

FRANCO-BRITISH BUSY PREPARING NEW DRIVE

New Gains—Consolidate German Second Line—Haig's Men Win Around Pozieres

The British Saturday night gained 300 or 400 yards on a front of nearly a mile northeast of Pozieres. The Anzacs again were the heroes of the advance. The British advance followed a brilliant success by the French on Saturday night, when Gen. Foch's troops penetrated the German third line of trenches on a front of three and three-quarter miles and to a depth of nearly two-thirds of a mile from Hardecourt to Buscourt. The French forced their way into the village of Maurepas and took a thousand German prisoners and captured thirty machine guns.

Heavy German counter-attacks against both French and British filled the night. One terrific drive against the newly-won French positions in Maurepas was repulsed with heavy loss only after a bitter struggle. Following it the French pushed forward both in the village itself and on the slopes of Hill 109 to the southeast. The Germans were no more successful in attacks against the British southeast of Guillemont. The British gained them nearer to both Martinpuich and Courcellette, key positions on the Bapaume road.

London despatches on Saturday said: The French and British continue their steady work of extending and consolidating their positions in the German second line and preparing for a powerful thrust at the third. As on other days this week, the British and French concerned themselves principally with attacks beyond Pozieres and in the district of the Hem Wood. Between the Somme and Maurepas the ridge for which Foch's troops have been fighting for more than a week is now completely in their hands, the summit having been reached in a dashing charge this afternoon. The French now straddle the Maurepas-Hem high road, and hold the most dominant position in this sector. Night fighting enabled the British to gain some additional ground north of Bazentin-Petit and northward of Pozieres, where the apex of the British wedge is now approaching the Martinpuich ridge.

London despatches on Tuesday said: General Joffre and the troops of France today demonstrated their unabated power on the two main fronts in the west. In Picardy they won a momentous success. At Verdun they crushed a terrific German blow, and swept forward for fresh gains. Striking in unison with their allies to the south, the British troops in Picardy today registered a gain of a quarter of a mile southwest of Guillemont. The Commander of the German armies defending Bapaume and Peronne, Gen. von Einem, today continued desperate assaults against the British east of Pozieres. Four attacks were launched, a total of nine in the last day. The Germans finally gained a foothold of only fifty yards, which was paid for scores of times over in dead and wounded. The attacks today, like those of yesterday, were made behind a flaming curtain of fiery liquid and poison gas.

MUNITIONS SHORTAGE

Ontario Deliveries Fall Short—Need More Women Workers

"The deliveries of munitions from Ontario are running far behind the quantities promised, and we are seriously apprehensive, if existing conditions cannot be bettered." Such is the serious contention of the Imperial Munitions Board to Ontario's Provincial Organization of Resources Committee. The shortage in production, according to the statement issued, has been largely due to a very inadequate supply of labor sufficiently skilled to make deliveries effective. This has hampered factories turning out steel forgings and component parts which, in turn, have adversely affected the machining and assembling plants. But these have been unable



London despatches on Monday said: The most recent attempt of the Turks to reach the Suez Canal has proved an even greater failure than the earlier reports indicated. Lieut. Gen. Sir Archibald James Murray, commander of the British forces in Egypt, reported that besides taking more than 3,000 prisoners in the battle with the Turks at Romani, his forces inflicted very heavy losses on them and had continued the pursuit of the retreating troops for 18 miles, clearing the Turks from the Katia basin. Military writers are unable to fathom the reason why the Turks ventured upon their attack.

Ontario Bye-election
Four candidates were nominated on Monday for the Southwest Toronto Provincial bye-election. Hartley Dewar, K.C., Liberal, "stands with Beck"; Norris, Conservative, upholds the Government record; Socialist Connor demands nationalization of the nickel industry and Waldron, Independent Liberal, opposes the prohibition law.

The British torpedo-boat destroyer Lassco sank Sunday off the Dutch coast, having struck a mine or been torpedoed, according to an official statement issued Monday. Six of the crew of the destroyer are missing. An official report issued in Petrograd on Sunday shows that during the recent operations the Russians have taken over 33,000 prisoners, 68 guns and 335 machine guns.

