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BRITISH DRIVE REACHES HINDENBURG LINE; SEVERAL TOWNS ON IT ARE CAPTURED

Haig Launched a New Attack This Morning

Has Added Four Miles to Length of Battlefield and Has Pressed Onwards to Depth of Two Miles on the New Front; Three Places Near Arras Taken; Now Only About a Mile From Bapaume

London, Aug. 26.—British troops at tacked this morning in the Scarpe sector, east of Arras, and good progress is being made. The British position southeast of Mory and west of Croisilles has been improved in spite of a heavy rain which is falling on the battlefield. Strong German counter-attacks north and south of Bapaume have been repulsed by the British. Favreuil, a mile and a half northeast of Bapaume, has been carried, and the British have advanced beyond the village. The British lines have been advanced in the direction of Maricourt, four miles northeast of Bray.

QUICK TWO MILE GAIN.
This morning's attack was launched between the Scarpe River at Fampoux, and the heights northeast of Neuville-Vitasse. In a few hours the British made an advance of two miles on a front of four miles, according to reports reaching here from the battlefield.

Monchy-Le-Preux, Guenappe, and Vaucourt, little less than five miles southeast of Arras, have been taken in today's attack. Farther south the British have taken Mory and made progress to the southeast of the village. The towns of Monchy-Le-Preux, Guenappe and Vaucourt were on the Hindenburg line as it stood prior to the German drive on March 21. In this sector the Germans drove ahead slightly, but were held up after the second day of the fighting and after that time could not get nearer Arras.

This morning's attack was apparently directed along the length of the Scarpe and added about four miles to the length of the battlefield.

The line of Monchy-Le-Preux, Guenappe, Vaucourt, Hazebrouck, east of Mory; Fampoux, Arras, Hasmoult-L'Abbaye, Martintpuch, west of Bazentin-Le-Petit; Maricourt and Carnoy and then proceeds to the Somme, just to the west of Maricourt. There is little change south of the Somme, except that the British line has been improved to the west of Chaulgnes.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 26.—(By the Associated Press, 10 p. m.)—On some parts of the northern battlefield the British have reached points, 1,000 yards from the old Hindenburg line, which seems strongly held. In addition to crossing the Bapaume-Poignacres road, the British have made progress southward for a considerable distance, with the cavalry operating in front of the infantry. British troops are reported to have reached the outskirts of Suanne, two miles east of Bruy-Sur-Somme, and to be near Capry, slightly less than two miles southeast of Bray, on the south bank of the Somme. A heavy rain fell this evening.

TRYING HARD TO HOLD BAPAUME.
With the British Forces in France, Aug. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—British troops in their new drive on the Arras front have entered the town of Monchy-Le-Preux and to have captured Orange Hill.

North of Bapaume the Germans have been driven farther back. According to a report from the front lines the British have reached the Bapaume-Poignacres road and have established themselves there. The Germans are making great efforts to hold Bapaume, and the town is generally being surrounded. British Detailed Statement.

London, Aug. 26.—The text of the statement follows: "At 3 o'clock this morning our troops attacked in the Scarpe River section and are reported to have made good progress. On the southern portion of the battlefield we have advanced our line slightly along the Somme and by a successful operation carried out yesterday afternoon have made progress in the direction of Maricourt. Yesterday evening the enemy launched strong counter-attacks south and north of Bapaume, in the neighborhood of Eaucourt, L'Abbaye and Favreuil. In both localities the attacks were repulsed. North of Favreuil our troops met the enemy with the bayonet, inflicting heavy casualties upon him and taking prisoners. Another counter-attack attempted by the enemy later in this latter neighborhood was also unsuccessful. Favreuil is now in our hands and we have made progress beyond the village. North of this point we have improved our position southeast of Mory and west of Croisilles. Heavy rain is falling on the battlefield."

British Casualties.—The British third and fourth armies suffered casualties estimated at about 23,000, between Aug. 21 and 25, according to advices from the front. During this same period the German losses in prisoners alone have amounted to 20,000 in the battle east of the Ancre.

The World's Series.
Chicago, Aug. 25.—The first three games of the world's baseball series will be played in Chicago starting on Wednesday, Sept. 4. So it was announced last night by President Johnson of the American League. The remaining contests, if any, will be played on the home grounds of the American League pennant winning team. War charities will share in the receipts of the championship games.

