

# ONE OF GREATEST BATTLES OF THE WAR DEVELOPS

## DISASTER THREATENS THE GERMAN ARMY IN PICARDY

Enemy Throws Great Masses of Men Into the Struggle in Hope of Checking Terrific British and French Drive—British Capture More Villages—French Still Menace Important Towns of Roye and Noyon.

Along the front in northern Picardy a battle which seems to be one of the greatest of the war has developed. Disaster is reported to be threatening the whole German army on this front and the Germans are throwing great masses of men into the struggle, in the hope of checking the tide of battle, which despatches from British headquarters say, is setting against them.

From the north of the battle line at Boiry-Becquerelle, Boyelles and Gommecourt, come tidings of a British advance. Meaulte, near Albert, has been wrested from the Germans. Happy Valley, south of Meaulte and north of Bray, has also been taken by the British, it is reported.

South of the Somme the towns of Chuignolles and Herleville are said to have been captured by the enemy.

### Villages Captured.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—British troops are reported to have captured Chuignolles and Herleville, south of the Somme. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in this operation which eliminates the bend in the line.

Field Marshal Haig's forces are also reported to have taken Boyelles and Boiry-Becquerelle, and to be still pushing forward. They are piling up prisoners and guns.

The British have reached Gommecourt, which is considered the chief point of the German defence position. South of Gommecourt the British were attacking and pushing forward all along the line.

A battle has developed which seems to be one of the greatest of the war. The town of Meaulte, southeast of Albert, fell early in the British drive. The British troops pressing on here are crossing the Bray-Albert road.

Happy Valley, to the north of Bray, was taken by Field Marshal Haig's troops after hard fighting. Three German battalion headquarters have been taken in the locality of Happy Valley. Additional guns also have fallen into the hands of the British.

Several fresh German divisions have been identified. They were rushed up in the hope of saving something from the disaster which threatened the whole German army on this front.

British Statement.—London, Aug. 23.—A battle is being fought on the line between Lihons, south of the Somme, to the Cote de Roye, to the south of Arras, a front of more than twenty-five miles, according to today's war office statement.

The British troops are making progress at several points. The statement adds that two enemy attacks east of Beaumont were repulsed during the night.

On the left front the British line was slightly advanced east of Le Touret, northwest of Neuf Berquin and east of Outtersteun.

French Progress.—Paris, Aug. 23.—Between the Oise and the Aisne French troops advanced their line during the night to Guzy and Pont St. Mar, just south of the Ailette River. They hold the

## TYPHUS MENACE TO THE GERMANS

Disease Serious in Section of Rumania Occupied By Them—Many Deaths.

Paris, Aug. 10. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Typhus has again broken out in Rumania, particularly in the part occupied by the Germans, and there has been a large number of deaths. The victims are mostly poor Rumanian peasants, and little effort is made by the German medical authorities to combat the disease. There is a serious shortage of food, and those who do not die of typhus usually succumb to starvation. The Moldavian section of Rumania is practically free from the epidemic. This information was conveyed to The Associated Press today by Herbert Mayer, Secretary to Charles J. Vopicka, American Minister at Jassy, who has just returned from Rumania via Austria and Switzerland.

According to Mr. Mayer, an American physician, Dr. Brockbridge Bayne of New York, who was in Bucharest for nearly two years during the German occupation and who is now on his way to the United States, was the only one who had the courage to go into the affected areas in Wallachia and fight the disease. Dr. Bayne usually was accompanied by two or three German physicians, who pretended to represent the German sanitary department, and who would force him to enter the infected houses and bring out the patients for inspection. There had been several deaths among the German physicians from the disease, and as a result all German doctors had an intense dread of it. They refused flatly to minister to the sick or dying.

This work was left to Dr. Bayne, whose humanity from the malady was a constant source of mystery to the Hun physicians. Dr. Bayne, who braved all forms of contagion, would go into the little hovels of the peasants and carry the patients out for observation by the German medical officers. The Germans would look on him curiously and then declare, "Yes, this is typhus; take the patient back, an dput up a notice in red, 'He who enters here dies.'"

Dr. Bayne would give the unfortunate patients what little treatment he could, but he knew it would be only temporary. The Germans showed the most callous disregard for human life. In the districts inhabited by the villages would be left either to succumb to typhus or to die from starvation.

For his heroic and unrelenting work among the people in the Rumanian villages, Dr. Bayne received before he left the highest decoration within the gift of the King of Rumania and was everywhere regarded as one of the saviors of the people. Even the hard-hearted Mackensen, the German Field-Marshal, showed him special recognition and sent him cigars and other favors while in Bucharest.

