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British In North Outskirts of Bapaume; French Gain Near Roye and North of Aisne Hindenburg Line Pierced East of Heninel

HAIG'S MEN ALSO HAVE REACHED LONGUEVAL

Progress Toward Dompierre and East of Suzanne and Towards Beugnatre -- Have Taken 21,000 Prisoners Since Last Wednesday

London, Aug. 27.—British forces are established in the northern outskirts of Bapaume, according to the official statement issued by the War Office today. The British have pushed their way through the town of Montauban, three miles north of the Somme, have captured the wood near that place and have reached Longueval.

Australian forces have made substantial progress toward Dompierre, south of the Somme and east of Suzanne, north of the river. The British in the great battle in Northern Picardy are making progress towards the village of Beugnatre, two and a half miles northeast of Bapaume. There is hard fighting around Croisilles, farther north. Since last Wednesday the British have taken 21,000 prisoners.

North of the Scarpe River Scottish troops renewed their attack against the Germans last night, and have advanced towards Pleuvain. With the British Army in France, Aug. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Troops of Field Marshal Haig today are advancing astride the River Scarpe and are pushing forward to the south of Bapaume. Elsewhere along the British front progress also continues.

There has been heavy fighting at Longueval and on adjacent ground where the Germans launched a heavy counter-attack with fresh forces brought up from Sedan, especially for the purpose. In the face of this counter-attack the British fell back to the edge of Longueval. In the course of the night the New Zealanders, according to reports, swept round Bapaume at the north and reached the railway just north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. The Germans are offering stiff resistance in the neighborhood of Thilly, to the south of Bapaume.

Reports have been received from the advanced lines that British patrols have again entered the outskirts of Bapaume and that there has been strong fighting between the British and Germans on the edge of the town. The British have penetrated the Hindenburg line at one point to the east of Heninel, which is between Bapaume and the Scarpe River, and hard fighting is reported to be in progress here. The British advanced lines are now reported to be east of Monchy-Le-Preux. German rear guards are fighting to retain their hold on Pelves, along the south bank of the Scarpe, the British having reached the edge of the town.

ON TOWARDS DOUAL. North of the Scarpe progress is being made by the British on both sides of the road to Douai. A strong force advanced south of the river and the Germans soon found that the ground north of the stream was extremely dangerous. Here they are being forced back, leaving their positions protected with a large number of machine guns and are employing the same tactics as they are generally using along the rest of the battlefield.

BAPAUME REPORTED EVACUATED. Paris, Aug. 27.—(Havas Agency)—On a front of six miles south of the Scarpe the British advanced to a maximum depth of two and a half miles. Important gains were made around Bapaume and Croisilles, the centres of enemy resistance between the Ancre and the Scarpe.

Casualties 588 Fifty-five Dead—Several St. John Names In The List

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—There were 588 casualties in last night's fight. Thirty were killed in action, twenty-one died of wounds, four died, five missing, nine ill, 47 wounded, thirty-five gassed, two shell shock, three repatriated, one burned, one cancelled reported missing. The maritime names include: ENGINEERS. A. R. McVicar, New Aberdeen, N. S.

Wounded.—N. A. Butler, Quinlan, N. S.; J. B. Butlerworth, Scotville, N. S.; W. Walsh, Moncton; H. Wells, West Hillville, N. B.; J. Valentine, Gloucester, N. B.; R. C. Backeney, Halifax; W. H. Barron, Hantsport; D. Duckworth, Drumhead, N. B.; G. L. Forbes, St. John; A. W. Gray, Antigonish; S. Mahoney, Berthelogue, N. S.; L. Kelly, N. S.; C. E. Jones, Bear River; J. C. Meek, Ganings, N. S.; G. McDonald, N. S.; M. L. Benoit, Grand River, N. B.; S. Beaton, Antigonish; W. J. Conroy, Cambridge, N. S.; A. McDonald, Maybow, N. S.; J. P. Murphy, Sydney, N. S.; A. Kely, Emerald, P. E. I.; C. N. Boyer, Florenceville, N. B.

NEW MATRON AT ROTHESSAY. Rev. W. R. Hibbard, head master of Rotheissay Collegiate School, has succeeded in securing a new matron, Miss R. S. Heath, of Toronto, to succeed Miss A. Sewell, who resigned at the close of the school year, having trained in London. She has resided in this country for several years, during which time she was matron in an upper Canadian college. She comes to Rotheissay College highly recommended and will take up her new duties in September.

BOSTON SCHOONER SUNK BY SUBMARINE OFF CANADIAN COAST. A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 27.—The crew of the new fishing schooner Rush, of Boston, arrived here today on board another fishing vessel, reporting that their ship was sunk by a submarine yesterday morning on fishing grounds off this coast.

THIRTY-ONE HORSES BURNED TO DEATH. Firebug Believed to Be at Work in Montreal. Montreal, Aug. 27.—Thirty-one horses were burned to death and damage estimated at \$125,000, caused in a fire believed to have been of incendiary origin, which destroyed the bakery of J. A. Brousseau, Boyer street, this morning. This was the sixth fire of suspicious origin here in the last twenty-four hours in establishments connected with the production of food.

Spanish Shipping Plan. Madrid, Aug. 27.—The Spanish government is considering a plan to organize a maritime service in Spain under government control. It is intended to requisition all vessels for the transport of all articles for national consumption.

