



## Evening Telegram.

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SATURDAY, September 19th, 1914.

## Allies Hold Their Own Along the Line.

From Monday until this morning there was little news coming in of actual fighting in the North of France. On Monday we learned that there was some fighting on the Aisne between Champagne and Soisson. Later we were told that the British had seized some of the crossings of the Aisne, and yesterday we were given in a general way the German position along the Aisne, flanked on the one side by the Oise and on the other by the Meuse, and we were told of the strength of the enemy's positions.

This information mostly came from Paris, while the British War Bureau was almost silent as to actual fighting in France. It was felt that this silence portended desperate fighting in the north, and so it proved. But still the British War Bureau is silent so far as the news which is to hand at the time of writing. Information which comes from Paris to London tells of the most desperate fighting of the campaign in France. For about a week the heaviest fighting so far known has been taking place along the Aisne, and although we are told of it slackening, we are not told that it is over. The character of the fighting forebodes a large casualty list, and the news sets forth that the British have suffered severely.

The Germans with the courage of desperation hurled their forces time and time again, sacrificing men without stint. But the allies held their own, and appear to have gained ground. As the heaviest fighting appears to have taken place on Monday night and Tuesday, and the attack was borne mainly by the British, and there was no giving way, Lord Kitchener must have had all these facts in mind when he told the House of Lords on Thursday that though the struggle would be long and costly, there were good grounds for quiet confidence in the British as to the final results of the war. Britons held their own and so did the French.

The news to hand gives the assurance that the Allies are capable of holding the Germans in check, even in such favorable position as the Germans have taken up along the Aisne. Moreover there is quite a possibility that General Pau may get round their right wing. A French force appears to be working round in the neighborhood of Ham and Roye with a force from Boulogne, and the news of the Germans retreating from Namur to Meunberge and from Namur to Givet means they fear a circling movement on both flanks and that they are trying to secure lines of communication along the Sambre and the Meuse.

With the reinforcements of British from India, Egypt and the British Isles, and the Russian avalanche bearing down on them in the East, they may find it difficult to retain for any length of time their line to the North of the River Aisne.

## Patriotic Fund.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir, - Please acknowledge through the columns of your paper the following subscriptions towards the Patriotic Fund:-

Amount already acknowledged \$36,048.80  
J. P. Kietly, Manager Nickel Theatre 50.00  
The Bank of Montreal 10,000.00  
The Royal Bank of Canada 5,000.00

\$51,098.80

Yours very truly,

JOHN S. MUNN,  
Hon. Treasurer Fin. Com.  
September 19th, 1914.

# Sees British Drive Germans Into Swamp.

## Visits Theatre of War East of Paris and witness Commencement of Great Retreat--German Prisoners Tell How Kaiser's Supplies Failed.

Special Cable to Montreal Star from its Staff Correspondent. (Continued.)

Five miles from Sezanne, Friday night, by special courier to London. Sunday night, September 13.--For five days I have been in the anteroom of the great struggle of northeast of Paris, which has turned into the rout of the Germans.

Each day and night I have been within the sound of big guns and in sight of trains of wounded prisoners from what surely will be known in history as the battle of the Marne.

With the special correspondents of the Times and Chronicle I have, by sheer luck, evaded officials who would have sent us back into safety, and have at first hand obtained a coherent story up to early Friday night when, from a distant hill at Sezanne, we saw the British infantry roll back the disordered German ranks into the swamps of Saint Gond, and against the advancing French troops. Fully five thousand and grey coated soldiers of the Kaiser were taken prisoners and twenty guns were captured in this "little" fight alone, and as many men fell on the field of battle wounded, sunk to death in the great morass before the humane Red Cross searchers could reach them through safe roads.

It has been like a great series of nightmares, but always with dawn came freshness and courage to the British troops, even before the news that they and their allies had won many kilometers.

### THE TURNING POINT.

"God, ain't we tired of this rear-guard business," said a Coldstream sergeant, who was slightly wounded in the arm, to me; "it's always up and fire and then retreat, but there's some great game behind it, we know there is." This was on the fourth, at which had been converted into a British base hospital. There was something in it, for on Sunday there was a terrific battle on the line from Compiègne to Verdun, and the wounded told us there were no more rear-guard actions.

"The Germans failed to bring the usual artillery up with their swift advance, and British and German infantry met on almost equal terms. Solid phalanxes of the enemy, which really outnumbered us two to one, were decimated by our rapier. Five miles to nearly ten miles they were driven back through their own guns, and later these were captured by a magnificent charge of Hussars. I saw ten guns and one hundred prisoners at Melun.

