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THE WAR SITUATION.

Interest now centres on the battle in progress on the Chaulnes-Roye-Noyon line in the Somme region. The German resistance has stiffened, and the Allied advance is maintained only at certain points and in face of the most determined opposition. We are reminded, however, that it took the Allies a fortnight to drive the enemy from the Meuse to the Vesle, in the fighting area further south; and there is still a possibility that the Somme operations may be so successful as to force a further retirement and readjustment of the whole German line. Today's reports will doubtless clear up some doubts as to the success of the French at Lassigny Massif, whose capture would affect the German position over a wide area. The extent of the Allied victory along the whole front from Chaulnes to Rheims grows clearer day by day, and it is bound to have a depressing effect in Germany. Frank H. Simonds says the defeat is the greatest inflicted upon Germany in her whole history, and that the moral disaster far surpasses the military in Germany and abroad. Today's reports show that the Allies are still making gains, and hold out hope of further pronounced success.

The announcement that the British government has formally recognized the Czech-Slovaks as an allied nation is likely to have far-reaching consequences. It will give rise to new hopes, not only in European Russia but in Siberia, and in parts of Austria-Hungary. We are told today of the prospect of a Czech uprising in Bohemia.

Today's cables give further details of the brilliant work of the Canadians on the western front, and also announce that the British have gained further ground in the Lys salient in Flanders. German submarines have done more damage on the American coast, sinking one vessel just outside of New York harbor.

THE RESERVES.

The unknown quantity in the problem of the western front, as it presents itself to us today, is the number of Allied and German reserves. Has Foch enough men to continue the offensive pushed so relentlessly and successfully since he turned on the enemy? Has Germany enough reserves to fill up the divisions so terribly thinned since March 21?

In late March we were wondering if Foch had any reserves at all. We know now that he had, and was holding them and adding to them in patient waiting and preparation for the brilliant stroke that electrified the people of the Allied countries when it was so recently delivered. But has he sufficient troops to keep the enemy on the move and to strike now here, now there, in such a manner as to disarrange the enemy's plan? We would give much to know the answer to that question.

The enemy had more than two hundred divisions on the western front in March. These have been so severely handled that one military critic places the number of casualties at close to a million and is of opinion that reserves have been used up to such an extent that some divisions must now be below strength, with little prospect of getting the needed quota of men. Of the casualties since March 21 more than half would perhaps return to the line after hospital treatment, but large casualties are still suffered from day to day, and the number of prisoners taken by the Allies mounts to a formidable figure.

One thing appears certain. If Foch is able to continue his sledge-hammer blows a few weeks longer the Germans will be facing a real shortage of man power, and that will have a most damaging effect upon the morale of both the army and the country.

THE WORK OF THE Y. M. C. A.

"The Y. M. C. A. men at the front deserve great credit for the manner in which they passed up the firing line during the rapid advance, serving hot drinks, food and cigarettes to all and sundry entirely without charge."

The testimony from J. F. B. Livesay, Canadian Press correspondent at the front, telling how the Y. M. C. A. bore its part in the attack by which the Canadians established a record for three days advance, should silence all criticism in Canada of the work of that organization. In the early days of the war the Y. M. C. A. was unable through lack of funds and equipment to do what it is doing now, but even then there were times when Y. M. C. A. men gave their lives because in the path of duty they went within reach of German shells. Today the men of the red triangle are able to do still more valuable work, and they have the courage and devotion that disregard danger when there is a task to perform.

The fuel controller and the provincial government do well to have the Beersville coal mine operated if it can be made to serve the needs of the people during the fuel shortage. We shall need every available pound of coal before next spring.

Escaped British prisoners tell of the brutality of the Germans, and of the miserable rations given them. There is a lone zone to settle with this war ends.

LIGHTER VEIN

A Cautious Witness.

Concerning the lighter side of his work at the bar, Sir Marshall Hall tells a good story of a witness whom he asked to give a definition of absent-mindedness.

"Well," said the witness cautiously, "I should say that a man who thought he had left his watch at home and took it out of his pocket to see if he had time to go home and get it—I should say that that chap was a little absent-minded."

Ma on the Job.

"Pa," said little Willie, "what's an echo?"

"An echo, my son," answered Pa, casting a mean side glance at little Willie's Ma, "is the only thing on earth that can cheat a woman out of the last word."

Another definition of an echo, Willie observed Ma, "is a man who goes to old patent medicine almanacs for his alleged wit."

And then nobody said any more words but Willie, whose infant mind was naturally confused by all this persiflage.

Initialed.

Mary Pickford's success was predestined, for her initials also stand for her profession, Moving Pictures. Similarly, Charlie Chaplin, being English, could be described as the Cinema Champion.

And finally, in view of Doug. Fairbanks' spectacular stunts, how's D. F. Cartoons Magazine.

The Important Thing.

"The way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

"Wives have been hearing that for years. But what's the way to his pocketbook?"

Quite Another Matter.

