR MANY BELGIAN CIVILIANS British Turn Over 20,000,000 Emergency Rations.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Arrangements have been made by the Belgian relief committee with the British government general for 20,000,000 emergency rations to be furnished immediately to the civilian population in Belgium. Herbert Hoover, chairman of the committee, announced today that the rations would come from the stores of the British army in Belgium and would be paid for by the relief committee.

Lunacy Commission For Wife Slayer

New York, Oct. 18.—Appointment of a lunacy commission to determine the mental responsibility of Charles E. Chapin, former city editor of the New York Evening World, for the murder of his wife in a hotel here last month, was urged by counsel for the defendant and opposed by the district attorney today. Decision was reserved. Chapin's attorney declared that the former editor was suffering from a malady which affected his mind to the point of insanity. Ascertaining that if the story of even this leading up to the tragedy is told, "it will outrank any case in the annals of the criminal courts." The lawyer said that his client should spend the rest of his life in an institution for the insane. The district attorney argued that Chapin's shooting of his wife while she slept was a cold-blooded murder and stated that he would produce evidence to show that the couple's relations had not been friendly.

LOOKS FOR PEACE BY CHRISTMAS

London Cables That Movement To Bring About An Armistice Is Under Full Headway. By Arthur S. Draper. (Special cable to the N. Y. Tribune and the St. John Standard.) London, Oct. 18.—The cessation of hostilities by Christmas is now confidently expected. A great movement to bring about an armistice is under full headway. Through neutral Germany has learned pretty accurately what the Allies would demand in the way of armistice terms. The fall of Roubaix probably was followed by that of Turcoing. The line from Turcoing now runs southward along the Lille-Douai railroad. Indications are that the Germans are about to evacuate the pocket between the Escaut and the Oise north of Laferrière.

German Admissions. Berlin, Oct. 18.—via London.—The Germans have evacuated Ostend, Tourcoing, Roubaix, Lille and Douai according to the official statement from general headquarters today. Between Leconteux and the Oise, British, French and Americans attempted to break through. On both sides of Leconteux, the statement adds, attacks broke down.

AMERICANS WIN. With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 18.—(By The Associated Press)—The Americans spring another surprise upon the Germans today, the infantry advancing north of Romagne and taking Bartherville without artillery preparation. The Americans pushed the German infantry and machine gunners back after fighting that lasted all day. Northwest of Grand Pre the Americans captured Tasma Farm in the face of a stiff machine gun resistance. There was much fighting at close quarters.

SEIZE \$2,500 WORTH OF RUM IN FULLMAN Halifax, Oct. 18.—A quantity of rum, valued at \$2,500, was seized in one of the Pullmans of the Ocean Liners, upon the arrival of the train from Montreal. The liquor had been placed in tin and had been stored in one of the sleeping rooms. The seizure was made by Temperance Act Inspector E. S. Tracy.

GOV. LEBLANC DYING. Quebec, Oct. 18.—Reports from Spencer Wood tonight state this Hon. the Lieutenant Governor, Sir P. E. LeBlanc, is sinking rapidly, but hopes are entertained that he will linger until tomorrow.

BOCHES EVACUATE ALBANIA, SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

Serbiens Occupy Prone and Kruchevatz and French Get Kalna.

GERMANS WALK OUT OF RUSSIA Berlin Admits Evacuation of Ostend, Turcoing, Roubaix, Lille and Douai.

MANY CITIES AND TOWNS CAPTURED In Belgium Enemy Retreats Hastily In Desperate Attempt to Avert Disaster.

London, Oct. 18.—The evacuation of the territory of Serbia, Albania, and Montenegro by forces of the Central Powers has been announced by a despatch from Vienna, forwarded by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News Agency. The Germans have withdrawn from Russia. The Allied troops in Serbia continue successfully their advance northward from Nish. A statement from the Serbian war office announced that the Serbs have captured Kruchevatz, thirty miles northwest of Nish. The statement reads: "We have occupied Kruchevatz and Prone (Pomer). The French have captured Kalna."

