

YANKS NEAR GERMAN BORDERS

Battle May Soon be Transferred to Enemy Territory Fresh Attack Made by the French This Morning

MORALE OF GERMANS IS SHATTERED

Disaffection and Indiscipline Growing at an Alarming Rate ENEMY DEMORALIZED Being Steadily Driven From Positions Along the Entire Front

TROOPS DECIMATED

By Courier Leased Wire At British Army Headquarters, Sept. 14.—Evening—Reuter's correspondent cables: The Germans are being steadily driven from all ground where rearward might prolong resistance in all defensive works. The First Guards reserve division, much depleted, has been identified in the Meuse sector, and Austrian artillery has been in action astride the Havincourt-Desquiers road.

Three battalions of one regiment of the 87th division now consist of one company apiece with an average of barely a hundred men. Prisoners admit disaffection and indiscipline are growing at an alarming rate in the German army, and desertions are on the increase. A battalion of the 46th infantry regiment which had gained the name, 'Lions of Cambrai,' broke during our advance recently across Santorre and fled to Nese, where they indulged in looting after which the remnant straggled away. A captured map first army front was being organized when Foch's stroke upset the enemy's scheme. It is dated the 10th of July.

On the Cambrai front we are maintaining all gains. Farther north we captured Poisse Eight, which figured in the early fighting around La Bassée. We are pushing through Aichey-en-Labasse near which we took the railway triangle three days ago.

Mopping Up Operations. With the British Army in France, Sept. 13.—By the Associated Press.—The fighting along the new British line in the Havincourt-Gouzeaucourt sector to-day was confined mainly to mopping up operations which were being conducted at various points by the aggressors. Havincourt village was being bombarded fiercely by the German artillery, however, that the enemy might make another thrust at any time in an attempt to regain positions about Havincourt, which they had been ordered to hold at all costs.

More than 100 prisoners were captured yesterday and the German casualties were severe. The fighting yesterday was bitter, especially in its final stages as the British reached high ground.

Captured German officers stated that they had been ordered to fight to the last ditch and that they carried out their instructions to the letter at many points. Some officers taken yesterday appear to be very gloomy over the situation from their standpoint. They state that the German high command has started respecting the battle of the Marne, which failed so completely.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Sept. 14.—The disturbance has moved eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and rain has occurred in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces. The weather has turned much cooler in the West. Forecasts: Moderate winds, fine and a little warmer to-day. Sunday, becoming showery again.

RECRUIT U.S. GIRLS AS CLERKS

Chief of Female Labor Bureau Goes to America For This Purpose

Paris, Sept. 14.—Miss Elsie Gunther, chief of the Female Labor Bureau of the American Expeditionary Force, has gone to the United States to recruit 5,000 American girl clerks to release men for military services. Miss Gunther will seek to enlist college girls.

FRESH ATTACK MADE BY FRENCH

Drive Launched at Dawn Between Aisne and Vesle Rivers

By Courier Leased Wire London, Sept. 14.—French troops began a new attack at dawn this morning on both sides of the Ailette River and between the River Aisne and the Vesle river.

The attack of the French forces in the direction of the forest of Coucy at the southern end of the St. Gobain mountains was progressing satisfactorily this morning.

South of the Ailette river the French captured Mont Desaignes and the villages of Allement and Sancy. The French also reached the edge of the town of Vailly, on the Esme. The French advanced for a distance of between one and two miles on an eleven mile front.

The attack was launched by the French at five o'clock this morning. One division at an early hour had taken 1,000 prisoners, making a total of 1,800 Germans captured on this front alone.

In addition to the 15,000 Germans captured by the Americans in the St. Mihiel salient more prisoners are coming. The inside of the pocket has not yet been cleared and it is expected HAIG OCCUPIES AUCHY.

London, Sept. 14.—Field Marshal Haig's forces have occupied Auchy-les-Labasse, in the Lys sector, according to the official announcement issued to-day by the British War Office.

Several attempts made by the Germans to recover their former positions at Gouzeaucourt and Havincourt were unsuccessful.

In the course of the night a strong bombing and liquid fire attack was made on the British north of Gouzeaucourt. This attack temporarily forced a British advanced post to withdraw, but the Germans were beaten off.

MORE GRAIN IS LOADED

By Courier Leased Wire Washington, Sept. 14.—Nearly fifty per cent. more grain has been loaded to far west coast than in the same period last year, a railroad administration report yesterday showed. Up to September 7th, 298,000 cars had been loaded, as compared with 206,000 on that date a year ago. In the weeks ending August 24, August 31 and September 7, respectively, 33,138, 36,242 and 31,773 cars were loaded.

