

WHY FORT VAUX WAS EVACUATED

Awful Gunfire of the French Rendered the Famous Bridge Untenable.

DESTROYED WAR MATERIAL

THAT COULD NOT BE TAKEN AWAY IN RETREAT.

It is Thought the Germans Intend to Remain on Defensive and Direct Their Main Energy Against the Rumanians.

Paris, Nov. 5.—The French troops under General Nivelle Thursday evening marched into Fort Vaux, the last of the Verdun strongholds occupied by the Germans. The fall of Fort Vaux was not the result of German generosity in yielding an undesired position, as claimed in Berlin semi-official despatches, but was due to the terrific gunfire to which the famous ridge was subjected. Its occupation marks the first great tactical triumph won in the whole war without loss of life; and the explanation thereof is France's development in gun power. Technically, Fort Vaux was rendered untenable when a fortnight ago Gen. Mangin seized Douaumont and drove a wedge between the fort and the village of Vaux. The result of this move was to expose Fort Vaux to a converging fire, but the fort was in precisely the same position as during last May and June, yet at that time Major Raynal held up the Crown Prince's advance for a month and inflicted terrible slaughter on German assaulters before he and his handful of men were compelled to capitulate. The capture of Fort Vaux alone cost the Germans 50,000 permanent casualties.

On Monday Generals Nivelle and Mangin began to pound the fort and ridge. For 72 hours thousands of tons of high explosives were hurled into the ruins, while all the corridors running up the hill and communicating with the fort were swept with three-inch shells.

Early Thursday the great French 16-inch long-range guns began to hurl their massive missiles among the wreckage. The huge shells penetrated the underground casemates and corridors, blowing some of the garrison to pieces.

Destroyed All Stores. When, late in the afternoon, the

cannonade temporarily ceased to enable the observers to report on its effect, the French infantry posted in trenches a thousand feet distant heard thunderous explosions beneath the fort's wreckage, and instantly realized that the Germans were destroying all the ammunition stores they were unable to remove owing to the fire, which was drenching their communications. But it was not until late at night that Gen. Mangin sent forward three companies to occupy the position, which they did without loss of a man. The fort is now a shapeless mass of debris, which, with its masses of mutilated corpses and battered equipment, marks the loss of the last foothold the Crown Prince had on the main Verdun plateau. His army at this moment is entrenched a few hundred yards below and to the north-east.

To Remain on Defensive. Important conclusions are drawn here from the evacuation of Fort Vaux. The chief of these is the expressed belief that the Germans, considering the western front as now of comparatively secondary importance, intend to reduce their operations on the Verdun front to a minimum, and will direct their main energy with a view to a successful campaign against the Rumanians. The newly-established Ministry of Munitions in Germany is regarded by military observers here as the result of the Germans having experienced the superiority of the Entente Allies in artillery and munitions along the Somme front.

War Tidings. Bucharest and Berlin reports indicate Rumanians are again assuming the offensive in Dobrudja. More gains have been made by the Rumanians in Transylvania.

