

GERMANS WIN LINE ON SOMME IN FIERCEDASH

Brandenburgers Retake Positions From La Maissonnette Farm to Biaches

BIG BATTLES IN EAST

Teutons Announce Victory Near Red Tower Pass—Lose at Szurduk

Berlin and Brandenburg troops, famed for their fighting power at Verdun, launched one of the most violent counter-attacks of the whole Somme battle against the French lines south of the Somme last night.

The French War Office admitted this afternoon that the Germans penetrated La Maissonnette Farm, west of Peronne, but claimed the repulse of other heavy attacks.

The German War Office reported the capture of La Maissonnette and all the French positions extending from the farm to Biaches, together with 412 prisoners. British gains in the fighting south of the river were admitted at Berlin.

All along the Transylvanian frontier the Austro-Germans and Rumanians are engaged in a series of battles. The German War Office announced the capture of several heights southeast of the famous Red Tower pass, but conceded a Rumanian victory southwest of Szurduk Pass.

Unofficial reports from Petrograd declared that Falkenhayn's forces had been pushed back three miles by the Rumanians north of Campolungo.

In Dobruja a fresh battle is believed imminent. The Berlin official statement reported that Mackensen's pursuing detachments are now in touch with the retreating Russo-Rumanian infantry and cavalry.

TEUTONS ANNOUNCE GAINS ON SOMME, BUT ADMIT LOSS ALONG THE MORVAL LINE

Berlin, Oct. 28. Capture by the Germans of La Maissonnette Farm, south of the Somme, together with the French positions extending from the farm to the village of Biaches, was announced by the War Office this afternoon.

All of these positions, the statement said, were taken by storm "in a brisk attack" by Berlin and Brandenburg troops.

Four hundred and twelve prisoners were taken, including fifteen officers. The War Office admitted the loss of an advanced trench east of Boeufs.

"Artillery duels continue on the Verdun front," the statement said.

The text of the statement follows: Many places on the front north of the Somme were under hostile fire, to which we strongly responded.

The enemy during an attack from the Les Boeufs-Morval line succeeded in enlarging his place of entry into our most advanced trench east of Les Boeufs and southward for a small extension.

At all points where the enemy was able to advance through our curtain of fire he was vigorously repulsed.

On the southern bank of the Somme the French positions extending from there to the village of Biaches were stormed in a brisk attack by Infantry Regiment No. 353, composed of Berlin and Brandenburg troops.

The attack was efficiently prepared by artillery and splendidly assisted by aviation flyers.

Four hundred and twelve prisoners, among whom were fifteen officers, were brought in.

"JUST A LITTLE MORE PEP, BOYS"

Coach "Bob" Foilwell was the chief speaker at a mass-meeting held in the chapel of the University of Pennsylvania today. Its purpose was to show the team that the student body was by no means cast down by the Pitt defeat.



50 AMERICANS UPON HORSESHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

Many Lives Lost on Marina, Torpedoed Without Warning

CONSUL CONFIRMS ATTACK

Boat Was Upon Return Voyage, Probably Without Cargo

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 30.—There were fifty American horse tenders upon the British freighter Marina when she left here for Glasgow, according to agents of her owners. It is understood here, however, that the ship was upon her return voyage when she was sunk by a German submarine.

LONDON, Oct. 30. The Donaldson liner Marina, flying the British flag, and numbering several American citizens among the crew, was sunk off the Irish coast by a submarine Saturday afternoon, with a possible heavy loss of life.

The first advice received here said that seventy of her crew were missing, only thirty-four having been landed. Later a Lloyd's dispatch from Rockhaven asserted that a patrol boat had rescued the crew, making it uncertain whether there were any casualties.

Survivors declared that the ship was not warned. The spot where the Marina was torpedoed is not far from the scene of the attack upon the liner Lusitania.

The steamer was sent to the bottom by shell fire. Dispatches from Queenstown quoted American Consul Frost as reporting that the ship was torpedoed.

Frost later reported to the American Embassy here that the Marina was sunk without warning. He did not give the source of his information.

Another Queenstown dispatch declared that the American Consul had learned when the big steamship Rowanmore was sunk last Thursday the submarine shelled the vessel while the crew was still aboard and later shelled the boats.

The Rowanmore, according to Frost's report, tried for fifty minutes to escape from the German submarine. Her steering gear was shot away and the master brought the vessel to a stop, signaling he was abandoning her. The submarine continued shelling and shelled the lifeboats after they had cleared. There were no casualties, however. At 11:30 a. m. the submarine torpedoed the Rowanmore, but she did not sink until 3:30 p. m. The crew were landed at Bangor.

