

BATTLE FOUGHT WITH BIG GUNS

Terrific Series of Artillery Duels in the Great Battle Along the Aisne River

London, Sept. 18.—As far as the public knows, the great artillery duel along the line of the River Aisne continues to be a draw.

In the pause of the thunder of the huge guns, the infantry and cavalry units scattered along the line of battle are being flung into the fray with-out appreciable effect on its outcome.

An official statement, written by a staff officer who has been on the scene of the operations, and which is authorized by the British War Office, gives details of the actions closing with the crossing of the Aisne, but only the most meagre communications have been issued concerning the fighting of the last two days.

Roughly speaking the line of the advance of the Allies is threaded by six rivers, four of which have already been crossed.

The crossing of the Marne, marking the assumption of the aggressivity by the Allies, was purely a re-arguard action in which General Von Kluck managed to keep the German right from being outflanked.

So far as the British were concerned, the passage of the Ourcq was not contested.

The Vesle River was only lightly defended by the Germans, while, as is now well known, the resistance of the Germans at the Aisne, was as still is, of the most stubborn character on both the French and British fronts.

JAPANESE SEND TEA TO RUSSIANS

Present Their Troops With One Hundred Thousand Pounds

Paris, Sept. 18.—Telegraphing from Petrograd, a correspondent of the Havas agency says that Japanese tea merchants of the Russian capital have presented the Russian army with 100,000 pounds of tea.

Two hundred thousand pounds were given to the English and French armies and 20,000 pounds to the Belgian army.

JEWES CELEBRATE THEIR NEW YEAR

Occasion More Solemn Than Usual—Many Jews at War

London, Sept. 21.—The Jewish New Year was celebrated with more than usual solemnity. Probably never since the nation was scattered have so many Israelites been engaged in war.

In the Russian army alone there are two hundred thousand men, while many British Jews have already fallen for the flag.

Many large stores and offices were closed today.

RUSSIANS MAKE PRISONERS WORK

Use Them on Public Undertakings of Various Kinds

Petrograd, Sept. 15, via London.—Sept. 17.—The Bourse Gazette states that up to a few days ago the Russians held 200,000 prisoners, who are being given labor of one kind or another, thousands being used on the railways and others helping with the harvest and helping with the plowing while still others are lumbering and roadmaking.

Many of them have been sent to Turkestan for work on the drainage system.

Efforts are being made so that this influx of labor will not interfere with regular wage earners.

'Durango' Here

The s.s. Durango, Capt. Chambers, 9 days from Liverpool, arrived at 2 p.m. yesterday, bringing 200 tons of general cargo, 6 bags, 21 baskets of mail matter.

The Durango left at 11.30 this a.m. for Halifax.

DEATHS

DICKS.—On the 20th inst., Mary Jane, widow of the late Robert Dicks, aged 76 years. Funeral will take place from her residence Military Road, on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends will please accept this the only intimation.

ALLIES HOLD A FAVORABLE POSITION

Bordeaux, Sept. 21.—Sixteen words constituted the official statement issued here today: "We are confident the Allies hold a favorable position in great battle which is now proceeding."

ALLIES MAKE APPRECIABLE PROGRESS

Paris, Sept. 22.—An official communication issued last night, says: "Engagements yesterday have been less violent."

"We have made appreciable progress notably between Rheims and Argonne."

ALLIES REPULSE GERMAN ATTACKS

London, Sept. 21.—The Official Press Bureau announced at 7.45 this evening that since the last report was received from General French, further counter attacks have been made by the Germans and repulsed.

PEOPLE DESERT CITY OF CRACOW

Poles—Refuse to Help the Austrians Fight the Advancing Russians

London, Sept. 22.—The correspondent Post at Petrograd sends the following version of the military situation at Cracow:

"The populace is already fleeing from Cracow, from which place part of the unique University Library has also been removed for safety."

"Polish voluntary bands which had been enrolled for the defense of Cracow, have declined to oppose Russians, on the ground that they prefer that the tide of war should break upon some other part of Austria rather than around Cracow."

"This seems to show that Cracow may be delivered up to the Russians."

FRENCH WAR OFFICE REVIEWS FIGHTING

Recounts Some Slight Gains Recently Made by the Allies

(Official St. Pierre Bulletin.) Paris, Sept. 21.—At our left wing on the right of the River Aisne we have progressed as far as the heights of assigny west of Noyon.

At the west of the Oise and the north of the Aisne the Germans have manifested a recrudescence of activity in violent attacks, going as far as harghing with bayonet.

Enemy Repulsed. In the Caronne region the enemy has been repulsed everywhere with considerable loss.

Around Rheims the enemy has not tried any infantry attack, satisfying itself with firing at our front with heavy artillery.

On the centre in the Champagne region and west part of the Argonne, besides Souaine, we have taken Messville-Shurius and Massiges.

Hold Their Position. At Woevre the enemy still holds the region of Thiaucourt and is attacking Hassorschatel.

At the right wing in Lorraine and the Vosges there is no change.

The Germans are fortifying themselves near Delme and south of Chau-Salins.

