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GERMANS TAKE 4,000 BRITISH NEAR CAMBRAI

Berlin Announces Capture of Many Men and Several Batteries in Contested Cambrai Region; British Headquarters Admit That Guns Were Destroyed to Save Pieces From Huns; Present Situation Not Serious

Berlin, Dec. 1.—Via London.—The Germans yesterday captured 4,000 British and several batteries in the Cambrai region, the war office announces. The statement says that between Moeuvres and Bourlon and from Fontaine and LaFolie the Germans threw back the British to the villages of Graincourt, Anneux and Cantaing, stormed the heights on the west bank of the Scheldt, on both sides of the Bateau, and also captured Gonnelleu and Villers-Guislain.

British Headquarters in France, Dec. 1.—In their operations in the Cambrai region yesterday the Germans began a turning movement, but the British were able to pull back most of their troops and guns at the first attack and save them from being caught. The British blew up a certain number of guns. So far as could be ascertained this morning, no British guns were captured by the Germans.

The German casualties yesterday were exceedingly large. The British probably lost a considerable number of men. There is no concealing the fact that the enemy gave the British an uncomfortable hour or two yesterday, but the situation this morning is not one to cause particular uneasiness. Some scattered British in the front line may have fallen into the hands of the Germans but most of the troops are reported to have been withdrawn safely. Some ground has been lost, but unless unforeseen events arise the German plan has been frustrated, with the infliction of serious losses on them.

Fighting is still proceeding today. The British are continuing their counterattacks. Details of the fighting in the Cambrai area yesterday, now beginning to come through, emphasize the serious nature of the enemy attempt to break up the broad salient created by General Byng's recent victory, which so seriously menaces the German Cambrai base.

The German turning movement yesterday gave the British a trying time of it. They were obliged hurriedly to withdraw their troops from the area that was being cut off by the progress of the German advance and according to Berlin they lost 4,000 men in prisoners in the process. The capture of several batteries of field guns also is claimed by the German staff.

The German staff reports indicate a number of endangered guns were blown up by Byng's artillerymen and the pieces that fell into German hands may be presumed to have been these. British counterattacks finally stopped the Teutonic rush and saved the day. The counter thrusts on the part of the British are continuing to-day and while some of the ground lost in the drive still remains in German hands the situation to-day is reported as not to cause any particular menacing.

The losses to both sides, particularly to the German columns in their massed attacks, are reported heavy. During November the British forces on all fronts lost more than 120,000 men, including 94,600 wounded and missing. These totals are the highest reached in five months, and include the casualties in bitter fighting in the Ypres salient and in Palestine as well as before Cambrai.

There has been little except artillery activity on the other fronts. The violent fighting on the Northern Italian front has stopped for the moment. The Austro-Germans are reported active behind the lines and are said to be building defenses on the eastern of the Tagliamento river, twenty-eight miles east of the Piave.

M. Maklakoff, the Russian ambassador to France, who sits in the conference as an unofficial observer, has been dismissed by the Bolshevik government for taking part in the meetings. Spokesmen for the British government deny the letter written by the Marquis of Lansdowne expressed the views of the British cabinet. Lord Lansdowne says the letter was entirely his own. He declines to discuss its opportuneness, saying he has nothing to add or retract, and that the subject is too controversial. The Unionist party has condemned the letter.

Elections in Petrograd of delegates to the constituent assembly resulted favorably to the Bolsheviks who gained more seats than the constitutional democrats. Siberia is reported to be about to declare its independence. Ministers are meeting at Omsk and a Siberian flag has been raised.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday, colder; lowest temperature to-night about 20. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and colder to-night and Sunday; moderate northwest to west winds. Temperature: 8 a. m., 46. Sun: Rises, 7:12 a. m.; sets, 4:30 p. m. Moon: Rises, 7:16 p. m. River Stage: 3.9 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 53. Lowest temperature, 28. Mean temperature, 36. Normal temperature, 37.

"TELL MR. HOHENZOLLERN WE'LL WAIT"



HOPE TO SELL 500,000 SEALS BY CHRISTMAS

Red Cross Sale to Begin in Harrisburg Next Week

Red Cross Christmas Seals for 1917 will be placed on sale throughout Harrisburg and the surrounding district next Wednesday. The sale will continue until January 1. Sales in the city schools will begin next Friday. They will end December 14, when reports will be turned in to the committee.

