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GERMAN RANKS SHATTERED BY BYNG'S CANNON

Battleground Between Bourlon and Moeuvres Littered With Dead

MASSED ATTACKS FAIL

Counter-Attacking Forces Shattered by Terrific Fire of Byng's Guns

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 1.

British troops holding ground between Moeuvres and Bourlon today are clinging to a field of horrors.

The ground is littered with German dead. The British are "dug in" amid shattered human bodies and broken implements of war.

A great German wave moved across this ground in a counter-attack against the British last night. The wave receded to leave behind a quivering foam of bodies, uniforms, metal and cloth.

Using their old storming methods, the Germans charged full into the British machine-gun positions in densely packed masses. Into the wall of humanity the machine-guns poured a steady fire.

British artillery, far behind, accurately caught the wall with heavy shells. They exploded, tearing to pieces the sections of the German line that still stood in the face of the tearing of the machine guns.

The advancing wall melted away. Exploding shells flung bits of what had been human beings over the field. Machine-gun fire continued to slice holes in the quivering column. Then the pitiful remnants turned and dissolved in flight.

This was only one of numerous, almost continuous, German counter-attacks. All were heavy. Crown Prince Rupprecht evidently has determined by massing of every available man to regain some, if not all, of the ground newly won by the British.

He hopes for some blow which will regain the prestige German arms have lost. It is evident from the attitude of German prisoners that Byng's drive was the hardest blow struck German morale since the trench drove the German Crown Prince back from Verdun in February, 1916.

A great German attack around Graincourt cost countless dead for every few yards of gain—and that gain did not hold the fact of an instantaneous British counter-blow.

The Prussian artillery throughout the whole Cambrai sector is laying down an unceasing barrage of shrapnel, high-explosive shells and gas. In the Bourlon sector today their aim was busier than usual. I saw one exceptionally daring exploit by a German fighting pilot. While sky was liberally flecked with British planes a lone German, watching his chance, sped through theordon and charged a high sausage observation balloon.

He swooped above it, loosed an incendiary shell and curved beyond. Then he turned east on one end and escaped back home whirling in a shell burst. It burst suddenly into a mass of flames. One observer's basket leaped out, his parachute fully unfolding and gently depositing on the ground. The second occupant of the basket, with iron nerve, waited until the balloon started falling before he, too, dived with his parachute. By a miracle he landed more rapidly falling mass than any man just graded him as he slid to the ground unscathed.

VIATORS LEAVE FOR TEXAS

Men Now Recruited for Lancaster County Aero Corps

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—This morning seven men left for the aviation post at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., to join three sent there recently, all to form Lancaster County Aero Corps, No. 1, led by regular army officers.

The contingent, which was joined at Lancaster by men of the Berks County Aero Corps, paraded before taking the train for the aviation post, headed by a band, Civil War veterans and civilians.

Was Held Pending Coroner's Inquest

Hugh Cartin, twenty-two years old of 122 South Circle street, was held without bail today by Magistrate Embler, at fourth street and Snyder avenue, to await the coroner's decision as to the cause of the death of James Griffin, forty-three years old, of 1028 Snyder avenue, who was found dead in his home on November 23. Cartin was arrested last night, testified that he was in a fight with Griffin on the afternoon of the date named and that while hitting Griffin tripped over a manhole and struck his skull, which caused his death.

R. T. Shopman Severely Shocked

"Live" spring was the cause of Edward Cartin, thirty-four years old, of 810 Madison street, being severely shocked while working on the motor of a street car on the Fifteenth and Cumberland streetrolley barn late last night. He was knocked unconscious and rushed to the Homeopathic Hospital, where he remained overnight, but was improved this morning. He is employed as a shopman at a barn.

WILSON PLEDGES AID TO RUMANIAN NATION

Support Promised Both Now and After War in Message Sent to King

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—To encourage Rumania, now in a difficult position because of Russia's defection, President Wilson today sent a message to the Rumanian King promising support now and after the war.

