



AUSTRO-GERMAN DIVISIONS WIPED OUT BY ITALIANS Exhausted Defenders of Hindenburg Line Quit Attacks

FIGHT TEUTONS TO STANDSTILL NEAR CAMBRAI

Germans Unable to Deliver Counter Attacks, Says British Report—All Gains Are Held.

International News Service: LONDON, Nov. 26.—British troops in front of the German base of Cambrai have fought the Germans to a standstill and the Teutons were unable to deliver further counter attacks last night, the British war office announced today.

The British forces that fought their way into Bourlon village and the high ground of Bourlon wood, dominating Cambrai on the west, held all of their gains.

Artillery fire increased. Artillery duelling in the sector of Passchendaele, on the West Flanders front, increased to great violence during the night.

(Bourlon village and Bourlon wood lie about three miles west of Cambrai, between the Arras-Cambrai road and the Bapaume-Cambrai road. They constitute a part of the defenses of the Hindenburg line, in which the British took a big hole last week.)

Following the beginning of the British drive against Cambrai last Tuesday, the supplementary success of the British have swept the German lines so close to the German stronghold that the prediction was made today that this week will see the evacuation of the city by the Germans.

For five days the Teutons have been putting up a determined resistance in the Cambrai sector, but at every point where an attempt was made to stem the British onslaught, the resistance was overcome by whirlwind attacks by Field Marshal Haig's men.

Held Strategic Heights. There was a violent struggle west of Cambrai throughout Sunday which left the British masters of strategic heights dominating the city.

North of Fountains Notre Dame in the sectors of the villages of Bourlon forest the British attempted to cut through the German lines in a northeasterly direction to get in between Cambrai and Queant.

Queant is the southern bastion defending the Queant-Drocourt switch, the chief supports of the northern end of the Hindenburg line. Queant lies just west of the scene of Sunday's struggle.

Furious hand to hand fighting took place among the ruins of the village of Bourlon and the caves and dugouts that lie beneath the debris.

Germans Trick Enemy. The Germans had built cunningly contrived fortifications to look like the ruins of houses and the British were taken unawares. The streets were swept by machine gun fire from these improved blockhouses and it was largely due to them that the Germans were able to retain part of the village.

The French, who had been directing strong pressure against Laon, the chief bastion on the southern end of the Hindenburg line, suddenly switched their attacks and drove forward on the Verdun front for an important gain.

The gust of fighting on the right flank of the Meuse followed a big artillery duel which had been raging there for many days. The French made their main assault in the district of Semoigneux near which point the German crown prince launched his big Verdun drive in February, 1916, and quickly overran two lines of trenches, capturing nearly 1,000 prisoners.

ARREST HOODLUMS WHO HOWLED DOWN PREMIER

International News Service: TORONTO, Nov. 26.—Scores of arrests may be made as a result of a mob of hoodlums howling down Mr. Robert Borden, Canadian premier, at a meeting at Kitchener Saturday night. It has been learned that the action had been planned for several days when it was announced that the premier was to speak there. Kitchener was formerly Berlin, the name being changed after the outbreak of the war. A large part of the population are of German extraction.

BISHOP BRENT ACCEPTS NEW YORK DIOCESE

International News Service: BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Bishop Brent of the Philippines has accepted the office of bishop in the western New York Episcopal diocese. He is now on his way to France for work among the soldiers, and on his return will come direct to Buffalo to assume his new duties.

Food Situation in Germany is Grave, Face Winter of Want

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Germany's food situation is grave and her population faces a winter of privation and suffering. Authentic reports to officials here today showed that Germany's supplies of fats are being rapidly depleted and that the scarcity in certain essential foods may force a cut in the rations for troops as well as civilians. Fats have been placed almost entirely under governmental control and rigid measures have been taken to conserve the present stocks and are not offered for sale except at prohibitive prices. A great shortage in all parts of the German empire of such articles as meat, butter, milk and cheese, is reported. The milk rations of the children of Berlin, which some weeks ago was reported as so scant that infant mortality had greatly increased, are now being cut one-third. The butter allowance for each person has been limited to one ounce a week. Eggs are very scarce and sell for eight cents each. Practically all foodstuffs show a shrinkage. The only exception is the potato crop. A fairly good crop of potatoes is reported, but it will not equal the production two years ago. Germans virtually have abandoned coffee and tea, having adopted a new substitute for the latter in the form of dried peelings of apples and pears.

GERMANY SEEKING RUSSIA AS ALLY

Kaiser's Agents Attempt Not Only to Effect Peace But to Secure Aid.

International News Service: THE HAGUE, Nov. 26.—The Russian situation today is swiftly drifting into a new phase, fraught with the utmost menace to the allies. Evidence has been unearthed indicating that German agents are trying to do more than to drive Russia into a separate peace. They are actually trying to align Russia as a potential ally of the central powers.

Just how far this German influence extends is not known, but there is ample evidence that the Bolshevik leadership in Petrograd is permeated by sentiments that have been bought by German gold.

Doubt Bolshevik Power. For a long time there have been insinuations that Nicolai Lenin, one of the mainstays of the Bolsheviks in Petrograd, is friendly to Germany.

