

BRITISH INFLECT SEVERE LOSSES ON ENEMY ON BOTH SIDES OF SCARPE

Successful Drive Results in Gaining of Advantageous Positions and Capture of Numerous Towns, Including Croisilles.

A despatch from the British Army in France says:—On both sides of the Scarpe River hard fighting continued on Wednesday, the British launching fresh attacks and wresting from the desperately resisting enemy additional valuable stretches of ground, many more advantageous positions and numerous towns, including Croisilles.

In the centre of the wide battlefield on which three British armies—the first, third and fourth—are operating there seems to be a slight pause.

South of the Somme, Fay and Ablaincourt were taken by the British without much difficulty, for the Germans, being hard pressed south of these points by the French were therefore ready to go with slight persuasion.

Since early Wednesday morning storm after storm has been sweeping

across this section of France, but, despite the unfavorable weather, the forces in the north have driven deep into the hurriedly arranged enemy defences, smothering with their fire the fighting in this section in an effort to keep the British from penetrating the famous Queant-Drocourt switch line, which formed the northern continuation of the old Hindenburg line after the British last year beat the Germans back from Arras. This line has been approached in several places and has been reached in at least one place in the neighborhood of the Senese River.

The success of this drive here and the breaking through of the old German defence system may have far-reaching effects both in the north and the south.

FROM OLD SCOTLAND

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM HER BANKS AND BRAES.

What is Going On in the Highlands and Lowlands of Auld Scotia.

Stirlingshire has about thirty thousand applications for sugar for jam making.

Nearly one thousand three hundred and fifty acres in Fifeshire have been planted in flax.

D. M. Urquhart, Academy Street, Tain, has presented 160 volumes to the Tain Public Library.

Colonel Gordon, V.C., recently opened an extension of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Perth.

Capt. Ion Keith Falconer McLeod, reported killed in action, was a son of Rev. D. J. McLeod, Boddam.

Corporal George Sandilands, Royal Scots, thrice wounded, has been awarded the Military Medal.

The Marchioness of Linlithgow recently opened a child welfare exhibition in the town of Boness.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Lieut. J. H. S. Peterkin, son of the late John Peterkin, Portsoy.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Capt. A. J. Gordon Hunter, M.D., son of Dr. Hunter, Linlithgow.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Charles Soutar, son of David Soutar, Crossgate, Cupar.

Capt. James F. Morris, R.A.F., Polmont, has been presented with a sword of honor and a gold watch in recognition of the many military honors awarded him.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Lieut. W. Scott-Moncrieff, son of General Scott-Moncrieff, of Fossway.

Samuel Pope, for forty years art master at Aberdeen Grammar School, died recently in his eightieth year.

Three of the five soldier sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lettich, Wolsey Street, Dundee, have made the supreme sacrifice.

Sergeant A. Carmichael, Canadians, son of Duncan Carmichael, Loches, has been awarded the D.C.M.

ENEMY IN DESPERATE STRAITS TO MAINTAIN RESERVES

A despatch from the British Army in France says:—How hard the enemy is off for reserves may be gathered from the fact that the 148th Regiment of the 41st Division appeared in the battle line during the defence of Cappy, on the south bank of the Somme, although this division lost 2,250 men made prisoner at Warfusee between August 8 and August 10 and was withdrawn as no longer fit to fight.

The death occurred recently of Dr. R. N. McCosh, for seventeen years medical superintendent of the Dundee Royal Infirmary.

The Military Medal has been awarded to Sergt. Gavin Greig, son of Gavin Greig, New Deer, a well-known authority on Scottish folk-song.

Sergt. Hugh Shearer, of the Seaforth, who has been awarded the Military Medal, is a prominent member of the Nairn County Cricket Club.