At the same time President Wilson sent the Japanese Emperor a message declaring the results of Viscount Ishii's visit would be "as happy and as permanent as the enduring friendship of the peoples of the United States and Japan."

"The people of the United States," said President Wilson, "have watched with feelings of warmest sympathy and admiration the courageous struggle of your Majesty and the people of Rumania to preserve from the domination of German militarism their national integrity and freedom. The Government of the United States is determined to continue to assist Rumania in the struggle."

"At the same time I wish to assure your Majesty that the United States will support Rumania after the war to the best of its ability and that in any final negotiations for peace it will use its constant efforts to see to it that the integrity of Rumania as a free and independent nation is adequately safeguarded."

The message to the Mikado read: "Your Majesty's cordial message is most gratifying to me and the people of the United States. I wish to express to your Majesty the heartfelt pleasure we have had in welcoming your distinguished representative, Viscount Ishii. The result of his visit will be as happy and as permanent as the enduring friendship of the peoples of the United States of America and Japan. Permit me to hope that Viscount Ishii in returning to his native land will bear with him memories of his visit as delightful as those he left with us."

GERMANS SWITCH PLAN OF ATTACK

Failing to Break Italian Line, They Shift Troops to Westward

ARTILLERY FIRE RENEWED

ROME, Dec. 1.—Renewal of infantry fighting on a big scale was forecast today by violent artillery duels reported from all parts of the front.

Advices from Verona, the new Italian base, indicated that the Italians expect a drive in a few days.

For some time the Germans and Austro-Hungarians have been shifting troops along the Piave river and the Asiago plateau, and military critics believe the next assault by the invaders will be westward of the present arena of fighting.

Having failed to shake the Italian front on the Piave and the Asiago plateau, the Germans may switch their main pressure to the area between the Astico river and Lake Garda, hoping to break through in that district, and cut southward on the extreme western edge of the Venetian plain.

Railroad Consolidation Authorized

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 1.—An order was granted by the Illinois Public Utilities Commission authorizing purchase by the Southern Railway Company of Illinois from the Southern Railway Company of Virginia of all the latter's property in this State, except rolling and capital stock owned by the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis and the Wiggins Ferry Company.

MERCHANTS GIVEN JAIL SENTENCES

Business Men Caught When Pottstown Official Raids Gamblers

SIXTEEN MUST PAY FINES

NOHRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 1.—The Montgomery County Law Library was enriched to the extent of \$2000 today, when Judges Swartz and Miller imposed fines aggregating that amount on sixteen Pottstown business men who previously had pleaded guilty of maintaining gambling devices in the business centre of Pottstown. The fines ranged from \$25 to \$250 each.

Twelve of the sixteen were also given jail sentences of thirty days, but were told that if the fines were paid within the specified time the jail sentence would be suspended. In four cases, which were termed "flagrant violations," the jail sentence was not suspended, and as a result four "respectable citizens" must go to jail, two of them for two months and two for four months.

The wholesale sentencing of gamblers was the result of a raid made by the District Attorney of Montgomery County after he had appealed to police authorities of Pottstown for relief, with no result. District Attorney Anderson had received numerous complaints that gambling was being carried on in the city under the eyes of the police. In the raid gambling devices of all descriptions were confiscated, and proprietors of barber shops and stores were arrested by special agents of the District Attorney.

When their cases were heard by the court a few days ago Judges Swartz and Miller were shocked at the way gambling was protected, and said that if the police had no better conception of their duty than had been shown by their testimony on the stand they should be dismissed, as the citizens of Pottstown were entitled to better protection. This criticism applied to the chief of police as well as his subordinates and to other authorities.

On the witness stand the accused business men told the Court they could not say what their profit really was on the machines and other devices, and that they had only introduced them to stimulate business. After passing sentence Judge Swartz said the Court had a lot of letters which had been received from persons in Pottstown, making suggestions as to the extent of leniency.

