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FORT VAUX AGAIN IN HANDS OF FRENCH

It is the Last of the Verdun Forts That were Held By the Germans--Artillery Put Ring of Fire About the Fortress.

(Special to the Whig.)

Berlin, Nov. 2.—Fort Vaux has been evacuated. "The artillery engagement on the east bank of the Meuse repeatedly increased to great intensity," said the War Office.

The Berlin statement, continuing, says that the British advances north of the Somme river were repulsed, but that further attacks by the French in the sector of Les Boeuffs and Rancourt "brought small advantage to the enemy."

Near Sully, Berlin says, the Germans made a slight advance, and in eastern theatre, are storming Russian defences. It is claimed that the Germans captured sixteen hundred men and ten machine guns.

Fort Vaux was the last of the Verdun forts remaining in the hands of the Germans, Fort Douaumont having been recaptured by the French in their recent offensive.

Now On To The German Frontier.

(Special to the Whig.)

New York, Nov. 2.—Serious storms on the Atlantic have interrupted the Atlantic cable services, and most of the important war news of the day has filtered over the Sayville wireless from Berlin.

The official German War Office statement admitting the loss of Fort Vaux to the French is probably indicative of a renewal of the French offensive around Verdun to an extent that has eclipsed any since the army of the Crown Prince laid siege to the forts of Verdun nearly nine months ago.

All the outer defences of Verdun have now been won back by the French troops and an advance from Verdun towards the German frontier and the Rhine will now be pressed as fast as the weather conditions will permit.

TWO GENERALS RETIRED.

German Commanders on Western Front Suffer for Failure. London, Nov. 2.—A Bernese despatch to the Swiss Press quotes the Neueste Nachrichten of Munich to the effect that Lieut.-Generals von Chroft and Emil Henigst, who held high commands on the western front, have been placed on the retired list.

MACKENSEN HALTED ADVANCE IN DOBRUDJA

And This is Said to Be Due to Shortage of Men.

Petrograd, Nov. 2.—Field Marshal von Mackensen has halted his advance in Dobrudja, apparently because of a shortage of men to protect his long line along the river Danube.

Practically everywhere along the Transylvanian front, excepting south of Red Tower Pass, the Rumanians are holding their own.

Sir Douglas Haig again praises the Canadians for their signal and economical bravery. The weather has impeded operations lately. The Rumanians have taken three thousand men in eight days.

WRECK IN WHICH O. P. R. ENGINEER NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.



This unique picture shows wreck at the west end of the C. P. R. bridge at Gait, Ontario, in which six cars were reduced to matchwood, and Engineer Joe Brand, of Toronto, and Fireman Kusel, of London, saved themselves by jumping. The smash-up occurred on the main line and delayed traffic greatly. Slippery rails was given as the cause. The same spot was the scene of a bad wreck several years ago, when five men lost their lives. The white articles in the foreground are not mushrooms, but fresh hams.

CHINA ABOLISHES STATE RELIGION

Confucianism Dethroned By Action of the House of Representatives.

APPROVED BY PRESIDENT LI

BUT OPPOSED BY THE CONFUCIAN SCHOLARS.

Bill Introduced Abolishes Worship of Heaven and of Famous Sage—Complete Freedom Favored.

Peking, Nov. 2.—China's Parliament is setting down to work in a way which will meet with strong approval, especially among those who regard freedom of religion as an essential of democracy.

The Chinese progressives dethroned Confucianism as a state religion in the face of considerable opposition on the part of Confucian scholars, headed by Mr. Kang Yu-wei, president of the Confucius Society.

Mr. Kang, although he has retired from politics to devote himself exclusively to Confucian research, has been a famous figure in Chinese public life since the July days of 1898, when with Mr. Liang Chi-chao, his disciple, he inspired the reform decree of the late Emperor, K'ang Hsu.

SAKAROFF TO COMMAND

The Russo-Rumanian Army in Dobrudja.

London, Nov. 2.—The Press despatch from Bucharest says that Lieut.-Gen. Vladimir Sakaroff, commander of the Russian forces in Gallicia, arrives in Bucharest to-day and will take command of the army in Dobrudja. Sakaroff is famous as an artilleryman.

FISSET IS MENTIONED

As Deputy Overseas Minister Under Sir George Perley.

