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RAPID PROGRESS BY THE AMERICANS IN DRIVE

Eight Mile Gain on South Side; Are Far Beyond Old Line—So Far 9,500 Prisoners and Sixty Guns Captured

London, Sept. 12.—(By the Associated Press, 1.30 p. m.)—General Pershing's forces in their attack on the southern side of the St. Mihiel salient have advanced for a distance of eight miles. The assault was made on a front of fourteen miles.

The Americans this morning were making rapid progress in the continuation of their drive.

German prisoners say the American attack was expected, but that it was delivered so rapidly that they had no time to put up a stubborn resistance when they were ordered to Panzer, which was energetically defended by the Germans, was easily captured by the Americans.

The Americans are reported to have captured Vigneulle, seven and a half miles north of Xivray, through which the former line ran.

General Pershing's troops also are said to have captured Bency, Haidcourt and the Bois de Thilcourt.

If these places really have been captured the neck of the St. Mihiel salient line has been narrowed to less than six miles, and if the two German divisions reported last night to be in the salient still are there, it is decidedly improbable that they will be able to get away.

General Pershing's troops so far have taken sixty German guns.

The Germans are blowing up the ammunition dumps at Hattoville and Dombour.

On the west side of the St. Mihiel salient, where the country is much more difficult and where the German resistance has been more determined, the Americans have made an advance of three miles on a twelve mile front.

Washington, Sept. 12.—American troops operating in the St. Mihiel sector made considerable gains yesterday said General Pershing in his communique to the war department late last night. Already 8,000 prisoners have been counted, and the movement still is in progress.

FIRST STROKE BY AMERICANS AS INDEPENDENT ARMY

London, Sept. 12.—The assault on the St. Mihiel salient dominates the news columns of the newspapers today, which feature it with the biggest head lines. The opening blow in Marshal Foch's great offensive scheme claims attention in any case, but this one has a special attraction as the first stroke of the independent American army under direct American command, and as such is American in character.

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LOYD GEORGE BETTER THIS MORNING BUT ENGAGEMENTS FOR DAY ARE CANCELLED

Manchester, Eng., Sept. 12.—Premier David Lloyd George, who became ill last night, was reported this morning to be getting better. All the engagements made for him today in his tour of Lancashire, however, have been cancelled.

Last night's announcement stated that the premier was suffering from a chill and had a high temperature.

ANOTHER GERMAN SPEECH FOR PEACE

Amsterdam, Sept. 12.—The postponement of peace prospects and the likelihood of a fifth winter of war weigh equally on all belligerents and not on Germany alone in the opinion of Friedrich Von Payer, imperial vice-chancellor of Germany, in a speech at Stuttgart.

"Our state debts," the vice-chancellor said, "are everywhere reaching fantastic heights and everywhere we struggle against the encroachments on our personal liberties. All the belligerents of Europe must admit, if they are not blind, that the longer the European peoples persecute each other the more certainly will the historical and paramount position of weakened and impoverished Europe be lost in favor of cleverer and more calculating peoples."

Herz Von Payer said that for four years the middle of the line has been almost entirely on enemy territory. He admitted that the submarine war had not worked so quickly and surely as had been hoped. The enemy, he said, was still unable to compensate their losses by new construction and declared that the robbery of neutral ships almost without parallel by the Entente could not be repeated.

"The more troops the United States sends," he said, "the greater will be the need of shipping for reinforcements of munitions and provisions. The killing up of the enemy army by Americans therefore bears in itself its limitations."

He argued that the loss of shipping would become fatal to Great Britain after the war because it would lose its shipping superiority to the United States and "the hope of compensating themselves from the German fleet, which still has to be conquered, will surely be adequate comfort only for the very imaginative Britainers."

SEVENTY-EIGHT MILE CORDON OF ALLIED SHIPS WAITING FOR HUN

American Congressman Says There Will Be Slaughter for Germans if Fleet Ventures Into North Sea

New York, Sept. 12.—Confident prediction that a naval battle between the German sea forces and the Allied fleets would result in "a marine slaughter" for the Teutons was made by Representative Daniel Roraback upon his return to New York yesterday after an inspection of American naval activities abroad.

