

PIERCE FIGHTING ON RIVER YSER

2,500 German Bodies in the Canal Sunday Morning After a Night Battle

WAS HELL FROM DARK TO DAWN

Face to Face Men Wrestled and Died by Drowning Each Other in Canal's Waters, Says London 'Daily Mail' Correspondent

London, Oct. 27, 3:53 A. M.—The correspondent of the 'Daily Mail' in Northern France, telegraphing under date of Sunday night regarding the fighting on the river Yser says: 'There were 2,500 German bodies in the Yser canal this morning after the fighting in the night. Many of them were drowned and others were bayoneted. The very water itself was bloody while Dixmude's streets were strewn thick with the dead. 'These ghastly facts alone give some idea of the savagery of the fighting and the desperation of the German attacks and the stubbornness of the allies' resistance.

Crossing of Yser a Sacrifice 'The night was a hell from dark to dawn. At almost every point of the line man was opposed by man, some times at a few hundred yards distance but more often in close grips. Face to face men even wrestled and died by drowning each other in the canal's waters. The Germans had had orders to get through that night, cost what it might.

An officer of theirs, who was captured, said that the delay of more than a week in crossing this waterway, had incensed the automatic military mind in Germany. It must be crossed to-night if it costs thousands of men. That in effect was the order given and the German soldiers all credit to them, did their best.

5,000 Perish in Fight 'Probably five thousand gave their lives last night. They could not give more yet they failed but not because the Germans did not literally obey their orders. They crossed the waterway all right as they were bid but once through they could not make good. They were mowed down with rifles and shot, torn into fragments by shells and bayoneted back yard by yard over their own dead into the waters of the canal. Into the very gray of the morning this bloody work went on so fiercely that there was hardly a trench or bridge guard in the whole line that did not imagine that he had been singled out for special attack.

Frantic Scenes in the Water 'It is believed that some five thousand Germans crossed the river Yser, but hardly one of them got back. Those to the north and northeast of Dixmude, probably two thousand, were met by a fine rally of Belgian infantry and of the cavalry who had tethered their horses and were driven by main force, at the bayonet point, to the river canal and into it. There must have been frantic scenes and the bodies seen in the water on the next day gave grim testimony of this.

About three thousand German infantrymen got in Dixmude. They held it for a time but with shell fire and rifle fire the place was riddled through and through. The Germans dashed out of the crumbling houses only to be wiped out by a siccoco of shrapnel and shot in the streets.

Dixmude Resembles a Cemetery 'When Sunday morning broke the dead and wounded were everywhere. Dixmude was a cemetery, but in the woods not far away the Germans still lingered. They held a position under a desperate fire and eventually were reinforced. The allies could not oust them and the Germans are still across the Yser.

Their presence may not be permanent and they may suffer the same fate as has overcome hundreds of their fellows during the week, who got over only to meet their death, but the Belgian and French lines, for the time being at least, have been drawn back about this point.

THINK ALLIES WILL SOON OCCUPY CITY OF OSTEND

London, Oct. 27, 3:17 A. M.—Telegraphing from Flushing under date of Sunday the 'Daily Mail' correspondent says:

The general opinion is that the allies will soon be in Ostend again. Ostend, like Bruges and Ghent, is overflowing with wounded and Amsterdams itself is now filling up. This unceasing flow of wounded men is calculated to destroy the morale of the German troops in Ostend.

Reports from all sides tell of terrible carnage around about Roulers where the dead are lying in heaps. On the sea front there the naval shells worked havoc. Carts come and go the day long with wounded. Large farm wagons with their sloping sides are packed with masses of wounded and dying men.

REPORT COUNTRY VILLAGES ARE BEING DEVASTED

London, Oct. 27, 2:49 A. M.—An Amsterdam dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says: 'From Sluis comes a report that the country villages around Roulers are being devastated by the Germans, partly for strategic reasons. Both in the towns and outside of them many of the inhabitants have lost their lives through their own imprudence. It is estimated that a thousand inhabitants were killed and that 250 houses have been burned down.