Coal and Food Heads Contest Priority Rights

Washington, Dec. 1.—The contest between the coal and fuel administrators over priority rights for food and coal transportation, was taken up to-day by a conference between representatives of the railroad board, the committee on priority and the two administrations concerned, to decide whether foodstuffs or coal and coke shall move first on the railroads. The fuel administrator's request that coal be given right of way has drawn objections from the food administrator. If coal goes ahead of food, the food administrator declares the country will be brought to the point of actual hunger. Meanwhile the general operating committee of the eastern railroads, acting on the suggestion of fuel administrator Garfield, has without a formal government order, issued instructions giving preference to coal movement in order to clear congested terminals. The committee on priority has in specific cases, been giving preference to shipments in the following order: First, livestock and perishables; second, ordinary foodstuffs and feeds; third, railway supplies and materials; fourth, coal and coke; fifth, government supplies; and sixth, general freight.

SANTA CLAUS IS GIVEN A BIG PACK OF CHRISTMAS TOYS BY YANKEE INGENUITY

German Dominance of Market Gone Forever When Uncle Sam Settles Down to Work; War Plays Big Part in Mechanical Playthings

Good-bye, Germany, you have lost the toy business forever. The Stars and Stripes are waving over the land of the Hun, so far as this industry is concerned, and you will believe that if you glance at the wonderful displays in the toy shops of Harrisburg, Germany? Why, you would never know she had built a toy. They're all American make this Christmas season, and the shopkeepers say that Germany, or any other foreign clime will never again monopolize this attractive industry. Yankee ingenuity has proved itself quite sufficient. An old white-haired man with his four little grandchildren stood in front of a toy counter this morning and with an itching, generous hand

PUBLICATION OF TREATIES SCORED BY RUSS MINISTER

Bolsheviki Have Committed a Shameful Violation, Says Amsterdam Official

Amsterdam, Dec. 1.—A memorandum expressing indignation at the publication in Petrograd of treaties concluded between Russia and the allies was presented to the Dutch foreign minister on Friday by the Russian charge d'affaires here. The memorandum says the action of the Bolshevik government amounts to a shameful violation of those responsible of the obligations entered into.

COAL CARDS ARE CAUSING MUCH CONCERN

Customers Find Questions Are Difficult to Answer; Dealers Pleased With Results

"My goodness! Do you mean to say I have to do all that to get a ton of coal?" The exclamation of the customer when he is told that he must fill out a coal card in order to have his order for anthracite filled to-day, is a matter of great surprise to a customer when he is told that he cannot order coal over the phone, but must come into the office and sign his own card. The reporter asked how the customers take the matter of signing "Watch him," here comes a customer. The dealer handed the customer the card and leaned back in his chair, quietly smoking his cigar and paying no attention to the customer, who stood looking at the card. "Well, how do I do this?" said the customer. "That's the usual answer, Mr. Reporter," said the dealer, and turned to the customer. "Answer the questions," he said. "Well, I thought that would be your answer, but it seemed so strange to order coal this way I had to ask you something," said the customer. Dealers this morning said that they can already see that the cards are going to be a good thing, for when a customer formerly ordered coal, over the phone, or by coming in himself, he always insisted that he did not "have enough to last through the night, so hurry and deliver it today."

Colonel House and General Bliss Attend Versailles Conference

Versailles, France, Dec. 1.—The first meeting of the Supreme War Council which will consider the whole military situation, was held in a hotel here to-day. It was attended by Premier Lloyd George and General Wilson for Great Britain; Colonel House and General Bliss for the United States; Premier Clemenceau and General Poch for France; and Premier Orlando and General Cadorna for Italy. Members of the council sat in seclusion, the hotel being guarded carefully by police to keep out intruders. It is expected the deliberations will last several days and will result in the formation of a joint military policy for the western front. A. H. Frazer, secretary of the American embassy in Paris, assisted Colonel House.

All other American delegates to the interallied conference excepting Thomas N. Perkins, who was detained by business, attended a luncheon given to-day by the French foreign minister, Stephen Pichon, at the council office in seclusion, the hotel being guarded carefully by police to keep out intruders. It is expected the work of the committee will be concluded to-day. One of the members of the American mission expressed the opinion the committee conference will be productive of far-reaching results.