The French Government has protested to neutral powers respecting the systematic destruction and with-out military necessity, of the Rheims Cathedral.

'Cacouna' in Port

The s.s. Cacouna, Capt. Newman, arrived from Montreal via usual ports, at midnight with a full general cargo, including a deckload of cattle. She anchored in the stream until this morning.

Mr. Charles Cook, Assistant Supt. Engineer, arrived by the Cacouna to superintend some repairs which the ship will receive.

The Cacouna goes on dock tomorrow and repairs will occupy a couple of days.

The Portia left Curling at 5.30 last evening for Sydney to load coal.

GERMANS FIRED ON OWN SHIPS

Mistook Them For Ships of the Enemy—Number were Badly Damaged

London, Sept. 18.—Telegraphing to the Times its Petrograd correspondent says:

"Reports of disaster to the German fleet in the Baltic have been confirmed by despatches received here which declare that German warships fired upon upon each other. All rumor of engagements with the Russian fleet in the Baltic, however, are untrue."

"The information that reached Petrograd is that a numerous flotilla, attended by cruisers, while engaged in hunting down passenger steamers, mistook their own for the enemy's ships and engaged in a lively battle. The number of vessels crippled is unknown, but several cruisers entered Kiel badly mauled and riddled and carrying many wounded."

MADE QUICK MARCH TO SCENE OF FIRE

Volunteers Battle With Flames at Druken—Life At the Camp

Matters are going along splendidly at the camp at Pleasantville. The announcement, yesterday, of the officers appointed has met with the approval of all.

At noon yesterday while the volunteers were going through their routine at drill and other exercises a vast cloud of smoke was seen in the direction of Torbay. The officers thinking a fire had broken out made the alarm and about 60 volunteers were formed up and in command of Capt. Alexander hurried to the direction in which the smoke was seen. They had to travel several miles but were not long in reaching their destination.

Too Far Advanced. The fire had made too great a head way for them to be able to do anything with it. The volunteers broke away the fences and all the wooden surroundings so as to prevent its spreading.

The house and barn, and all its contents, belonging to Mr. R. Druken, cabinman, were completely destroyed by the fire. Mr. Druken was away to Tor bay on business at the time. The cause of the fire is unknown, but they believe it is due to the new hay being placed in the barn before it was properly dry and the heat coming from it set the whole barn in a blaze. The volunteers remained some time, but seeing their assistance was not required they marched back to the camp, arriving at 1.30.

Exams Are Held. Yesterday afternoon, before Capt. Montgomerie and McKay, the exams took place, consisting of company marching and commands. The result will be known in a few days.

The squad at the Rifle Range returned to camp yesterday and their places were taken by others. The officers in charge are highly pleased with the progress made.

The members of the C.C.C. Band gave a concert at the camp last night which was very much enjoyed and appreciated.

Magistrate's Court

Judge Knight's time was occupied at considerable length this morning. Mr. Go. Herder having taken action against a Chinaman for \$22, the value of a wash tub.

The deft. argued that the tub was not as ordered and was of no value to them.

Judgment will be given later. Mr. Blackwood appeared for pft. and Mr. Higgins for deft.

To Give Judgment

This afternoon Judge Knight will give judgment in the cases of Sergt. Noseworthy vs. James Giles and Fletcher Beck for breaches of the fox laws.

PROVES GERMANS FIRED ON RED CROSS

Nurse Sends Conclusive Evidence From the Front to French Authorities

Bordeaux, Sept. 22.—Madame Paul, head of the French Ambulance Corps, has sent a report to the Government from Etain in which she describes the bombardment of the hospital of that place by the Germans on August 24th.

The first shot from the German artillery, Madame Paul declares brought down the Red Cross flag on the roof of the building, and fragments of this same shell shattered a basin at the side of a table upon which Dr. Proust, of Paris, was operating on a serious case.

Football Meeting

Sum of \$200 Voted to the Patriotic Fund

The Football Delegates met last evening to discuss the drawing of fixtures for the Championship Cup.

As the season is so far advanced and many of the footballers having volunteered it was decided not to play the remaining games, and to give the C.E.L. Collegians and Stars gold medals.

The sum of \$200 was also voted to the Patriotic Fund.

Diphtheria

Several deaths have occurred at St. George's from diphtheria. Dr. McDonald is now tending the patients who are doing well.

'Tabasco' Sails

The s.s. Tabasco leaves at noon tomorrow for Liverpool; the following passengers are booked by her: W. and Mrs. Clatworthy, F. J. McKnight.

'Fogota' Sails

The Fogota left at 10 a.m. taking a full freight and the following passengers: Mrs. Gibbons, Miss Mary Abbott, S. Lockyer, Isaac Avery, K. Payne, and 10 steerage.

Stowaway Caught

Patrick Shortall, a stowaway from Sydney, was found on board the Cacouna yesterday. He had been hiding in the potato locker.

FOR SALE

1 Pony Buggy and Harness, two new Square Body Wagons, Lamps, Dashers, all complete. Will be sold cheap. Apply to T. CARNELL, George's St.—sep22,t,f,m

FOR RENT

Offices on First and Second Floors, Gear Building, 340 Water St. Low rent, central and commodious. For terms apply to H. GEAR.—sep19,t,f

Costumes

FOR FALL WEAR.

