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GERMANS CALLED TO GIVING WAY

Germans Forced by Advancing Canadians, British and French to Retire From Strong Positions West of Armentieres--Villages Captured, Heavy Casualties Inflicted and Prisoners Taken--French Only a Few Hundred Yards From Roye.

ATTACK BY CANADIANS STRAIGHTENS OUT LINE

Splendidly Executed Operation Results in Capture of Villages Northwest of Roye--French Follow up Success of Dominion Troops With Traditional Dash, Eliminating All Saliens in Front.

With the Canadian Forces in France, Noon, Aug. 16, via London, Aug. 18.--A splendidly-organized and executed combined operation by the Canadian troops has resulted in the complete straightening out of their line on the right, northwest of Roye, by the capture of the strongly-held villages of Parvillers and Damery. The latter place fell into Canadian hands yesterday afternoon.

Witnessing the Canadian success, the French immediately south of them gave a fine example of their traditional dash and made a brilliant attack. They carried the Wood of Damery, Villers-les-Roye and Scourin. They thus brought their line up parallel to the Canadians, as a result of a week's fighting in which the originally-selected field of assault was extended by the French many miles south and east.

Heavy guns he could not extricate, because of the suddenness and violence of their onslaught which carried them each day to the very crest of their wave of penetration, the Canadians did brilliantly. Two divisional headquarters were captured intact, as well as several brigades and battalion headquarters. Boche regulation field glasses may be bought in the Canadian ranks for a song or traded for a supply of that much scarcer commodity, cigars. The market for iron crosses has had a terrible slump.

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MAY BE RETIRING FROM THE SOMME
No Counter-attacks Against British Positions for Three Days.
NO MORE BLUSTERING
German Officers and Men Now Realize They Are Beaten.

GERMAN AIR BOMBERS ATTACK ALLIED REAR
Numerous Raids on Rouen With Flights as Far as Havre.
Paris, Aug. 18.--German bombing squadrons have been very active in bombarding towns behind the front during the past two days. There were numerous raids on Rouen, where six people were killed and five wounded. The German Gothas flew as far as Havre, where no one was killed and no damage was done.

CZECHO-SLOVAK FORCE SETS OUT FOR HARBIN
Tokio, Aug. 18.--Czecho-Slovak forces from the maritime province of Siberia, left for Harbin on Aug. 8 over the Chinese Eastern Railway, it is officially announced.

OSAKA MOBS PILLAGE JAPANESE MERCHANTS
Jap Rioters Set Fire to Theatres, Attacking Soldiers.
Osaka, Japan, Aug. 18.--Mobs today pillaged grocery and drygoods stores and food depots and set fire to theatres and other buildings. The military forces called out to maintain order were attacked.

AMERICANS CAPTURE FRAPELLE VILLAGE
Attack by United States Troops Eradicates Considerable German Salient in Lorraine.
With the American Army in Lorraine, Aug. 18.--The Americans early yesterday morning captured the village of Frapelle and eradicated a considerable German salient in the allied lines. Prisoners were taken by the Americans, and the Germans evidently suffered heavy casualties in killed and wounded.

DARMSTADT ATTACKED BY ALLIED AVIATORS
Capital of Grand Duchy of Hesse in Western Germany Raided Successfully.
London, Aug. 18.--The City of Darmstadt, capital of the Grand Duchy of Hesse in western Germany, was attacked by allied aviators Friday morning, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam. Four persons were killed and many injured as a result of the bombing, and considerable property damage is reported. The allied air squadron lost four machines.

PARIS, Aug. 17.--The French made further progress today north and south of the Avre, having taken 1,000 prisoners and numerous machine guns since yesterday; according to the war office statement tonight. They captured the village of Canny-sur-Matz and in addition took enemy positions on a front of nearly two miles to a depth of more than a mile in the region of Autrechies, in the Soissons section.

FIVE GERMAN AIRPLANES DESTROYED BY BRITISH
Thirteen Tons of Bombs Also Dropped on Various Targets.
London, Aug. 18.--The following official communication dealing with aviation was issued tonight: "There was no feature of special interest in our air work on Aug. 17. The French aircraft were inactive. We destroyed five German machines and a balloon. Three of our machines are missing.

FRENCH AIRMAN DOWNS THIRTIETH AIRPLANE
Eight German Aircraft Are Put Out of Action in Aerial Fighting.
Paris, Aug. 18.--A French official communication issued tonight says: "Aviation, Aug. 17: Eight enemy airplanes have been downed or put out of action, and three captive balloons set adrift. Our bombing machines in the night of Aug. 17-18 dropped seven tons of explosives on the railroad stations at Bazancourt and Amagne. It is confirmed that on Aug. 8 Second Lieutenant Boyau downed his thirtieth enemy plane."

GENERAL STRIKE BEGINS UPON LONDON TRAINS
Drivers in Northwestern District of Metropolis Quit Work.
London, Aug. 18.--Following the walk-out of bus and tram drivers and conductors in the northwest district of London yesterday, a general strike was declared at three o'clock this morning. As a result, London is virtually without bus or tram service today.

FRENCH GAIN ON AVRE RIVER BRITISH MAKE TWO ADVANCES

More Than 1,600 Prisoners Taken by French, Who Occupy Village and Strong German Positions on a Wide Flanders Front.