WAR COUNCIL OF ALLIES GETS DOWN TO WORK

First Meetings of Supreme Military Board Held at Versailles

U. S. DELEGATES PRESENT

No Time Wasted in Attacking Problems, Preliminary Work Having Been Done

VERSAILLES, France, Dec. 1.—In the city where in 1871 William I was proclaimed Emperor of a united Germany representatives of nations fighting his grandson met in conference today.

The Allies' supreme war council opened its all-important sessions at 10 o'clock. Premier Clemenceau, of France, presided. The delegates were brought from Paris by electric train. Colonel House and Major General Bliss, the two American delegates, were accompanied by their aids.

No time is to be wasted by the supreme council in attacking the problems before it. The way has largely been cleared by the work of the Inter-Allied Conference in Paris, so that the commissioners today met virtually with their decision on many important points of policy completely determined upon. No announcement of these conclusions has yet been made.

The bulky Inter-Allied Conference, with its multitude of committees, is now to be succeeded by the more compact organization of the war council. A great many of the minor officials assembled in Paris for the preliminary conference had left today. General Pershing, who was present at the conference, has departed.

\$2000 FIRE DAMAGE IN FOUNDRY

Flames of Unknown Origin Envelop Second Floor of Iron Plant

Fire caused \$2000 damage at the iron foundry of Henry A. Hiltner's Sons Company, Aramingo and Huntingdon streets, early today. The flames, the origin of which is unknown, were discovered on the second floor of the two-story brick building. Policeman Bartleson, of the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street station, saw the smoke and gave the alarm. Great volumes of smoke poured out of the building, which not only enveloped the houses in the immediate vicinity, but by impeding the work of the firemen in their three-hour fight, added to the property loss.

Hit by Train; Drowns in Creek

MAHANON, Pa., Dec. 1.—Stiney Wislock, of Condale, aged thirty years, one of the best-known contact quipsters in the Panther Creek Valley, was struck by a Central Railroad of New Jersey flie and hurled into the Panther Creek early today. He drowned before assistance could reach him.

COUNCILS PROVIDE \$2,500,000 LOAN

Special Meeting Authorizes Publication of New Measure

TO BE PASSED DEC. 31

Three Years of Smith: Its Effect on Taxes

WITH Common Council in special session today to act on mandamus funding plan, a real estate tax rate, including sixty-cent school tax, now stands at \$2.35 per \$100.

In three years of Mayor Smith's Administration the jump in taxes on homes is as follows:

Tax rate	1916	1917	1918
\$2000	20.00	21.25	22.50
3000	30.00	31.50	32.75
4000	40.00	42.00	43.50
5000	50.00	52.50	54.00
6000	60.00	63.00	64.50
7000	70.00	73.50	75.00

Councils today authorized publication of a new municipal loan to be passed before the books of the new year are opened. It will provide \$2,500,000 for mandamuses, various sums for sewers, improvements of streets, Logan-square and a number of other projects for which no provision was made in the \$2.35 tax rate.

A bill to publish the loan for four weeks was introduced by Chairman Joseph P. Gaffney. It was referred to the Finance Committee, and after a brief discussion, was reported out. Councils then authorized its publication.

According to schedule, Common Council will pass the measure on the closing day of Council December 31, and Select Council will pass it on January 1, before it reorganizes for 1918.

SLAVS ON BRINK OF NEW REVOLT AGAINST "REDS"

Russian Provinces Ripe for Uprising to Throw Off Bolsheviki Yoke

LENINITES SEEK COVER

Commissioners, Apprehensive of Their Safety, Resign—Separate Peace Opposed

By JOSEPH SHAPLEN STOCKHOLM, Dec. 1.—Russian provinces are on the brink of an anti-Bolsheviki revolt.

Bolsheviki commissioners are resigning, apprehensive of their own safety. Trotsky, Lenin and others of the Bolsheviki ring in Petrograd are wildly striving by merciless persecution of elements opposed to them to reach a separate peace with Germany before the deluge.

