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Foch Smashes Way Through Farther; Hun Position At Soissons And on Aisne In Danger

FRENCH PRESS ON; VASSEUS IS TAKEN

Artillery Battle Near Lassigny and Brstincourt—British Line Advanced and Four Attacks by Germans Repulsed—Austrian Blow on Italian Front Expected

Paris, Aug. 20—French troops during last night occupied the village of Vasseus, northwest of Morsain, between the Oise and the Aisne. There was reciprocal artillery fire in the region of Lassigny and Brstincourt, west of the Oise. A German aerial bombardment of Nancy was carried out. Six civilians were killed and a score injured.

BRITISH SUCCESSES

London, Aug. 20—A successful minor operation was carried out by the British last evening between Vieux-Berquin and Outterstein, to the right of our recent advance in that sector. Our line was brought forward to the neighborhood of the Vieux-Berquin-Outterstein road. We took 132 prisoners. Last night the enemy four times attacked posts established by us northeast of Chilly. On each occasion he was repulsed. We successfully raided a German post west of Bray. Our patrols made progress during the night in the area between the Lave and the Lys rivers and are now east of the Paradis-Merville road.

EXPECT AUSTRIAN ATTACK

Washington, Aug. 20—Resumption of the Austrian offensive on the Italian front is to be expected at any time, according to the military critic of the Inter-

MUST PUNISH THE HUNS FOR CRIMES COMMITTED IN WAR

No Peace Till This Is Done, Says New Zealand Premier

FINE TRIBUTE TO NAVY

Newfoundland Premier Declares Without British Fleet America Could Not Have Come Into the Conflict

London, Aug. 20—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—Premier Massey of New Zealand, addressing an audience of business men at Newcastle yesterday, said that it would be the duty of the Allies before peace was declared to punish the Germans for the crimes and atrocities committed in the last four years. He believed the imperial conference would continue after the war, and would be composed of representatives of the dominions and Great Britain and hoped that Great Britain would ever remain the senior partner.

Hon. Mr. Cook, minister of marine for Australia, said that Australia had an abundance of wheat and sugar, but could not transport supplies for the mother country. Australia had commenced building ships to bring the supplies over.

CANADA'S CONTROL OF HER TROOPS OVER SEAS IS WIDENED

Ottawa, Aug. 20—Except in matters of discipline and military operations, Canada now has complete control over all her troops overseas. Recent military developments which have brought the change about, are regarded here as the most momentous since the confederation. The cabinet minister today, who attended the imperial conference, "that recognition is now given to Canada's status as a nation."

From the outbreak of war, Canada has controlled her troops till they were despatched overseas. On arrival in Great Britain, they were taken over by the war office. Now, except as regards military operations and discipline, the dominion government retains control.

London, Aug. 20—The ranks of the London omnibus and street car strikers were further reinforced today by more women workers on the underground railways. More than 14,000 employees are on strike.

ATTACK THIS MORNING ON 10-MILE FRONT; FRENCH PENETRATE 2 MILES

Believe Germans May Have to Withdraw To The Chemin Des Dames—Other Gains Also; 500 Prisoners in First Rush

London, Aug. 20—(1 p.m.)—The French tenth army attacked again this morning on a front of ten miles, between the Oise and the Aisne, and reached a maximum depth of two miles, according to a despatch from the battlefield.

The advance of the French troops endangers the whole German position at Soissons and on the river Aisne. It is possible that the Germans will now withdraw to the Chemin des Dames.

Before nine o'clock this morning the French had captured 500 Germans in the sector attacked. North of Roye the French have taken the Braquemont and Fendu woods, and have occupied the greater part of Beuvraignes. It is also reported that they have made progress to the southeast of Beuvraignes.

London, Aug. 20—The attack of the French yesterday between the Matz and the Oise was on a front of twelve miles, and although the Germans offered a stubborn resistance, the French made an advance of about a mile. At six o'clock last evening the battle line ran as follows:—

La Pravin Farm, which is northwest of Fresnoy, Arne-De-Canoy, the western outskirts of Lassigny, La Rue Des Boucandes, the southern outskirts of Orval, Le Hamel, the southern outskirts of Desfontaines and Pampres. Though the advance was a small one, it is regarded as important, as it carried the French line farther down the slope of Lassigny Massif. The French also moved up the valley of the Oise, the line being between five and six miles from Neufchateau.

