

# FRENCH MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS AT MONTDIDIER

## LA NEUVILLE AND HEIGHTS NEAR TOWN TAKEN BY FRENCH ARMY

**By Using Hastily Constructed Foot Bridges Avre River Is Soon Crossed—German Crown Prince May Be Forced To Retreat Beyond the Aisne, Possibly To the Chemin des Dames—Von Hutier's and Von Eben's Armies in Considerable Danger.**

On the French front in France, Aug. 9—(Havas Agency)—French troops on a front of six miles northwest of Montdidier have advanced to a depth of four miles and captured nearly 3,000 prisoners. Important material also was captured. The advance was carried out with extremely light losses.

The French front runs from the Avre north to a point just south of the Amiens-Roye road, where it joins up with the British.

The attention of the Germans was fixed on the Vesle attack when the new offensive was opened. There was no reply to the French artillery preparation which lasted forty-five minutes.

German soldiers were captured while harvesting grain in the fields, so complete was the surprise. Moreuil and Morisel were carried by assault. The difficulties of crossing the Avre were overcome rapidly, the French using hastily constructed foot bridges. After taking Braches the French captured La Neuville and the series of hills dominating the plain beyond.

Paris, Aug. 8—The Franco-British offensive southeast of Amiens had been expected for some time in well-informed quarters. The recent advances in Picardy and Flanders suggested that such a step was in order.

### May Effect Vesle Front

The axis of the manoeuvre in the present attack seems to be the railway from Amiens to Ham, Tergnier and Laon. The battle may develop as an effect upon the struggle going on between the Vesle and the Aisne. Failure to obtain reinforcements to combat the Franco-British armies, it is believed here, may force the German Crown Prince to retreat beyond the Aisne, possibly to the Chemin des Dames. If the offensive from Montdidier to Albert is successful and the army of Marwitz is forced to retreat the armies of Von Hutier and Von Eben, which are located between Montdidier and Soissons, will be in danger of a compulsory retirement.

### Fighting Resumed

Paris, Aug. 9—The battle on the front south of the Somme was resumed early this morning and the Franco-British forces made favorable progress on the start, reaching various selected objectives. Powerful cavalry forces are in action.

Latest reports received by the Havas Agency from the battlefield are that the fighting continues fiercely along the entire Anglo-French attack front.

The number of prisoners taken by the French and British in Picardy now exceeds 17,000, according to the latest news from the battlefield. The Allies also have an enormous booty in guns and material, says Marcel Huin, in the Echo de Paris.

Recovering from the first surprise,

the Germans hurriedly concentrated troops in order to stop our progress. It was in vain. La Neuville-Sire Bernard, Villers-Aux-Érables, Mesieres, Plessier-Rosainvillers were successively captured, while on our right British troops also continued their victorious advance. In the early morning hours prisoners, guns and machine guns were streaming to our rear.

The Germans are evacuating their positions in the Lys Valley, on the Flanders front.

On the Lys front the British now hold Locon, Decoret Malo, Quentin, Le Petit Pacaut, and Le Sart.

Above the Lys region, on the front north of Kemmel, the British carried out a local operation last night in which their line was advanced somewhat on a front of more than 1,000 yards.

The night passed in comparative silence to arouse it from its lethargy. Germans had lost so many guns that they have very limited available means of retreating to the British fire. Their infantry, moreover, is so scattered that in many places it is impossible to say just how far back the Allies have driven them.

"He died in harness, poor chap." "Yes, and by the way, did you ever notice how much like a harness life is. There are the traces of care, lines of trouble, bits of good fortune and breaches of faith. Also tongues must be bridled, passions curbed, and every body has to tug to pull through."

Boston Transcript.

### PREMIERS AND MAYORS TO TALK

Premier Foster and Mayor Hayes Will Talk To Prince Edward Island This Morning Over New Telephone Cable.

The new telephone cable between Cape Tormentine and Borden, P. E. I., is working in perfect order, so N. B. Telephone Company officials announced last night.

This morning at 10:30 o'clock Premier Foster will exchange greetings with the Island Premier, while Mayor Hayes and the Mayor of Charlottetown will also have a chance to say some nice things about each other, their cities and the accomplishment of the telephone company.

Telephone headquarters will be the scene of activity and interest this morning, and with a good wire and clear voices the long distance talking should prove successful.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County  
A. J. Armstrong to J. T. Mullaly, property in Carmarthen street.  
Catherine J. Campbell to A. F. N. Kent, property in St. John and St. Martin's.

W. H. Thorne to Thompson Mfg. Company, real and personal property. Assignees of Thompson Mfg. Company to W. H. Thorne, real and personal property.

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M. I. Bonnell to E. M. Daye, property in Greenfield.

