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The Canadian Troops Take Villages Of Damery And Parvillers, Defending Roye

CANADIANS ALMOST IN TOWN OF ROYE

Boys From Dominion Capture Damers and Parvillers, Villages Which Constitute Outer Defences of Important Centre of Roye—British and French Both Make Some Progress During Thursday.

London, Aug. 15.—The Canadians have taken the villages of Damery and Parvillers, a short distance northwest of Roye, according to Field Marshal Haig's official communication issued this evening. The British line south-east of Proyart, just south of the Somme has been advanced a short distance.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Further gains have been made by the French in the wooded region between the Mats and Oise rivers and just north of the Oise and Ribecourt, according to the French official communication, issued this evening. For the most part, however, the operations have been of a minor character.

London, Aug. 15.—The proportion of the German losses to those of the Allies since August 8, is greater than at any other period of the war. It was announced here tonight. It is said that the total Allied casualties probably will not be as large as the number of Germans taken prisoners.

ALLIES CHASING THE ENEMY IN RUSSIA

More Entente Troops Make Landing Southwest of Archangel—British Soldiers Reach Baku in Caucasus To Assist Armenians in Defending Seaport Against Turks—Important Teuton Conference.

(By The Associated Press) The situation in Russia again is looming large. With the Soviet leaders having fled from Moscow, the Bolshevik capital, to Kronstadt, the Soviet troops now are declared to have begun the evacuation of Moscow. American troops have begun to disembark at Vladivostok to aid the Czech-Slovak army in its campaign in Siberia; an Allied force is chasing the enemy more than a hundred miles south of Archangel on the railroad, further allied troops have made a landing southwest of Archangel and are endeavoring to cut off the retreat of the Soviets while British troops have arrived at Baku in the Caucasus, on the Caspian Sea, to assist the Armenians in defending this important seaport against the Turks, to whom it was given by the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

Thus it will be seen that the Allied forces now are operating jointly on three important sections of Russian territory, on the north with a base in the White Sea, in the east with a base in the Sea of Japan, and on the south in Trans-Caucasia.

Teuton Conference. Probably realizing the seriousness of the situation as it now affects the Central Powers with defeats on the eastern front and their military positions in the other theatres more too secure; with the feeling in Russia daily growing more intense against the Bolshevik and German rule, and with the spectre of more than a million Americans already in France and more millions of them soon to be in readiness for overseas duty, important conferences are in progress at German headquarters. The German and Austrian emperors and their suites and field marshals Von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff are the main conferees.

CAR DERAILED AT ST. STEPHEN

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Aug. 15.—A thunder storm and heavy rainfall passed over St. Stephen Wednesday evening, but little damage was done. A street car passing up Water street after the storm skidded from the rails on the sand and gravel that had washed from the hill at Watson street and was well on the sidewalk before it could be stopped.

TRINITY, ST. STEPHEN GETS NEW RECTOR

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Aug. 15.—At a largely attended meeting of the parishioners of Trinity church (Anglican) held Wednesday evening to elect a rector

ONTARIO MEN BOUGHT VESSELS

Captain G. H. Solery, Toronto, and A. B. Mackay of Hamilton are in the city, having arrived yesterday from Canning, N. S., where they purchased the four-masted schooner General George C. Hogg. They also purchased the Vincent A. White and Meredith White, two fine schooners built at Alma, Albert county. The Letitia L. Mackay, Adam B. Mackay and Alfred Hedley are also owned by these gentlemen. Another vessel called the Rothsay, bought in Liverpool, owned by them made a record trip from New York to Brest, France, in twenty-seven days.

While here Messrs. Solery and Mackay purchased lumber to be shipped to Rexton, where they have a vessel on the stocks.

To succeed Rev. W. Tomalin, recently removed to Shediac, several names were considered, but a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Percy Cotton of New Glasgow, and today a telegram was received, accepting the call.

Rev. Mr. Cotton is a young man of much favor in Nova Scotia, and it is expected will assume the directorship of Trinity at an early date.

GERMANS ARE CONTINUING TO FALL BACK NORTH OF SOMME

Enemy Has Given Up Towns of Beaumont-Hamel, Serre, Bucuoy and Puisieux-Au-Mont and At Several Points Have Crossed the Ancre River With the British Closely Following in Their Trail.

Germans Apparently Have Decided To Place the Ancre River Between Them and Their Foes—Bebuterne Salient Has Virtually Been Obliterated By the Retirement of the Invaders.

(Undated war summary by The Associated Press).—The fighting on the Somme-Oise battle front still continues, of a minor character compared with that of the early part of the week, when the Germans reinforced their line and stopped the eastward sweep of the Allied forces.

Nevertheless the British and French again have been able to gain ground on two important sectors—the Canadians a short distance northwest of Roye, where they took the villages of Damery and Parvillers, and the French on the southern wing of the battle front where they have captured two farms in the process of clearing the hilly and wooded district around Lasaigny of the enemy.