"The protection that is being afforded merchant vessels and transports is improving by the hour," he asserted. "The U-boat was a peril. Now it is simply an annoyance. Very soon it will be obsolescent."

"We were pretty anxious to get some idea of the reception that has been prepared for the German navy should it happen to come out. We saw the armor plated reception committee from the deck of a destroyer and it was a sight that will live in my memory forever."

"Stretched about the point where the German fleet must emerge was a seventy-eight mile cordon of Allied warships—British, French, Italian and American—their men on their toes, steam up and guns ready. It took us seven hours to pass this huge flotilla. For us it was the most magnificent spectacle in the world. The crews that man these vessels are waiting, hoping, longing for the light that I do not think they ever will see."

CHIEF SAYS HE HAS 3 MEN FOR TODAY

Twenty-eight Policemen Dismissed—Delegation Presents Case Before Commissioners

Chief of Police Simpson, speaking this morning of the police situation, said that although he had only twenty-one members of his force left last night, yet all the beats in the city were covered. The twenty-eight policemen who were dismissed and did police duty during the night. The chief said that he so far has had offers from citizens to assist in police duty if their services were required. By this evening he said that he expected to have three of the vacancies filled. Special policemen were being sworn in and he expected by tonight that every beat would be patrolled as usual.

Before Council Commissioners the case of the dismissed policemen was laid before a committee of the council at a special meeting at 10 o'clock today in city hall by Messrs. Kemp and Sargent of the Trades and Labor Council and J. A. Barry, their solicitor. Three of the former members of the force were present, but took no part in the discussion. As the mayor is out of the city and Commissioner McLaughlin was not present, the committee did not make a quorum and it was explained, could take no action. Consideration of the case of the dismissed policemen will be taken up by the council after consultation with the city solicitor. It was suggested that the dismissed policemen might be called for Saturday morning.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been reported as follows:

St. John County

A. J. Armstrong et al to St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., property in St. John.

Andrew Blair to W. E. A. Lawton, property in Orange street.

W. E. A. Lawton to E. A. Lawton, property in Orange street.

A. C. Blair to W. E. A. Lawton, property in Orange street.

W. H. Bradshaw to J. H. Bradshaw, property in Vaughan Creek road.

Isaac Gaudin to Robert T. H. Jones, property in Kingston.

W. W. W. Carmichael, property in Kingston.

Edith E. Waddell to James Marshall, property in Kingston.

IS RECORDING

It is good news that William McLeod of 55 King street, West End, is recovering after his very severe injuries sustained in the Grant & Home shipyard, when a piece of timber fractured his skull. The accident occurred some weeks ago. Dr. P. H. Neve, who is attending him, said today that he was improving and now was practically out of danger.

GIANTS VS. COULTRAYS

Weather permitting the Giants are to work out on the West Side diamond this evening in preparation for their double-header against the Coultrays tomorrow afternoon and evening. A magnificent silver trophy which is to become the property of the champions is on exhibition in W. Thorne's window and will later be displayed in West St. John.

HOME FOR BURIAL

The body of Capt. James Clarke, who passed away in Sydney, N. S., will be brought here on the 5.30 p. m. train today and will be taken to his late residence, Cliff street. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

DEATH OF CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamley of 289 Chesley street, will have the sympathy of friends in the death of their little daughter, Annie Marie, aged two months.



Germans Evidently Giving Up Lille

London, Sept. 12.—Numerous fugitives from the city of Lille are reported by Belgian newspapers to be arriving at Malines and Antwerp, according to a despatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency. Apparently Lille is being evacuated by the Germans.