CITY GARBAGE MAY BE FED TO GREAT PIGGERY

Harrisburg Would Save Money and at the Same Time Increase Supply of Meat

NOT UNUSUAL METHOD

City Commissioners to Visit Plant of Contractors at Rohrerstown

Three bids were received by the city for the removal and disposal, and the disposal only, of garbage. The proposals were opened to-day by City Commissioner Morgenthaler. The lowest bid received was from Hagy Brothers, of Rohrerstown, Lancaster county, who offer to collect and dispose of the garbage by feeding it to pigs, at a charge of \$24,000 a year, or \$2,000 a month. For a sixty-three month contract the cost would be \$126,000, or fifty per cent. lower than the next bid which was \$198,760, submitted by Edward L. Bader, of Atlantic City. It is reported that the Pennsylvania Reduction Company plant might be purchased and used should the contract be awarded to a bidder specifying the reduction method of disposal.

To Visit Plant

As a result of the bid received by disposal by feeding the garbage to pigs, the city commissioners will probably take a trip to the piggery in Rohrerstown on Monday afternoon to investigate the management and success of the plan. The Hagy Brothers firm now holds a one-year contract for collections in Lancaster, and also has a contract in Philadelphia. For disposal only for one year a bid of \$4,000 was received. Three brothers operate the piggery at Rohrerstown. They are Frank, Lewis and Hyles Hagy. At present 670 hogs are being raised at the piggery and are fed largely on garbage. To show the difference in collection cost the firm submitted a bid of \$12,000 for collection of garbage from the curb. Commissioners Morgenthaler and Lynch both stated this would not be considered, but were surprised at the difference in the cost as estimated by the firm.

Other Bids

In addition to bidding for a five-year contract for collection and disposal of garbage, the firm submitted a proposal to dispose of the garbage by reduction only for \$86,625. This was also for a five-year period. The third bid was from William T. Campbell, Philadelphia. For collection and disposal for five years a proposal of \$224,000 was made; while for disposal only for that period \$98,000 was submitted. No specifications are made, the letter to Commissioner Morgenthaler stating the garbage would be disposed of in a sanitary manner.

Little Basis For Rumors of Police Removals Is Seen in City Circles

Rumors of a number of changes in the police department were given little credence in city official circles to-day because of the requirement of the civil service law which prevents any appointment to the police force for any position except upon the approval of council after three names have been submitted by the civil service board following an examination of applicants for the position. Friends of the commission-ers and Mayor Keister expressed the opinion that efforts are being made to create doubt as to the extent of the applicability of the civil service law and predicted that little attention would be paid to such efforts. While the civil service board submitted the new rules and regulations to council for approval this is not required by law. No action will be taken by the board to set a date for examination until council disposes of the rules.

U. S. Will Fill Russian Orders Now on Hand

Washington, Dec. 1.—Explaining lack of official advice here of Bolshevik government's dismissal of the Russian ambassador, the Russian embassy here announced it has had no formal relations with the Bolshevik government since its overthrow of the Kerensky regime. Despite the uncertainty of Russian affairs, embassy officials said merchandise ordered under existing contracts are being manufactured by American contractors but no new contracts are being made. Shipment of articles now being made will depend, it was said, upon future developments in Russia, with Russian officials here endeavoring to prevent their receipt by the Bolsheviks.

PROSECUTION OF WAR, FIRST AIM OF NEW CONGRESS

Chief Concern Should Be For Effective Campaign, the President Believes

LITTLE BUSINESS AHEAD

Chief Executive Asks Cabinet to Submit Data on Possible Legislation

By Associated Press Washington, Dec. 1.—President Wilson believes Congress should confine itself almost entirely at the coming session to legislation for the vigorous prosecution of the war. He is expected to tell Congress so in his opening address, which will be delivered in the hall of the House at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday. All arrangements were made to-day by the White House with Speaker Clark and Vice-President Marshall for the joint session at that hour. The President continued to work on his address to-day, transcribing his notes into finished form. He has asked all the cabinet members to present memoranda on possible legislation which they consider vital to the success of the prosecution of the war, and it is understood the President will outline their recommendations with his own in his address. At informal conferences among Congressmen to-day the probable legislative program was discussed. The usual appropriation bills, some already in process of formation; fiscal legislation, including new bond authorizations and revenue measures; and transportation and other domestic problems are regarded as constituting the President's program expected to continue for many months. Prohibition and woman suffrage constituting amendments will be pressed early in the session. Little business, except to receive President Wilson's address, is planned during the first week of the session. Committees of both bodies expect to meet to-day. The President's address and formally frame the immediate program. Taxation legislation, it is expected, will be deferred for several months.