## HARTLAND

Hartland, Aug. 20.—Lieut. George Boyer of the Royal Flying Corps, is spending a few days home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Boyer. Lieut. Boyer expects to proceed overseas very shortly.

Miss Etta Alexander, of Fredericton, was the guest of Miss Marion Stevens for a few days last week.

Miss S. Andrews, of St. John, who has had charge of the millinery department of Keith and Plummer's store, is spending a well-earned vacation at her home in Halifax.

Miss King of Woodstock, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. W. Glas, H. H. Hurd and party motored to Fredericton on Sunday.

C. S. Baker, manager of the Bank of Montreal staff here spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Woodstock.

Miss Martha McCallum spent Tuesday with friends at St. John's.

Miss Jean Allison, of Sussex, who has been the guest of Mrs. E. O. Kinney for a few weeks, returned home on Monday.

Miss A. A. Love, of Marystown, was the recent guest of Mrs. Jane Boyer. Mrs. Annie Thornton spent the week-end in Woodstock, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Jones.

J. H. and Mrs. Frost, of Mars Hill, were the week-end guests of Mrs. John Barnett. Returning on Monday they were accompanied back by Mrs. Barnett.

Mrs. Robert Currie and children, of Vancouver, B. C., who have been visiting relatives and friends in St. John, and its vicinity for the past two months left on Monday to pay a visit to her brother, Herbert at Green Road, N. B., after which she will pay a brief visit to relatives in Fredericton and Boston and then proceed on the trip to her western home.

Dr. Archibald, of Acadia University, was in town Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Mabel Nixon, of Lower Brighton, and Weldon Fleming, of Woodstock, were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon at the United Baptist parsonage here by Rev. B. A. Trites. Both Miss Nixon and Mr. Fleming are well known to Hartland folk. Miss Nixon having been operator in the office of the Standard Telephone Co. here and Mr. Fleming as a son of J. K. Fleming lived here for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hay, who have been away on a vacation of several weeks duration, returned home on Monday evening.

## PLUNKETT'S HOME RULE PLAN FAILS

Advocated Another Party in Ireland, But Suggestion Not Well Received.

Dublin, Aug. 10.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Sir Horace Plunkett, Chairman of the Irish Convention, has published a series of articles in the Irish newspapers with the object of inducing the Government to pass at once a Home Rule Act for Ireland upon the lines of the majority report of the Convention.

Pending the putting into operation of the Act, he suggested the establishment of a purely Irish Executive, composed of men of all parties, and responsible either to the Irish Convention which has not been formally dissolved, or to the Imperial Parliament.

He appealed for the formation of a middle party in Ireland of moderate views.

Sir Horace's plan was not received with favor by any section. The Freeman's Journal representing the Irish Party objected to the formation of another Irish party on the ground that Ireland has parties enough and that its difficulties are caused as much by internal dissensions as by external boycotts.

John Sweetman, for many years a leading member of the Sinn Féin Party, and one of the few wealthy men in its ranks, wrote to say: "I cannot agree that England can now settle the future of Ireland despotically till the Peace Conference, and it would be for her benefit to govern us with a little common sense."

This view that nothing can be done about Home Rule till the end of the war is also the view of the Unionists, and William Jellicott, the most active of the reconciled Southern Unionists, has put forward his opinion as to the immediate government of Ireland in much the same sense as John Sweetman.

Dublin, Aug. 10.—The Sinn Féiners in Ireland are most actively opposed by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the conflict has sometimes led to serious incidents. At the Donegal Assizes the judge granted £100 compensation for the malicious burning of the Lettermore A. O. H. hall.

The judge ordered the compensation to be levied off a district in which the Sinn Féin residents predominated, and the Sinn Féin ratepayers have now notified the County Council that they will not pay the rate.

## CAMPBELLTON

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Chamberlain have returned to New Mills.

Mr. David Chamberlain spent a few days of last week in Montreal. Miss Helen Mowat and Miss Vera McLeod of Flat Lands, are the guests of the Misses Broderick at "Redgwick."

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Irons of Montreal, who have been spending the first two months of their vacation at Arnprior, Ont., returned home last week. Mrs. Irons remained over in Campbellton a few days with friends.

The judge of the Grand Jury of Odellville, which was held there. Mr. A. P. Mitchell left last week for Keneville, N. B., to attend the Grand Jury of Odellville, which was held there.