R. THOMAS AND K.S. BANGAY HAVE GIVEN LIVES

Further News of Casualties Reaches St. John Relatives of Soldiers

Mrs. R. Thomas of 15 Drury Lane received word from the director of records, Ottawa, informing her that a cablegram had been received from England stating that R. Thomas, who was previously reported dead of wounds, is now officially reported killed in action on June 26. Mrs. Thomas received word of her husband's death about July 1. He was a member of the original members of the N. B. battalion and was both wounded and gassed while fighting in his ranks. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas of South Wales, Eng., and was twenty-five years of age.

Mrs. Archie Horton of 51 Hilyard street received a letter this morning informing her that her son-in-law, Pte. Kenneth S. Bangay of Lockport, N. S., was killed in action on August 8. He enlisted with the Nova Scotia Highlanders last year and crossed to France in November. He leaves a wife and five small children.

Ottawa List

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—Casualties:

Infantry

Wounded.

E. J. Jefferson, Round Hill, N. S.; H. Richardson, Indian Harbor, N. S.; H. Le Bru, address not stated; P. O. Schmitt, P. E. I.; J. C. Connor, Kings, N. B.; D. A. McDonald, Bridgeport, N. S.; W. H. Jollimore, Halifax; T. J. Evans, address not stated; E. H. MacDonald, Pinder, N. B.; J. W. Harcourt, Dalhousie; H. Furlott, Jacques River; H. Ross, address not stated; R. Mitchell, Dartmouth; J. A. McNeil, Grand Narrows, N. S.; D. D. McCrae, Truro; P. Dugay, Pigeon Hill, N. B.; J. H. Powers, St. John; P. Ledger, Moncton.

J. P. Delisle, Deschambault, Que.; G. Clayton Clarke, Cornhill, N. B.; G. W. Cousins, Sydney, N. S.; C. G. Connor, Bass River, N. B.; J. Allain, St. Louis, P. E. I.; J. Jeffrey, Halifax; H. Murphy, Westville; H. Muise, East Quinlan, N. S.; J. A. McDonald, Chatham, P. E. I.; Captain R. P. MacLachlan, St. John; Lieut. R. A. MacGillivray, Halifax; J. H. Brown, Alberton, P. E. I.; E. W. Black, Amherst.

D. Nicholson, Rose Valley, P. E. I.; E. J. Gallant, Maximville, P. E. I.; A. Buchanan, Grand Croix, P. E. I.; R. H. Bernard, Waterville, N. S.; R. V. Hartley, St. Stephen; R. A. Ongeroff, North Head, N. S.; H. Godsoe, High Bank, P. E. I.

Died of Wounds—

H. Harlow, Black Point, N. S.; J. J. McLaughlin, Alberton, P. E. I.

Ided—

X. Hagerty, St. Isadore, N. B.

TORONTO FAILURE

Toronto, Sept. 12.—H. O'Hara & Co., a well known house connected with the Toronto Stock Exchange, has made a voluntary assignment to G. T. Clarkson. The firm was established more than thirty years ago by the late Henry O'Hara, who died a short while ago, after a long and honorable business career. It is not thought that the failure will greatly affect the street.

HEAD OF BRITISH PRIZE COURT DEAD

London, Sept. 12.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the British prize court, died today at Brighton.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, E. F. Sturpart, Director of meteorological service

Synopsis—The disturbance has moved very little since yesterday and showers have occurred throughout Ontario and Quebec. In the western provinces the weather has been fine and warm.

Forecasts.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate west to northwest winds, a few scattered showers, but mostly fair today and on Saturday, not much change in temperature.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Occasional showers, but partly fair today; Saturday, westerly winds and showers, but mostly fair today and on Saturday.

Lake Superior—Moderate west to northwest winds, fair and cool tonight and on Saturday.

Lake Michigan—Moderate west to northwest winds, fair and cool tonight and on Saturday.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—A few scattered showers, but for the most part fair and cooler today and on Saturday.

New England—Rain tonight; Saturday, probably rain in eastern Maine; moderate to fresh shifting winds on the coast.

