

# ARMIES OF BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE VICTORIOUS

## BRITISH ARMY CAPTURES THE VILLAGE OF ROSEL

French Take Two Advance Forts in Defensive System of Le Fere, Strong Point on Hindenburg Line, and Occupy West Bank of Oise From Outskirts of Town as Far North as Vendevil.

London, Mar. 24.—The British have occupied the village of Rosel, in the Somme, according to the official report from British headquarters in France. Rosel lies seven miles east of Peronne. Heavy fighting took place at Beaumetz-Les-Cambrai, where the Germans, in a strong attack, gained a footing. By a counter-attack the British again drove them out. The text reads:

"Our troops have occupied Rosel, seven miles east of Peronne. This morning strong hostile detachments again attacked our positions in Beaumetz-Les-Cambrai and obtained a temporary footing in the village. They were immediately counter-attacked and driven out, leaving a few prisoners in our hands."

### Enemy Repulsed.

"We have made progress during the day on a front of one and a half miles to the southwest and west of Beaumont-St. Mein (southeast of Croiselles). Enemy attacks on our posts in this neighborhood and north of Boiry-Becquerelle were repulsed."

"We carried out another successful raid early this morning east of Arras. The enemy's second line was reached and casualties were inflicted. We also entered the enemy's trenches east of Neuville-St. Vaast. A number of Germans were killed and occupied dug-outs were bombed."

"The enemy attempted to reach our lines this morning near Richbourg-l'Avoue (south of Neuville-Chapelle) but were dispersed by our fire. Another hostile raiding party succeeded in reaching our trenches west of Mesennes."

"The artillery was active on both sides today near Ypres. Our fire caused three explosions in the enemy's positions."

### French Statement Saturday.

Paris, Mar. 24.—Two of the advance forts in the defensive system of Le Fere, a strong point on the Hindenburg line, have been captured by the French, who have also occupied the west bank of the River Oise from the outskirts of La Fere as far south as Vendevil, a distance of about four miles. The new French success is chronicled in the official report issued by the war office tonight, which adds that several villages on the east bank of the Ailette river have also been taken, the German rear-guard being driven back.

The text of the statement reads: "North of the Somme we have driven back the enemy to the outskirts of Bavy, where he had established himself in a line of trenches prepared in advance from the Somme to the Oise."

"Our troops, continuing their success, gave battle to the enemy, who defended himself foot by foot, and pushed him about one kilometre north of Grandcourt and Gibercourt, occupying the west bank of the Oise from the outskirts of La Fere as far north as Vendevil. Two advance forts of the defensive system of Le Fere fell into our hands."

### Make Good Progress.

"South of the Oise in spite of the foundations effected by the enemy, we made important progress on the east bank of the Ailette, regaining several villages and repelling the German rear-guard."

"In the lower section of the Forest of Coucy, north of Soissons, there is little change, we found numerous German dead in the trenches taken by us yesterday."

"A German long-range gun about twelve o'clock today fired a number of shells of heavy calibre on the town of Soissons."

"Artillery fighting has been quite active in the region of Berry-Au-Bac and Rheims, as well as in Alsace, in the direction of Viols-Py, south of Col de Saint-Marie."

### Aviation Operations.

"Aviation: On Mar. 23, Adjutant

Ortol brought down his fifth German airplane. Today our special guns brought down a German machine, which fell in our lines near Taveaux (Marne). This afternoon a German hydroplane, proceeding in the direction of Etretat (north northeast of Havre) was captured at sea; the two aviators were taken prisoner.

"On March 23, one of our airplanes, from a low altitude, bombarded an aviation ground at Marimbou, north of Thiaucourt. A violent fire broke out in the hangars."

### Belgian Statement.

Belgian communication: "The Belgian batteries counter-shelled the German artillery which bombarded the regions of Dixmude and Steenstraete. There was grenade fighting north of Dixmude."

"Eastern theatre: No event of importance has occurred. On March 23 a violent bombardment on both sides took place. The enemy directed numerous incendiary shells against Monsstr. British hydroplanes bombarded Prades, Kenall and Orfano."

### JAPAN IMPROVING MACHINE-GUN CORPS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

Tokio, March 15.—Although the use of machine guns has been adopted in the Japanese army since the close of the Russo-Japanese war in 1905, there exists at present no special machine gun corps. The Japanese army authorities having recognized the importance of special corps for machine guns have decided to organize nine such corps, to be attached to each army division, a corps being provided with eight guns. Compared with the system of the French and German army, where each regiment is provided with nine machine gun corps (each corps with six guns), the present plan is inferior in strength but the army authorities expect eventually to bring the corps up to the European standard.

### DIED.

VERINDER.—At the home of his son-in-law, W. A. Stepler, 26 Paradise Row, on the 25th inst., Thomas Lakeman Verinder, aged seventy-eight years, leaving a wife, one daughter and two sons to mourn. Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from above address.

McSHERRY.—On March 25th, Frederick J., eldest son of George and Bella McSherry, leaving his parents, two brothers, one sister to mourn. (Boston papers please copy.)