Casualty List Very Long; There Are 681 Names Today

Only Eighteen Dead Among the Number—Names of Those From the Maritime Provinces

Ottawa, Aug. 20—Casualty lists today contained 681 names. Of this number, two were killed in action, sixteen died of wounds, one was reported prisoner of war, one ill and 661 wounded. The names include:

- Wounded: A. McMullen, North River, N. S.; A. Hazleton, Digby; A. Staples, Onslow, N. S.; F. S. Flaherty, Chatham; G. Chislett, Newfoundland; Donald, Elmisdale, N. B.; W. Party, North Sydney; J. E. Toban, Newcastle; E. G. Y. Scott, Stonhaven; W. J. McDonald, High Bank, P. E. I.; B. McDonald, Kennington, P. E. I.; C. C. Poirier, New Waterford, N. S.; A. J. Arsenault, St. Elanors, P. E. I.; D. Matkhill, Pictou; T. J. McDonald, Trenton, N. S.; R. Bitter, Weymouth; A. Mattwood, Caledonia Mines. Died of Wounds: C. H. Fulton, Bass River, N. S.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—A few scattered showers and thunder storms have occurred in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Otherwise the weather in Canada has been everywhere very fine.

Forecasts: Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate east to south winds, fine and warm today and on Wednesday.

Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys—Light to moderate winds, fine and moderately warm today and on Wednesday.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate westerly winds, fine and a little warmer today and on Wednesday.

Fine and Warmer: Maritime—Moderate northwest to west winds, fine today and on Wednesday, with a little higher temperature. Superior—Moderate east to south winds, fine and a little warmer, a few local showers on Wednesday. Saskatchewan and Manitoba—A few local showers or thunder storms but generally fair today and on Wednesday. Alberta—Fair and cool today and on Wednesday. New England—Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer in Vermont; light north winds.

- Wounded: E. F. Davis, Newfoundland; W. S. Brockburn, St. John's, Nfld.; H. W. Ellogood, Dumfries, N. S.; P. H. Kaulbach, Bridgewater, N. S.; H. G. Croxy, Lawson, N. B.; W. H. Cole, Sussex; C. W. Butterwell, Pleasant Lake, N. B.; W. H. Thomas, Summerside, P. E. I.; A. H. Morrison, Milltown, N. B.; C. Barker, St. Croix, N. S.; C. B. Van Buskirk, Woodville, N. S.; W. B. McLean, Westville, N. S.

SPEAK THE TRUTH ABOUT AMERICAN ARMY NOW

Amsterdam, Aug. 20—Professional soldiers like Generals Von Blume and Von Liebert, unlike so many other German war critics, do not seek to belittle the significance of the appearance of the American army on the western front. Von Blume, who is on the retired list, frankly admits that "we have to recognize that the Americans, all in all, have done very smart work, and it would be a very serious thing if the German army command had to face an American fighting army of millions."

UNITED STATES TO START TO SAVE GASOLINE

(J. M. Robinson & Sons' private wire New York, Aug. 20)—The government is to start on a national wide move to conserve gasoline. McAdoo rejects proposal of committee of 40 per cent and 60 per cent excess profits rates in lieu of present rate. Insists normal tax rate on personal incomes should be 12 p. c.

Probe Cost of Living: Washington, Aug. 20—Country-wide investigation of the cost of living was started today by the bureau of labor statistics for use in making wage adjustments. Information will be gathered from families.

