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FRENCH ONSLAUGHT BEBENDING GERMAN LEFT WING

HAIG'S ARMORED CARS CHASE FOE AND CAPTURE POSITION

BRUSILOFF MADE HEROIC RUSSIANS BY HIS SOLDIERS

With His Men He Pledges Loyalty To the
New Government and is Borne on
Shoulders to Headquarters

New York, March 28.—A news agency dispatch from Petrograd, published here today says:
"Menace of a German drive into Russia is serving to accelerate tremendously the reorganization of democratic Russia."
"Following the new spirit in the army, dispatches from the southwestern front today told of a great demonstration accorded General Brusiloff on his taking the oath with his troops of loyalty to the new provisional government."
"Brusiloff personally reviewed his troops and witnessed their repelling of a 'feisty' Then his men carried him on their shoulders to army headquarters. Three great red shields were brought out inscribed: 'Those in the rear conquered a dynasty; we at the front will conquer the enemy. Long live Brusiloff, the nation's hero!'"

STRIKE AT FRANCE OVER A PROSTRATE ITALY IS PLAN OF HINDENBURG?

Rome, Via Paris, March 28.—The predicted great offensive against Italy by the Central Powers continues to be the chief topic of discussion in military and political circles. Field Marshal von Hindenburg is credited with aiming at an invasion of France across a prostrate Italy. In this connection General Di Rossi, commander of the Montenegrin troops serving with the Italian army, writes:
"A terrible and desperate attack is in preparation against our lines. Everyone foresees it, and even the enemy announces it in order to intimidate us by threatening Italy with the fate of Rumania and Serbia."

DUTCH STEAMSHIPS IN BRITISH PORTS REPORTED SEIZED

Forty May Be Taken Over,
Says Rumor.

SOME ARE GRAIN SHIPS
Entente Allies May Purchase
All Vessels of Nether-
lands.

New York, March 28.—An Associated Press dispatch from Washington today says:
Dutch steamships in British ports were reported here today to have been confiscated by the British Government.
Not Confirmed.

The information reached here from a grain house which said the Dutch Government the grain aboard many of the vessels. It could not be confirmed at the Netherlands legation.

About forty Dutch ships now are in ports belonging to Great Britain, and a fleet of fifteen grain carrying vessels is understood to be on its way from a Holland port to the United States. Many of the Dutch ships now in British ports have been detained from six to eight weeks.

The British Government for some time has been insisting that a certain percentage of Dutch merchant tonnage carry cargoes to British destinations, and the Dutch Government has refused.

MAY TAKE ALL SHIPS.

New York, March 28.—Representatives here of Holland steamship lines were informed yesterday through unofficial sources that the Entente Allies were negotiating with the Dutch Government to take over all freight ships now detained in ports controlled by Great Britain. Inquiry made by the lines at the state department and the Netherlands legation at Washington and by cable to Holland, has so far brought no reply.

Advices were received today by the Royal Dutch Line that one of its vessels, laden with Government grain, has been released from a port of call and had sailed for home.

It was also learned today from the representative of a Swedish steamship line that more than 200,000 tons of Swedish ships are being held in ports controlled by England and her allies. Among these ships is a large liner which left New York more than one month ago with 40 persons on board. Some of the passengers abandoned the voyage at a port of call and returned to their homes.

The Truth About Germany!

The London Advertiser has arranged for the exclusive rights in this district to publish a series of articles by Carl W. Ackerman, an American newspaperman who has been in Germany throughout the war, and who returned home with United States Ambassador Gerard.

These articles are authentic and will give Advertiser readers a true picture of conditions in Germany. Do not miss them.

ALL MOTOR DRIVERS MUST HAVE PERMIT

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 28.—The municipal committee of the Legislature today finally adopted a clause in the motor vehicles act, providing that no person shall drive a motor vehicle without a driver's permit, in addition to the present auto license. This will enable a record of every person driving a motor in Ontario to be kept, and his permit cancelled when he deserves it. Under previous conditions, there was no way of keeping reckless drivers out of cars unless they were kept imprisoned.

BRITISH COMMONS ABOUT TO GRANT BALLOT TO WOMEN?

Measure of Suffrage To Be
Given Females.

London, March 28.—An important debate is set for the House of Commons today in reference to a reform of the parliamentary franchise. A conference held recently, which was presided over by the speaker, recommended the following program:

A certain measure of woman suffrage, six months' residence or the occupation of business premises to be the only qualification for voting, redistribution of seats, proportionate representation in large urban areas, all elections to be held on one day.

