

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK

French Review Shows That the Allies Are in Excellent Position

Paris, Oct. 8.—The following official announcement was made in Paris this afternoon:

First, on our left wing in the region of the Department du Nord, the enemy has made progress at no point; he has moved back particularly to the North of Arras where fighting is developing under conditions favorable for us.

The operations of the opposing forces of cavalry are developing at the present time almost as far as the frontier on the north between the Somme and the Oise.

Positions Retaken.

In the vicinity of Roye, the enemy is still in force, but we have retaken the major part of the positions we were obliged to give up to the north of the Aisne.

The numerical strength of the German troops seems to have diminished.

Second, on the centre, between Rheims and the Meuse, there is nothing to report. On the heights at the Meuse between Verdun and St. Mihiel, the enemy has drawn back to the north of Hatten Chatel. He still holds St. Mihiel and some positions to the North of St. Mihiel.

Violent Attacks Fail.

On the right bank of the Meuse, in the Weire district, the violent attacks delivered by the enemy to the west of Apremone have failed.

On our right wing in Lorraine and the Vosges, there has been no change in Russia along the front of East Prussia, the Russian offensive continues very spirited.

Fighting is taking place on the frontier to the West of Suwalki.

Joins the Beothic

Mr. A. West, who recently returned from Glasgow, with a Chief's certificate, has rejoined the Beothic as second.

Permanent Marine Disasters Fund

The Hon. Treasurer begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of \$10.00 for the Permanent Disaster Fund from Mr. Nat Mugford, Barker-ville, British Columbia, per The Free Press.

Civic Commissioners

The weekly meeting of the Civic Commission takes place this evening.

Juveniles Meet

The Juveniles of the T. A. & B. Society meet in their rooms this evening at 7.30.

Labor Conditions Better At Montreal

By the Morwenna we learn that labor conditions at Montreal are improving.

At Sydney, too, trade is much better than a month ago. About half the employees at the Steel plant are now working.

GREAT DRAMA AT THE NICKEL

The week-end performance at the Nickel Theatre this evening will afford pleasure to all who attend. There are two two-reel pictures each of which is by high-class artists.

The first—"The Other Girl" is a unique story of love, jealousy and ambition which will appeal to everyone, especially the young folk. A rich young fellow loves a poor but honorable girl and wants to marry her, while his mother is anxious for him to make a girl of high social standing his wife. The acting is very clever and all will find it highly interesting.

The Domino players also appear in a two-reel film "Devotion." This drama is by William H. Clifford and is a "clear cut" war story. The fighting scenes are spirited and the plot follows without interruption.

"Low Caste Burmese" shows a number of curious Burmese characters. "Sleuths Unawares" tells of the capture of an escaped convict by Sandy and Shorty. "Rambles in old France" is a delightful travelogue.

The Pathe Freres Co. will appear in a funny comedy, "Whiffle's Balcony Buds."

Mr. De Witt C. Cairns will be heard in his farewell song. For the matinee tomorrow there will be another big programme with extra pictures suitable for the children.

Arthur C. Huskins, the lyric tenor, who appears on Monday night has a large collection of high class songs.

RUSSIA WINS IN POLAND

And Said to Have Partly Surrounded German Left Wing

Rome, Oct. 9.—A despatch from Petrograd says, Russians have driven the Germans from Vloclawek, Russian Poland, thirty-five miles south-east of Prussia, and have fortified themselves within a few miles of the fortress of Thorn.

The German left wing in Poland, according to a despatch, is said to have been partly enveloped.

WATER SERVICE PIPES CLEANED

Cleaner Did the Work In Fifteen Minutes

The water main from near Mr. G. Hutchings' country residence to Rawlins' Cross was cleaned last night.

The cleaner, which is torpedo-shaped and is driven by the force of water, travelled the distance in fifteen minutes. A large quantity of rust had accumulated in the pipes.