WAR COMMITTEE OF 1,500 TO BE NAMED IN CITY

Businessmen Get Great Civilian Body Under Way For Big Tasks

WOMEN TO HELP IN WORK

"Organization of Doers" to Be Selected From Persons in All Walks of Life

Plans for the organization of a committee of 1,500 Harrisburg men and women to carry out all manner of civilian work that will turn up in the city during the period of the war, was announced to-day. At the suggestion of former Mayor J. William Bowman, a preliminary committee of businessmen have begun the work. William Jennings has been selected as chairman. Associated with Mr. Bowman and Mr. Jennings are Mayor Daniel L. Keister, John H. Johnston, George Reinisch, David E. Tracy, Donald McCormick, Henderson Gilbert, John F. Dapp, David Kaufman and E. L. McOlglin. A statement of the organization and purpose of the committee was made public this morning by Chairman Jennings. The personnel of the organization has not been completed, but it was announced that it will appear [Continued on Page 12.]

Lieut. Leshar Takes Bride at Recruiting Office

Lieutenant Robert William Leshar, U. S. A., retired, the man chiefly responsible for the Harrisburg district's national record in recruiting, was married to Miss Ruth Agnes Morrell, of Steelton, and the news did not filter out until to-day. Strictly censured, a parent, some of the recruiting boys could no longer keep secret the wedding. The wedding took place at headquarters of the recruiting office, and whatever military men do at a wedding. The boys also showed their respect for the lieutenant and his charming bride with a magnificent silver set. Though a native of Steelton, Lieut. Leshar now calls Harrisburg his home.

AUSTRIA'S AIM A SPEEDY PEACE

Amsterdam, Dec. 1.—Referring to the Austro-Hungarian government's acceptance of the Russian invitation to discuss an armistice, Dr. Von Seydler, the premier, in addressing the lower house of the Reichstrath, is quoted in a Vienna dispatch as saying "The Austro-Hungarian government in view of its repeatedly proclaimed position, has decided to conduct negotiations in a spirit of conciliation, as its aim is a speedy peace that will make possible trustful co-operation of the nations in the future."

FRENCH REPULSE HUNS

Paris, Dec. 1.—The Germans made a violent attack last night on the Verdun front, the war office reports. Two efforts were defeated by the French, who after a severe engagement, held their lines intact.

PRESIDENT SPARKS TO SPEAK

Harrisburg—President E. E. Sparks of State College will speak at the Y. M. C. A. men's mass to-morrow afternoon, in place of Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman. Dr. Sparks' subject will be "The Clean Bill."

MINERS WILL WORK ON HOLIDAY

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 1.—Miners are expected to remain at work on the Catholic feast of the Immaculate Conception next Saturday as a result of a joint appeal by church and federal authorities.

DR. MEISENHOLDER DEAD

York, Pa., Dr. Edmund W. Meisenholder, of York, one of the best known medical practitioners in this part of the state, a veteran of the Civil War, fell dead from heart failure this morning in the home of a patient. He was 75 years old.

MEANS TRIAL MAY BE LENGTHY

Concord, N. C., Dec. 1.—Prospects at the opening to-day of the sixth session in the trial of Gaston B. Means were that the introduction of evidence might last for another week, particularly should the defense decide to put the defendant on the stand to explain his version of the death of Mrs. Maude A. King.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

David M. Brown and Irene Hattie Delaney, Millerstown; Harry B. Stauffer and Eva M. Pasnacht, Oberlin; Walter R. A. Winder and James E. Wright, Williamsport; William Gutshall and Amanda C. Gayman, Lemoyne; Fred Sargent, Middletown, and Catherine M. Knoll, Harrisburg; Arthur H. McCafferty and Phyllis Ray, Hershey; Harry H. Rice and Maude M. Kreitzer, Lemoyne.