

BRITISH PUSH AHEAD BETWEEN PERONNE AND ST. QUENTIN Have Captured the Towns of Vermand and Vendelles Offensive Slackens as Allies Draw Near Cambrai

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Patrols Occupy Town of Vermand, Northwest of St. Quentin, and Also Vendelles—French Make Progress in Their Advance

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Bulletin.—Pushing ahead today on the front between Peronne and St. Quentin, British patrols have occupied the towns of Vermand, 1-2 miles northwest of St. Quentin, and Vendelles, two miles north of Vermand.

The British this morning were attacking Gouzeaucourt, southeast of Havrincourt wood. They are on the western and northern edges of Epehy, within two and a half miles of the Hindenburg line, opposite Le Catelat, and their patrols are reported to have passed through the village.

French troops now hold the Crozat Canal practically along its whole length. They are only four miles from St. Quentin, and their cavalry patrols are close to La Fere.

FURTHER FRENCH ADVANCE

PARIS, Sept. 9.—North of the Somme, French troops have made a further advance in the direction of Clastres, and have occupied Lomot Farm, according to the War Office announcement today. French troops have crossed the Crozat canal opposite Liez, three miles southwest of Venduill.

Two strong German counter-attacks were repulsed by the French in the Laffaux region, northeast of Soissons. The French took 80 prisoners belonging to five different regiments.

BRITISH OFFICIAL

Bulletin, London, Sept. 9.—Last night passed in quiet along the British front in northern France and Flanders, except for artillery activity and minor raiding operations, according to today's War Office report.

South of the line in the region of Arras and Valenciennes, a German raiding party was repulsed. The text of the statement reads: "A hostile raiding party was successfully repulsed last night north of Arras-en-Gohelle, a German raiding party was repulsed."

"With the exception of artillery activity in different localities on both sides, particularly in the neighborhood of the Arras-Cambrai road and the La Bassée Canal and Ypres sectors there is nothing to report."

GERMAN OFFICIAL

Berlin, via London, Sept. 9.—Entente Allied attacks north of Arras-

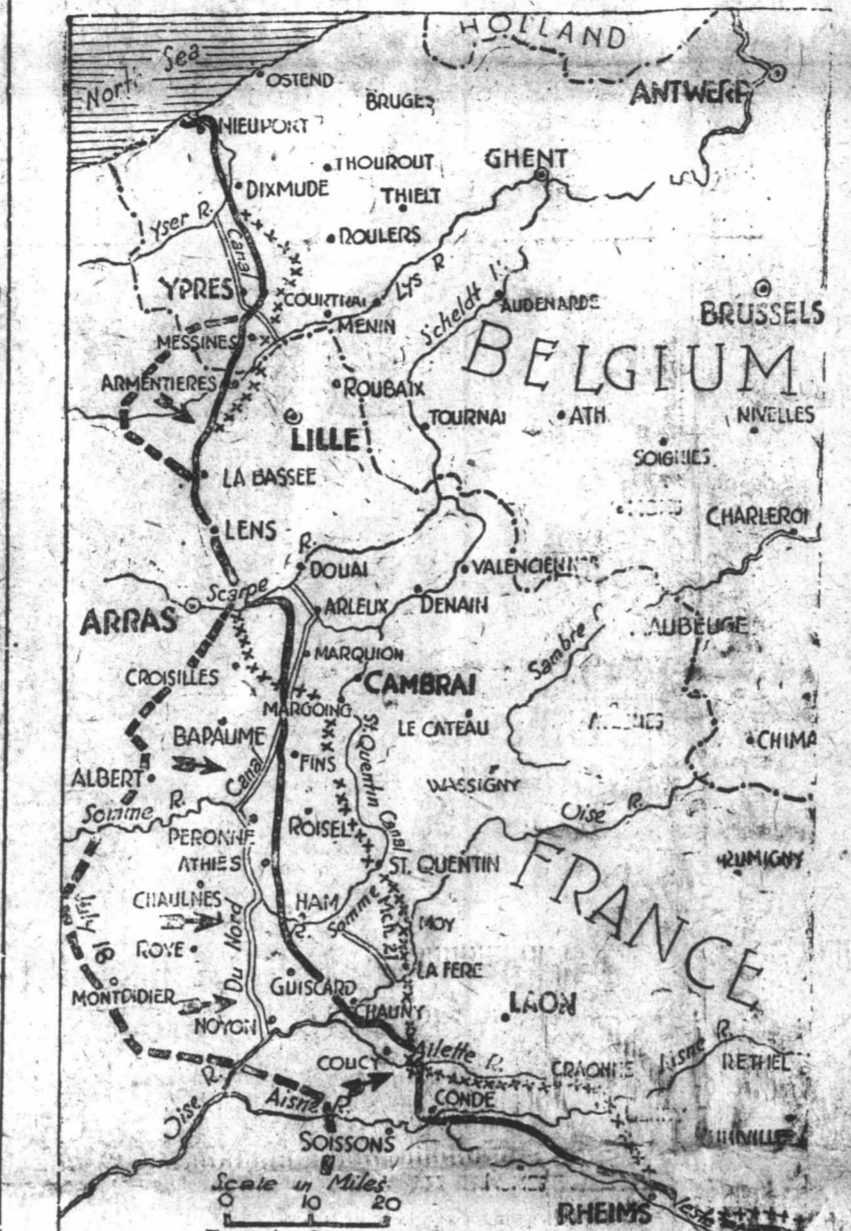
Flanders, yesterday were repulsed by the Germans, who took prisoners, says the official statement issued to-day by the German general staff.

