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## ONE OF WAR'S GREATEST BATTLES NOW RAGING

### SPIRIT OF THE ALLIED NATIONS AT ITS HEIGHT, SAYS PREMIER

Sir Robert Borden Arrives Home From Overseas.

FIGHT TO A FINISH  
Savagery of Germany's Purpose Is Now Vividly Realized.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 23.—Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, arrived here today after an extended trip abroad, during which he attended the Imperial war conference and visited the battlefront. The premier was in excellent health and enjoyed an uneventful voyage. Included in his party were General the Hon. S. C. Meuburn, minister of militia and defence, Canada, and Col. the Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of naval service for Canada. They were met here by Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways.

Sir Robert gave the following statement to the press on his arrival:

"I was on the other side of the Atlantic just ten weeks, and I return with the conviction that never was the spirit of the Allied nations more steadfast or more resolute than at present. The greater portion of my time was spent in England, where I arrived just after the Germans had conducted a successful offensive, first against the British and then against the French, during the spring. The effect of that success has been completely dissipated by the recent defeat of the Austrians in Italy, and of the Germans in France. Since I left Ottawa on the 24th of May about one million troops have been sent to the front. I have seen many thousands of them on board ship and in the camps that I visited. It is impossible to overestimate the increased confidence with which the arrival of these mighty armies has inspired the Allied nations. Europe is impressed by their splendid physique, their resourcefulness and adaptability, the rapidity with which they have acquired the necessary training and, finally, the magnificent spirit which they have displayed in every battle in which they have been tested. It is beyond question that the victories of the past few weeks would not have been possible except for the American divisions which have taken their place in the battle line.

"There is most effective and harmonious co-operation between the armies of the United States and the British and French. From Sir David Beatty, as well as from Admiral Sims and Admiral Rodman, I know that this is equally true of the British and American navies.

"The Canadian army welcome the opportunity to fight side by side with their kinsmen of this commonwealth. The citizen soldiers of both countries are essentially of the same type, and the Germans have already found them equally formidable. During the German offensive in the early spring months, the Canadian divisions were comparatively idle, but during recent weeks they have won as conspicuous a victory as ever fell to their lot since the outbreak of the war. Driving forward on a considerable front, they hurled back the Germans fourteen miles and captured nearly 15,000 prisoners and more than 150 cannons. Their casualties numbered considerably less than their own losses, and they hold all the ground which they captured.

"The men from both countries have learned to realize from themselves the savagery of Germany's purpose and method. They are determined that this war shall be fought to a finish and that there shall be no repetition of its horrors. The devil by whom German militarists are possessed must be cast out; the spell which they have bound the German people must be broken. Until then Germany cannot become regenerate. It may be a hard lesson, but the German people must learn it.

"Mastery of the Air.

"As the mastery of the air passes more and more completely to the Allies, the German people will more and more realize, through war carried to their own territories, the martyrdom to which they are subjected. They will learn that it may be a hard lesson, but they cannot be saved from themselves unless they are compelled to learn it. It is equally the duty of the Allied nations to spare Germany of her madness by unsparring use of pressure until she has given convincing evidence of her sanity and a clean spirit. Let no selfish purpose or divergence of interest impede united action to this end. An assassin state must be barred from the society of decent commonwealths until they are convinced of its sincere repentance."

### AUSTRIANS ATTEMPT LIVES OF OFFICERS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—An official dispatch from Switzerland today says that attempts against the lives of officers are increasing in Austria. It is reported that several commanders of Austrian corps have advised officers in the rear to have themselves with them when they go forward.

### SUES FOR DIVORCE

Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 23.—Mrs. K. L. Livingstone Mellen of Stockbridge today filed suit here for a divorce from Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. Cruel and abusive treatment and attempts to damage her character were charged.

### SCENES AT GREAT PICNIC FOR WESTERN ONTARIO VETERANS



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### LESSARD BELIEVES SUB COMMANDERS ARE ONLY BLUFFING

Inspector-General of Opinion Huns Are Getting Little Information.