PTE. H.C. MERRITT DIES OF WOUNDS

Other St. John Men in the List Today; Several Wounded

Word of the death of Pte. Henry Clifford Merritt, who died of shell wounds at a clearing station in France on August 10, has been received. Private Merritt was married in England about a year ago and leaves his wife, one sister and seven brothers to mourn. Mrs. R. Hayes, 26 Westmorland road, was advised this morning from Ottawa that her son, Gunner Richard Hayes, M. C., had been wounded in the back by gunshot and admitted to the 72nd General Hospital at Trouville, France. Gunner Hayes went overseas as a member of Major Magee's battery and has had four years of service. Although being slightly wounded on five occasions this is the first one severe enough to send him to a base hospital. About six months ago Gunner Hayes distinguished himself and in recognition of his bravery he was awarded the military medal. Prior to his going overseas he was employed with the C. G. R. as a car sweeper. A brother, Gunner Robert Hayes, is in France, having gone overseas as a member of a draft from the 66th Battery.

Mrs. Margaret Logue of Milford, received a telegram this morning informing her that her son, Pte. John Logue, was admitted to No. 3 Australian General Hospital, in Abbeville, on August 11, gunshot wound in the right arm. Private Logue crossed overseas with the 66th, but was transferred to the Nova Scotia battalion in France. While in the trenches he was stricken with fever and pneumonia and for a long period was seriously ill. When he recuperated he returned to France and has since been fighting side by side with his comrades against the Huns.

DOLLAR FOR A HAIR CUT; HALF FOR SHAVE

Those Are Prices Suggested At Meeting in Chicago

Chicago, Aug. 20—One dollar for a hair cut and fifty cents for a shave will be the standard price if barbers accept the suggestion of the Barber Supply Dealers' Association, a national organization, which is holding its annual meeting here today. "Hair cutting has always been done at too cheap a price and most of our people feel that this is one branch of the work that should be paid for at a decent, respectable rate."

DEATH OF MRS. CHARLES KEATING OF NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, N. B., Aug. 20—The death of Mrs. Charles Keating of Newcastle, formerly Miss Lily McAllister of Red Bank, occurred this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bryenton of Bryenton, where she had been visiting. Mrs. Keating had been in very poor health for about a year. She was thirty-six years of age and was a lady of sterling Christian character, genial disposition and beloved by all. She leaves her sorrowing husband and the following children: Bernadette, Maude, Jessie, John, Charles, Frances and Edith.

Martial Law In Petrograd

FULL THOUSAND OF ENEMY DEAD BEFORE OUR MEN

Canadians' Work at Damierly Brilliant Operation

THE GERMANS OUT-GENERALLED

Lured on to Village and There Pounded By Big Guns Which Brought Wholesale Death Into Struggling Mass of Troops

With the Canadian Army in the Field, 9 a. m., Aug. 19—(via London, by J. P. E. Livesay, Canadian Press correspondent)—The fight for Damierly is a little epic itself, bringing out not alone the wonderful dash, resourcefulness and tenacity of our infantry, but also the qualities of generalship, decision and technical excellence which throughout this open warfare have enabled our leaders in the field to take the fullest advantage of each opportunity at a minimum cost in casualties.

The whole position previous to the engagement may be likened to a horse shoe, the enemy holding the entire rim with the village in the centre. So long as the village was held the storming of the wood on either side was impracticable. Our only entrance therefore was through the open end of the horse shoe. In front of the village lay a famous unit long ago christened the Lumberman's Ovens. At the kick-off on last Thursday week it had fought its way through Hangard Wood. It had lain since Sunday night in the old trenches in front of Damierly, bombed and gashed each night. On Thursday it was decided that the village should be attacked. Practically no opposition was offered; the village being gained with only five casualties. The enemy's plan was based on the assumption that they would hold the village and that the enemy would then have us in a trap with a concentration of gun fire and converging infantry assaults. The colonel who had led the attack from the start immediately decided to take up a line in front of the village. The movement was carried out barely in time, for there broke an intense enemy cannonade with heavy and light guns from the north-east and west, all concentrated on the doomed village; but not a shell touched our men, being just behind a slight rise in the ground.

Then after the preparation was considered complete, dense waves of grey-clad troops converging on the village both from Fresnoy and Goyencourt, prepared to reap an easy victory. They came in full marching equipment with their blankets, evidently expecting to break through. No fewer than four enemy battalions came into line against our force. They came confidently on to the centre of the massed advance and right across its entire length. The front waves were caught between the road and the village and had either to fight their way through or surrender. They fought with desperate courage.