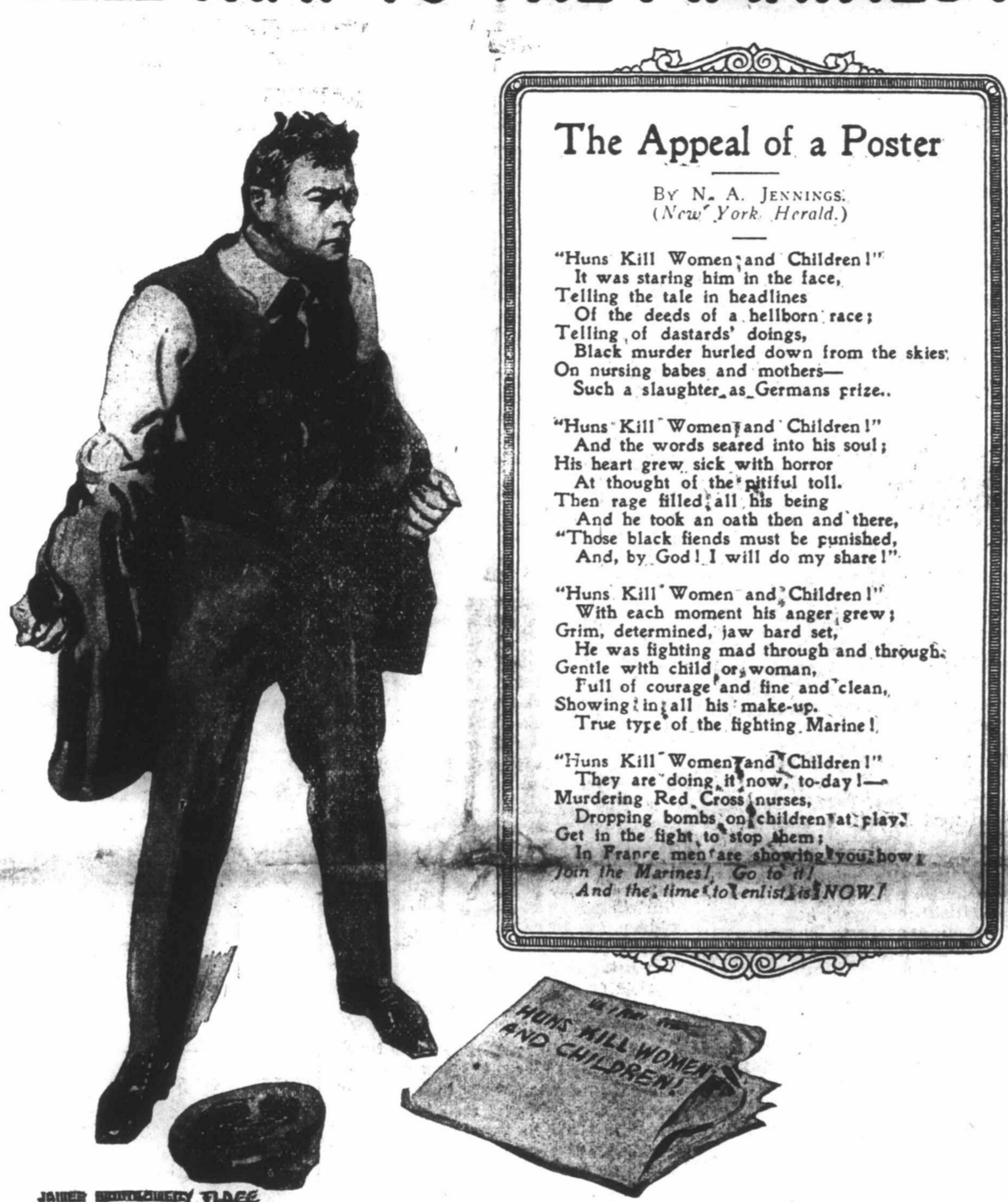
TOTAL OF PRISONERS NOW REACHES 15,000

By Courier Leased Wire. LONDON, Sept. 14.—By the Associated Press.—Bulletin.—General Pershing's troops in their operations in St. Mihiel sector, have increased the number of Germans captured to 15,000.

PROGRESSING STEADILY PARIS, Sept. 13.—Bulletin.—The Americans were progressing steadily throughout the afternoon in the St. Mihiel region.

