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British and French Smash the German Trenches Along Twenty Mile Front; Greatest Success Since the Marne Battle

Allied Troops Penetrated the Enemy's Lines Two and a Half Miles, Breaking Through His Network of Entrenchments, Storming Important Positions and Capturing Over Twenty Thousand Prisoners and Twenty-six Field Guns in Two Days

HUNS ARE FLUNG BACK ALL ALONG THE BATTLE FRONT

PARIS, Sept. 26 (11.05 p.m.)—On the Western front the British and French have captured in two days more than twenty thousand un wounded prisoners, according to the French official communication issued tonight.

New progress by the French troops to the north of Arras is also reported, Souchez being stormed and captured. In Champagne the Allied forces still continue to gain ground. The text of statement follows:

"Our attack to the north of Arras has realized fresh progress. We have occupied by sheer force all the village of Souchez and have advanced towards the East in the direction of Givenchy. More to the south we reached Lafolie and pushed to the north of Thelus as far as the destroyed telegraph. We made in the course of this action about a thousand prisoners.

"In the Champagne our troops continue to gain ground. After having crossed nearly the whole front extending between Auberville and Villers Tourbe, the powerful network of trenches, passages, small forts and shelters perfected by the enemy during long months, our troops advanced towards the north compelling the Germans to fall back on their trenches of the second position from three to four kilometres to the rear. The struggle continues on the whole front. We have reached Le Pine de Vedegrange and passed the cabin on the road from Souain to Somme-Py and the hut on the road from Souain to Tapure.

"More to the west we are holding the farm of Maisons de Champagne. The enemy has suffered, by our fire and in hand-to-hand struggles, very important losses. He left in the works which he abandoned considerable material which has not yet been inventoried. Already the capture of 26 field guns is recorded. The number of prisoners is increasing steadily and is actually more than sixteen thousand, not wounded, of whom at least two hundred are officers.

"The total number of prisoners captured on the whole front by the Allied troops in two days is more than twenty thousand men."

\$3,250,000 FOR RANDOLPH McLEAN'S WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

British War Department Under Big Bond To Buy—Invention May Shorten War—Young Inventor Native of Woodstock

The following from a Seattle paper will be of deep interest to Woodstock people on account of the young inventor being a native of the town and where his parents reside.

Randolph McLean is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McLean and left here for the west about three years ago. He was always regarded as of a mechanical turn and has done some very ingenious electrical work.

The paper says: Randolph James McLean, a Seattle electrical engineer, and his business partner, Dorsey W. Lapp, have secured a contract under the terms of which the British war department has agreed to purchase outright a wireless telegraph invented by McLean, for \$3,250,000.

A final demonstration of the apparatus will be made this month before a board of British army engineers at Montreal. As evidence of the good faith of the purchasing government, it has placed itself under \$500,000 bond to close the deal at once if the inventor is able to prove his claims. The bond now reposes in a Seattle bank.

Altho McLean and Dorsey have kept their transactions with Great Britain closely guarded, they received a threatening letter last month, informing them that unless they ceased their negotiations, McLean's invention would never be tested.

The letter, signed by "A Friend and Yet an Enemy," threatened them both with death.

They are under agreement not to disclose the nature of the invention until it is either finally accepted or rejected. It is said, however, that the apparatus is not only an improvement on the present Marconi system, but entirely different in many respects.

They assert they believe it will

greatly add to the advantage of the allies over the German armies, and possibly may be the means of shortening the war many months. They were not so bold as to predict that it would end the war at once.

McLean tried his apparatus in Canada five years ago at the home of his parents in Woodstock, N.B., and found it capable of doing everything he had hoped.

A somewhat indifferent financier, he made no effort to dispose of the invention until he met Lapp here a few months ago. Lapp furnished money for a model and succeeded in interesting the British war office.

The contract was signed July 18, by British representatives here, and arrangements were made whereby the model was sent to the war office at London.

Apparently war authorities there were well satisfied, as they at once opened negotiations for a demonstration by the inventor. McLean and Lapp expect to leave here Thursday for New York, from which city they will go to Montreal.

McLean and Lapp reside at 1120 Fifth ave. McLean is 29 years old, and is employed by the Seattle Construction & Drydock Co. Lapp is 22.