Our centre fell back a little to the border of the village, where the enemy artillery could no longer play, while both our flanks poured a murderous machine gun and rifle fire into the penned enemy mass. He was doomed. It was the tactics of Hannibal over again with the centre thrown back not on the river, but on the village and our closing flanks, not elephants and slug slingers, but riflemen and machine gunners. Some 250 surrendered; the rest died.

One officer conservatively estimates the dead at 1,000; others as high as 1,700. These estimates are fully borne out by the rampart of high masses of twisted enemy dead, still unburied on Saturday, for then our line was advanced only 600 yards beyond and toward the stronghold of Fresnoy, at that time being subjected to an intense bombardment.

DRAFT CALL DEFERRED IN NEWFOUNDLAND TILL OCT. 15

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 20—Minister of Militia Bennett announced yesterday that, owing to the Newfoundland regiment now in France and the second battalion training in Winchester, England, being over strength, and all available accommodation in St. John's being occupied by recruits, the calling up of further drafts previously notified to report for duty at St. John's on September 1 is postponed until October 15.

Hundreds Fall In Pitched Battle

NO FOOD FOR TWO DAYS

People Cry "Down With The Germans"—Insistent Appeal for Help for the Czecho-Slovaks—Reported Backward Move of Allies in Archangel District

London, Aug. 20—Martial law has been proclaimed in Petrograd, says an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Hundreds of regulars were killed and wounded in a regular battle between Latvian guards and rioters during food disorders in Petrograd. After the city had been without food for two days a procession of workmen marched through the streets shouting: "Down with the Germans; down with the Kremlin."

The Need of Great Allied Aid: Vladivostok, Aug. 16—(By the Associated Press)—General Dietrich, commander of the Czecho-Slovak forces, estimates the enemy strength at 40,000 men with seventy guns and 200 machine guns. Opinion on all sides appears to be that the Allied governments are under-estimating the magnitude of the task of liberating the Czecho-Slovaks and do not realize the necessity of essential warfare against superior numbers.

Amsterdam, Aug. 20—It is officially reported from Volozha, says the Moscow correspondent of the Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung, of Essen, that the Entente Allied troops in the Archangel sector of northwestern Russia have withdrawn outside the range of the Bolshevik artillery.

Soviet troops are reported to have blown up the Baikal tunnel of the Trans-Siberian railway.

GERMAN AGENTS SUPPLY DRUGS TO U. S. SOLDIERS

Boston, Aug. 20—A concerted attempt by German agents to supply soldiers in the various army cantonments with health and character-wrecking drugs has been discovered. Nathan Simons and Jacob Schansky were taken into custody in Brockton yesterday and more arrests are to follow.

According to the federal authorities drugs were sold at surprisingly low prices.

WEALTHY PRO-GERMAN NEW YORK DOCTOR IS PUT AWAY FOR WHILE

New York, Aug. 20—Internment of Dr. Frederick August Richard Von Strensch, a wealthy physician of this city, was recommended today by the enemy alien bureau. Von Strensch is declared by the authorities to have written to the German Emperor at the outbreak of the war offering his services in any capacity, and also communicated with Captain Franz Von Papen, and was alleged to have favored sending German reservists from this country to Canada to stop the flow of Canadian troops to France.

KILLED IN ROUND-UP BY MILITARY POLICE

Sudbury, Ont., Aug. 20—Cyprian Geneau, aged 28, supposed to be an M. S. A. defaulter, was shot and killed late on last Friday night during a round-up of military defaulters at a house near this town. The shot was a chance one, fired by Constable Tougher as the military police were retiring from the house and being subjected to a fusillade by a group of men hidden in the darkness of the house.

The C. N. R. Award: Ottawa, Aug. 20—It is learned that the award in the C. N. R. arbitration is not to be paid until after the return of the premier and the re-organization of the Canadian Northern Railway.