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## FORT VAUX, AT VERDUN EVACUATED BY GERMANS

TONS OF STEEL ARE Poured UPON BATTERED RAM-  
PARTS BY GUNNERS OF FRANCE

BERLIN, via Sayville wireless, Nov. 2.—Fort Vaux, on the Verdun front, has been evacuated by the Germans, it was officially announced today by the German war office.

Following a violent bombardment, during which hundreds of great French guns poured tons of steel upon the battered work, the Germans withdrew last night.

A great deal of the fort had been demolished before the Germans withdrew.

Before giving up the fort the Germans blew up important parts of it that had not already been destroyed by French shells.

Gains for both the Germans and Allies were reported from the Somme front by the war office.

Today's statement said in part: "The artillery duels on the right bank of the Meuse has been repeatedly increased to great intensity. The French have directed an especially heavy and destructive fire against Fort Vaux, which has been evacuated by us during the night in accordance with our military plans. Our troops were not disturbed by the enemy while carrying out their operations. Important parts of the fort were blown up by us before we evacuated it."

PARIS, Nov. 2.—Fighting their way forward through fog and battle smoke, the French won fresh ground last night on the Somme front and the Les Boeufs-Sailly-Saillisel line.

In announcing this success today the French war office reported also the capture of 536 German soldiers during the last 24 hours.

### LA FOLLETTE BREAKS WITH MICHIGAN G. O. P.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 3.—United States Senator La Follette and the Republicans of Wisconsin, as represented by the State Administration, have apparently come to the parting of the ways. La Follette to-night failed to live up to an advance forecast that he would come out for Hughes. At the same time Gov. E. L. Philipp, Republican candidate for governor, speaking at La Crosse, attacked La Follette as Governor, declaring that in 1903 and 1904 he had used State trust funds to pay State expenses increased by the La Follette regime.

Inasmuch as William J. Bryan in his visit to Wisconsin, omitted reference to W. F. Wolfe, Democratic candidate for Senator, it is possible there is truth in reports that State Democrats at a conference on Saturday came to an agreement with the La Follette followers. It is known that many old-line Republicans will not vote for La Follette for Senator and La Follette's strongest supporters are now openly advocating the election of Wilson and the Senator.

## AERIAL MAILMAN IS BROUGHT DOWN AT ERIE BY ACCIDENT

HAD BEEN FLYING AT 100 MILES AN HOUR

ERIE, PA., Nov. 2.—Winging his way from Chicago to New York at the rate of almost 100 miles an hour, in an effort to make a non-stop flight on the first aerial mail trip authorized by the United States government, Aviator Victor Carlstrom was forced to descend near Erie at 11:27 o'clock this morning, after having flown 480 miles.

Engine trouble brought the daring aviator to earth. One of the pipes on his big 200 horsepower machine came loose soon after he left Girard, near Erie. Carlstrom kept on flying, however, but when seven miles south of this city he was forced to land and came down on the big circus grounds in the southern section of the city.

When he landed Carlstrom said he was feeling fine and declared he would continue his trip just as soon as repairs were made.

Carlstrom left Chicago about 6 o'clock this morning and at one stage of his journey was flying over 100 miles an hour.



General Averescu, Head of the Roumania Forces.

## "Austria is to Be 'Germanized'" Says a Noted French Writer

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Austria will be completely "Germanized" in consequence of the death of Premier Count Stuerghk, it was predicted today by the political correspondent of the Petit Parisien.

### WILSON IS AHEAD IN STRAW VOTE AT PITT

In a straw vote taken following a Hughes-Wilson debate by students of the University of Pittsburgh, in Soldiers' Memorial hall Thursday morning at the students' convocation meeting, Wilson received 511 votes and Hughes 388. Other votes cast were: Benson 34, Hanly 19, and Reimer 1.

### HUGHES TO MAKE MANY SPEECHES IN WINDUP

BATAVIA, N. Y., Nov. 2.—Nominee Hughes started on the last quarter of the presidential campaign race today and among "home folks" in New York State today and tomorrow he faces one of the most strenuous two-day programs he has encountered since starting on his stumping tour.

He was scheduled for five set speeches today and a dozen or more rear-platform "appearances" and tomorrow, going back down the Hudson valley toward New York, his schedule calls for eight talks, winding up in Brooklyn with two meetings. Saturday night at a mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, he winds up his campaign.

### EXPLOSION WRECKS IDAMAR HOME.

The dwelling of Nicola Caputo, at Idamar, was wrecked by a powder explosion late Monday night. Fire developed and the entire contents were destroyed. It is not known how the explosion occurred. The loss, which is quite extensive, is partially covered by insurance in the Parnell-Cowher Co. Agency.

### ZAYAS ELECTED CUBAN PRESIDENT.

HAVANA, Nov. 2.—General Alfredo Zayas, leader of the Liberal party in Cuba, has been elected president of the republic, succeeding General Menocal. Compilation today of the complete returns in yesterday's balloting showed that the Zayas' majority was unusually large.

