

AMERICAN TROOPS EXPERIENCE HEAVY FIGHTING

ENEMY ON EVE OF ATTEMPTING TO END DISASTROUS RETREAT

Germans Fight Hard in Soissons-Rheims Salient and Give Battle To Allied Armies — Americans Have Stiffest Fighting They Have Yet Experienced—Give Some Ground But Later Make Gains.

(By The Associated Press.)

The Germans apparently are on the eve of attempting to end their retreat from the Soissons-Rheims salient, and turning and offering frontal battle in France to the Entente Allied armies.

The day of rear-guard actions seems drawing to a close. Violent counter offensive measures against their antagonists already are in progress by the Germans over most of the battle front.

Further gains have been made by the Allies, but only after the bitterest kind of fighting. And these gains have been considerably less in extent than those of previous days, before the Germans stiffened their retreating armies by rushing numerous fresh divisions to their aid and adding greatly to the aggregate strength of their fighting force within the fast disappearing pocket between Soissons and Rheims.

Violent Counter-Attacks.

As a result of violent counter-attacks, delivered with huge effectiveness, the Germans were able to force the falling back by the Americans and French on several positions, but nowhere were they able to find a spot weak enough through which they could penetrate the Allied line. Standing firmly, and giving ground only under absolute necessity, the Allied troops everywhere have exacted a huge toll in men killed, wounded or made prisoner from the Germans in their every effort partly to retrieve their losses of ground.

A German thrust drove the French out of Beugnot, near Grand Rozoy, northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois. This town, however, was recaptured from the enemy.

London, July 30, (441 p. m., by The Associated Press)—American troops in the Soissons-Rheims sector have been fighting virtually without cessation along their whole line for the past twenty-four hours. The German

defense had stiffened and the Americans had made very little fresh progress up till noon. Later the United States forces were able to make considerable gains.

American Advance.

With the American Army on the Alsace-Marne front, July 30, (By The Associated Press)—Under a fire from the enemy only slightly less than that of yesterday the Americans on the front north of the Ourcq held on to their positions this afternoon and advanced a little to the road from Strignes to Sergy.

Repeated efforts by the enemy to dislodge the Americans were futile. On the Americans' left the French were moving forward. To the right the lines are holding steadily.

The Germans that were brought up by yesterday appeared to have been withdrawn by the German command. The fighting is the heaviest the Americans have experienced.

Saint Anne took place and in the afternoon there was a procession after which benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given. About two thousand persons were present. Dinner and supper were served on the grounds by the parishioners.

The preachers of the occasion were Rev. Diemas Le Blanc, C. S. C. of St. Joseph's College, who preached in the morning and Rev. Father Lagacé of St. Ignace during the procession.

General Strike Talk.

Ottawa, July 30.—Several telegrams passed between Winnipeg and Ottawa today, including one from the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, intimating that the question of a general strike in support of the postmen was to be considered. Replying to this message, the government explained what had been done to bring about a settlement of the grievances of the letter carriers, and pointed out that, in the absence of the postmen from their work, it was the duty of the government to make provision for the distribution of the mails. The labor men were asked in the telegram not to make a situation worse by precipitating a general strike.

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COMPLEXION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE G. W. V. A.

Intricate Problem Before National Convention and Referred To Committee—Fallen Comrades Honored.

Toronto, July 30.—At today's session of the G. W. V. A., the president, Lieut-Col. Furney, requested the 200 delegates in the hall to rise and remain standing for one minute with bowed heads out of respect "to our fallen comrades."

Three distinct views on the question of membership found a wide measure of support at the morning session. The different policies advocated were:—Extension of membership privileges to all men who have served in the C. E. F. in Canada, England or France, and who have been honorably discharged; limitation of membership to those who have seen actual service in France.

