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ALLIES ARE APPROACHING GHEENT IN BELGIUM

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(By the Associated Press).

British troops, in smashing through the formidable German positions along the Selle river north of Le Cateau, captured more than 3,000 prisoners. The Germans were forced from positions of great natural strength on a wide front, and the British gains were maintained despite enemy counter-attacks. The British now hold the heights between the Selle and Harpies rivers and are in a position to outflank the Mormal forest and cut the railroad between Valenciennes and Avesnes.

Farther north the allied forces continue their progress through Belgium and French Flanders from Denain to the Dutch border. On the north the Belgians are approaching Ghent, while in the center the British are marching on the Scheldt river and outflanking Tournai, an important railway junction, which has been rendered useless to the Germans.

British and American troops are advancing along a 10-mile front east of Le Cateau. Yesterday they gained a mile on this line and seriously threaten the railroad running through Avesnes and Berlamont. This road is the principal avenue of communication between the German armies north and south of the wedge being driven into their lines.

The French have been successful along the Oise and Serre rivers. On the southern side of the Lys salient, they reached the heights west of Grandup.

West of the Argonne forest the French have reached the outskirts of the village of Terron-sur-Aisne, north of Vouziers. This seems to be a stroke at Le Chesne, northeast of the Argonne forest. The village of Le Chesne is an important highway center and is on a line of railroad which runs southward to Buzancy, behind the front where the Germans are striving to stop the American drive on the line from the Argonne to the Meuse.

If Le Chesne should be occupied by the French, the event would be almost certain to bring about a German withdrawal east of the forest.

American forces apparently are meeting with desperate resistance along the front west of the Meuse.

QUIET ON FRENCH FRONT.

No Infantry Fighting of Moment Reported To-day.

Paris, Oct. 21.—There was no infantry fighting of moment on the French front last night. The official statement from the war office to-day only reports artillery activity between the Serre and the Aisne.

In raids in Lorraine and Alsace the French captured prisoners. The statement reads:

"The night was marked by rather heavy artillery activity between the Serre and the Aisne. In Lorraine and Alsace incursions into the German lines enabled the French to take prisoners."

GERMAN DEFENSE IS WEAKENING

Allied Troops Have Crossed the Scheldt River and Have Encircled Audenarde.

Paris, Oct. 21, 1 p. m.—Allied troops have crossed the Scheldt river at several points in the region of Audenarde, 15 miles southwest of Ghent.

Audenarde has been encircled, and its fall is expected momentarily. German resistance is reported to be weakening on this sector of the front.

BRITISH ENCOUNTERED VERY HEAVY FIGHTING

And They Went Against Very Strong Natural Defenses on the Selle River Yesterday.

London, Oct. 21.—More than three thousand prisoners were captured by the British yesterday in the operations north of LeCateau when the Selle river was crossed on a wide front, according to Field Marshal Haig's statement to-day.

The German positions were strongly held and there was heavy fighting throughout the day. The weather was unfavorable and the river was in flood, but the British forced a passage of the river early in the fighting, supported by tanks. In the Valenciennes region the Brit-

BRITISH CAPTURED OVER DOZEN VILLAGES

Third Army Is Headed Toward Mons, Fourth Toward Maubeuge—Fifth Army Has Practically Captured Tournai.

Paris, Oct. 21.—The allied forces, while pushing farther into central Belgium on the north, are fighting on the south toward the Belgian border south of Valenciennes. Sunday the allied troops had to fight the elements as well as the Germans. It drizzled continuously and the soldiers were soaked and blinded by the rain, while airships were of little use.

With spirits unhampered, the allied troops continued their efforts and in Flanders they got a little nearer to the important city of Ghent and are approaching very close to the west bank of the Scheldt. On the right of the front in Belgium the British fifth army has to all intents and purposes taken Tournai, an important railroad junction.

