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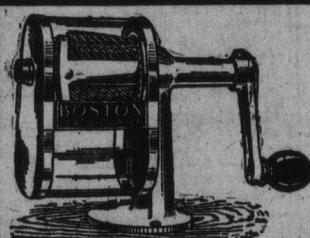
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BRITISH AND FRENCH ADVANCE
TO GUEUX AND MERY-PREMECYNew Line Shows An Advance of About Two Miles
Towards Fismes, Narrowing the Salient Creat-
ed By Germans in Their Drive of Last May—
French Continue Their Attacks.London, July 25.—British and French
troops have advanced to Gueux and
Mery-Premecy, in the battle sector
just west of Rheims, according to
information received here this after-
noon from the battle front.The new line shows an advance of
about two miles toward Fismes. This
gain when seen on the map is of evi-
dent importance for it greatly nar-
rows the salient created by the Ger-
mans in their drive of last May.It no longer is proper to speak of
the pocket as running from Soissons
to Rheims for the newest advance
of the Allies has pulled the eastern
edge of the pocket eight miles to the
westward, making Mery-Premecy the
marker for the eastern rim.The mouth of the pocket is now
only 21 miles wide and the whole dis-
trict between the two sides is under
the range of Entente Allied guns.

French Continue Attacks.

The French are continuing their at-
tacks between the River Ourcq and
the River Marne. They advanced last
night for a distance of a mile, captur-
ing the southern part of Pere Forest
and they now occupy a farm on the
main road from Pere-En-Tardenois to
Jaulgonne. The town of Pere-En-Tar-
denois is now within 8,000 yards of
the French lines.The French last night also pushed
well forward along the south bank of
the River Ourcq but this morning they
found they were in an isolated posi-
tion and they were compelled to fall
back.East of Rheims a Polish contingent,
attached to the French, made a suc-
cessful enterprise and captured 212
prisoners.

Straighten Lines.

On the west side of the pocket the
Franco-American troops have straight-
ened out their lines at the expense
of the Germans during the past 24hours, this involving a loss to the en-
emy of about 40 square miles of terri-
tory between Armentieres and Vincel-
les. The line in the lower western
part of the pocket now runs straight
southeast from Armentieres and
along this line the Germans have been
compelled to give up all the little an-
gles and corners which they had been
holding onto as observation posts or
strong points.The German military nerve centre at
Pere-En-Tardenois, which as the
junction of several great roads, was
the most important storehouse and
distributing point of the Germans, is
now under the cross-fire from the
French and American artillery and
must be well nigh untenable. In fact
no place in the whole pocket is a very
comfortable position with the allied
long range artillery sweeping back
and forth with balloons and airplanes
directing the fire.Possible evidence of a further with-
drawal by the Germans is seen on
the western flank of the pocket in the
fact that the German artillery fire has
grown much lighter all through this
sector and the guns appear to be firing
from great distances behind the lines,
as if being pulled back to places of
safety.The advance of the British and
French forces on the battle front
between Rheims and the Marne to
Gueux and Mery-Premecy represents
a gain of about a mile and a half along
a front of three miles. The town of
Gueux lies to the south of the river
Vesle and is about five miles direct-
ly west of the cathedral city. Mery-
Premecy is about three miles north of
the Fismes-Pargny railway and is
about 10½ miles southeast of Fismes,
which is in the centre of a line run-
ning between Soissons and Rheims.FROST IN WEST
CAUSES DAMAGEPrince Albert, Sask., July 25.—Some
damage to gardens, but little to the
bumper crop in Northern Saskatche-
wan, is the report here today, follow-
ing two nights when there were one
or two degrees of frost in some parts
of Northern Saskatchewan.Winnipeg, July 25.—Frost is reported
from a number of points in the prairie
provinces. Five degrees of frost were
experienced at Dauphin, Man., and
Macklin, Sask.; Vegreville, Alberta,
Saskatoon, Kansas; Indian Head,
Yorkton, and Russell, Man., also had
frost last night, when a cool wave
crossed the three prairie provinces fol-
lowing heavy rains. The extent of the
damage done, if any, has not yet been
ascertained.The forecast is for warmer weather
in Western Canada.

OBITUARY

Harry S. Stackhouse.

Friends of Harry S. Stackhouse
were grieved to learn of his death
which occurred on Wednesday. The
deceased was thirty-five years of age
and leaves besides his wife his father,
James P. Stackhouse, one brother, Ar-
thur S., of this city and one sister,
Mrs. C. M. Camp of Montreal. The
funeral will be held this afternoon at
2:30 o'clock from his late residence,
29 St. Paul street.

Mrs. Ellen J. Steen.

Goshen, July 25.—At an early hour
Thursday morning, July 19th, death
claimed one of the eldest residents of
this place in the person of Mrs. Ellen
J. Steen, relict of Henry I. Steen. Al-
though she had been in failing health
for the past twelve years death was
very sudden. She was 65 years of age
and is survived by eight sons and four
daughters. The sons are: James of
Beverly, Mass.; Charles, George and
Allen of Snider Mountain; Clarence
of Millstream, and Walter and Earle,
at home. The daughters are Mrs.
George Hornbrook and Mrs. John A.
Beaton of British Columbia, and Mrs.
Robert Simpson and Miss Margaret
of Goshen; also six sisters and four
brothers as well as thirty-seven grand-
children.The funeral, which was held on
Friday, was largely attended. Rev.
C. A. St. Vazareford performed the last
rites. Interment was in the family
lot in the Methodist cemetery, Snider
Mountain.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of John Connell took
place yesterday afternoon at three
o'clock from the Home for Incurables
following burial services conducted by
Rev. F. H. Westworth. Interment took
place in Fernhill.The funeral of Louis Michaelson was
held yesterday. Mr. Michaelson died
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