Former Premier Asquith will move today on the other features of the proposed reforms. Arnold Ward, son of the novelist, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, is prepared to move an amendment declining to consider such a controversial subject as woman's suffrage during the war.

GOVT. ORDERS BUILDING OF TWO FREIGHT BOATS, FIRST OF GOVT. FLEET

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 28.—The Government has contracted with the Wallace shipyards of Vancouver for the construction of a 2,500-ton freight boat for \$200,000, to be completed within ten months. A similar vessel is being constructed at Vancouver. These will be the first of a fleet which the Canadian Government will operate between Atlantic and Pacific ports of Canada via the Panama Canal.

PEACE CONFERENCE OF THE TEUTONS?

London, March 28.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Amsterdam says: "In Berlin political circles great importance is attached to a visit of the Austrian foreign minister to the German capital, which coincides with the visit of Enver Pasha, the Turkish minister for war, who arrived Sunday evening. It is persistently rumored in some circles that these visits are associated with new peace suggestions."

ARMORED CARS CAPTURE TOWN FROM GERMANS

They Sweep Over Bayelles,
Smashing All Resistance.

FOE FLEES IN A PANIC

Also Taken by Surprise by
Overwhelming Force of
British.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
With the British Armies Allied—
For the first time since the fighting in Belgium at the beginning of the war, armored cars, supported by cavalry, achieved the capture of a town today. The village was Bayelles. The armored cars, supported on north and south by British cavalry, swept over the Germans. The enemy fled precipitately, not having expected more than a clash with small advance forces.

The Germans had laid a trap at Bayelles for what they supposed would be a reconnoitering guard of the British advance. But they were overwhelmed by the strength of the British forces no less than by surprise at the bringing into action of the armored cars. Field Marshal Haig's men today held Bayelles in great strength.

55,379 Germans Are Held By the British As Prisoners of War

London, March 28.—Great Britain holds more than 71,000 prisoners of war, of whom 55,379 are Germans, while Germany has 32,500 British prisoners. Very few Britons are held as prisoners of war, and Germany has not replied to the British suggestions.

BREAD GRAINS ARE SHORT IN GERMANY AND DEPUTY KICKS

Too Much Going to Cattle, He
Protests.

Copenhagen, Via London, March 28.

—The result of the recent stock-taking of the grain, potatoes and other foodstuffs on hand in Germany was so unfavorable as to cause general apprehension, according to the Berlin Vorwaerts, which quotes remarks made before the Reichstag committee on food by the Socialist Deputy Ebert. The Vorwaerts is the only Berlin paper which carries an account of the proceedings before the committee.

Small Grain Yield.

According to this report Deputy Ebert said that an inventory showed that the 1916 yield of bread grains was only 200,000 tons, or 15 pounds per capita, above the 1915 harvest, a harvest which had been regarded as good. Earlier reports of a 1,000,000-ton reduction in the visible supply by one-half explains the cut in the bread ration which was announced by the authorities as soon as the results of the census were in hand.

Given to Cattle.

Deputy Ebert pointed out a similar deficit apparently existed in other food products, and declared that part of the missing foodstuffs had been cut off from the mouths of the cattle and hogs, which were fed on illegal fodder by the farmers. He demanded that everything imported from Rumania be reserved for human consumption.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 53; lowest, 32.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 26.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Toronto, March 28.—3 a.m.
Forecast:
Today—Fresh to strong winds, shifting to south; fair and cool.
Thursday—Fair and milder.
Temperatures:
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Toronto. 48. 38. Cloudy.
Ottawa. 45. 35. Clear.
Calgary. 40. 30. Fair.
Winnipeg. 34. 24. Fair.
Port Arthur. 45. 35. Fair.
Pelly Sound. 44. 23. Clear.
Toronto. 50. 31. Clear.
Ottawa. 46. 36. Cloudy.
Montreal. 45. 35. Fair.
Quebec. 45. 35. Cloudy.
Father Point. 50. 32. Cloudy.

The depression which was over the Georgian Bay yesterday now covers the St. Lawrence Valley, giving strong winds and good weather conditions in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. In Ontario the weather has cleared and become cooler.



Bill—Help me, my son, our world is crumbling.—La Asino, Turin.