GRKS FALL. London, Oct. 18.—The Serbs to the sea the process of hastening to the Greek coast continues and many interesting developments may be expected shortly. The fall of Nish probably was followed by that of Turcoing. The line from Turcoing now runs southward along the Lille-Douai railroad.

Systematic Inquiry. This was the occasion for making a systematic plan of inquiry, and the offices of friends were visited, many of whom had sought from here in the west, and some of whom were familiar with the man in order to secure reliable information as to his fate. Mrs. Segee, with their two children, have been residing in this city, that her husband had disappeared overnight from the hotel in a far western town, where he went out in daily employment and where he was known to carry with him considerable money; but later, the story was dismissed as being without foundation. Mrs. Segee, being ill not in the least, that her husband was in the northwest would turn up alive.

In Government Service. It was known that George Segee had been in government service on the staff of the late Lord Curzon, and again there were half authenticated details given out about where Segee had last been seen by his acquaintances there, and while some of the incidents were calculated to cheer his friends here with a phantom of hope, others pointed to genuine occasion for alarm. Not long ago a letter was received by Mrs. Segee, who, with their two children, have been residing in this city, that her husband had disappeared overnight from the hotel in a far western town, where he went out in daily employment and where he was known to carry with him considerable money; but later, the story was dismissed as being without foundation. Mrs. Segee, being ill not in the least, that her husband was in the northwest would turn up alive.

King Enters Ostend. "The king and queen of the Belgians expressed the wish to visit Ostend, either from the sea or the air. In view of the difficulty of landing, and the uncertainty of the situation, they proceeded in the destroyer Fernand, flying the Belgian flag at the mast, to the vicinity of Ostend. The senior officer of the British motor launch patrol of Ostend, which had been reinforced by French motor launches, reported that all had been quiet for some hours. "Their majesties, therefore, landed and proceeded to the Hotel De Ville (town hall). They were received everywhere with indescribable enthusiasm. They returned to Dunkirk about ten o'clock at night. "The British naval forces suffered no damage and no casualties."

PTL. DAWSON WOUNDED Special to The Standard. Moncton, Oct. 18.—J. S. Dawson, of this city, has received a telegram from Ottawa, notifying him that his son, Pte. H. Vernon Dawson, artillery, was severely wounded in action at the front. Gunner Dawson went overseas with the siege battery from Partridge Island in 1916. He has five brothers in uniform, four besides himself being overseas.

FR. YOUNG BETTER. The condition of Rev. Fr. John V. Young, priest in charge of the Mission Church of St. John Baptist, continues to improve. Strong hope of his recovery is held.

SOLVES MYSTERY OF A MISSING YORK CO. MAN

George Segee, Formerly of New Maryland, Lost Life in Snowslide.

EIGHT OTHERS PERISHED AT THE SAME TIME Traveller From Canadian West Reaches Fredericton With the News.

Federicton, Oct. 18.—The seeming mystery that for eight long years has enshrouded the disappearance of George Segee, son of the late Abraham Segee, of New Maryland, and who had a few years before been taken by his father to the west, was today dissolved by definite details of the missing man's death, which came with the arrival of a visitor here from Vancouver today, C. P. R. train. The case is one out of the usual class of western adventure, as it well known to the friends of the young man than whom it would be hard to find one of more plain habits than he. His first fear that there was something amiss came with the disappearance of his wife and parents long since at not receiving any word from him, whereupon, with the time of his reaching his destination there, letters had been received by them from him with comparative regularity.

British Naval Forces Suffer No Damage and No Casualties. London, Oct. 18.—Admiral Keyes' entry into Ostend yesterday was made in the course of operations designed to clear up the military situation between Nieuport and Ostend, which was obscure, the Admiralty announced today. The naval force withdrew when the Germans, who were not clear of the town, began shelling the warships.

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FALLS FROM TREE. Charlottetown, Oct. 18.—A boy named Charles, about ten years old, while up in a tree at St. Avards, getting chestnuts, fell and was rendered unconscious. Up to last evening he was still unconscious. Another accident is also reported. Two children on Dorchester street east swallowed some chocolate of motory tablets. The doctor was instantly summoned and applied the stomach pump with results so good that they are running about quite well.