Paying for a Crime. Paris, Aug. 27.—Germany has awarded to the family of Enrique Granados, a Spanish composer who perished with his wife in the sinking of the steamer Sussex in 1916, an indemnity of 650,000 pesetas.

To Teach in West. Miss Helen Burnett, daughter of ex-Lord Alderman and Mrs. Charles Burnett, of Fredericton, has gone to North Battleford, Sask., to become a member of the high school teaching staff. Miss Burnett was formerly a member of the high school staff in St. Stephen.

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis.—Showers and thunder storms have been general from the St. Lawrence Valleys to the maritime provinces. They have also occurred over the greater portion of the western provinces.

MILLION AND HALF LOSS AS TANKER BURNS AT WHARF IN MONTREAL. Montreal, Aug. 27.—With a section of the Montreal fire brigade, the brigade of Montreal East and fire fighters from the Imperial Oil Co. and two fire boats of the harbor, throwing tons of water into the Lake Manitoba oil tanker from noon until late last night, thousands of tons of oil and other material was destroyed by fire that caused damage estimated at \$1,500,000 at the wharf of the Imperial Oil Company, Longue Pointe, Montreal.

CORN AND OATS. Chicago, Aug. 27.—The corn market opened weak today on recent rains and more optimistic reports by railroads as to crop conditions. On the break some demand appeared. October corn opened 1-4 to one cent under yesterday at 1.62 to 1.61 1-2, and dropped to 1.60 3-8, where it steadied.

MAIN STREET PAVING. Work in connection with the permanent paving of Main street from Adelaide to Cedar streets is progressing favorably and will be completed in another week or ten days. The concrete base is finished and a crew of men are now putting on the asphalt surface, while others are laying concrete blocks between the rails in the car section.

Steadily Push Nearer To Roye

French Advance in Region of St. Mard and Near Bagnaux, North of the Aisne. Paris, Aug. 27.—French troops advanced this morning in the region of St. Mard, southwest of Reims, after having repulsed enemy counter-attacks in that sector, according to the official statement issued at the war office today. They have captured 1,100 prisoners, including two battalion commanders and thirty-four other officers.

BRING GERMAN WHO WERE IN RUSSIAN CAMPS. With the French Army in France, Aug. 25.—(By the Associated Press)—German soldiers released from captivity in Russia have begun to arrive on the western front.

CHANGES IN LIQUOR LAW MATTERS IN ST. JOHN. T. Mann, of Campbellton, has been appointed to assist Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief liquor inspector for the province. For the time being he will confine his activities to St. John's. Sub-Inspectors Crawford and Ross have tendered their resignations. Mr. Mann was formerly chief of police of Campbellton. When asked about the resignations today Mr. Wilson said there was nothing further to be said.

OPEN LETTER TO HON. N. W. ROWELL. Lucien Cannon, M. P., Takes Exception to Reference to Quebec and the Draft Question. Quebec, Aug. 27.—In an open letter, Lucien Cannon, M. P. for Dorchester, replies to a recent letter written by Hon. N. W. Rowell, who in turn was answering a joint letter written by Mr. Cannon and Captain Power, M. P. for Quebec South, on the draft question.

GERMAN HOLD ON ROYE BUT FEEBLE; DEFENCES FALL. French Capture of Fresnoy and St. Mard. FIGHT UP TO WAISTS IN WATER. Places Had Been Strongly Fortified But French Troops Could Not Be Stayed—Roye Now Invested From Three Sides.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—Fighting in water up to their waists in the marshes along the Aisne and charging the crews of machine guns who served their weapons until killed the troops of the Third French Army today took two of the strongest defences of Roye. They also captured 600 prisoners and took important booty, including a large number of machines.

The first attack was upon the village of Fresnoy, two and a half miles north of Roye, where the Germans had restored the old fortifications of 1914-17, reinforced them with wire and installed many machine guns. After a short artillery preparation, the French infantry stormed the position, running the concrete blockhouses and killing the gunners.

Fresnoy was one of the centres of enemy resistance around Roye that had held out against previous assaults, and from it the Germans had launched counter-attacks in an effort to check the French offensive. Prisoners say the garrison had orders to hold out at any cost. The French attacked from the north and south simultaneously and with such dash that the enemy, although aware of the impending attack, was overwhelmed. Four hundred prisoners, including sixteen officers, were captured in the town.

The village of St. Mard in the low marshlands of the Aisne south of Roye, and also a strong outpost of that town, fell into the hands of General Debeney's men after a violent struggle. The Germans had reinforced their old defences by flooding the ground around their concrete blockhouses with water turned cut from the Aisne.

The battle opened with a hard struggle for the foot bridges over the river. The Germans tried desperately to recapture the bridges but were driven off by the French, who fought in water to their waists. At St. Mard as at Fresnoy, the German machine gun fire was silenced only when the gunners were killed at their pieces.

Roye is now invested from the west, north and south and the Germans have but a feeble hold on it. The success of the French today in breaking through the old entrenchments, and with the growing British advance in the north increases the threats to the entire Chaulnes-Roye line, which may break at any moment.

North of Soissons, on the extreme right of the French line, the Germans renewed their efforts against the line from Pont St. Mard to Juvigny during the night. They were not only repulsed every where about, but the French made fresh gains and occupied the Domaine Wood. This added one more serious defeat for the Prussian Guard.