Roulers is as quiet as a graveyard and only a few German soldiers are seen in the streets. The villages of Mooralside, Roelkappelle, Westroosbeke and Staden are heaps of ruins.'

How Is Your Soul Invested?

Is it Temporarily Invested In

- 1. MONEY MAKING for the sake of money, or as a game?
2. HAVING A GOOD TIME, either in a Decent or Brutal Way?
3. MAKING A NAME FOR YOURSELF, Personally as a Good Fellow, or Professionally, or in Business?
4. SECURING POWER, either Financial, Social or Political?

Or is it Permanently Invested In

- 1. Living a Good, Clean, Unmistakably Christian Life Among Men?
2. Building Up a Clean-Cut Christian Home?
3. Helping and Encouraging Weak Brothers?
4. Working in a Christian Church Efficiently and Energetically?

Either or All of These Investments of One's Soul Yield

- 1. A SHOWY CERTIFICATE OF STOCK OF APPARENT SUCCESS!
2. DIVIDENDS THAT LOOK GOOD BUT TURN OUT TO BE LIABILITIES!
3. ORIGINAL CAPITAL WASTED AND LOST!
4. A MISERABLE, DISCONTENTED OLD AGE!
5. ETERNITY UNPROVIDED FOR!

Such An Investment of One's Soul Yields

- 1. A SANE, CHEERFUL LIFE OF INWARD PEACE AND CONTENT!
2. A HAPPY HOME, THE ABIDING JOY OF YOUR LIFE!
3. A WIDE INFLUENCE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR DOING GOOD!
4. A HAPPY, CONTENTED, RESPECTED OLD AGE!
5. AN ETERNITY OF BLESSEDNESS IN THE NEXT LIFE!

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GERMANS CAN HOLD LINE IN THE AISNE VALLEY ALL WINTER, IF THEY DESIRE

London, Oct. 27, 3 A. M.—The correspondent of the 'Morning Post,' writing from a point near Rheims under date of Saturday and discussing the situation in the eastern part of the Aisne valley, says:

It is possible that the Germans intend to hold this line all winter and if they fortify their positions it is quite possible that they can do so. It is certain that they can make no further move forward into French territory.

Around Rheims there is now only one point where the Germans have heavy artillery and this consists of only one big gun and twenty pieces of smaller field artillery. These are all Austrian. This artillery is located near Berru, some distance from the city, which, however, is well within the range of the big gun. This gun is a rapidly moving piece, pulled by a motor tractor and contents itself with a shot or two daily.

The German infantry lines, however, are much further advanced. The German trenches at Bethune run in a long unbroken line around to the right by Cermy. At no point are the French trenches more than a few hundred yards away.

The Germans have lost no ground since they captured their Rheims position. The ground between trenches is thickly covered with barbed wire entanglements. 'In the meantime the artillery duel along the eastern part of the Aisne valley is being continued with great violence. Although the allies seem to hold the advantage, the battle here is far from ended and the strong fortified positions held by the Germans will call for exceptional measures.'

GERMANS RETREAT FROM WARSAW DURING NIGHT

London, Oct. 27, 4:05 A. M.—In a dispatch from Petrograd the correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company gives some of the details of the retreat from Warsaw. He says:

The Germans retreated from Warsaw at night, covering over thirty miles on their first march. They left artillery to mask their retreat. The Russians caught up two days later.

The capture of Lowicz virtually ensured possession of the country for eighty miles to the westward of Warsaw.

Along the whole western front the Russian medical aid worked like clock-work. Trains, motors, vans and carriages were plentiful everywhere. A big lunatic asylum at Tvorok, in the zone of fighting near Warsaw, had to be evacuated. A detachment of troops was sent with orders not to use violence. The doctors contrived a long rope of tied towels, telling the inmates if they let go of it they would be shot by the Germans. All were thereby taken to the railway. A few recalcitrant women scatched, bit and kicked the warders.'