Mr. Bonner Hamilton spent a few days of last week in Black Lands, with

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamilton. Mr. M. A. Kelly spent part of last week in Fredericton.

Mrs. George Fawcett has returned from Dalhousie, where she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cool. Mrs. James Wall and children are in Dalhousie, the guests of Mrs. Wall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Delaney.

Mrs. Wm. Clark and Miss Louise Anderson of St. John, and Miss Mary Graham were in Dalhousie last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fraser. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Alcorn and children of Blackville, motored to town last week.

Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who has been a guest at the "Inch Arran," Dalhousie, returned last week to Ottawa.

Mr. J. Ernest Boudreau has enlisted with the Royal Air Force and has reported for duty at Halifax.

## NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Aug. 23.—Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. W. E. Forbes and two daughters of Richmond, visited town last week. Misses May Fresson and Lilla Betts of Toronto, were recently guests of Mrs. Hubert Fresson, Doaktown.

Miss Annie Murray of Doaktown, is visiting in Fredericton. Charles H. Oasey, formerly of New-

castle, but now of Portland, Me., twice visited in the United States Army, is training for home service at Syracuse, N. Y.

Mrs. S. A. McCurdy is seriously ill at her home here, and it is a source of regret to her many friends here that there is very little hope for her recovery.

Einar Zettrland of Nordin, who has been suffering from blood poisoning all summer, is convalescing after having a finger amputated.

Sapper Fred M. Crocker of the Canadian Engineers, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Crocker of Millerton.



