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General Allenby Reports Success Only Four Miles From Town.

BATTLING IN STORM

Turks Give Way Before Advance, Despite Strong Resistance.

London, Feb. 21.—A further advance of three and one-half miles on a front of seven and three-quarter miles east of Jerusalem has been made by the British forces in Palestine, the war office announces. The British are now within four miles of Jericho. The operations are being continued.

The British also advanced north-west of Jerusalem to a maximum depth of one mile on a front of four miles. These advances were made thru a difficult country, despite heavy rainstorms.

The war office reports: "Yesterday our advance east of Jerusalem was resumed, despite heavy rainstorms.

"Moving thru a difficult country, in which the enemy offered obstinate resistance, our troops made progress to the extent of 3 1/2 miles on a frontage of about 7 1/2 miles, appearing within four miles of Jericho.

"At the same time our line was advanced to the northwest of Jerusalem in the sector west of the Jerusalem-Nabus road, to a maximum depth of one mile on a front of four miles.

"Co-ordinating with this advance, our air services made effective bombing attacks against enemy camps and depots on the left bank of the Jordan about Shunet Nimrin, 10 1/2 miles east-northeast of Jericho.

"Our losses in the operations of Thursday were very slight. Those of Wednesday have not yet been reported. "The operations are continuing."

DISTILLERS WANT TIME TO SELL THEIR STOCKS

Z. A. Lash Urges Importance of Request on the Dominion Government.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Z. A. Lash, K.C., Toronto, was here today to urge upon the government the importance of giving the distillers time to dispose of their stocks before bringing war time prohibition into operation.

"Next week the Quebec brewers are coming to Ottawa to interview the government. It is understood that they will urge that the brewers of that province should be exempt from the prohibition against the continuance of the manufacture of light beers.

DEPRECATES TALK ABOUT WAR AIMS

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"President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George have made it perfectly clear," he continued, "that we have no desire to dismember Germany, dictate her constitution or exclude her from a fair share of the world's intercourse. There can be but one answer to Germany's challenge and that answer may involve greater sacrifices and endurance than heretofore."

Lord Milner then referred to the Versailles war-council, which brought nearer to reality the co-ordination of the efforts of the allies and to concrete realization the great conception of a single allied front. He had no fear of a revolution in England, and he said, national unity and the co-operation of all the free nations of the world would assuredly bring an enduring peace."

TREMENDOUS ROW KICKED UP IN PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRIA

Poles, Czechs, Slavs, Ostentatiously Quit Reichsrath During Speech of Premier Seydler—Socialists Seek Direct Peace Negotiations With United States.

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—The Austrian Socialists have convoked mass meetings to support their demand that direct peace negotiations shall be opened with the United States.

The Austrian Emperor has warned the leaders of the different parliamentary parties that he will prorogue the reichsrath and govern the country by absolute methods if a majority is not secured for the provisional budget.

Wild scenes in the reichsrath on Tuesday on the occasion of Premier Seydler's speech are described in a Vienna despatch to The Berlin Vossische Zeitung. The Czechs and Slavs at one point ostentatiously quitted the house and during the greater part of the premier's speech maintained a continuous din. There were cries of "Lies! Treachery! Tell them that in Berlin!" and similar expressions.

The premier was audible only to those nearest to him. Czech protests are loud against the advance of the German troops in Russia.

The Poles are extremely dissatisfied with the Austrian Government and demand that the Ukrainian frontier shall be fixed at the River Bug and that Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, shall be dismissed.

OPEN GRATE CAUSES SMALL BOY'S DEATH

Son of Ex-Ald. George Weston Dies From Burns, While Mother and Father Also Badly Burned.

Eleven-year-old Grant Clifford Weston, son of ex-Ald. George Weston, 469 Palmerston boulevard, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon as a result of burns received in the morning while dressing for school before an open fire, and his mother is lying seriously burned and the father also nursing badly burned hands and arms from the same accident.

The little fellow was dressing shortly after 8 o'clock when his nightdress was drawn too close to the open grate and caught fire. His cries brought his mother, who was also scantly clad, and she was both badly burned. Mr. Weston fortunately was in the house and hurried to their assistance, managing after great difficulty in smothering the flames.

