

ENEMY ON WESTERN FRONT AT LAST MAKES STAND

GERMANS BY COUNTER ATTACKS ENDEAVOR TO HOLD THE ALLIES

Battle Entering New Phase—British and French Closing in on St. Quentin—Former Make Formidable Thrust North of Arras-Cambrai Road—Marshal Ludendorff Working For a Respite By Means of His Shortened Line.

London, Sept. 9.—The battle on the western front is entering a new phase. The enemy at last is making a serious stand just short of the series of positions commonly called the Hindenburg line—positions which have already however been bitten into by the British from the Sennece to Moeuvres and touched by the French in the St. Gobain region at Servais and Bassoles-Au-Auliers.

The Germans are doubling their rear-guards and seeking by counter-attacks to slow up, if they cannot stop outright, the encroaching tide of the Allies. Their efforts have been in vain, notwithstanding the new measures adopted in checking the advance of the French and the British, for both pushed forward yesterday in the direction of St. Quentin. The French made such progress across the Crozat Canal that the enemy no longer can hope to defend it.

Ludendorff Wants Respite.

General Humbert's centre is at the gates of La Fere and General Mangin's left is beginning to creep around the St. Gobain Forest by the east, while his right beat off the enemy's attacks by which the Germans sought to cling to the Aisne front. More of such attacks are probable, but General Mangin will know how to deal with them. They are local affairs and a more serious effect is not likely to be made. General Ludendorff is working for the respite which he must have if he is to sort out his disorganized divisions and try to whip up some sort of a strategic reserve. This respite he

hopes his shortened front, requiring less men in the line, will give him. Marshal Foch is likely to be aware, however, whether the enemy is sufficiently weakened and demoralized to be smashed in at some part of the present battlefield, or whether a stroke elsewhere would be advisable, this giving the armies that have fought so indefatigably for the past two months a rest.

British Forge Ahead.

London, Sept. 8. (1 p. m.)—Pushing ahead today on the front between Peronne and St. Quentin British patrols have occupied the town of Verdun, and a half mile northwest of St. Quentin, and Vendelles, two miles north of Verdun.

Last night passed in quiet along the British front in Northern France and Flanders except for artillery activity and minor raiding operations, according to today's war office report. South-east of Lens, in the region of Arras-en-Gohelle, a German raiding party was repulsed. The statement follows: "A hostile raiding party was successfully repulsed last night north of Arras-en-Gohelle.

"With the exception of Arleux the activity in different sectors of both sides, particularly in the neighborhood of the Arras-Cambrai road and in the La Bassée Canal and Ypres, there is nothing to report."

Within Five Miles.

With the British Armies in France, Sept. 9. (By the Associated Press)—Field Marshal Haig's forces this morning advanced in the area west and northwest of St. Quentin, and are now five miles from the Hindenburg line. They are still pressing forward.

The British made a formidable thrust this morning north of the Arras-Cambrai road.

In Flanders it is said that the Germans have removed their artillery to the east of the Lys River.

French Statement.

Paris, Sept. 9.—North of the Somme French troops have made a further advance in the direction of Oulstres and have occupied Lovet Farm, according to the war office announcement today.

French troops have crossed the Crozat Canal opposite Lys, three miles southwest of Venduilly.

Two strong German counter-attacks were repulsed by the French in the La Faux region, northeast of Soissons. The French took eighty prisoners before long to five different regions.

ST. GEORGE

St. George, Sept. 5.—Notification has reached Mrs. James U. Spinney that her son, Sgt. Oliver Spinney, was killed in a recent engagement in France.

Miss Geneva Hennessey left on Tuesday for St. John where she will take a course in Ker's Business College.

The Misses Marjorie Hubbard and Annie Penwarden left this week for Wolfville, N. S., to enter Acadia College as students.

Miss Annie Brown is home from St. John enjoying her vacation.

That Private Frank C. Cawley has been recently wounded while on active service was the contents of an official telegram received on Saturday by his father, Mr. F. M. Cawley.

Mr. H. O. Parks and family have returned home from "Camp Laguna" on Lake Utopia where they spent a week.

The Misses J. Kane, Mary McMullin, Beattie McOration were visitors to the border towns last week.

Mrs. Arthur Curran and little daughter, Rena, who recently returned from British Columbia are visiting at the home of Mrs. Har Lynch.

Miss Beattie Spear left St. John where she entered Ke Business College on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Spear is visiting friends in Partridge Island, St. John.

Miss Marjorie Murray of St. John was a recent visitor of Miss Beattie McOration on Tuesday.

Mrs. George Foster of Brookline, Mass., is visiting at the home of Mrs. Henry Meating.

Merle Meating is home from Sussex for a few days. He has left for her home in Waltham, Mass. She will enter the Worcester Hospital in September to train for a nurse.

Mrs. Dawes Gilmer of Halifax is a guest of Mrs. Katherine Gilmer at "Ben Laurens."

Miss Annie O'Neill has returned from a trip to St. John.

Mrs. Arthur Betts and Bandsman Charles Betts of St. John were recent guests of Mrs. Fred McVicar.

Mrs. J. A. Orickard is visiting friends in Pembroke, Me.

Rev. S. Sherman has concluded a visit with friends here and returned to Toronto on Friday.

Miss Ada Dewar left on Thursday for Lawrence, Mass., where she will enter the General Hospital to train for a nurse.

Miss Beattie Connell arrived home from St. John to spend the week-end.

Mrs. Ursula Billings of Malden, Mass., is visiting relatives in town.

Edwin Armstrong of Sussex is enjoying a few days at his home here.