The two Americans on board were George Murphy, 749 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, and Albert Sessler, 42 Sharon street, Boston. Frost will get affidavits from the two Americans.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—A new submarine issue with Germany may have been raised, officials here agreed today, by the sinking of the Glasgow horse ship Marina by shellfire from a German submarine Saturday. According to a cablegram from Consul Frost at Queenstown, the sinking was reported to include Americans.

The Marina was sunk about 3 p. m. Saturday, 100 miles west of Cape Clear, Frost said. Thirty-four of the crew of 104 have been landed at Crook Haven, he said, but lifeboats Nos. 1 and 2 were missing.

In fixing the blame for the destruction of the vessel, it will be necessary to determine the character of its charter. Some of the horse ships which have been plying between the United States and England have been under direct or indirect charter by the British and French Governments.

In such cases they assume the character for the time being of Admiralty vessels and are subject to attack without warning.

MAYOR MAKES PLEA FOR 'BIGGER AND BETTER CITY OF PHILADELPHIA'

Praises Chamber of Commerce and Urges Gospel of "Good Will and Get Something Done"

NOTHING TO SAY ON TAXES

Mayor Smith today, addressing some five hundred members of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and their friends at a luncheon given to him and the members of his Cabinet at the Bellevue-Stratford, made a plea for concerted action for a "bigger and better Philadelphia."

The Mayor had been expected to declare himself on the taxation question, but his remarks gave no intimation of his views on that subject. He said:

"The welfare of Philadelphia, present and future, depends upon the ability of the municipal administration to have and to hold the confidence of the people. For welfare means prosperity and happiness and certainly there can be no prosperity where there is no progress, and a noted authority has stated that peace and progress are in irreconcilable conflict.

"Your chief executive is not averse to a little conflict when he believes that it is necessary to the preservation of the city's welfare. However, he is essentially a man of peace (notwithstanding he does not subscribe to that "he kept me out of war" stuff ad nauseam).

WORKS FOR CITY'S INTERESTS
"The present administration, not yet one year old, has worked earnestly, honestly and indefatigably for the welfare of Philadelphia. At no time has there ever been a single thought entertained of doing anything else than what was for the best interests of Philadelphia. We have made progress and we have been in conflict, and we believe we have the confidence of the people and are not called upon to apologize for our official conduct.

"We profess, by maintaining our official rectitude and by progressing as rapidly on our work of improvements and plans for the future."

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JESSIE ASHLEY FINED FOR PREACHING THEORY OF CONTROL OF BIRTHS

Dean of New York University Law School Will Fight Case to Highest Court

MRS. SANGER IN COURT

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—New York's law against the preaching of birth control will be fought to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, it was announced this afternoon following conviction of Miss Jessie Ashley, head of the women's law department, New York University, on a charge of distributing birth-control pamphlets.

A divided court sentenced her to a \$50 fine or ten days in city prison. She paid the fine under protest and entered an appeal.

Dissenting from the opinion of his colleagues, Judge McInerney in Special Sessions, advocated a straight-out thirty-day sentence and attacked the woman for violating the law in order that she might test its constitutionality.

"This defendant knew the law and deliberately violated it," he said. "so I think she should be punished. These people know that this court has repeatedly passed on this law and if they want to change it why don't they go change it? I don't see why clemency should be given."

Miss Ashley, a thin, gray-haired woman of fighting Massachusetts abolitionist stock, sat calmly during proceedings, listening through an ear trumpet to the court's arraignment of her acts.

In two cases of young men, found guilty of selling birth control pamphlets, and likewise in the Ashley case, Judge Preschi laid down the principle that preaching of birth control as a propaganda constitutes a worse offense than the mere selling of such information as a solely money-making proposition.

The defense admitted the distribution. It had been intended as a test, and, backed by wealthy Rose Pastor Stokes, the fight will go to the highest court in the land, if necessary.

BRECKENRIDGE CALLS LODGE CHARGE FALSE

Says Informant on Alleged Lusitania Postscript Gave Senator Jumble of Lies

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Oct. 30.—Dr. Charles H. Bailey's letter charging Henry Breckenridge, former Assistant Secretary of War, had told the writer that President Wilson attempted to modify his Lusitania note to Germany, was today branded as a "jumble of false statements" by Breckenridge. His alleged statement was quoted by Senator Lodge in a speech.