North of the Somme between Albert and Arras the Germans are continuing to fall back, and the British are keeping in close contact with them. Thus far the Germans have definitely given up the towns of Beaumont-Hamel, Serre, Bucuoy and Puisieux-Au-Mont, at several points have crossed

the Ancre river, with the British following closely on their trail.

New Enemy Ground.

No official explanation has yet been advanced of the retrograde movement of the Germans over this front, but it is not at all unlikely that the operations on the Somme front and the harassing tactics the British recently have employed made the enemy desirous of establishing himself on new ground eastward, with the Ancre River a barrier between him and his foes. At any rate, the Hebuterne salient has virtually been obliterated by the retirement of the Germans and seemingly they now will be compelled to make a readjustment of their line between the Somme and Arras.

In the week of fighting on the Picardy front 30,244 prisoners have fallen into the hands of the British fourth army and French first army, according to an official announcement. Of this number the British captured 21,844.

MILLS BURNED IN MARYSVILLE

Fredericton, Aug. 15. Marysville had the second disastrous fire within the past few months shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Fire was discovered in an old saw mill which completely destroyed that building and the old grist mill adjoining, and burning shingles jumped across the Nashwaak river, seriously damaging three double houses on White Row just within a few feet of the Canadian cotton mills. The barns adjoining these houses were also destroyed and two barns on the hill back of the cotton mill caught fire but were extinguished before much damage was done.

Nothing could be done to save the old mills, but the houses were in the district covered by the water system of the Canadian Cottons, Ltd. A call was sent into the Fredericton fire department shortly after 5 o'clock and Assistant Chief Clarke sent a detachment of men and the motor chemical engine. The Canadian Cottons motor chemical and their employees also helped fight the flames. The two mills destroyed were owned by the Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Company and had not been used for years.

The houses were owned by the Canadian Cottons Ltd. It is presumed the loss will run into the thousands, it being hard to estimate it at present.

MAN DROWNED

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 15. Encountering a violent squall before he had sailed more than a few hundred yards off shore on his way to the fishing grounds, William Wadden was drowned off New Waterford yesterday, almost within sight of his home.

PART OF HYDROPLANE IN BAY OF FUNDY

A despatch from Westport, Digby County, says that what is believed to be the float of a hydroplane has been found by fishermen of that place about two miles out from the Bay of Fundy shore and towed into Westport. The float is described as of very superior manufacture, coppered, and having six watertight compartments, one side being stove in.

MONTREAL ROBBERS ARE UNDER ARREST

Montreal, Aug. 15.—Four men alleged to have been concerned in a series of robberies in Montreal and district were arrested today. The men whose names are Raoul Lacoste, Adolphe Duval, Joseph Belanger and Albert Boudreau, appeared in police court this afternoon and pleaded not guilty to charges of highway robbery while one of them was also charged with outraging a woman. They were remanded to prison. Wednesday next. This case clears up the charge against Joseph Lamoureux, who was charged in court last Saturday with robbery and outrage. He was honorably acquitted.

BIG OTTAWA FIRE

Ottawa, Aug. 15.—Commencing with an explosion in a freight car, fire broke out at the G. T. R. freight sheds near the central station this evening and completely destroyed them with fire spreading with lightning rapidity. The shed and cars seemed to break into a mass of flames at once, the fire being attended with several explosions.

Fredericton, Aug. 15.—"Unless something is done to secure labor for the farmers of this province within the next five or six weeks a large portion of this season's crop will be lost. Many industries might well be closed down and the employees turned out into the fields." These were the words with which Hon. J. F. Tisdale, Minister of Agriculture, concluded an interview on the labor situation, as regards the farms, today.

CONTINENTAL CO. OWES PROVINCE JUST \$4,666.59

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and A. T. LeBlanc Make Their Arguments on Charges of Defrauding Province Against Speaker Currie, Before Commissioner Friel at Moncton—Hon. Dr. Baxter Contends That Charges Are Proven by Hon. Mr. Currie's Statement and by Testimony of His Own Witnesses—Defence Completely Demolished.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Aug. 15. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter in his argument before Commissioner Friel tonight completely demolished the defence set up by A. T. LeBlanc, M. L. A., in the case against Hon. William Currie and showed beyond contradiction that the Continental Lumber Company, of which Mr. Currie was manager, cut a much larger quantity of lumber on the crownlands of the province than they paid stumpage upon and what is of more importance that this payment on the reduced cut was made with the knowledge of Mr. Currie, the speaker of the legislative assembly. Mr. LeBlanc labored zealously and well in behalf of his colleague, but he was unable to upset the facts of the case. The statement of facts in this case did not depend upon the evidence of Scaler Murchie, but upon the company's own figures as produced by witnesses called in their behalf. Beyond the possibility of refutation it was shown that the company had cut as follows: the figures being taken from the record of Mr. Purvis, the company's accountant: Spruce and pine 1,586,805 feet at \$1.50, \$2,380.20, fir, 4,760,415 feet at \$1.20, \$5,712.40, cedar, 2,586,805

feet at \$1.50, \$2,380.20. Total, 7,934,025 feet, \$10,472.80.

