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FRENCH TAKE RIBECOURT AUSTRALIANS CLEAR CATEAUX

British Drive Germans Back Near Parvillers, and Southern Pillar of Enemy Defence is Threatened--Germans on Thiescourt Plateau Have Retreat Cut Off--Australians Gain Control of North Bank of the Somme by Capturing Outskirts of Bray.

FRENCH CAPTURE RIBECOURT AUSTRALIANS CLEAR CATEAUX

Germans Evacuate Forward Positions in Region North of Albert.

BRITISH PATROLS GAIN

Local Fighting Has Taken Place in Neighborhood of Parvillers.

All Hostile Positions Between Bray and Etinehem Fall Into Hands of Australians.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 14.—All hostile positions between the western outskirts of Bray and Etinehem have fallen into the hands of the Australians, thus placing the Somme River banks southwest of Bray under the control of the British. The Australians also have cleared the enemy from Cateaux Wood.

French Take Ribecourt, on the Road Leading to Noyon.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Preparations for Counter-Attack by Germans Were Soon Discovered.

TWELVE AIRPLANES DOWNED BY FRENCH

Many Stations in German Lines Made Targets for Bombs.

Paris, Aug. 14.—An official statement says:

"Aviation: Our crews have downed or put out of action twelve German machines. On the night of August 13-14 our bombing machines dropped 32 tons of projectiles on enemy objectives, Tergnier, St. Quentin, Ham and Noyon; on bivouacs in the region of Oulches and the railway junction at Maison Bleue, Guignicourt and Chatelet-sur-Ourne were copiously bombed. Violent fires broke out at Ham and Noyon. Impressed by their share fifteen tons of explosives."

FRENCH FOIL ATTACK BY ENEMY IN ALBANIA

Heavy Fighting Ends in Austrian Discomfiture at Bereporecani.

Paris, Aug. 14.—A French official communication says:

"Army of the East: There has been moderate artillery activity along the Struma and Vardar Rivers. It was more active in the Cerna bend and north of Monastir. The enemy attacked, after bombardments lasting several hours, the positions in the region of Bereporecani. He was repulsed completely by our fire and our frontal attack."

BRIG-GEN MORRISON MADE MAJOR-GENERAL

Major B. H. Armstrong Becomes Colonel in Flying Corps.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Aug. 13.—Brigadier E. W. Morrison of the artillery is gazetted major-general. Major B. H. Armstrong, Royal Engineers, a graduate of King'ston, becomes a colonel of the Flying Corps. F. C. Kent, Saskatchewan, is commissioned flying officer. Lieut. E. A. Wilson of British Columbia is gazetted major. Lieut. G. S. Carstairs, Western Ontario; E. E. Thompson, British Columbia; D. G. Clarke, British Columbia, are transferred to the Indian army.

AMERICAN AVIATORS IN IMPORTANT RAIDS

Attacks Proceed Against German Railway at Three Points.

Washington, Aug. 14.—American aviators have conducted successful raids on the railroad yards at Constance, Longuyon, Demmary-Barcity, and Pershing reported on the number of the intensive advertisement which was made public tonight by the war department. The text of the statement follows:

"Section A: Aside from the intermittent artillery activity there is nothing to report from sectors occupied by our troops."

FARMER GETS \$200,000 FOR NEW TYPE TRACTOR

Windsor, Aug. 14.—A farm tractor which is declared to be more easily handled than a team of horses, and which under a crucial test yesterday performed some really remarkable feats, has been sold by its inventor, Leo McCloskey, of Maidstone Township, to a Detroit firm at a price said to be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The deal was closed after experts had seen the tractor operated for an hour on the McCloskey farm, Tuesday.

Flying Captain is Killed On Cincinnati Golf Grounds

Cincinnati, Aug. 14.—Coming to Cincinnati to participate in the flying circuit just previous to the start on a 3,000-mile air cruise to western points, Captain James Norris, British Royal Flying Corps, was instantly killed late this afternoon. The captain had just left the ground at West Hill Golf Club for Cincinnati when his engine died and the plane took a nose dive, crushing Norris beneath it.

IMPORTANT GROUND IS LOST BY GERMANS ON THE SOMME

British Gain Five Mile Front North of Albert and French Beat Enemy North of the Oise River.

North and south of the Somme the Germans have lost further important ground. In the former region they have evacuated their positions over a five-mile front to the British north of Albert, while in the latter they have been beaten back in the hill and wooded district just north of the Oise River by the French.

HAIG IS CONGRATULATED Lloyd George Sends Felicitations to the British Commander and His Gallant Troops

London, Aug. 14.—Premier David Lloyd George has, in the name of the British nation, sent his felicitations to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander in the fighting in Picardy. The premier's message reads:

"The imperial war cabinet wishes to convey to you and the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of your command warmest congratulations on the triumph achieved by the allied armies in the third battle of the Somme. The British Empire sends heartfelt thanks to you and your most gallant troops."

CONTINUOUS ATTACK ON SOMME BRIDGES

British Air Service Uses Fifty-Eight Tons of Explosives in Work.

London, Aug. 14.—Twenty-one German airplanes were brought down and ten driven out of control yesterday, according to an official statement issued tonight on aviation operations. Six British machines are missing as a result of the aerial encounters. British and American squadrons co-operated in an attack on an enemy airfield and destroyed six machines parked near the hangars.

NEW WING IN PARK TO HOUSE OFFICIALS

Million Dollar Addition to Parliament Buildings Necessary to Relieve Overcrowding.