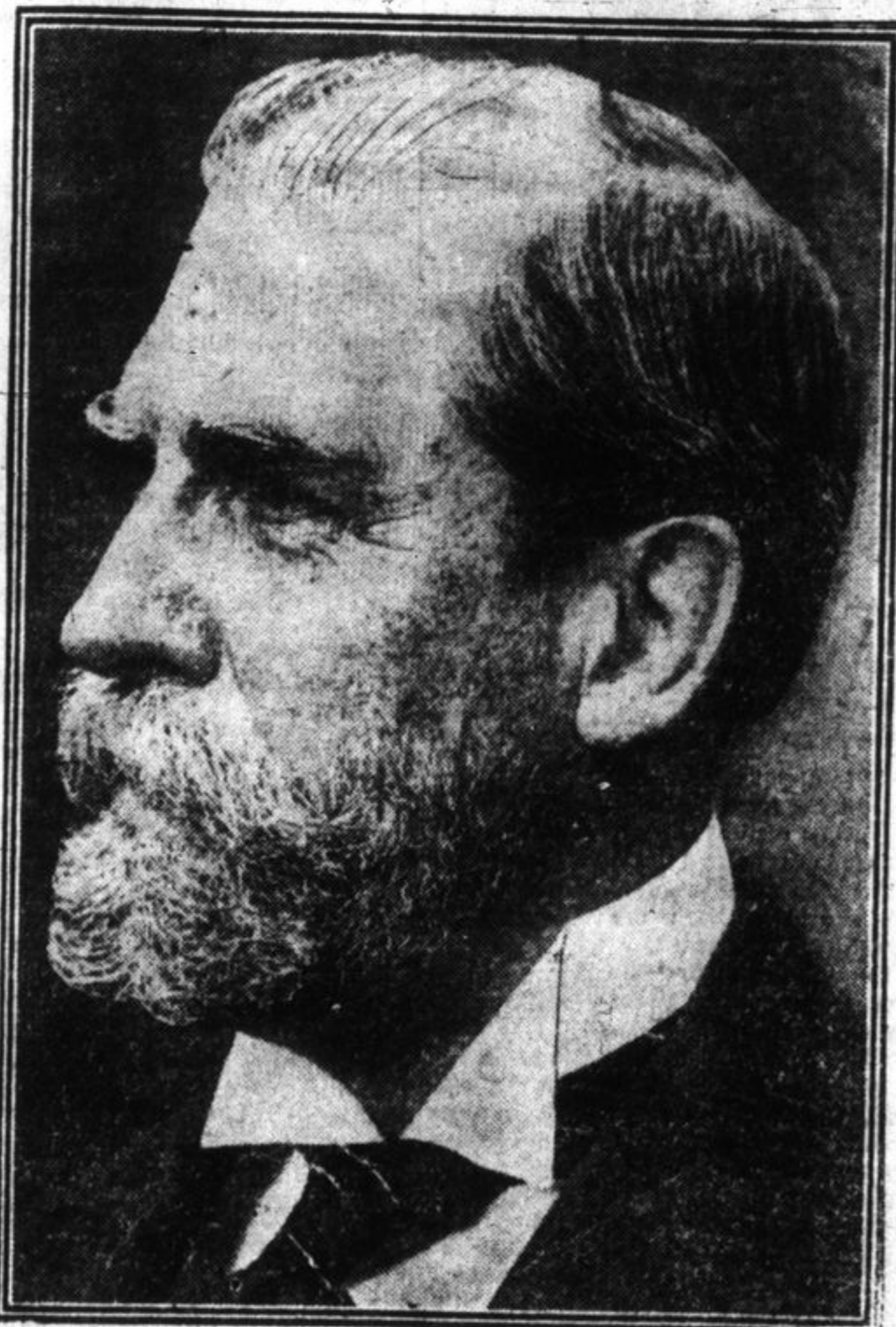
German officers recently arrived in Berlin say that German submarine U-41 was destroyed near the Scilly Isles by a vessel flying the United States flag.

It is reported in Berlin that the Russian battleship Sevastopol struck a mine and was badly damaged.

The Austrians have lost forty thousand men in the last few days around Trieste, nine thousand taken prisoners by the Italians.

The Germans counter attacked east of Guedecourt on Saturday, but were driven back leaving 100 dead, thirty prisoners and four machine guns in British hands.

Counterfeit Notes by Foreigners. New York, Nov. 6.—Six foreigners arrested here last August by Federal officers and charged with making counterfeit \$5 and \$10 bills, were today sentenced in the Federal Court to terms of three and five years in the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Ga. Two pleaded guilty and their confessions led to the conviction of the others.



CHARLES EVANS HUGHES, Who is making a great run for the Republicans.

RENFREW MAN RETURNS

After Thirty Years in West—Saw Scott Killed.

Ottawa, Nov. 6.—Thirty years ago, Daniel McMullen, well known around Renfrew, left for the Northwest to assist in putting down the rebellious Louis Riel. Saturday he returned for the first time, chiefly to visit his aged mother, who is over eighty, and whom he had not seen since the day he left the parental abode.

In those thirty years, "Dan" McMullen has seen more life and action than falls to the lot of most men. He claims he saw Scott killed and that during the rebellion while taking part in an action to crush Riel he witnessed a gun being levelled at the noted rebel leader, but the shot missed its target.

Canadian Casualties

Killed in action—G. N. Gallinger, Cornwall; J. C. Feeney, Marmora. Died of wounds—P. Curtin, Lindsay; D. McLaren, Carleton Place.

Unofficially prisoners of war—G. J. Thompson, Belleville.

Wounded—H. C. Jarvis, Morrisburg; W. Kettle, A. B. Lawson, Chesterville; H. Bowen, Stirling; G. Ball, Perth; W. Lampke, H. A. Robinson, G. P. Hogan, Pembroke; P. Lewis, Odessa; A. Wood, Morrisburg; G. Edwards, Keene.

French forces Saturday night occupied the village of Damiou, a mile east of Vaux fort, and took a number of prisoners.

Lloyd announces that two Swedish and two Norwegian steamers were sunk on Saturday.

SHADOW OF DEFEAT LIES ON AUSTRIANS Fourth Severe Blow Struck by Italians Since Month of August.

London, Nov. 6.—The Times comments as follows upon the Italian victory near Gorizia and on the Carso: "Once more General Cadorna has struck a shrewd, successful blow. Since the great attack in early August which led to the taking of Gorizia the sweeping advance of Gen. Cadorna's troops on the Carso has never really stopped. The same master hand that secretly transferred a large army and ninety-three batteries from the Trentino to the Isonzo front in one week evidently controlled the subsequent operations.