St. John, N.B., Aug. 23.—"I do not believe that the German undersea boats operating along the Atlantic coast are securing any appreciable amount of information as to conditions in the Maritime Provinces," said Major-Gen. Lessard, acting officer commanding Military Department No. 5, and Inspector-General for Eastern Canada, who arrived in the city last night.

"The majority of the U-boat commanders are men who were formerly employed in shipping activities on this coast prior to the war," he continued, "and this is one of the reasons why they impress our seamen with the idea that they are well informed of activities, military and naval, in Canada."

Major-Gen. Lessard came to St. John in order to meet Prince Arthur of Connaught, due to arrive here on Friday, and escort him to Halifax, said that the British and United States navies, combined now, had a most effective flotilla of submarine chasers at Halifax, and they were working in all their power to reduce the submarine menace here. He expressed the opinion that the German submarines in these waters had little inclination to attack our transports, and it was only the successful and unexpected merchantmen and fishing vessels they challenged to the unequal battle.

### FRENCH AIRMEN'S PART RESULTED IN CAPTURE OF TOWNS

Paris, Aug. 23.—The work of the French aerial forces in the fighting south of the Oise is praised by the newspapers. The Petit Parisien says that the capture of the towns of Bailly and Carlepont was due in great part to the work of airmen, who destroyed numerous convoys on the Noyon-Compiègne road and spread confusion in the enemy ranks. The tanks opened the way for the offensive, it is declared, and the bombing airplanes hurried the enemy's retreat.

### BIG PLANE CARRIES NINE PASSENGERS

London, Aug. 23.—A big British airplane carrying its crew and nine passengers, made the trip from France to England, it is announced here. The whole journey from an airfield in the interior of France to one in the interior of England occupied but little over half an hour.

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### DISASTER TO HUNS WOULD FOLLOW THE FALL OF BAPAUME

German Retirement Around Noyon Result of Allied Successes.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The Allies are reaping the fruits of the victories of July 18 and August 8, in the present critical situation in which the German command finds itself.

The German retirement around Noyon, it is held here, is the logical consequence of those victories. The French and British are pressing the enemy so close that he is obliged to throw in his best troops to save himself from disaster. In the north and in the south the Allies are dashing upon the Germans and snapping up prisoners and booty, sometimes getting into the main enemy defence positions.

Gen. Mangin's pressure between August 18 and 20 resulted in the capture of more than 10,000 prisoners, and on the 22nd forced the enemy beyond the Ailette. The army of Gen. von Eben is in such a predicament it is believed that he is bound to make a formidable counter-attack to halt Gen. Mangin or be obliged to withdraw from the Ailette and Yser to the Chemin-des-Dames.

If the enemy does not counter-attack, the British third army has pushed the Germans so dangerously near Bapaume that the German command has found it necessary to counter-attack in force. The loss of Bapaume, the present circumstances would amount to a disaster, according to opinion here.

The front from Lassigny to the Somme remains stationary. The expected fall of Roye has not yet occurred.

### BOATS WILL NOT BE UTILIZED FOR TRADE CONQUESTS

German Propaganda in Circulation in U. S. Is Nailed.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—German propaganda designed to create dissension among the Allies with stories that the United States will use its enormous fleet of transports and food ships for trade conquests after the war, was the subject of a statement today by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board.

He said every nation lined up against autocracy can be depended upon to detect the source of these suggestions and discount them.

"In building her merchant fleet, America plans first of all to win the war, and after that to overcome her own neglect to provide ocean transportation for her own trade," said Mr. Hurley. "To this end the people of the United States are preparing to develop transportation for their own trade routes, without disturbing the rights of other nations. It is unthinkable that a nation fighting shoulder to shoulder with other democracies should turn its resources after the war against them for trade conquests, the nature of which were largely instrumental in causing the war."

### WAGES OF WOMEN MUNITION WORKERS TO BE INCREASED

London, Aug. 23.—The ministry of munitions has ordered that the wages of women munition workers be increased five shillings weekly after September 1. Girls under 18 in munition plants will receive an increase of half a crown.