The advance of a wide encircling movement by the British and Belgian forces in German East Africa is reported in an official statement issued by the War Office on Sunday.

PRICEVILLE.

Quite a number of visitors of late are coming from Toronto to view the Saugeen and enjoy the refreshing breezes. Mrs. Walker and family are spending their holidays camping on the Saugeen. The "come every summer during the hot spell."

A couple of autos took a trip to Camp Borden last Sunday, loaded with human cargo, to see some of their boys who are there during the summer.

Rev. Mr. Gilchrist of Toronto preached two Sundays in the Presbyterian church here for Rev. Mr. Matheson, who is taking his holidays at Muskoka lakes. We had a letter from Mr. Matheson lately. He and family are enjoying the refreshing breezes of the lakes. Mr. Matheson is quite an angler and was wishing we had a feed of the fine fish caught by him every day.

Pte. Hector H. McDonald of the 198th Buffs is home for a few weeks' leave from Camp Borden to assist in the harvest.

Pte. Thos. Mather has been laid up at his mother's for some time with some kind of fever, but is getting better.

Miss Bertha McIntyre of Toronto is spending a time with her uncle, Norman McIntyre, south line Glenelg.

Miss Jean Walker of Toronto spent a week visiting her aunts, Mrs. McKinnon and Mrs. Muir. The Sunday school picnic at Colin McLean's bush on the 11th inst. was an enjoyable affair.

Haying is just about done, and harvest is coming in fast. There was a fine shower on Friday forenoon.

Lots of runabouts are going these times. A person without an auto nowadays is considered behind the times. Just the same as 50 years ago—the family that hadn't a span of horses and an old lumber wagon, wasn't up-to-date.

Eddy Sullivan and sister, Cassie of Toronto, visited their friends, the Sullivans and Blacks, in Glenelg, and gave us a friendly call, too. Both were born at Top Cliff. Our mill is at a standstill the most of the summer on account of low water. It is quite a loss to Mr. Watson.

Angus Kennedy completed renovating the old house, which has a fine appearance now.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Neil McPhail, Durham Road, on the 6th inst., a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Nichol's two daughters are away in Collingwood visiting their grandparents.

Mr. Watson of McWilliams collects the cream up the south line and down the gravel road, twice a week for the Walkerton creamery.

Miss McDonald is engaged the remainder of the year at Top Cliff school.

Dr. and Mrs. Lane and family are on their holidays to their different homes in the county of Bruce. Some doctor, whose name we do not know, is to take charge of the practice till his return.

Quite an improvement is made in Priceville school by a new roof, a furnace and other repairs. The total cost will come to some \$1,500.

The Ladies' Aid meetings are always well attended, showing that they are not slothful in business.

Mrs. Flora McPherson of Toronto is visiting friends at Durham and Priceville.

Clark Russell, late barber at Priceville paid us a short visit. He has enlisted, and will be one of the number going to Camp Borden.

A telegram to Mrs. McDougall, south line, Glenelg, announced the death of her nephew, Arch. McGill, of Hamilton, on Friday. Mrs. McGill was Mary McPhail, who taught three years at Top Cliff school when a young girl. Archie was her eldest son, being 15 years of age. He was ailing for some months.

Angus McKechnie, Durham road, gave his house a fine appearance by having a new verandah put all around it.

We noticed a lot of hay stacks on the different farms, showing that there is an abundance of hay in the country.

EDGE HILL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Firth and family of London are visiting his mother, Mrs. D. Firth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Drayton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Edge on Wednesday.

Miss Cassie Ritchie enjoyed a visit with the Mortley family, near Dornoch.

Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane and two daughters, of Hamilton, are visiting at Mr. Thos. Greenwood's.

Mrs. McClocklin, son Alfred and Miss Woodrow, of Toronto are guests of Miss Kate McFayden.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos Firth and children of Lindsay are spending part of the summer vacation in this neighborhood.

The ladies had a very pleasant afternoon on Thursday sewing for the Red Cross at the home of Mrs. W. J. Ritchie. Over a score were present. They made two dozen pillow cases and seven shirts, and the cash collection for Red Cross funds was \$4.40.

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