Between the Ailette and Aisne Rivers, the statement adds, the French were repulsed along the whole front with sanguinary losses.

STILL PRESSING FORWARD. Bulletin, with the British Armies in France, Sept. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Field Marshal Haig's forces this morning advanced in the area west and northwest of St. Quentin and are now five miles from the Hindenburg line. They are still pressing forward.

The British made a formidable thrust this morning north of the Arras-Cambrai road.

In Flanders it is noted that the Germans have removed their artillery to the east of the Lys River.



GAINS IN WEST FRONTIER FIGHTING In the map the lines of crosses indicate the sectors in which the Allies have not yet reached the old front of March 21st, while heavy ticked line shows the front from which the Germans have been forced during the last seven weeks.

BARON VON FREYTAG DEPRECATES CRISIS

Amsterdam, Sept. 8.—In a lecture on the war in Berlin, Lieut. General Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven, deputy chief of the general staff, contended that the present crisis on the western front was less than many others during the course of the war.

"The positions had not been constructed as trench warfare demands," General von Freytag-Loringhoven argued that nothing like a decision was in prospect, he said.

"The thing now is to push things so that Great Britain and America recognize our invincibility in warfare. We have men and war material to hold out for a long time. We must however not slacken our determination which must remain in the army and at home. All that might divide us must be postponed until the end of the war."

PROGRESS SLACKENING AS ALLIES DRAW NEAR CAMBRAI

Offensive Movement Losing its Momentum, But Progress Still Continues on Wide Front—The Situation Today

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, Sept. 9.—The Associated Press today issued the following: As the Allied armies draw nearer to Cambrai, St. Quentin and the natural defensive positions of the Germans in the St. Gobain forest, the offensive movement begins to lose much of its momentum.

Slow progress continues to be made by Field Marshal Haig's British forces in the direction of Cambrai and St. Quentin, and, if the operations of the French armies under General Humbert and Mangin are successful in over-running, or encircling the St. Gobain massif, the German retreat must begin anew and with greater rapidity than at any time since the Allied counter-offensive started in the middle of July.

Cambrai and St. Quentin, the immediate objectives of the British forces in the present phase of the offensive movement are almost within striking distance. They are within six miles of St. Quentin at Valenciennes, and they have captured Ronsel and St. Emille. Along the line between Cambrai and St. Quentin, the British advance has carried them to their old defensive positions from

which they were driven by the Germans last March. Further advances are being bitterly contested by the Germans. The Germans evidently realize that their line less than a dozen miles from the St. Gobain Forest, have stiffened their defenses by taking advantage of the natural positions. Strong counter-attacks against the British have been reported. Continued on page seven.

ENEMY IS BACK IN HINDENBURG LINE AT GOBAIN

Mangin's Troops Occupy the 1917 Trenches Between Oise and Aisne

HUNS DRIVEN BACK Concentration of Machine Gun Fire Did Not Halt the French

By Courier Leased Wire.

With the French Army in France, Sunday, Sept. 8.—By the Associated Press. The troops of General Mangin, between the Aisne and the Oise rivers are now virtually behind their old wire entanglements in their old trenches of 1917. All along the edge of the forest of Coucy and through the western horn of the St. Gobain forest the Germans are only two hundred yards away, and in some places they are in positions in the old Hindenburg line that are plainly visible from the heights west of Chateau Coucy.

The Oise-Aisne canal and the River Ailette that runs between the heights and the Chateau, and which forms a sort of advanced position of their main line six miles further back at Fresnoy, was not abandoned voluntarily, but wrested from the enemy after a struggle of five days during which five different German divisions tried to hold off a single French division.

"The divisions that tried to prevent the crossing of the canal and river," The Associated Press correspondent was informed by a French officer, who has participated in most of the campaigns of the war, "accomplished the greatest concentration of machine gun fire that has been witnessed in this war."