Funeral Tuesday morning at 9.30 o'clock from his residence, 319 Princess street, to the Cathedral for Requiem Mass. Friends invited.

EAGLES.—On March 25th, at 51 Elm street, Edward Herbert Eagles, aged 67 years.

Funeral on Tuesday, the 27th, at 1.30 p. m. to Bayview.

WARNING.—At Deer Island, N. B., on Sunday, the 25th inst., Lida M. (Pendleton), wife of Horace L. Warning, of this city, leaving her husband, mother two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral at Deer Island Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 2.30 p. m.

CLARK.—In this city, on Saturday, March 24th, James Clark, aged 59 years, leaving wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

Funeral at 2.30 Tuesday afternoon from his late residence, 34 Murray street. Interment in the Church of England Burying Ground.

### IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of Herbert Leish Fox, who departed this life March 26th, 1916. Gone but not forgotten. Queenstown, N. B.

## MAINE WILL DEAL WITH PRO-GERMANS

Legislature, Under Suspension of Rules, Adopts Measures to Protect Government Property.

Augusta, Me., Mar. 25.—Three war measures, so called, carrying the emergency clause, introduced by Rep. Gurney of Portland, have been introduced into the House, given their three several readings under suspension of the rules and rushed into the Senate and there given their three several readings and passed to be engrossed. In view of the grave international situation which seems imminent it was thought best to pass these measures which provide heavy penalties for malicious mischief or trespass and damage to public buildings, forts, water supplies, etc.

## THE UNCLE OF FORMER CZAR RESIGNS POST

Grand Duke Nicholas Decides to Retire as Head of Russian Army—Gen. Alexieff in Command Temporarily

London, March 24 (10.30 p. m.).—The retirement of Grand Duke Nicholas from his post as commander-in-chief of the Russian army is officially confirmed, according to a Reuters despatch from Petrograd. Pending the appointment of a successor, the despatch adds, General H. V. Alexieff, chief of the general staff, will act as commander-in-chief. The retention of Grand Duke Nicholas as commander-in-chief was considered undesirable by the Russian minister of war, because of the Grand Duke's connection with the Romanoff dynasty.

## BRITISH FOOTBALL

London, March 24.—The following are the results of the principal English and Scottish games decided today:

ENGLISH LEAGUE  
Lancashire Section.  
Burnley 1; Burnley Vale 0.  
Bury 0; Manchester City 0.  
Liverpool 4; Rochdale 0.  
Manchester United 6; Bolton Wanderers 0.  
Preston North 4; Oldham A. C. 2.  
Stockport County 5; Everton 1.  
Stoke 4; Blackburn Rovers 1.  
Midland Section.  
Birmingham 5; Leicester Fosse 1.  
Bradford City 2; Bradford 2.  
Leeds City 0; Huddersfield Town 2.  
Nottingham 2; Notts Forest 2.  
Rotherham County 3; Barnsley 5.  
Sheffield Wednesday 4; Sheffield United 2.

London Combination.  
Fulham 7; Watford 2.  
Arsenal 2; Portsmouth 1.  
Queen's Park Rangers 2; Brentford 2.

Clayton 1; Millwall 2.  
Westham United 3; Tottenham Hotspur 0.  
Luton Town 0; Chelsea 0.  
Crystal Palace 4; Southampton 2.  
Scottish League.  
St. Mirren 0; Morton 0.  
Queen's 0; Adrien 6.  
Clyde 2; Dundee 0.  
Motherwell 0; Third Lanark 2.  
Rangers 4; Raith Rovers 3.  
Aberdeen 0; Celtic 0.  
Glasgow 1; Partick 0.  
Kilmarnock 0; Dunfermline 0.  
Paisley 0; Hearts 1.

## GERMAN SPY KILLS FORT SENTINEL

Sensational Shooting at Fort at Portland Head—Assassins Escape—Fortification Guards Increased.

Portland, Me., Mar. 25.—John Poor, son of Robert O. Poor, of Clarkesdale, Illinois, and a private in Third Company, Coast Artillery Corps, who was shot early Friday by one of two men whom he had challenged and fired upon while on sentry duty, at Fort Williams, died from the effects of a bullet wound in the thigh from a revolver of 44 calibre. He was twenty-two years of age.

The scene of the shooting was near two large batteries of 12-inch guns, close by Portland Head. Although the post was heavily guarded, the men had succeeded in the darkness, in approaching the batteries and attempted to pass Poor. When discovered they started to run away.

Poor fired once over their heads and ordered them to halt. One turned and fired at him with fatal effect. Then both escaped before other guards arrived. No trace of them has been found. One of the sentries was fired upon Wednesday night without effect, and in view of this and the fact that suspicious characters have been observed the guard at all of the fortifications in the Portland district have been greatly increased. Searchlights were put into use tonight.

### OBITUARY.

Frederick J. McSherry.