ENEMY SHELLS THE BRITISH WARSHIPS AT OSTEND PORT

Admiral Keyes Withdraws His Vessels to Save Lives of the Civilians.

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GERMAN REPLY IS DUE TODAY Present Situation in Germany Said To Be Unendurable—Austrian Reforms. Amsterdam, Oct. 18.—The German reply to President Wilson probably will be despatched on Saturday, according to advices received here. Buenos Ayres, Oct. 17.—The foreign office has received a despatch from the Argentine legation in Berlin saying that the present situation in Germany is unendurable.

TRAP MENACES THEM. In Belgium the enemy is giving ground hastily in order to bring his armies safely out of the trap which menaces them, but from the French frontier to the Meuse River he still is fighting desperately to hold back the lower jaw of the great Foch pincer. And thus far he has successfully prevented capture or internment in Holland. His hope is that he will be able to reach Antwerp and there reconstitute his line from the Dutch frontier through Antwerp and Namur to some point in the south, probably Sedan or Metz, and stabilize it, for the moment at least, to the Swiss frontier.

HAIG DRIVES HARD. In France, east of Lille to Cambrai the British slowly but surely are pressing forward, despite supreme efforts of the enemy to hold them, blotting out the northern and Valenciennes as a whole, and to assure the collapse of this salient Field Marshal Haig, with whose forces are brigaded French and American troops, is driving hard along the Bon Marche-Cambrai line, and throwing Valenciennes into a dangerous pocket. To the south in the sack between the Oise and the Sambre north of Laon the Germans slowly are withdrawing toward Hirson, with the enemy impeding the Allies' progress with strong rear guards.

STEEL RESISTANCE. Likewise in Champagne the Germans are offering strong resistance against the French and Americans in their attempts to drive northward toward Metz and Sedan. The French nevertheless have been able to cross the Aisne River near Vouziers and thus have made more secure the positions of the Franco-American forces in the valley of the Aire at Grand Pre. To the east the Americans on both sides of the Meuse River are slowly going forward. Between the great wooded bastion at Sedan and the French have been chosen to fend the blow northward toward Sedan. All the ground that is being won is being valiantly defended to the last.

GUNNER ELSDON OF DORCHESTER KILLED Went Overseas With Col. Anderson's Battery. Dorchester, Oct. 18.—C. S. Elsdon, chief keeper in the Maritime penitentiary, was officially notified from Ottawa, that his son, Gunner Charles S. Elsdon, was killed in action September 28 in France. Gunner Elsdon was among the first in this section to go overseas when he was in 1914 and went overseas in Col. Anderson's battery.

ISSUED WORTHLESS CHECKS FOR \$10,000 Moncton, Oct. 18.—Chief Rideout in receipt of further word in regard to the fraudulent operations of G. H. Moore who, it will be remembered, was detained at Moncton some weeks ago, and skipped, leaving over \$1,700 and diamond rings, and bond money behind. Information received by the Chief is to the effect that Moore, who was a produce buyer at Brantford, Ont., issued worthless cheques to the extent of ten thousand dollars. Moore has not been heard of since leaving Moncton.

TEUTON ARMY IS MENACED BY AN ENTENTE TRAP

Lower Jaw of Great Foch Pincer Threatens to Close in on Huns.

THUS FAR HE HAS EVADED THE TRAP German Dream of Invading England By the North Sea is Shattered.

(By The Associated Press.) The Belgian coast again is Belgian. Germany's dream of an invasion of England across the North Sea from Calais is ended. Belgian Flanders is fast being evacuated by the enemy, and his line from the Belgian frontier to the Meuse River gradually is giving way under the attacks of the British, French and American armies which are demanding to be served with victory. A haven of safety in a shorter and more compact line is being sought by the Germans in order to escape annihilation by their foes. Everywhere they are being whipped, but seemingly they are still far from defeat.

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