The Post—What's the greatest depth you can reach?

The Diver—A little over five miles.

The Post—Impossible! Why would you never come up again?

The Diver—I never said I would.

Rather Obtuse.

"What have the Gidspurs named their country home?"

"Bide-a-Wee."

"Rather a pretty name."

"Yes, but they have confided to intimate friends that the significance of the name seems to be lost on some of their relatives who think nothing of staying all summer."

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- Ladies' Tan Button Boots—Worth \$5.00 to \$7.00... \$2.98
- Ladies' Patent Button Boots—Worth \$4.00 to \$6.00... \$2.98
- Ladies' Patent Low Shoes—Sizes 2-12, 3, 3-12. Worth \$3.00 to \$5.00... \$1.98
- Boys' Tan Low Shoes—Size 5 only... \$1.50
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YOUNG MEN MAY JOIN AIR FORCE

That all men of nineteen years of age, recently called upon by the authorities to register under the Military Service Act, may now be added to the strength of the Royal Air Force, providing they have complied with the regulations under the M. S. A., was the information communicated to Captain B. M. Hay, officer in charge of recruiting for the R. A. F. in the maritime provinces, from the office of the director of the Royal Air Force in London.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Matchett of Sunny Corner of the death of their son, Private Courtney C. Matchett, who went overseas with the 182nd Battalion. He was about twenty-two years old.

Information has been received to the effect that Lieut-Colonel Elmer W. Jones of Brockville, Ontario, a well-known Canadian officer, has been killed in action. He went overseas as a member of the 21st battalion. Prior to going overseas he was practicing his profession as a lawyer in Toronto.

Sergeant-Major Morrison Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Jordan of Northbrook, a member of St. Stephen's congregation, Redbank, has recently won a bar to his D. C. M. He, single-handed, killed the crew of a German trench mortar. He is a member of a Nova Scotia battalion.

To Lead in Siberia.

Brigadier-General J. H. Elmsley, C. M. G., D. S. O., Royal Canadian Dragoons, has been selected to command the troops which are now being mobilized in Canada for service in Siberia. General Elmsley is at present in England.

Private Fred Nutter of the depot battalion was hospitalized in the city yesterday suffering from paralysis of the lower limbs. He has been at his home in Evanville.

Several soldiers are to be entertained by a set up on the river on the steamer Hampton today. The party was arranged by a committee with Mrs. W. H. Shaw at the head. The management of the Hampton is being handled by the committee in giving the boys a good time.

The soldiers on Partridge Island were given a treat last night when the members of the Red Triangle Club, King's College, entertained them with a programme of songs and recitations. Those who took part in the programme included Steve Matthews, Mr. Chadwick, Miss Rose, and the feature of the evening, Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy presided at the piano.

Lieut. J. B. Prentice, in charge of the erection of military buildings for the defence, was at the front at River Glade, where he completed an inspection of the newly erected hospital there which is to be taken over for use of reserve soldiers. Lieutenant Prentice says that the new wing will be ready for the occupation of soldiers at a very early date.

Frederick, Aug. 13—(Special)—E. H. Clarkson, of this city, has received unofficial information that his son, Major D. W. Clarkson has been killed in action with a Montreal battalion in France. He was awarded the Military Cross some months ago. He was an officer in the 1st (C) Missouri Volunteer Infantry in command of a draft of men from the Composite battalion, Halifax.

Lieut. Grannan Wounded.

"Slightly wounded" was the word which came to the home of Mrs. Philip Grannan in Douglas avenue yesterday afternoon from the front. Lieutenant Grannan P. Grannan, a well known officer of St. John. The cable received by Mrs. Grannan was from Lieutenant Grannan himself, who was wounded at River Glade, Plymouth, England, which would indicate that although slightly wounded still it has been sufficient to give him "a Blighty."

Camp Sussex Visited.

Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonell, G. O. C. I. L. Col. A. H. H. Powell, A. A. G., and Major Blanchard, C. R. C. E., paid an official visit to Camp Sussex yesterday afternoon.

BAND CONCERT IN NORTH END.

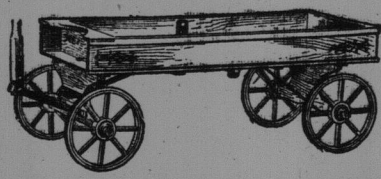
Victoria Square will be the scene of tonight's band concert. The following programme will be rendered by the Temple Band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Jones:

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March, National Emblem. Keler Bela
Serenade, Cupid's Charming. Miller
Waltz, Sounds from the Opera. Mercer
Two-Step, Oh, Oh, Oh. Olman
Selection, Caledonian Bouquet. Arr. by C. J. Hayes
Waltz, Nights of Gladness. Ancliffe
The Season's Favourites. Arr. by C. J. Hayes
Selection, Southern Memories. Arr. by C. J. Hayes
March, Argandah. Thompson
God Save the King.

