

BRITISH ARE DRAWING CLOSE TO ST. QUENTIN

The Germans Have Removed Their Artillery to the East of the Lys River—The Germans Are Destroying Everything in the Most Vandal-like Manner.

With the British Armies in France, Sept. 9.—Field Marshal Haig's forces this morning advanced in the area west and north-west of St. Quentin and are now five miles from the Hindenburg line. They are still pressing forward. The British made a formidable thrust this morning north of the Arras-Cambrai road. In Flanders it is stated that the Germans have removed their artillery to the east of the Lys river.

French Have Made Advances. (Canadian Press Despatch.)

Paris, Sept. 9.—North of the Somme, French troops have made further advance in the direction of Claesmes and have occupied Lomot farm. French troops have crossed the Crozat canal, opposite Ilys, three miles south-west of Vendeuil. Two strong German counter-attacks were repulsed by the French in the Laffaux region, north-east of Soissons. The French took eighty prisoners belonging to five different regiments.

Germans Destroying Everywhere.

Paris, Sept. 9.—A semi-official despatch states that the enemy is destroying everywhere in the most vandal-like manner. When he has not time to burn down houses, he removes the furniture and makes a great bonfire of it. He blows up the most important buildings and pillages everything, removing agricultural machinery and destroying everything else which he has time to remove. Nevertheless, our advance into this forest of Coucy was so rapid that the enemy had to abandon very large quantities of war material and important ammunition depots.

The sight of such devastation ordered by the leaders of the German army kindles in our soldiers a determination to punish such crimes. They know no fatigue in pursuing.

SECURING RESULTS FOR SIBERIAN FORCE

Provision is Now Being Made to Have the Recruits Boarded.

Very good progress is being made in recruiting for the Siberian Expeditionary Force. The recruits are coming forward, and provision is now being made to have the accepted applicants boarded. The officers who have been appointed to recruit the quota in M. D. No. 3 have proceeded to Belleville, Cobourg, Peterboro and Lindsay to receive applications, and medical boards will be appointed at these points in order to facilitate the work.

M. D. No. 3 has been asked to supply enough men for two platoons, which will be about 116, and a company organization. This will not require very many officers.

MEETING OF CATHOLICS To Organize for the Army Huts Campaign.

An enthusiastic meeting of the delegates from the various Catholic parishes of the city was held at the Knights of Columbus rooms Sunday afternoon to organize for the Catholic Army Huts campaign to be held September 15th to Sept. 23rd.

The object of this campaign is to obtain funds for the army huts in England and France, where the soldier is supplied with stationery, books, magazines and literature of various kinds, and where the men may find recreation after the tour of duty in the trenches. In these huts every soldier is welcome and everything is free. The campaign is Dominion-wide, and the object of the drive is \$500,000.

At the meeting yesterday Ald. N. E. O'Connor was appointed chairman of the executive committee, and plans were made for the carrying out of a strong campaign throughout the city.

In a letter regarding this Army Hut appeal, General Sir R. E. W. Turner, commanding the Canadian troops in England, says: "I wish you every success in the effort to increase the scope of the Catholic army huts in the areas of the Canadian forces. I feel they fill a long felt want, particularly amongst our Roman Catholic soldiers, in providing for their religious welfare. I hope you continue these additional comforts for the men."

Injured His Ankle. John Beas, Sydenham street, received injuries to his ankle while loading some lumber at Anglin's on Monday morning. He was taken to the Hotel Dieu, where X-ray photographs were taken in the afternoon. The extent of his injuries are not known as yet.

Major W. A. Bishop, V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C., M.C., the noted Canadian airman, recently appointed to the British air board, has been gazetted lieutenant-colonel.

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STAFF OF CENTRAL DEPOT CANADIAN MEDICAL STORES.

Capt. A. P. Chown, of Kingston, officer commanding the central depot, is seated in the centre of the front row. Sergt. W. H. V. Woods, formerly dispenser with F. J. Hoag, is seated second from the left in the front row.

WOMEN HELPING TO END SOVIET

Republic Has Not Realized the Ideals of the Russian People.

DORA KAPLAN EXECUTED

FOR PROBABLY FATALLY WOUNDING NIKOLAI LENINE.

