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British Have Crossed The Canal Du Nord; Enemy In Full Flight

Further Succession of Captures Is Reported Today—Lens Not All Won Yet—Germans Appear More Than Ever Disorganized

London, Sept. 4.—(1 p. m.)—The British have secured a hold on the west bank of the Canal du Nord by taking Renaucourt, to the north of Salins-Les-Harouin, according to advices from the battlefield today.

Further south along the canal they are reported to have captured Incourt-Artots, Demicourt, to the east of Dohgnies and Hermies, three miles northeast of Bertincourt.

Near the Somme, the British, the advices state, have crossed the canal of Aulnaines, slightly more than two miles north of Peronne.

From Hermies southward, the British line is indicated as running to the west of Renaucourt, a mile and a half east of Bertincourt.

Midway between Nieppe and Salins, in the Lys salient, the British have captured the village of Coles-Du-Bac.

London, Sept. 4.—In their push beyond the Drocourt-Quant line British troops have reached the line of the Canal du Nord, says Field Marshal Haig's official statement today. North of the Arras-Cambrai road they have occupied the town of Eourt St. Quentin.

North of Peronne the advance has carried the British through the Vaux Woods, above Moflans. Slight advances have been scored at other points.

IN FULL FLIGHT NEAR CANAL. With the British Armies in France, Sept. 4.—(Noon, by the Associated Press)

British troops were reported this morning to have taken the town of Moeuvres, 3.1-2 miles southeast of Quant, but the report of the capture of the place was not confirmed.

The Germans are in full flight in the region of the Canal du Nord, and appear to be more than ever disorganized. A thousand more prisoners were captured last night by Field Marshal Haig's forces.

NEAR NEUVE CHAPELLE. Continuing their advance in Flanders the British are approaching Neuve Chapelle and Laventie. In the same region they have gained possession of Sully-Sur-Lallys and Nieppe.

Since the opening of the combined Franco-British operations on August 8 no fewer than ninety-seven German divisions have been engaged on the battlefield.

OPTIMISTIC STATEMENT. London, Sept. 4.—(Canadian Press despatch, from Reuters' Limited)—Paris papers print the following semi-official statement:

"The hour seems close at hand when the superb efforts of the Allies will begin to bear fruit," one of our great chiefs said yesterday. "We are on the last leg, and close to the winning post."

FURTHER FRENCH GAINS. Paris, Sept. 4.—French troops yesterday and last night continued to push back the Germans to the east of the Canal du Nord and between the Ailette and the Aisne, says today's war office statement.

LONDON WAR WRITERS LOOK TO POSSIBILITY OF HUN STAND

Prisoners Talk of Great Reserve Army Under Mackensen

BUT ALL IS GOING WELL

Situation One of Extraordinary Promise for the Allies, With Possibility of Compelling German Abandonment of Whole Front

London, Sept. 4.—The progress of tremendous events on the battlefield in France is being followed with almost breathless eagerness by the whole British nation. The most significant feature of Tuesday's developments was that the expected German attempt to restore the position of the broken Wolan line did not materialize.

The failure of the enemy to make such an attempt apparently is attributable to the speed and energy with which Field Marshal Haig's armies were able to press the advance on the retreating enemy.

Intelligent observers, however, continue to speculate on the action and where the enemy will pull himself together.

It is the "how" already been to German prestige and seriously as the German position is endangered, experts here are not expecting the negotiation of an early truce and admit the probability of some defenses being organized behind the enemy lines in an attempt to check the Allied advance.

Some German prisoners taken in the battle talk confidently of the impending arrival of a great reserve army under General von Mackensen, who will turn the tables on the Allies' forces, but generally it is impossible to say anything on such reports.

Whatever the future may hold, the actual situation is regarded as one of extraordinary promise for the Allies and containing the possibility of the compulsory abandonment of the German front, including the Flanders coast.

While featuring the dramatic developments on the British front, commentators do not neglect to emphasize the great importance of the operations published in the Budapest Amset, in which the French and Americans are holding against large enemy forces and making progress.

BRITISH POSTAL CLERKS AFTER HIGHER PAY. London, Sept. 4.—At the national conference of postal employees which will meet soon demands will be formulated, says the Daily Mirror, for increased wages, pensions and a better arrangement of working hours.