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—It is rumored here that Surgeon-General Eugene Fisset will be Sir George Perley's deputy overseas. Gen. Fisset is deputy minister of militia in Canada, and is a man of great organizing ability and a tremendous worker.

The firm of Canadian Vickers, Limited, Montreal, has secured an order for two 7,000-ton steamers for Norwegian owners.

154TH BATTALION REACHES ENGLAND

(Special to the Whig.)

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—Official word has been received that the 154th and 170th Ontario battalions and the 172nd British Columbia, and various drafts, for mounted and auxiliary corps and artillery have arrived safely in England.

BRITISH GUNS IN THE MAKING

Will Have Five Next Spring to Every One in Use Now.

GERMANY NOT BEATEN YET

BUT SHE WILL BE, DECLARES F. R. COUDERT

Who Has Spent Nine Weeks on the Western Front as the Guest of Gens. Haig and Foch.

New York, Nov. 2.—Frederic R. Coudert returned yesterday from a nine weeks' visit to the front in France, where he was the guest of Gen. Sir Douglas Haig and Gen. Foch.

"Never before in the history of the world," Mr. Coudert said, "has there been such speedy preparation. The aviation, artillery, ammunition and commissary supplies of the British forces in France are miraculous when it is considered how they started with nothing when hostilities began. Britain will reach the acme of her preparation for war next spring, when she will have five guns for every one she has in the field now."

"Germany is not beaten yet, and if her defeat has to be effected by military force officials of the Allies predict that the war may last another two years yet. No matter whether it is two, three or five years longer, the British army will go on in the stubborn, steady, slow, sure way to the end, which is so characteristic of the race."

FOLLOWED ON FOR HALF HOUR

And Did Not Give Any Assistance, So Survivors Say.

LOSS OF THE S.S. MARINA

TWO AMERICANS RELATE THEIR EXPERIENCES AT DUBLIN.

The First Torpedo Was Fired When the Submarine Was Submerged and a Second One Fired When the British Steamer Was Still Seen Afloat.

London, Nov. 2.—The submarine that sank the British steamer Marina, with the probable loss of six American lives, followed the ship's boats for half an hour after the Marina went down, but offered no assistance, American survivors reported. A. Devlin, Norfolk, and P. S. Hamlin, Baltimore, among the Americans landed at Dublin, told practically the same story.

The submarine was submerged when she fired the first torpedo, they said, but came to the surface, and after seeing that the steamer remained afloat shot another torpedo into the port side.

Despatches from Queenstown to-day said the missing members of the Marina's crew have been given up as lost. Practically all patrol boats that might have picked them up have been reported.

Consul Frost will telegraph the summaries of the affidavits he obtained from American survivors, and also depositions of the surviving officers to-day.

Rain on British Front.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Nov. 2.—A heavy rain fell on the British front last night. Gen. Haig reported to-day that there were no important developments.

HUN SCHEME TO GIVE DISEASE TO STOCK

An Attempt to Spread Foot and Mouth Disease in Canada Discovered.

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—A dastardly German scheme to spread the foot and mouth disease among Canadian live stock has just been unearched, and steps taken to prevent it.

For some time German agents have been going in and out among the peasant of Switzerland, trying to induce them to emigrate to Canada. For a monetary consideration these peasants were to be supplied with small bottles of the foot and mouth disease culture which they were to use in Canada giving the plague a first rate start.

Last year there was a serious outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in many parts of the northern states and it cost the farmers and live stock men millions of dollars. Through the vigilance of Canadian officials along the border the disease never gained entry into Canada.

Instructions have now been sent to all immigration officers warning them against the German plot, and instructing them to refuse entry to Canada of any suspects.

MUST GO EASIER.

(Special to the Whig.)

Montreal, Nov. 2.—The Montreal Star says: "Sir Sam Hughes has been advised by his physician to moderate his pace of activity if he cannot take a long rest. Sir Sam has not broken down, but the duties falling to his lot have constituted a heavy burden, just the sort of burden that crippled Sir John French and hundreds of officers in the Allied forces."

WANT SOME RELIEF.

British Unions Demand Cost of Living Regulation.

London, Nov. 2.—The Daily Express says: "Wheat reached the extraordinary price of eighty shillings (\$20) per quarter (\$2.50 a bushel) on the Baltic Exchange yesterday.