A number of doctors were in attendance all day, but no hope was held for the little boy, who was released from his suffering in the late afternoon.

Mrs. Weston is badly burned and will be confined to her bed for a long time, while Mr. Weston's hands and arms are also badly burned, though he is able to be about the house.

The family is identified with the Bathurst Methodist Church and the little boy attended King Edward School.

The funeral of the child will be held Saturday.

ENEMY SENDS BIG GUNS TO AMERICAN FRONT

Artillery Duel Continues Night and Day With U.S. Cannon Making Many Hits.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 21.—The artillery duel continues night and day. The enemy is firing an ever greater number of shells but only insignificant damage has been done to the American lines. American shells, on the other hand, appear to be hitting important enemy positions with regularity, except when a ground haze obscures observation.

Activity in the air has not diminished and numbers of German machines continue to cross the American lines. Today a German machine flew so low that it emptied its machine gun into a group of American soldiers gathered around a camp kitchen. The enemy airmen in the airplane were clearly seen. No casualties were reported today.

A large number of German guns are now opposite the American front. Among them are some 88's, probably from the Russian front.

British Headquarters in France, Feb. 21.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.)—Great patrol, raiding and aerial activity constitute the only news during the present period of waiting for the Germans to begin their attack. The weather was wonderfully fine, and along the greater part of the front the condition of the ground was good enough to render offensive operations on a large scale feasible.

The correspondent heard a dozen reports yesterday that the Germans' effort had been both in the north and south and also that the Franco-American line had taken the offensive. These and the rumors will probably be repeated daily.

From Passchendaele to our southern flank we are everywhere being met with whatever is coming.

New York Manufacturers Face Charge of Cheating Government

New York, Feb. 21.—Abraham Purach and Leon Levine, two of those indicted here today for frauds against the government, are known in trade circles here as the largest army cloth contractors in the city. Since the United States entered the war it is said they have made over 1,000,000 garments for the government. They are charged with having appropriated to their own use remnants of army cloth from three to six yards long and worth from \$3 to \$4.50 per yard, instead of utilizing these goods in the making of uniforms and overcoats for American soldiers.

FACES FOOD FAMINE THE MOST CRITICAL IN HISTORY OF U. S.

Food Controller Says Shortage in Eastern Section Will Last Two Months.

BLAMES THE RAILWAYS

Cereal Exports to Allies Will Be 45,000,000 Bushels Short.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The eastern part of the United States faces a food shortage likely to continue for the next sixty days.

In making this disclosure tonight Food Administrator Hoover declared that the situation is the most critical in the country's history and that in many of the large consuming areas reserve food stores are at the point of exhaustion.

The whole blame is put by the food administrator on railroad congestion, which, he says, also has thrown the food administration far behind in its program for feeding the allies.

The only solution he sees is a greatly increased rail movement of foodstuffs, even to the exclusion of much other commerce.

It was very evident tonight that the railroad administration is inclined to resent Mr. Hoover's blame of the railroads, and Director-General McAdoo declared he was ready to provide every transportation facility for expediting food movement.

The railroad administration, he said, had suggested that farmers be urged to release their grain holdings to the large numbers of available cars might be utilized in moving them.

Cereal exports to the allies, Mr. Hoover's statement says, will be 45,000,000 bushels short by the end of February, and "unless" shipments also are far short of the amounts promised, inability to move the crops, Mr. Hoover says forth, has suspended the law of supply and demand, and had created a price margin between producer and consumer wider than it was ever before.

A large part of the corn crop is about to spoil because it is not moving to terminals for such an extent, percentage of soft corn in last year's crop, all of which must be dried if it is to be saved. It is the largest ever known. Estimated place the amount as high as a billion bushels.

The cost of grains for feeding livestock has risen to such an extent by reason of transportation difficulties, Mr. Hoover says, that feeders are confronted with the prospect of serious losses. Dairymen, interested, too, he declares, are hard hit.

Potatoes, the food administrator declares, are spoiling in the producers' hands while consumers have been supplied only from summer garden crops and stores carried over.

