

HAIG'S TROOPS EXTEND GROUND ON THE ANCRE

Make More Progress in Beaucourt Region—Take 4000 Prisoners

BERLIN ADMITS LOSSES

Fighting Spreads Northward and in Direction of Miraumont

LONDON, Nov. 14.

The British on the Ancre today continued their successful smash against the heavily fortified German lines.

The announcement which told of the new advance at Beaucourt-sur-Ancre said the storming of Beaumont-Hamel and Saint Pierre Division villages had been completely successful.

On the south bank, about St. Pierre Division, half a mile north of Therval, the Germans already have started counter-attacking, and the fighting there is bitter.

The British have rushed up reserves at all three points taken in the lightning stroke that began under cover of the low-hanging mists early yesterday, and continued in this sector with a surprisingly small show of resistance by the Germans.

The reserves are now at work consolidating the gains that were made where the Germans dug and cemented themselves into what heretofore had been regarded as one of the most impregnable portions of their western lines.

Military experts here expected the greatest show of resistance about Beaumont-Hamel, since any further advance by British forces there will seriously threaten Miraumont, less than one mile east directly on the road to coveted Bapaume.

By today the number of prisoners taken had increased well above 4000. More are continually being hurried to the rear of the British lines. Much booty was found in the seemingly intricate dugout defenses.

Press reports reaching here today told of a spread of the fighting several miles northward, which led to belief that General Haig's forces have started a drive on Soissons, about one mile north of Beuvry and a scant mile and a half westward of Miraumont.

Yesterday's advance consolidation was on a front of more than five miles and to a depth at some points of more than 2000 yards. Each attack was preceded by a curtain of fire which German prisoners say is the most terrible of any barrage field of metal that has been faced on any front.

While interest centered on this latest British smash, great importance is attached to reports from the eastern front that Russian forces in force have crossed the Danube from a point west toward Cernavoda. This gives the Russo-Rumanian re-enforcements at a point where they already have shown an advantage over Mackensen's left wing, which Petrograd and Bucharest report is retreating, despite Berlin War Office statements that the Feld Marshal is maintaining his positions there.

BERLIN WAR OFFICE ADMITS LOSS OF BEAUMONT, HAMEL AND ST. PIERRE DIVISION

BERLIN, Nov. 14.

Evacuation of Beaumont, Hamel and St. Pierre-Division was announced by the War Office today.

The official statement also said, "Our tactical defense caused us considerable losses" but declared the British also suffered "considerable sacrifices." The statement follows:

In the western war theater, army group of Prince Rupprecht, there was violent fighting on both sides of the Ancre yesterday. Strong English attacks, prepared for by concentrated fire of their heaviest-caliber guns, were launched against our positions, the advance being at an angle toward the southwestward.

The enemy, under considerable sacrifices, succeeded in pushing us back from Beaumont, Hamel and St. Pierre-Division and from adjoining lines to other prepared positions.

Our tactical defense caused us considerable losses. At other places from east of Hebuterne south to Grandcourt, wherever the English had entered our positions, they were ejected by brisk counter-attacks of our infantry.

French attacks in the Sully-Bailles sector failed.

On the eastern bank of the Meuse

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Fruit Tree Specialist Dead

LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 14.—Dr. E. H. Wilson, of Willow Street, seventy-three years old, died last night. He was widely known as a cultivator of rare specimens of fruit trees and breeder of fancy specimens of gold fish.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Cold waves. Generally cloudy and much colder tonight, with lowest temperature about twenty-eight or thirty degrees; Wednesday fair and colder; fresh north-wind.

LENGTH OF DAY

Table with 2 columns: Time and Length of Day. Rows include 4:42 a.m., 5:30 a.m., 6:20 a.m., 7:10 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 8:50 a.m., 9:40 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 9:20 p.m., 10:10 p.m., 11:00 p.m., 11:50 p.m.