George Moody Reid died recently at his home in Albert. Mr. Reid was sixty-seven years of age and is survived by two daughters. He was a son of the late John Reid and was a native of New Horton, N. B.

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MORNING WAR SUMMARY

(Undated War Lead by The Associated Press.)

The strength of the German opposition against the Allied troops from immediately north of the Somme River to the region just below Roye, apparently has checked, for the moment at least, their march eastward in the process of clearing the Amiens-Montdidier sector of the enemy.

It has not, however, prevented the French on the extreme southern end of the line from winning additional points of great strategic value in the hill and forest region between the Oise and the Aisne, where Lassigny and Noyon are the ultimate objectives and the capture of which not alone would result possibly in the forced evacuation by the Germans of the Noyon-Roye-Chaulnes line, but also would have a marked effect on the battle line running southeastward past Solons and thence along the Vesle River.

The battle line in the north and on the centre remains virtually as it stood Monday, although all the Allied troops have bettered slightly their stance, and taken additional prisoners. The Americans and French at last accounts still were in the environs of Bray, north of the river, while south of the river the Germans continue their possession of Chaulnes and Roye, which seemingly they intend to defend at all hazards.

Fresh reinforcements and large numbers of guns have been brought up by the enemy to aid him in his endeavors to hold the line, which is essential to the safety of the German armies now in the pocket described by the Somme on the north and east and the Oise on the south.

The Germans are not merely on the defensive. At salient points here and there they are delivering violent counterattacks against the Allies and are also bombarding fiercely the rear areas.

Notwithstanding the enemy's efforts, however, Chaulnes is receiving a mighty visitation of shells from the Allied guns, and Roye has been so encroached upon that it is now under a heavy cross fire from the north and south, and seemingly both towns ultimately must be evacuated. An added danger to Roye is the fact that the French in their operations are knocking at the door of Lassigny, about seven miles to the south, and also are pressing forward eastward towards Noyon in a wedge-driving manoeuvre which not only is outflanking Roye but is bringing Noyon daily nearer the range of the big guns.

Unofficial reports are to the effect that the Germans, fearing capture in the pocket between Roye and the Oise already are retreating along the Aisne valley towards Noyon, and if the statements should prove true it is not unlikely that the entire German battle line to the north will give way in unison and that there may be a readjustment of the enemy front from Solons to Rheims.

Far to the north from Ypres to Albert there has been considerable activity on the part of British and French forces against the Germans. The latest German communications assert that all the attacks were repulsed.

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are declared to have driven the Allies to the southern bank of the river. A counter-attack, however, resulted in the re-occupation of Fismette.

The Czech-Slovaks in Russia, who are opposing the Bolshevik element, have been formally recognized by Great Britain as an allied force, and their armies as an allied force waging war against the Teutonic allies.

GERMAN ADMIRALTY EXAGGERATES STORY OF MOTOR BOAT BATTLE

Copenhagen, Aug. 13—The following communication of the German admiralty dealing with the recent encounter off Ameland in which several British motor boats were destroyed and a German aliph was brought down, has been received here:

"British naval forces approaching a German bay were immediately attacked with bombs and machine guns. We destroyed three fast boats and damaged another. A battle cruiser and a torpedo boat were hit by bombs, the latter being sunk."

"Our naval forces, which immediately approached the field of battle, were unable to meet the retiring enemy. Our casualties amounted to an aliph, commanded by Corvett, captain of reserve Process, and an aliph."

The British admiralty report of the Ameland fight said six motor boats engaged in the expedition failed to return, but that there was no other damage nor any other casualties.

VERDICT OF MURDER AGAINST MEMBERS OF DOMINION POLICE

Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 13—The jury in the inquest on Amede Picard held here by Coroner Bachand tonight, brought in a verdict of murder against two members of the civil branch of the dominion police, J. J. Barton and Henry Crenall.

The inquest arose out of the death of Amede Picard at Winslow, near here. He was a draft evader and when the Picard home was raided by the dominion police last week his father tried to prevent his arrest. In the scuffle Amede ran for it. He was shot in the back and died later at the General Hospital, Sherbrooke.

TO REOPEN COAL ROAD.

As a result of action on the part of Dr. J. H. Frink, provincial fuel administrator, backed by the provincial government, a seven-mile railway between Adamsville and Beersville, Kent county, will soon be reopened to tap a valuable coal mine which has been idle for some

time. The mine and railroad was operated spasmodically until it finally went into court. Last July it was sold by order of the supreme court to United States interests, who purchased it in order to sell the rails. The intention is to open up the mine which it is estimated has a maximum output of 100 tons of bituminous per day.

REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT ABROAD IN URUGUAY

Montevideo, Aug. 13—Strikers estimated to number 15,000 assembled in the Plaza Independencia late this afternoon and delivered fiery speeches in which the president of the republic was frequently mentioned. Cavalry attempted to disperse the gathering and was fired on by the strikers. The cavalrymen returned the fire. No report as to the number of casualties have been received.

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