FRENCH FRONT QUIET PARIS, Sept. 14.—Bulletin.—From the entire French front there is nothing to report, says today's War Office statement.

TELL THAT TO THE MARINES!



The Appeal of a Poster

By N. A. JENNINGS (New York Herald.)

"Huns Kill Women and Children!" It was staring him in the face, Telling the tale in headlines: Of the deeds of a hellborn race; Telling of dastards' doings, Black murder hurled down from the skies: On nursing babes and mothers— Such a slaughter, as Germans prize.

"Huns Kill Women and Children!" And the words seared into his soul; His heart grew sick with horror At thought of the pitiful toll. Then rage filled all his being And he took an oath then and there, "Those black fiends must be punished, And, by God! I will do my share!"

"Huns Kill Women and Children!" With each moment his anger grew; Grim, determined, jaw hard set, He was fighting mad through and through: Gentle with child, or woman, Full of courage and fire and clean, Showing in all his make-up, True type of the fighting Marine!

"Huns Kill Women and Children!" They are doing it now, to-day!— Murdering Red Cross nurses, Dropping bombs on children at play: Get in the fight to stop them; To brave men are showing you how: For the Marine, go to it now! And the time to enlist is NOW!

THE STRIKING ILLUSTRATION ABOVE IS A POSTER DESIGNED BY THE NOTED ILLUSTRATOR, JAMES MONTGOMERY FLAGG, AND BEARS AN APPEAL TO EACH AND EVERY CANADIAN. THERE MAY BE FEW WHO CAN RE-

SPOND TO THE CLARION CALL OF THE POEM BY ENLISTING IN THE NAVY, BUT THERE IS NONE TOO POOR TO GIVE SOMETHING TO THE FUND WHICH PROTECTS THE WIVES AND DEPENDENTS OF BRITISH SEAMEN.

NEXT WEEK IS SAILORS' WEEK IN BRANTFORD, AND TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF CANADA'S APPRECIATION OF THE SERVICES OF THE SILENT WATCHERS OF THE SEAS SHOULD BE MADE. LET EVERY ONE GIVE SOMETHING.

FOUR BRANTFORD MEN ARE REPORTED KILLED TODAY

Capt. Ben Tassic, Corp. Herbert Noble, Gunner Cecil Shaver and Pte. Arthur Rising Make Supreme Sacrifice—Major P. E. James, Pte. Harold Eastman, Wounded.

KILLED IN ACTION. Capt. Ben Tassic, Lance-Corp. Herbert Noble, Pte. A. J. Rising, DIED OF WOUNDS. Gunner Cecil Shaver, WOUNDED. Major P. E. James, Pte. Harold Eastman. 125th Battalion men continue to figure heavily in the casualty lists from day to day. Two members of that unit are listed to-day among those who have given their lives for the cause, while two more are among the wounded.

Lieut. Ben Tassic. Word was received in the city this morning of the death in action of Lieut. Ben Tassic of Toronto, a former Brantford man, employed in the Bank of Montreal here. Lieut. Tassic married Miss May Terryberry, a former employee of The Courier office, and joined a Kent county regiment in the British army early in the war. He held the rank of captain, but reverted to a Lieutenancy in order to reach the front.

Pte. Arthur John Rising was killed in action on September 4th, according to word received to-day by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Rising. Pte. Rising went overseas with the 125th Battalion. Pte. Rising, whose home was at 260 Darling street, had been twelve years in Brantford, and was for nine years employed at Verity's. In addition to his wife he leaves four sons.

LANCE CORPORAL NOBLE. Official word has been received that Lance Corporal Herbert Noble has been killed in action. He was a well known insurance agent when he joined the 125th, and had been at the front for some time. The dead hero was an active member of St. Jude's Church and a Churchwarden of the congregation. He was a very fine type of man in the highest sense of that term, and enjoyed the deepest respect of all with whom he came in contact. A sorrowing wife and four children are left to mourn his irreparable loss. They reside at 18 Northumberland Street.

GUNNER C. H. SHAVER. Mrs. Henry Shaver, 147 Northumberland street, received yesterday the sad news that her son, Gunner Cecil Shaver died of gunshot wounds in the face and legs, at the 42nd casualty clearing station. Gunner Shaver, who is a son of the late Henry Shaver of Gainsville, commenced his military training with the B. C. I. cadets, and was later a member of the Dufferin Rifles for several years. He joined the 5th battery in March 1916, and went to the front in June.

