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## Water Power Is Available For Newcastle

Engineer Completes Survey and will Make Report to Council—Understood Power is Available

Mr. McKechnie, a hydraulic engineer, of Halifax, N. S. finished a survey of the water powers in the vicinity of Newcastle, on Saturday night. Mr. McKechnie who was employed by the Newcastle Town Council made an exhaustive survey of all streams for their adoption for power purposes and it is rumored that his report, which will be submitted to the Council in the few days will declare the scheme feasible, and that there is abundant power available to supply Newcastle's wants for years to come.

More than 30,000 women volunteers are now engaged in work directly connected with the German Army in the field.

## Disastrous Fire At Lower Derby

Barn Containing all Farm Machinery and Hay of Malcolm Amos Destroyed

The little village of Lower Derby was visited with a most disastrous fire about five o'clock on Friday evening and damage to the extent of about three thousand dollars was the result of the burning of the barn of Mr. Malcolm Amos.

Messrs. Malcolm and George Amos, both use the same barn and the day previous to the fire had finished harvesting their hay crops of about fifteen tons all of which was destroyed together with farm machinery, wagons, sleighs, harness etc. The fire several times spread to Mr. Malcolm and George Amos houses and also Capt. Spurgeon Amos barn and only heroic efforts of the bucket brigade saved these buildings from destruction. The destroyed building was a large one about seventy feet long and twenty-six feet wide. The insurance carried was only \$300.

## MANY PRISONERS AND GUNS TAKEN BY ALLIED ARMIES

Allies Continue to Push Enemy Back on Western Front Despite Fierce Resistance

**Tuesday**  
The French continue to extend and consolidate their gains on both sides of Noyon. They have penetrated further toward Roye and Lassigny and the latter town virtually has been occupied.

The Germans are furiously bombarding the entire region, while the

The origin of the fire is thought to have been a spark from the flue of Mr. George Amos house, but when discovered the entire building was a mass of flames. This is the third time that Mr. Malcolm Amos has suffered loss by fire, on two previous occasions he lost his barn and then his house.

French are shelling Noyon from two directions.

**Wednesday**  
French troops are now firmly in possession of the Lassigny and Carlepont plateaus, the gateposts of the Oise, and are threatening Noyon. They are within five miles of that town from the south. General Mangin's artillery is sweeping all this territory, except a narrow out-toward Guiscard.

British forces have captured Courcelles Achiet Le Petit and have reached Moyenville and Beaucourt-sur-Ancre in their drive, which began this morning north of the Ancre river.

The British attack was between Merleville and Beaucourt-sur-Ancre,

## Newcastle To Have A Navy League

Committee Appointed to Make Arrangements for its Formation—Will Assist Sailors Dependents

A very interesting lecture was given in the Town Hall last evening by Rev. Dr. Hall, of Toronto, commissioner of the Navy League of Canada and the "British Navy and the activities of Sailors ashore and afloat." His Worship Mayor Troy presided and there was only a fair attendance of citizens. Dr. Hall is a forceful speaker and his lecture was much enjoyed by those present and as the close of which the following resolution was passed on motion of Ald. Stuart and Mr. R. Corry Clark:

"That this meeting of the citizens of Newcastle with the Mayor in the chair, agree with the objects of the Navy League of Canada and that a committee be appointed at this meeting to make arrangements for the formation of a branch of the Navy League in Newcastle."

The committee were selected as follows: Chairman—Mayor H. Troy; Messrs. J. R. Lawler, H. H. Stuart, R. C. Clark, J. H. Ashford, J. M. Troy, A. L. Kerr and R. A. N. Jarvis.

The object of the Navy League is to urge the formation of a Canadian Navy and also to assist the dependents of sailors, who have lost their lives in the present war.

It is likely that another Public Meeting will be held in the near future to complete organization.

a distance of about eight and a half miles.

**Tuesday** afternoon the British threw back strong German attack against the new British positions south and north of the Scrape.

French troops are continuing their advance between the Oise and the Aisne, and have made additional important gains at some points. Several more villages have been occupied.

**Thursday**  
Between two and three thousand prisoners were captured by the British in yesterday's operation.

North of the Ancre, the Arras-Bapaume railway has been crossed. In spite of strong enemy resistance, British troops have reached the village of Neuf Bosquis, northeast of Merville.

