

The Enemy Retreat Now On 200 Mile Front

GERMANY IS HURRIEDLY BECOMING DEMOCRATIC

In Order to Permit the Allies to Deal With Her—German Military Power Has Already Been Placed Under Civil Control.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Paris, Oct. 12.—Semi-official summaries from comments in German press, issued last night indicate that Germany, in answer to the demand for an evacuation of occupied territory, will ask as an offset the evacuation of German colonies and occupied Turkish territory.

According to some newspaper comments published in Germany, Prince Maximilian will have no difficulty in announcing the adoption without restriction of President Wilson's programme. Germany is apparently hurrying, in view of the latest ministerial moves, to appear to be a democratic state. Political amnesty will be announced and a new governor will be appointed for Alsace-Lorraine. Martial law is to be modified and a liberal minister of war will be named.

The whole movement is expected to result in the establishment of a responsible ministry, which is now said to be only a veneer. The rumor persists that these ministerial and governmental readjustments have been undertaken with a view to causing the Allies to regard Germany as democratic and to welcome her reply.

German Military Power Under Civil Control.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Oct. 12.—Germany military power has already been placed under civil control in complete and permanent fashion so far as politics is concerned, according to an interview with Mathias Erzberger, centrist leader of the Reichstag, sent out by the German Government wireless service. This interview is being published with the evident intention of influencing public opinion abroad. Thus, General Von Stein, Prussian war minister, had to be eliminated because he had always worked against peace by understanding, the interview says. General Scheuch, his successor, is said to be a man of liberal views, and the first non-Prussian to ever occupy the position. Two commanding generals, Von Vittinghoff and Von Haehmiser, have been removed because they were considered the embodiment of militarism. All decisions of commanding generals in interior Germany considering administrative functions are made dependent upon the approval of the presidents of the provinces, with an appeal to General Scheuch, and finally to the chancellor, who is legally responsible, according to Erzberger.

GERMAN TROOPS ARE IN FLIGHT

Their Retreat Northward Has Nosemblance to Orderly Retirement.

THE FRENCH PRESS AHEAD

AND CLOSING IN UPON ONE OF GERMAN BASES.

A Railroad Paralleling the Aisne River is Threatened—The German Rear Guards, Are Holding Back the Allies at Another Point.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

New York, Oct. 12.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following: The German lines along the Sulppe river in the Champagne sector in France has collapsed. The progress made by the French during the past day in this part of the battle front would seem to indicate that the enemy's retreat northward is more of a flight than an orderly retirement. The French forces are reported to have reached the Requette river between Houdillecourt and Sault-St. Remy, Houdillecourt is less than four miles east of Neuchatel, one of the principal German bases back of the Champagne front.

This advance brings the French up to within two and one half miles of the Aisne river and threatens the railroad line that parallels that stream. Further east the French have made good progress. East of St. Quentin and Cambrai, the French, British and Americans are still moving eastward, but their advance is being retarded by German

rearguards, left for the purpose of covering the retreat of the main bodies of troops. The Allied progress, however, appears to be rapid enough to threaten serious results to the German armies to the south.

French and American Advance.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Paris, Oct. 12.—Continued progress was made last night by French troops along the entire Champagne front. The important railway town of Vouziers has been penetrated by the French, who were holding the general line of Retourne and the road from Pavures to Vouziers.

Vouziers, Guise and all of the villages in the whole region south of Laon are burning. Americans are closing in on Dunsur Meuse, while their left wing is within five miles of Buzancy. Important events which will change the entire face of things may be expected in this part of the Weverre front.

British Nearing Douai.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Oct. 12.—British forces last night continued their advance north of the Sennese river. The advance is in the direction of Douai. The villages of Hamel and Brebieres, less than three miles from Douai, and Cuincy, less than two miles from Douai, have been captured.

War Tidings.

British troops on the northern Italian front raided Austro-Hungarian trenches east of Asiago, taking thirty-five prisoners and a number of machine guns.

Germany, a newspaper of Berlin, predicts the resignation of General Ludendorff and Field Marshal Hindenburg.

There is a rumor in Paris that Constantinople has been declared under martial law.

Cleaning up of the Argonne forest has been completed by the Americans. No Germans now remain in this wooded area.

PETER LUND

Managing Director Crow's Nest, Pass Number Co., Ltd.

