

FRENCH ATTACK WINS GROUND IN ARGONNE FIGHT

Kaiser's Lines Pressed Back in Battles Fought in Dense Fogs—Counter Assaults Repulsed.

Invaders Preparing to Push New Drive to North Sea—Predict Fall of Calais and Dunkirk by Christmas.

Despite heavy fogs, which necessarily restrict operations, severe fighting in the Argonne region is reported by the French War Office in its official statement issued this afternoon.

A new triple attack against the Allies at Neuport, Dixmude and Ypres is expected on the part of the German army in west Flanders.

The new forces of the Germans in Flanders are under the command of Grand Duke Albrecht, of Wurtemberg, heavy casualties having compelled a shift of troops.

The attack of the British fleet upon Belgian coast towns occupied by the Germans has been renewed, both Lombertzyde and Zebrugge being under bombardment.

The French War Office asserts that the German losses in West Flanders have exceeded 120,000.

Soissons, under fire for the 24th time since the campaign began, is now a scene of desolation, most of the famous old buildings having been ruined by bursting shells.

Von Hindenburg's drive against Warsaw, which brought the German forces within 30 miles of the Polish capital, has been checked at the Bura River.

British troops are reported pursuing Turkish detachments which have been repulsed in battles at the head of the Persian Gulf.

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MEN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING

Philadelphia Italians Held for Elkton Man's Critical Wounding.

Four Philadelphia Italians are in the county jail at Elkton, charged with shooting Tony Latessa, 30 years old, in his shanty near Conowingo.

The men under arrest are Peter Tallio, Francesco Nevello and Demino and Felice Petrini.

According to Latessa, three men came to his shanty Saturday night and asked for beds.

In an attempt to rob Latessa, two of the men shot at him, one ball taking effect.

The men were arrested on a train at Perryville and turned over to Sheriff Morgan and deputies.

Two revolvers, a razor and a large knife were found on them.

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VERA CRUZ AGAIN UNDER THE FLAG OF MEXICAN REPUBLIC

National Emblem Hoisted Over Custom House From Which it Was Removed Last Spring.

VERA CRUZ, Nov. 21.—The Mexican flag was again run up over Vera Cruz today after an absence of nearly seven months.

The hoisting of the republic's flag was made the occasion for brilliant ceremonies on the part of the Constitutional troops occupying the city.

Overnight triumphal arches had been hung from the windows of many houses.

At 5 o'clock the Mexican barracks stirred the troops to action and half an hour later, with bands at their head playing martial music, a heavy detachment of Constitutional soldiers moved through the streets.

Salutes were fired while the Mexican flag was hoisted above the custom house, the Government building, the naval academy and other public and semi-public structures.

Afterwards a procession of 800 Constitutional soldiers was reviewed.

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CORNELL FOOTBALL MEN COME AND GO SAME DAY

Arrived in This City Early This Morning, Breakfasted and Departed.

Cornell University's football team arrived in this city from Ithaca, N. Y., at 10 a. m. over the Reading Railroad.

After enjoying breakfast here the gridiron warriors left for Atlantic City, where they will go through just sufficient exercise to keep in shape.

They were here for the Thanksgiving Day game at Franklin Field with the University of Pennsylvania representatives.

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'HURRY' WIRELESS CALLS AS 25 PERISH ON ROCK-TORN SHIP

Operator on the Hanalei, Wrecked Off California, Sends Messages With Makeshift Outfit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Twenty-five persons, possibly thirty, are believed to have lost their lives in the wreck of the steam schooner Hanalei, which broke in two on Duxbury Reef this morning.

After having been pounded by the surf since noon yesterday, when she crashed on the rocks in a fog.

It was reported that there were from 55 to 60 persons on board, and by 10 o'clock life savers had succeeded in rescuing 25.

The Hanalei had broken her deck, the forward part of the vessel drifted to within 100 yards of shore.

A mortar life-saving station was not powerful enough to shoot a line to the vessel as she lay upon the rocks, the mortar from the Golden Gate life-saving station was carried for three miles across the mountain range.

By the time the mortar was in action the water was waist deep on the deck of the Hanalei and the wireless operator was sending out his entreaties with an improvised outfit held in one hand.

"We cannot stay here, we must get ashore," called the wireless man.

There was a pause, during which the officers on the Hanalei were evidently trying to persuade the holder passengers to take to the water with life belts and wreckage for buoys in an effort to battle the way to shore through the breakers.

"HURRY" WIRELESS CALLS "Hurry! Hurry!" came the final call from the Hanalei. The current was so weak it could barely be heard.

But in spite of this plea the life savers were unable to rig up a buoy.

Three passengers and two seamen braved the surf and swam ashore in the icy water and 15 others were rescued just before the Hanalei broke her back.

Among them was Captain J. J. Carey. Those who swam ashore were Carl Carlson, James O'Donnell and David Neville, passengers, and James Steen and Fred Slevens, sailors.