OUR COSTUMES for this season were imported from a well-known **COSTUMIER** in the West End of London, and are typical of what is being worn by the best-dressed ladies in that City.

Every little detail in the make-up of these garments has been carefully considered, and the various trimmings, linings, etc., are combined in the very latest effects.

Patrons should see these goods early, as we may not be able to duplicate any of the styles later.

Upper Building Showroom.

BAY CITY FELT FULL EFFECT OF THE STORM

Which Did Much Damage in the Neighborhood—Schr. Sees Wreckage

Harbor Grace, Sept. 20.—Many people are constantly looking for The Mail and Advocate, but as none are for sale here it is only those who can afford to subscribe for a year that can have the pleasure of perusing its newsy columns.

A terrible sea with high N.E. winds raged here on Thursday night and Friday morning. Not much damage was done in this harbor, but at the fishing stations at Harbor Grace and Carboner Islands, it is said much damage was done.

Forced to Put Back. The schr. Antoinette, Capt. George Webber, on her way from Oporto to Brador, met the storm in the vicinity of the Funks, and the Captain was reluctantly forced to run back to this port. He reports passing a lot of wreckage on the way up this bay, consisting of boats, stages, barrels, &c. This is no doubt wreckage driven from the North Shore.

At Bristol's Hope several fishermen lost their stages and their gear, as well as all the fish and herring caught during the summer.

Mr. John Trappell left here on Thursday last for Canada on a visit, which is expected to extend over a month or so.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mark Stevenson took place on Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended. The floral offering were many and very beautiful. Mr. Stevenson and family have the sympathy of the whole community in their sorrow.

Much Appreciated Law.

One of the best laws ever made came into force this season. I refer to that brought in, I think, by W. F. Coaker, Esq., to prohibit the picking of partridge berries until Sept. 15th.

Formerly this delicious berry was not allowed to ripen, but gathered almost as soon as the blossoms turned. This year, being undisturbed, it was possible right here for any person to pick four or five gallons in one day of beautiful ripe berries.

This law is very much appreciated.

HOW THE GERMANS BOMBARDED RHEIMS

German Cannonading of the French City Lasted For a Fortnight

Bordeaux, Sept. 21.—A detailed account of the German bombardment of Rheims has become available here. It relates that the cannonading of the French city lasted for a fortnight. The Germans are said to have used petroleum shells and the city was set on fire. Whole blocks of houses were reduced to smoke ruins.

Without Food. That part of the population which was unable or unwilling to leave the city was without food for several days. The people took shelter in cellars and a number were injured, but little or no loss of life has been reported.

On the battle front the western wing of the German line has been pushed back about seven miles during the last forty-eight hours, as a sequel to continuous fighting night and day.

Show Determination. Both armies, despite almost superhuman fatigues, show determination not to yield an inch of ground without a terrible struggle, but the fresher troops at the disposal of the allied commanders have gradually forced the Germans to recede.

Our Chinaman, has shown and is showing himself very manly, and it would do our grocers and others no harm to take a leaf from his book and practice what Chang Lee preaches.

In conversation with the writer a few days ago, referring to "prices" he said that starch had doubled its former price, and other things in his line had gone up as well.

"But," said the writer, "you will charge more for your work, won't you, Chang?"

"No, not till me get new stock, that would be sin. I had 500 lbs. starch in last order, bought at old price; sell at old price. But I pay higher, I charge higher."

"If I do that I too small to walk. Ug! ug!"

Death at Sydney. News was received in town a few days ago of the death of Mr. William Gill, son of the late Patrick Gill, of this town, but who has resided at Sydney for the past two years or so.

Useful Presents

W. J. Clouston has kindly given boilers to the value of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the camp.

Messrs. Ellis & Co. have also offered to donate soap to each man of the regiment before sailing.

Another large donation of cakes arrived at the camp yesterday afternoon for the men. They were distributed to each tent.

Brothers Drunk

Two brothers were drunk and disorderly in their father's residence, Finn St., last evening. They were arrested by the police, and this morning they had to sign bonds for their future good behaviour.

Rabbits For Sale

A few rabbits were offered for sale in the city yesterday at 40 cents per brace. This morning there was a large supply. One man from the cove sold them on Water St. for 50 cents.

Some of the rabbits were very small.

S.S. Mongolian leaves Liverpool on Saturday for St. John's.

S.S. Morwenna is due at Charlottetown today en route to St. John's.

Mr. Gill was about sixty years of age and leaves one brother at Lisbon Falls, and one sister here.

A sad death occurred at Dildo, Trinity Bay, on the 6th inst., when little Minnie Gosse, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Gosse, died after nine days illness of paralysis of the bowels.

Some time ago the little one was bitten by a vicious ram, and it was thought that this was the immediate cause of the trouble that caused her death.

The funeral took place on Monday, the 7th. Much sympathy is felt for the parents in the sad death of their oldest little girl.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon) Moderate West to South winds, fair and warm today and on Wednesday.