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CANADIANS IN VICTORIOUS ADVANCE CAPTURING GAVRELLE

Australians Reach The Somme on a Wide Front and Battle For Bridge-Heads.

despatch from the Canadian Army in the Field, says:—The Canadian forces is fighting on a wide front north and south of the Scarpe River, approximately from Gavrelle to Croisilles, but in this undertaking it is co-operating with a British division. This division has reservedly attained pre-eminence in the roll of the British army north of the Scarpe River. Tuesday it captured Gavrelle and advanced generally. The Canadian troops hold the line south of the Scarpe, immediately west of Pelvies, thence south-east, passing Jigsaw Wood and Sart Wood, thence in a generally south-easterly direction to west east of Cherisy and Fontaine-les-Croisilles. From here the line is continued by Scottish troops to the western out-

MARKETS OF THE WORLD

Breadstuffs
 Toronto, Sept. 3.—Mantoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.24½; No. 2 Northern, \$2.21½; No. 3 Northern, \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.10½; in store Fort William, not including tax. Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 87½c; No. 1 feed, 77½c, in store Fort William.
 American corn—No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, nominal; No. 4 yellow, kiln dried, nominal.
 Ontario oats, new crop—No. 1 white, 75 to 78c; No. 3 white, 75 to 77c, according to freight outside.
 Ontario wheat—No. 2, Winter, per car lot, \$2.81; No. 3 Winter, \$2.77; No. 2 Spring, \$2.26; No. 3 Spring, \$2.22; basis in store Montreal.
 Peas—No. 2, nominal.
 Barley—Malt, new crop, \$1.03 to \$1.05.
 Buckwheat—Nominal.
 Rye—No. 2, nominal.
 Peas—Nominal.
 Manitoba flour—War quality, \$10.95, Toronto.
 Ontario flour—War quality, \$10.85, in bags, Montreal and Toronto, prompt shipment.
 Millfeed—Car lots, delivered Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, \$35 per ton; shorts, \$40 per ton.
 Hay No. 1, \$18 to \$19 per ton, track Toronto; mixed, \$16 to \$17 per ton, track.
 Straw—Car lots, \$8 to \$8.50 per ton.

Country Produce—Wholesale.
 Butter—Creamery, solids, per lb., 42c to 42½c; prints, per lb., 42½c to 43c; dairy, per lb., 36 to 37c.
 Eggs—New laid, 40 to 41c.
 Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 38 to 40c; roosters, 28c; fowl, 25 to 30c; ducklings, 33c; turkeys, 32 to 35c.
 Live poultry—Roosters, 28c; fowl, 27 to 28c; ducklings, 1b., 25c; turkeys, 27 to 30c; Spring chickens 34 to 35c.
 Wholesalers are selling to the retail trade at the following prices:—
 Cheese—New, large, 23½ to 24c; twins, 23c to 24½c; old, large, 25½ to 26c; twin 26 to 26½c.
 Butter—Fresh, dairy, choice, 40 to 42c; creamery prints, fresh made, 45 to 47c; solids, 44 to 45c.
 Margarine—32 to 34c.
 Eggs—No. 1's, 47 to 48c; in cartons, 52 to 54c.
 Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 48c; roosters, 30c; fowl, 34 to 37c; turkeys, 40c; ducklings, 1b., 38c.
 Beans—Canadian, hand-picked, bushel \$7.50; imp., hand-picked, Burma or Indian, \$8.50; Japan, \$8.00; Lima, 18 to 19c.
 Honey, new crop—Strained, 60-lb. tins, 24 to 24½c; 10-lb. tins, 24½ to 25c; 5-lb. tins, 25 to 25½c. Combs—Doz., \$3.00 to \$3.60.

Provisions—Wholesale
 Smoked meats—Hams, medium, 36 to 38c; heavy, 30 to 32c; cooked, 51 to 53c; rolls, 32 to 33c; breakfast bacon, 41 to 45c; backs, plain, 44 to 45c; boneless, 48 to 49c.
 Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 30 to 31c; clear bellies, 29 to 30c.
 Lard—Pure tins, 30 to 30½c; tubs, 30½ to 31c; pails, 30½ to 31½c; prints, 33 to 33½c. Compound tins, 26 to 26½c; tubs, 26½ to 26¾c pails, 26½ to 27c; prints, 28 to 28½c.

Montreal Markets
 Montreal, Sept. 3.—Oats, No. 2 C.W., \$1.01 to \$1.02; extra No. 1 feed, 98 to 99c. Flour, new standard grade, \$10.95 to \$11.05. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$5.30. Bran, \$5.30. Shorts, \$4.00. Mouille, \$67 to \$68. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$15.50 to \$16.00.