Augusta A. Goodfellow to W. H. Holman, property in Sussex.

C. A. Clark to Pearl B. Clark, property in Rothesay.

Margaret A. Corbett to W. E. Corbett, property in Westfield.

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C. M. Lawson to Wellington and Harry Northrup, property in Kent.

R. C. Parker to P. R. and A. G. Parker, property in Westfield.

Mary J. Ralston to F. B. McLeod, property in Cardwell.

### WOODSTOCK

Mr. J. Albert Hayden is very seriously ill at the residence of his son, Mr. Harold Hayden, Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Morrison left for Shift Lake this week, where they will enjoy a few weeks outing.

Quite a large number of visitors were in town Tuesday attending the Catholic picnic, beautiful weather prevailed, which together with music and other attractions made a very enjoyable time for those attending.

Leut. Frank Nicholson, who spent a season here in training with "D" Company, 104th Battalion, arrived home from France recently, where he was fighting with the Royal Flying Corps.

Leut. Nicholson is spending a few days in Woodstock and is receiving a hearty welcome from many old friends.

The Woodstock Golf Club have extended an invitation to the members of the Fredericton Golf Club to play a match here some day during the present month.

The average dinner plate, when washed in lukewarm water and dried without rinsing, was found to have on its surface 250,000 bacteria, or almost five times as many as it had when brought soiled from the dinner table.

"This statement may seem amazing and improbable; but a little thought will show that it is logical, and the result what might have been expected. What are the necessities for rapid bacterial growth? Warmth and food. And what does the housewife give to those bacteria when she puts a lot of dinner dishes in lukewarm dish water? Warmth and food!

"Thousands of housewives are still washing dishes in water no hotter than they can bear their hands in. It is

### SUSSEX

Mrs. Frank DeBoo and son, Malcolm, are visiting friends at Havelock. They will visit Moncton and P. E. Island before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Howard have returned from a two weeks' motor trip. They were accompanied by Miss Irene Kane of Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. David Henderson are

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being congratulated on the arrival at their home of a daughter.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney of Moncton, was in town on Tuesday.

Conductor F. S. Howard of Moncton, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Fred Dineen is spending his vacation in Sydney, C. B.

Louis Comeau of Shediac, was a visitor to Sussex this week.

John Bohan of Bath, N. B., spent Thursday here with friends.

Miss Lena Sherwood is spending the week-end, the guest of Mrs. Brock at Rothesay.

not hot enough to kill bacteria; in fact, it encourages them.

"So they multiply and increase, and the dishes that are taken out of this water have on them five times as many germs as they had when put into it."

"It is not enough that your dishes merely look clean. The only way to have sterile dishes is to use boiling dish water and boiling rinsing water."

"But the housewife should take every precaution to have clean dishes on which to serve her meals. There are six rules by which one may achieve the maximum of cleanliness in dish-washing."

"First—Carefully scrape all plates and platters before washing."

"Second—Do not allow any one recovering from any form of contagious disease to handle dishes during washing."

"Third—Do not cough or sneeze while working with the dishes."

"Fourth—Have the dish water hot. Use a dish-mop."

"Fifth—Rinse all dishes in boiling water."

"Sixth—Use clean dish-cloths and dish-towels."

### GAGETOWN

On Saturday afternoon the ladies of the Magdalenist church held their annual sale of fancy articles, on the grounds surrounding Mrs. R. T. Babbitt's residence. Besides various useful and artistic pieces of work, ice cream and other refreshments were sold. The receipts of the affair were over \$110, which will be used for church purposes.

John Mac Murray and F. J. McFadden came up from St. John on Saturday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Brodie.

Bruce V. Weston of St. John, is spending the week with Capt. and Mrs. R. Harvey Weston.

Miss Alice Norwood of the J. H. Dunn Hospital, Bathurst, who has been doing relief work in Halifax since June is spending a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norwood.

David Corkery of St. John, well-known on the river for many years, as a cattle buyer, spent last week at Hotel Dinwiddie. Mr. Corkery who is ninety-one years of age, made his first business trip to Gagetown seventy-five years ago. Still full of vigor and interest in life, Mr. Corkery tells in an interesting way, many anecdotes in the town's local history, which he has stored up during the years in which he has travelled up and down the river.

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### OBITUARY.

John D. Shoop, Rockville, Ind., Aug. 9—John D. Shoop, superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools, died suddenly of heart disease while sitting in the Park Hotel here this morning.

The death occurred at Moncton recently of J. Alphonse Gagnon, a popular young C. G. R. employee. Mr. Gagnon was a nephew of Councillor A. T. LeBlanc. The funeral was held at St. Henri's church, Barabois, Shediac.

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