

## Retreat Almost a Rout

New York, Sept. 5.—The Associated Press tonight issued the following:  
The French and Americans are fast driving the Germans out of their positions in Southern Picardy and in the sector between the Vesle and Aisne Rivers. So rapid has been the progress of the Allies—the French in Picardy and the Americans and French from Soissons eastward toward Rheims—that the retirement of the enemy has the appearance, at present, of the beginning almost of a rout.  
Meanwhile Field Marshal Haig in the north, from Peronne to Ypres, has been almost as busily engaged with his troops in carrying out successful manoeuvres which are only in a slightly less degree of rapidity forcing the Germans everywhere to give ground. Haig's men again have made the Germans taste bitter defeat on numerous sectors, and the end of the punishment for them seems not yet in sight.

### Thirty Villages Recaptured

In the last fighting in the region extending from the old Noyon sector to Soissons the French have recaptured thirty villages from the Germans, have crossed the Somme Canal at several points and are standing only a short distance from the important junction of Ham with its roads leading to St. Quentin and La Fere.

On the south they have made further crossings of the Ailette river and are fast skirting the great wooded region which acts as a barrier to direct attack on Laon, the Chemin Des Dames and the western Aisne defenses of the enemy. Seemingly at the present rate of progress this barrier shortly will have been overcome and, indeed, the entire salient northwest of Soissons obliterated. Already the French south of Frenes, on the fringe of the high forest of Concy, have penetrated the old Hindenburg line. All behind the lines, northeast of Noyon on great configurations are to be seen, particularly around Jussy and La Fere, which apparently is an indication that it is the intention of the Germans to fall back as fast as they can to the old German lines running southeastward from St. Quentin.

### On Southern Bank of Aisne

The French and Americans are hard after the Germans between the Vesle river and the Aisne, and for more than eight miles, extending from Conde to Vill-Arcy, they have driven the enemy across the Aisne and are standing on the southern bank of the river. Eastward toward Rheims, almost up to the gates of the cathedral city, the German line is falling back northward, at the anchor point of the line in the vicinity of Rheims, however, the Germans seem to be holding, evidence of a realization that a retrograde movement here would necessitate a straightening of their line perhaps as far eastward as Verdun.

In the initial manoeuvre to the retreat along the Vesle front the Americans and French captured both Bazoches and Fismette, from Bazoches they moved six miles northward to Vill-Arcy while from Fismette they have penetrated more than three miles northward to Barbouval, which is only a little more than a mile south of the Aisne.

In Flanders the British have taken the town of Ploeghebert and positions southwest of Messines and northeast of Walverghem and repulsed strong counter-attacks launched against them.

Southwest of Arras all the way down the line to south of the Somme below Peronne, the British have dug more deeply into the enemy's front on various sectors, especially towards Cambrai and immediately north and south of Peronne, in the latter region having driven in the enemy's rearguards for considerable distance.

The Germans have been violently bombarding the Americans at Frenelle on the eastern end of the battle front in Lorraine, but have attempted no infantry attacks. More than 8,000 shells, many of them gas projectiles, have been sent into the American line by the enemy.

## Only Bare Fact In The Official Ottawa Notice

### "Killed in Action" is Record of Lt. Col. McKenzie's Death—Other Casualties

The official cablegram to Lieut.-Colonel McKenzie's family in Newcastle bore the simple yet tragic announcement "Killed in action, August 28." The gallant commander of New Brunswick's one infantry battalion in the greatest war of all ages thus fell on Wednesday, a week ago yesterday, in the fighting following the storming of Monchy-lez-Peuz, when the Canadian slogan was "Monchy before breakfast." Monchy was captured and the 26th here, as at Amiens, seems to have been in the forefront of the fight.

His Family.  
Campbellton, Sept. 5.—This town is in mourning tonight for Lieut.-Col. A. E. G. McKenzie, killed in action in France. Besides his wife and children, there survive his parents, Archibald McKenzie, former collector of customs here, and Mrs. McKenzie; four brothers, Lyon, with the C. P. R. Construction Corps in France; James, in British Columbia; Pearl, who went overseas and is wounded and now in St. John; Colin, now in England with the 9th Siege Battery, and three sisters, Estelle, at home; Lulu, in New Hampshire, and Audrey, in Montreal.

W. H. Gamblin.  
W. H. Gamblin, of Jones & Schofield, this city, received word yesterday that his brother, Sergeant Harold S. Gamblin, of Cody's, Queens county, had been officially reported suffering from gunshot wound in the right hand and was admitted to hospital August 27.

Wounded.  
Herbert P. Goodspeed, son of Mrs. Nora Goodspeed, 122 Bridge street, was recently admitted to a casualty clearing station suffering from gunshot wounds.