Farther south the British third army has crossed the Selle and is headed toward Mons by way of Quenoy and north of the Mormal forest, while General Rawlinson's fourth army has reached the Sambre-Oise canal and is advancing around the southern end of the Mormal forest up the valley of the Sambre towards Maubeuge. The net result of the efforts of the fourth and fifth British armies was that the pivot on which the German retreat across Belgium swings was badly shaken. The British also captured a dozen or more villages. On the British right General Debeney is outflanking Guise and is marching towards Hison for the purpose of taking the Hunding line in the rear.

At the same time Generals Mangin and Guillaumat between the Serre and the Aisne and north of Sissons are attacking the front of the Hunding line. Finally General Gouraud and the Americans are fighting in most difficult positions against determined and strong resistance. They are making slow but solid progress in the task of pushing the enemy toward the southern Ardennes and up both banks of the Meuse.

BAN IN BOSTON IS OFF.

After Influenza Epidemic, Which Took 4,000 Lives.

Boston, Oct. 21.—Normal conditions were resumed in this city to-day when schools, theatres, motion picture houses, dance halls, billiard and pool rooms, bowling alleys, liquor saloons, soda fountains and other places of public assembly were allowed to reopen by the health officials. These places had been closed for nearly three weeks because of the epidemic of influenza, which caused nearly 4,000 deaths in Boston. Although a considerable number of deaths still were being reported daily, health officials believe the disease was under control.

PLOTTERS FOILED IN SWITZERLAND

They Had Planned to Distribute Revolutionary Pamphlets in Italy—Two Men Convicted.

Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 21 (British Wireless service).—Lionel Andros, a deserter from the Italian army, and Rudolph Englemann, a German consular agent, have been found guilty in the Swiss courts of having in their possession bombs, infernal machines and revolutionary pamphlets for use in Italy. Englemann was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment, to pay a fine of 5,000 francs and expulsion from Switzerland for life. Andros received a term in prison, a fine of 1,000 francs and expulsion.

LIGGETT AND BULLARD LIEUTENANT GENERALS

Nomination Made To-day By President Wilson for Army Commanders in France.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—Major Generals Hunter Liggett and Robert L. Bullard were nominated by President Wilson to-day to be lieutenant generals.

MANY MASSACHUSETTS MEN WERE NAMED IN CANADIAN CASUALTY LIST OF TO-DAY.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 21.—The following names of New England men appeared in last night's Canadian casualty list:

Killed in action: J. Ryan, Somerville, Mass.; J. F. MacKinnon, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; J. D. McLennan, Charlestown, Mass.; A. W. White, Lawrence, Mass.; Died: P. Conway, Clinton, Mass.; Missing: L. W. Mansell, Oldtowne, Me.; Wounded and gassed: J. J. Nott, Montville, Conn.

Gassed: W. M. Maimes, Manchester, N. H.; E. E. Billing, Houlton, Me.; A. Bradstreet, Lawrence, Mass.; Wounded: A. Barclay, Holyoke, Mass.; F. Dobbins, Hartford, Conn.; F. Buckley, Dorchester, Mass.; M. C. Ester, Springfield, Mass.; W. Thornhill, Pawtucket, R. I.; D. S. Shaw, Bridgeport, Conn.; R. W. Smith, Charlestown, Mass.; S. Ruhor, Monticello, Me.; C. S. Heasman, Boston.

F. D. ROOSEVELT AT WORK.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Had Serious Illness.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, returned to his desk to-day for the first time since his recent visit to France. He was stricken aboard ship with influenza, which developed into pneumonia, and was seriously ill at his home in New York for some time.

YANKEES ARE NEW QUIBBLE IN FIERCE FIGHT BY GERMANY

Forced to Give Ground at First, They Counter-Attacked Successfully

BATTLE OCCURRED IN BOIS DE RAPPES

Germans Are Constantly Bringing Reinforcements

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NEUTRAL COMMISSION

Proposed by Germany to Investigate Charges of Devastation.

London, Oct. 21.—Germany, according to information received here, has asked a neutral government to inform President Wilson that Germany is prepared to agree to a neutral commission to investigate charges of devastation.

