

BYNG'S FORCES BOOT GERMANS

The British Wrest Important Terrain From the Kaiser's Army.

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FOR THE EVACUATION OF THE SOMME BATTLEFIELD.

But Goes Right at the Huns—77,000 of the Enemy Forces Were Engaged in the Defeat.

On the British Front, Aug. 22.—For the second time in less than a fortnight, the British have wrested a large piece of vitally important territory from the enemy and have given him a severe beating. Two weeks ago it was General Rawlinson's Fourth Army which achieved one of the notable successes of the war. Yesterday it was Sir Julian Byng's Third Army which attacked with marked success.

All of the first objectives have been taken and the British are well beyond some of these points. Approximately five and one-half Boche divisions (about 77,000 men) are involved in this defeat.

There has not been the slightest doubt that the enemy's recent evacuation of a considerable portion of the Somme battlefield territory, between Albert and Arras, had behind it intention of evidently giving up most of this devastated area to the British during the winter.

Marshal Foch waited for no such gift and the Third Army has shown the enemy he could be booted out at heavy cost to himself.

Ejectment a Surprise.

The ejectment was a tactical surprise above all else. Certain it is that the Germans expected no such holocaust of shell-fire and no such infantry attacks as those which swept suddenly and relentlessly across their trenches in this area this morning in the big thrust toward Bapaume. The enemy quickly lost one of his key positions in the town of Bucquoy.

There was no such hasty among the prisoners to-day as among those taken to the victory of two weeks ago. The men captured now seemed a strangely assorted lot. Many were laid under 19 and well set up. This indicated that the present year, possibly throwing in units of the 1920 class, as captured German documents and statements of prisoners recently told he would do in August. With the boys were burly, sour-visaged Prussians and Bavarians of ripe years, some with iron-gray hair.

The "Leaning Virgin."

The capture of Albert is particularly gratifying news. It is situated on the Ancre River, and is a railroad center. Before the war it had a population of more than seven thousand.

It was at Albert that for more than three years the famous "Leaning Virgin" hung from the top of the cathedral. The base of the statue of the Virgin, which was surmounted by the spire, was hit by a German shell while the town was under a heavy bombardment in August, 1914, and the image toppled over. It did not fall from its pedestal, however, but hung in a horizontal position until April of the present year, when a German shell again struck the statue and sent it crashing to the ground. There has been a legend in France that when the statue fell the war would end.

A Belgian woman who was recently attended by a German doctor at the birth of a child, expressed the hope of repaying him some day. The doctor, according to the story, replied that he had repaid himself by blinding the child for life.

Military establishments at Frankfurt and Cologne, as well as other important German towns, were bombed and severely damaged with heavy casualties in recent raiding by the British.

Employees of the Sarnia Street Railway are demanding a five-percent increase per hour over the present rate of thirty cents.

1,000 MORE NAMES IN CASUALTY LISTS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Three casualty lists issued to-day by the Records Office contain 1,302 names. Of this number 243 were killed in action, 48 died of wounds, 1,647 were wounded, others are ill, etc. Only twelve are given as missing or prisoners of war.

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Disaster Threatens The German Army.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, Aug. 22.—The Associated Press this afternoon issued the following:

Along the front in northern Picardy the battle, which seems to be one of the greatest of the war, has developed. Disaster is reported to be threatening the whole German army on this front and the Germans are throwing great masses of men into the struggle in the hope of checking the tide of battle which dispatches from British headquarters say is settling against them.

Victorious British.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) With British in France, Aug. 22.—The British victorious advance continued this afternoon with the capture of the towns of Ciegnoles, Merleville, Gommecourt (which is the key to German positions), and other points with more than a thousand prisoners and many guns. Happy Valley to the north of Bray, was taken by Field Marshal Haig's troops after hard fighting. Three German battalion headquarters have been taken in the locality of Happy Valley. A number of fresh divisions have been identified. They were rushed up in the hope of saving something from the disaster which threatens the whole German army on this front.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN HAS ARRIVED BACK

He Praises the Good Work Done by Canadian and American Troops.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) An Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—Sir Robert L. Borden, Premier of Canada, arrived to-day after being ten weeks abroad, during which he attended the Imperial war conference and visited the battlefield. He was in excellent health and enjoyed an uneventful voyage. Included in the party were Hon. C. S. Meburn, Minister of Militia, and Hon. C. C. Balfour, Minister of Naval Service.