PATRIOTIC CITIZEN SHOOTS AT DESPOILER OF U. S. FLAG

Lancaster Man Aroused at Midnight by Vandal Act

LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 14.—At midnight last night Charles A. Shindle, ice dealer, was aroused by a noise in front of his house and, looking from his bedroom window, discovered that a big American flag he had displayed had been pulled down by an unidentified man who was tearing it to pieces and tramping it under foot.

LOCAL NAVY YARD TO HAVE WARSHIP JOB, DANIELS HINT

War Secretary Intimates Big Improvements at League Island

BATTLE CRUISER WORK

Secretary of the Navy Daniels indicated today, according to dispatches from Washington, that the Philadelphia Navy Yard would soon be equipped for battleship building.

The Secretary will confer with his advisory council Thursday, following his meeting with private shipbuilders tomorrow, and it is expected that this council will recommend the improvement of League Island immediately.

Philadelphia's citizens today place the question of more pay and shorter hours for the city's freighting force squarely before Mayor Smith.

A petition bearing the names of business houses and individuals representing an invested capital exceeding \$100,000,000 and employes numbering more than 100,000 will be submitted to the Mayor by William C. Lynch, an attorney, on behalf of the citizen-signers and the firm themselves.

The petition is brief in its text, although the appended signatures make it voluminous. Addressed to the Mayor in his official capacity it reads:

We, the undersigned citizens of Philadelphia, realizing the condition of the city's fire bureau is such that immediate efforts should be made to bring about better conditions for them, respectfully urge you to recommend to Council that the men in fire service be given shorter number of hours on duty and such reasonable increase in salary as shall warrant them being satisfied with their conditions—and at the same time consistent with the financial condition of the city.

The signatures to the petition gave that document the appearance of being a list of the manufacturing, mercantile and financial houses of Philadelphia.

Included in the list of signers were members of almost every large retail establishment along Market and Chestnut streets. The great corporate leaders in the city's manufactures, whose establishments employ labor by the thousands, joined in the appeal. Every line of industry located in the territory protected by the Bureau of Fire was represented by one or more names. Officers and directors of banks and financial

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Report of Dumba Death Denied

VIENNA, Nov. 14.—Official denial was made today of reports widely circulated abroad that Dr. Constantin Dumba, former Austrian Ambassador to the United States, was dead.

HENRY GEORGE, JR., DIES; LEADER IN SINGLE TAX

Son of Distinguished Philosopher of Movement Had Retired From Congress

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Former Congressman Henry George, Jr., died here today.

Funeral services will be held at his Washington residence tomorrow evening. The body will be taken to New York Thursday for interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. George, son of the great single-tax advocate and himself one of the leading exponents of the theory, had been in poor health for several years. He had been confined to his bed since his return from his summer home in Merriwood Park, New York, in September. Following his retirement from Congress two years ago, he had made his home here.

Henry George, Jr., was born in 1862. He graduated from the public schools into newspaper work. On his father's sudden death in 1887, in the midst of the New York mayoralty campaign, he was selected as the single-tax nominee. He wrote a number of books, including a biography of his father.

Henry George, Jr., was engaged in newspaper work in Philadelphia from the early part of 1900 to the latter part of 1902. He was on the staff of the North American. He left this city for Japan, where he acted as correspondent for newspaper syndicates.

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MIGHTY PETITION FOR FAIR PLAY TO FIREMEN OF CITY

Business Houses and Individuals Representing \$100,000,000 Plead Their Cause

SOME STRIKING CONTRASTS

Philadelphia Ranks 23 in Firemen's Salary Roll

ANNUAL salaries paid hosemen in American cities:

Table with 2 columns: City and Annual Salary. Rows include New York (\$1500), San Francisco (1440), Oakland, Cal. (1404), Boston (1490), Chicago (1371), Detroit (1310), Newark, N. J. (1300), Hoboken, N. J. (1300), St. Louis (1260), Cleveland (1218), Providence, R. I. (1205), Pittsburgh (1200), Buffalo (1200), Portland, Ore. (1200), Bridgeport, Conn. (1200), Salt Lake City, Utah (1200), Hartford, Conn. (1200), Trenton, N. J. (1200), Yonkers, N. Y. (1200), Somerville, Mass. (1200), Atlantic City, N. J. (1200), Brockton, Mass. (1200), PHILADELPHIA (1100), Two-platoon system in operation.