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## INCREASED RATES FOR POWER COMPANY IN EFFECT OCT. 1

### Interim Report Granting Temporary Increases Has Been Approved—Transfers Given But Tickets Only Good at Face Value; No Salaries For Executive Officers

The interim report of the royal commission appointed to adjust differences between the city of St. John and the New Brunswick Power Company in the matter of rates for light, heating, power and street car fares, becomes effective on October 1. It grants to the company, as was proposed, a temporary maximum increase of 25 per cent. in electricity for lighting, 37 per cent. for power, 33 per cent. for fuel gas, eight per cent. for lighting gas and from 35 to 44 per cent. in car fares. Transfers are to be given.

The commission orders that the company make no further payment of salaries to the executive committee or officers not connected with the operation, while the order remains effective. More economic routing of cars is suggested and the employment, also, of one-man cars. Closer harmony between the city and the company is advised, and the commission recommends that the city agree to a twenty-five per cent. increase in the street lighting contract. The report stated that in the commission's opinion the proceeds from the temporary increase would not be sufficient to pay interest and dividends on the shares and securities of the old company.

### COMPARISON OF RATES IN DETAIL

The order of the commission will make effective the following changes in detail:

ELECTRIC—MAXIMUM LIGHTING RATES.			
	Present rates.	Proposed rates.	Increase.
First 50 k.w.h. per month	12c.	15c.	25%
Next 100 k.w.h. per month	9.5c.	12c.	26.3%
Next 250 k.w.h. per month	8.5c.	10.5c.	23.5%
Next 500 k.w.h. per month	8c.	9c.	12.5%
Over 500 k.w.h. per month	6c.	7.5c.	25%

ELECTRIC—MAXIMUM POWER RATES.			
	Present rates.	Proposed rates.	Increase.
First 200 k.w.h. per month	10c.	12c.	20%
Next 100 k.w.h. per month	8.5c.	10c.	17.6%
Next 500 k.w.h. per month	4c.	5.5c.	37.5%
Next 1,000 k.w.h. per month	3c.	4c.	33.3%
Next 3,000 k.w.h. per month	3c.	3.5c.	16.6%
Over 5,000 k.w.h. per month	2c.	2.75c.	37.5%

GAS—MAXIMUM LIGHTING AND FUEL RATES.			
	Present rates.	Proposed rates.	Increase.
Lighting, per M feet	1.50	2.00	33.3%
Fuel, per M feet	1.50	2.00	33.3%

STREET RAILWAY FARES.			
	Present rates.	Proposed rates.	Increase.
Average fare (cash and tickets) passengers carried	1.342c.	6c.	38.2%
Cash fare	5c.	6c.	20%
Tickets (six for 25c.)	4.16c.	6c.	44%

**Tickets Not Accepted.**  
The report of the commission states that the company shall not be required to issue tickets. Transfer privileges shall remain in force without change. Outstanding tickets shall not be valid after October 1 but shall be redeemed in cash on demand at the company's office.

The report states: "It is apparent, however, that the present earnings of the company are entirely inadequate to pay a return on its investment computed on any theory or even to guarantee the continuance of service. The proceeds of the increased rates which the commission has established in this order will not, in the opinion of the commission, be sufficient to produce even the amount which was required for interest and dividends on the shares and securities of the Saint John Railway Company before the acquisition by the New Brunswick Power Company."

"It has become apparent to the commission in the course of its investigation of the company's affairs that the present relations between the municipality and the company are not such as should exist in the interests of the community. It is the hope of the commission that before it reaches its final conclusion some method may be found to harmonize those relations. The same problems which are presented by the situation in St. John have existed in many other localities."

mitted to hospital August 27. Sergeant Gamblin went overseas with No. 4 Siege Battery, but was later transferred to No. 1 section, Divisional Ammunition Column, to which unit his brother, Captain G. A. Gamblin, is also attached. He is twenty-one years of age, and enlisted at the early age of eighteen. He has been in the trenches for three years and has a fine record at the front. This is his first appearance on the casualty list. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gamblin, reside at Cody's. His many friends will hope that his recovery will be a speedy one.

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## STRIKES NAME OF MAGISTRATE FROM CITY PAY ROLL

(Daily Telegraph.)

Commissioner McLellan last night stated in The Telegraph that he had struck the name of Judge R. J. Ritchie off the pay roll. "I struck it out," said the commissioner. "I don't think that I should talk too much about it. I think it is about time that we came to some understanding in this matter. I could not get to the government meeting last night. St. John has been paying the city police magistrates ever since he was appointed. The money collected from fines belongs to the city; why should the provincial government claim it? Our memorial in the first place asked that Magistrate Ritchie be superannuated and that George MacIntyre be appointed to the post. So far as I am personally concerned I would not now vote him (the magistrate) the same as when he was in a position of honor. This action of mine is really to bring the matter to a head."