The Premier, in a statement, said that since May 24th of this year over one million American troops had safely crossed to France. He was enthusiastic in praising the physique and magnificent fighting qualities displayed by these Americans. The Canadian military had done magnificently in the recent battle, taking ten thousand prisoners and 150 guns in their forward drive.

Sir Robert dwelt on the united action of the United States and the Canadian military in fighting till the spell which German military had bound the German people is broken. The victories of the past four weeks would not have been possible except for American divisions which have taken their place in the battle line, said the Premier.

TWO GANANOQUE MEN KILLED IN ACTION

Pte. James Flynn and Donald E. Turner Fall in the Big Offensive.

(Special to the Whig.) Gananoque, Aug. 23.—Gananoque's casualty list has grown considerably during the past few days. John B. Turner received notification from Ottawa yesterday morning that his youngest son, Pte. Donald Eric Turner, had been killed in action. Thomas Flynn has also received word that his son, Pte. James Flynn had been killed in action. Among those wounded and admitted to hospital are Ptes. Alfred G. Pullar, Cecil Fowler, J. A. Foley and J. Goodfriend, the latter a resident of Howland, Mr. Woodcock has also been notified that his brother, Pte. Woodcock, is missing.

A BRITISH AIRPLANE CARRIES PASSENGERS

Made the Journey From Interior of France to Interior of England.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Aug. 22.—A big British airplane, carrying its crew and nine passengers, has made the trip from France to England, it is announced here. The whole journey from an airfield in the interior of France to one in the interior of England occurred in a little over half an hour. The test was made under routine conditions with an ordinary service airplane of the largest type. The passengers carried a normal amount of baggage, as they would if they had travelled by train and boat.

AN AVIATOR DROWNED.

His Aeroplane Dived Into the Lake at Beamsville. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Beamsville, Aug. 22.—Cadet N. S. Frizzelle, of the aerial school of gunnery here, was drowned yesterday afternoon when his aeroplane dived into Lake Ontario. His next of kin is his mother, Mrs. A. B. Frizzelle, 135 Havelock street, Toronto.

Coal selling at \$40 a ton, and butter and margarine is not to be had in Switzerland. Lord Shaughnessy is to open the Toronto exhibition next Monday.

A CENTURY OF WHALES STRANDED BY STORM



There are stretched on the beach near River John, Pictou county, one hundred and fifty of these huge black fish, which have been stranded there. The largest weigh from half a ton to a ton and vary in length from ten to thirty-five feet. They reached River John a week ago Saturday morning, apparently coming from the north, and got into shallow water, where the receding tide left them stranded high and dry on the beach. Four whales were found at Restigouche, some miles further north than River John.

ALLIED POWER IS INCREASING

As That of the foe Decreases on the Western Front.

WIDE RETREAT FORECAST

FIRST STAGE IN RETROGRADE MOVEMENT IN PROGRESS.

It is Not Likely That There Will be Any Let-up by Foch in Operations During the Winter.

By Gen. J. M. G. Mallette. Paris, Aug. 22.—Pressure continues to be exercised on the whole front of the attack between Albert and Rheims. Nevertheless we notice that the German high command, for the time being, remains on the defensive only and reacts merely by local counter attacks.

It seems logical to conclude that the enemy is preparing a new position north of the Somme and the Aisne, and at present is simply trying to delay the advance of the Allied troops so as to evacuate territory slowly enough to save war material and supplies.

The formation of General von Boehm's army in the Oise region between the army groups of the two crown princes seems symptomatic. Von Boehm will bear the brunt of the fighting until Ludendorff shall have regrouped his dislocated and decimated divisions and shall have drawn up new plans. It is reported that the crown prince of Bavaria is at Munich, resting, and that the German crown prince the people in Berlin content themselves with cartooning him.

Allies Master Situation.

The reoccupation of "Little Switzerland" between Compiègne and Noyon, is a sign that the Allied high command is still master of its movement. The lull on the banks of the Vesle is perhaps but temporary. Nowhere are we losing contact with the German troops. They cannot retreat or escape without being immediately hindered.

That situation is what must be hampering Ludendorff's plans. If he has intentions to start a new offensive before autumn either on account of a halt by the Allies or for the moral comfort of the German people, he must first retire to Hindenburg in March. All his old projects are jeopardized.