Winipeg, Oct. 12.—A \$12 minimum wage for adult experienced women sales clerks in retail stores in Winipeg and St. Boniface, with a day of rest, Sunday or some other day, in each week and a weekly half-holiday where there is Saturday night work, is the finding of the Manitoba minimum wage board. It was announced to-day. A drastic cut in the working hours, which is the outstanding feature of the findings, affects about 2,500 female employees.

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Paris, Oct. 12.—The very day the peace note was despatched the Germans, not content with opening and violating tombs in the Ilevin cemetery, actually went the length of effecting with bottles and bayonet points the names of the civilian dead on the tombstones.

NEW C.P.R. PRESIDENT



Mr. E. W. Beatty, C.P.R. vice-president, who was appointed to succeed Lord Shaughnessy today.

THE LATEST NEWS BRIEFLY GIVEN

Despatches That Come From Near or Distant Places.

TIDINGS FOR OUR READERS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges.

The Germans are now engaged in blocking the harbors of Ostend and Zeebrugge.

Montreal stores and bars are ordered to close at 4 p.m. owing to the influenza epidemic.

The appointment of a national committee to control living costs is being advocated at Ottawa.

Monsieur Chollet, Archbishop of Cambrai, was carried away by the Germans when they evacuated the city.

All theatres, saloons, and schools have been closed at Buffalo to-day on account of influenza. No street cars are running.

Prince Eitel is prominently mentioned in Germany as successor to the throne in case the Kaiser abdicates, diplomats cables declare.

Spanish influenza claimed another victim in Hamilton Friday in the person of John Rombaugh, one of Canada's most prominent harness horsemen.

When the Belgian troops broke through the formidable enemy defenses and occupied the famous fortress of Houthulst, they found that that great wooded area had been destroyed. Not a single tree remained standing.

The Methodist Book and Publishing House has brought an action against the Dominion Alliance and Ben H. Spence, secretary, for the recovery of \$510, alleged to be due for material, supplies and work done on a contract for publishing 10,000 copies of The Parasite, a book banned by the Canadian censor.

A MINIMUM WAGE

Fixed in Manitoba for Efficient-Women Clerks.

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SPHERES ARE DEFINED.

Agreement Between the Chaplain Service and the Y.M.C.A.

London, Oct. 11.—A satisfactory definition of the spheres of work of the chaplain service and the Y.M.C.A. in Canadian forces has been practically agreed upon. In future, if the agreement is ratified, the chaplains will have sole charge of the spiritual and the Y. M. C. A. the social work in the army. Whenever possible, a chaplain will be attached to the Y. M. C. A.

This agreement is satisfactory here, and will remove the discord prevailing during the past year. During the recent fighting the chaplains played a splendid part and the chaplain corps suffered many casualties. In the hottest fighting chaplains were continuously in the front line, assisting and succoring the wounded.

TOOK WRONG CRYSTALS.

Starting Death of Dr. C. A. Jarvis of Brantford.

Brantford, Oct. 12.—Dr. C. A. Jarvis, one of the best known optometrists in Canada, died almost instantly Thursday through taking the wrong medicine for influenza. He was at his office and reached up for some crystals. Inadvertently he took those of cyanide of potassium. Recognizing his mistake he called to the staff to get a doctor, but expired almost immediately.

NEWSPAPERS NEED MUCH READY MONEY

Therefore See That Your British Whig Subscription Has No Arrears and Is Paid in Advance.

War-time emergencies and war-time prices have made the reading habit for the daily newspaper of Canada. Publishers are experiencing a great deal of difficulty in the procurement of paper, ink, and other materials. Last week the price of paper was 18 cents per ton, and the price of ink 18 cents per gallon. The cost of the paper for the Whig is 18 cents per copy, and the cost of the ink 18 cents per copy. The cost of the paper for the Whig is 18 cents per copy, and the cost of the ink 18 cents per copy. The cost of the paper for the Whig is 18 cents per copy, and the cost of the ink 18 cents per copy.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

An Interesting and Educational Gathering in Napanee.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Napanee, Oct. 11.—Flight-Lieut. George Grange, of the Naval Air Service, is home from England on a three months' furlough to visit his mother, Mrs. A. W. Grange, Napanee.