"They told me that Ritchie was in the city hall that my name was struck off the list. I said I would not take any notice of it," said Judge Ritchie when interviewed about the matter. "I would not make any talk about it. I could sue the city if I want to, but I would rather wait. If the mayor and the other four decided they would not pay it, then I would do something. When I get the information from the department I said I would be deaf to it. I would treat Commissioner McLellan's demand in this instance the same as when he sent me to hell and I did not go. When I came out of the building (the city hall) I met a gentleman who said that he had heard that my name had been struck off the pay roll. Then I decided to button my lips."

"You," (referring to the reporter) "could have gone to the city hall and done the same thing as Commissioner McLellan. You would have had the same authority. Commissioner McLellan has no authority to strike my name off. Harry Threlkeld, who had been in the city hall, had been there for some time, and I did not go. When I came out of the building (the city hall) I met a gentleman who said that he had heard that my name had been struck off the pay roll. Then I decided to button my lips."

"The city cannot without the magistrate's consent," Mayor Hayes, when discussing the matter last night. "The official in charge of the department must pay the salary. The department is an appointee of our own then it would be all right, but the magistrate is appointed by the government, his pay is set and we must pay him. We are now awaiting the opinion of the city solicitor in the matter."

When asked if he disapproved of or condoned the action of Commissioner McLellan, the mayor replied by stating that the council could not in any event refuse to pay the salary of the city magistrate.

## BOSTON CLERGYMAN IS ARRESTED UNDER SPY LAW

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The minister is alleged to have said from his pulpit that the explosion at Halifax was "an act of God against the enemies of Germany," and to have indulged in a personal attack on Marshal Joffre during the latter's visit in Boston. In private conversation, Rev. Mr. Steik is alleged to have advised young men contemplating enlisting to enter the German army and to have offered to help drafted men to escape military service. He is alleged to have said that the soldiers of the United States would be "like children when they encountered the Germans."

The clergyman, who is fifty-three years old, was born in Russia. He moved to the United States twelve years ago and is understood to have spent some time in Philadelphia before going to Boston, four years ago. He had taken out his first citizenship papers. Rev. Mr. Steik was held in \$1,000 bonds pending a hearing before a federal commissioner.



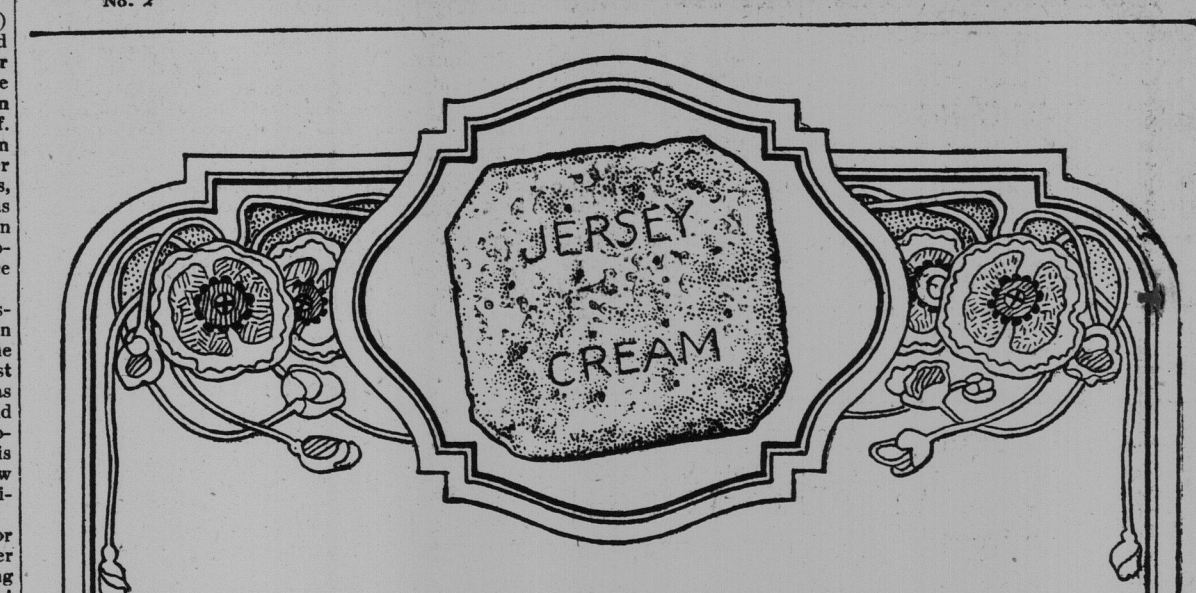
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