Fortunes of War Definitely Settled, Says Clemenceau

Paris, Aug. 26.—(Havas Agency)—Premier Clemenceau today telegraphed the presidents of the general councils that they could rely upon the government and Marshal Foch and his magnificent staff and the Allied military commanders to turn the present success of the Allied arms into a complete and decisive collapse of the enemy.

PRISONERS TAKEN BY BRITISH SINCE AUGUST 21, 20,000
Allied Success North of Somme Purely Haig Victory

Paris Papers Give Unstinted Praise to the Khaki-clad Troops—Great Hopes Placed on British Army Fulfilled

Paris, Aug. 26.—(Bulletin, Havas Agency.)—The Petit Parisien says that the number of prisoners taken by the British since August 21, has reached 20,000. According to the Le Journal three new divisions have been identified opposite the British. Since August 8 nearly fifty German divisions have been in the fighting against the British.

The Allied high command had great hopes in the British army, and the latest news from the front shows that these hopes will not be disappointed, says L'Espresso. It declares that the British have obliged the German staff to admit defeat.

Marcel Hutin, in the Echo de Paris, points out that the British advanced by great thrusts which tore large holes in the German lines. That the enemy has been unable to thwart these manoeuvres, he says, proves the tremendous superiority that the Allies have gained over the Germans.

Lieut. Colonel Fabry, in Oul, declares that unstinted praise must be given the manner in which the British attacks have been carried out. He declares that the Allied success north of the Somme is a purely British victory.

POPULAR TEACHER DOING HIS BIT.
Thomas Stothard, at one time a school principal here, and well known to most everybody about town, left for his home in Hexton, N. B., today, after a short stay in the city. Mr. Stothard says he has a splendid farm that will this year make a regular bounteous yield. He is greatly pleased to know that it has been within his power to add a tittle to the supply of food for home and allies at a time it was greatly needed.

WEATHER REPORT
Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.
Synopsis—Since Saturday, with the exception of a few scattered showers from Ontario to the maritime provinces, fine weather has prevailed in Canada.

FORECASTS.
Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys—Moderate to fresh winds, shifting to northwest and north, a few local showers or thunder storms, but mostly fair, turning a little cooler tonight; Tuesday, fine and a little cooler.

GERMANS REPORT THE BOMBING OF KARLSRUHE
Amsterdam, Aug. 26.—A telegram from Karlsruhe on Friday to the Frankfurter Zeitung says that ten British airmen were killed and six injured. Five of the attacking airplanes, according to the newspaper, were destroyed.

RELATIONS WITH SPAIN ARE GREATLY STRAINED.
London, Aug. 26.—German newspapers received in Denmark affirm that the situation between Spain and Germany is critical, but they agree that Germany cannot make any concessions with regard to her submarine warfare, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen.

Counter Against French Fails

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In Casualty List Names Of 385 Dead Are Given
Total on Saturday's Ottawa Roll 722—Several Saint John Men Among Those Making Supreme Sacrifice

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—In Saturday night's list 722 names appear. Of this number 381 are reported killed in action, fifty-four died of wounds, two missing, believed to be killed, seven missing, six passed, three died, one prisoner of war, twenty-five ill and 388 wounded.

INFANTRY.
W. A. Pentland, Bathurst, N. B.; J. B. McPhee, Upper Nine Rivers, N. S.; J. A. Wilgerson, Fredericton, P. E. I.; G. L. D. McKinnon, North Wilshire, P. E. I.; J. H. Manship, Cape Tormentine, N. S.; W. D. Burris, Middle Musquodouit, N. S.; R. Lowther, Oxford, N. S.; A. A. Parker, Sackville, N. S.; W. H. Smith, Truro, J. Dean, Ellersley Island, Nfld.; F. A. Chesley, St. John; F. W. Rafus, Grousestown, N. S.; P. Kennedy, Carbonara, Nfld.; W. Calhoun, Hillsboro; P. I. Fleicher, Chatham; P. Kimball, Oromocto; R. King, St. John; C. F. Colpitts, Alma; F. C. W. Alward, Moncton; H. Aberley, St. John; F. A. Arsenault, Straphel, P. E. I.; F. A. Woodbury, Utopia, N. B.; E. Phelan, Charlottetown; P. B. Noonan, Summerside; E. A. Moore, Fredericton; H. Pirie, Grand Falls; J. McKinnon, Heathdale, P. E. I.; J. V. McDaid, St. John; T. E. Underhill, Underhill Post Office, N. B.; G. McDonald, Kensington, P. E. I.; D. McKinnon, North Wilshire, P. E. I.; J. H. Manship, Cape Tormentine, N. S.; W. D. Burris, Middle Musquodouit, N. S.; R. Lowther, Oxford, N. S.; A. A. Parker, Sackville, N. S.; W. H. Smith, Truro, J. Dean, Ellersley Island, Nfld.; F. A. Chesley, St. John.