RUSSIA HAS NULLIFIED ALLIED PLANS OF AID

Latest Developments Make Measure of Assistance Devised Impossible.

London, Feb. 21.—The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent, telegraphing Wednesday morning, says that the latest developments there have made impossible measures of assistance which the allies were preparing to give Russia in her fight against the enemy.

The text of the day statement reads: "Army group of Gen. von Eichhorn's regiments from Moon Island having crossed the sound, marched into Esthonia and occupied Leal. In the march along the Gulf of Riga, thru Pernaul and Lenzah, there was fighting for a short time in which 500 prisoners and 20 guns were taken. Our troops followed the movement continuously along the whole front. Important railway and road junctions have been occupied. Rovno has been cleared of the enemy.

"It is impossible yet to give an approximate estimate of the booty. Up to now the following has been announced: "Prisoners: The general in command of an army, several divisional commanders, 425 officers and 3700 men. Booty: 1553 guns, 120 machine guns, 4000 to 5000 motor cars, trains with about 10000 carriages, many of which were laden with food, airplanes, and an incalculable amount of other war material."

MILDER WEATHER TODAY.

Observer Says That Cold Wave Has Passed Away.

Melting winds and cheering skies may again be looked for. Weather Observer Stuart stated last night that the weather would become a little warmer again, the very high pressure area having broken up. By this evening pedestrians may find it damp underneath and mild overhead.

DINEEN'S HATS FOR MEN.

Just received. New shipments of men's made-in-Canada hats.

From the famous makers, Heath, Higgs and Tress, excellent hats. Also Stetson and other particular American makes. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

Seeing that it was the agitation over the nickel industry, set afoot by Toronto World, which caused the provincial government to make the nickel companies pay a fair tax, and which has already brought in \$1,200,000 in cash, Premier Healey should give Billy Maclean a vote of thanks and he and his ministers subscribe to the great disturber's paper, —Kitchener News-Record.

HYDRO MUNICIPALITIES CALL MASS MEETING FOR TORONTO

Dissatisfaction Over Premier's Answer to Ottawa Deputation Causes Decision to Discuss Railway Situation and to Prepare for Campaign.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—"In view of the unsatisfactory reply of the prime minister to the deputation presenting the resolutions passed at the meeting held recently in Toronto, that a general meeting of both associations comprising all municipalities and public service organizations in Ontario be held in the City of Toronto to discuss the railway situation, and the clauses of the revised Railway Act, and to prepare for a campaign to secure our rights."

The foregoing resolution, expressing dissatisfaction with the result of the interview with the government today, was passed at a meeting held tonight at the Chateau Laurier by the representatives of the Hydro-Electric Association and the municipalities who today asked for the nationalization of the Grand Trunk Railway along the lines laid down in the Drayton-Acworth report, electrification of the branch lines and the revision of the Railway Act so as to give municipalities full control of their streets.

Sir Adam Beck, Mayor of Toronto, and the other delegates were present at the meeting and it was stated that the resolution was passed unanimously. It was also stated that a mass meeting would be called at Toronto within a fortnight, at which all the municipalities that have passed hydro bylaws, will be represented, as well as other municipalities. At the meeting arrangements would be made for a vigorous propaganda.

It was also intimated that a mammoth delegation will wait upon the government during the approaching session of parliament to again press the views of the Ontario municipalities upon the government.

MERCHANTS SUMMONED BECAUSE LIGHTS BURNED

Two Yonge Street Storekeepers Will Have to Explain to Court This Morning.

The first action on the part of the police in enforcing the conservation of electricity according to the recent lighting restrictions took place yesterday, when two Yonge street merchants were summoned to appear in court on a charge of using electricity in their stores during prohibited hours.

It is alleged that the lights in the premises of the De Luxe Hat Company, 269 Yonge street, were burning all Sunday night and Monday morning. The Buchanan Fur Company, 264 Yonge street, is said to have had lights burning all Monday night and Tuesday morning. Representatives of both firms will appear in the police court this morning to give an explanation.

According to the order-in-council recently passed in connection with the conservation of light, the penalty for this offence is a fine not exceeding \$100, or a term of five years in prison, or both, if the offence should warrant it.