A separate peace would mean the beginning of a Russia-wide civil war. Such was the story brought here today by a Minimalist courier, direct from Petrograd. He declared the Russian nation was rising to stamp out the Bolsheviki.

The Bolsheviki Commissioners Nagin, Millutin, Tarin, Lunacharsky, Mrs. Kolokol and others have formally resigned in protest against excesses of the Minimalist Government. They assert, in view of the Bolsheviki leaders' violations of life, of liberty and of freedom of the press and speech, the nation is being stung to fury.

Many provinces are almost ready to oust the Bolsheviki force. The courier asserted that Lenin, Trotsky and their ministers, Kameneff and Zinovieff, now formed a virtual quadrumvirate of control. They are desperately seeking to retain that power by merciless persecution—even of the oldest and most revered veterans of other revolutions.

The two Minimalist leaders, Plechanoff and Smirnov, it was asserted, had been beaten by Bolsheviki emissaries, who attacked them on the public streets. The Minimalist representative said authoritative reports had been received by his party leaders in Petrograd showing that free Russia would never consent to a separate peace. A counter-revolution with violent civil war would occur the moment the peace was a certainty for the Bolsheviki had played into Germany's hands.

GEORGE D. GLOVER DEAD

Camden County Politician Dies at His Home in Haddonfield, N. J.

George D. Glover, seventy years old, one of the best-known figures in the political life of Camden County, died at his home in Haddonfield, N. J., today. Mr. Glover had been chief clerk of the Banking and Insurance department of the State for many years. He was also well known in Masonic circles. He is survived by his widow, four daughters and three sons, one of whom is Captain Barrett, Glover, who is believed to be in France with Pershing.

BOY SCOUTS OPEN \$125,000 CAMPAIGN

6000 Clad in Khaki Make Splendid Showing on Broad Street

1-WEEK CANVASS BEGUN

Boy Scouts—6000 of them—each with a real soldier's step, marched down Broad street this afternoon in a pageant which launched a campaign to raise \$125,000 in one week. This fund is necessary to carry on Boy Scout work in this city during the next three years.

Two hundred and forty prominent citizens of Philadelphia attended a luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford this noon, to inaugurate the campaign. The hosts were the thirty-one members of the Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America: Dr. Charles D. Hart, chairman of the council; E. T. Stotesbury, treasurer; Arthur E. Newbold, Alexander Van Hensselaar and George D. Widener, Jr.

The campaign's executive committee is composed of John C. Martin, chairman; Ellis A. Gihbel, the Rev. Daniel J. Daly, George L. Bodine, Jr., Charles W. Churchman, E. Lewis Burnham, Charles Edwin Fox, Walter S. Cowing and Dr. Charles D. Hart. Doctor Hart will act as chairman of the citizens' committee, which will cooperate in the campaign. This committee comprises seventy-five of the leading men of Philadelphia.

The parade started at Broad street and Girard avenue at 2:30 o'clock, and was reviewed from a stand in front of the Bellevue-Stratford. It was made up of sixteen divisions, each of them representing some phase of Boy Scout activity or service.

At the head of the line was carried a huge "Boy Scout" banner. Five divisions, performing Scout service, followed. They will show how the Boy Scouts raised \$500,000 in subscriptions to the first Liberty Loan and \$2,000,000 in the second Liberty Loan campaign; how they cultivated 200 acres of land as "war gardens" during the last summer; how they assisted the Red Cross with distribution and messenger service; and how they helped in scores of other ways in civic and conservation service.

Other spectacular features showed how the Boy Scouts fulfill their oath to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Following these divisions will come scouts carrying a huge Boy Scout service flag with 218 stars.