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The shallow disturbance which was over the lake region yesterday morning has moved eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, causing showers in eastern Ontario and Quebec. In the western provinces the weather has been fair and cool.

Forecasts. Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh northeast winds, rain tonight; Thursday, northerly winds, cool and clearing.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valleys—Fresh north and northeast winds, mostly fair and cool today and on Thursday.

Lower St. Lawrence—Moderate to fresh westerly to northerly winds, fair and cool today and on Thursday.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh southwest winds, a few local showers, but generally fair; Thursday, moderate westerly winds, fair and cool today.

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Paris, Sept. 4.—Between Ypres and Rheims, with General Mangin menacing the St. Gobain Forest and the Chemin des Dames, with Generals Haubert and Debeney advancing on St. Quentin, and the Franco-Americans on the Vesle, with General Rawlinson before Peronne, General Byng before Lens and General Plumer before Armentieres, the enemy feels the soil of France slipping from under his feet.

Commentators point out that in the present offensive continuity has been maintained for forty-six days without a break, and that since the beginning of the war has such an extended series of hammer blows been directed, throwing the adversary into confusion, the enemy is unable to reorganize his forces to make a stand against the onward march of the Allies.

FIRST GAME OF WORLD SERIES IS POSTPONED

Steady Rain Makes Conditions Unfit for Play—Prediction of Fine Weather Tomorrow

Chicago, Sept. 4.—Casualty crowds seemed probable at the first of the world series baseball games set for today between the Boston Americans and the Chicago Nationals at the American League grounds, although the demand for reservations has not been anywhere near that of recent years, nevertheless Manager Craighead of the Chicago club said today in the outcome of the world series was generally expected.

He said this was indicated by the number of baseball writers from all sections of the country who were on hand for the contests. The game was postponed because of rain, which was expected to continue through the day.

Accidentally Killed. Frederickton, N. B., Sept. 4.—A. A. Atkinson, 28, of the city, was accidentally killed yesterday while engaged in the construction of a building.

Frederickton and the Coal Question. Capt. J. A. Read going to sea again—Only 20 male students in normal school.

Frederickton, N. B., Sept. 4.—The city council last night re-appointed John J. Weidall, James M. Lemoine and Mrs. W. G. Clark school trustees.

Later. Chicago, Sept. 4.—The first of the world's series baseball games between the Boston Americans and the Chicago Nationals, was postponed because of rain.

Condition of Lenin Declared Critical. London, Sept. 4.—The condition of Nikolai Lenin, Bolshevik premier, against whose life an attempt was made last Friday, has become highly critical, according to a despatch from Moscow to the Central News Agency.

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Progressing Well in Getting Together the Force for Siberia. Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The organization of the force to be raised for service in Siberia is making satisfactory progress, according to an official statement.

Son of Former German Chancellor Killed. Paris, Sept. 4.—A son of Dr. Clemens von Kapp, former German imperial vice-chancellor, has been killed on the battlefield, according to a despatch printed by the Zeitung of Zurich.

Liquor Case. John McCausland was before the magistrate this morning on a charge of having liquor in his possession other than in his private residence.

Fighting in Palestine. London, Sept. 4.—Arab forces under the King of the Hedjaz, fighting on the side of the Entente Allies, are continuing their harassing raids upon the Hedjaz railway which runs northward from Medina and passes to the east of the Dead Sea on the Palestine front.

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Youngest Son of W. Malcolm Mackay

OTHERS GET SAD NEWS

Pte. John H. Leary, Who Gave Life, Leaves Wife and Six Children—Former St. John Detective is Among the Wounded

Today's casualty telegrams brought advice of death and wounding. The most conspicuous report is that of the death of Acting Captain Reay Mackay, of B Company, N. B. Battalion, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Malcolm Mackay, of this city.

Reay Mackay went overseas about three years ago and was soon afterwards transferred to the N. B. battalion. He was badly wounded more than eight months ago, necessitating a long period for complete recovery.

He was transferred several times, but always in the fighting. Only last week, when the glorious news of Canada's new flag was announced, he was in the front line of the fighting.

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