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## Violent Fighting Reported On Western Battlefront

### French Troops Capture the Village of Mortiers After a Desperate Struggle---German Counter Attacks East of Meuse Repulsed by Americans

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Oct. 26.—On the Serre front, southwest of Marle, the French have captured the village of Mortiers after violent fighting, the War Office announces. Between the Oise and the Serre the French maintain contact with the enemy.

The statement follows: "During the night there was heavy artillery fighting between the Oise and the Serre. Contact was maintained with the enemy all along the front yesterday. On the south bank of the Serre river the French attacked the village of Mortiers, which fell into their hands after a violent fight in which they took 147 prisoners. Between Sissons and Chateau Porcien the French are breaking up the enemy. They have carried three lines forward on a front of 4½ miles to a depth of two miles through the positions prepared by the Germans in 1917."

#### THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO USE RAW TROOPS BROUGHT FROM THE EASTERN FRONT

With the British Army in France and Flanders, Oct. 26.—With the heavy losses which the Germans have sustained since the Allied offensive began, the enemy has been forced to use raw troops brought from the eastern front. The Germans now have 195 divisions on the western front, of which 183 are German infantry divisions, excluding thirty-one divisions withdrawn after they had suffered severe casualties during the past two weeks, and Austro-Hungarian divisions.

There are only twelve enemy divisions available in reserve on this front, and none of these are fresh. The desperate situation which the enemy is now facing appears to be fully appreciated by many of the German people, according to letters captured along the front.

#### General Pershing's Report.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Heavy fighting on the Verdun front is described in General Pershing's communication for Friday. Strong German counter attacks east of the Meuse were repulsed everywhere except in the Belleau wood, where four successive assaults forced a partial withdrawal by the Americans. West of the Meuse the American lines were further advanced in the face of determined resistance.

#### The Advance in Belgium.

London, Oct. 26.—Operations in Belgium continue to develop favorably, according to an official statement issued at the war office tonight, which says the French have carried Zulte, in spite of desperate resistance, while the British have occupied the villages of Ingoyheim and Oeteghem and are advancing toward the Scheldt river.

## DR. SOLF SAYS HUNS WILL LOYALLY FULFIL PRESIDENT'S PROGRAMME

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 26.—As for Alsace-Lorraine, it is at once clear that as these territories were expressly mentioned among President Wilson's fourteen points, we agree to the regulation of these questions, said Dr. W. S. Solf, German Foreign Secretary, in an address in the Reichstag on Thursday. In the address referred to, President Wilson said that "the wrong done to France by Prussia in 1871 in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine, which has unsettled the peace of the world for nearly fifty years, should be righted." Moreover, having accepted President Wilson's programme as the basis of the entire peace work, Dr. Solf continued, "we will loyally and in the sense of complete justice and fairness, fulfil the programme in all directions and at all points."

## CLOCKS WILL BE TURNED BACK 2 A. M. SUNDAY

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 26.—"Borden Time" comes to an end Sunday morning, October 27, at two o'clock when Canada abandons daylight saving for the winter and returns to the orthodox measurement of time.

The simple ceremony of turning the hands of the clock back an hour will probably be carried out by most people on retiring Saturday evening and they will thereby regain the hour of sleep they lost when daylight saving was instituted.

#### Lively Runaway

A lively runaway took place last evening. A citizen left his horse standing on Charlotte street while he entered one of the houses, in that district, when he returned the horse was seen going out Westmorland at quite a clip. It was stopped, however before any damage was done.

## TURKEY HAS OFFERED TO SURRENDER

London, Oct. 26.—The Turkish minister to Switzerland has handed the British and French ministers to that country an offer of peace virtually amounting to surrender, according to a Berlin despatch to the Daily Mail.

## WILL HELP IN GOOD CAUSE

Yonkers, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Resolutions recommending the immediate raising of a three hundred thousand dollar fund to aid in the work of reconstructing and establishing Protestant churches in France were adopted here today by delegates to a conference called by the federal committee.

## EPIDEMIC HOLDING OWN AT MARYSVILLE

Ex-Mayor Alex. Gibson Seriously Ill — Miss Bessie Gailey Ill in Jacksonville.

Marysville, Oct. 26.—The Spanish Influenza epidemic is about holding its own at the present time here. A total of twenty-two cases was reported by the physicians in attendance at existing throughout the town.

Mr. Joseph Godbout is confined to his home Allen Street by illness.

Mr. David Middleton left this morning for Bloomfield Kings County having been called there by the death of his father Mr. George Middleton who died very suddenly yesterday. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

Mrs. A. Sidenstricker who has been visiting Mr. George Gailey and family left this morning for Maquapit Lake where she will visit for a short time before returning to her home at Lima, Ohio.