The ascendancy of his adversary, Marshal Foch is maintained and there is every promise of its continuance, for the Allied strength will probably be increased monthly by the arrival of 300,000 Americans and an enormous quantity of war material.

No Let-up During Winter.

It may also be supposed that this year there will be no let-up in operations for the winter. Ludendorff should not count upon winter quarters to rest and reform his effectives.

Marshal Foch and his great lieutenants, Petain, Haig and Pershing, will not let him escape. It would take very unfavorably atmospheric conditions to hold them back. Besides the Allied soldiers are buoyant with a desire to finish the job quickly, with the certainty of victory. We can therefore, reckon that following an energetic rear guard battle, Hindenburg will oblige Ludendorff to withdraw to a new Hindenburg line. Perhaps this retirement will go as far as the old line; perhaps it may be carried further north.

Women Get the War Cross.

Paris, Aug. 23.—Miss Emma S. and Miss Katherine T. Lansing, Watertown, N.Y., sisters of the American Secretary of State, have been decorated with the French war cross and cited in the army orders.

The sisters worked in the American Red Cross canteen at Epervan during the recent bombardment and assisted in the hospital, displaying marked heroism. They are the first members of the American Red Cross canteen to receive this honor.

CANADIANS PUT OVER BIG SURPRISE PACKET

Keep Up Their Practice of Taking All Objectives on Time.

With the Canadian Army in the Field, via London, Aug. 23.—Speaking on Wednesday's victory, Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian forces, said to the Canadian Press: "The Canadians have kept up to-day our old practice of taking all our objectives, and taking them on time. When the full reports for the day come in, we expect to have penetrated the Boche defences 14,000 yards. We attacked on just as wide a front as at Vimy Ridge, and we have come three times as far with the whole division as any single division was able to penetrate, while we have taken more guns and more prisoners than at Vimy. Our whole attack came as a surprise for the Boche."

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Will Return War Profits.

Detroit, Aug. 23.—Henry Ford, through his private secretary, announced to-day that he would return to the United States Government all the profits he personally makes on the war contract work. He added that he expected a number of other stockholders of the Ford Motor Company would follow his example.

War Tidings.

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LOCKED IN MIGHTY BATTLE; BRITISH ARE AGGRESSIVE

The Combat Between British and German Armies Has Spread Into One of Greatest of Allied Offensives in Picardy.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, Aug. 23.—The Associated Press to-day issues the following: "The British and German armies are locked in a mighty battle to-day over a twenty-five mile front from Lihons, six miles south of the Somme river, to Cojeul river, south-west of Arras. This combat, which began with a British attack against the enemy positions east of the Ancre river on Wednesday, has now spread into one of the greatest battles of the Allied offensive in Picardy."

It is officially reported from London that the British are making progress at some points and that the German attacks east of Bapaume, at about the middle of the battlefield, were repulsed. The British are apparently still on the aggressive along the whole line.

French troops have occupied the southern banks of the Oise and the Ailette between Sempigny, south of Noyon, to the railroad bridge west of Coucy-Le-Chateau. South of Coucy-Le-Chateau they have reached the outskirts of Guny and Pont-St. Mar. This progress brings them still further toward the rear of the German forces holding the hills north of Soissons and within three miles of the German positions north of Chemin Des Dames, as they stood before the offensive of May 27th.

The text of the British statement reads: Fighting is taking place along virtually the whole front between Lihons, south of the Somme, and the Cojeul river. Our troops are reported making progress at a number of points. During the night the enemy twice attacked our positions in the neighborhood of Baillencourt Farm, east of Beaucourt. He was repulsed.

On the Lys front our line has been advanced slightly east of Le Tourret, north-west of Neuf-Bataillon and east of Osterstene. A hostile attack north-west of Baillencourt broke down before our positions.

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Paris, Aug. 23.—The Allies have damaged six German armies since July 15th, and the British are now eating into the seventh, with the spread of the battle northward, and over a front of seventy miles. Whether the enemy is prepared or unprepared Allied efforts have had the same results and the Germans have been outgeneralled and outflanked. The armies attacked and damaged in the past six weeks have been those of Generals Von Elnem, Von Mudra, Von Bohm, Von Eben, Von Hutier and Von Der Marwitz.