It was through the action of the German government that Lenin (then an exile in Switzerland) was able to reach Russia, shortly after the revolutionary coup last spring.

To all outward appearances, Germany has shown an apparent reluctance to enter into negotiations with the Bolsheviks for an armistice, indicating that the German general staff was doubtful of the power wielded by the so-called Bolshevik "government" in Petrograd over the army.

Orders issued by Col. Mouravieff, the minister of war in the Bolshevik regime are openly flouted by some of the commissioners at the Russian front.

Attempt an Armistice. At the same time others, supported by mitinous units of the army, are going ahead with their own plans. Some have even gone so far as to take actual steps to secure an armistice to affect part of the front, but so far as known these negotiations have done no more than to lead to an increase of fraternizing.

If Lenin and his companion, Trotsky, are able to maintain their power a little while longer and the demoralization and spread of anarchy in Petrograd continues the allies may have to revised the plans for this winter's campaign and that of next year.

ASKS BIG INCREASE IN ANTHRACITE COAL RATES

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The Lehigh Valley railroad today applied to the interstate commerce commission for permission radically to increase the freight rates on anthracite coal from Perth Amboy, N. J., to New England points and the New York, Ontario and Western railroad asked permission to make similar increases in anthracite shipments from Weehawken, N. J., to Cornwallis.

Man Thought Dead in Bomb Blast is Found; Acid Bottle Only Clew

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BARES "FAST" LIFE OF MAN SHE MURDERED

Mrs. Blanca De Saulles Defending Herself in Trial, Tells of Dissipation and Estrangement.

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FINES HOME AND SHOOT 10 MEN

Frank Warner of Wolcott, Ind., Pours Gasoline on Family, Applies Torch.

International News Service: LOGANSPORT, Ind., Nov. 26.—Frank Warner, son of an ex-sheriff of Monticello, poured gasoline over his wife and children, his house and garage at Wolcott, Ind., and then applied the torch Saturday night. When firemen arrived, he began shooting at them and from 10 to 12 men were shot, according to reports received here today.

Among the victims were Vertie Lux, nephew of E. H. Lux, of this city; Charles Klise, Andy Troxell, Terrance Foster, Punk Mull, his brother and Fred Overlander.

Warner is thought to have been insane. Warner is in jail and his wife and children will recover.

COUNCIL PUTS GUARDS AROUND WAREHOUSES

International News Service: BOWMAN, N. D., Nov. 26.—Aroused by incendiary conflagrations that have destroyed several hundred thousand dollars worth of elevators and grain in this district, the Bowman city council today established guards along the railroads and around warehouses here.

The action of the council came after it had been discovered that the city's fire hose had been cut in many places and portions of it spiked to the wall.

Alleged depredations of the I. W. W. culminating the \$200,000 fire at Lemmon, S. D., have aroused the entire Dakota grain belt.

YOUNG BANDIT DEAD. CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Claude McGillicuddy, youthful bandit, is dead here today from gunshot wounds received when he and several companions attempted to hold up a police officer. His four companions are under arrest and are said to have confessed.

SALOON MAN SHOT. CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Abraham Mayers, a saloonkeeper, was shot and probably fatally wounded here today by four bandits who held up his saloon. After shooting Mayers the bandits looted the cash drawer of \$700 and escaped in an automobile.

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MEANS ON TRIAL FOR KING MURDER

Issue in Mystery Case Lies Between North Carolina and New York Authorities.

International News Service: COURT HOUSE, CONCORD, N. C., Nov. 26.—New York's great crime detecting machine is under test here today. Gaston B. Means, a bit worn and haggard from three months in jail, went to trial on a charge of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King at lonely Blackwater springs on the night of Aug. 29.

Circumstantial evidence piled up by New York's police and detectives constitute the mass of condemning evidence against the defendant. His lawyers have drawn the battle against New York. The great issue in the mystery case is whether North Carolina men, constituting a murder jury, will place enough faith in New York's criminal machinery to convict one of their own countrymen upon New York evidence.

Get Evidence in New York. Although Mrs. Maude A. King met her death in Concord, N. C., it was her death in Concord that led to the arrest of Means as gathered by New York detectives, who raided the Means apartment in New York. Means contended that the wealthy woman, who had been his benefactress, met her death at the hands of a target practicing. New York prosecutors claim they can prove a murder plot was formed against the woman in their city. Means was the sole eyewitness and his attorneys have chosen to allow his word to stand against the evidence which New York authorities will submit.

On the side of the defense is arrayed the entire local bar of Concord. Nine attorneys, all of them leaders in legal practice, constitute the counsel for the defense. E. T. Cansler, known as "the Bulldog," because of his tenacity, and Judge Osborne of Charlotte, one of North Carolina's leading jurists, are the chief counsel—both of the men are long practiced in court battles.

