

GERMANS IN GREAT FORCE IN ATTACK ON BRITISH

Friday's Fighting Very Heavy; Our Men Lose Guns But Re-capture Most; Enemy's Man Loss Very Heavy; Engineers Have Thrilling Experience

With the British Army in France, Dec. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—The British yesterday and last night continued their counter offensive operations in the Gonnelle sector, which was overrun by the Germans on Friday in an attempt to wrench off the salient which the British last week drove in Bourlon Wood. The mopping up of Gonnelle, which was recaptured by Haig's troops on Saturday, was completed during the night. About 300 prisoners were taken in this place. Fifty prisoners were also brought out of Les Ruesvies after a British counter-attack, and, all told, the Germans lost many hundreds of prisoners in yesterday's operations.

After recapturing Gonnelle Wood, the British continued their pressure in this region and pushed up still farther on the higher ground to the southeast of the wood. The British captured fifteen enemy machine guns in the assault in Gonnelle Wood. The Germans this morning began a heavy shelling of the British entanglements at the position known as the Knoll, just south of Vendhuile, indicating the possibility of an impending attack in that sector.

It is now possible to state that the Germans on Friday employed a great force—at least six or seven divisions—for their attack from Moeuvres to Bourlon Wood, and four or five divisions in the southern offensive in the region of Gonnelle. The Germans fought in masses all that day in both sectors and their losses were exceedingly heavy. The German claim of 4,000 prisoners may be correct. There is no controversy of this report at the moment. The British fared very well in the matter of gas, however. In the first rush about Gonnelle the Germans captured a considerable number of British gas masks and not a few of the German guns which the British took in their drive last week. But the enemy was unable to move this artillery back before a

British counter attack swept the Germans eastward again, and the British recovered all of the German artillery and the major portion of their own.

The Germans overran British divisional headquarters at Gonnelle and captured some papers and maps, but the staff had been able to get many important documents out before the Germans arrived.

The correspondent can recall no previous time when army engineers have undergone such varied and thrilling experiences as yesterday. The latest reports say that several Americans who were actually captured by the Germans escaped after a few hours and made their way back to the British lines.

Engineers in a Fix. In the first rush of the Germans into Gonnelle many engineers were caught between the opposing lines as the British surged forward to meet the shock. It was a tense situation for them. There was no escape from the rapidly narrowing zone between the two armies.

The Germans already were firing their rifles steadily, and the engineers knew that the British would also open up with a heavy fire. But even in the stress of the moment the British officers sized up the situation and before starting to shoot, signalled to their allies to lie flat on the ground.

The engineers dropped where they stood, and in another instant a steady stream of rifle and machine gun bullets was whizzing over the mud. The British pushed forward far enough to enable the engineers to join their ranks, and thus saved them.

But these engineers and others repaid the score, for they took their place in the fighting like battle like tigers. The fame of the exploit of the engineers spread rapidly through the army, and the correspondent has heard them talked about on every side, their magnificent service having been received

with the deepest appreciation everywhere. Americans Praised.

Paris, Dec. 2.—The Havas correspondent at the British front, describing the formidable German attacks before Cambrai on Friday, in which he asserts eleven, or possibly, twelve, divisions tried to encircle the British, only failing because of the vigor of the counter-attacks, says:—

"The courageous conduct of a number of American soldiers attracted much attention. They were pioneers and specialists engaged in construction and working on railroads. When the enemy appeared on Friday morning they exchanged their shovels for rifles and cartridges and fought alongside the Tommies. Several fell gloriously with arms in their hands facing the foe. No man who saw them at work but praises glowingly the coolness, discipline and courage of those improvised fighters."

MORE ABOUT TERMS OF ENTRANCE OF ITALY INTO THE WORLD W.R.

Secret Agreement With France, Great Britain and Russia

Intervention of Pope Referred to—Document Signed in London in April, 1915—What Italy Was to Have

Petrograd, Wednesday, Nov. 28.—The text of a secret agreement among France, Great Britain, Russia and Italy has been published here by the Bolshevik government. The agreement gives Italy sanction to annex certain territory in return for entering the Entente Alliance, and embraces the inadmissibility of the intervention of Pope Benedict with a view to stopping any war between Italy and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The document was signed in London, April 26, 1915, by Viscount Grey, former foreign secretary, Paul Cambon, French ambassador to Great Britain, and Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain. It contains a memorandum from the Italian ambassador at London to the foreign office and the Allied ambassadors.

Italy was to have the assistance of the French and British naval forces until the Austrian naval base was destroyed. After peace, Italy was to receive Trentino, the southern Tyrol of the Brenner Pass, Trieste, Istria and Dalmatia, with additional geographical boundaries outlined in great detail.

Italy was to govern the foreign relations of Albania in the event that that country became an autonomous government, but Italy was not to offer objections if it were decided to apportion parts of Albania to Montenegro, Serbia and Greece.