MORWENNA HERE FROM MONTREAL

Experienced Fine Weather All the Way

The s.s. Morwenna, Capt. L. Holmes, arrived at 5.30 a.m. from Montreal, via usual ports. She experienced fine weather all the way.

The following passengers arrived by her: Dr. A. D. and Mrs. Boyle, J. S. C. Watt, Mrs. J. P. Kieley, Miss Irene Kelly and six steerage.

The Morwenna brought a large cargo including 31 cattle and 55 sheep.

Won't Open Nights During October

The Importers' Association held a special meeting at the Board of Trade rooms yesterday to discuss when the stores would open at night.

There was a large attendance and it was unanimously decided to close at 6, Saturday's excepted, for the present month.

Another meeting will then be held to further consider the matter.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS MEETING

Reports Indicate Success Of Organisation

Wesley Bible Class held its semi-annual meeting last night. The reports of the various officers were received and which showed the class to be in a very healthy condition.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Leader—Mr. B. Taylor, re-elected. President—Alex. Rooney, re-elected. Vice-President—J. Hudson, elected. Secretary—H. B. Hudson, re-elected. Treasurer—Geo. Evans, elected. Librarian—John Davis, elected. Asst. Librarian—Mr. E. N. White.

Caused Much Damage

The recent storm caused much damage to shipping along the South Coast. At several points business is brisk.

Many Schooners Here

A large number of outport schooners arrived yesterday with cargoes of fish.

Mrs. J. P. Kieley and daughter, who were visiting friends in Montreal, returned by the Morwenna.

C.M.B.C.

The Fall and Winter Session for 1914-15 will open with a special service for men in the Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 11th, at 3 p.m.

The Class will meet as usual every Sunday in the Synod Building.—Oct 9, 2i

NOTICE.

A meeting of the LICENSING BOARD will be held at the Magistrate's office on Saturday, the 17th instant, at 4 p.m., to consider applications for Licenses for the ensuing year.

A. W. KNIGHT, Secretary Licensing Board. Oct 9, 6i

POSITION UNTENABLE

Italian Minister of War Represents Popular Criticism and Resigns

London, Oct. 9.—General Grandi, Minister of War, in the Italian Cabinet has resigned, according to a Rome despatch to Reuter's Agency.

The resignation was the result of popular criticism concerning the administration of his department.

W. C. T. U. MEETING AT GRENFELL HALL

Decision to Start Branches In Various Conception Bay Towns

The first W.C.T.U. meeting for the season took place at the Girls' Department of the Seamen's Institute yesterday and was largely attended. Mrs. C. S. Thompson, occupied the chair, and the meeting opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Joseph Pippy.

The proposed visit of Miss Seabury, who was to come from the States to organize branches of the Union in the outports, has been cancelled on account of the war.

The institution of such an association was decided on last year and will be carried on later. In a short time, however, it is hoped to have some of the local body visit Harbor Grace, Bay Roberts, Carbonear, Brigus and other points, which may be conveniently reached, and learn the possibility of forming branches in such centres. In the meantime the Secretary will write to persons in those towns on the matter, and present the reports received at the annual meeting to be held next Thursday week.

The reports of the committee who visited the Penitentiary on the third Sunday in September, when Misses M. Mitchell and Kean rendered solos, and service was conducted by Mr. Isaac Morris; and of the committee in charge of the annual outing held in July at Forest Pond, were presented, after which the meeting closed.

REV. A. E. TULK GETS ADDRESS

From His Belleoram Parishioners Who Regret His Departure

The following address was recently presented to Rev. Arthur E. Tulk, B.A., Rector of Belleoram Parish.

Rev. and Dear Sir.—We greatly regret your decision to sever your connection with Belleoram parish and to offer to these few words as an expression of our esteem and regard for you, and of our genuine appreciation of your very successful efforts in connection with Church matters throughout the whole Parish.

We are fully aware of the deplorably low status of Belleoram Mission at the time of your taking charge, about five years ago, and now we are also fully aware of its present excellent standing, the difference we ascribe to its having been brought about, under God, by your hard work and steady perseverance in the performance of the many and arduous duties upon you in the ministrations of such an extensive parish as that of Belleoram.