Sir Douglas Haig Decorated
Paris, Aug. 18.--Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was decorated by Premier Clemenceau with the French Military Medal at headquarters in the field today. The award was made on the recommendation of Marshal Foch.

FIVE BATTALIONS FAIL TO DISLodge CANADIANS
Attempt to Retake Damery Fails With Heavy Losses--Allies Gradually Enclosing Roye.

London, Aug. 18.--Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, telegraphing under today's date, reports that severe patrol fighting between Chauines and Roye has occurred during the past 24 hours, the allies gradually enclosing Roye. The French are within a few hundred yards of the railway station south of the town. The Germans have made heavy counter-attacks since Thursday, and the diminution of their heavy artillery fire suggests that they are withdrawing their heavy guns.

FIFTEEN MILE GAIN IN SIX DAYS' BATTLE
Canadian Spearhead Encounters Stiffening German Resistance--Dominion Cavalry Take German Troop Train With Five Hundred Men.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.--The following despatch from overseas was received here tonight: "The sixth day of the battle finds the Canadians penetrating into the German lines to a depth of 15 miles from their starting point, with brisker fighting in progress and the enemy resistance stiffening. The entire situation is encouraging, the Canadians are nullifying the counter-attacks and pressing ahead. Prisoners unanimously admit the marvelous success of the surprise on the front of the whole Canadian operation.

BONDED CARS ROBBED ONLY WHISKEY TAKEN
Eight Men Arrested in Windsor and Farmers Now Won't Dig so Much.
Windsor, Aug. 18.--Eight men are now under arrest here in connection with the plan to rob by wholesale bonded cars passing thru Windsor on the Michigan Central Railroad, James Pelouquin, who is a switchman, is said to have made a full confession to the police of how the cars were backed up on a side track in the yards to a convenient spot where they were looted by the gang who carried away only liquor. The waybills showed cars in which liquor was being shipped and it was these cars that were side-tracked and robbed, according to Pelouquin, who is a switchman. After being removed from the cars the whiskey was "cached" in different parts of the country, and farmers in certain localities are said to be showing unusual energy in turning up the earth on the farms where they lie close to the railroad tracks. Fully half a carload of whiskey is buried, the police believe.

NOT ONE GERMAN WOULD GO ON RAID
Offered Money, Leave, and Iron Crosses, But None Volunteered.
With the British Armies in France, Aug. 18.--German deserters who came over to the British lines say that just before they left their line volunteers to go on a raid for the purpose of obtaining identifications were called for. They were offered 150 marks, fourteen days' leave and iron crosses, but not a single man volunteered, the deserters assert. From other sources it is learned that an order has gone the rounds in the rear of the German lines that ration issues, concerts and roll calls must not be held in the open when the visibility is good, because of the activities of the allied airships.

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West of Armentieres British Advance on Four-Mile Front, and Gains Also Have Been Made North of Roye, With Prisoners.

LONDON, Aug. 18.--The British troops west of Armentieres have advanced their line to a depth of 1,000 to 2,000 yards on a four-mile front between Vieux Berquin and Bailieu and also made progress southward of Merville, according to the official statement issued this evening. The Village of Outtersteen and 400 prisoners were captured. An advance has also been made between Chilly and Fransart, lying north of Roye. The text of the communication follows: "A successful local operation was carried out today by British troops on a front of more than four miles between Vieux Berquin and Bailieu. With slight loss to our arms our line on this front has been advanced to a depth of from 1,000 to 2,000 yards. The Village of Outtersteen and several defended farms and houses have been captured, and more than 400 prisoners have been taken. Progress has been made by our troops also southwest of Merville and between Chilly and Fransart. A few prisoners have been taken by us in both localities. Hostile attacks against posts held by us near Beaucourt, Serre, and Puisseux were repulsed, leaving prisoners in our hands. Saturday's Advance. The war office last night issued the following statement on the operations in Picardy and Flanders: "Our line north of Proyart was lightly advanced last night, and today progress has been made by our troops on a front of nearly a mile north of Lihons. A few prisoners and machine guns were taken by us. "During the earlier part of the night the enemy attacked certain of our posts in the Scherpenberg sector and was repulsed after sharp fighting. A raid attempted by the enemy early this morning in the neighborhood of Loere also was beaten off, leaving prisoners in our hands. Saturday's Statement. The text of the official statement issued at the war office Sunday morning reads: "Our troops improved their position slightly to the south of Bucquoy yesterday and drove off a heavy raiding party in this neighborhood. "There was nothing of special interest to report during the course of the night. OPENED CAN WITH NAIL; EXPLOSION; HOSPITAL Windsor, Aug. 18.--Premature explosion of a can of chloride of lime which he was attempting to open with a nail resulted in serious injury to Robert M. Morton, a well-known Windsor real estate dealer, at his summer camp near Deer Lake, Perry Sound. He was brought to Perry Sound hospital for treatment. Two British Destroyers Sunk by Striking Mines London, Aug. 18.--Two destroyers struck mines and sank Thursday, according to an announcement made by the admiralty tonight. Twenty-six men are missing. PATROL FIGHTS ON VARDAR. British Aviators Down Bulgarian Aircraft North of Gieghel. Paris, Aug. 18.--A French official communication says: "Eastern theatre, Aug. 17.--There was great patrol activity in the neighborhood of the Vardar, and somewhat spirited artillery fire in the region of the Vardar. Gieghel and the Cerna Bend. British aviators downed an enemy machine north of Gieghel."