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Marked Progress
By British On The
Flanders Front

More Positions Taken—Reach Old Line From Neuve Chapelle to Givenchy—Improvement Also At Cambrai and Near The Canal to South

London, Sept. 5—Marked progress was made by the British last night along the Flanders front, according to today's war office report. Flogstert village has been captured, as has Hill 63, southwest of it.

On the Lys front the British hold the general line of Voormezelle, Wulverghem, Flogstert, Nieppe, Laventie and Givenchy.

From Neuve Chapelle southward to Givenchy the British have reached the line which they held until the German attack on April 9 last, while to the eastward of Givenchy sections of the old German positions have been taken.

On the battle line in front of Cambrai an improvement in the British position south of Mouscron is reported. The positions to the east of Hermines, near the Canal du Nord, just to the south, also have been improved. Still further south the British have captured the village of Neuville-Boujeval, east of the Canal du Nord.

More than 16,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns have been taken by the British in the last four days.

STIFF FIGHTING NORTH OF LYS. London, Sept. 5—The British official statement follows: "Sharp fighting took place yesterday north of the River Lys. During the morning our troops attacked and captured Hill 63, southwest of Mouscron, taking more than 100 prisoners. In the afternoon we attacked and captured Flogstert village with another 100 prisoners and some machine guns. North of Hill 63 our troops were continuously engaged in the sector of Wytchachte, where the enemy attacked repeatedly but without success. On the Lys front our troops now hold the general line of Voormezelle, Wulverghem, Flogstert, Nieppe-Laentic-Givenchy.

"South of Neuve Chapelle as far as Givenchy we have regained the old line held by us prior to April 9, and east of Givenchy we have occupied portions of the old German positions. Flogstert, Nieppe-Laentic-Givenchy.

"On the southern battlefront the enemy strongly attacked our new position at Inchy-Ep-Artois yesterday morning, but was repulsed after sharp fighting. We have improved our positions south of Mouscron and east of Hermines and have taken Neuville-Boujeval. The enemy counter-attacked yesterday evening east of Manancourt and was repulsed. Fighting has taken place also in the neighborhood of Peronne and our line has been improved slightly.

GUISCARD'S CAPTURED; LA FERE IN FLAMES

General French Advance Of Four to Seven Miles STOP AT HAM UNLIKELY

Speed of French Advance Disarranges German Retirement Schedule—Mangin Forces Passage of Aisne at One Point

With the French Army in France, Sept. 4.—(By the Associated Press, 10 P. M.)—Guiscard, north of Noyon, was captured by the French this afternoon, following a general advance of four to seven miles from Mont St. Simon to the Canal du Nord.

French cavalry advanced this afternoon from Baboulet to the region of Montecourt on the Noyon-Chateau road and the middle of the two towns, while Mercurio, southeast of Guiscard, was occupied this evening.

Officers taken prisoner in the wood between these points had received orders to retreat to Bethancourt, northwest of Chateau. The orders received there orders at 1.30 p. m. just before the arrival of the French troops.

There are indications that the Germans proposed retreating from this part of the line to the line Berancourt-Ham-Manancourt. The speed of the French advance, however, was such that possibly the enemy will not find leisure to stop at Ham.

The manoeuvre which forced the retirement of the enemy over the front of Mont St. Simon and the Canal du Nord began on Tuesday morning with an attack upon a strong position fortified with four heavy machine guns. The attack was preceded by an artillery preparation of four hours.

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HAD PLANNED TO ATTACK US AT MERVILLE. With the American Army in France, Sept. 5.—(By the Associated Press, 10 P. M.)—The discovery has been made that the Germans planned to attack the British lines on the Merville sector of the Lys sector, but that they gave up their programme because of the German fallure in the Merve fighting.

Belgian Front. Paris, Sept. 4.—Belgian communication.—During the night of September 3 and 4 one of our patrols penetrated to an enemy post south of Dixmude and put the occupants out of action. One prisoner was brought in. We captured about thirty prisoners, machine guns and grenade throwers.

