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BRITISH CAPTURE STRONG POSITIONS

Occupy Their Old Trenches at Gouzeaucourt and Take the Wood Outside the Town
---Another Allied Advance From Glennes to Vieil Arcy---Fierce Battle Develops
Before St. Quentin---French to Begin Attack Against St. Gobain Massif.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The British, in an advance of over a four-mile front between the Havrincourt Wood and Peziers, have captured all the German positions on the high ground between these two points and won their old trench positions overlooking Gouzeaucourt, according to an official communication from Field Marshal Haig tonight. The Gouzeaucourt Wood also is in British hands.

English and New Zealand troops performed the task, and during the fighting repulsed the heavy German counter-attacks. The text of the statement follows: "This morning advanced detachments of English and New Zealanders attacked and carried the German positions on the high ground between Peziers and the Havrincourt Wood. After sharp fighting, in the course of which heavy counter-attacks were repulsed with losses, we gained the old British trench line on the ridge overlooking Gouzeaucourt, and captured Gouzeaucourt Wood.

On the left of our attack other English troops successfully advanced our line in the eastern portion of the Havrincourt Wood. We captured a number of prisoners in these operations. "On the remainder of the British front there was fighting on certain sectors. Hostile attacks against posts we recently established west of La Bisserie were repulsed. "Rain fell heavily last night and again today. The weather continues stormy."

\$541,820
Collections From Toronto for Sailors' Week Exceed Objective By Over Forty Thousand Dollars.

CANADIAN CAPTURES
Heavy Guns, Machine Guns, and All Kinds of War Supplies Taken Since Aug. 26.

AUSTRIANS IN FLIGHT.
Italian Patrols Get Better of Encounters With Enemy.

JOY-RIDING IS NOW UNDER BAN
Canada expects every motor car owner to do his duty. How? By discontinuing the use of his car for pleasure on Sundays. The fuel controller requests that this be done in the interests of the war and owners of cars are now under solemn obligation to respond locally to the call. Joy-riding on Sundays is henceforth under the ban. The public will place it there, because the threatened scarcity of gasoline may prejudice our drive for victory. To save "gas" is to save money and to add strength to the country's ability to finance the war. Car owners are now in a position where they can render a distinct service to the state by compliance with the fuel controller's request. The service which the public will not be slow to appreciate.

GOVERNMENT BUSY ON BOARD FOR C.N.R.
Selection of Directors for the Railway Is Being Made.

COCHRANE MAY GO UP
Will Probably Be Asked to Accept High Office Under Crown.

SEVEN ENEMY AIRMEN DEFEATED BY BRITISH
Raiding in Stormy Weather, Machines Drop Bombs on Germans.

GERMANS BRING UP NEW TROOPS TO MAKE STAND
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LT.-COL. HARBOTTLE REPORTED WOUNDED
Mrs. E. H. Gourlie, 12 Bracken avenue, received a cablegram on Sunday evening announcing that her brother, Lt.-Col. C. G. Harbottle, had been wounded. About the same time a letter was received in the city stating that at the time Col. Harbottle was wounded his batman was killed. Lt.-Col. Harbottle went overseas with the Western Scots (Victoria). The advance unit was broken up because an instructor of the 4th Division, France. He succeeded the late Col. Beckett in command of the 15th Battalion in France.

CURRIE REPLIES TO BORDEN'S MESSAGE
Declares That Recent Victories of Canadians Will Have Far-Reaching Consequences.

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FERDINAND AT SOFIA.
Amsterdam, Sept. 9.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria returned to Sofia on Sunday, according to a despatch received here today from the Bulgarian capital.

BRITISH DIG MORE DEEPLY INTO THE CAMBRAI SECTOR

Important Positions Taken on Four-Mile Front and Old Trenches Regained—German Resistance Stiffens, But Efforts to Ward Off Further Encroachments Fail.

The Germans have markedly stiffened their resistance against the allied armies from the region of Arras to Rheims, but their efforts to ward off further encroachments into the territory they are holding have failed. All along the front the German big guns are violently in action, while the machine guns in vast numbers are being used in front of strategic points which the allies are endeavoring to gain. Nevertheless the British have dug more deeply into the sector southwest of Cambrai, capturing important positions on the four-mile front between the Havrincourt Wood and Peziers, regaining their old trench positions dominating Gouzeaucourt and capturing Gouzeaucourt Wood.

Attention to Hinges.
Particular attention is being given by the Germans to the three hinges of their line, in Flanders, northeast of Soissons and around Rheims. A breakthrough at either point by the allies would spell disaster for the enemy. Therefore the German high command is buttressing them for eventualities. In Flanders the German strategy seems to be the obliteration of points vulnerable to sharp assaults. Particularly is this noticeable along the Lys River south of Ypres, where the Ger-

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GERMANS MASS GUNS ON ST. GOBAIN MASSIF
Franco-American Troops Reach Line Prepared for Determined Resistance.
American Headquarters between the Ailette and the Aisne, Sept. 9.—The French and American troops have evidently reached a line beyond which the enemy considers they cannot be allowed to advance with safety to his defenses, and he has thrown himself against this new line with an energy which discloses the arrival of fresh troops. They are also beginning to reveal an abundance of artillery of all calibres, which has been concentrated on this chief danger spot in his line—the outer defenses of the St. Gobain massif.

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Meanwhile, to the south, the French are only a short distance west of St. Quentin and are at the gates of La Fere. On this last-named sector the French daily are enlarging their turning movement against the great St. Gobain Forest, the conquest of which would remove the great barrier to an allied advance in force eastward toward Laon in an outflanking movement against both the Aisne and Chemin des Dames positions of the enemy.

Opposition to French.
The Germans here and northeast of Soissons also are offering most determined resistance against the French, realizing that should General Mangin's strategy prove successful the

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Upon learning that Abel Ferry and Gaston Dumensil, both members of the French Chamber of Deputies, had been wounded, the premier visited them at the ambulance immediately in the rear of the lines where the wounded deputies were being attended. Deputy Dumensil, who was seriously wounded, was decorated with the cross of the legion of honor, while Deputy Ferry was made a chevalier of the legion.

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TO SECURE MORE FISH.
New York, Sept. 9.—Ways and means of increasing America's supply of food fish were discussed here today at the opening session of the convention of the American Fisheries Society, attended by delegates from many cities of the United States and Canada.

NOT EVEN CONSIDERED.
Ottawa, Sept. 9.—Reports that Maj.-Gen. Logan may be appointed justice of the Ontario Supreme Court are stated here to be merely conjectural. The matter has not been considered in council.