The moderate view, which failed to produce any solution of the problem, very strong arguments being put forth by the respective advocates of the three policies. The supporters of all three seemed to be in about equal strength, and the matter was finally disposed of by referring the matter to a committee of three, consisting of the G. W. V. A. in regard to membership for the next year at least, determined in that manner.

CRITICISM OF THE Y. M. C. A. BY GREAT WAR VETERANS

Membership in Latter Body Will Be Limited To Men Who Have Seen Service in England and France.

Toronto, July 30.—The Great War Veterans' Association at the Dominion convention in session here today made public the report by the committee that investigated grievances against the Y. M. C. A. in joint conference with the members of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. It finds that the returned soldiers were right in their claim that very little in the way of tea, coffee and cigarettes were given away gratis during 1915-16. Criticism is made that the Y. M. C. A. is not a complete financial statement in 1917 and that large profits were shown and unduly heavy overhead charges for utilities, in these respects, it is stated there is good hope for improvement.

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario was present at luncheon and in his address urged careful consideration of all the association did. Lieut. Col. W. P. Furney, president of the association, said they were not going to make unreasonable requests, but that they were going to force consideration by the governments of their just demands.

In the afternoon the convention decided that membership in the association should be limited to men who had seen service in England or France. The question of the attitude of the association towards strikes was debated at great length but was finally shelved to come up at a later time.

Charles Everett
Special to The Standard
Hardland, July 30.—The death occurred on Saturday morning, the 27th inst., of Mr. Charles Everett, aged 78 years, after a nine days illness of pneumonia. He is survived by a widow, three daughters, Mrs. Gooding, Prescott, Mrs. Mrs. George Brooks, Gladwyne; Mrs. Mitchell of the Canadian west, and two sons, Richard, Conneticut and Andrew of the Middle States. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended, interment being in the Methu cemetery. Much sympathy is extended to sorrowing relatives.

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE.
St. Andrew's College, at Rosedale, Ontario, has been expropriated by the military authorities to be used as a convalescent hospital. As a result of this St. Andrew's has been removed to the new Knox College on the grounds of the University of Toronto. This temporary home is entirely modern, and will be excellent quarters for St. Andrew's until such time as conditions again become normal.

A Major With a Transport.
We here are fortunate too in the man who has been sent down to superintend the tree felling operations. It would have been simple to have started at the western limit of the woods which are to fall and to have crashed and out a way right through to the eastern limit without a single regard for the charm of the country. The timber obtained from them is equal to anything that was imported in pre-war days, and so West Surrey's contribution to the war is a very real and satisfactory one.

Some Facts.
Seated in this pleasant apartment, I learned some interesting facts about the camp from Major Hamilton, formerly in the 146th Canadian Infantry battalion, who is in command. His second in command is Lieut. A. W. Cookman, his adjutant, Lieut. F. G. Dexter, and the other officers are Lieut. H. S. Higgins and Lieut. J. S. Scott. Most of the officers and very many of the other ranks have seen service in France. "We come here," said the major, "about March last with only a few men. These have been added to from time to time, until their number reached 160. We got our mill here at Black Lake started on April 1st, and that at Crooksbury on May 1st. It is estimated that we have here about 1.5 million feet board measure of Scotch Pine. The trees run as high as 170 years old, and the average is about 90. Both mills are what we call converted Scotch mills, fitted with Canadian carriage; what is known as the Campbell attachment. With a view to sacrificing

CENTRAL POWERS READY FOR PEACE

Amsterdam, July 30.—"We are ready to conclude an honorable peace as soon as our opponents renounce their hostile plans aiming at obstruction or repression," said Baron Von Husarok, Austrian premier, in presenting his cabinet to the upper house of the Austrian parliament, according to Vienna advices. He added, however, to the despatch, that so far as the Central Powers are concerned, the war is a defensive one.

"So long as our opponents take the standpoint of conceded dictation," he continued, "there is nothing for us to do but to continue the war and carry it on so vigorously that it will be shortened."