Mrs. Robert Johnson arrived home from England on Thursday. Mrs. J. H. Downey, Whitby, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Robinson. Miss Caroline Perry, nurse-in-training at Nicholls Hospital, Peterboro, is spending a month's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon and Mr. Clifford, and Mrs. J. Arthur Day leave on Saturday for Toronto, where they will reside in future. Before leaving the members of the Presbyterian church presented Mr. Gordon with a purse of gold, in recognition of his faithful services among them during his long stay in Napanee.

The annual meeting of the Lennox and Addington Teachers' Association was held in the Napanee Collegiate Institute on Thursday and Friday. The sessions this year were interesting and educational. About 200 teachers were present. Prof. Macpherson, B.A., of the Faculty of Education, Queen's University, gave two very interesting addresses on "Geography" and "Mineralogy." G. B. Curran gave a talk on agriculture and exhibited numerous lantern slides.

George Moore is very ill in the Kingston General Hospital and very slight hopes are entertained for recovery. Lieut. Arthur B. Fennell arrived home from France yesterday morning to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fennell, and his sister, Mrs. Alpine Woods. Lieut. Fennell has seen active service in France for the past three years. He expects to join the Siberian Force.

Mrs. C. A. Anderson gave a patriotic lecture on Tuesday evening to many of her friends. H. E. Smith and W. H. Boyle have returned from a ten-days' stay in New York. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lott are spending the week in Toronto. Harry Gues, Toronto, is the guest of his father, C. W. Gues. Mrs. C. M. Zoellner and little son, Niagara Falls, are guests of her mother, Mrs. R. Frizzell.

GERMANY WILL MAKE ADVANCES

The Reply to President Wilson Has Been Handed Out.

TO BE SENT TO WASHINGTON

THE REPLY IS REGARDED AS IN A SENSE AN ACCEPTANCE.

A Dutch Paper Says It Understands the Answer May Be Such as Will Bring Forth Durable Peace for the Whole World.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Berne, Oct. 12.—The Wolff Bureau, the semi-official German news agency, has circulated a Frankfurter Zeitung despatch from Berlin stating that the German reply to President Wilson's note was sent last night and that it is in a sense an acceptance.

May Bring Peace.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Copenhagen, Oct. 12.—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says that the German answer to President Wilson's note of enquiry is ready and it believes that it has handed to the Swiss Government to-day. The newspaper understands that "the answer will make far-reaching advances and it is hoped that the discussion between Germany and President Wilson will bring forth durable peace for the whole world."

365 U. S. Troops Were Drowned

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

A British Post, Oct. 12.—A large number of American troops were lost in the north channel through the sinking of the transport Otranto in a collision with the steamer Kashmir. The Otranto was dashed to pieces on the Irish coast after the collision. It is thought 365 men lost their lives. More than 200 bodies have been recovered and identified.

HUNS LOSE 1,200,000 SINCE SECOND MARNE

General Maurice Puts Prisoners at 200,000, and the Casualties 1,000,000.

London, Oct. 12.—Major-General Maurice, in a survey of the military situation contributed to the Daily News, says:—

"The broad result of all this protracted fighting has been that so far from effecting economy by his withdrawals, the enemy has been obliged to expend men at a greater rate than ever. As it is, the crisis in his man power has gone from bad to worse.

"I calculate that since the second battle of the Marne the Germans have lost 200,000 in prisoners and have suffered casualties amounting to about 1,000,000.

"The power of the Allies to press the enemy anywhere add everywhere in the west is growing daily and the enemy's power to defend is everywhere gone.

"For these reasons I think we may look hopefully to any attempt by Ludendorff to reduce his commitments in the west."

NO PAPER THANKSGIVING DAY.

Next Monday, Oct. 14th, has been set apart as a day of national thanksgiving. The Whig will not be issued on that date.

DAY OF WAR LORDS IS ALMOST OVER

The Hour of Triumph is Drawing Near, Declares U.S. Secretary Lansing.

Auburn, N.Y., Oct. 12.—"The hour of triumph is drawing near; the day of the war lords is almost over," declared U.S. Secretary Lansing in a speech at the State Armories yesterday.

The audience was composed of hundreds of college presidents and professors representing the greatest religious and educational institutions of the United States and Canada, who enthusiastically received Secretary Lansing's message to prepare for "spiritual supremacy over material considerations in the peace that is to come."

Prices on Dinners.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The Railway Commission is being urged to fix the prices charged on railway dining cars. The Food Board has regulated the menu, but there is no regulation of prices. The matter is under consideration.