The former Assistant Secretary sent Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President, the following telegram:

"I have just sent following telegram to Dr. Charles H. Bailey: 'Your letter to Gratton Cushing is a jumble of false statements and you are an unconscionable wretch for uttering it.'"

Secretary Tumulty had departed for New York shortly before the telegram arrived. It was forwarded to him.

HOUSE IN WASHINGTON'S PEW
Represents President at New York Church's 150th Anniversary

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—When the celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. Paul's church began today Col. E. M. House occupied George Washington's pew as the personal representative of President Wilson.

Major Leonard Spencer and three other members of Governor Whitman's staff also were present. Mayor Mitchell, Major General Leonard Wood and Admiral Nathaniel P. Sigsbee among the notable present.

COAL DALE CHIEF OF POLICE DEAD; MURDER SUSPECTED

Dies in Hospital After Being Found Unconscious in Alley

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 30.—John Wiling, 38 years old, chief of police of Coal Dale, died in the Coal Dale Hospital three hours after he had been admitted, and the cause of his death is being investigated. He was found unconscious in an alley of the town.

It is suspected that he was murdered. He had been active in suppressing Sunday selling of liquor and had incurred the enmity of many lawbreakers.

AUTO DASHES INTO OFFICE

Leaves Street and Tears Down Part of Realty Man's Wall at Eleventh and Ellsworth

An automobile ran wild today at Eleventh and Ellsworth streets and struck the real estate office of William Adler at the southwest corner, pulling down two feet of a brick wall and two doors.

The owner and driver, Samuel Ravnovich, of 1242 South street, jumped from his seat when the car left the street for the pavement and escaped uninjured.

THIEF OUT ON PAROLE ACCUSED OF ROBBERY

Caught With Stolen Suits Few Hours After Release From Eastern Penitentiary

A few hours after he had been released from the Eastern Penitentiary on parole, Thomas Raun was arrested and accused of robbing the store of the Ideal Cloak and Suit Company, 828 Arch street. He was held without bail today by Magistrate Tracy in the Eleventh and Winter streets station.

Raun was seen leaving the store yesterday afternoon with three suits under his arm. Policeman Doyle caught him after a chase of two blocks.

Raun was released from the penitentiary yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. He was sent there in March, 1915, to serve an indeterminate sentence of from eighteen months to two years for robbing a store at 315 Arch street. This place is just a few blocks from the place he is accused of robbing.

Shortly after being placed in a cell Raun was found to be suffering from the use of drugs. He was taken to a hospital and died.

"It must be a good jail," said Magistrate Tracy on hearing the prisoner's remark. Warden McKenty said Raun's assertion was ridiculous.

"He played on the baseball team in the institution all summer," said McKenty, "and worked in the printing shop directly under the supervision of the chaplain. It would have been impossible to get any dope here, as there is not a drop in the place. It is absolutely impossible for visitors to slip any to the prisoners. Raun left here in good condition and had a job to go to at the powder works in Carneys Point."

QUICK NEWS

SEVERAL KILLED WHEN HOSPITAL SHIP HITS MINE

PARIS, Oct. 30.—The British hospital ship Galea, of 4300 tons, hit a mine off Havre on Sunday morning, it was announced today. The crew and the staff of doctors and nurses were picked up, but several were killed or wounded by the explosion. The vessel was grounded.

NEW JAPANESE ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO WILSON

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Oct. 30.—Accompanied by his full staff in brilliant oriental uniform, Viscount Sato, the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, today presented his credentials to President Wilson with formal greetings and expression of hope for a continuance of the friendly relations existing between the two Governments.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

First Laurel race, maiden 2-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs—Polly J., 109, Burlingame, \$30.70, \$18.80, \$6.40, won; Mae Murray, 109, Kleeger, \$5.90, \$3.80, second; Swoon, 112, Butwell, \$3.00, third. Time, 1:08.

Second Laurel race, steeplechase, 3-year-olds and up, selling, about 2 miles—Otto Floto, 138, Crawford, \$45.90, \$13.00, \$10.70, won; Dixon Park, 154, H. Williams, \$4.30, \$3.40, second; J. R. Johnson, 142, Clark, \$7.70, third. Time, 3:40.

First Windsor race, purse \$600, all ages, foaled in Canada, 5 1/2 furlongs, selling—Dorothy Carlin, 108, McEwan, \$32.10, \$10.80, \$5.90, won; Wishaway, 97, Koppelman, \$4.30, \$3.30, second; Sir Arthur, 117, Molesworth, \$5.10, third. Time, 1:08 4/5.