### MANGIN'S ARMY TOOK 5,000 PRISONERS IN TWO DAYS OF FIGHTING

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## HAIG TAKES HUNS, GUNS AND TOWNS SOUTH OF SOMME IN TODAY'S DRIVE

British Troops Capture Ciegnoles, Herleville, Boyelles, Boiry-Becquerelle and Other Places in Big Attack On Wide Front.

### "GIVE EVERY SOLDIER GOING INTO BATTLE A COPY OF THE BIBLE"

New York, Aug. 23.—"The Bible is certainly the best preparation that you can give to an American soldier going into battle to sustain his magnificent ideal and faith," writes Marshal Poch in a letter to the American Bible Society, in appreciation of nearly 250,000 copies of the Scriptures distributed among soldiers abroad.

### OUT TO ANNIHILATE FISHING FLEET OFF THE EASTERN COAST

Commander of the Sub Made Statement to Triumph's Captain.

Portland, Me., Aug. 23.—A boat that the American cruiser San Diego was torpedoed and not mined was made by the commander of the submarine which captured the steam trawler Triumph and used her as a raider on the fishing banks this week, according to word received here from Capt. Myhre of the Triumph today.

The German officer also assured that he sank the tank steamer O. B. Jennings, and that the captain of the Jennings was a prisoner on the submarine while Capt. Myhre was on board.

A number of Boston, New York and Portland papers were taken from the Triumph, and the commander said he had been much amused in reading reports of how many times his vessel had been rammed and sunk by steamers arriving at American ports.

The commander said he had been out three months and intended to remain two months longer in order to annihilate the fishing fleet on the banks.

### STRUGGLE WITH TRUTH TOO MUCH FOR HUN PRESS

German Newspapers Now Admit the American Army Figures Correct.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—At last the German press has given up struggling against the truth. In a short notice, which appears in virtually all the papers, the identical nature of which suggests official inspiration, the reluctant admission is made that Secretary Baker's figures regarding the strength of the American forces in France are about correct. One or two papers add the lame explanation that their former figures were based on the position prior to May, and that the really big shipments of men from America began since then.

### HAIG ELIMINATES BIG BEND IN LINE WHEN HE OPENS ATTACK

With the British Armies in France, Aug. 23.—British troops this morning are reported to have captured Ciegnoles and Herleville, south of the Somme River. More than a thousand prisoners were taken in this operation, which eliminated the bend in the line.

Field Marshal Haig's forces also are reported to have taken Boyelles and Boiry-Becquerelle and to be still pushing forward. They are piling up prisoners and guns.

The British have reached Gommecourt, which is considered to be the chief point of the German defence positions. South of Gommecourt the British this morning were attacking and pushing forward all along the line.

A battle has developed which seems to be one of the greatest of the war.

### BATTLE IS NOW RAGING ON A 25-MILE FRONT SOUTH OF ARRAS

London, Aug. 23.—A battle is being fought on the lines between Lihons, south of the Somme, to the Cojeul River, south of Arras, a front of more than twenty-five miles, according to the official statement issued at the war office today.

The British troops are making progress at a number of points, Continued on Page Three

THE WEATHER  
TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.  
Toronto, Aug. 23—8 a.m.  
Forecasts.  
Today—Moderate, fresh west winds; partly fair and decidedly warm, with showers and thunderstorms in many localities.  
Saturday—Fair and not quite so warm.  
Temperatures.  
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:  
City of Toronto..... 68..... 58..... Fair  
Calgary..... 62..... 50..... Fair  
Winnipeg..... 70..... 50..... Fair  
Port Arthur..... 64..... 50..... Fair  
Kingston..... 78..... 64..... Cloudy  
Buffalo..... 80..... 60..... Clear  
Toronto..... 86..... 66..... Fair  
Ottawa..... 78..... 64..... Fair  
Ottawa..... 82..... 66..... Cloudy  
Ottawa..... 78..... 64..... Fair  
Quebec..... 80..... 62..... Cloudy  
Father Point..... 70..... 54..... Cloudy

Showers have occurred more or less locally in the Western Provinces and generally in the Lake Superior district, but on the whole the weather in Canada has been very fine.