"In war, as in peace, Austria will not stand alone," he added. "Our alliance with Germany is a real affair of the heart and will deepen under the influence of peace."

"There is nothing menacing in this alliance, the warlike contents of which were forced upon the Central Powers by their opponents and will cease as soon as they extend the hand of peace."

NEW BRUNSWICK FORESTERS NOW AT FARNHAM, ENGLAND

English Newspaper Man Visits the Camp Under the Guidance of Major Lionel Hanington and Lieut. J. Stanley Scott—The Major Described As a Man of Highly Artistic Temperament—Nice Snug Quarters in the Beautiful English Woods.

An English paper contains the following account of the operations of the New Brunswick Forestry Corps now located at Farnham, Eng. which possesses a special interest for Westmorland and Moncton City people: There will be many people who will express surprised surprise when we say that the visit of the Canadian Forestry Corps to this district is a fortunate happening, for there will be many persons who will disagree very emphatically with us, yet that is the point which stands out most prominently in the mind of a "Herald" representative, who on Monday afternoon spent a most pleasant and interesting time in visiting the camp and saw Major C. L. Hanington and Lieut. J. Stanley Scott. He writes: Farnham people have always gloried in their pine woods, and indeed we have had reason to do so, for we have in our country a more beautiful few finer in the country. We have looked upon them as one of the features of our countryside which would remain a permanent possession, in the course of building operations which in pre-war days seemed to be ever encroaching upon the solitudes of the forest. But now, it was when that the authorities went forth that the pines of Crooksbury and Black Lake were to be sacrificed to the war demon we were filled with dismay. Our hillsides, stripped as a field over which a flight of locusts had passed. As to the compensation, it was a word which I will say a word shortly. For the moment I will try to show why their coming will be of immense benefit to West Surrey.

A Startling Suggestion.
It was at the very outset of my visit that Major Hanington startled me by saying in reply to something I said as to their visit being dreaded by residents: "Yes, I know; but if we hadn't come in to prevent them, they would have done it long ago. The government did something at once there will not be a pine tree left in the district. I will show you why. He took me to a tree which was marked with long incised marks in one place lay a tiny worm; in another place a tiny beetle was seen. "That," said the Major, "is the pine beetle. He first infests the dead trees of the forest, and in time he kills, and hundreds of such trees are infested. So that even if we had not come to fell the trees, in a few years time there would have been none left." Again the loss by the felling is not so great as at first sight appears, because the majority of the trees have reached full maturity and many are already dead at the heart, and in a few years would have blown down. It is only necessary to look at some of the trunks lying by the saw pits to see the extent of the loss. It is surprising that it should be so when one learns that some of the trees are 170 years old and that the average age is 90. The timber obtained from them is equal to anything that was imported in pre-war days, and so West Surrey's contribution to the war is a very real and satisfactory one.

A Delightful Residence.
Much of what I have written I learned whilst chatting with Major Hanington in his quarters—the most comfortable quarters ever occupied by an officer on war service. The long low building, with the deep porch and the ferns on either side can be seen from any distance, and it is a most pleasing attention by its picturesque appearance. But the outside view gives an impression of the restful nature of the hut is occupied by sitting room, paneled, as indeed are all the rooms, with the rough outward slabs of stone. Doors, window frames, and all the fittings are of dark wood, which even the handle of the door being a portion of a branch cunningly attached to a latch. The wide, open hearth fireplace ever attracts attention. The right touch of color to the room. From the sitting room the dining room is approached by a wide open portal, the beams over which consist of a curious pine trunk, which, having grown some length divided and after growing separately for some distance, joined up again into a single stem. The bedroom, an equally delightful apartment is at the other end of the building. The kitchen accommodation is admirable and the whole makes a residence of the greatest charm. When I say that apart from the brick-work the whole building was erected from waste wood, it affords a wonderful example of what may be done in the way of cheap housing in rural districts.