Of course, it is impossible by human means to fully appreciate the great amount of good you have been instrumental in doing for this parish, but in the matter of dollars and cents collected for religious purposes, that infallible register of religious pressure upon the public heart, may we not be permitted to pass favorable judgment from the fact that Belleoram, five years ago, was a mission raising five hundred dollars as Synod dues, and since then the collections have steadily advanced until last year it reached the high and pleasing sum of eleven hundred dollars. It is now a parish and is self-supporting as a result of your willing labors.

As representatives of the congregation of the Church of St. Lawrence, Belleoram, we beg to assure you that you take with you its earnest prayers and best wishes for your future happiness and success, and as a slight token of our kindly regard and high esteem for you we ask your acceptance of the accompanying little present, which we beg you will not value by its intrinsic worth as much as by the kindly spirit which prompted the giving.

Signed on behalf of congregation: JOHN CLUETT, ABRAM J. DICKS, Church Wardens. Belleoram, Sept. 28, 14.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, A.B.C.

Held Last Night and New Officers Elected For Term

The members of the Ayre Bible Class held their semi-annual meeting last evening.

There was a large attendance and considerable business was transacted. Reference was made to the fact that several members have left with the Newfoundland Contingent.

The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows: Hon. President—Rev. N. M. Guy, M. A.

President—Herbert Russell. Vice-President—C. C. Pratt. Secretary—A. H. Edgecombe. Treasurer—C. J. Laughlin. Librarian—W. F. Joyce. Asst. Librarian—W. C. Knight. Asst. Organist—A. S. Butler. Teacher—C. P. Ayre.

The following were added to the Executive Committee: B. Edgecombe, L. C. Mews, J. H. Bowden, W. Whiteway, C. F. Scott, and G. W. Rabbits.

Next Sunday the Class will be addressed by Rev. D. B. Hemmeon, on "The Bible as a Text Book."

Fish Plentiful

The local fishermen did well again yesterday. The demand for city consumption continues good.

Magistrate's Court

A drunk was discharged. A man given in charge by his wife for being drunk in his home was fined \$2.00 or seven days.

Entered Hospital

Mrs. Whitten, 30 Atlantic Avenue, was taken to the hospital in the Ambulance yesterday. James Dalton, of Harbor Main, who arrived by the Kyle, was also taken to the hospital for an operation.

Mr. E. J. Salt, of the Imperial Tobacco Co., who was on a five weeks trip to the West and South Coasts returned Wednesday night via Placentia.

SHIPPING

The s.s. Stephano leaves New York at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The s.s. Morwenna leaves again at noon tomorrow.

The s.s. Tabasco left Liverpool at 3 p.m. yesterday.

The Fogota arrived at Oporto at 9 a.m. and left at 10.

The Prospero left Pilley's Island at 10.10 a.m.

The Bruce left Port aux Basques at 11.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Lintrose arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.35 a.m.

The Express arrived at 1 p.m.

TO THE EDITOR

Word of Appreciation

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—Your editorials are certainly interesting and helpful, and it goes without saying that The Mail and Advocate is an up to date paper. This war is terrible, and will be yet for some time. You are certainly putting up a hard fight for the fishermen in order that he may get full value for his fish, which he should get, after toiling so hard.

There seems to be no one but yourself interested in the common people. The other papers never mention the people's wants or attempt to aid you in your endeavors to keep the price of fish up.

It is a great mistake to have a Premier representing St. John's, for he cannot possibly know anything about outport conditions or come in contact with outport fishermen, therefore he does not know the state of the country outside of St. John's.

The people should never again elect a Premier who sits for St. John's. There is no doubt about the people's opinion of your noble work. They realize more than ever that your mission is not accidental. God bless you, sir, go ahead our prayers will ascend on your behalf.

—A FRIEND. Bonavista Bay, Oct. 6, 14.