The full designs of Marshal Foch are known only to himself and perhaps one or two others, but it is believed generally that his aim is not, as the Germans claim, to pierce their line, but to strike a succession of blows to cause the enemy irreparable losses in men and material and to force him to make more or less disastrous retreats. If that be the marshal's plan, he is pursuing it with skill and unvarying success.

General Ludendorff is being forced to expend his effectives out of all proportion to his resources on a given sector of the front, after which another blow is struck home on another sector. At no place have the Germans apparently been strong enough to check the attack entirely.

OUT LICENSE AUTHORITY.

Exportation Must be Covered by Individual License. Washington, Aug. 23.—Withdrawal of authority heretofore extended to collectors of customs to license the exportation to Canada of small quantities of sugar, wheat and wheat products involved in retail border traffic, has been announced by the War Trade Board. Exportations to Canada in the future must be covered by an individual export license issued by the War Trade Board.

Congratulations From Air.

Grimsby, Aug. 23.—While Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Drope, Grimsby, were celebrating their silver wedding, with an out-of-doors party last week, their son, Capt. Drope, R.A.F., circled over the homestead and dropped his congratulations from the sky, the loving missives falling close to his mother's chair. He had flown from Leaside with the object of dropping in on the family.

Ask Tramways' Surrender.

Mexico City, Aug. 23.—Representatives of the American, Canadian and Belgian interests, which own the local street car system, are conferring with the Government with a view to the return to them of the tramways, which have been operated by the Government for the past three years.

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Toronto, Aug. 23.—Returned soldiers who have settled in Northern Ontario under the soldiers' settlement scheme of the Ontario Government are seeing wonderful sights, now that the crops of that part of the country are being harvested. Record crops are being gathered from the Dominion Government Experimental Farm at Kapuskasing, which is just across a river from their own farms.

Col. Innes, who is in charge of the settlement work, has returned from the north, and he states that on the Government farm there is four-foot wheat, which is yielding forty-four bushels to the acre. This is in marked contrast to the average yield of about twenty bushels to the acre in the older part of the province. There is rye over six feet high, and the average is over five feet. Hay is yielding two and a half to three tons to the acre, which is considerably better than the hay crop in this part of Ontario. The Department of Agriculture officials say.

This fall Col. Innes hopes to have 500 acres of land on the soldiers' farms plowed. This will be the ten acres of cleared land on fifty farms. It is also the intention to plow one hundred acres on the community farm at Kapuskasing. This year only thirty-five acres were under crop.

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The Germans have been deprived of all hopes of making a lasting stand on their present front, and the Allied offensive is costing him dearly, the French says.

The battle is no longer a German battle, declares Le Matin, but the battle of Marston, which augurs well for the future, says L'Homme Libre, in discussing the results of yesterday's fighting.

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BETWEEN ALBERT AND BRAY-SUR-SOMME.

The British Hammering Them Hard Five Thousand Prisoners Taken by the British in Two Days.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) With the British in France, Aug. 23.—In capturing Albert yesterday the British took fourteen hundred prisoners and a few guns. The Germans are retreating between Albert and Bray-Sur-Somme, and the British are hammering them hard. The British have made a gain of two miles on a six-mile front.

The battle north of the Ancre river raged furiously throughout yesterday, and the British troops, after overcoming the most desperate enemy resistance, are holding virtually all the Arras-Albert railroad embankment on the northern half of the battlefield, and even have established posts well to the east.

Most Desperate Fighting. There has been the same sort of desperate fighting in front of Miramont, where the Germans for a time managed to withstand assault after assault, but here also they have suffered great losses.

Beauregard and Dovecote apparently are now held by the British. South of here the British also hold a section of the railway embankment of the railway embankment in the north has been fought for, the Germans regarding this as the most important position of the battlefield.

The Germans seem to be rushing troops into action in the Bapaume region. Entente airmen said the road north from Peronne was filled with transports, while the road between Bapaume and Bihucourt was congested with troops and transports travelling north-west.

German Ranks Depleted. The German ranks are so depleted that in many instances the Allies have met German companies containing less than seventy men.

Referring to the advance which the Allies have made during the past month east of Amiens, it is stated in London that this ground has been gained at a smaller cost than any victory in the whole history of the fighting on the western front. The number of Allied casualties is actually less than the numbers of prisoners taken. This is a situation which is unprecedented in a large-scale battle.

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