The day of rear-guard actions had passed, and Tommy Atkins was happy in showing what he could do in winning battles; so were his French allies.

### ON AMMUNITION TRAIN.

On Monday we had wandered almost unheeded through a stream of refugees into French territory lines. We showed our passports and French papers and, if not welcomed, we were happily ignored. At Montreaux we bought tickets from a trembling old woman for Flambouin, and in an ammunition train going to the front we made the trip. At Flambouin a French staff officer hailed us out, and told us we should have to stay in the station until the train came back, but towards late in the afternoon, when we had made rather serious inroads on his rations, he politely gave us permission on paper to saunter along the road to Sezanne. He had heard of the fine French victory at Fere Champenoise, and he wanted us to know about it, although official regulations would not permit him telling us.

Tuesday we spent in the woods, sometimes luckily striking British or French Red Cross sections who always told us the same story of great victories ahead. Twice we escaped squads of Uhlans who had lost their way and were wandering back towards the British base at Melun.

Wednesday we suddenly came upon the first real battlefield, four miles southeast of Coulommiers; so close were we to the battle line that many of the German wounded had not yet been removed. Along what had been a vain attempt to dig trenches were hundreds of German corpses, practically all of them being victims of shrapnel. One corner of the field was like a slaughter house, and from a French Red Cross officer I learned

was where the black and gold helmeted men of one of the Kaiser's famous regiments of footguards had attempted what was just beginning to develop into a disordered retreat. In the shade along the edge of a wood I met the old Abbe of Avize. He spoke excellent English, and he guided us ahead to a farm house on the outskirts of his parish. There in a roofless kitchen, we spent the night, listening to his tales of British heroism. He had been caught in the whirlpool of advance and retreat, and for four days had been doing religious duty along the British firing line to the east.

At dawn, with the priest as passport, we made Fere Champenoise. Some farm houses were still burning fiercely. Hundreds of wounded, many of them British, were still on the field, but the Red Cross men were working heroically. It was here that the British right wing joined with the French left, and the Allies actually went into action together, the red and blue of one and the khaki of the other mingling among the fallen.

Champenoise was the turning point of the battle; it made certain of more than victory; it made sure of a disorderly retreat through the marshes of Saint Gond, and on Thursday night it rained in torrents, the badly cut up roads becoming rushing streams, and although it cleared partly on Friday morning, the afternoon again saw the heavens loosed, and one could picture the desolation of starving and discouraged Germans in that shrapnel-shelled swamp, where there was no shelter or safety.

It was so uncomfortable for us, that a polite British staff officer put us into a motor train which was loaded with German prisoners, with orders to see that we caught the first train south. We were compelled to comply.

One of my friends had been a correspondent at Berlin for his paper, and spoke German fluently. All of the prisoners he spoke to seemed to be glad they had been captured, and they told an amazing story of the failure of the German machine for feeding the firing line. Four days they had been without provisions, two days they had been short of ammunition.

At Sezanne we were told there was no room for us on the train south; it was filled with wounded and prisoners, so here we stayed until something official happened to us. This is a country of wine--German soldiers have more than had their fill of it, but plenty is left--and there are tens of thousands of fine French loaves going north by every transport. We gathered two from a wandering Paris omnibus this afternoon and hope we will be forgiven.

We have heard that the rout has carried the Germans over the River Marne, and that the French centre has begun its northerly move. It looks as if the Kaiser's generals had walked into the Allies' trap and that the tide had more than turned. We have heard, too, a little of what Earl Kitchener's cryptic prophecy means, but no censor would let it pass.

The Kaiser's bubble has been badly pricked already and when the full scheme is working smoothly it should be the deluge--HILL.

## Here and There.

**FROM LABRADOR.**--The schooner Kathleen, Capt. Albert Pye, has arrived at Brooklyn, B.B. from Labrador with 600 quintals of codfish.

**Members of the Newfoundland British Society volunteering for the war in the Newfoundland Regiment or the Royal Naval Reserve, will please send their full name, home address, with Regimental or Naval Reserve number, to the Secretary, J. M. CARBERRY, care Royal Stores, Ltd.,--sep18,21**

**STORM DID NOT REACH FAR.**--By the Prospero we learn that Thursday night's storm was not so severe as was anticipated. In and around Bay de Verde considerable loss to fishing property was met with but beyond that section there was practically no damage done.

The fall coats show graceful fullness in harmony with the added width of this season's skirts.