REACH AGREEMENT ON NEWS PRINT PRICES

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Fleming enlisted in Canada in March. He is the son of Robert E. Fleming of the legal staff of the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

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Hunter is Killed In Climbing Fence

News-Times Special Service: GOSHEN, Ind., Nov. 26.—Elmer Christner, 30 years old of Shipshewana, is dead from injuries received this morning when, while attempting to climb a fence, the gun he was using in hunting was accidentally discharged and he was shot in the forehead. He died within an hour. His wife and four children survive.

THREE AMERICANS IN PERSHING'S FORCE DIE

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Deaths of three American soldiers in France were reported to the war department this afternoon by Gen. Pershing. Corporal Horace Fouts, headquarters company infantry, died Nov. 25 of nephritis. His mother, Harriet Fouts, lives at Newark, N. J. Budler Marion P. Stoddard, infantry, died Nov. 15 of an accidental bullet wound. Mrs. Georgia M. Stoddard, his mother, lives at Silver Springs, N. Y. Private Joseph L. Boyce, infantry, died Nov. 11 of lobar pneumonia. His next of kin is Lawrence Boyce, Pittston, Pa.

UNION COAL MINERS ON TRIAL FOR RESISTING TROOPS GUARDING MINES

International News Service: OWENSBORO, Ky., Nov. 26.—Thirty-three union coal miners were placed on trial in the federal court here today charged with resisting troops at Clay, Ky., last August during a strike of coal miners. Three civilians were killed in a battle between union men and troops guarding the coal mines.

LA FOLLETTE HEARING PUT OFF FEW DAYS

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The investigation into the alleged disloyalty of Sen. Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin, was temporarily blocked at the eleventh hour today by the inability of William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, and several of the members of the probing committee to be present. It is hoped to reopen the inquiry before the end of the week in time to make a report next Monday or Tuesday. The investigating committee, may, however, be compelled to ask an extension of time to complete its work.

Mr. Bryan today wired Sen. Pomerehne of Ohio, chairman of the committee, that he would be in Washington on Dec. 2, and the committee decided not to require him to make a special trip to the capital before then.

HOLDS INDIANA LAW IS VALID

Supreme Court Refuses to Review Judgment Against Railroad.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The supreme court, by refusing to review a judgment against the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Co. today, virtually approved as constitutional the Indiana law which permits a suit for damages to be continued after the death of the man who brought it. The particular suit on which this decision was made was brought by Joseph W. Roebuck, an employee of the railroad company, who was struck by a switch target in 1904. He became insane and later died, but his relatives persisted in the suit.

THINKS U. S. IS NOT SAFE FROM ATTACKS

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Nov. 26.—Five United States army generals and one admiral of the American navy have just arrived here from Europe. One of the generals intimated his belief that this country is not absolutely safe from attack and that every effort should be made to give coast cities the best possible protection. Most of the officers left for various destinations soon after their arrival.

FRENCH CONSOLIDATE NEWLY WON POSITIONS.

PARIS, Nov. 26.—The newly won positions of the French on the Verdun front were consolidated during the night, despite German counter thrusts in that direction. The war office announced this afternoon that all of the ground gained between Samogneux and Anglemont farm was firmly in the hands of the French.

A German raid at Bezonvaux in the same region, was repelled. Elsewhere on the Verdun front the guns were in action.

THREE MEN KILLED AS TRAIN STRIKES TRUCK

ROCKFORD, Ill., Nov. 26.—Three men were instantly killed when they drove a garbage motor truck in front of the eastbound Omaha express on the Illinois Central railroad grade crossing at Perryville station, five miles east of here.

PLATEAU RUNS RED WITH GORE OF INVADERS

Violent Struggle is Marked by Heavy Losses Among Mackenzies' Men—U. S. Liable to Attack.

International News Service: ROME, Nov. 26.—Several Austro-German divisions have been annihilated in the fierce fighting on the Asiago plateau. Dispatches from that front dwell upon the severity of the Teutons' losses and the completeness of the check administered to the invaders by the Italians.

The weather in the mountains of the Asiago plateau has become stormy, but in spite of rain, snow, fog and wind the struggle has continued with great violence. All efforts of the Germans, however, to break through and encircle the Italian left wing have so far crumpled under the Italians' resistance.

Two German and Austro-Hungarian regiments, mistaking each other's identity in the darkness, fought for hours, inflicting severe losses before the error was discovered.

Many hundreds of unburied bodies lie in the valleys and in the woods that flank the mountainsides.

For two weeks veteran Prussian guardsmen and seasoned warriors from Bavarian and Wuertemberg regiments have tried in vain to break the Italian defenses between the Brenta and Piave valleys and along the lower reaches of the Piave river, but dispatches from the front today said that the Teutons were held in check.

The Italians have been called upon to face such withering bombardments as were hitherto unknown on the Italian front, but despite their violence, the cannonades failed to shake the nerve of the Italian soldiers.

At points where the Italian line seemed in danger counter attacks were driven home against the invaders and hard fighting has been taking place around Meletto, a point of support on the Italian plateau.

Advices from the Asiago plateau front, dated Sunday morning, said that the German attempt to break through on that front had been brought to a standstill, but that there was a shifting of the German front and fighting was breaking out in new places. A change of offensive tactics against the Italians in that zone was evidently taking place.

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