Foe Faces Destruction.

Should the French to the south or the British to the north also succeed in breaking through before the Germans can complete an extensive retirement, the capture or destruction of a whole enemy army group must be realized. In the opinion of observers here the situation to-day has almost limitless possibilities and Marshal Foch is virtually certain to concentrate every ounce of power at his command in an effort to effect a final coup.

For this season, it does not appear likely that the Rhine drive plans if there are such plans, will develop until the situation clears in the north. Should the German armies escape the trap between Verdun and the North Sea, however, and establish a line on the Meuse, many officers are confident that the centre of attack will swing suddenly to a drive into Germany itself by the shortest route, the Rhine valley.

PRIVILEGE TO THE PERMANENT FORCE

Officers and Men Who Were Retained in Canada May Go Overseas.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—An order has recently been promulgated by the Militia Department for the purpose of doing justice to a number of officers, warrant officers of the permanent force who have been retained for service in Canada. By its terms the privilege of going overseas for service in France is granted to all in this position; if they are not sent to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, they are not required to revert to a lower rank to obtain this privilege; officers of higher rank are required to revert to that grade. To raise, organize, train and despatch the Canadian expeditionary force overseas, a staff is necessary in Canada, alike at headquarters and in the various districts, camps and schools. Permanent officers and non-commissioned officers were particularly useful for service on these staffs because they were familiar with military methods; numbers of them accordingly were retained in Canada against their will, to the detriment of their professional careers, because they were necessary, and in some cases indispensable for work at the base. These men thus were victims of their own efficiency. Their position has become invidious, the more so as persons who did not appreciate the need in Canada accustomed to the working of the military machine have reproached them for not going abroad, when as a matter of fact they had sought to do so and had been refused. Garbled versions of this order have been circulated, to the effect that it is to "compel" these officers and other ranks to go abroad. It does nothing of the kind. It confers on them the privilege of going abroad. The authorities only recently have been able to make this arrangement because qualified men who have been overseas now are available for the work in Canada.

ENEMY RETREATS FOR 200 MILES

French Making Remarkable Progress And Have Crossed the Disc.

GERMANS LEAVING DOUAI

NOT WAITING TO BE CAUGHT IN FOCH'S TRAP.

The British Are Within Seven Miles of the Valenciennes-Lille Railway North of the Scarpe.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Oct. 12.—The enemy are now retreating on a two-hundred mile front from Cambrai to Verdun. French armies are making remarkable progress.

The Germans were compelled to abandon their positions north of the Sulppe on a thirty-seven mile front. The French have crossed the Oise river on a wide front.

North of the Scarpe river British troops are within seven miles of the Valenciennes-Lille railway. The Germans are retreating from Douai. In the Lens area they are not waiting for Foch's trap to be sprung and are continuing their withdrawal from that part of the pocket, which is the one most immediately threatened.

GREAT VICTORY NOW POSSIBLE

Military Situation on the Western Front Has Almost Limitless Possibilities.

THE WAY IS NOW PAVED FOR EARLY INVASION OF GERMANY BY ALLIES.

A Great Gap Has Been Torn in the Centre of the Enemy's Lines—A New Stroke May Be Coming.

Washington, Oct. 11.—The victory of the Anglo-American forces north of St. Quentin may be paving the way for early invasion of Germany. Striking hints of a wholly new enterprise, declared to be at the upper Rhine valley, have come from unofficial quarters in France, and they follow repeated reports from Switzerland that the civil population of the Rhine valley towns were being removed by the German authorities.

Some officers here regard these reports as highly significant. They give them particular weight because it now appears certain that the enemy will be forced far back all along the front in northern France and Belgium within the next few days. While the constant hammering is kept up in the north to pin the German armies there, it might be possible, it was said, to deliver a new stroke on the Alsace-Lorraine front that might swiftly develop into an invasion of Germany itself by way of the Rhine valley.

The wholly unexpected extent of the German collapse between St. Quentin and Cambrai, however, upset any plans for a drive to the Rhine. Marshal Foch may have planned, as the enemy stands to-day, with a great gap torn in the centre of his lines that were already struggling to extricate themselves, and get back to a shorter front, there is even the possibility of a crushing and immediate military victory for the Allies.

SIR THOMAS WHITE

Who has announced the terms of Canada's fifth War Loan.

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