What Was Paid.

This was the amount the Continental Lumber Company owed to the province and on account of this it was shown that Hon. William Currie had paid stumpage on spruce and pine, 1,922,000 feet at \$1.50, \$2,883.00; fir, 2,819,000 feet at \$1.20, \$3,382.80; cedar, 1,047,000 feet at \$1.50, \$1,570.50; total, 4,488,000 feet, \$8,836.30, and the balance due to the province from the Continental Lumber Co. is \$4,466.59, which amount the province lost through the action of the man who is speaker of the House of Assembly.

On this point Hon. Mr. Baxter was quite severe and his castigation of Mr. Currie drew from Mr. LeBlanc the remark, "You don't like Mr. Currie," to which Mr. Baxter replied, "No, I do not like to see ignorance and partisanship combined in the one individual." The hearing opened this afternoon shortly after five o'clock. Mr. LeBlanc, who appeared for the commissioner, was the first to address the court. He contended that the company paid stumpage on practically all the lumber it had sawn out of its cut and that the evidence of Scaler Murchie on this point was not dependable as Murchie had shown himself to be unreliable on other occasions and was not more worthy of credence on this.

HON. DR. BELAND IS WELCOMED

Grand Demonstration At Which Sir Wilfrid Laurier Speaks Held At Three Rivers.

Three Rivers, Aug. 15.—Three to four thousand people gathered in the open air before the City Hall tonight to welcome the return of the Honorable Dr. Beland from a German prison to Canada. With Dr. Beland on the platform were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. Jacques Bureau and others who had been prominently associated in the 1911 elections.

Although Dr. Beland studiously avoided political references in his speech, the other speakers continually interpolated them. Second only to the reception given Dr. Beland was that accorded Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who received an old-time ovation from the crowd.

Hon. Jacques Bureau introduced Dr. Beland, who expressed his thanks for the welcome given him. He referred to his old student days in Three Rivers and to his many friends still living there. During his interment he had thought often with affection of Three Rivers.

"I know the value of liberty more than most of you here, because I have been without for so many years," he said. "You who listen to me have never been deprived of it and cannot therefore feel so deeply as I do in this matter."

Dr. Beland expressed again the pleasure and pride he had taken in the exploits of the French-Canadians at Courcellette and elsewhere in France.

STANDARD TYPESETTING MACHINES SHUT DOWN

The Standard contains less news this morning than usual because of the shutting off of the gas house supply due to the street railway and power strike of yesterday. The entire paper today had to be hand set.

RUSSIAN REPUBLIC HELD TO BE IN GRAVE DANGER

Armed Peasants Reported to Be Marching on Petrograd.

GERMANS ENGAGED IN CONSCRIPTING RUSSIANS.

Soviet Troops Are Evacuating Moscow—Petrograd Soviet Goes to Kronstadt—Berlin Social list Paper Warns Germany of Eastern Menace.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Soviet government has issued a proclamation declaring that the Russian republic is in danger, according to telegrams from Helsingfors received in Stockholm and quoted by the correspondent of the Times there.

The Petrograd Soviet has removed to Kronstadt owing to the insecurity of the city. Bands of armed peasants are reported marching on to Petrograd from surrounding districts. They declare they are starving and that the Red Guards have stolen all their food. Dissatisfaction with the Soviets is said to prevail everywhere in Russia.

London, Aug. 15.—Reuter's Limited learns that the British troops on their way to join the Czech-Slovaks on the Usuri front-

iers received by the Czechs with the greatest enthusiasm at Nielak and elsewhere.

The Usuri River joins the Amur near Khabarovsk, north of Vladivostok. The Czechs have been engaged with the Bolsheviks in this region for several weeks.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Vladivostok dated Sunday says the Germans already are conscripting Russians on a small scale.

"According to stories of prisoners taken by the Czech-Slovaks," says the despatch, "German flying columns are impressing males from 18 to 45 years of age and are bringing those who disobey the mobilization order before Germanized revolutionary tribunals, which condemn them to death.

"These conscripted units have

German company and platoon commanders and are stiffened by twenty Germans or Magyars to every sixty Russians."

Amsterdam, Aug. 15 (British Wireless Press)—Soviet troops have begun to evacuate Moscow. The gold reserves which had been in the basement of the Kremlin already have been removed to an unknown palace.

Amsterdam, Aug. 15.—Discussing the machinations going on in Finland and the Baltic provinces to provide thrones for German princes, the socialist newspaper, Vorwaerts of Berlin gives out a note of warning.

London, Aug. 15.—The Czech-Slovaks in Siberia are in a dangerous position and are liable to be cut off altogether, says the corres-

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