CUNARD LINE NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF LIFE ON LUSITANIA

Judge, However, Says Surely The Allies Will See That There Shall be Full Reparation

New York, Aug. 26.—The Cunard Steamship Company cannot be held liable for loss of life and property in the torpedoing of the Lusitania by a German submarine, according to a decision handed down in the admiralty bench of the United States district court by Julius M. Mayer.

STATEMENT BY ALLIES ON THE REASONS FOR LANDING OF TROOPS
Archangel, Russia, Aug. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—An official announcement issued today by the Entente Allied governments in the northern region of Russia denied a statement recently made by Lenin and Trotsky, Bolshevik premier and war minister respectively, that Great Britain, France and the United States were enemies of Russia. The Allied military action the announcement added, was aimed at the expulsion of the Germans from Russian territory and the suppression of the Brest-Litovsk treaty by force of arms, but they were called on the distinctly specified condition that they must not mix themselves in the internal affairs of the government of Russia.

SOME NOTABLE WORK OF CANADIANS IN RECENT FIGHTING
With the Canadian Army, Aug. 25.—(By J. F. B. Livesay, Canadian Press Correspondent)—Numerous stories of individual gallantry and initiative in the field during the recent fighting east of Amiens are coming to hand. An intelligence officer of a Quebec battalion established his observation post with the forward companies and thence directed his snipers where they were able to inflict very heavy casualties on the enemy and put several machine guns out of action.

BISHOP BARRY VERY ILL.
Rendered weak and seriously ill from the results of a complication of troubles, starting with a stroke of paralysis and followed by a surgical operation, His Lordship Bishop Barry of Chatham is reported very near to death. The aged prelate has shown remarkable tenacity of life in this illness, but his physicians give little hope of his recovery. Bishop Barry is very much loved and venerated in New Brunswick, and in St. John his warm personal friends are many.

TWO ZEPPELINS WRECKED.
London, Aug. 26.—During a violent storm on Friday two wrecked Zeppelins were seen from Sandefjord, Norway, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph. The crews were aboard but had lost command of the airships, which are supposed to have come down in the North Sea.

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GERMANS FLUNG BACK AS THEY ATTEMPT TO CHECK MANGIN'S RIGHT WING—FRESNOY-LES-ROYE CAPTURED BY GENERAL DEBENO

Paris, Aug. 26 (1 p. m.)—The Germans today attempted a counter-offensive on a large scale against the right wing of General Mangin's army in the region between Vailly and Soissons. The attack failed.

General Mangin's army repulsed the German onslaughts everywhere and in some instances gained ground. The French flung back the attacking troops even beyond their starting points. London, Aug. 26.—In the battle area south of the Somme, General Debeno's French army has captured Fresnoy-les-Roye, about three miles north of Roye. General Mangin's army has also made a slight advance between the Ailette and the Aisne. Four hundred prisoners were taken by this army yesterday.

HAVE SENT OVER 66,542 MEN TO WAR THIS YEAR

Hon. N. W. Rowell Makes Statement

CASUALTIES 74,500 IN 1917

Much Lower in Present Year as Germans Shied at Attacks on Canadian Front—Enrollment Under M. S. A.

Millbrook, Ont., Aug. 26.—Hon. N. W. Rowell, in an address to his constituents here on Saturday evening reviewing the work of the government during the last ten months, gave some interesting statistics regarding the reinforcements provided for the Canadian corps since the Military Service Act came into force and of the casualties sustained during the last year and a half.

BERLIN VERY ANXIOUS OVER THE SITUATION

London, Aug. 26.—Dull apathy is giving way to intense anxiety, according to reports from Berlin received at The Hague, says the Daily Mail correspondent in the Dutch capital. Newspapers' editorials show an urgent demand for reassurance and several papers pin their faith on the Hindenburg line.