She Believed That Russia Could be Saved Only by a Constituent Assembly and Jeopardized Her Life.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Stockholm, Sept. 9.—The Soviet republic has not realized the ideals of the Russian women, and they are playing an important part in hastening its end. Their influence in this connection is being exerted even more powerfully than it was in bringing the dictatorship of the Proletariat into existence. Evidence of this has been observed by the writer, who came out of Russian with American refugees who re-acted Haparanda, Sweden, last week. Maria Spiridonova probably was the most powerful leader in the establishment of Bolshevik power.

Several prominent officials have been slain lately and now Nikolai Lenina, the idol of the Bolsheviki, lies badly wounded by shots fired by a Russian woman, Dora Kaplan, a social revolutionist who said she placed her life in jeopardy to save Russia and believed this could be realized only through a constituent assembly. Mlle. Spiridonova and Mlle. Kaplan are, educated women, the former a teacher, the latter a medical student. Dora Kaplan has since been executed by the Bolsheviki.

A SHORT ILLNESS.

Leonard Edgar Kane Passed Away in Hospital.

Death came suddenly to Leonard Edgar Kane in the General Hospital on Sunday, when he passed away after three days' illness. The deceased had been out for a bicycle ride from his home to the "Fingerboard" last week, and on his return home he complained that he did not feel well. He became seriously ill and was removed to the General Hospital for treatment. The remains were transferred to the home of his uncle, Oliver Bullock, Middle Road, by the undertaking firm of James Reid, where the funeral to Willow Bank cemetery will be held on Tuesday morning. The deceased lacked only a few months of fourteen years and was a son of Mrs. Edgar Kane, Gananoque.

Completed the Findings.

T. M. Asseltine, local registrar of the Supreme Court of Ontario, has completed his findings in the dispute between Susman & Cohen, of Kingston, and Baker & Betherman, of Ottawa regarding fulfilment of contracts. The arguments for each party were presented before the referee at the Court House on July 24th, A. B. Cunningham appearing for the plaintiffs and George D. Kelly, of Ottawa, for the defendants. The report has been placed on file.

Pleased With the Work.

G. E. Morrison, inspector employed by the Ontario Licensed Commission, has been in the city for three days looking over the work done in Kingston. He states that he is much pleased with the endeavors of the commission's representative, W. McCannan, and with the few number of drunks appearing in the police court. Mr. Morrison is trying to put a stop to "bootlegging" and is conducting investigations.

K.S.R. Employees' Banquet.

An enjoyable event is scheduled for Monday night at the Kingston Army Hostel when the Kingston Street Railway Company will entertain its conductorettes, motormen and barn employees at a banquet at 11:35 p.m., after the last cars have entered the barns. The employees of the company are anticipating a pleasant few hours.

OBJECTIVES WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE

Germans May Have to Retreat Anew With Greater Rapidity Than Ever.

WILL TRY HARD TO SINK BOATS

The German Naval Authorities Must Appease the People At Home.

MOST DESPERATE ATTEMPT

TO SINK U.S. TRANSPORTS MAY BE EXPECTED.

British Naval Men Are Optimistic About the Power of the Allies to Meet the U-Boats Successfully. London, Sept. 9.—Desperate measures by the Germans at sea should be expected shortly. These measures are being forced upon the enemy by two great facts—first, the unexampled growth of America's gallant armies in France and Flanders, and, second, the indignation of the German people against the ruling caste on account of the failure of its promises regarding U-boats and the American troop-bearing ships. By brilliant and fearless work on the part of the British and American anti-submarine craft these concentrations have thus far been frustrated.

THE FARTHEST ADVANCE SINCE WAR STARTED

Paris, Sept. 9.—Saturday's communique from the War Office was welcomed as one of the finest of the recent encouraging series, as it showed that Gen. Mangin had taken another bite out of the Hindenburg line. He did this by capturing Barisis, of which the Allies only occupied the outskirts at the furthest point of their 1917 advance. The inroad upon the old line was further emphasized by the capture of Aulers and Basallees, Aulers, which the Germans had held since 1914.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Hon. Lieut. Joan Arnoldi Honored For Work Overseas. Toronto, Sept. 9.—Hon. Lieut. Joan Arnoldi, the director of the Canadian Field Comforts, the daughter of Frank Arnoldi, K.C., is mentioned in despatches. Miss Arnoldi was appointed in 1915 and served at Valcartier Camp and later went overseas, arriving at the front just after the second battle of Ypres.