AIR POSTAL SERVICE; NEW YORK AND CHICAGO. New York, Sept. 5.—Aerial postal service between New York and Chicago was inaugurated this morning when Max Miller, in a large aeroplane carrying a sack of mail, left Belmont Park at 7:09 o'clock.

Cotton Market. New York, Sept. 5.—Heavy selling in cotton futures was general at the opening of the market here today, as the result of the announcement in Washington last night that the war industries board planned to bring about the stabilization of cotton prices. First quotations were approximately \$ a bale under last night's closing ones. October sold at 84, equivalent to \$16 a bale, under the high level of Tuesday.

GALLANT LEADER OF N. B. BATTALION IS KILLED

Lieut. Col. A. E. G. McKenzie Crowns Years of Glorious Work on Western Front by Sacrifice of His Life

Lieut. Colonel A. E. G. McKenzie, commanding officer of the famous New Brunswick infantry battalion, has been killed in action. This news, which was received this afternoon through relatives on the North Shore, will be received with deep regret throughout the entire province.

Lieut. Colonel McKenzie, who was thirty-eight years of age, was a native of Campbellton. After completing his school education, he graduated from the University of New Brunswick, receiving the degree of M.A. from that institution.

Removal to Campbellton, he entered upon the practice of law there, at first in partnership with the late Judge Freeman. He was prominent in politics, taking a fitting part in the councils of the Liberal party on the north shore.

He was prominent in the Masonic fraternity also, and was an active member of the Caledonian Society. He was a devoted family man and had a large number of friends wherever he went and (Continued on page 2, sixth column)

FEAR LIEUTENANT S. DAWSON HAS MET HIS DEATH IN WAR

Rev. George F. Dawson Recalled as Aviator Son Further News of Casualties Received in St. John Homes—Several of Men Mentioned Today Are Wounded in Arm

A letter received by Rev. George F. Dawson of this city confirms the official announcement that his son is missing and expresses the fear that he is dead. The many friends of the family who have been hoping for news, are correct, that the future may bring better news of the young aviator who himself is to be a most capable pilot and (Continued on page 2, seventh column)

GOOD WEATHER FOR GAME TODAY Interest in World's Series Appears to Be Much Reduced

Chicago, Sept. 5.—With clear and warmer weather predicted the Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox game scheduled to be held at the Polo Grounds today, was postponed. Weather permitting, the clubs will play here today, tomorrow and Saturday.

Out of Russia. Washington, Sept. 5.—American consuls, members of allied missions and civilian refugees, who recently left Russia on a special train, have crossed safely into Finland and should have arrived yesterday at Haparanda.

ARRESTED HERE. Policeman Roberts of the depot police, received a telegram from Chief of Police Waters of Shelburne, N. S., last evening asking him to apprehend, if possible, one John Sheppard, who, it was said, had left that town with a woman not his wife. It was stated that Sheppard would show false passports. The St. John officer was on the job promptly and when the right man arrived he placed him under lock and key. Now the local police are awaiting instructions.

Enemy Driven Back To Aisne

French and Americans North of Vesle Reach Crest of Ridge Dominating First Named River—Gains Also Elsewhere on Line

Paris, Sept. 5.—Today's war office announcement shows that the German retreat before the French northeast of Noyon continued during the night. The French troops kept in touch with the enemy rear-guards and pushed after the retreating foe east of the Canal du Nord.

Advancing north of the Vesle, French and American troops reached the crest of the ridge dominating the river Aisne.

In the Neule section, on the Somme front, the French crossed the Somme Canal near Voyennes and Offert. Just to the south they have reached the region beyond Hombleux, Flamey-Hallon and Flavy-Le-Meldeux.

The operation on the Vesle has been extended to the east and a crossing has been effected between Vauxaux and Jonthery, a two and a half mile front.

Heavy Bombing. Paris, Sept. 5.—(Havas Agency)—Nearly forty tons of explosives were dropped by 148 Entente Allied airplanes on the towns of Brancourt and Ansay-Le-Chateau, south of Concy Forest, on August 20, in connection with the advance of General Mangin's army, says the Matin. Important material damage was done.

