

BRITISH ATTACK NEAR ST. QUENTIN

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ATTACK NORTHWEST OF ST. QUENTIN LAUNCHED TODAY

British Driven Back to Western Outskirts of Moeuvres Village by Superior Enemy Forces Last Night—Germans Exhorted by Leaders to Stand Firm

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—British forces attacked this morning northwest of St. Quentin, according to an official report from Field Marshal Haig, received at the War Office this forenoon.

The village of Holnon, three miles northwest of St. Quentin has been captured by the British, the field marshal reported.

A German attack last evening at Moeuvres under heavy artillery protection resulted in the British being pushed back to the western outskirts of the village.

The text of the statement reads: "As a result of our operations yesterday on the southern portion of the battle front, we gained possession of Holnon village with several prisoners."

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"Yesterday evening the enemy attacked at Moeuvres under cover of a heavy artillery barrage and pressed our troops back to the western outskirts of the village."

By a successful local operation carried

out during the night, we advanced our line slightly immediately south of the La Basse canal."

CAN RETREAT NO FARTHER

British Headquarters in France, Sept. 17.—Canadian Press Dispatch for Reuter's Limited.—A captured document signed von Morgen, dated September 10th and addressed to the 104th Reserve Corps near St. Quentin, says:

"Hitherto owing to military instructions we have allowed the English to occupy desolate enemy country. Now, however, you have taken up strong defensive positions, not one foot more of ground is to be given up."

The document exhorts the men to defend their homes, their families and the fatherland, and adds:

"You are more than a match for the enemy, who only attacks with dash when accompanied by tanks. These we will destroy. I expect every man from General to junior private to do his duty in the imminent decisive battle."

von Morgen was the general who streaked off in a motor car early in our attack



THE ST. MIHIEL SALIENT

The front of the wedge shape salient had a length of 46 miles. Slightly over 200,000 German troops had been assigned the task of holding the salient until all was ready for its abandonment, and of that number 100,000 were actually on the firing line, the remainder being in reserve just beyond the base of the salient, many of them probably at Chaumont.

WILSON'S REPLY TO AUSTRIAN NOTE FINDS ECHO IN LONDON

Both Promptness and Substance of President's Answers are Endorsed by London Press; Would Have Britain Follow Lead of U. S.

London, Sept. 18.—The promptness, as well as the substance of President Wilson's reply to Austria-Hungary, approved by the London morning papers. Even the pacifist Daily News urges the Allies to follow the American lead and endorse the points enunciated by President Wilson, and the situation to drive the wedge into Germany and her Allies.

The Times admires the promptness of the reply as heartily as it agrees with the line taken by the President.

The Morning Post says that the answer is framed in the only terms which merit the occasion. The Daily Chronicle thinks that the Allies cannot fail to be influenced by President Wilson's example which makes it certain that they will reject the Austrian invitation to the Chruchau contents. However, that position is different than America's and that their reply ought to be framed so as to carry a message of hope, and not despair to the masses of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Another Demonstration? London, Sept. 18.—It is rumored in Berlin that when the Reichstag meets there will be another peace demonstration similar to that of July 1917, according to Amsterdam dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph Company. It is said that terms of a peace resolution are now being drafted by the majority leaders in consultation with the imperial chancellor. The Reichstag will convene on November 5.

Captured Tontons Interested With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Tuesday, Sept. 17.—(By The Associated Press)—German and Austrian prisoners taken in the recent advance by the Allies in this section, displayed great interest when they learned of the Austrian peace suggestion when the news reached

the camps where they were taken after their capture. They made no effort to conceal their discouragement when assured by the American soldiers that peace is a long way off unless Germany is willing to admit that she is beaten. Stories told by the prisoners nearly all indicate a lack of harmony between the Austrians and Germans, and reflect on the lowered morale of the Central Powers. The prisoners' conversations show that they realize the hopelessness of success, and their belief that they are fighting for some object which to them is apparently not clear.

Individually the captured men are in good condition. They are well clothed, well fed, and healthy.

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MACEDONIAN DRIVE MAY PROVE MAJOR OFFENSIVE

Allied Successes on Eastern Front are Developing, and May be Fore-runner of Major Operations—Very Little Known of Macedonian Front

By Courier Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following:

As the Allied offensive in Macedonia continues to develop, the impression is growing that an operation of major proportions may have been begun there. The front where the fighting is going on is almost shut off from the world, and except for official reports there are few details known as to the progress of the Entente forces. It appears, however, that the attack which was launched on Sunday, is still going on, and is gaining important ground just to the east of Monastir.