RAILWAY TRACKS CONGESTED WITH CORPSES OF AUSTRIANS

London, Oct. 27, 4:18 A. M.—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says: 'The 'Army Messenger,' in summing up the operations on the Russian front, says that the German forces in the region of Elawa and Vitzlavsk, disquieted by the situation on the front at Thorn and Cracow, have retreated in the direction of East Prussia, where the population has been ordered to retire into the interior.

On the Galician front the entire Stry valley southward from the river and the railway tracks from the Stry to Drohobycz are congested with Austrian corpses. Between last Thursday and Saturday and during the pursuit of the enemy the Russians captured 17 officers, 4,000 men, 11 machine guns, 22 guns, 23 caissons and masses of other war material.'

German Casualties 10,000 Daily Rome, Oct. 27, 1:35 P. M.—According to official reports received here the German casualties daily average 10,000 men in killed and wounded. All of these slightly or not gravely wounded on average of from 70 to 80 per cent., return to the ranks after a relatively short time.

MOST POWERFUL ZEPPELIN YET MADE IS LAUNCHED

London, Oct. 27, 4 A. M.—A dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland, to the 'Express' gives this account of the launching of a new Zeppelin:

'The most powerful Zeppelin yet made has just been launched at Friedrichshaven on Lake Constance. Without preliminary trials it flew away northwards at great speed, cheered by the soldiers who shouted, 'To London!' Count Zeppelin was present at the launching.

The airship has a special armored compartment for bombs near her propellers and her gun is mounted in front to destroy aeroplanes. A second airship of a similar type will be ready by the end of October.'

GERMANS SENDING MASSES OF TROOPS TO THE WESTWARD

London, Oct. 27, 1:45 A. M.—The Germans continue to send large masses of troops to the westward and the southwestward, according to a dispatch from Terneusem, Holland, published in the Amsterdam 'Conrant' to-day. A message to this effect has been sent to London by the Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company.

The Terneusem message says further that the allies who approached Thiel Saturday were repulsed by fresh German troops. Sunday 10,000 Austrians arrived at Ghent, where only a few Germans remain.

Kaiser to Head United Armies

London, Oct. 27, 4:41 A. M.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the 'Times' learns from Berlin that under the new military agreement between Germany and Austria, Emperor William undertakes the leadership of the United armies. According to the latest accounts received in Copenhagen the German Emperor is in good health and spirits.

TERRIBLE ARTILLERY FIRE AT BRITISH IN TRENCHES

London, Oct. 27, 4:50 A. M.—Telegraphing about the fighting in Belgium the correspondent of the 'Times' in Northern France says:

'The enemy's most furious attack along the line of the Yser was at Ypres, where a quarter of a million Germans for five days were held back by the British force.

'The artillery fire against the British in the trenches was terrible, churning up the earth and often burying the men by dozens. Repeatedly the enemy's infantry advanced to within a few hundred yards but every time our men leaped from the trenches and went at them with the bayonets. The Germans have no relish for a bayonet charge and they fled, firing their rifles over their shoulders as they ran.

Many hundreds were captured and thousands were killed and wounded. Still their shrapnel rained into the British trenches and fresh infantry took the places of the Germans who had been decimated.

'The situation grew more and more critical and it seemed that the British were likely to be borne down by sheer weight of numbers. Still they held on. Friday came at last and with it needed reinforcements. The position was saved and the Germans fell back 15 miles.'

Demand Big Ransom From Prince

London, Oct. 27, 5:30 A. M.—A dispatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Germans have seized the Prince of Monaco's chateau De Marchais near Rheims and declare that they will blow it up unless the prince immediately pays a ransom of half a million dollars. The prince has addressed an appeal in the case to the neutral countries.

To Fix Maximum Grain Price

Berlin, Via London, Oct. 27, 1 A. M.

'The 'Tagblatt' announces that the Federal Council on Wednesday will establish a maximum price for grain.