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HONOR FOR GENERAL DE BENEY

French Army Commander Made Grand Officer of Legion of Honor

Paris, Sept. 14.—General De Beney has been raised to the dignity of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor. The citation was made in recognition of brilliant service in stopping the German drive towards Amiens last March and recapture of Montdidier, with 12,000 prisoners in August.

COAL DEALERS TO HELP CITY

Agree to Co-operate With Authorities in Supplying Fuel

A meeting of the city coal dealers and of the city treasurer and the city solicitor was held at the council chambers on Friday afternoon, at which the coal situation was discussed, and arrangements completed which it is hoped will take care of the fuel situation to the best possible advantage.

All coupons which were filed at the city hall by citizens were allotted to dealers who will make deliveries of same as fast as possible, having regard to their receipts of coal and to any special emergency.

All citizens who have filed coupons will facilitate matters by calling upon or telephoning their dealers and arrange for delivery.

The dealers have agreed to use their best judgment and deliver supplies of coal as received to the best advantage, and will make a return at the middle and end of each month of the tonnage delivered.

In addition to this, the city has made arrangements with the Standard Coal Company for the supply as rapidly as possible, up to one thousand tons, of the requirements of soldiers' wives and families. This distribution will be handled by the Standard Coal Company in conjunction with the Brant Patriotic Association.

Solicitor Henderson explained to the meeting that he had not accepted the position of Fuel Controller, as indicated in the press, but that Mr. Bunnell and he would do all in their power to take care of the coal situation, and would expect all dealers to assist them, which all there pledged themselves to do.

AUTO HIT BY TRAIN

By Courier Leased Wire. Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 13.—John P. Crowther, of Wheatley, Ontario, was instantly killed and his wife severely injured in an automobile accident here this evening. They had started for home when their car was smashed into by a passenger train on the St. Thomas branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mrs. Crowther may recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowther spent Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Brantford, concluding a business transaction with Stedman Bros. Ltd.

YANKS ARE AT EDGE OF ENEMY SOIL

Command Positions Favorable for a Direct Invasion of Germany

METZ WITHIN RANGE

Americans Continue Progress After Eliminating Mihiel Salient

13,000 HUNS TAKEN

By Courier Leased Wire New York, Sept. 14.—The Associated Press to-day issues the following: The Americans are continuing their advance after eliminating the St. Mihiel salient. From Pagny across the Moselle River from German territory the new front extends in almost a straight line to the vicinity of Hattonville, where it advances slightly toward the northwest to Fresnes. This reduction of the front line from some forty to twenty miles places at the disposal of the Allied commanders an enormous force of men for future operations in this sector, or on other fronts.

Having accomplished the task of wiping out the salient, the offensive movement continues to push forward and the further straightening of the line is probable. The Americans at this stage of the drive command positions favorable for a direct invasion of German territory. If such a course should be decided upon, although the important German fortress of Metz is in no immediate danger, its outlying fortifications are within range of American heavy guns at Pagny. Metz itself furnishes an excellent target for Allied airmen, who already have taken advantage of the opportunity and dropped many bombs on railway stations and military stores in the city and vicinity. The strong outer protection of fortifications a frontal attack on Metz could hardly be expected, but an outflanking movement by the Americans on the west or by the French and Americans from the south would force to evacuate both the fortress and the territory surrounding it.

In their haste to get out of the salient with as little loss of men and military supplies as possible the Germans left the railroad from Verdun to Commercy, Toul and Nancy virtually intact. The capture of this line of railway adds greatly to the facility of troop movements towards Verdun, which has been a great handicap to the Allies in the past.

In the first few hours of their operations as a distinct unit, the Americans have driven the French, West of St. Quentin French troops have occupied the village of Savy and northwest of the town the British have gained ground after local fighting with the enemy in which prisoners were taken. The British also have made progress southwest of Labasse and are pressing forward on Auchy-les-Labasse. Farther north German attacks on new British positions at Havincourt were repulsed with heavy losses.

On other fronts the Allies continue their pressure against the German lines. Cambrai and St. Quentin are in danger of being outflanked by the British and French. West of St. Quentin French troops have occupied the village of Savy and northwest of the town the British have gained ground after local fighting with the enemy in which prisoners were taken. The British also have made progress southwest of Labasse and are pressing forward on Auchy-les-Labasse. Farther north German attacks on new British positions at Havincourt were repulsed with heavy losses.

He Also Serves Who Saves Gasoline Tomorrow