BRITISH LINES YIELD TO ATTACKS; BERLIN CLAIMS 4000 PRISONERS

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—Capture of Gonnelleu and Villers Guslain, with 4000 prisoners in all was reported in today's official statement as the result of powerful German attacks on the Cambrai sector. Enemy counter-attacks against the Gonnelleu and Guslain positions failed. Several enemy batteries were captured. "Between Moeuvres and Bourlon and also from Fontaine to Lafole we threw the enemy back on Graincourt Annexe and Cantaing," the statement declared. "Both sides of Bateau Heights on the western bank of the Scheldt were stormed."

PARENTS UNABLE TO HEAR CHILD'S DEATH CRY

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 1.—Tragedy stalked into the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ohland today. Their baby cried itself to death. The Ohlands are deaf and dumb. The mother could not hear the cries of the baby and it ruptured a blood vessel.

WASHINGTON FEARS CARRANZA IS LOSING GRIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Apprehension is beginning to be felt in Government circles today over the extreme unrest in Mexico. From semiofficial sources came disquieting reports of Carranza's military inability to cope with rebellious factions. Zapatistas, at present inactive, are within ten miles of Mexico City, and Villistas, Yaquis and Pelaezistas operate with little difficulty in their separate districts.

REICHSTAG RUSHES 15,000,000,000 MARK WAR CREDIT

THE HAGUE, Dec. 1.—Spurred on by Chancellor von Hertling, the Reichstag is rushing through the new German war credit of 15,000,000,000 marks. A dispatch from Berlin said the credit was being called up for third reading this afternoon.

MAY USE POLICE DOGS TO GUARD WATER FRONT

German police dogs may be used to guard the Philadelphia waterfront against enemy aliens. Several prominent residents of the Main Line today offered their valuable German police dogs to United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kane for that purpose. Mr. Kane said he would take the matter under advisement. Deputy Marshals Kenney and Kelly, together with Captain Griffin and John McTamm, of the United States Secret Service, expressed the opinion that the dogs might be used very effectively.

NOVEMBER MINT COINAGE HERE 69,640,445 PIECES

The November coinage of the United States Mint in Philadelphia amounted to 69,640,445 pieces—quarters and dimes: Half dollars, 2,080,000; quarters, 2,340,000; dimes, 7,900,000; nickels, 10,711,818; and one-cent pieces, 41,788,627.

U. S. MAJOR GENERAL QUITS HOSPITAL IN FRANCE

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, France, Dec. 1.—The American major general who has been ill at an American base hospital was discharged as recovered today.

SCANDINAVIAN NATIONS AGAIN DECLARE NEUTRALITY

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 1.—Norway, Sweden and Denmark have entered a new agreement to observe the "utmost neutrality." An official statement today announced this result of the conference of the Scandinavian kings and statesmen, which has been in progress here.

KERENSKY REPORTED ARRESTED BY BOLSHEVIKI

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 1.—Premier Kerensky of Russia has been arrested at Vladimir by Bolsheviki soldiers and imprisoned, according to a report from Harparand today. Vladimir is 110 miles northeast of Moscow. (It was reported in Petrograd yesterday that Kerensky had fled to Finland, where he is now in hiding.)

CRUSADE AGAINST GAMBLING IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 1.—An active campaign for the suppression of gambling is being carried on here. The President is receiving proclamations in behalf of the movement, saying that "lotteries, race track betting and roulette are robbing the country of its maximum energy."

PETERSBURG R. R. PROPERTIES HEAVILY GUARDED

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 1.—A heavy military guard has been thrown around all railroad property here today following the discovery of what was believed to be an attempt to destroy the Norfolk and Western bridge between here and Camp Lee. Ten sticks of dynamite with fuse and caps were found close to the bridge.

CITY AND P. R. T. REACH AGREEMENT

Revised Smith-Mitten Lease Abolishes Eight-Cent Exchanges

IN SHAPE FOR COUNCILS Finance Committee Will Be Ready to Report Next Friday

An agreement between the representatives of the Department of City Transit and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company has been reached. It was learned today, and the revised Smith-Mitten lease will be placed before the joint committee of Finance and Street Railways on Friday of next week for its consideration.