The death occurred at 5.30 o'clock yesterday morning of Frederick J. McSherry at his home, 319 Princess street, after a lingering illness. The deceased was twenty-seven years of age and well known about the city. He was the eldest son of George and Bella McSherry, and besides his parents, he leaves two brothers and one sister to mourn. The brothers are Harold L., a student at St. Joseph's College, and George T., who went overseas with the 115th Battalion. The sister is Miss Catharine, who is studying nursing in the Carney Hospital, Boston. The funeral will be held on Friday morning at 9.30 o'clock from the home to the Cathedral for requiem mass.

Miss Mary A. Downey.

The death of Miss Mary A. Downey, adopted daughter of the late John E. O'Sullivan, took place in Roxbury, Boston, on Friday. Mr. O'Sullivan and his family lived in St. John some years ago. One daughter, Miss Mary B. O'Sullivan, who was school teacher, won distinction as a writer in Boston. Three other sisters survive, Misses Agnes, Clara and Eva. Miss Downey's remains will be brought to St. John for interment today, the funeral taking place from the railway station.

Mrs. Mary Ellen McAleer.

The death took place early Saturday morning at the St. John Infirmary of Mrs. Mary Ellen McAleer, wife of the late Lawrence McAleer, who died in St. John. She was survived by three sons, William, Lawrence and John of this city; also by four daughters, Mrs. Henry Jones, Mrs. Wm. Winchester, Mrs. Peter McCarthy of this city, Mrs. W. Roberts, Patville, and one sister, Mrs. Annie Johnson, Upper Loch Lomond. The funeral will take place this morning at 9.30 from the residence of Mrs. Henry Jones, 10 St. James street.

Mrs. Sarah Jordan.

Mrs. Sarah Jordan, widow of Frederick M. Jordan, died Friday at her residence, 70 Kennedy street. She was in her fifty-seventh year and had been ill but a few weeks. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Muriel at home; two sisters, Miss Beale Richardson and Mrs. Chittick, both of this city; three brothers, Richard and William of Colby, N. B., and James of Truro, N. S. The funeral will be held at Highfield, Queens county, tonight.

Jeremiah Craig.

Special to The Standard.  
Woodstock, March 25.—Jeremiah Craig died Friday afternoon at the home of his daughter at the advanced age of 93 years. He was one of our most respected citizens and for many years was engaged in the lumber business. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert Montgomery of Woodstock and Mrs. David Henderson of Plymouth. The funeral will be held on Sunday in Woodstock.

Edward Herbert Eagles.

Many friends in the city, particularly in the North End, will regret to learn of the death on Sunday, the 25th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John A. Stephenson, 51 Elm street, of Edward Herbert Eagles, son of the late Charles and Mary Eagles. Mr. Eagles was well known throughout this city, and the province, having been born in the North End sixty-seven years ago and being engaged all his life as a lumber surveyor. He had lately been employed with the Wilson Box Company. He is survived by two sons, T. Jordan and William A. of this city, and four daughters, Mrs. J. A. Stephenson, Mrs. Frank H. MacFarlane and Mrs. John E. Gillespie, of this city, and Mrs. J. K. McKay of Moose Jaw, and one sister, Mrs. W. T. Fanjoy of Sydney, N. S. His wife, who was Miss Eliza Jane Edwards, predeceased him some years ago. The funeral will be held tomorrow

## Public Service

An Announcement of Policy

It is the intention of the New Brunswick Power Company to be good citizens, and try and make Saint John a better place to live in.

We wish to give good service in our Street Railway—our Lighting and Power and Gas Departments—at reasonable rates.

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We want our Customers and Users of our Street Railway System to offer suggestions for the betterment of the service—to help us in making it of the greatest use and benefit to the public.

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at 1.30 o'clock, interment at Bayswater.

Thos. L. Verinder.

On Sunday, after a long and painful illness, the death occurred at the home of his son-in-law, W. A. Stepler, 26 Paradise Row, of Thos. L. Verinder of this city and late of Guernsey, Channel Islands, England. The deceased was for a number of years in the employ of the Christie Woodwork Company. A wife, one daughter, Mrs. W. A. Stepler, two sons, Arthur G. of this city and Herbert E. of Petermaritzburg, South Africa, survive to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. The interment will be at Greenwood.

James Clark.

Death came suddenly on Saturday to an old and esteemed resident of the North End in the person of James Clark. Mr. Clark was engaged in the trucking and express business and was at his work as usual on Friday. Shortly before midnight he was taken ill and he died at noon on Saturday. The deceased was 59 years of age and is survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters, his mother, two sisters and three brothers. His sons are Albert and Edward Clark of this city; his daughters, Mrs. Robert Trearlin of this city and Mrs. J. McLeod of Kent county. Messrs. Alexander, Noble and David Clark of St. John are brothers

and Mrs. Fred Evans of this city and Mrs. Joseph Lamb of Loch Lomond, sisters of the deceased.

The late Mr. Clark was born in Ireland but came here when a child with his parents. He was an attendant at St. Luke's church and a member of Dominion L. O. L. No. 141 and of King Edward Lodge No. 30, P. A. P. B. The funeral will be held from his residence, 34 Murray street, tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

### Half Dozen Drunks.

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