SWINDLER'S CAREER ENDS

Dr. Richard C. Flower, Who Made Millions, Old and Penitentless

New York, Oct. 27.—Dr. Richard C. Flower, promoter of mining enterprises, who evaded arrest from 1903 until he was caught in Toronto last Wednesday, pleaded guilty in the Supreme Court yesterday to two indictments charging him with grand larceny. He was remanded until October 29 for sentence.

Broken in health, old and penitentless, the man who is said to have made millions through mining swindles declared he did not care to fight conviction any longer. When Justice Davis told him to consider his action carefully, he replied: 'I have considered. I have spent all the money I made in trying to get out of being obliged to do what I now do voluntarily.'

Dr. Flower was indicted by a Grand Jury in New York in 1903, when he was charged with the larceny of various sums from women whom he induced to invest in his mining enterprises. He forfeited his bail, and after that he is said to have wandered about North and South America until arrested at Toronto by a New York detective.

Buys Essex Woolen Mills

The store of the Essex Woolen Mills Company, 14 North Third street, has been purchased by E. Reminger, who will conduct it under the name of Essex Woolen Mills. Mr. Reminger has been manager of the store for about a year and was previously connected with the clothing departments of several large firms in this city and York. He understands the business thoroughly and is well qualified by experience and ability to give the public the best of service. He has recently restocked the store with the newest fabrics for fall and winter wear.

HOW TO FIGHT PELLAGRA

One-Sided Diet Will Prevent and Eradicate Dread Disease, Says Federal Health Commission

Washington, Oct. 27.—The substitution of a mixed, well-balanced varied diet for the restricted, one-sided diet will prevent and eradicate the dread disease of pellagra is the conclusion of the Federal Public Health Service Commission which has been investigating the pellagra problem in the South. In a report yesterday the Commission, which is headed by Dr. Joseph Goldberger, announces that as a result of its investigations it has reached the conclusion that pellagra is not a communicable disease but is dependent upon some yet undetermined fault in a diet in which the animal or leguminous protein component is disproportionately small and the non-leguminous vegetable component disproportionately large and that it does not develop in those who consume a good, rich, mixed and well-balanced and varied diet. Those afflicted with the disease should be fed an abundance of fresh milk, eggs, fresh lean meat, beans and peas.

'We are not to be understood as saying that all cases will, or can, in this or any other way be saved,' says the Commission. 'We fear that there will always be patients who even in their first attacks are, and will be beyond hope of recovery.'

The Commission recommends that the people of the South, particularly the poor, be urged to include in their daily diet articles of food containing the leguminous proteins especially during the late fall, winter and early spring months.

The evidence is daily becoming stronger that the eventual eradication of pellagra from our South will depend largely upon the successful introduction of our common dried leguminous into the winter dietary.

C. V. NEWS

KILLING PARK SQUIRRELS

Exterminating Protected Game Which Wanders About in Search of Water

Gettysburg, Oct. 27.—The killing of a large number of squirrels that wandered from government ground has occasioned a great deal of annoyance to those in charge of the National Park and efforts are being made to prevent the continued slaughter which is made possible by the animals leaving the property of the Park Commission in search of water.

The long continued drought took from the squirrels some of their watering places on the battlefield and they were forced to look elsewhere for their supply. In their search they found small ponds nearby and daily went there to drink. Unfortunately, this was discovered and, when the squirrel season opened, residents went there and snily waited with gun in hand until the little gray creatures appeared. Then they blazed away and in a short time had the six allowed by the law and left to return the next day.

NEVILLE MINISTER DIES

The Rev. J. J. Kerr Succumbs After Illness of Several Weeks

Carlisle, Oct. 27.—After an illness of several weeks the Rev. J. J. Kerr, former pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Newville, Civil war veteran and one of the foremost church men and most honored citizens of the county, died at 8:30 o'clock at his home in Newville Monday morning. Had he lived until January he would have been 79 years old.

The Rev. Mr. Kerr was a minister of the gospel for fifty years, twenty years of which was spent as pastor of the Newville church in which capacity he endeared himself to hundreds of persons, not only in that town but in the county at large. He was a familiar figure at Grand Army reunions.