"The influence of the new Italian success upon the Austrians will be considerable. For the fourth time since the beginning of August General Cadorna has hit the foe hard. His prisoners already outnumber a complete Austrian army corps. Much hard fighting is doubtless in store for King Victor Emmanuel's troops before they can reach the positions commanding Trieste and the railway communications of the Istrian peninsula, but the enemy will fight with the foreboding of defeat in his heart."

Hero Succumbs to Wounds. Paris, Nov. 6.—Gen. Ancelin, Commander of the brigade which led in the assault of Fort Douaumont, in the Verdun region, on October 24th, has died of wounds. Gen. Nivelle, the Commander at Verdun, in announcing the death to Mme. Ancelin, mentioned the fact that her husband had prepared for the victory and captured Douaumont.

Gen. Ancelin was a Breton officer, and had served as first assistant to three Ministers of War, Berteaux, Etienne and Millerand, in the direction of the army administration. He was in charge of the reorganization of the French cavalry before the war.

Big Galloup Island Land Sold. Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 6.—Announcement made of the sale by Capt. A. A. Phelps of Dexter and S. Brown Richardson of Lowellville of 1,400 acres of land on Big Galloup Island to Rudolph and Edward Gowling of Sacket Harbor.

The island is about six miles from Stony Point and about five and a half miles from Point Peninsula. There are about 2,200 acres of land on the island.

ITALIANS GAIN ON CARSO FRONT

Fighting in Rocky Country They Advance Over a Mile.

PRESS TOWARDS VIPPACCO

AUSTRIANS MOVE TROOPS FROM RUMANIAN FRONT.

Carso Full of Natural Caves and That Is Why Progress Towards Trieste Is Slow.

London, Nov. 6.—The Italians, who have captured a kite-shaped area in the Opplachseia region of the Carso during the past few days, yesterday report that they have enlarged it to the north in the direction of the Vipacco River. Official reports indicate that the advance in that region somewhat resembles in its general outline the allied advance on the Somme front. That is, when the Italians are extending their gains northward, they are making a move corresponding to that which the British are making on the north of their Somme "bite" in their advance towards Bapaume.

The Italian advance, however, is being made over a country very different from that in which Anglo-French troops are fighting. The Carso is almost as inhospitable as the Rumanian Dobrudja. It is full of natural caves, which are easily converted into fortresses by the enemy. That is why the Italians, though only a dozen miles from Trieste, expect no rapid progress. Already, however, their gains have caused the hasty removal of Austrian troops from the Rumanian front to make good the huge losses suffered in the past few days.

Additional heights were stormed by Italian troops on the Carso front, Rome officially announced yesterday, the Italians having advanced about a mile towards the Vipacco River. Near Trangnoid an isolated position was carried by assault and a battery of four-inch guns captured.

Justice Panneton finds the Drolet street civic deal in Montreal was illegal and fraudulent. Ex-Controller Hebert is chiefly blamed, and Mayor Martin is scored.

Rome despatches of Sunday say that Castel Castagnievissa on the Carso is "virtually invested" by big Italian army.

DOMINION STEEL IS BEING WELL BOUGHT

J. K. L. Ross Has "Unloaded," But Demand Continues Unabated.

Montreal, Nov. 6.—J. K. L. Ross' office boy, a blonde urchin of sixteen, was grinning from ear to ear as he said "the chief has cleaned up \$120,000 on Dominion Steel and my salary is sure for a whole year."

Sure enough, Mr. Ross sold out his full purchase of 20,000 shares at an average advance of six dollars a share. Later on the many times millionaire philanthropist confirmed the "street" rumor that he had unloaded, saying that he had no idea the market would stand so much when his brokers, Farrell and Seely, began to sell. He expected the operation would have, in fact, extended over several weeks instead of as many days. There does, however, look to be more in the movement than Mr. Ross' innocent testing of the market, for trading in 3900 shares to-day brought the price back to 72, closing strong with the opinion expressed that 75 will be reached at once and that the exceptional good news expected, when President Mark Workman returns from Sydney on Monday, may soon carry the stock to par.

FARMERS' COUNCIL TO URGE FREE WHEAT Winnipeg, Nov. 6.—Elimination of the tariff on wheat will be urged by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, which will meet in Regina, Nov. 24th, according to R. McKenzie, secretary of the council. "The farmers want wheat duty free," declared Mr. McKenzie. "It is near time we had it, too. At our meeting in Regina this will be the chief subject for discussion. Our demands will be sent to Ottawa as an appeal from the farmers."

WILL USE SENIOR OFFICERS

All Will Have Some Service At the Front

London, Nov. 6.—Gen. Steele has presided over a board with the purpose of utilizing more fully the senior surplus of officers coming over with battalions which on arrival here are broken up and used as reinforcements. The result will be that every officer coming from Canada will have at least some service at the front. Many will remain there and others will return to Canada for instructional duty.

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