MAN ARRESTED HERE SUNDAY NOW SUSPECTED OF MURDER OF POLICEMAN IN DETROIT

Detectives From American City Here Putting C. R. Howard
Through Self Examination—He Admits Being in
Detroit, But Denies Alleged Shooting.

Suspected of being the murderer of Emil Schmidt, a Detroit patrolman, who was shot to death in the early morning of February 20th last, C. R. Howard, alias Robert Rogers, who was arrested by Detectives Down and Ezelon at 124 Park avenue on Sunday evening, was subjected today in his cell at the county jail to a severe examination by Lieut. Detective F. W. Frahm, both of the border city police department.

Howard admitted to the detectives that he had been in Detroit, but steadfastly clung to the story that he knew nothing whatever of the shooting. It is claimed that he answers the description of a man who was seen running away from the scene of the murder in February. It is further alleged that at that time an automatic revolver was used, and the bullets taken from the body of Patrolman Schmidt following his death, are said to be identical with the bullets found in the magazine of the automatic pistol taken from Howard by the local detectives on Sunday evening.

It is alleged that Howard, who gave his name first as Robert Rogers, has another alias, that of Harvey Yokum. A person giving the last-mentioned name, prominent in the Detroit underworld, is reported to have been seen at the corner of Warren and Grand River avenues in Detroit last night. On the early morning of February 20th last, a man who is now suspected to have been Howard, was discovered near the top of a telephone pole, tapping the wires leading into a Detroit bank. The scheme, it was discovered later by a search of the real estate office, was to have someone instruct the bank owner to tap the wires to cash a check for \$15,000 made in favor of Harvey Yokum. When ordered to descend from near the top of the pole.

Howard gave his name later as C. R. Howard, and stated that his home was in Hamilton, and that he was a real estate agent.

The Detroit detectives questioned him for three hours today. In the event of Howard's refusing to go with them on the murder charge, a reward of \$1,000 will be paid over to Detectives Down and Ezelon, who have this amount having been offered for the arrest of the murderer.

Howard is willing to stand trial, and is willing to go back to the United States, the consent of the Dominion government will be necessary before he can be taken across the line, as he is already charged with a criminal offence under Canadian law. Should a request be made that he be handed over to them for trial there, then in the event of Howard's refusing to go will extradition proceedings would be instituted, although it is claimed his counsel has been instructed to fight such.

He has had considerable experience as an electrical engineer, and claimed to have taken a course at the School of Practical Science in Toronto. Detectives Reid and Frahm will continue their questioning this afternoon in an effort to obtain further admissions from Howard.

AEROPLANE FIRE PATROL FOR CANADIAN FORESTS

Montreal, March 28.—The inauguration of aeroplane fire patrols in Canadian forests was announced by Elwood Wilson, provincial minister of agriculture, after a lecture given by the aviator, J. A. McCurdy, at the Ritz-Carlton hotel.

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MUNICIPALITIES CAN NOW ASSESS TO 25 MILLS

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, March 28.—The municipal committee of the Legislature today passed an amendment to the municipal act giving all municipalities power to assess up to 25 mills on the dollar, irrespective of school and war taxes. The previous maximum was 20 mills.

TAKE OVER BRANT HOUSE AS MILITARY HOSPITAL

Hamilton, March 28.—Senator Statton received word today that the government is about to take over the Brant House, the big summer hotel at Burlington, as a military hospital. The news will prove welcome to Hamilton and Brantford, as the hotel is being kept so far away from their relatives after spending two years on the firing line. It is possible that the old Royal Hotel here and the Mountain View will also be utilized. These places will accommodate several hundred men.

ROGER VALOIS DEAD.
Montreal, March 28.—Roger Valois, director of Le Pays, and one of the most prominent journalists in Quebec, died yesterday at the age of 29.

CONGRESS WANTS DEFINITE WORD FROM PRESIDENT

Must Be Positive as to War,
Say Gathering Members.

FIGHTING SPIRIT COOLS

Certain Representatives Hold
That People Do Not
Want Conflict.

By Robert Bender.

Washington, March 28.—President Wilson will have to be positive, definite and specific in detail if he gets what he wants from Congress. This is the impression today "on the hill."

A vast majority of the 40 per cent of the new Congress are ready for Monday say that if the president shows any inclination to his coming "war message" to be general or "timidly suggestive" of what he wants, wide difference of opinion will result and perhaps disastrous delay in a real program.