MARRIED

A very pretty wedding took place in St. Joseph's Catholic church, Newburg, on Wednesday morning, Sept. 22nd, at 10.30 o'clock of Miss Mary E. Owens to Mr. Maurice McGillicuddy of Debec. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. Bradley. The bride was dressed in a dark blue military suit, and velvet hat to match. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Carrie E. Maguire, and the groom's cousin, Mr. William McGillicuddy was best man.

A DEMAND FOR A SHOW-DOWN

Present Game Retards Town's Growth—Some Information Concerning Reduction of Fisher Estate Taxes—Politics and Personalities of Men Involved

Editor of Sentinel:—

Dear Sir:—
With the concentration of public attention on finances, through the increase of thirty cents in the tax rate, there is a demand on the part of property-holders and business men generally for a "show-down" with reference to the cause of this increase.

People of intelligence are beginning to have their eyes opened to some of the methods by which their credit has been played upon by the regime now at the head of town business.

There is today evidence of a strong undercurrent of common sense—a disposition to call a halt in a game that is landing us nowhere and never will.

The following figures may be of interest at this time and indicate the "policy" of men who are handling civic affairs, and will also show what is behind the necessity of a higher tax rate:

In Oct. 1905, the L. P. Fisher estate was probated at \$474,000—Real estate \$56,000 and personal property \$418,000.

In 1913, with a tax rate of \$1.70, the estate paid on Real estate \$11,000, Personal estate \$257,100, the taxes amounting to \$4,573.00.

In 1913—with tax rate \$1.70—the estate was assessed on real estate \$19,650, personal \$257,100, with taxes amounting to \$4,704.75. The trustees of the estate refused to pay and the assessors of that year declined to accept their statement in which a reduction was asked. In April 1915, under the new regime, \$3,230.00 was accepted and the town was out \$1500..

In 1915, with the new board of assessors at the wheel the Fisher estate fared well. The real estate was \$18,000. Personal estate \$153,000, the taxes amounting to \$3,428.00.

Note the reduction in the year 1915. The rate of \$200 was evidently not intended to apply in this case.

A continuation of this method means a combined failure to arrive at any sane and systematic method of doing the town's business. It is fast coming to the time when the politics and personalities of men must not be considered in the assessment of taxes. It has been done and is doing more to retard and hurt Woodstock than any other single factor in town affairs. It is the common belief that plans were laid far in advance to reduce the taxes on the Fisher estate, and it is simply a question of how long you, as a citizen, are going to encourage such methods; or to put it in another way, how soon are you going to make up your mind that questions of public policy have nothing to do with the personal feelings of any man or group of men who are representing the town. Before leaving this question I would like to ask by what process of figuring the Fisher estate was reduced \$100,000 and John Driscoll's little plot of land had its valuation doubled? This is only one instance of the late manipulation of values. In another communication I will cite more cases of glaring inconsistency.

Taking the present situation into consideration it is desirable that every man having a stake in the community should put himself on record, in his daily intercourse with other men, on this question of a systematic regulation of public business that should be put in the hands of trustworthy citizens who are interested in the town's welfare only.

INVESTIGATE.

PERSONAL MENTION

Lance Corporal Harold P. McIntyre, of Richmond, Carleton Co., who recently received the decoration of the Order of St. George from the Czar of Russia. Corporal McIntyre is a member of the Canadian Engineers. He was badly wounded, but his record and is again at the front. This young soldier is a nephew of Mr. C. H. L. Perkins.

After the ceremony a dinner was held at the home of her uncle, Mr. John McGuire, to a few of her near relatives after which Mr. and Mrs. McGillicuddy left on the 6 o'clock train for Fredericton.

At the Reformed Baptist parsonage at Woodstock, N.B., on Sept. 23rd, Fred Olliver and Bertha Jamieson, both of Houlton, Maine, were united in marriage by Rev. H. S. Dow.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Mr. and Mrs. James Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hayden and daughter, motored to St. Stephen Saturday and remained over Sunday.

Mrs. Reynolds has returned from a visit with friends in Bangor, Me.

Mr. Porter and daughter, Miss Grace Porter of Andover, were in town on Monday.

Mr. George Milbury, of Upper Kent is in his ninety-seventh year and was one of the first subscribers of the Sentinel, over sixty eight years ago. The old gentleman who is now feeling the weight of years has seen many changes in his long and active life.

Mr. Harry Chandler who is connected with the engineering department of the C.P.R. at St. John has been transferred to Woodstock and expects to take up his duties about October 15th. Mrs. Chandler and Miss Helen Chandler were in town Saturday to secure a house preparatory to moving from St. John.