The Scottish miners resolved at Glasgow to call a large conference of all the labor and progressive forces of the country to decide what steps should be taken to force the government to assume full control of all necessary commodities and to fix retail prices."

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PREMIER TELLS OF NECESSITY

Of Appointing a Minister of the Overseas Forces.

WILL REMAIN IN ENGLAND

TO PRESIDE OVER NEW COUNCIL TILL WAR ENDS.

Sir George Perley Has Had Good Experience and is Expected to Give Splendid Service.

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—Sir George Perley, as recently foretold, has been appointed minister of the Canadian overseas forces in Great Britain, and will preside over a sub-militia council which it is intended to establish there. The requisite order-in-council was passed yesterday, and the situation leading up to the proposed new system is outlined in the following memorandum issued by Sir Robert Borden:

"During his recent visit to Great Britain, the minister of militia gave very careful consideration to more effective arrangements in connection with the overseas forces and, as a result, he received the conclusion that a committee of sub-militia council ought to be established. In view of the unexpected length of the war and the unprecedented efforts which are being exerted by Canadians, in common with the rest of the empire, for the defense of the common welfare, careful attention was necessarily given to the situation which has developed."

"The forces already despatched by Canada for overseas service in Europe number about 255,000. The expenditure involved, the organization, maintenance, equipment and direction overseas of these forces is very great, and every available effort must be made to assure not only the highest degree of efficiency, but the most thorough and prompt cooperation of the overseas forces with those of the mother country and the other dominions, as well as the most economical and careful administration of the means which are appropriated for that purpose."

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Presentation And Consecration of the 146th Batt. Colors.

Gen. Hemming, having secured the necessary authority from Ottawa, announces that the presentation of the 146th Battalion colors, secured by public subscriptions through the Whig, will occur at the Armouries on Friday at 2.30 o'clock. A military escort will receive the colors at the Whig office and convey them to the Armouries, where the consecration will occur. The presentations will be made by Mrs. E. J. B. Pense; colors will be received by Gen. Hemming on behalf of the 146th Battalion, as requested by Lieut.-Col. C. A. Low. The consecration will be in charge of Rev. Dr. Torrance, of St. Andrew's church, who will be assisted by Rev. J. D. Ellis, Major Campbell and Capt. Fitzgerald.

At the conclusion of the consecration the military will accompany the colors to St. Andrew's church, where they will be formally deposited. A service appropriate to the occasion will be conducted, Rev. Dr. Torrance in charge. It is understood that Rev. Dr. Gordon will make the principal address, while Rev. Dr. Macgillivray will assist in the services. A letter from Lieut.-Col. Low will be read by J. G. Elliott. The military forces will occupy the centre seats of the church.

On the arrival of the colors at the church admission will be sought for the purpose of depositing them, and this being granted the escorting party will be conducted to the altar, where the formal presentation will be made to Rev. Dr. Torrance.

Owing to the changeable character of the weather it has been deemed advisable to hold the consecration services in the Armouries, rather than at the Cricket Field, as was first arranged.

The public are heartily invited to be present at the ceremonies at the Armouries and at the church.

CHANGE TEMPERANCE ACT.

Manitoba to Prevent Importation of Liquor. Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 2.—Attorney-General's Department announces that a change will be made in the Temperance Act at the next session of the legislature, which will put all commission houses operating in the province out of business and stop the importation of liquor in that way.

A Wasteful System.

London, Nov. 2.—The Canadian wounded are now scattered over 109 imperial hospitals throughout the country, including Scotland and Ireland. Many Canadian hospitals have only ten or fifteen per cent. of Canadian patients. This is wasteful and prevents proper supervision.

Canadian Killed at Shorncliffe.

London, Nov. 2.—Frederick John Nancarrow a Canadian who came to England with a Howitzer battery, was knocked down and killed by a taxicab at Shorncliffe this week. A verdict of accidental death was rendered at the inquest. Nancarrow came from Campbellford, Ont.

Dollar Eggs!

New York, Nov. 2.—Dollar eggs appeared not far off to-day. In the past 24 hours the top price on the exchange touched 67 cents a dozen, which means about 75 cents to Mrs. Householder for the very fresh fancy variety.

TO PAY TAXES

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Nov. 2.—Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, has recommended that the Hydro-Electric pay taxes to the municipality on the Seymour power properties.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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