The first body washed ashore was that of a gray-haired woman, whose hands were clasped to a piece of wreckage.

SEND FOR DOCTORS AND NURSES. The Maritime Exchange this morning received the following message from Captain Alger, of the revenue cutter McCullough, which is at the scene of the wreck of the Hanalei:

"Send doctors and nurses immediately by revenue cutter Golden Gate or other vessel, for the best of the survivors is now on board the McCullough. Their condition is pitiful. Rush assistance."

SERVED HIS TIME IN JAIL BEFORE HE WAS SENTENCED

Man Who Pleaded Guilty Finds Government Owes Him Two Days.

By serving time in prison before he was sentenced, Solomon B. Brown got rid of his legal troubles quickly.

Incidentally he served much of his time in court amid somewhat esthetic surroundings, instead of the dull gray cell and the grim grated door.

Brown was very happy today because of the unique conclusion of his trial.

BABY HURLED TO SAFETY

Thrown From Window When Flames Trap Boston Tenement Dwellers.

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—A three-year-old baby was hurled to safety from a third-story window, several persons leaped for their lives and two girls were overcome by smoke when fire trapped them in a tenement house early today.

Seven persons were taken to the City Hospital badly injured.

The fire started under the stairs in the rear of the first floor and spread quickly, cutting off escape by the stairs.

Police men and firemen made heroic rescues.

LAST MINUTE RUSH TO AID BELGIANS ASSURES ORN FUND

Charitable Send Contributions for Food to \$115,000 Mark by Noon—\$4000 Extra for Milk.

The fund to stock the Orm, Philadelphia's second ship of mercy, was completed today at noon when the total figures reached a little more than \$115,000, which insures a large cargo of milk for the starving babies of Belgium, besides the general food cargo that had already been provided.

All morning contributions poured into the Philadelphia National Bank and at the Lincoln Building.

With the required amount already raised, the funds continued to pour in.

Philadelphia and Pennsylvania have responded to the call from across the Atlantic with willingness.

Two weeks ago the Thelma was sent to Belgium, laden to its capacity with food, and tomorrow the second ship will leave with a larger cargo.

It is estimated the city and State have contributed an average of \$300 a day.

When it was announced a second ship would be sent by the charitable people of Philadelphia, it was believed that \$115,000 would provide for the food.

But a sufficient sum were it not for the appeal made at the eleventh hour for milk to keep alive the starving babies in Belgium.

\$4000 GIVEN IN A DAY. At noon yesterday the \$115,000 had been raised, but it was necessary to secure the additional \$4000 to buy milk.

When it became known at headquarters that the entire fund was assured and the possibility that it would even be exceeded, there was enthusiasm.

It was feared for a time there might be a possibility that the amount would not be realized.

This fear was entirely dispelled, however, when an incessant stream of contributions began to pass in and out of the building.

Some left 5 cents and others as much as \$5.

"I felt sure Philadelphia would not fail us," said a member of the Relief Committee.

"The relief committee has been set down to a Thanksgiving dinner, knowing they have sent life and light to a nation dying for food."

When we launched our last appeal for \$4000 for milk, it was asking the good people of our city and State to come forward and save thousands of little lives.

R. R. CONSPIRACY MAY BE CHARGED BY COMMUTERS

Significance of Simultaneous Announcement of Uniform Increase in Rates Emphasized as 300 Organizations Join in Protest Meeting.

Pennsylvania's President Declines to Send Representative to Hear Complaints; Reading's Merely Acknowledges Receipt of Invitation.

The question whether the railroads are acting in conspiracy and restraint of trade in the fare increases announced, was raised at the meeting of commuters in the Garrick Theatre this afternoon by Edwin M. Abbott.

He pointed out that if such should prove to be the case, the matter is within the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.

Prior to the meeting it was rumored that charges of conspiracy might be made by some of the speakers.

These charges, it was said, would be based on the fact that the increase in passenger tariffs was announced simultaneously by all the railroads, and that there was a remarkable uniformity in the changes suggested by all the roads.

The news from Washington yesterday that complaints had been made to the Department of Justice against the action of the railroads brought out this new phase of the matter.

The officials of the Department of Justice will make no statement, it is understood that the complaints urge an investigation to determine whether or not the railroads have entered into a conspiracy in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

300 ORGANIZATIONS IN PROTEST. The meeting in the Garrick Theatre is the first real volley fired in the campaign, for while desultory action has been taken by scattered bodies in the past week, representatives from 300 business, civic and improvement organizations meet there to join in the fight as a unit.

Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Theodore Voorhes, president of the Reading Railroad, today wrote to Edwin M. Abbott, one of those who called the meeting, acknowledging the receipt of the invitation to attend.

Mr. Rea stated that the Pennsylvania Railroad would not be represented. "For Railroad would not be represented," he stated, "because the proposed increase in passenger fares has already been announced to the attention of the several State commissions and the Interstate Commerce Commission."