An additional wing to the parliament buildings up in Queen's Park, at a cost of about \$1,000,000, is the latest proposal to meet the congested state of affairs among the various government departments. At present the building is overcrowded and clerical help has had to be accommodated in corridors and committee rooms. To relieve the situation temporary quarters have been secured in different places but the fact that departments are thus separated causes inconvenience in the transaction of public business. One central place for all government business is the desire, hence the proposed new addition.

VICTORY LOAN PRIZE WON BY LONDON MAN

Second Prize Goes to Orna K. Smith of Toronto, With Ottawa Artist is Third.

The award of the judges in respect of the poster competition instituted by the Dominion publicity committee of the Victory Loan organization is announced from Ottawa as follows:

First prize—\$1000 Victory bond, Frank Nicole, London, Ont.

Extend Terulay Street

One of the aldermen said yesterday that Terulay street ought to be extended across College up to Grenville, which would relieve the congestion at Yonge and College. The property for the new street was bought and paid for years ago. Some day he hoped to see the Avenue road cars come down by Terulay and make a shorter cut to the new union station.

LOSSES IN SHIPPING ABOUT CUT IN TWO

Allied Construction in Past Three Months Doubles Amount Destroyed.

Paris, Aug. 14.—The allied and neutral shipping sunk by enemy submarines during July amounted to 270,000 tons, compared with 524,839 tons sunk in July, 1917. This radical decrease in losses is doubly significant when the increase in merchant marine navigation resulting from the American shipbuilding effort is considered. The enemy's nations constructed during July a tonnage in excess of 280,000 tons that destroyed during the month by enemy operations.

TWO TORONTO MEN DROWNED IN MUSKOKA

Alfred G. Clark and Roland Dies Loss Lives While Spending Their Holidays.

Two young Toronto men, Alfred G. Clark, aged 19, of 113 Bellefair avenue, and Roland Dies, aged 16, whose home is at 1544 West King street, were the victims of a drowning accident at Muskoka Tuesday afternoon.

MEXICANS REJECT BRITISH PROTEST

New Tax on Oil Wells Causes Tension With Anglo-Americans.

Washington, Aug. 14.—So far from mitigating the severity of the original decree of Feb. 27 last, imposing new taxes and restrictions upon the foreign owners and operators of oil properties in Mexico, in the opinion of officials here, the note of the Mexican Government to the British protest against that decree, has only added to its obnoxious nature. Although Secretary Lansing's note is directed to the British Government, it is said that its substance is of equal application to the American oil interest.

BEGIANS TAKE POST NORTH OF DIXMUDE

Germans Made Prisoner in Region of Weidenreft.

Paris, Aug. 14.—A Belgian official communication says: "On the night of Aug. 12-13, one of our patrols captured a German post north of Dixmude. Prisoners were brought in. Other Germans were captured in the region of Weidenreft."

Germany Asks for Twenty; Gets Two Austrian Divisions

Geneva, Aug. 14.—Twenty divisions of troops were demanded of Germany's allies by Gen. Ludendorff during the retreat from the Marne, according to The Democrat, which received the news from German sources. Austria-Hungary refused, but after General Ludendorff had made threats, Vienna sent two divisions to the western front.

STAR GERMAN AIRMAN CAPTURED BY BRITISH

Lieut. Dilik Forced to Land in Numerous Aerial Fights by Night.

London, Aug. 14.—Reuter's correspondent at British army headquarters cables that this evening the Germans on both sides continue to exploit the ghoulish weather to the fullest degree. There are numerous aerial combats besides constant harrying tactics employed by us. Our mastery of the air is so complete that it is difficult for the Hun to cross our lines in daylight.

MONTREAL CLEANS UP MANY DENS OF VICE

Montreal, Aug. 14.—The first official report of the work of the new regime at cleaning up this city was handed into Joseph Tremblay, director of public safety, by Deputy Police Chief Grandchamps tonight. In it is stated that during the month of July, the first month in which the new administration got to work, the police handled 2668 cases, an increase over July, 1917, of 16 per cent.

Borden Opens Exhibition Of Hospital War Specimens

London, Aug. 14.—Premier Borden, in opening today the exhibition of war specimens collected by the Canadian Army Medical Corps, remarked that the British and French hospitals were keeping the most careful record of war cases. He was assured that these would be of the greatest service in future to medical science. It was, he added, gratifying to know that the Canadian medical officers, backed by the Canadian Government, were assisting in this work.

LIEUT. MAXWELL WOUNDED. Officer Well-Known in Toronto and Cobourg is Seriously Hurt.

A cable was received in Toronto yesterday that Lieut. Elliot Maxwell of the Canadian Artillery had been seriously wounded in the thigh by gunshot. He is well-known here and in Cobourg.

Scuffle the Fodder Corn.

An old farmer, asked about a short crop of fodder corn for the silos of Ontario, said: "If you corn seed falls in places and the stalks are far apart, then scuffle your corn. Every time you tickle the ground the plants will grow a little in the next two days. That's the way to make a thin crop a fat one."

LAURIER AT THREE RIVERS.

Montreal, Aug. 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived here tonight from Ottawa and will leave by automobile tomorrow evening for Three Rivers, accompanied by Hon. Sydney Fisher and Hon. Jacques Bureau, to take part in the demonstration of welcome to Hon. Dr. Beland, whom they will meet at Louiseville and take on to Three Rivers.

SOON TO WIN TRIANGLE. French Methodical Pressure Warrants This Hope.

Paris, Aug. 14.—"Our methodical pressure warrants the hope that the whole triangle formed by Lassigny, Ribecourt and Noyon soon will be occupied," an official statement declared this afternoon.

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