Mr. John Daley left last evening for Halifax.

Ex-Mayor Alex. Gibson is quite seriously ill at his home on Main Street.

Mrs. George Fletcher who has been visiting relatives here has been called to Houlton by illness of relatives.

Mrs. W. J. Kelly is visiting relatives at Durham.

Mr. Fraser Spenders was in St. John yesterday on business in connection with the Prohibition Act.

Miss Gertrude Bubar has arrived home from Boston having been called by the serious illness of her sister Mrs. Stephen McMinnamin.

Anson Armstrong of the R. F. C. Toronto is spending a few days leave at his home here.

Word was received here by Mr. G. F. Gailey that his daughter Miss Bessie A. Gailey R. N. who is on the nursing staff of an American Military Hospital at Jacksonville has suffered an attack of Spanish Influenza but is now recovering.

## CAPT. BERNIER HAD CLOSE CALL

Quebec, Oct. 26.—Capt. Joseph Bernier, the famous explorer came near his death by poisoning, on a recent trip to the Labrador coast. He felt sick while on the Canadian govt. Steamer Roveille and partook of some raw trout, falling very sick shortly afterwards. He was taken ashore for medical treatment at Pointe aux Esquimaux, and Dr. Lapointe attended him, stating that the explorer suffered from Ptomaine poisoning.

## HORSES TAKE THE INFLUENZA

Quebec, Oct. 26.—News coming here from lumber camps in La Tuque and that vicinity show that horses have been known to fall sick with what is called there, the horse influenza. The animals cough, their nostrils run, then the animal dies from what seems to be congestion of the lungs.

## BOLSHEVIK DECREE ON MATRIMONY

Maidens to Become "Property of the State" at 18 and Must Register at a "Bureau of Free Love."

London, Oct. 25.—Russian maidens, under the jurisdiction of certain provincial Bolsheviks, become the "property of the state" when they reach the age of 18 years, and are compelled to register at a government "bureau of free love," according to the official gazette of the Vladimir Soviet, and workers and soldiers' deputies, which recently published that Soviet's decree on the subject.

Under the decree a woman having registered "has the right to choose from among men between 19 and 50 a co-habitant husband."

The consent of the man chosen is not necessary, the decree adds, the man chosen having no right to make any protest.

A similar privilege of choosing from among the registered women is given every man between 19 and 50 without the consent of the women. This provision is described as "in the interest of the state. Opportunities for choosing husbands and wives is to be presented once each month. Children born of such marriages are to become the property of the state."

## AUSTRIANS SOON TO QUIT THE STRUGGLE

Situation Such That Monarchy Will Soon Have to Throw Itself on the Mercy of the Allies.

Paris, Oct. 26.—In well informed circles it is said that the nomination of Count Julius Andrássy as successor to Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, is, above all, important from the viewpoint of a conclusion of peace and an application of the "safety first" principle in Austria. It is said that peace at any price is now popular at Vienna and Budapest.

The Zurich correspondent of the Journal says that the new foreign minister is understood to be a partisan of direct peace negotiations with the entente without recourse to the offices of President Wilson. He says that the situation in Austro-Hungary is such that the monarchy will soon capitulate and throw itself on the mercy of the Allies.

The Czechs are now master of the situation at Prague. The Slovaks have decided to change the name of Pressburg to Wilsonville. The Ruthenians of Galicia have declared for a separate Ukrainian state comprising regions of Austria-Hungary inhabited by Ruthenians. It is reported that Anarchy reigns in the ancient Danubian monarchy of Hungary. The correspondent says that in Austria no notice is being taken of decisions arrived at by Berlin.

Mr. R. G. Wilson of Halifax is in the city.

Mr. B. B. Black of Amherst is in the city today.

## FRENCH TROOPS CONTINUE TO MAKE DENTS IN HUN POSITIONS

The British Still Hammering Away at Pivotal Point Around Valenciennes—Thousands of Prisoners Lost by Huns During the Past Few Days.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The Associated Press today issued the following: French troops facing the southern bulwark of the German defences in France, continue to make important dents in the enemy positions along the Serre and eastward, while the British hammer at the pivotal point around Valenciennes. Southwest of Marle the French have captured Mortiers, on the Serre, while further east in the region southeast of Mont Cornet, Gen. Petain's men have smashed through the German lines on a front of four and a half miles. The German defences here were formidable, having been prepared in 1917 and continuously reinforced. In the last four days the Germans have lost nearly 15,000 prisoners and 200 guns, according to unofficial estimates in Paris. The enemy losses in effectives are declared to have been not less than 50,000.