BRITISH TAKE OVER ANOTHER STRETCH OF FRENCH FRONT

Transfer Successfully Made of Section Below St. Quentin.

NO HITCH OCCURS

Forces Perform Exceedingly Delicate Operation Without Single Blunder.

With the British Army in France, Feb. 21.—Another striking illustration of the co-ordination between the allied armies on the western front has been given in the successful transfer of a considerable stretch of the front below St. Quentin from French to British hands. From the inception of this delicate operation no hitch occurred. Thousands of French troops and scores of great batteries moved quietly and methodically out of the line day after day to make room for similar British units. It was done as easily as the whole vast program had been rehearsed.

Great credit is due the French for the excellent conditions in which they left the defences in this important region. Untold confusion, perhaps disaster, might have resulted had the defensive system been inferior, but it is such as to draw the highest praise from the British command.

When the correspondent visited this sector a few days ago he found the defences firmly established in their new home. The section is one of the most interesting on the British line. It is a country of wooded hills, pleasant valleys and quaint ancient towns, many of which are now in ruins, but still retaining some of the picturesque features which made them favorite stopping places for tourists in days before the war.

St. Quentin in Ruins. St. Quentin, which formerly was dominated by both French and British artillery, is a fascinating spectacle, partly because of its magnificent ruins and partly because of the great force of German troops which find quarters there. Long-continued gunfire has reduced the principal buildings to a state of ruin, but the grandeur of the place has not departed. The structures of the city are only shells of their former selves. The white walls of the wonderful cathedral still rear themselves high above the town and are visible for many miles. The towers are badly shattered and the roofs have long since been blown away. The town hall, the palace of justice and other buildings are in a similar condition.

Occasionally one sees a dark figure framed in some window of one of the many towers in St. Quentin. Other-wise there is no sign of life, altho it is known that thousands of men are hidden among the ruins. St. Quentin is a German army observation point, but none better than are possessed by the British.

TWELVE WERE FINED.

Special to The Toronto World, Trenton, Feb. 21.—Thirteen residents of this town were summoned to appear before Police Magistrate O'Rourke to answer charges of infraction of the Ontario Temperance Act. Twelve were convicted and fined \$200 and costs each.

THREE MILLIONS FACE STARVATION.

New York, Feb. 21.—Information that three million persons in Turkey, Armenia, Persia and Syria now face death by starvation has been received here by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

GERMAN NAVY MOVES UP TO ATTACK REVAL

Forty-Five Enemy Warships Approach Russian Naval Base.

TROTSKY WILL RESIGN

News of Landing of Hostile Troops Forces Bolshevik Crisis.

London, Feb. 21.—Forty-five German warships were approaching Reval on Wednesday, according to a message received by The Express from its Petrograd correspondent. Troops have been landed at Reval, and The Daily News Bolshevik correspondent telegraphs that Trotsky will probably resign.

When the Russian delegates to the Brest-Litovsk peace conference refused to agree to the conditions laid down by the German delegates Gen. Hoffman, head of the German delegation, is reported to have said: "Within a week after the ending of the armistice we will occupy Reval."

The above despatch would indicate that the investment of Reval has actually begun.

On Feb. 18 the German army resumed operations on the Russian front.

OLIVER DEFEATED BY SOLDIER VOTE

Government Increases Majority to Fifty, With More to Come.

QUEBEC UNCHANGED

Sevigny and Blondin Do Not Get Enough Ballots.

By Staff Reporter, Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Hon. Frank Oliver, who had a majority of 82 on the civilian vote in West Edmonton, is defeated, and Brigadier-General Griebach, the Unionist candidate, elected by the home soldier vote. Oliver got 15 soldier votes and Griebach 187, so that the latter now leads by 172 in the election of Hon. E. N. Rhodes in Cumberland. The government majority has therefore risen from 46 to 50. The present standing is: Government, 142; Laurierite, 92. Nelson election deferred.

Other changes expected to be made by the soldier vote are Pictou, Hants, South Cape Breton and South Essex, where Laurierites were elected by the civilian vote, but with small majorities. The home soldier vote will all be counted by Saturday, and overseas vote is expected to be completed this week also.