Pix Sugar At Nine Cents A Pound.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The price of cane sugar for the next year has been fixed on the basis of granulated at nine cents, less two per cent. f.o.b. at seaboard refining points. The order is effective Sept. 9th.

Japanese troops have occupied the town of Kharovsk, Siberia. On Saturday, south of the Asiatic front, crossed the St. Quentin canal at Togny ridge and St. Simon, capturing both places. Field Marshal Haig's troops have forced the Germans to retire a considerable distance along a seventeen-mile front between Havencourt wood and Beauvois. The Americans have captured Muscourt, five miles north-east of Flines, and only a short distance south of the Aisne.

On nights of the 6th and 7th the British carried out bombing raids against Ehrang and Mannheim, Germany. Good results were obtained at both places. Eleven German machines were brought down on the 6th, twelve driven down out of control, and one balloon destroyed. Five British machines are missing.

EXPLAINING BRITISHERS

Former Chicago Writer Asked to Write Book for British Authorities. London, Sept. 9.—Frederic William Wille, formerly of Chicago, has been asked by the British authorities to write a book "explaining the Britishers," a copy of which will be handed to every American soldier arriving in England. The initial edition of 100,000 will be off the press this month. Other editions will be published as fast as it may be necessary.

RICHARD P. GOUGH Who is expected to head Murray-King's Limited, reorganization as proposed.

THE MORMON FARMERS GOT ONLY YEAR LEASES

But There Was No Alienation of Blood Indians' Reserve Lands Near Cardston.

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—The statement reported to have been made by Rev. Dr. Shearer in Toronto to the effect that the Mormons of Southern Alberta were insidiously getting control of the fertile Blood Indian Reserve, near Cardston, to the detriment of the prospects of the returned soldiers who want the land for settlement, is hardly borne out by the facts. It is true that a few grazing leases on the reserve were granted this year to farmers adjacent to the reserve, and who happened to be Mormons. There has been, however, no alienation of the land, and the leases were granted for only one year. The land leased was lying idle, and the recommendation to lease it to the Mormon farmers was made by W. M. Graham, Superintendent of Indian agencies for the west. It was felt to be in the national interest to help increase production this year rather than to have the land lie idle, and the Mormon farmers, having machinery and help adjacent to the lands, were naturally best fitted to use it this year for stock-raising purposes.

Proposals to have the Indians on the reserve surrender the land and move to some other district, with a view to opening the reserve up for settlement by returned soldiers or other settlers, have been before the Minister of the Interior. The main difficulty at present, however, seems to be that the Indians will not consent to the surrender of their lands.

SAYS ONLY A MIRACLE CAN SAVE GERMANY

This Is Opinion of the Cologne Gazette—Demands Uncensored Truth.

Copenhagen, Sept. 9.—German army leaders are urged by General Ardenne, writing in the Berlin Tageblatt, to withdraw behind the line of March 21st on account of the coming unavoidable winter campaign. The Cologne Gazette publishes an article in which it admits the failure of the submarine warfare, and says that only a miracle can save Germany. This is Germany's morale in the sixth week of the Allied offensive. The German casualties in this offensive have been more terrific than in any other period of the war. The Berlin Vorwaerts editorially demands the uncensored truth about the fighting situation so that if there is reason to despair the Government can summon the Reichstag and make effective the Prussian electorate reform to stimulate the soldiers.

J. M. McCUTCHEON APPOINTED

Ontario Civil Service Commissioner—A Queen's Graduate.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—J. M. McCutcheon, B.A., D.Paed., is the new civil service commissioner for the province of Ontario, at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Mr. McCutcheon, who is forty-three years of age, was born in the township of Grey, Huron county. He is a graduate of Queen's University, and was for a time principal of the high school at St. Thomas. For six and a half years he was English master at the Normal school at Stratford, and in 1914, when the Ontario Workmen's Compensation Board was formed, he was chosen as its secretary. Recently he resigned the appointment to become principal of London Normal school and has now resigned that to become civil service commissioner for Ontario.