#### THE BRITISH PUSH IN FORWARD.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The British continue to press forward between Valenciennes and Tournai, Field Marshal Haig announced. They have captured the villages of Odomo and Maulde on the front north of Valenciennes. South of that place the British have gained new successes on the border of the Mural forest, capturing Mount Carmel hill and Engelfontaine. Patrols have progress north of the railway between Valenciennes and Le Quesnay.

## THE ALLIES CONTINUE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL HEADWAY AGAINST HUNS

### Battle Flames Up Again and Heavy Fighting is in Progress From Valenciennes to the Meuse --- Three Great Battles Now in Progress

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Oct. 26.—The battle has flamed up again and heavy fighting is now under way from Valenciennes to the Meuse.

The Germans are fighting well everywhere, but the Allies continue to make substantial headway in the task of driving back the enemy on the Meuse line. Although the recent fighting has been marked by no sensational developments, it is having a cumulative effect which, apart from the ground gained, it is considerably to the waste of men and material with which the Germans must reckon. In the last four days the enemy has lost well up towards 15,000 prisoners and two hundred guns. His total losses of effectives cannot have been less than fifty thousand.

#### THE BRITISH THIRD AND FOURTH ARMIES HAVE MADE GAIN OF 8 MILES IN DIRECTION OF MONS

Strictly speaking, there are three large battles in progress, all of which are being conducted with equal success for the Allies. The first is being carried on by the British third and fourth armies, which, pushing on towards Mons, have reached the Valenciennes-Hirson double track railroad. This has resulted in a gain of eight miles for a distance of two miles. He has carried his line out of the swamps around Sissons. The third battle is being fought by Gen. Guillaumat on a front of 17 miles from Sissons to Chateau Porcien, where the landing line joins the system of defences. The average gain has been a mile, although at some points the advance has been greater.

#### ANCIENT AND VALUABLE CITY DOCUMENTS WERE DELIBERATELY DESTROYED BY THE GERMANS

PARIS, Oct. 26.—Deliberate destruction of property and documents of historic nature was carried out by the Germans at St. Quentin, according to advices, after an investigation.

Ancient city documents which had been walled up under control of the German command and placed under seal, were found to have been removed or burned. Evidence showed that this occurred shortly after the inhabitants fled from St. Quentin in March, 1917. An attempt was made to burn the pillars, but the rapid advance of the French prevented the Germans from carrying out their design.

#### THE RETREAT OF THE AUSTRIANS FROM SERBIA IS BEING MADE COSTLY BY SERBIAN TROOPS

With the Allied Armies on the Serbian Front, via Saloniki, Monday, Oct. 21.—The Serbians, supported by French cavalry north of Nish are continuing to advance, with Belgrade eighty miles distant. The food problem, with any army but the Serbian, would be difficult. The Serbians advance whether they are fed or not. The Serbians are being aided by guerilla bands who hid in the mountains early in the war and now are making their way down from the heights to cut off portions of the enemy straggling in the rear.

It is the desire of the Austro-Germans to evacuate Serbia as cheaply as possible. But their retreat is being made costly by the attacking Serbians.

## REPUBLICAN REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT

Washington, Oct. 26.—President Wilson's appeal to Voters to return a Democratic congress in the November elections if they have approved of his leadership in this critical time, evoked a spirited reply in a formal statement from Republican leaders in the senate and house and the chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committees.

The Republican statement, declaring the majority party in congress had supported the administration policy since the war with a unanimity and in absence of criticism unprecedented in party history pointed to the record as proper.

## HUNGARIANS IN REVOLT

Basel, Switzerland Oct. 26.—Vienna newspapers are publishing articles relative to preparations for demolition of the army. One newspaper says that two infantry regiments stationed at Karlowitz have revolted. Karlowitz is a village in Hungary.

## WILL USE A SEAPLANE AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 26.—The outstanding features of the opening day of the Victory Loan campaign in Halifax will be the flight over the city of a seaplane from which will be dropped envelopes containing advertising literature numbered serially. A drawing will later be held at the office of the United States consul and the holder of the lucky number will be given a fifty dollar bond. The members of the Nova Scotia organization are on edge for the drive and are confident that their quota of \$25,000,000 will be over-subscribed.

## ON IMPORTANT SECRET MISSION

Zurich, Oct. 26.—Prince Frederick Lobkowitz and Baron Naderhazy, who represented the strongest anti-German tendencies at Vienna have left that city for Switzerland charged with a mission about which no details are given according to a Vienna newspaper.