Second Windsor race, purse \$600, 2-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs—Crepuscle, 105, Claver, \$4.40, \$3.70, won; Sleepy Sam, 108, Williams, \$15.40, \$5.80, second; Starter, 111, Peak, \$4.00, third. Time, 1:08 1/5.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN DEFEAT CONSCRIPTION BY 89,000

SYDNEY, N. S., Oct. 30.—The defeat of conscription in the referendum election in Australia was today attributed to the women's vote. Their vote was strongly against compulsory military service, despite the appeal issued to them by the Premier on the eve of the election. With many districts to be heard from, the majority against conscription was 89,000.

WILSON WAGER MADE AT ODDS OF 10 TO 6

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—A flood of betting money was offered to commissioners today, while an uptown hotel reported that one wager of \$1000 to \$200 on Wilson had been made there—the first time that odds have been given on the President. The commissioners thought that the first betting this week, however, would be at even or 10 to 5 on Hughes.

TWO DIE OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS; TOTAL 289

Two deaths from infantile paralysis were reported today, increasing the number of deaths since the disease became prevalent to 289. Today's victims were Isador Platezky, six months old, 506 Leeds street, and Grace Christensen, fifteen months old, 3240 Goodman street.

BANK OF FRANCE RECEIVED \$370,000,000 IN GOLD

PARIS, Oct. 30.—The Bank of France has received \$370,000,000 gold since the outbreak of the war, it was announced today. General satisfaction is expressed over the success of the second French war loan. So great was the rush of final subscriptions that it will be several days before all are assorted.

BABE MAY DIE OF FALL INTO TUB OF SCALDING WATER

Suffering from injuries caused by falling into a tub of scalding water, Michael Lukas, three years old, of 1153 Galloway street, is in a serious condition in the Children's Homeopathic Hospital. The baby ran backward into the tub, which was on the floor, while playing with his fourteen-year-old sister.

BRITISH SHIP ON FIRE; NO HELP NEEDED, SAYS WIRELESS

HALIFAX, Oct. 30.—The Canadian Marine Department has received a radio message from the British steamer East Point that she was on fire, but that the flames were under control and no help was needed.

AMERICANS TAKE NICARAGUAN REVENUES FOR DEBTS

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Oct. 30.—Americans are taking over the management of all the internal revenues of Nicaragua. A dispatch from Managua October 1 said it was reported American bankers, to whom Nicaragua was indebted, had notified Nicaragua that it must pay the debt by October 15 or they would take over sufficient revenue to reimburse them.

FELIX DIAZ REPORTED WOUNDED IN BATTLE

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 30.—It is authoritatively learned Felix Diaz was seriously wounded in an engagement with Constitutional troops near Elia Oaxaca. Several boxes containing Diaz archives were captured by the Constitutionalists in this battle. The archives arrived at Mexico City this morning.

INVENTS BULLET THAT WILL PENETRATE "TANKS"

Captain Wallace L. Clay, stationed at the Frankford Arsenal, has invented a bullet that will penetrate the "tanks" which have been praised by British generals. The bullet was tried recently at Sandy Hook and the test was successful. It is only a thirty-caliber make, and can be fired from a machine gun or regular army rifle. It is described as an "infinitesimal armor-piercing projectile."

U-BOAT SUNK BY WRECK OF ITALIAN DESTROYER

LONDON, Oct. 30.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Athens says: "The Embros' Corfu correspondent reports that the wreckage of an Italian torpedoed destroyer, blown up by a mine laid by an Austrian submarine off the Epirus coast, fell upon the submarine and completely destroyed it."

MRS. FELS TO SPEAK IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 30.—Mrs. Mary Fels, of Philadelphia, widow of Joseph Fels, will address the Boston Chapter of Haddarah this afternoon on the "Single Tax" and its proposed application to the new colony she is planning to finance in Palestine. Yesterday in Portland, Me., while speaking on single tax, Mrs. Fels endorsed President Wilson.

STEEL CAR PLANT WRECKED BY FIRE; 3000 IDLE

BUTLER, Pa., Oct. 30.—The power and electrical building of the Standard Steel Car Company has been wrecked by fire with a loss of \$500,000 and 3000 men are idle. The entire plant will be crippled indefinitely, entailing further loss of \$500,000 in wages and contracts.