Live Stock Markets
 Toronto, Sept. 3.—Extra choice heavy steers, \$15.50 to \$16.25; choice heavy steers, \$14.50 to \$15.00; butchers' cattle, choice, \$13.25 to \$14.00; do., good, \$12.00 to \$12.50; do., medium, \$10.75 to \$11.00; do., common, \$9.00 to \$10.00; butchers' bulls,



MILITARY LEADERS IN GREAT OFFENSIVE
 Marshal Foch has been fortunate in having his plans admirably carried out by Gen. Mangin, Gen. Humbert and our own Sir Julian Byng, who appear above in the order named.

Markets of the World

choice, \$11.00 to \$11.25; do., medium bulls, \$7.50 to \$8.50; do., rough bulls, \$7.50 to \$8.50; butchers' cows, choice, \$10.25 to \$10.50; do., good, \$9.25 to \$9.50; do., medium, \$8.25 to 8.75; do., common, \$7.25 to \$8.00; stockers, \$8.00 to \$10.50; feeders, \$10.50 to \$11.00; canners and cutters, \$5.50 to 6.50; milkers, good to choice, \$9.00 to \$125.00; do., com. and med. \$65.00 to \$75.00; springers, \$90.00 to \$150.00; light ewes, \$13.00 to \$15.00; yearlings, \$15.00 to \$16.00; Spring lambs, 18 to 19c; calves, good to choice, \$12.50 to \$17.50; hogs, fed and watered, \$19.50 to \$19.75; do., weighed off cars, \$19.75 to \$20.00.

GENERAL MANGIN
CROSSES AILETTE
 A despatch from Paris says:—General Mangin's troops began crossing the Ailette River on Wednesday, it was announced here on Wednesday afternoon.

French troops have recaptured Mount Renaud, two miles southwest of Noyon, according to The Temps, which says that the French are approaching Noyon, which is probably in their possession.

The retreat of the Germans, which has been organized by General von Boehm during the past fortnight, will probably be made in two stages, it is said here. The first halt is expected to be behind the Somme and Crozat Canal, and the second will bring the enemy to the line of March 21, from which he launched his great offensive.

BRITISH ACREAGE IS RECORD FOR 20 YEARS
 The Board of Agriculture states that the arable area in England and Wales amounts to 12,400,000 acres, an increase of 1,162,000 compared with 1917, and a record for twenty years. The wheat acreage has increased by 638,000 acres, and is a record since 1884. Oats have increased by 23 per cent., corn and pulse 24 per cent., and potatoes by 25 per cent., all records.

BRITISH RECAPTURE AMMUNITION DUMPS
 A despatch from the British Army in France says:—The British have recaptured large dumps of ammunition which they left behind last Spring, and which the Germans had not touched. They also have taken immense stores of German material. The British ammunition came in very handy and saved a lot of transport, as it offered bullets and shells when they were needed. Large engineer dumps, which are most useful in clearing the battlefield in the wake of the advancing armies, also have been captured.

FRENCH REGAIN 40 VILLAGES IN SWIFT ADVANCE SOUTH OF SOMME

Germany in Retreat North of the Avre River Vigorously Pursued by French Troops—Important Town of Chaunelles Among Those Captured.

A despatch from Paris says:—In a swift advance on Wednesday, covering more than six miles at certain points, the French troops south of the Somme recaptured 40 villages.

The left bank of the Somme has been reached between Cizancourt and Neule, as well as the west bank of the Canal du Nord between Neule and Noyon, over the greater part of its course.

American troops in the region of Juvigny repulsed numerous German counter-attacks and broke up an enemy attempt to cross the Vesle south of Bazoches.

French troops captured Chaunelles, the great German defensive point on the Picardy front, on Tuesday night.

French cavalry on Wednesday morning entered Neule. French infantry occupied the town of Cressey, 2½ miles south-east of Neule.

The French third army on Wednesday captured Dives and pushing on to the eastward, reached the outskirts of Noyon.

The German retreat north of the

CHAPLAIN WINS VICTORIA CROSS

BRITISH VICAR DECORATED AT 80 FOR HEROISM.

Absolutely Regardless of Personal Safety in Attending to Needs of Wounded Soldiers.

An English clergyman, more than fifty years old, who already holds the D.S.O. and M.C., has now won the Victoria Cross.