AMERICANS IN STRADY ADVANCE. With the American Army on the Vesle, Sept. 4.—(By the Associated Press)—Americans with the French moved along a line from Brenelle, Vauxaux, Blansy and Baslieux. The Germans nearest this line along which they might make a rear guard defence of any consequence are opposite the edge of the plateau paralleling the Aisne, over which it is obvious they have removed their stores and heavy artillery.

Verdict of GUILTY IN MATTER OF JOY RIDE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

New York, Sept. 5.—Captain Leland P. Hawkins of the steamship Yackin and five officers of his ship were yesterday found guilty of conspiracy against the government. The maximum penalty is two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

THE THEATRE TAX. Government amusement tax inspectors, H. J. Anderson, arrived from Fredericton today. Mr. Anderson is preparing for the collection of the tax at several provincial fairs scheduled for the near future.

HUN CHIEFS MOVE BACK The Main Headquarters

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BURNING SUPPLIES. With the French Army in France, Sept. 4.—(Associated Press)—The Germans appear to be burning supplies and blowing up ammunition dumps in the region north of the Oise River and east of the Noyon-Guicard road. Many contraband have been seen as far east as Turgueux and explosions at Ury, north of Chauny.

NAVY LEAGUE DAY PROMISES TO PROVE A GREAT SUCCESS

Expectation That The Sum of \$15,000 Will Be Exceeded—The Ship Cruises City

The Navy League day started in with a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of the workers, and a most generous response from the public. It looked as if every person in town had been tagged—an impression gained from people crowding about the principal thoroughfares at noon. Not only were the public streets dotted with tags, but the Young Women's Patriotic Association, but business houses and private homes were invaded and automobiles went out in the suburbs as far as Westfield on the C. P. R. and Fair Vale on the government road. It was truly a display of workers and few there were who were not asked to contribute by the tag method.

The headquarters of the executive was Trinity church schoolroom. Here the strategic board directed the execution of plans. Everything was orderly and systematic, and the officers of the league, who assisted in the work, were all active heads of the patriotic associations and permanently organized bodies of men and women.

The miniature battleship "Navy League" designed by David E. Lynch and erected by Messrs. Lynch and Geo. Spakehouse of West St. John, assisted by George Stop and George Humphrey, was steaming about town again today and attracted a great deal of attention.

The good ship "Navy League" made a cruise of the city this morning with her full crew, leaving King street east at 10:30. The procession was headed by a mounted policeman, followed by a squad of twenty men of the Royal Canadian Navy, under command of a chief petty officer, and then came a car with the president of the Navy League, Captain Mulcahey and Captain Miller, both of the R. N. C. V. R. The procession stopped in front of the military headquarters, when General Macdonell, C.M.G., came out and thoroughly inspected the ship and talked to the crew. He complimented all on the workmanlike appearance of the vessel, and Captain Mulcahey on the design. As he appeared in the street the crew came to attention and saluted. Before the "Navy League" sailed, he asked that the crew be given an extra ration of rum, which, of course, was at once attended to.

WILSON'S SYMPATHY WITH THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT. New York, Sept. 5.—On the eve of the Jewish new year, which will begin at sundown on Friday, a message from President Wilson expressing his "deep sincere interest" in the progress of the development of Palestine as the Jewish homeland was made public here last night by Rabbi Wise, former president of the provisional Zionist committee.

ANOTHER BRAVE ST. JOHN MAN WHO HAS GIVEN LIFE

This is a picture of Pte. William Duncan McKenzie, killed in action on Aug. 26, and to whose death reference is made elsewhere. He was formerly with the J. S. Gibson Co. of this city and was a man of excellent qualities and highly respected. The sad official word of his death came last night to his wife, Mrs. Clara McKenzie, Short street.

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WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—A moderate disturbance in moving northeasterly across the Great Lakes, causing heavy rain in Ontario and western Quebec. The weather has been fine in the western provinces. A severe tropical storm is centered near Bermuda, moving slowly northward.