BRITISH PREPARING

To Carry an Aggressive War Into Heart of Russia.

Washington, Sept. 9.—British troops in Northern Russia, assisted by Allied soldiers and friendly Russians, are preparing for aggressive action toward Moscow. Bolshevik outrages against British and French subjects at Moscow and Petrograd make strong steps imperative, Allied officials say.



JOHN D. RYAN Who has resigned as President and Director of Ancoconda Copper Mining Company, to devote all of his time to the service of the Government as Director of Air Service.

300,000 Spinners To Strike.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Sept. 9.—The Amalgamated Association of Cotton Spinners decided to strike on Saturday next. The decision affects 300,000 workmen.

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BRITISH ADVANCE TO ST. QUENTIN

German Resistance Increasing But the British Are Confident.

THE HINDENBURG LINE

NOT A GREAT SYSTEM OF CONCRETE TUNNELS.

The British Have the Advantage of Attacking From High Ground—Australians and English Press Ahead.

With the British Armies in France, Sept. 9.—Under pressure from the Australians and the English, the Germans yesterday continued steadily falling back toward the Hindenburg line. Haig's advance toward St. Quentin continued. As the British moved forward more fires were observed through the country between the Canal du Nord and the lower portion of the Hindenburg line, indicating the Germans are evacuating it.

Having the benefit of attacking from high ground, the British are likely to make comparatively short work of the intervening distances. What opposition the line itself offers remains to be seen.

The fact that the Hindenburg line is not a great system of concrete tunnels and underground chambers is indicated by descriptions of certain portions. Concrete is little used. The Germans built wide trenches instead.

The Wotan switch, already held by the British, is considered identical with the rest of the Hindenburg line. It is unlikely that, if the British attempt to take the remainder, they will find the Germans have evolved anything new in the matter of defence.

German resistance is increasing, especially around St. Quentin, but the British feel confident they will be successful in this sector.

Patrols Occupy More Towns.

(Canadian Press Correspondence.) London, Sept. 9.—Last night passed in quiet along the British front in northern France and Flanders, except for artillery activity and minor raiding operations. South-east of Lens in the region of Arleux-en-Gohelle, a German raiding party was repulsed.

Pushing ahead to-day on the front between Peronne and St. Quentin, British patrols have occupied the towns of Vermand and Vendelles, north of St. Quentin.

NEW MONSTER STROKE BY FOCH LIKELY.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Sept. 9.—All of the German gains of 1918 have been retaken by the Allies and it is probable Foch will now attempt a new monster stroke.

An American Offensive.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Washington, Sept. 9.—A major offensive conducted by the Americans on the St. Gobain front is expected shortly. The Americans now have between eight hundred thousand and a million troops ready for this event.

ENEMY GUNS MASSES AGAINST THE BRITISH

Heaviest Foe Artillery Concentration During Offensive Fails to Budge Them.

With the British Army at the front, Sept. 9.—Nearly all of the northern part of the line that existed before the German offensive of March 21st has been retaken by the British since Aug. 8th, together with more territory that had been in German hands from the days of trench warfare.

The southern part of the old line is being rapidly approached by the British troops who took Peronne and Ethies. They are now four miles from the March positions north of the River Cologne towards the St. Quentin-Cambrai highway.

On the north the British army has regained the old line almost entirely with an advance of ten miles. The enemy by artillery concentration endeavoring to dislodge the British and Canadians from their positions along east of the Canal du Nord. It is the heaviest artillery fire the enemy has produced since the beginning of the offensive, but it has failed to serve its purpose. The enemy's local counter-attacks have proved futile and one looks forward to the day when Armentieres, Douai and Cambrai will be in British hands.

GERMAN WARSHIP SUDDENLY KEELED OVER.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Amsterdam, Sept. 9.—One of a squadron of German warships cruising off the coast of the island of Ameland Friday evening ran on a mine or was torpedoed. It suddenly keeled over and disappeared.

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