NEW OFFICERS' SCHOOL

Is to Be Established at Camp Fremont, Cal.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—Establishment of an infantry officers' training school at Camp Fremont, Cal., to open Dec. 1, for enlisted men and civilians was announced to-day by the war department. Graduates will be commissioned second lieutenants. Those eligible are draft registrants between 18 and 40, who are physically qualified for general military service, except registrants in class one physically qualified and who registered prior to Sept. 12, and registrants in deferred classification on account of occupation, industrial or agricultural grounds. A high school education or its equivalent is essential.

REHEARING DENIED BY SUPREME COURT

In the Dissolution Suit Brought Against the United Shoe Machinery Company.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—Government motions for a rehearing of the dissolution suit against the United Shoe Machinery company, the so-called shoe machinery trust, which was decided in favor of the company, were denied to-day by the supreme court.

In asking for a rehearing the government contended that if the supreme court's opinion holding the company not to be an organization in restraint of trade stands, it offers similar organizations an avenue of escape from the prohibition of the Sherman law and also opens questions as to the limits of the patent grant.

The shoe machinery case was decided May 20, in a four to three opinion, Justices McReynolds and Brandeis taking no part.

REFUSED PETITIONS

For Rehearing Contempt Proceedings in Toledo Cases.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—The supreme court to-day refused to grant motions for a rehearing in contempt proceedings decided last term against Neely, D. Cochran, editor-in-chief, and the Toledo Newspaper company, publishers of the Toledo News Bee, growing out of articles published in connection with a traction franchise fight.

Cochran was fined \$200 and the company \$7,500 by Federal District Judge Killits. Cochran was committed to jail on refusing to pay a fine. Judge Killits held that while not actually committed in the presence of the court, the publications in the newspaper were "so near the presence of the court" that they constituted contempt by embarrassing him in a case pending.

HUNGARY TO GET ITS INDEPENDENCE?

A Newspaper Announces That Emperor Charles Will Shortly Issue a Manifesto.

Amsterdam, Oct. 21.—Emperor Charles will shortly issue a manifesto to the Hungarian people announcing the independence of Hungary, according to the Budapest correspondence of the Rhenish Westphalian Gazette.

MORE SHIP MONEY

Has Been Asked of Congress by the Shipping Board.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—An additional \$120,000,000 for ship construction, making a total for that purpose of \$3,040,000,000, was asked of Congress to-day by the shipping board. The Senate appropriations committee was asked to include the increase in the military deficiency bill now under consideration.

STRIKE FOR MORE PAY.

At Plant of Springfield (Mass.) Aircraft Corporation.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 21.—The employees of the Springfield Aircraft corporation walked out this morning in an effort to enforce demands for an increase in wages. A demand for an eight-hour day has been granted and took effect to-day. The company employs about 1,200 persons, who are said to be unorganized.

BARRE GREATLY EXCEEDED QUOTA EQUAL PASSED BY BIG MARGIN

Amount Already Reported Is Approximately \$90,000 Over the Mark—The Tabulation of Banks.

Barre handled its fourth Liberty loan campaign with the old-time punch and the inevitable result was the over-subscription of its quota before the zero hour Saturday night. Uncle Sam asked for \$400,000 and the city answered with a subscription that exceeds \$490,000, undoubtedly the most gratifying outcome of any Liberty loan campaign waged here. School bells and church bells pealed out the tidings at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night, but even the bells failed to proclaim the crowning achievement of the campaign, for it was not known until to-day that the city's quota had been exceeded by nearly \$100,000.

The way the subscriptions came into the four banks of the city is told in the following figures: Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$132,800; Harry Daniels, East Montpelier, through outside banks, 30,000; Quarry Savings Bank & Trust Co. 101,000; Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co. 81,000; People's National bank, 145,650.

The foregoing figures do not represent the aggregate subscriptions received in Barre banks, for a much larger total would be needed to register the subscriptions received here from outside towns. A detailed statement of the out-of-town subscriptions received by local bankers and credited to the respective towns will be issued later. The sum of \$490,450 represents the subscriptions actually credited to Barre.