There is evidence that some western members brought a slight cooling of the war spirit with them. Certain representatives and some senators still maintain that "a majority of the people don't want war."

They are ready, however, to do the president's bidding if he makes a strong statement.

FREE SUICIDES IN BROCKVILLE CELL BY HANGING SELF

Faced Trial On Charge of
Slaying Woman.

Brockville, Ont., March 28.—Arthur Free, who was on Monday committed to stand trial for the murder of Mrs. Hattie Hill at Seely's Bay on March 2, committed suicide by hanging himself to the bars of his cell with a bed sheet during the night in the county jail here. No extra guard had been placed on the prisoner, and the first night he was in the cell he was found hanging from the bars and his customary spirits. This morning at 7 o'clock he was found hanging from the bars and his customary spirits. This morning at 7 o'clock he was found hanging from the bars and his customary spirits.

Free disappeared from his home at Seely's Bay three days after the crime, and the investigation was held, and as he did not appear at the inquest, Coroner Young issued a warrant for his apprehension after a twelve-day chase through the district and in northern New York Free was captured in a barber shop at Cape Vincent, N. Y., on March 17, and on the following Monday was brought to Brockville by Provincial Detective Constable Brady.

During the preliminary hearing Free did not appear to realize the gravity of his situation. He made no statement. He was about 25 and his wife and parents reside near Seely's Bay.

SOLDIERS OF AUSTRALIA VOTE FOR CONSCRIPTION; HUGHES SCORES LABORITES

Melbourne, Australia, March 28.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency—Premier Hughes addressed a meeting of three thousand people at Bendigo today. The audience was most enthusiastic, singing the National Anthem, waving flags and cheering for the Allies.

Mr. Hughes' announcement that the question of conscription might again be submitted to the electorate was continuously cheered. He eloquently appealed for whole-hearted co-operation of the people of Australia to assist in the conduct of the war with means, men, money and production. He urged organized efforts to increase the supply of food and general products to help the Empire.

The premier denounced the methods of the Labor party caucus, declaring that every loyal Australian felt humiliated because the Laborites in the Senate had prevented Australian representation at the Imperial conference in London. In order to refute false statements, Mr. Hughes announced that the soldiers' vote on the conscription referendum was 72,000 for and 38,000 against. The announcement was loudly cheered.

ENGINEER INJURED.

Kingston, Ont., March 28.—James Collins, engineer, sustained a fractured leg in an accident about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon near Folger station on the C. P. R. The train from Kingston for New York was delayed.

Between Folger and Lavant stations, caused by an overflowing creek. No passengers were hurt.

ROBERSON TRAVELOGUE

Coupon

This coupon and 10 cents will entitle bearer to seat in balcony at any of the travelogues to be presented under the auspices of THE ADVERTISER beginning Thursday night, March 22. With 25 cents this coupon will entitle holder to reserved seat downstairs.

Reserved seats may be purchased in advance, others only before the travelogue for which it is good.

THE PROGRAM.
Thursday Night—"Switzerland."
Wednesday Afternoon—"Bonnie Scotland."
Wednesday Night—"Around the Mediterranean."
Admission without this coupon, FIFTY CENTS.
Advance sale daily from 11 a.m.

NIVELLE DRIVES AHEAD IN NIGHT BATTLES, CARRYING IMPORTANT FOE POSITIONS; FACE THE LAST BARRIERS

Southern Section of Hindenburg Line Receding Before Furious Attacks by French, Who Make Headway North of Soissons.

DESPERATE FIGHTING TO CONTROL POSITION DOMINATING ST. QUENTIN

THE WAR IN THE WEST

The southern wing of the retreating German army is slowly receding along a ten-mile front under the furious onslaughts of the French. The first section of the great Concy-St. Gobain forests has been completely cleared of the invaders, and General Nivelle's troops are now face to face with the last formidable natural barrier which lies between them and Laon—the plateau of St. Gobain.

PLATEAU A BARRIER.
This densely wooded plateau lies between the Oise and the Ailette, and is about 10,000 acres in extent, rising from about 30 to 200 feet in height. No railways or highroads traverse it, but an important railroad sweeps around its southern border and runs north to Chauny. This road is in the hands of the French up to within about three miles of Anizy, which is ten miles west of Laon. To the north the French are about two miles from the town of St. Quen, centre of the most famous glass factories in Europe. St. Quen is 13 miles northwest of Laon.