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HOUSE BURNED DOWN OVER THEM

But British Soldiers in Hiding There Came Out Alive and Uninjured

Lieutenant F. V. Drake, of the 11th Hussars, who has returned to his home at St. Albans, gives a graphic account of escape after the fighting at Mons. Speaking of the retiring movements, he says:

"After six days I was left with thirty-six men to hold the Germans back while the others got away; but we were surrounded by a brigade of German cavalry. First of all we tried to get across country, and were caught up in barbed wire, and they turned two machine guns on us. They killed a lot of horses, but not many men.

"We then fought our way on to the road which leads into the village of Honcourt. The village was held by the Germans, and barricaded. We were being shot at from behind and in front, and there was barbed wire on both sides of the road.

Charged the Barrier
"We charged the barricade. I got my horse shot about 200 yards before I got to the barricade, and was stunned a bit. When I got up again I found all the other fellows swarming on the barricade.

"I joined in the hunt," and eight others and I eventually got out of the village on foot into a wood, where I divided the men into two's, and told them the direction in which to go and left them, telling each pair to hide in different parts of the wood.

In a Burning House
"We spent two days and two nights in that wood, with the Germans absolutely around us; they were so near, in fact, that we could hear every word they said. Leaving the wood by night, we pushed on to where we heard the English were: at Cambrai; when we got there we found they had left the day before.

"We then hid in a wine cellar, and the Germans came and burnt down the house above us. We, however, escaped through a ventilator. We crawled out through the kitchen garden and hid in some wheat sheaves for the rest of that day, and at night we moved south, where we heard firing going on.

MADE SHORT STAY WITH GERMANS

Enemy Captured Briton But Had to Abandon Him and His Comrades

Private H. L. Simmons, a native of Woburn Hill, Addlestone, Surrey, went to France with the headquarters of the Expeditionary Force. He writes to his wife:

"I had quite an exciting time. I was out with the Austin car conveying three motor-lorries with supplies for a cavalry brigade, when we were pounced upon by a bunch of German cavalry, who took us prisoners, and took everything I had except the clothes I was wearing. All our men, twenty in number, including an officer, were put back to a wall and kept there with an armed guard.

Friendly Pressure.
"I was made to turn the motor round. They put eight Germans in the car, and I had an officer with a revolver pointing at my head standing on the step. They then made me reconnoitre the village for two hours looking for the positions of the British troops, which they did not find, but they went mighty close at one time. Upon returning to the same spot we were put in the middle of a line of German cavalry about 6,000 strong, and taken up a steep hill to a plateau on top.

A Matter of Time
As soon as it became daylight they were spotted by our cavalry and arrested.

"We averaged every night about twenty-five kilometres. We always marched by compass, and always went absolutely plumb straight across country. Each day we hid in hen-houses, out-buildings, or wherever we could, and marched by night. We found the inhabitants extremely nice. Wherever possible they gave us food—if the Germans had not taken it all.

"Later we secured a motor-car, and proceeded towards St. Pol, but when we had proceeded about halfway we found a German sentry outside a house. We raced past him, and he fired a shot or two, but missed us, and we got safely through the village.

"Boulogne was eventually reached without further adventure."

BRITAIN'S LOSS OF TRADE

Springfield Republic:—"It is properly stated that the great achievement of the British Navy thus far has been the making of the sea routes comparatively safe for 4,000 merchant ships which are indispensable to Great Britain's foreign trade. Yet the kingdom cannot be at war even under these conditions without suffering severe losses. British exports in August fell off by \$100,000,000 and the imports of \$65,000,000, compared with a year ago."

tillery, who made short work of them; but they kept us right in their fighting line to the very last, when they bolted and left us. We made a very hasty departure to our lines, picking up six Frenchmen and numerous trophies, and here we are safe again, without a scratch. Apart from the fact that they took us into their firing line, presumably to be shot, they were most polite and courteous to us during our short stay with them, which was between 11.30 p.m. and 7.30 a.m. Our troops are doing splendidly, and I think it is only a matter of time.

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