In July of this year, the Rev. Mr. Kerr was forced by the infirmities of age to give up his position as pastor of the Newville church.

Had Eye Removed

Waynesboro, Oct. 27.—The left eye of C. B. Wiles, Clayton avenue, was removed Sunday morning by Drs. A. Barr Snively and D. M. Shoemaker.

Several weeks ago while Mr. Wiles was pouring molten iron into a defective road roller wheel, the metal exploded and a portion of it struck Mr. Wiles in the eye.

One fragment, half as large as a coffee grain, was buried in the ball and caused the loss of sight in that member. To prevent a sympathetic action upon the right eye, the left eye was removed.

'DOPEY BENNY' GETS GRACE

East Side Gangster Trades Information for Light Sentence

New York, Oct. 27.—Benjamin Pein, known professionally and to newspaper readers as 'Dopey Benny,' the East Side gangster, pleaded guilty in Part II of General Sessions yesterday to attempted extortion. At the same time it became known that he has been giving to Assistant District Attorney Du Vivier information about old gang crimes and the habits of gangsters, which will lead to wholesale arrests and convictions. In return for this he was allowed to plead guilty as a first offender, which reduces the maximum penalty in his case from twenty years to seven years.

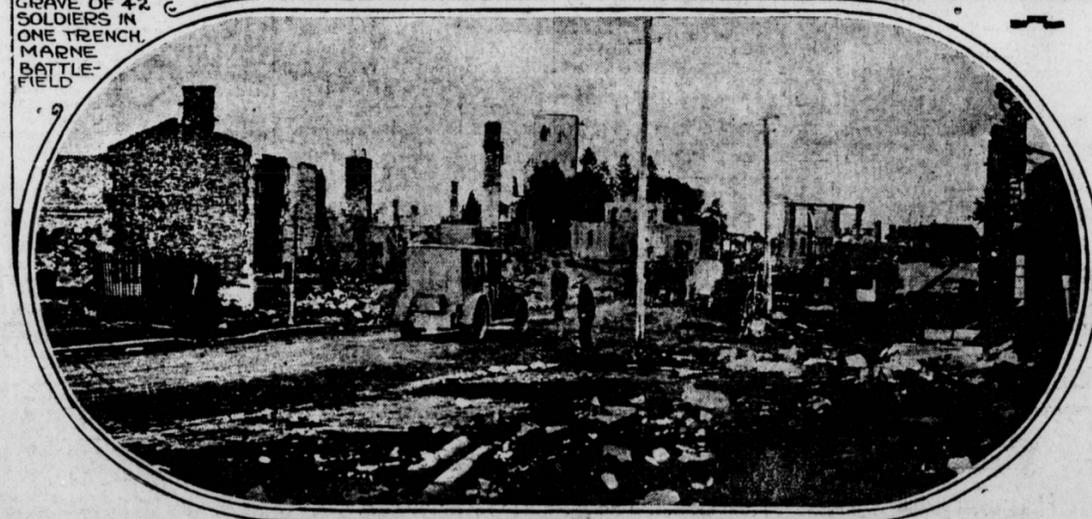
Suicide After a Bad Bargain

Doylestown, Pa., Oct. 27.—Melancholy for some time, William Shupe, a well-known resident of Ottsville, aged 65 years, hanged himself yesterday morning. Shupe's mind, it is alleged, was turned through the sale of his fine property at Ottsville and its repurchase at a considerable advance.

A Record-breaking Hen's Egg

Marietta, Oct. 27.—J. A. Buchanan yesterday found an egg laid by a black Minorca hen that was eight inches in circumference one way, and six and a half inches the other way. It had a double yolk and was perfect inside. Mr. Buchanan also had the pleasure of taking strawberries from several vines in his garden yesterday.

DESTRUCTION WROUGHT BY GERMAN SHELLS AND GRAVE OF HEROES



MARUPT, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MARNE, DESTROYED BY SHELL FIRE FROM GERMAN GUNS.