NEW AUSTRIAN PREMIER SUBMITS LIST OF MINISTERS

VIENNA, Oct. 30.—Austria's new Premier, Doctor von Koerber, has submitted to Emperor Francis Joseph a list of the new Cabinet, the members of the Stueberg Cabinet having in the course of the day submitted their resignations. Who the members of the new Cabinet will be is still unknown.

STEAMSHIP CARRYING GREEK VOLUNTEERS TORPEDOED

LONDON, Oct. 30.—The steamship Angella, conveying volunteers to Salonica, has been torpedoed at Piræus, says a Reuters dispatch from Athens. No steamship of this name is listed in available shipping records.

COMMUTATION CUTS OFFERED BY RAILROADS

Family Ticket, However, Refused in Counter Plan

P. R. R. AND READING FIX DIFFERENT RATE

Fifty-Trip Sale Suggested in Compromise on Patrons' Plea

TWO-YEAR CONTROVERSY

Railroads' Compromise in Commutation Dispute

RAILROADS' basis of settlement for commutation rate controversy:

Restoration of family ticket refused.

New fifty-trip ticket at reduced rates, good for six months as substitute for present 100-trip yearly ticket, which they plan to abolish.

Fare to several important stations as asked by commuters and as offered by railroads compared:

Station.	READING	
	Per trip rate offered by commuters on basis of 100-trip ticket.	Per trip rate offered by railroads on basis of 50-trip ticket.
Germanstown	9.85	10.4
Frankford	13.4	14.5
Jenkintown	13.4	14.5
Bustleton	17.2	16.
Norristown	19.2	19.
Doyletown	34.8	37.9

PENNSYLVANIA

Bryn Mawr	12.75	13.9
Paoli	21.6	22.
West Chester	30.	30.3
Chelton Avenue	10.5	10.4
Bristol	24.75	25.9
Eddystone	14.75	14.5
Chestnut	15.7	16.
Swarthmore	13.85	14.8
Norristown	19.2	19.

Attorneys for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Philadelphia and Reading Railway today filed with the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg their reply to the proposals made by the commuters last week as a basis for settling the two-year controversy over the increase in local commutation rates which became effective December, 1918.

The railroads in their reply firmly refused to establish any form of family ticket which was one of the two requests made by the commuters.

They also declined to accept the proposal of the commuters that the sale price of the 100-trip yearly commutation ticket be decreased to the price effective prior to December 15, 1914, plus one-third of the increase allowed by the Service Board.

As a counter-proposal to the two requests made by the commuters, the railroads offer to establish an entirely new form of ticket on condition they are permitted to abolish the 100-trip yearly ticket.

The substitute ticket offered by the two companies alike, but on a different fare basis, is a fifty-trip ticket, good for six months and with a some rate charge. The per ride charge on the proposed ticket is substantially lower in nearly all cases than the present per ride charge for 100-trip tickets. In some instances it is even lower than the per ride charge requested by the commuters under the 100-trip ticket reduction, but in a few instances it is higher than the present charge.

RATES DIFFER
The Pennsylvania and the Reading agree as to the form of ticket which they will establish in lieu of the two requests of the commuters, but they differ as to the rates for this ticket, each railroad having prepared a complete schedule for the various stations. The Baltimore and Ohio, which was named as one of the parties in the case, has as yet made no reply to the proposals of the commuters. This is the first time that the railroads did not file identical proposals since the case has been under way.

A conference of the attorneys representing the various commuters and business associations, which have taken part in the rate fight, was called at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the office of Edwin M. Abbott, but no decision was reached as to whether or not the proposition of the railroads would be accepted without modification.

"The reduction in the one class of tickets," said Mr. Abbott, "is very substantial, being in some cases even greater than was asked. But it is still undecided whether or not we should agree to settle the case without any family ticket and with a minimum rate basis, such as is offered by the Pennsylvania. On the whole, the proposition offered by the Reading is better than that offered by the Pennsylvania."

Another conference of the commuters' attorneys will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, when some definite action may be reached.

The Reading has made the following schedule of rates for the proposed fifty-trip ticket:

Two stations within a radius of 30 miles of the city the fare would be one dollar and one-half cents per mile; for stations within a radius of between 30 and 60 miles the fare would be the normal price of the sixty-trip monthly ticket plus 10 cents; for stations between 60 and 100 miles the fare would be the present price for the sixty-trip ticket plus 10 cents; for stations where such fare would be less than 14 cents per mile, and in those cases the fare would be 14 cents per mile.

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