nothing that could be saved great care has been taken not to destroy the undergrowth and the bushes. In the felling of the trees and the erection of the camp, we have been very careful that no hard wood trees should be injured. In the course of the operations under an arrangement arrived at between the Timber Control and the local authorities, certain points are to be thinned out rather than sacrificed, and these points include a fringe round Black Lake, a strip along both sides of the Tilford Road, the top of Crooksbury and Red Hill, unless (and this must be borne in mind in the future) and until the remaining timber is urgently required. The men are accommodated in what are known as Army strong huts each of which accommodates 12 men, and which are manufactured by the Canadian Forestry Corps. We have laid the camp out in as picturesque a manner as possible and the men take their meals in a dining room, which will seat 120 men, to which is attached the kitchen. There is a modern bathroom, with shower baths, each with hot and cold water taps. The recreation hut is in course of construction and will be used by the Y. M. C. A. for services and entertainments. It will be fitted with billiard, reading and card rooms, a kitchen, a refreshment counter, and a stage. A canteen is also to be erected, and this will be under the control of the Navy and Army Canteen Board. All these buildings will be constructed out of waste wood, and the remainder of the waste is sent to certain work for munition purposes.

A walk round the Black Lake Camp bore out all that had been said as to its picturesque, while everywhere there were signs of the desire of the men to do all that they could for the comfort and convenience of the men, knowing as they do that to get the best work the men must be well looked after. The huts are airy and well arranged, whilst the kitchen is arranged on most modern lines. Very interesting is the arrangement by which the sink water runs into filtering compartments, in which the fats are collected and sold later for munitions, the profits being used to provide comforts for the men. The sanitary arrangements are excellent, and the stables would bring joy to the heart of any "horsey" man, so clean and fresh and sweet are they. One of the framework of the recreation hut is at present up, but it is hoped to open it about the middle of June. Major Hanington is a great believer in the Y. M. C. A. and paid very warm tribute to the work done by that great organization. Time did not permit of a visit to the farm, but Major Hanington told me that by the courtesy of Major Rupert D. Anderson, D. L. of Waverley Abbey, and Mrs. Somers of Moor Park, they had been able to plant ground sufficient to make the camp self-sustaining so far as vegetables were concerned. I had seen ploughing operations going on at the top of Crooksbury, and expressed doubts as to whether such land would pay for cultivation. The Major's reply was emphatic: "You should see my five acres of potatoes."

As an example of work expeditiously performed, a visit to one of the saw mills—that on Crooksbury for preference—became there one can see the complete operation of felling and sawing in operation at the same time—is an inspiration. With a two-handed saw a cut is made at the base of a tree. A notch is cut with the axe, the saw is laid to the other side of the tree, and in a few minutes the tall pine sways lightly, and comes crashing down. It is cut into lengths, which are dragged down the hillside by a pair of horses, taken to the saw mill and in another five minutes is cut into planks and ready for transportation direct to France, to which all the timber is sent. One is amazed at the ease with which the great logs are handled, and the celerity with which the work is performed. The base of Crooksbury is already cleared, and one must admit that here, where there are no other trees and no undergrowth the scene is one of some desolation. The cutting here is nearing completion, and then the mill will be transferred to the glade just above Stella Cottage, and the lower slopes of the hill will be cleared.

(Major L. Hanington and Lieut. J. Stanley Scott, mentioned in the foregoing article are New Brunswick boys. Major Hanington is a son of the late St. John. He is a nephew of T. B. Hanington, St. John. Lieut. Scott is a son of Mr. James M. Scott of Fredericton city and grandson of ex-Warden Scott of York County, N. B.)

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The music furnished by the choir under the direction of the organist, Miss J. Babineau was worthy of high praise. The church and grounds were beautifully decorated. After the procession the veneration of the relic of

the Holy Child was made. The feast of Ste. Anne is one of the most popular in the diocese, and is celebrated with great solemnity and devotion.

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