The French troops were obliged to face that fire at a range of thirty yards in order to cross the Oise-Aisne canal and the River Ailette. Bombers throwing bridges over the canal seven yards wide suffered not only from the quick-firing, but in good measure of German grenades. It required two days to advance to the Ailette from the Village Pont Saint Mard and four days to gain five hundred yards of ground. The machine guns were massed thickly all along the canal in front of Quincy and in the woods, thickets and marshes.

The French engineers finally succeeded in bridging the canal over the first bridge an arranged assault charged the Germans around a machine gun position and single-handedly made twelve of them prisoners. Such was the work that went on high along the river and the Canal during the five days, each exhausting German's divisions. Twenty-two quick-firing were found in a small thicket called Etuarisense wood. They were almost as thickly in Yache wood and the more extensive timbered land fronting Coucy-Chateau and Coucy-Ville.

Where the French could get at them they charged and killed the German gunners on their pieces but many equipments were too well hidden or protected for a direct attack and it was necessary to shell them.

During several hours French projectiles sent splinters flying all through the timber and when the infantry charged they had to go to Coucy-Ville to catch the enemy who had left his guns and an enormous amount of materials and supplies behind. Coucy-Chateau and the ground on which it stands was thus burned from the north and flanked at the same time from the south, while thousands of shells fell on the ruins of the surrounding positions. Chateau Noeul, to the southeast, was taken about the same time. Continued on page eight.

SOVIET GOVT WILL EXCHANGE DIPLOMATS

Ready to Allow British Embassy to Leave Russia if Bolshevik Minister in London is Given Safe Conduct Home

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, Sept. 9.—The Soviet Government of Russia is willing to prepare for the exchange of diplomats with Great Britain if the neutral powers will undertake to guarantee that the Bolshevik representatives at London are given a safe conduct home. The following statement by Foreign Secretary Tchitcherine, forwarded to The Vossische Zeitung by the Petrograd Telegraph Agency, outlines the conditions under which the Soviet Government will act:

"After discovery of the course of action of the British and French diplomats, whose activities were directed against the Soviet power, the Government of the Soviet Republic found itself compelled to isolate various representatives of the powers named. Nevertheless the government, as before, is willing to prepare for the exchange of diplomats if the neutral powers will undertake to guarantee for M. Litvinoff and all Russian representatives safe conduct, that

Litvinoff and his collaborators' baggage be permitted to pass without examination, and that no further difficulties be put in the way of his collaborators.

"Those conditions must, together with free exit from London and passage across Scandinavia, be guaranteed by Holland, Norway and Sweden. M. Litvinoff is being notified by telegraph, and on receipt of his answer confirming his departure, R. H. Lockhart, acting British consul-general and those accompanying him will then be handed over to the protection of the Dutch representatives.

"In other disputed questions previous agreements will remain valid."

Following an attack on the British consulate at Petrograd on August 31, in which Captain Cromie, the British attaché, was killed, the British Government demanded immediate reparation. In addition the British Government placed M. Litvinoff, Bolshevik representative in London, under preventive arrest.

SCENE SHIFTS TO BOSTON FOR FINAL GAMES

Cubs and Red Sox Clash in World's Series Again Today

BOSTON HAS EDGE

By Courier Leased Wire.

Boston, Sept. 9.—Notwithstanding a heavy rain that lasted nearly all night baseball fans took heart at the change when they woke to-day and early indications were that the Boston and Chicago clubs would be able to play this afternoon, the Boston game of the world series. Groundkeepers said the playing field at Fenway Park had been protected as far as possible from the rain and they hoped that with a drying sun this morning conditions would permit a resumption of the series which now stands two games to one in favor of the Red Sox.

There were a few early arrivals at the park in readiness for the opening of the sale of bleacher seats, but the number waiting in line was below the mark of former world series contests.

The train which brought the players from Chicago was behind its schedule as it was midnight when they reached their hotel they were allowed to sleep late this morning. When they came down to breakfast it was apparent that all the members of both teams were brimful of determination. The Red Sox were bent on cleaning up the series with two games on the home grounds, while the Cubs were equally set on evening things up in the first game here and then forging ahead to final victory.

In spite of the intense rivalry, the players of the two teams were a unit in declaring that they would back up to the limit the joint committee which they appointed on the train coming from Chicago to demand the fulfillment of the guarantee which they assert was given of payment of \$2,000 to each player on the winning team and \$1,400 to each loser.

They were informed yesterday that the receipts from tickets were proving so small this year that their shares would be cut to \$1,200 and \$800 respectively.

The box selections were still in doubt early to-day. There was some expectation, however, that Boston fans would be given an opportunity to see the great favorite "Babe" Ruth try to pitch his team to another win and that the Red Sox would have their first chance in the series to display their prowess against a right-handed pitcher, in the person of Claude Hendrix. Other wire dispatches, however, favored George T. Lett as the Chicago choice for pitcher.