The agreement supported Italy's contention in the principle of the balance of naval power in the Mediterranean Sea, subject to future definition. Italy was to have rights in Libya enjoyed by the Sultan of Turkey on the basis of the Lausanne treaty. Italy agreed to the proposed independence of Mussulman sacred places in Arabia.

In the event of France and Great Britain increasing their holdings in Africa at the expense of Germany, Italy was to have the right to increase her holdings. Great Britain was to facilitate the cause of Italy in borrowing \$50,000,000 in the British market.

France, Great Britain and Russia were to support Italy in preventing the papal influence from ending the war, and in regulating questions concerning the war. Italy's co-operation was to begin one month after the ratification of the agreement.

A despatch from London, Nov. 30, quoting a belated Petrograd advice, said that Italy was also to have certain islands in the Grecian archipelago and territory in Asia Minor, as conditions to her entrance into the war.

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BUT IT IS TRUE

Your Fifty Cents Today May Turn to Three Hundred Dollars Tuesday

On the Imperial Theatre stage after the second performance Tuesday night, Dec. 4, the Grand Patriotic Drawing will be closed by a public drawing of the lucky tickets. Every fifty cent ticket has an equal chance of drawing one of the eight valuable prizes, ranging all the way from a three hundred and one hundred dollar Victory Bond to a barrel of apples. But that is not all, the war chest of Canada will be enriched by the four hundred dollars paid for the bonds and the rest of the proceeds—no small amount either—goes to the Red Cross and the navy. So, your fifty cents today will help win the war and has a good chance of turning into three hundred dollars on Tuesday. Tickets going fast. Buy yours today from de Forest & Co., both stores, Prince William or Charlotte streets; A. G. Brown, Dufferin Hotel Barber Shop; Gardner's Book Store, corner Duke and Sydney; F. W. Munro, 287 Main street; John Frothingham, Royal Hotel; George E. Bell, Druggist, 297 Charlotte street, or at headquarters in the Imperial Theatre Lobby.

RECENT DEATHS. The death of David Gelkie of Newcastle, mason and contractor, occurred on Nov. 28. He was 63 years old and leaves his wife, former Miss Lizette Cooper of Newcastle, and the following children: William, Albert, Charles, Vera, John, Harold and Edna, all at home. He was a native of Ferry Road, where four brothers, John, Archibald, James and William still live. The surviving sisters are Nellie (Mrs. Wm. McEwen), both of Newcastle.

Robbrough-Simmons. The marriage of Miss Ida May Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Simmons, and Joseph Martin Robbrough of The Baxton, son of Mrs. Joseph Robbrough, took place at the residence of the bride's parents on Nov. 28.

Elliott-Staples. At the parsonage at Burt's Corner on the evening of Nov. 28, Harry Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Esther E. Staples, daughter of John R. Staples of Burt's Corner.

NORWEGIAN AFTER WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Challenges Any Professional Skater in The World—May Meet Bobby McLean

New York, Dec. 1.—Julian T. Fitzgerald of the Western Skating Association, who is sponsor for Oscar Mathieson, Norwegian speed artist, has issued an open challenge in behalf of his protégé to any professional skater in the world for a series of races to be held at the rink offering the most attractive terms. He claims to have the promise of

Bobby McLean to engage Mathieson in such a contest.

The last championship race of note was contested at Cleveland in 1909 between Baple and Wood. There have been scores of challenges since, chiefly for publicity purposes to boost rink engagements. Mathieson raced with Johnny Nilsson last season and won, but wishes especially to meet McLean, who he concedes to be the American champion.

The following excerpt from Fitzgerald's statement contains the terms suggested for a match: "As manager of Mathieson, I now issue a challenge to any skater in the world to meet Mathieson at the following distances: Two hundred and twenty yards, one-fourth, one-half, one, two and three miles; the races are to be

skated pursuit style, starting on opposite sides of the track.

"I also wish to state that there will be no further newspaper publicity for McLean, Baple or any other skaters, but if they mean business let them accept this challenge and place a deposit of \$200 with any one of the Chicago newspapers to bind the match. Bobby says the skating public is entitled to a match race between himself and Mathieson, and I am going to do my best to secure a match.

"Mathieson retired as the undisputed European champion, while McLean had the same honors as the American champion. Now, if Bobby or any other skaters wishes to try out any of Mathieson's speed let him come forward and answer the challenge by posting his forfeit or forever more remain silent."

In the different Roman Catholic churches on Sunday morning it was announced that during the Advent season which is now on the usual rule of fast and abstinence from meat will not be enforced, except on Ember days, and on Christmas Eve. This is in conformity with a change in the Canon law recently published by Pope Benedict.