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EDWIN H. VARE

DOPE EVIL SPURS SENATOR VARE TO DEVISE NEW LAW

Dedicates Efforts to Effecting Measure With "Teeth" in It

HORRIFIED AT SITUATION

The recent series of articles in the Evening Ledger, revealing the alarming extent of the narcotic drug evil in Philadelphia spurred State Senator Edwin H. Vare to a determination to frame State legislation which would forever free this city from the "dope" blight.

In an interview in his office in the Lincoln Building today, the Senator told an Evening Ledger representative how he had investigated closely the statements set forth in this newspaper's recent dope articles, and said he had not found them exaggerated in the slightest degree.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "I was horrified to discover that the situation was even worse than described so well by the Evening Ledger. Those drug articles and the results of my subsequent investigation of the subject served as a spur for me to do something right away to relieve the evil."

CITY'S GREATEST EVIL

"I have found that the drink evil and the social evil are but pinheads when compared with this terrible drug scourge, which is eating its way to the very vitals of our

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QUICK NEWS

STANDARD OIL ESTABLISHES EIGHT-HOUR DAY ON COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The Standard Oil Company, of California, today announced that the company had voluntarily decided to put an eight-hour day with no reduction in wages into effect in its refineries on its pipe lines and in the producing departments. Plans to this end are now being worked out. The new hours will apply to both skilled and unskilled labor.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS

First Bowie race, maiden 2-year-olds, selling, 5 1/2 furlongs—Evel, 113, McAtos, \$100, \$38.10, \$11.50, 2nd; Meelogue, 112, McTarnett, \$12.30, \$5.50, 3rd; Chelsea, 107, Brown, \$15.70, 4th. Time, 1:10 4/5.

Second Bowie race, 2-year-olds, 6 furlongs—Dandy Duce, 113, 2nd; Marnage, \$12, \$4.00, \$4, won; Alford, 100, Troxler, \$4.00, \$2.60, 3rd; Kilkenny, 109, Ambrose, \$4.20, 4th. Time, 1:13 3/5.

WILSON GAINS \$5 IN CALIFORNIA VOTE COUNT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—President Wilson is maintaining his lead in the California returns on the face of official tabulation reported up to 11 o'clock today. At that hour 21 of the 58 counties in the State had completed their official count. A tabulation showed a gain of \$5 for Wilson over his plurality shown by the unofficial count.

HUGHES LEADS WILSON IN MINNESOTA BY 123

ST. PAUL, Nov. 14.—With ten precincts missing, Hughes led Wilson in Minnesota today by 123. Hughes had 179,463 and Wilson 179,340.

AGED WIDOW'S TRUST LEAVES HER PENNILESS

Liabilities amounting to \$11,581.14 and assets to \$1305.15 are on the schedule in bankruptcy started today against Mrs. Sarah E. Eastlock Lloyd, of Swedesboro, before Referee in Bankruptcy S. Conrad Ott in Camden. Mrs. Lloyd is eighty-four years old. Her husband died several years ago, leaving her an estate of between \$20,000 and \$30,000. It is said that she went security for a man in the contracting business in Swedesboro. He failed in business, thus causing her financial difficulties.

BRITISH SEIZE MAIL ON HELIG OLAV

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The Scandinavian liner Helig Olav, arriving here today, reported that British authorities at Kirkwall removed two passengers and all the mail before allowing the vessel to proceed. The passengers taken off were Conrad Stefanowski, a Russian, and Christian Paramar, a Dane. No reason was given for their removal, Captain Holst said. The Helig brought over 628 passengers.