# LATEST

1.10 P. M.

RUSSIA READY FOR TURKISH FLEET.

Special to Evening Telegram.

ROME, To-Day. The steamer Fravignana has arrived at Naples from the Orient. The officers report the Russian Black Sea fleet, comprising twenty units, cruising off the entrance of the Dardanelles, ready to attack the Turkish squadron if it should leave the Golden Horn.

A MOST TREMENDOUS BATTLE.

LONDON, To-Day.

The Times' correspondent from a point behind the lines at Senlis and Chantilly, under date of September 16, wires: The Allies succeeded in crossing the line on Sunday after a most desperate struggle on the north bank of the Aisne. The Germans were able to reform their lines and obtained large reinforcements. On Monday a second and greater battle opened all along the line. Details are scanty, but there is every indication that the struggle has been possibly the most terrible of the war and greater than the struggle on the banks of the Marne. General von Kluck's defensive demanded of the Allies the utmost strength and determination. Smashing attacks have been made and sus-

tained in a manner that will make this battle one of the most momentous of the whole campaign.

2.30 P. M.

AUSTRIAN STEAMER WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITION CAPTURED.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, To-Day. The Star publishes a despatch from Rome saying the warships cruising in the Adriatic Sea have captured an Austrian steamer flying the Austrian flag and loaded with arms and ammunition for Albania.

## McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, Sept. 19, '14.

Coughs and Colds are so prevalent just now that it may be worth reminding you again that in our White Pine and Tar preparation we have a mixture to offer you which will quickly relieve and cure ordinary and recent coughs, and prevent their getting a hold upon the system. White Pine and Tar is easy to take, and having been in use for several years, we can recommend it as a good thing. Price 25 cents a bottle.

Zylex Soap is a good soap to use in Autumn, it keeps the skin in first class condition, preventing that catarrhal condition of the cuticle which is the parent of eczema and such like troubles, and being in all respects a bland and elegant toilet soap. Price 25 cts. a cake.

# A Call to Devine's.

Right in the heart of the city with an up-to-date stock of first class Dry Goods is DEVINE'S. Bargains Friday and Saturday for men.

**MEN'S OVERALLS, Strong Blue Derry, for 59c.**

This is an article that must appeal to every working man in the city--his wife will remember it, too, when she's out buying Saturday night, Strong Blue Derry Overalls, all sizes; worth 75 cents. At Devine's . . . . . 59c

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See our American Gun Metal (solid) at . . . . . 3.50

**LADIES' GOODS.**

We are paying special attention to general lines, such as Lawns, Flannelettes, White Goods, Ribbons, etc.; few one-piece Dresses still remaining; now is the time to buy.

**BABY BEDS.**

Every one has heard of the Baby Beds we are featuring. Baby cannot fall out. Go down in the cellar, up to the attic, anywhere you like, mothers', but baby is safe. The newest thing in Baby Beds, call and have us explain. Write for interesting booklet, free.

**SAVORY ROASTER.**

You all know about them--thousands are singing their praises in St. John's to-day. We have a plentiful supply still on hand. With every \$10.00 worth of goods we give one Savory Roaster absolutely free. Cut down your meat bills; better tasting meat, better cooked meat; buy cheap cuts and cook them in Savory Roaster. Friday and Saturday . . . . . \$1.00

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**J. M. DEVINE,**

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**THE RIGHT HOUSE.**

# Pullman Leaves 8 cents each.

**JOHN B. AYRE.**

## Fishery North.

The Prospero reports a continued improvement in the fishery north, especially along the French Shore, where a good deal of fish was taken within the past week. Squid, however, are unusually scarce and if they strike in during the next few weeks in places that need the fish most, the voyage on the whole to the northward may be considered a very successful one.

## Here and There.

**Stafford's Liniment should be in every home. No advance in the price--sep19,14**

**EXPRESS ARRIVES.**--The Lin-trose express and local from Carbon-eat, arrived in the city at 12.20 p.m. to-day.

**FOGOTA.**--The Fogota left Gander Bay at 11.30 a.m. to-day coming south, and is due here to-morrow morning.

**HANDSOME SUBSCRIPTION.**--We are informed by the Prime Minister that the Bank of Montreal will contribute Ten Thousand Dollars to the Newfoundland Patriotic Fund.

**Stafford's Phorator Cough and Cold Cure is the best preparation for all kinds of Coughs and Colds. Price 25c. a bottle; post, 5c. extra.--sep19,14**

**EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.**--The embezzlement case was set down to go ahead in court to-day, but was further postponed till Monday with the consent of Messrs. Higgins and Gibbs, the Counsels engaged.