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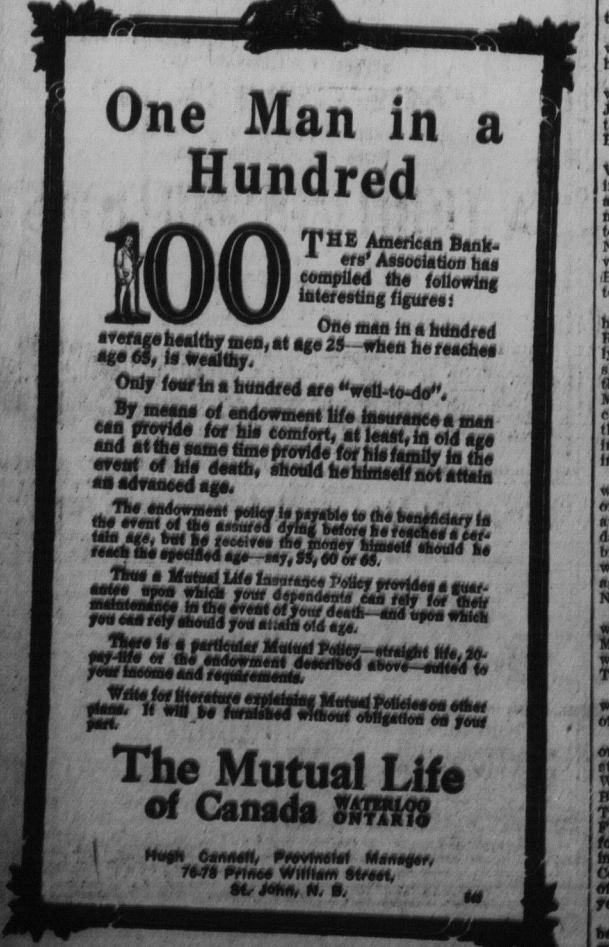
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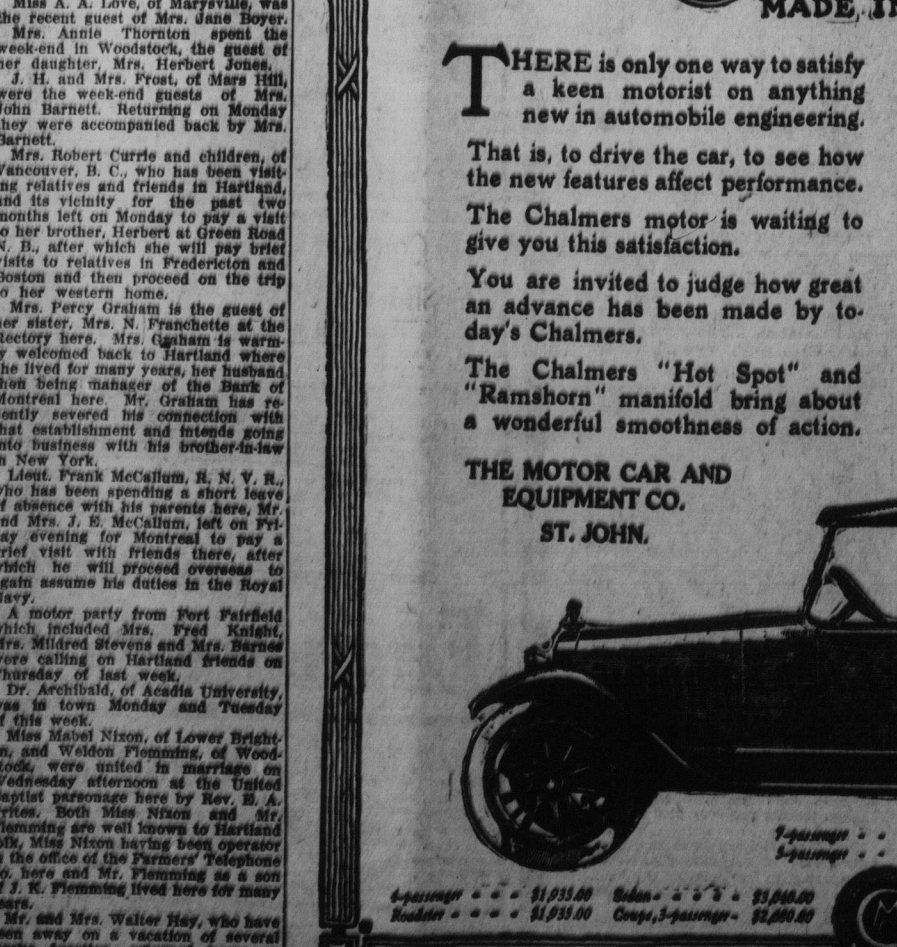
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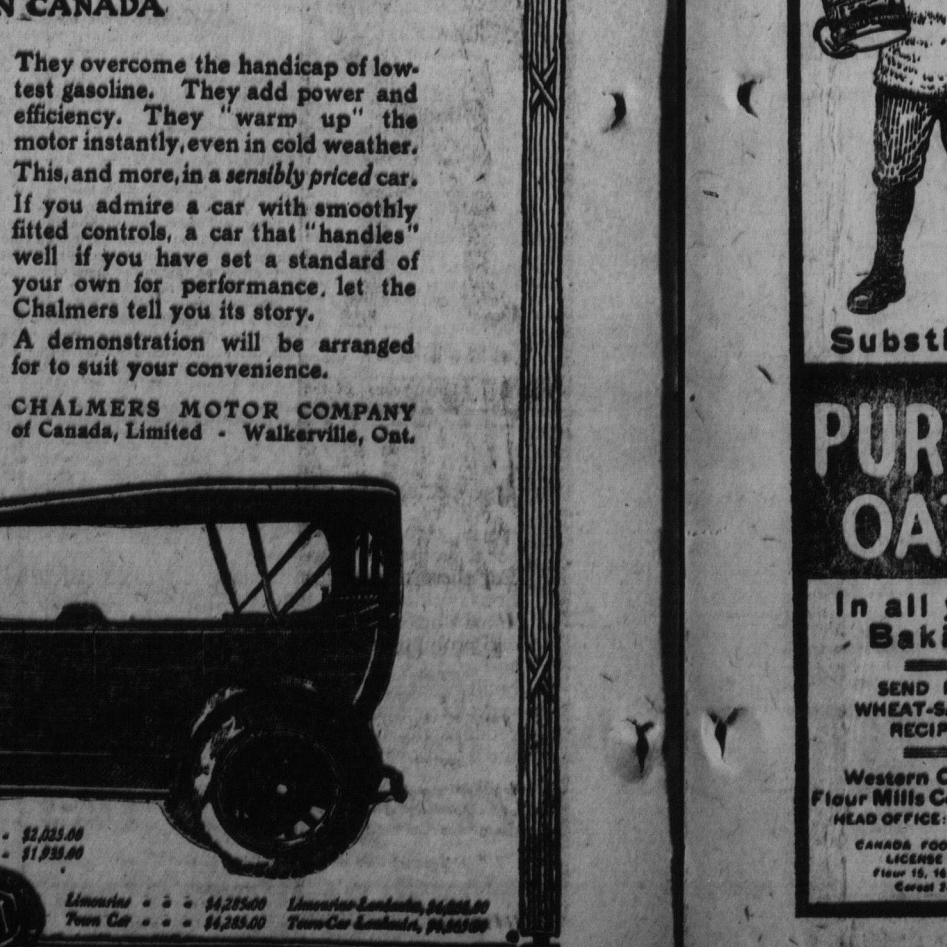
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