### NEW YORK POST IS OUT FOR PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The New York "Evening Post," one of the oldest and most influential independent newspapers in the country, declared last night in favor of President Wilson's re-election. It bases its advocacy upon the ground that the President's re-election will be for the "good of the country."

### EARLY ELECTION RETURNS DESIRED.

County Committeemen are requested to get into communication with the Patriot as soon as possible after the ballots of their district have been counted. This paper will appreciate all returns and will gladly give out information concerning the results in other districts. Call over the H. & C. phone, 250-z.

The polls open Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock and will close at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Saloons must be closed at 6 A. M. and remain closed until 8 P. M.

## ELECTION RETURNS

The election returns will be received at the Patriot office Tuesday evening, November 7, and as received will be flashed on a screen erected directly across from the Marshall building. The first returns will probably be in about 8:30 o'clock.

If you want the full and correct returns watch the Patriot bulletin screen.

## SECURE A CHARTER TO PROTECT THE MINERS

Bituminous coal operators of the Central Pennsylvania district have taken out a charter for the Pennsylvania Bituminous Mutual Association to insure employers' liability. The company has offices at Huntingdon. C. H. Miller is president and C. M. Hanson, treasurer. Over 20 are members.

## EIGHT UNDER ARREST FOR WHOLESALE THEFT OF COPPER AND JUNK.

Wholesale arrests of aliens charged with stealing copper from the General Construction Co. at North Homer, an adjunct of the Penn Public Service Co., of Johnstown, and the junk man who received the stolen goods, were the work of Sheriff Harry A. Boggs and his deputy, Elmer A. Borland in the last few days. The eight persons arrested were taken into custody through information made against them by an official of the construction company before Squire James A. Crossman. The double quartet was given a hearing before Squire Crossman Wednesday evening and were ordered by Squire Crossman to pay for the wire and costs of prosecution, which probably will amount to \$150.

The prisoners are Petro Lunitto, Sam Bruno, Dominic Peratti, John Jeticuri, Prestro Peratti, Tevtulo Maters and Dominic Dumi, all of North Home, and H. Izeman, of South Seventh street, Indiana. A majority of the wire has been recovered and will be used as evidence against the eight prisoners at the hearing.

## LONGEST TELEGRAM OF 50,000 WORDS SENT

MERCEDES, TEX., Nov. 1.—A telegraph message about 50,000 words long, claimed to be the longest telegram ever handled by a telegraph company, has been going from Llano Grande, Tex., where the Minnesota guardsmen are encamped, to St. Paul, Minn., since Sunday night and is not yet finished.

Two operators are sending the name and address of every member of the Minnesota guard on the border, with other information desired by the state of Minnesota in its preparation of a ballot to be sent to Llano Grande and on which the guardsmen will register their votes in the national election.

## CHINESE PHEASANTS FOR INDIANA COUNTY

Game Protector Iddo M. Lewis, of Marchand, has received word that 60 Chinese pheasants will be placed in this county soon as an experiment. If it is found to be successful, others will be planted. It is claimed that the Chinese species is heartier and have greater speed and gameness than the ringneck variety.

## MANY TESTS ON B. R. & P. RAILWAY ARE MADE

Out of a total of 196,499 efficiency tests conducted on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway during the past year, 99 per cent showed that employees were living strictly up to the rules. Of the less than one-half per cent failures to observe rules many were for minor infractions. These observations not only cover every detail of operation and conditions which might make for greater safety to the traveling public, but employees are watched closely to see that they are violating no rules pertaining to their own safety.

## HOMESICKNESS LED TO ARREST OF MAN

Homesick to see his old friends it is alleged, Ryamond Harper, employe in the restaurant of A. J. Hawes at Blairsville, appropriated \$50, it is said, from Mrs. Hawes' pocketbook and started for his former home in Coatesville. Detective James Colangelo, of this place, was called in on the case and he secured word that Harper's home was in Coatesville.

A telegram to the Coatesville officials resulted in the man being taken into custody in that city and Detective Colangelo started to get his man, returning to Blairsville Monday evening. When taken before Squire Hodge, it is said, Harper made a complete confession and his desire to plead guilty in court next Monday morning.

## List of Letters.

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office, October 28, 1916: Mr. E. C. Brown, The Bessemer Foundry Co., Miss Lucille Fleming, Mr. Standard Grant, Miss Margaret Hamilton, Miss Mary Howell, Miss Lenkart, Mr. Bill Lydick, (Fairview), Mr. F. E. Mastus, Mr. David Martin, Mrs. W. E. Risinger, Mrs. John Sauder, J. M. Shannon, Mr. Clark C. Smith, (Gen. Del.) Mrs. Orpha Valentine, Mrs. Irma Weamer, Miss Elizabeth Williams.

When inquiring for letters in this list, please state that they were advertised, giving date.

HARRY W. FEE, P.M.

Best stores advertise in The Patriot.

## ORDERS NEW ENGINES.

The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Company has placed an order with the American Locomotive Company for several engines of the Mikado and Mallet types to the value of approximately \$600,000. This purchase is made at this time in order to take care of its constantly increasing tonnage and to place the road in a position to cope with the usual added difficulties of operation through the winter months when requirements for power are always increased.