GRAVES READY TO DEFEND BLACKMAIL CHARGE

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Declaring he would be eager to take the stand tomorrow if the German Embassy should press charges against him, Armand Karl Graves, self-styled "international spy," prepared today to leave for Washington. He will have a bodyguard. He still believes the embassy will not attempt to prosecute him. Graves has a dictagraph in his New York apartments, explaining "you can't be too careful."

FRANCE HOLDS DESTIN, OPERA STAR, AND OFFICER

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—Emmy Destinn, the Bohemian prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, and Dihn Gilly, French sergeant of zouaves, former Metropolitan baritone and sweetheart of Madame Destinn, are understood to be detained on Madame Destinn's estate near Prague. Attempts to obtain passports for Madame Destinn to return to America and fill her 1916-17 opera-contracts have been unavailing, and it is believed improbable she will be able to get back.

WILL CONSIDER RAILROAD PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The first formal consideration of the railroad problems confronting the country was begun here today, when the National Association of State Railroad Commissioners met in annual convention. The commissioners are discussing matters to be taken up next week by the joint congressional committee in its inquiry into general railroad conditions. The State commissioners will send representatives before the joint committee to insure that "State's rights" be unhampered.

PLOT TO SMUGGLE AMMUNITION INTO MEXICO

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 14.—Gonzales and Cervano Flores, brothers, were arrested by Federal agents today as they were preparing to cross the border into Mexico near Eagle Pass with 20,000 rounds of ammunition. At the same time Leopold Sanchez, an alleged Carranza agent, was taken into custody here. It is charged he bought 100,000 rounds of cartridges and was using the Flores brothers as his agents.

PROBING ALLEGED ELECTION FRAUDS IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 14.—The United States Grand Jury met here today to investigate the alleged illegal registration and voting frauds in Indiana. Frankie Dalley, special prosecutor appointed to investigate the charges of fraud, has refused to make any statement since election regarding the result of his investigation.

ANOTHER MILLION TO BE SPENT FOR COKE OVENS

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 14.—The Brier Hill Steel Company upon the completion of its sixty-five by-products coke ovens now being built, announces it will make an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for an additional battery of fifty-eight ovens.

INDEPENDENT OPERATOR CAUSES MINE STRIKE

ALTOONA, Pa., Nov. 14.—Several hundred men employed in bituminous mines at Osceola Clearfield County, struck today to enforce a demand for \$1 a ton for mining coal. They had been receiving the union scale, seventy-five cents, but when some independent operator agreed to pay \$1 all the men in that region insisted on having it.

MRS. LEDUC, HOTEL TRAGEDY VICTIM, IN CRITICAL STATE

Mrs. Joseph C. Leduc, who, with J. P. Gravelle, of New York, was shot by Mrs. Harry Belzer in the Hotel Walton six weeks ago, suffered a relapse and is in a critical condition in the Jefferson Hospital. She was on the road to recovery when last week a minor operation was performed. Complications set in and her condition became worse.

COTTON REACHES HIGHEST PRICE SINCE CIVIL WAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—July and May cotton sold at 50.25 cents a pound, a record price since Civil War times; and March and April deliveries were above 20 cents at the opening of the exchange today. The initial gains ranged from 11 to 23 points.

TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION ON JAPANESE SUBMARINE

KOBE, Japan, Nov. 14.—Two seamen were killed and six officers and eight sailors were wounded by an explosion which destroyed the Japanese submarine No. 4 today. The accident occurred while the submarine was returning from the launching of the superdreadnought Ise.

TRIAL OF LOST U. S. SHIP'S CAPTAIN ADVISED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Court-martial of Captain Edward Beach, commander of the United States cruiser Memphis, sunk in a storm off Santo Domingo harbor several weeks ago, has been recommended by a naval board of inquiry, Secretary Daniels announced today.

RULERS CONGRATULATE WILSON ON VICTORY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—President Wilson today received congratulations on his reelection from several foreign rulers, as well as from Ambassadors and Ministers here, but the White House refused to make any of these replies, pending such an expression from Charles E. Hughes.