Information that Barre had eclipsed all previous records in Liberty loans was forwarded Saturday night to E. R. Morse, chairman of the state Liberty loan campaign. In acknowledging the message, Chairman Morse replied as follows: "Mr. C. W. Melcher: Congratulations. The city of Barre is certainly entitled to the greatest measure of credit for having accomplished what you have done under such more than trying conditions. I congratulate you and want you to express my appreciation to all of your citizens. "E. R. Morse, State Chairman."

The campaign in this city did not materialize until early in the last week of the loan. The most disastrous epidemic in the city's history compelled an abandonment of well devised plans for an early, sharp and telling campaign for subscriptions, and it was not until Oct. 14 that the situation cleared sufficiently to permit the committee to proceed with plans. The stonished canvass was followed by a very successful house-to-house drive Thursday, when nearly \$70,000 was subscribed in relatively small blocks. Subscriptions through the banks continued, but Saturday noon found the city \$75,000 short of its quota. What transpired between noon and the hour when the banks closed in the evening is more eloquently told in figures. In the opinion of the committee, the signal results of Barre's campaign have confounded the crepe-hangers who argued that peace talk and influenza would put a crimp in their plans. They made no allowance for a grim determination and citizens, a determination that went deeper than influenza and counted for more than peace kites. And in the end Barre's record for registering 100 per cent loyal whenever the opportunity comes is amply sustained.

BARRE MAN WOUNDED.

Private Archibald Allan with the Canadian Infantry.

Mrs. Margaret Allan of 30 Ayers street received a telegram Saturday from the Canadian director of war records at Ottawa, Ont., saying that her husband, Private Archibald Allan of the Canadian infantry, had been admitted to the base hospital at Camiers, France, for treatment of gunshot wounds which injured his back, legs and one hand. The date of his admission to the hospital was Oct. 3. Private Allan was employed for several years as a granite cutter in the employ of Barclay Bros. He was one of several Barre men who offered their services at a British recruiting rally in this city Feb. 2. For a time before his departure overseas he was attached to the 23d reserves, being transferred later to the infantry. Private Allan is around 35 years old and has a wife and three children.

MATTI HIVONEN

Died Saturday Afternoon Following a Week's Illness.

Matti Hivonen of 92 Summer street passed away at the City hospital Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was stricken with influenza a week previous and was removed to the hospital Thursday. Mr. Hivonen was a prominent member of the Finnish community in Barre and survived by his wife and three children and other near relatives live in Finland, where the deceased was born 45 years ago. He had been a resident of Barre for the past five years, having been employed here as a granite cutter.

The funeral will be held from the Perry & Noonan undertaking establishment in Depot square Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, followed by interment in Hope cemetery.

DIED AT WASHINGTON.

Don Stewart Brown Had Been Ill with Pneumonia.

Don Stewart Brown, aged 58 years and five months, died Saturday at 10:15 a. m. in Washington of pneumonia. Mrs. Brown died in September, 1917, and shortly after her demise the husband came to live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Brown, in Washington. Besides his father and mother, he leaves one son, Stewart, aged six years. Mr. Brown was a young man with many friends.

The funeral was held at the home of his father this afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. Paul Waller of Washington officiating, and burial was in the Washington cemetery.

COMMITTEE THANKS ALL WHO HELPED

Barre is over about \$90,000. This is surely enough to make everyone feel good. The committee extends thanks to everyone who helped to bring this about. This is the Barre way of doing things.

C. W. Melcher, Chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee.

DRIVEN OUT BY FIRE.

Eighteen Families in a Brighton, Mass., Apartment House.

Boston, Oct. 21.—Eighteen families were driven to the street in their night clothes early to-day by a fire which badly damaged an apartment house in the Brighton district. The loss was estimated at \$20,000.

EQUAL PASSED BY BIG MARGIN

Several Hundred Millions More Than the \$6,000,000,000 Asked For

ABOUT 25,000,000 BOUGHT THE BONDS

Returns Are Yet Far from Complete in Washington

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—Estimates and figures showing the success of the fourth Liberty loan poured into the treasury to-day, indicating that there were about 25,000,000 subscribers during the campaign, which closed Saturday night, and that the six billion dollar goal was passed by several hundred millions.