Miss Annie Terry of St. John is a guest of Miss Grace Doyle.

Rev. James Spencer left this week on his vacation, going to Quebec to visit his brother, Dr. Spencer. Services in St. Mark's Church will be discontinued until September 22nd.

The clergy of the Anglican church of the Diocese of St. Andrews held their quarterly meeting at Campbellton on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The subjects of consideration were: The revision of the book of Common Prayer; Election of Rural Deans; Scheme for serial papers for Sunday Schools.

Mr. W. H. Smith of Halifax, Diocese of St. Andrews, assisted the rector of St. Mark's Church at the services on Sunday, September 1.

Mr. Percy McMurtry of Margaretsville, N. S., is the guest of Mrs. H. E. DeWolfe.

Labor Day was observed as a holiday. In the afternoon a game of baseball was held between a local team and the Acadia of St. John on the diamond and was witnessed by a large number of people. The game resulted in a victory for the Acadia, the score being 12-3. In the evening H. Price Webber with his Boston Comedy Company presented "The Feminine Detective" in the Imperial Theatre.

This company filled engagements for the two following nights. The genial Price has lost none of his old time popularity as was evidenced by the full houses that greeted him on each occasion.

Misses Laura Mooney and Evelyn Clinch were visitors at the home of James Hickey, Eastport, this week.

The schools opened on Tuesday, September 3rd, with Miss Ivah B. Smith as principal. Miss Lella Armstrong assumed charge of grades seven and eight, formerly taught by her sister, Miss Blanch. The new school opened with the annex formerly used for library will be presided over by Miss Louise Cawley. A large number of permits were issued by the secretary of trustees.

Miss Jessie Dewar of Milltown is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eliza Dewar.

Mr. Edward Phillips received an official telegram on Wednesday stating that his son Pte. Harry Phillips was wounded while on active service on August 27th.

GAGETOWN

Gagetown, Sept. 5.—Lt. H. W. S. Allingham, 36th Battalion of the Military Hospital staff at Fredericton, is spending a week here with his sister, Mrs. R. R. Reid. Lt. Allingham and Mr. Reid are enjoying a few days shooting on Grand Lake.

Lieut. F. H. Prentiss of St. John, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Reid.

The many friends of Flight-Lieut. Curtis L. Hicks are glad to know of his safe arrival in England a short time ago. Lieut. Hicks was formerly teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia here.

Lieut. Charles L. Dougherty, who with the "Happy Half Dozen," visited Gagetown, while a sergeant-major in the 104th Batt., was wounded in the recent heavy fighting, and is now in the 10th British Red Cross hospital at Le-treport, France. Lieut. Dougherty, who is with the Canadian Engineers, was slightly wounded in the arm and hand.

Mrs. Mackenzie and son, Pte. Lorne Mackenzie of the C. G. Regt., St. John, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Crawford, at Upper Hamstead.

Mrs. Richard Sutton and Miss Dorothy Sutton of St. John are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. John Law and children, who have been spending the summer here and at Brown's Flat, left on Saturday for their home in Montreal.

Thane Belyes of Brown's Flat, who has been here for a few days, accompanied his sister, Mrs. John Law to Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bridges motored to Hampton last week, accompanied by Miss Madeleine Flewelling who returned home after a visit of several weeks with her cousin, Miss Edred Bridges.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett of St. John, and Mrs. Chisholm and family of Maryville, were here on Saturday while on a motor trip to St. John. Mrs. Macdonald and Miss Ethel Macdonald of St. John, are spending the week here with Mrs. R. T. Babbitt. Mr. and Mrs. G. Percy Rigby are

guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Rigby, at St. Andrews for a fortnight's visit.

Dr. Mary E. McLeod of St. John, spent the week-end here, the guest of Mrs. Henry Osborne.

Harry Warwick of St. John, came up last week for the opening of the shooting season and is spending the week on Grand Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Macintyre and Miss Edith Macintyre came up from St. John on Saturday and are guests at Dingle's Hotel for a few days.

Mrs. Fred McPherson and Miss MacMurray of St. John, who have been spending a fortnight with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Brodie, returned home on Saturday.

Miss Marion Caswell, who returned on Friday from Moncton, where she had been attending the Teachers' Convention, left on Monday for Fredericton to take up her work in the Model School.

Miss Mabel Holmes of St. John, spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. William Hayden.

Mrs. Frank Hayden and children were passengers to St. John on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Dunn have returned from an enjoyable motor trip to Chipman.

Miss Nellie M. Bulger, who was at her home here for a few days, returned to Westfield on Monday, accompanied by little Miss Marjorie Warwick and Master Harold Warwick.

Miss Alma Law of St. John, is spending a few weeks at Lewfield, with her mother, Mrs. William Law.

Charles H. Jones was here from St. John on the holiday, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Dickie.

Miss Beatrice C. Higgins and Miss Annie Allen left on Monday for Fredericton, to begin their course at Normal School.

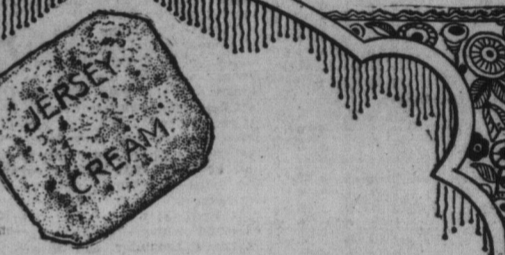
Miss Florence Gilbert of Burton, was here on Monday spending the day with Mrs. Margaret Gilbert.

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