"NOT GUILTY" IN WHITZMAN CASE

In the case of the King vs. Whitzman, in which the defendant was charged with stealing goods from W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd., the jury after being out two hours returned a verdict of not guilty. Daniel Whitzman, 45, appeared for the defence and George H. V. Belz and C. Ferguson for the prosecution.

Goes in By Acquittal

Edmonton, Sept. 12.—Hon. A. G. MacKay, minister of municipalities and public health, was elected by acclamation in Athabasca yesterday.

British Gain Holmon Wood

Jeancourt in Haig's Hands and Gain Also Made in Flanders--Huns Try in Vain to Recover Havrincourt

London, Sept. 12.—German troops last night delivered an attack, with the cooperation of airplanes, on the town of Havrincourt, southwest of Cambrai, recently taken by the British. The attack was repulsed with great loss, so Field Marshal Haig announced in the official statement today.

Further south, on the front opposite St. Quentin, the British have gained possession of Holmon Wood.

A German attack opposite Moeuvres, on the canal line west of Cambrai, failed completely.

British troops have captured the town of Jeancourt, in the St. Quentin sector, north of Vermand.

In Flanders the British made progress pushing ahead west of Audry, in the La Bassée region.

WIN HIGH GROUND CLOSE TO THE HINDENBURG LINE

With the British Army in France, Sept. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—British troops stormed their way today into the shell-shattered town of Havrincourt, which lies on a dominating ridge within the forward defences of the Hindenburg line, and at latest reports were maintaining their hold on this highly important place.

A little to the south they also carried the high ground, thereby gaining a still firmer grip on the high ground dominating this region. Fighting was still proceeding this afternoon and about 800 German prisoners have been sent back to the cages.

The attack was begun this morning in the midst of rain, which had been falling intermittently for several days. Because of the elevation of this ridge, however, the ground was not in particularly bad condition.

ENEMY ATTACK ON ITALIAN FRONT

London, Sept. 12.—A despatch to the Daily News from Rome says the impression prevails there that the Austrians are preparing an attack in force on the Italian front, and there is reason to believe they will begin their offensive before the summer is over.

GORKY JOINS BOLSHEVIKI

Stockholm, Sept. 12.—Reports from Petrograd state that Maxim Gorky, Russian author and revolutionary, has accepted the post of director of Bolsheviki propaganda. The reports add that Gorky has declared that he will support the Bolshevik government, and that he will cooperate with the Bolshevik government.

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COULD NOT FIND REJECTED VOTES

Commission to Hold Session in Ottawa on Matter of Quebec Soldiers' Ballots

St. John, Que., Sept. 12.—An unsuccessful attempt to prove that the non-inclusion had no right to appoint the royal commission now holding an investigation into votes cast by soldiers in St. John barracks during the last general election was made today by Bernard Rose, K. C. Montreal. He was acting for Captain Campbell, whose name appeared in the Hansard report of a speech made in the House of Commons by Joseph Archambault, M. P. for Chambly-Verchères, in which allegations of irregularities on the part of officers in connection with the voting at the barracks which favored his opponent, Hon. J. Balwin, were mentioned.

It was found that Francis Chawick, deputy clerk of the crown in Chambly, ordered yesterday to produce card-index containing the ballots cast in Chambly barracks. He has been able to find only the names of the voters. The rejected ballot papers are essential to the inquiry it was decided to meet in Ottawa on Monday to take evidence as to their whereabouts.

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WHY NO MOTORING IS ASKED FOR NEXT SUNDAY

It is now officially stated from Ottawa that there is vital urgency in the appeal for economy in the use of gasoline. If that appeal is to be answered in a patriotic way, next Sunday there will be a total absence of joy-riding and unnecessary motoring.

There is another aspect to this question besides that of saving gasoline. By saving gasoline we are exercising thrift, and thrift is greatly needed in Canada at the present time. Money can be saved by saving gasoline and motor wear and tear, with the result that the surplus savings of the people may be increased against the day when they will be needed. It is conservatively estimated that \$150,000 can be saved next Sunday in Canada if motoring is reduced to absolutely necessary travel.