No Change in P.E.I. The Prince Edward Island votes were counted today. They totaled 384, and made no change in the civilian result. The opposition made a clean sweep in the island. In King's J. J. Hughes got 14 and Melissac, the government candidate, 56. In Prince Edward, Reed got 29 and Letourgy, the government candidate, 56. The two Laurier candidates in Queens, Warburton and Sinclair, received 67 and 66, and Martin and Nicholson 159.

There is no change in Quebec, and it is not probable that the overseas vote will affect the result. However, J. H. Rainville, in Chambly-Vercheres, saves his deposit. The deputy-speaker required 40 to do this, and he got them. Hon. C. J. Doherty increased his majority in St. Anne's by 240, and Sir Herbert Ames by 191 in St. Antoine. Hon. Albert Sevigny and Hon. P. E. Blondin got a good soldier's vote, but not enough to save them. The former received 200 to his opponent's 191 in Westmount. St. Henri, and the latter 208 to his opponent's 43 in Laurier-Outremont.

Small Average. The average soldier vote in the rural constituencies of Quebec was 40, but in Burlington no vote was recorded, while in Yarmouche there were only three.

The western soldier vote is going very strong for the government candidates. Andrews, who had a civilian majority of 14,000 in Winnipeg Centre, has increased it by over a thousand. He gets 1088, while his Laurierite opponent secured only 48. In Moose Jaw, Hon. J. A. Calder gets 202, and Somerville 19.

FRENCH FIND PLOT TO ASSIST ENEMY

Arrests Discover Important Centre of German Espionage and Industrial Unrest.

TO AID GERMAN OFFENSIVE

Scheme Comprises Revolutionary Outbreak Timed for Attack of Central Powers.

Paris, Feb. 21.—An important centre of German espionage has been discovered. The Fagar reports, at St. Etienne, in the heart of the industrial district of France. The purpose was to influence workers by means of a carefully-organized system, with a view to causing strikes and riots.

The headquarters of the propaganda was a propaganda station kept by a German and his wife, who made a special effort to attract soldiers to the establishment. Other patrons, apparently, were involved in the movement. The German and his wife, a Spaniard, a Swiss, and a man who lodged at the saloon named Flaxer, were arrested.

Flaxer was a draughtsman at the great ordnance factory at St. Etienne. In his room were found documents showing that he was connected with the recent strike in that city. He also was interested in military questions. Other documents showed he must have received a large sum of money for an undertaking at St. Etienne, which exposed him to considerable risk. Quantities of papers in cipher were also found in his possession.

These discoveries at St. Etienne, The Fagar says, established the fact that under German direction there is at work a "defeatist" organization, whose avowed object is to promote, while a German offensive is in full swing, insurrectional troubles at different points in France.

BRITISH AIRCRAFT EXCEL IN SERVICE

Aviators Assist in Silencing Hundred and Twenty-Seven German Batteries in Day.

ELEVEN RAIDS ON GERMANY

Heavy Destruction of Enemy Flying Machines Proceeds Thru Aerial Offence.

London, Feb. 21.—The great assistance which the air services, naval and military, now being combined under the air council, have rendered to the armies in the field was described in the house of commons today by Major J. L. Baird, parliamentary secretary to the air board, when he introduced the estimates for that department in September last 139 enemy machines were definitely ascertained to have been destroyed by British airmen, 13 were destroyed closely with the recent operations. On the same day 24 hostile guns and 122 were driven down out of control. Thru the direction of airmen in one day 127 hostile batteries, said Major Baird, were successfully "engaged to destruction," meaning that the airmen reported that the batteries were silenced, 28 gun pits were destroyed, 89 more were damaged, and 60 explosions of munition dumps were reported. On the same day 24 hostile batteries were "engaged to destruction" as a result of balloon observations.

In September 15,337 photographs were taken and 7888 bombs were dropped on various military points on the German lines. There had been eleven raids into Germany in the past two months, while the Germans succeeded in carrying out only eight into Great Britain, despite the fact that London was more easily reached than anything Germany could offer.



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