General Mangin's troops have reached the Ailette river in their advance between the Oise and the Aisne.

Fighting continued last nights on the whole front from the region of Lassigny to the neighborhood of Soissons.

The French captured St. Paul-Aubois (11 miles northwest of Soissons), passing out to the northward and reaching the Ailette at Laquin-cy-Basse.

**Friday**  
Paris Aug. 25—Between the Oise and the Aisne, French troops advanced their lines during the night to Gony and Pont St. Mars, just south of the Ailette river. They hold the right banks of the Oise and the Ailette from Semigny to the railroad west of Coucy-Le-Chateau, according to the official statement issued by the war office today.

The British troops are making progress at a number of points. Two enemy attacks near Beaucourt were repulsed during the night.

On the Lys front, the British line was slightly advanced east of Le Tourret, northwest of Neuf Berquin and east of Outterstein.

Bristol troops are reported to have captured Chieggelles and Herleville, south of the Somme river. More than a thousand prisoners were taken in this operation, which eliminates the bend in the line. Field Marshal Haig's forces are also reported to have taken Boyevillers and Boiry Terguerele and to be still pushing forward. They are piling up prisoners and guns.

The Germans have reached Gommeourt, which is considered to be the chief point of the German defense positions. South of Gommeourt the British were attacking and (Continued on page 4)

## Brave Sons of Northumberland Meet Heroic Deaths

Corp. Horace Morrell of Newcastle Lays Down Life—Chatham Boys Make Sacrifice

The after math of the recent Canadian Victories, brings sad news to Northumberland. Many of her stalwart sons have sacrificed their lives on the field of honor, others are broken and maimed but all for the noble cause of freedom.

### CORP W H MORRELL

The second Newcastle boy to offer up his life in the present offensive is Corp. Wheeler Walter Horace Morrell, whose death from wounds is reported to have taken place in a field hospital in France on August 12th.

Corp. Morrell was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morrell, of Newcastle, and joined together with his two brothers Fred and Herbert the 65th. Battery of Woodstock and went overseas with that unit about two years ago, proceeding to France with a reinforcing draft shortly afterwards. The young hero, leaves a wife formerly Miss Gallop of Kingsclear, York Co. to whom he was wedded only a short time before, entering, also his parents, four brothers Fred and Herbert, overseas. Frank and James at home and two sisters Miss Jennie of the Montreal General Hospital and Miss Annie at home.

### PTE T UNDERHILL

Mr. and Mrs. George Underhill of Blackville have received word that their son Private Theophilus Underhill, who went overseas with the 132nd Battalion, had been killed in action on the 8th instant. Pte Underhill left the teaching profession to enlist in the 132nd. Besides his parents he leaves the following brothers and sisters to mourn his loss: Frank of Campbellton; Hiram and Leontine, at home; Chester with the bank of Nova Scotia, Newcastle; Theodore, Alton and Jessie at home.

### H W FLEIGHER

It was with a profound feeling of sympathy for the bereaved parents and family that the community learned on Wednesday morning last that Harold Fleigher, the second eldest and only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Fleigher, of Chatham had made the supreme sacrifice on the battle field of Europe.

This young man when not nine, ten years had enlisted with the 132nd Battalion which went from here under Col. Mersereau two years ago. His older brother Charles, was killed in France over a year ago and besides his parents, there survive two sisters, Misses Louise and Marion.


### LT CHARLES MERSEREAU

Ald. J. Mersereau of Chatham received a telegram from Ottawa on Sunday which stated that youngest son, Lieut. Charles, Mersereau, on Aug. 8th inst. was one of the heroes of the recent offensive who gave up his life in the conflict on Aug. 8th. Lieut. Mersereau, was but 22 years of age and had enlisted with the 132nd Battalion when it was formed here two years ago, and being transferred to New Brunswick unit in France. Here he had almost six months of trench warfare and had been wounded previously, but soon returned again to duty. His eldest brother Wynn is a member of the Royal Engineers and is now in Chatham, England. While another brother Major Cecil Mersereau has seen much service at the front.

### PTE JOHN J WISHART

Wm. Wishart of Tabusintac has been notified by Ottawa that his son Pte. John J. Wishart, has been admitted to a French hospital on Aug. 10th suffering from severe gunshot wounds.

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