All orders for coupon bonds are being filed immediately and plenty of registered bonds will be ready as fast as requisitions for them, accompanied by the necessary information concerning the individual owners, reach the treasury.

Thirteen hundred clerks were at work to-day examining, counting and shipping bonds as fast as they came from the bureau of engraving and printing. They were received in huge bundles, carefully wrapped and sealed, and went to the federal reserve banks in much the same form.

Although the exact number of bonds sold will not be known for many weeks, officials estimate that it exceeds thirty million. In the third loan, slightly less than 25,000,000 were bought.

Reports from all of the reserve districts early in the day show the horrid roll of subscribers bear 25,000,000 names as a minimum and probably will be found to have several million more.

Owing to influenza, peace talk and the fact that many participants in the third loan now are in the army, the number of subscribers in the Boston, Philadelphia and possibly some other districts probably is no greater than in the preceding loan.

It is apparent, however, that at least 20 per cent of the population of the United States bought bonds, a record equalling and probably exceeding the percentage record of the British Victory loan of 1917, which had 9,000,000 subscribers. The \$5,000,000,000 subscribed to that loan is exceeded by more than a billion dollars. Thus all records both for size and distribution of war loans are broken by the fourth Liberty loan.

The first Liberty loan had about 4,500,000 subscribers, or 4 per cent of the population. The second had about 9,600,000, or 9 per cent. The third had 18,300,000, or about 17.7 per cent.

NEW ENGLAND WENT OVER AND TO SPARE

Returns Thus Far Tabulated Show Total of \$544,387,000, and with 156 Banks Still to Report.

Boston, Oct. 21.—New England over-subscribed its quota in the fourth Liberty loan by more than \$40,000,000. Incomplete returns in the hands of the committee to-day totaled \$544,387,000, with 156 banks still to report. All of the states in the district except possibly New Hampshire exceeded their quotas.

WASHINGTON COUNTY \$2,000,000. But Two Towns Are Reported as Failing to Reach Quota.

Returns received by C. F. Lowe, county chairman, Sunday of the sale of the fourth Liberty bonds, show that Washington county went over the top with a large margin, there being a total of \$2,000,000 subscribed, while its quota was \$1,500,000. There was a big push in the sale of bonds in Montpelier Saturday evening, the city taking \$1,000,000, while its quota was \$621,000.

These two towns are over the top, and as far as reports show, not a single sale of bonds was made in Fiskeville, although delayed reports may show the town did something along that line. Duxbury, which was one of the tail enders, went over the top at the 11th hour, according to the reports.

MRS. BERNICE HASKINS.

Died To-day at Home of Her Mother on Branch Street.

Mrs. Pearl S. Haskins, wife of Bernice Haskins, passed away at the home of her mother Mrs. William Price, 43 Branch street, this morning at 8:30 o'clock, the end following an illness that dated from Oct. 4. Mrs. Haskins resided in Canada and was here on a visit when she was taken ill. Besides her husband and her mother, she leaves her daughter, Marguerite, her step-sister, William Price, her brother, George Sullivan of Quincy, Mass., and three sisters, Misses Violet, Dorothy and Ethel Price. Mrs. George Earle of South Barre is an aunt of the deceased.

Mrs. Haskins was born Pearl Sullivan in Canada Sept. 29, 1897. Her marriage to Mr. Haskins took place Dec. 23, 1915. Arrangements for the funeral are to be announced later.

MONTPELIER

A hearing took place this morning relative to the case of Mrs. N. Monti, whose home was visited by officers Saturday afternoon and five barrels of wine found. The court found a violation of the prohibition had occurred but in view of all conditions the matter was left with the court and a further hearing will probably take place. It was stated in court that 20 boarders had been living at the home at one time since the order went into effect and that a glass of wine was served on the table to each boarder in place of tea or coffee. This, Monti explained, was the number in his family, including boarders, himself, wife and children. Under the supreme court decision in the Rocco Loti case this constitutes a sale of liquor and the matter will be investigated probably before the next hearing relative to Mrs. Monti's case. It was stated in court that information was unobtainable that the woman had been abused by her husband and that procedure might take place against him.