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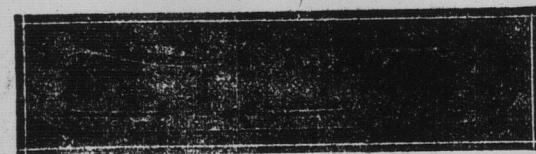
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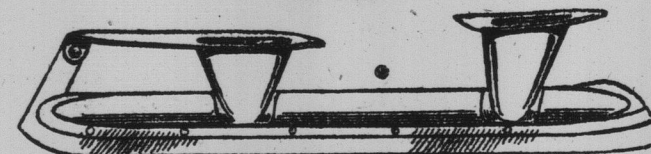


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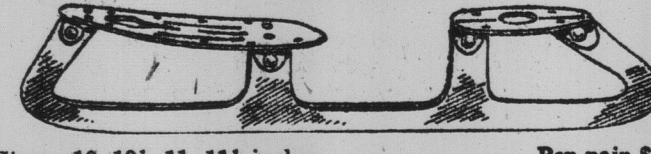
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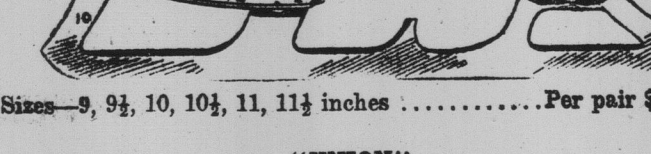
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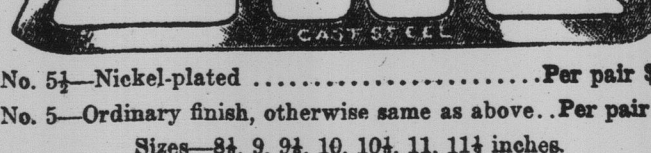
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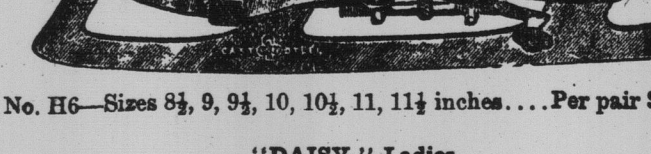
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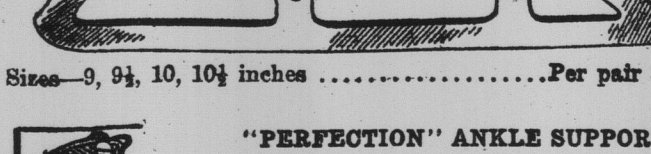
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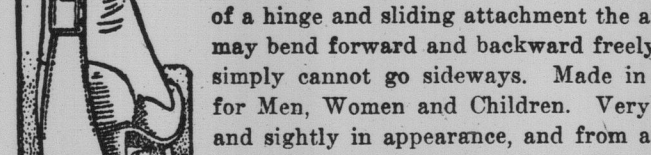
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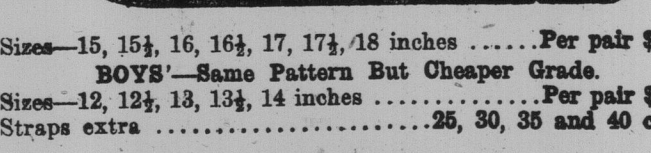
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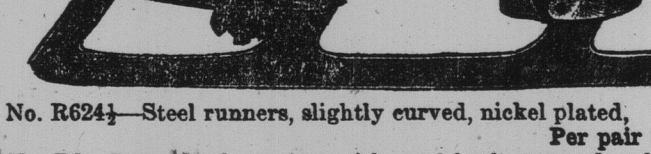
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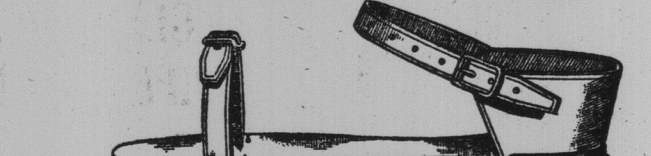
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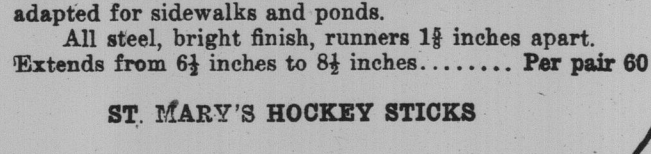
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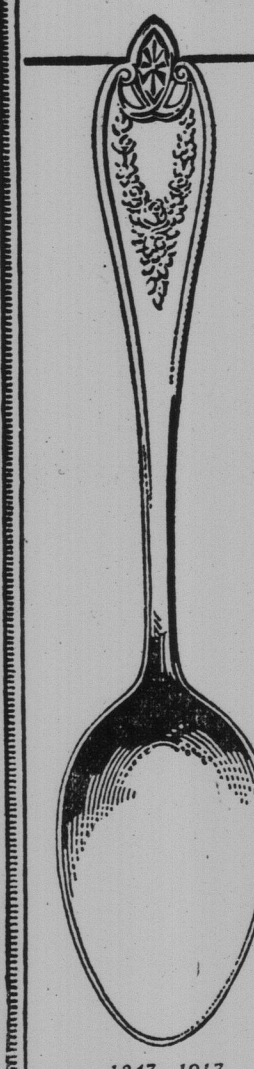
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