While the agreement has been tentatively reached on most of the points in the lease for the high-speed lines and subways for this city, the representatives of city and company spent this afternoon going over the lease to ascertain whether all objections had been provided for in the revised lease. The "checking up" conference was held in the office of Director William S. Twining, in the Bourse Building, and was attended by Director Twining, Dr. William Draper Lewis, Thomas F. Mitten, president; Ellis Ames Ballard, chief counsel, and A. L. Drum, chief engineer of the Rapid Transit Company.

Asked today about the agreement, Director Twining said: "We will have something definite to give to Councils' committee on Friday. We have already agreed on some points in the lease and they are now in the hands of the printer, while the others will be settled in a day or so."

TO ABOLISH EXCHANGE TICKETS

"Have you reached an agreement with the company as to the immediate elimination of the discriminatory eight-cent exchange tickets?" he was asked. "We are agreed on the fundamentals," he replied.

While he said that the city and company had discovered a way to get rid of the exchange tickets under the terms of the new lease, he would not say just what method had been reached to satisfy the Rapid Transit Company and how they will be compensated for the elimination of the objectionable tickets. The company derives a revenue of \$1,000,000 a year from these tickets, and the plan of the conference to reach an agreement on this point is a matter of speculation to transit observers.

It was suggested to the director that almost a month had elapsed since the last meeting of the joint committee of Finance and Street Railways had discussed the Smith-Mitten lease. It was at this meeting that the committee suggested to the city transit officials and the representatives of the P. R. T. that they get together and get rid of objectionable features of the lease, which had been criticized at one of the other of the five meetings held by the committee to discuss the lease.

DIRECTOR TWINING TROUBLED

"Yes," said the Director. "It has been tedious work, and I don't know whether I can rest easier before or after the lease finally is agreed upon." "What is the significance of your remark, Mr. Twining?"

"Well, we have gotten together and agreed on a lease which we think is a fair one, but I don't know whether we will never know just how these things work out when they are put in use."

"If I knew what the financial condition of the country would be forty years from now I could tell you better." A. Merritt Taylor, former Director of Transit, when told that the city and company had come to an agreement on Smith-Mitten lease, said he would make comment until he knew what the revised lease contained.

TERMS NOT FULLY KNOWN

It is not known, and probably will not be known until Friday, whether the revised lease continues to insure the P. R. T. a dividend of 6 per cent on its capital of \$20,000,000 or any additional stock it subsequently may issue. Transit observers pointed out that while the old Smith-Mitten lease which was made public last year gave the company a 6 per cent dividend rate, the lease written by Director Merritt Taylor only provided for a dividend for the company of 6 per cent.

There was also considerable speculation as to provisions made in the new Smith-Mitten lease for the purchase of the city of the property and franchises of the company at the termination of the lease and whether the city would be compelled to pay a price equal to the par value of outstanding stock.

"Will the lease require that the city's interest and sinking fund charges be out of gross revenues, or in other words of car fares?" was another question raised in the minds of followers of transit problems.

News that the city and company had reached an agreement became known when the stock market opened this morning. R. T. trust certificates showed less than 2 1/2% and at the close of the market the stock jumped to 2 5/8%.

City Hall Appointments

City appointments today include: S. Groves, 1504 South Junior street, general inspector, Department of Public Safety; Joseph A. Root, 1504 South Junior street, architectural draftsman, Department of City Properties; J. V. Smith, 218 Carson street, clerk, Bureau of Recreation; J. B. Stoney, 218 Carson street, clerk, Bureau of Recreation; J. B. Stoney, 218 Carson street, clerk, Bureau of Recreation; J. B. Stoney, 218 Carson street, clerk, Bureau of Recreation.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Philadelphia and vicinity somewhat colder tonight, moderate winds, mostly overcast.

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