P. R. T. WILLING TO TAKE OVER TRANSIT LINES

Ready to Enter Agreement for New Subways and L Routes

RELIABLE SOURCE GIVES INFORMATION

Prepared to Assume Charge of Entire System as Soon as Work is Completed

CERTIFICATES GO UP

Report, Believed Authoritative, Has Markedly Favorable Effect on Company's Paper

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company is ready to enter into an agreement with the municipal authorities for the operation of the entire system of subway and elevated lines as soon as it has been completed. This fact was learned today from a source generally considered authoritative in financial and transit circles.

The tentative draft of an operating lease embodied in Mayor Smith's transit ordinance has been given careful consideration by the transit officials, and it is understood that they will come before Council Finance and Street Railways Committees at the public hearing on Friday and signify their willingness to ratify the agreement substantially in the form it now appears in the ordinance.

There are several minor modifications which will be urged by the officials of the Transit Company and a few other points will have to be adjusted to subsequent conferences, but that the essential provisions of the contract, as embodied in the ordinance, are acceptable to the traction directors and officers is virtually assured.

Officers and directors of neither the Transit Company nor the Union Traction Company would discuss officially today their attitude toward the Mayor's ordinance. As the formal notifications of Friday's meetings have not been mailed to them yet, they make the point that they can be expected to make no official comment.

In both financial and transit circles, however, it is said that the traction men not only have decided to accept the agreement, but that they have also given private information to city officials that the terms proposed in general are agreeable to them.

TAYLOR MAY BE CONFEREE

The Transit Company, in fact, through Ellis Ames Ballard, its attorney, has discussed with Mayor Smith a conference with the authorities aside from the hearing before Council's committees. Former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor will probably be one of the conferees representing the city.

The fact that Philadelphia Rapid Transit trust certificates are selling on the local Stock Exchange above twenty-seven, the highest figure they have reached since 1913, is pointed out as particularly significant at this time. Since the Mayor's ordinance was referred to the two committees in Council the trust certificates have been rising steadily until yesterday they reached twenty-seven and three-quarters, which is only one-quarter lower than the record price in 1913.

The rise in P. R. T. has been gradual for more than a week, gaining during this period 5 1/2 points, with accompanying sales of nearly 100,000 shares. The rising trading value of the trust certificates is accepted as proof that the company's finances are better than they have been for some time. Further proof of the company's financial stability was given in September, when a two per cent dividend, the first in the company's history, was declared.

CERTIFICATES AN INDEX

Taking the price of trust certificates as a criterion of the company's strength, transit observers point out that the company is far better able to enter into an agreement than it was in May, 1914, when Horatio G. Lloyd and Thomas E. Mitten addressed the well-known communication to the stockholders of the company submitting the Taylor agreement and recommending the appointment of a committee to take up the matter with the Union Traction Company.

On that date the trust certificates were selling between 16 and 17. Less than a year later the transit controversy became embittered to such an extent that Edward T. Stensbury telegraphed to Mayor Blankenburg from Florida that the attacks upon the traction company had so injured its credit that it would be impossible to make an operating agreement with the city. On that date, March 1, 1915, the trust certificates were selling at 8 1/2, and trading very light even at that figure.

Coincidentally with the rise in the trading value of the stock, the company's earnings have advanced by leaps and bounds, each successive monthly report for more than a year now having shown an increase in earnings over the previous month.

This fact, it is said, has been an important factor in bringing the company officials to a point where they are willing to lease the new city-built lines virtually upon the terms offered two years ago by former Director Taylor.

JERSEY JUBILEE FOR WILSON

Thousands Join in Cumberland County Celebration

BRIDGETON, N. J., Nov. 14.—Despite lowering skies, thousands of enthusiastic Democrats of Cumberland County last night celebrated the Wilson victory with a parade. There were four divisions, marching men, horsemen, decorated automobiles and tableaux floats.

Five bands furnished the music and the entire line was abuzz with reds. Samuel L. Jones was chief marshal of the parade. The one hundred horsemen presented a fine display and the decorated automobiles carried the members of the Woodrow Wilson Women's League.