

British Gain Ground on New Battle Front; Long German Lines in Serious Danger

HAG STRIKES STROG BLOW NEAR ARRAS

All Along Front British Press Forward, Capturing Six Villages.

PENETRATE ENEMY LINES TWO MILES

Bapaume, Noyon, Roye and Chemin-des-Dames Are Still Menaced.

THE ENEMY LINES IN PICARDY IN DANGER

German Commanders Pour in Heavy Reinforcements in Vain.

(By The Associated Press.) While the Germans were busy engaged in defending themselves against the attacks of the British and French armies from the Aisne River to the region of Soissons, the British and French forces struck a decisive blow over a new front north of the old battle zone. The new offensive was launched from the east of Arras on the Scarpe River and southward to the Cojeul. All along the front the British pressed forward, at some places to a depth of more than two miles, and captured a half dozen more villages, among them Monchy-Le-Francois, Guemappes and Wancourt.

German Attacks Fail.

Additional gains also have been made by the British east of Albert and on both sides of the Somme River. In fact, notwithstanding the efforts of the Germans through the use of large reinforcements to hold them in check, the British and French all along the line from Albert to Soissons have materially bettered their positions and carried further forward their plan of making the Picardy battle ground untenable for the enemy.

Prussian Guard Losses.

The Germans have thrown further heavy counterattacks against the French in the region north of Soissons, where the French continue their pressure northward in maneuvers which seriously threaten to outflank the Chemin-des-Dames and Laon sectors and to put the entire German line from Ypres to Rheims in jeopardy.

FRANKFORT BOMBED

London, Aug. 26.—Chemical factories at Mannheim and the railway station at Frankfurt were successfully attacked Sunday night by the British independent air forces, according to an official communication issued tonight.

FATHER OF "BABE" RUTH KILLED IN FAMILY FIGHT

Baltimore, Aug. 26.—George H. Ruth, forty-six years old, father of "Babe" Ruth, pitcher for the Red Sox, died at the University Hospital yesterday of a fractured skull caused by injuries received in a fight with his wife's brother, Benjamin H. Sipes, who was arrested and is held pending action of the coroner.

SOLDIERS GO TO CAMPOBELLO I.

Miss Willa Wilson's Story of Mysterious Strangers Still Adhered To—No Solution Yet.

Campobello, Aug. 26.—Owing to a statement given by a Miss Wilson of the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Wilson of Wilson's Beach, Campobello island, came to this city on a few hours' visit to relatives and while here saw Mayor Fred T. Edgerly and officers in relation to the story of the mysterious hold-up last Tuesday evening which she had told so plainly.

Girl Reports Story.

Her story as related was exactly the same as previously given out and she again described calmly and with every indication of truthfulness just how the two mysterious uniformed armed strangers had stepped out of the dense woods four miles from her home and proceeded with her along the lonely country road while trying to gain such information as they seemed to want and were willing to pay any amount of money for.

BRITISH CAPTURE 6 MORE VILLAGES

Bulletin—London, Aug. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Susanne and Capry, towns north and south of the Somme respectively, were captured today by Field Marshal Haig's forces, according to reports received here this evening from the British battlefront. The British also took Avesnes-Les-Bapaume, a suburb of the town of Bapaume.

MEET HERE TODAY

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Aug. 26.—At a meeting of the Victory Loan Committee in the last campaign all were unanimous in taking hold of the new loan to be launched soon. Capt. Masters, chairman for Westmorland, leaves for St. John tomorrow to attend a meeting of the provincial committee.

CANADIANS IN FRANCE CONFIDENT

Major General Mewburn Found Excellent Morale At Battlefront.

CANADIAN CORPS IS AT TOP FORM

Sir Arthur Currie in Behalf of Boys Sends Thanks To Canada.

EVERYTHING IS NOW SATISFACTORY

Much Credit Is Due Sir Edward Kemp and Lieut. Gen. Turner.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—In a statement issued today, Major General Mewburn, minister of militia and defence, declared that on his recent visit to the Canadian troops overseas he had found permeating all ranks a feeling of unbounded confidence and, which is even better, a spirit of loyalty, team play and esprit de corps throughout all ranks from the highest to the lowest.

All Are Grateful.

"I desire to convey to the Canadian public definite statements of the corps commander, Lieut. General Sir Arthur Currie, and General Sir Richard Turner, chief of the Canadian General Staff in England, that the continuous and adequate flow of reinforcements has been perhaps the most important contributory factor in creating and maintaining the high morale of the Canadian troops."

SIX BOYS DEATH ROLL

William Thibodeau, Ward Fisher, Charles Mercereau, Theophilus Underhill, Judson Mitchell and Pte. Holmes Skain.

FIVE MORE SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM

Steamer Eric, Two Lunenburg Schooners and Gloucesterman Gone.

U-BOAT NOW OFF ST. PIERRE, MIQ.

Big Schooner J. J. Flaherty, Worth \$50,000, One of Victims.

CREWS LANDED AT ISLAND PORT

Five Men on Steamer Eric Are Wounded by Shell Fire.

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GERMANS ADMIT WAR IS LOSING ONE FOR THEM

Prisoners taken by the British admit that Germany is in practically a hopeless condition, and ask if the Allies mean to crush her altogether. If so, they say, Germany will resist to the last, but they make no attempt to conceal their impression of what this will mean to Germany.—From a British army headquarters report.

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THE TIDE TURNS

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