The Rev. Theodore Hayley Hardy, army chaplain department, attached to the Lincolnshire Regiment, is the second clergyman to win the highest award for bravery during the present war, and the third since the V.C. was instituted. The London Gazette, announcing the award, "for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on many occasions," says of him: "Although over fifty years of age, he has, by his fearlessness, devotion to men of his battalion, and quiet, unobtrusive manner, won the respect and admiration of the whole division. His marvelous energy and endurance would be remarkable even in a very much younger man."

400 Yards Beyond Our Line.

Several incidents exemplifying his valor and devotion are quoted. An infantry patrol had gone out to attack an enemy post in the ruins of a village. The Rev. Hardy followed the patrol, and about 400 yards beyond our front line of posts found an officer of the patrol dangerously wounded. He remained with the officer until he was able to get assistance to bring him in. There was a great deal of firing, and an enemy patrol actually penetrated between the spot at which the officer was lying and our front line and captured three of our men.

On another occasion he worked under shell and trench mortar fire, digging out men buried by a shell. Once when our infantry had withdrawn from a wood, and it was believed there was no one left, Captain Hardy came out of it; and on reaching an advanced post, asked for help to get in a wounded man.

Modest and Unassuming.

Accompanied by a sergeant, he made his way to the spot where the man lay, within ten yards of a pillbox which had been captured in the morning, but was subsequently recaptured and occupied by the enemy. The wounded man was too weak to stand, but the chaplain and the sergeant eventually succeeded in getting him to our lines.

Throughout the day the enemy's artillery, machine-gun, and trench mortar fire was continuous, and caused many casualties.

Notwithstanding, this very gallant chaplain was seen moving quietly among the men and tending the wounded, absolutely regardless of his personal safety.

The Rev. T. B. Hardy is vicar of Hutton Roof, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland. He was for sixteen years master of Nottingham High School, where he is remembered as a quiet, unassuming man.

STRIP DEAD BEFORE BURYING.

GERMANS PERMIT ONLY PAPER TO BE WRAPPED ABOUT BODIES.

The Germans are expected to strip their dead before they bury them. Bodies are to be placed into the coffins without a stitch of clothing. They may be wrapped in paper, however. This is the only concession made to the relatives of the dead, whose feelings are hurt by the order.

Clothing is very scarce in Germany. Every scrap counts. The Government has no use for sentimentalists who would squander garments on the dead while the living are without clothes. The rules and regulations regarding burials are not observed strictly enough by the population of Munich, according to a report published by the Mayor's office. There were 936 men buried in Prince Albert coats and 1,300 men buried in sack coats during the year, while 134 women were buried in silk and 2,132 in woolen dresses.

In Munich the custom of hiring women who attend to washing and dressing the dead is in vogue. These women, the official attendants of the dead, have been ordered by the Mayor to refuse their services wherever they are asked to put into the coffin a corpse clothed in anything but paper. These professional women are held responsible for the execution of the edict.

In order to facilitate matters it has been proposed to inaugurate a new activity on the part of the State. All the clothing worn by and left by a person deceased is to be turned over to the authorities, who will furnish a paper costume for the body. Thus no more of these precious textile materials are to be buried with the dead.

Manitoba Calls For Help

Rains have caused demands for increased farm help in Manitoba. About 9,000 additional men are required to help bring in the crops, according to the report reaching the Canada Food Board. Labor equivalent to about 4,000 men will be secured within the province, leaving 5,000 required from outside.

Cut all weeds before they go to seed. Clean out the fence corners and the weeds along the roadside.



VERBOTEN BY THE FRENCH
 This French official photograph shows a crater produced by the terrific fire of the French artillery at the fork of a German trench. The sign above indicates the path to a kitchen of a reserve company, but the Germans will do no more cooking there.

THE DOINGS OF THE DUFFS.

YOM WANTED ME TO SEND THESE TROUSERS OVER TO BE PRESSED, BUT I BELIEVE I CAN DO THEM JUST AS WELL.

I'LL BET TOM WILL BE SURPRISED WHEN I TELL HIM THAT I PRESSED THEM.

YOM, I PRESSED YOUR TROUSERS FOR YOU. THEY'RE HANGING ON A CHAIR IN THE BED ROOM.

YOU DID?

YOU DID A NICE JOB HELEN, ONLY YOU GOT THE CREASE DOWN THE FRONT.