Sofia admits that the Allies have been successful at some points, and says that the Bulgarian troops have been withdrawn to positions further north. This may be taken as confirmation of reports from Allied sources telling of the success of the drive over the high ridges which the Teutonic Powers have held for the past 18 months or more. Last reports from the Macedonian front would seem to indicate that the rather restricted front over which the French assault was launched is now being lengthened, especially to the west. Maps of the region where the battle is being fought show that the Allies have carried valuable positions on high ground, and that it is possible that they have passed through a zone where the hardest resistance might be expected.

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BOLSHEVIK SUCCESSES AT SEVERAL POINTS

Amsterdam, Sept. 18.—Bolshevik successes in the valley of the Volga River and along the Kuban coast of the Black Sea are reported in news agency dispatches to the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The Bolshevik troops are said to be advancing

west of Trazetin and to have occupied the town of Trazetin in the same region. Further west there has been successful fighting by the Bolsheviks in the neighborhood of St. Pol. It is announced that Makahof in Kuban, has been captured by the Bolsheviks.

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Sergeant B. Alcock,  
Lance-Corporal Axworthy,  
Pte. Milford Sneath.

Three members of the 125th battalion are to-day listed as having given their lives for their country, while others have been wounded.

PTE. J. P. POWERS.  
The suspense into which the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Powers, Darling street, was plunged on receipt of the news last week that their son, Pte. J. P. Powers was missing, was ended to-day, but their sorrow was only intensified by official notification that Pte. Powers has been killed in action.

PTE. LOUIS ANGELO.  
Pte. Louis Angelo of the 125th battalion was killed in action on September 4, according to word received yesterday afternoon by his brother, Guy Angelo, 87 Stratcona Ave., Pte. Angelo, although born in Edinburgh, Scotland, was of Italian parentage and was well known by his countrymen and others in the city. He was an employee of the Massey-Harris company prior to enlistment, and was unmarried.

SERGEANT B. ALCOCK.  
Sergeant B. Alcock has been wounded in the foot, according to official word received to-day by his wife, Mrs. Alcock, 68 Rawdon street. Sergeant Alcock went overseas with the 125th battalion.

LANCE-CORP. GEORGE AXWORTHY.  
Wounded in the head, Lance-Corp. Edwin George Axworthy has been admitted to hospital in Loretport, word has been received by his family, who reside at 18 Chikson street, two months ago. Corp. Axworthy was wounded by shrapnel in three places, and six months ago he and a chum were buried by the explosion of a shell which struck only three feet from them. Corp. Axworthy was formerly employed by R. Feely.

PTE. M. SNEATH.  
Mrs. George Sneath, 36 St. Paul's avenue, received word yesterday to the effect that her son, Pte. Milford Sneath, has received severe gunshot wounds in the left hand. Pte. Sneath went overseas with the 125th battalion, and was wounded in April last.

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With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Tuesday, Sept. 17.—(By The Associated Press)—The Germans apparently never expected to be ousted from the St. Mihiel salient. They had done much work in building shelters and beer gardens and about the Souveries Farm the country had been made to look like a prosperous German neighborhood, with resorts, where the townspeople might spend their holidays.

Little club houses were built and equipped not wholly in keeping with front line operations. The dugouts and shelters of the officers were fitted almost luxuriously, some of the larger ones being fitted with bath tubs and running water and lighted by electricity. Outside of many of them were huge summer houses, where the occupants were accustomed to sit and drink beer. When the Americans advanced they captured a German mess sergeant, who had been instructed to pack up and leave, but who had under-estimated the speed of the Allied progress. He was carrying a quantity of beer and cheese, and when he saw the Americans approaching, he did not run, but bustled himself like a bartender and received them standing behind a table, on which the beer and cheese were ready for consumption.

Viewed in the light of events that have since transpired, the attack against the Germans on July 18 was really the first step in a masterly campaign which has not only wrested the initiative from the Germans, but has forced them back along the line from Xpres to Rheims to virtually their makeshift drive of the war on March 21. With the reception of a narrow strip of ground in the Flanders sector, from east of Espaume

to the St. Gobain Forest, and along the Alps between Vanathalon and Rheims, the German successes of the spring and early summer have been liquidated. In addition the Germans have lost vital positions before Arras and have been forced to retreat from the St. Mihiel salient, which for four years stood like an arrow pointed at the heart of eastern France.

Burning towns along the Moselle River are considered as evidence that the Germans are preparing a further retirement in the Lorraine sector. It is said that an elaborate system of defenses has been constructed to aid the German armies who will defend Metz.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Sept. 18.—A depression which has formed since yesterday is centered in Wisconsin, while the weather is still more or less unsettled over the greater portion of the Dominion.  
Forecasts.  
Fresh to strong south shifting to west and north-west winds; showery to-night and for a part of Thursday.

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