BRANTFORD MEN SHED BLOOD IN RECENT FIGHT

Sergt-Maj. Steve Ridley and Pte. Edgar Heath Killed

OTHER CASUALTIES

Company Sergt. Major Steve Ridley, a veteran of the 12th battalion, and a former member of The Courier staff, has died of wounds, according to word received on Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ridley, 11 Close Avenue, Galt. The late Sergt. Major Ridley was twenty-seven years of age, and was born in England. He served for several years in The Courier press room, being assistant in that department at the time of his enlistment, which was in October of 1914. He received rapid promotion from the ranks, and at the time of his death had seen over three years' service, having been twice wounded previously. He was unmarried, and was the eldest son of his parents. He was the first employee of The Courier to fall in action, as a Canadian hospital in England, according to word received by his sister, Mrs. Jellie, 14 Elizabeth street, Galt. Jellie, who went overseas with the second Brant County battalion, was a former farm hand employed by Mr. John Campbell.

PT. E. HEATH, killed. Pte. BEN. ROGERS, wounded. Word was received on Saturday by Mrs. Heath, 150 Eagle avenue, that her husband, Pte. Edgar Heath, was killed in action on August 25. Pte. Heath went overseas with the first Brant county battalion, and had been at the front for over a year. In addition to his wife, he leaves two small children.

On Friday of last week, Mrs. Heath also received word that her brother, Pte. Ben. Rogers, who lived at her home, had been wounded. He was also a member of the 12th battalion. Another brother, wounded some time ago, is about to return home.

PT. W. H. CARROLL. Pte. Wm. H. Carroll was wounded by shrapnel in the left cheek last month, and is now in a Canadian hospital in England, according to word received by his sister, Mrs. Jellie, 14 Elizabeth street, Galt. Jellie, who went overseas with the second Brant county battalion, was a former farm hand employed by Mr. John Campbell.

LIEUT. D. M. ANDREWS. Word was received by Mr. Norman Andrews, of the Conservatory of Music, this morning to the effect that his son, Lieut. Dean M. Andrews had been wounded in action on September 2nd. Lieut. Andrews was a lieutenant in the 125th battalion, but reverted to the rank of a private in order to re-overseas. Since that time he won back his commission, and is now attached to the 4th battalion.

PT. LEWIS HURLEY. To Mr. John Hurley, 45 Alton street, word came on Sunday that his son, Lewis, had been admitted to the 7th Canadian general hospital at Leveson, suffering from a gunshot wound in the right leg. Pte. Hurley, according to word received, was attached to the 12th battalion. Continued on page five.

SITUATION TO-DAY

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Sept. 9.—The Associated Press to-day issues the following:

After pausing for several days along the line west and northwest of Cambrai, where the Germans settled themselves last week behind the Canal Du Nord, the British today are reported attacking a section of this line in considerable strength.

"What is unofficially described as a formidable thrust," was developed this morning by Field Marshal Haig's forces along the Arras-Cambrai road, which crosses the canal about six miles from the outskirts of Cambrai. Whether this will prove to be

the expected attack to break the canal line or merely a reconnaissance thrust, however, remains to be developed.

It is definitely reported, however, that on the line to the south the British are pressing forward to St. Quentin and are now only five miles from the Hindenburg line in this area, where the German retreat has been slowest and accompanied by the greatest resistance. Successes also have been scored by the French in St. Quentin region, where their line joins the British. There have been indications that the Germans intended making a stand along the Crozat Canal, defending the stronghold of La Fere, the principal outlying protection of the St. Gobain massif on the north. This plan appears already to have been frustrated by the French, however, a thrust three miles northwest of La Fere, having been forced last night by General Petain's forces.

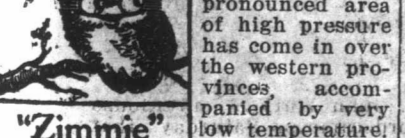
Elsewhere the French are right up to the Crozat positions along virtually the entire length of the canal with their infantry only four miles from St. Quentin and their cavalry patrols hard upon La Fere.

There has been no further marked advance by the French along the more southerly stretches of the St. Gobain defenses before Laon, where the German resistance is now of the most desperate character. The enemy is reported to have massed enormous numbers of guns in this region, and to be hurriedly strengthening the already strong positions. Troops are reported to be moving in force to their old defensive positions from

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Sept. 9.—Showers are occurring this morning in the Lake Superior district and in the Maritime provinces. Elsewhere the weather is fine. A pronounced area of high pressure has come in over the western provinces, accompanied by very low temperatures.

Forecast: Moderate winds, mostly southerly, to-day. Showers during the night. Tuesday, west winds, for the most part fair and turning decidedly cooler.



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