THE FIGHT FOR ST. QUENTIN.
No change has taken place in the neighborhood of St. Quentin, where the Germans are still making desperate efforts to wrest from the French the Esplaney Bény plateau, undisputed possession of which will, according to military critics, render the fall of the city inevitable. Further north the British have made some slight progress, but no material change in the situation has taken place. Bad weather is reported to be seriously interfering with operations on this portion of the front.

Sporadic fighting has occurred in several of the other war theatres, but nothing to indicate the commencement of major operations.

CARRIED STRONG POSITIONS.

Paris, March 28, noon.—The advance of the French in the region north of Soissons was continued during the night. Progress was made north of the Ailette River and east of the Launily-Neuville-sur-Margival line, where important positions were captured.

These gains are recorded in today's official report, which also indicates unusual activity further east. The artillery of both the French and the Germans kept up a violent fire yesterday and during the night on the front between Butte-du-Mesnil and Maisons-de-Champagne. Heavy artillery fighting is in progress in the region east of the lower Forest of Coucy.

FURTHER PROGRESS.
The statement follows: "Between the Somme and the Oise, and south of the Oise, there were no important events during the night. The artillery firing was rather heavy in the region east of the lower forest of Coucy. North of the Ailette we made further progress, and also in the region east of the lower Forest of Coucy. We captured several important points of support."

"In the region of Rheims we made a surprise attack east of Neuville, taking prisoners. In the Champagne area yesterday and during the night the artillery fighting became violent, especially in the region of Butte-du-Mesnil and Maisons-de-Champagne."

"Elsewhere the night was calm."

THE GERMAN REPORT.

Berlin, March 28.—Via Sayville.—The war office today issued the following statement:
"Western Front: With the majority of the armies the day passed quietly. In the district on both sides of the Somme and the Oise, the troops there are accomplishing their task as illustrated by the fact that in the field of the engagement of March 26, between Lagmout and Morchies, about 1,000 British dead were counted."

"Yesterday the French suffered sanguinary losses on the west bank of the Oise, near LaFere, during the failure of an attack."

"In the Champagne some French trenches south of Ripont were entered. There, and in enterprises south of Saint Souplet, and near Tahure 300 French were taken prisoner, and several machine guns and mine."

"North of Rheims and in the Argonne hostile reconnoitering detachments which had entered our positions were driven away by a counter-attack."

FRENCH HAVE CAPTURED THE FIRST PART OF COUCY WOOD; BRITISH TAKE THREE TOWNS

ADVANCE OF THREE MILES.

PARIS, March 27.—The French made a substantial advance today south of the Somme, moving forward in places as far as three miles from their positions yesterday, with the result that the big bulge in the line formed by the lower Coucy forest has disappeared and the front runs continuously straight from the Somme to the Aisne.

Coucy-le-Chateau, which is perched on a height, could not be attacked from the front, and the French, following Napoleon's maxim of going around an obstacle that cannot be surmounted, cleared the Germans out of the lower forest. The operation was carried out with skill and dispatch, and Coucy, turned on the right, fell into their hands like ripe fruit.

The Germans captured, and it is evident lies farther in the rear. Behind the lower forest and plateau is a valley passing from Anizy-le-Chateau, through Quincy-Basse, and Autry to Frenes.

THE ENEMY'S MAIN POSITION.
On the upper side of the natural moor, rising abruptly to a height of 600 feet, lies the upper Coucy forest, from which artillery can sweep the plateau on which the old tower of Coucy stood. It is there that the enemy's main position will be found. It is a most formidable position and admirably adapted to defend itself. It is to be foreseen that the French, who are acting with the greatest prudence the situation demands, will mark time here, as on the more portly sections, and give the columns operating between the Ailette and the Aisne time to work up toward Anizy and threaten the position from the left flank.

NOW IT'S THE DIABETES BOTHERING KAISER; WORRY IS RETARDING THE CURE

New York, March 28.—A news agency dispatch from Bern today says: Kaiser William is suffering from a mild form of diabetes and is undergoing treatment at Homburg, according to wireless dispatches received here today. His physicians were said to have given assurances that with a careful regime of treatment they can effect a cure, but worry is said to be retarding the emperor's recovery.

Line is Straightened.
Notwithstanding a continuance of Continued on Page Nine.