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BRITISH AND FRENCH DRAW NEAR TO CAMBRAI AND ST. QUENTIN

Haig's Troops Now Within Six Miles of Latter Place, Having Made Advance on Ten-Mile Front---Have Captured One of Strong Points Barring Way to Cambrai.

FIVE-MILE PENETRATION ON FRONT OF SOMME

Supreme Test of War Now On---German Failure May Compel Retirement to Belgium---Eight Towns Captured---St. Gobain Forest About Circled.

Paris, Sept. 8.—The allied advance continues along the entire front in the direction of Cambrai, St. Quentin, La Fere, Amiens, Le Cateau and the Chemin des Dames. According to the latest advices the French and British troops, nevertheless, are meeting with stubborn resistance, in which intense artillery activity is being carried out. This resistance is taken as an indication that the enemy intends to make a stand along this line, which roughly follows the old Hindenburg entrenchments.

Vaux, Flugieres and Happoncourt, east of there we captured Hamel. "South of the Somme the enemy offered bitter resistance, Avesnes was retaken by us. We gained ground on both sides of the Oise, east of Fargniers and west of Servais."

Amsterdam, Sept. 8.—The Cologne Gazette's correspondent at Berlin, in an article which apparently is inspired, puts the number of entente troops in North Russia—British, American, French and Serbian—at 20,000, assisted by from six to seven thousand Russian and Finnish volunteers.

POWERFUL FORCES CIRCLE BOLSHEVIKI

Inspired Article in German Paper Sheds Light on Situation.

RUSSIANS IN REVOLT

While Guards, Peasants, Georgians and Mountaineers Rise.

BRITISH TAKE POSSESSION OF OLD DEFENCE SYSTEM

Enemy is Offering Increased Resistance ---Advance is Made Towards Vermand, Hesbecourt and Epehy---Counter Attacks Repulsed

ARMY'S TRIUMPH REJOICES NAVY Sir Eric Geddes Sends Message of Congratulation to Sir Douglas Haig.

London, Sept. 8.—Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, has telegraphed to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig the heartiest congratulations of the admiralty on the triumphant continued advance of the British army in France. He says the navy is following every movement of the sister service with admiration and pride, and hopes that it may also soon have a chance of following the example of the army in crushing the enemy.

Advanced British troops have entered their old defense system on the southern battline, held prior to the German offensive of last March, according to the war office announcement tonight.

day evening and during the night east of Hermies and in the sector west of Amantieres, but without material change in the situation.

GREAT MOVEMENTS UPON BATTLEFRONT

With the British Army in France, Sept. 8.—Further slight advances by the British were reported in the area in front of the Hindenburg line this afternoon, but elsewhere it seems that the British again have paused, as is necessary when great movements are taking place.

Local hostile attacks were repulsed this morning south of Ploegsteert, and east of Wulverghem. On the remainder of the British front there is nothing of special interest to report.

"The number of prisoners captured by the British troops in France during the first week of September exceeds 19,000."

Canadians Undergo Persistent Shelling

German Guns Fire From High Slopes of Senese ---Hostile Aircraft Display Unusual Activity Above Dominion Troops.

With the Canadian Forces in the field, 9 a.m., Sept. 7, via London, Sept. 8.—The line was quiet yesterday, except for heavy heavy shelling from the north and west. To the north from the high slopes on the other side of the Senese river his gunners have a clear view of our movements along the Cambrai road, and keep up a persistent fire, while from the commanding slopes east of the Canal du Nord he is able to direct a destructive fire on the forward villages in our possession.

"zero" hour struck. It was a miracle that they escaped with their lives. One of them had been wounded during the recent battle while the two were engaged in similar work.

MINISTER FORESEES A CANADIAN FLEET

Would Be Part of Imperial Navy, But in Peace Under Control of Canada.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—In the course of an informal talk before the Sons of the Empire at the Windsor Hotel here on Saturday night, the Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries and naval service, indicated his belief and hope that in the near future Canada will have a strong, sound naval policy of her own.

EIGHT ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED BY BRITISH

London, Sept. 8.—The official statement on aerial operations over the battlefield, issued tonight, says: "Rains and windstorms limited working in the air on Sept. 7, but a good deal of artillery observation was carried out, as well as reconnaissances and contact patrols. Eight hostile machines and one balloon were destroyed by our fighters. Three of our machines are missing."

ALLIES CUTTING THEIR WAY INTO THE GERMAN LINES

British and French Pressing Forward With Cambrai and St. Quentin as Their Objective---French Now Two and a Half Miles From La Fere.

The British and French armies continue to cut their way into the German lines on various sections of the lower part of the battline in France. Notwithstanding the bad weather which has caused somewhat of a slackening in the violence of the operations, Field Marshal Haig's forces have materially encroached upon Cambrai and St. Quentin, while farther south the French armies are pressing eastward on the old Novon sector towards La Fere and Laon, and northward from Soissons in an auxiliary manoeuvre with the same objectives in view.

German are offering stout resistance to further progress by the British. Gradually the French are working their way around the St. Gobain Forest north of Soissons in the movement that aims at the outflanking of La Fere and Laon and all the German positions east of this region.

British are threatening the recapture of Armentieres. Counter-offensive manoeuvres here and east of Wulverghem were broken up by the British. During the first week of September Field Marshal Haig's forces have taken more than 19,000 prisoners and large numbers of machine guns and quantities of stores.

CROZAT CANAL PASSED ST. SIMON CAPTURED

Turning of Hindenburg Line Made Feasible By Allied Success---Two and a Half Million Germans in West.

London, Sept. 8.—Reuters' learns that good progress has been made in the past 24 hours. The line runs thru Havringcourt wood, thence to Hendoucourt, Villers-Faucou, Roisel, Bernes, Poctully, Villeveuve, Vaux, the western outskirts of Happoncourt, St. Simon, thence along the Canal du Nord to Tergnier.

court wood except the northeast spur between the Oise and the Allette. The French have reached the Albrich line, a continuation of the Hindenburg line. The enemy has now engaged 10 divisions since Aug. 8, of which three were dismounted cavalry. Thirty-two divisions have been engaged twice, and three three times. They have counted roughly 142 divisions north and south of the Somme, representing approximately six thousand rifles to a division. Thus there are 1,250,000 rifles between Switzerland and the sea. The full strength of the enemy is probably less than 2,500,000 on the whole front. Their eastern forces have been combed out, and it is believed that they will be unable to bring either German or Russian divisions from the east for service on the western front.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO VISITORS.

Now that the great Exhibition is over the W. & D. Dineen Co., Ltd., take this opportunity of extending their best thanks to the numerous out-of-town customers and friends who visited this store in spite of unusual conditions. Business was fully maintained and the outlook for fall and winter trade is decidedly promising. To those who have not seen the exquisite display of magnificent rich fur garments, ladies' suits and dresses, millinery, mouses and sweater coats, a cordial invitation is extended before you return home. As is well known, the European war has virtually closed the importation of furs and skins and for that reason there will be a shortage and prices most assuredly will go much higher. This company advises purchasing early. Remember all fur garments are made in Dineen's factory, 140 Yonge, and bear the guaranteed mark of quality and finish. Don't fail to visit the show rooms before leaving town. Store opens at 9, closes at 6.