**PIANO FOR SALE.**--1 second hand Piano by first class manufacturer, in splendid condition. Will be sold for about half its value and with a written guarantee from us. CHESLEY WOODS, Nfld. Agent, 140 Water St. upstairs.--aug14,14

**THANKS.**--The Superintendent of the C. of E. Orphanage wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Rossley for their kindness in giving free tickets to the children of the Orphanage for the matinee on Wednesday afternoon.--adv11

**Stafford's Prescription "A" is one of the best stomach preparations for sale in Newfoundland. Price: Small size, 25c.; post, 5c. extra. Large size, 50c.; post, 10c. extra.--sep19,14**

**BRUCE PASSENGERS.**--The s.s. Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.55 a.m. to-day with the following passengers: J. Brown, Mrs. A. D. Fraser, E. Fraser, S. Fraser, Mrs. C. B. Blackie, Master Blackie, J. T. Cheseaman.

**CASE DISMISSED.**--A case against a licensed publican, who was charged with selling liquor to a drunken man, was heard before Judge Knight to-day and dismissed, it being found that the defendant, who bore a good reputation, was not guilty of a breach of the Act.

**STEPHANO SAILS.**--The s.s. Stephano is expected to get away for Halifax and New York at 6 o'clock this evening, taking as passengers in saloon, C. Pretty, Mrs. H. G. Butler, Miss H. Thompson, P. Hansen, Mrs. T. Greene, Mr. Murphy and 12 in steerage.

**NEPTUNE COMING HOME.**--The s.s. Neptune is now on her way home from the Straits of Belle Isle, having as freight fish and oil, and as passengers the remaining crews from Blanc Sablon and other places in the Straits, where Job Bros. & Co., Ltd., have large interests.

The Alexandra Workers wish to express their deep appreciation of the kindness of the Hon. James Baird, Hon. James Angel and Charlie Marshall, Esq., for donations of \$5 each to the work of the Association in connection with the relief of the incurable sick poor.--adv1

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY**--WANTED--Men and women for organizing and selling Thrilling European Battle War Book, authentic. Positively largest salary and commission paid. Write the JOHN A. HERTEL CO., Ltd., 182 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, sep17,14

### MARRIED.

On the 8th inst. at the R. C. Cathedral by the Rev. Dr. Greene Bridget (Bride) Thompson to Chas. E. Jardine, both of this city.

## The Sydney Exhibition.

The Reid Nfld. Co. are now offering special rates for those intending to visit the Cape Breton Island Exhibition, which opens at Sydney, N.S., on Sept. 29th, and continues to Oct. 3rd. Excursion tickets will be issued to North Sydney, good to return at one way first class fare. From North Sydney to Sydney, where the exhibition is being held, a special ferry will be plying for the convenience of patrons. Many special attractions will be offered including flying machines and the Meyerhoff Circus, which was scheduled to perform here on Oct. 10. Their visit to Newfoundland has been cancelled, in consequence of the depression caused by the war.

## Obituary.

Fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church, Mr. Michael Brown passed peacefully away last night, after a long illness. For upwards of thirty years the deceased was a member of the Star of the Sea Society and was always interested in its welfare. He was possessed of an amiable disposition and was well liked and esteemed. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the residence of Mr. James Fitzhenry, Moore Street. The Telegram extends sympathy to the relatives.

## Reids' Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 2 a.m. to-day, on the Miramheen route. The Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 6.55 a.m. to-day. The Clyde left Horwood at 4 p.m. yesterday, outward. The Dundee is due at Westville to-day. The Ethie is due at Carbon-eat to-day. The Glencoe left Hermitage at daylight this morning, going west. The Home left Exploits at 12.20 p.m. yesterday, outward. The Kyle left St. John's at 5.30 a.m. to-day for the north. The Lin-trose leaves North Sydney to-night. The Neigle left Flower's Cove at 2.10 p.m. yesterday going north. The Sagona is north of Twillingate.

## Serious Charge.

Mr. J. M. Kent, K.C., leaves for Bell Island to-day to act for the defence of a prisoner charged with causing the death of her two step-children by neglect and ill-treatment. A preliminary enquiry into the affair will be commenced on Monday before Magistrate Power, at Bell Island.

### DIED.

Passed peacefully away on the 18th inst. Michael Brown, a native of Kilmathomas, County Waterford, Ireland. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from the residence of James Fitzhenry, 23 Moore Street; friends will please accept this, the only, intimation. Halifax and Sydney papers please copy.

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