Mr. Voorhes did not state whether the Reading would be represented or not. It has not been announced definitely by the leaders of the meeting just what course of action will be taken.

The proposition that the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania will hold a hearing in Philadelphia some time this week will also be considered in making plans for the fight.

Until yesterday it was not thought the Commission would grant a hearing to the commuters' protests until the increased rates would have become operative.

Following the conference late yesterday afternoon between Edwin M. Abbott, president of the Philadelphia and State alleys Trunkers' Association, and William W. Trunkler, counsel for the Commission, it was announced that a hearing might be granted Friday in the City Hall.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT RECOGNIZED. As the commission last week intimated, it would not announce a date for a hearing until after December 15, the date when the new rates become effective.

Commuters say the change of plans on the part of the commission is proof that they have come to recognize the strength of public sentiment awakened in the fight.

Representatives of the South Jersey Commuters' Association, United Towns Improvement Association, Haddonfield Civic Association, Ardmore Board of Trade, the General Improvement Association of Palmyra, the Pittman Board of Trade, a borough board of Laurel Springs and the Clementon Business Men's Association, today presented a petition to Governor Fielder asking that he take action on the proposed increases of railroad rates by calling a special session of the Legislature, which he declined to do last week.

The particular matter causing the commuters of South Jersey much concern is the lack of definite powers of the State Board of Public Utility to order the discontinuance of the sale of the 10-cent ticket, which the railroads in December announced they would withdraw.

William C. Marshall and Edward West appeared among other things that the seven sisters anti-trust laws could not have been framed more favorably from a railroad standpoint.

At the conclusion of the reading of the petition the argument of the Governor said that he had not changed his mind on the matter and he had no reason for calling a special session of the Legislature. The representatives, after waiting on the Governor, went to the office of the Utility Commission to secure further data in order to bring the matter formally before the Utility Board.

Last night protest meetings were held in Norristown, Wycoke, Riverdale, N. J.; Haddon Heights, N. J.; Narberth, Wycoke, N. J.; Riverton, N. J.; and Haddonfield, N. J. A score of other meetings are being held in various parts of the State.

The New Jersey towns have arranged a combined mass meeting at the Camden City Hall for 8 o'clock Friday. The Mayor of each town will be asked to send a representative to attend and to appoint one citizen to accompany him.

POSTMASTER DIES ON TRAIN. Stephen Hoffman, 56 years old, Postmaster of Newville, Burlington County, N. J., dropped dead this morning on the Atlantic City train. The Mayor of Newville advised that Hoffman had been a member of the National Association of Postmasters.

WASHINGTON RELIEVED

Views Present Conditions in Mexico Without Anxiety.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—For the first time in months the Washington government today viewed the Mexican situation without anxiety.

With the American troops safely withdrawn from the soil and prospects that General Villa will be unopposed in his occupation of Mexico City, there was no need to worry about the affairs of the republic, according to State Department officials.

They took especial comfort from the order of Villa to look for important developments to looting and rapine during the occupation of the capital.

It is believed here that the arrival of the Villa forces will end all apprehension and place the city in better order than it has been for months.

Dispatches from Consul General Stillman in Mexico City, however, are said to have declared his allegiance to the Aguascalientes convention, is maintaining order and the early fears of the residents have been allayed.

ON TO MEXICO CITY

Villa Hastens Plans to Occupy the Capital.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 24.—Appeals from Mexico City to General Francisco Villa to hurry on to the capital that he may take charge of the situation there, which is now verging on anarchy, have caused the northern leader to hasten plans for the movement of his army.

General Lucio Blanco, in charge at Mexico City, has wired Provisional President Guiterres that he and his army will support the Aguascalientes Government.

It is reported that Blanco has also wired that he has placed under arrest General Alvaro Obregon, Eduardo Hay and Antonio Villareal. This last report was denied in a message from Idarra Bahiala, Carranza's Secretary of War, who declared Obregon is at the head of a large force of troops ready to oppose Villa.

CARRANZA REPORTS VICTORY

Says Villa Lost 400 Men in Fight at Tlaxcala.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Capture of Tlaxcala by Carranzista troops with a loss of the Villistas of 400 men and some guns was reported by Carranza to his agency here today.

Denial was made that Zapatistas had captured Puebla. Carranza said they were defeated at Chetumal, according to General Calles, Carranza's repulsed Maytorena troops at Agua Prieta, killing 300 and capturing 300.

Captain Hill Denies Charge

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Captain W. N. Hill, of the Marine Corps, reported from Boston as having stated in an interview that "burning and looting" would follow the evacuation of Vera Cruz by the United States troops, today wired a denial that he made such a statement.

\$180,000 LOSS WHEN FIRE RAGES AT M'KEESPORT

Department Store of J. Denny O'Neil Destroyed by Flames.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 24.—Fire of unknown origin in the basement of the department store of J. Denny O'Neil, 235 and 237 Fifth avenue, McKeesport, early this morning destroyed the building and damaged other structures.