

THE ALLIES MAKING FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN GAINS

THE FRENCH ADVANCE TO NOYON, KEY TO ENEMY'S SOMME LINE

British Capture Several Thousand Prisoners and Take More Villages Between the Somme and the Ancre—French Forces Also Capture Additional Places, Reaching the Ailette River At Several Points.

(By The Associated Press.)
Fighting their way along the extensive reaches of the Picyard battle front, French troops today stand before Noyon. This city has been referred to as the key to the whole German line west of the Somme.

During the past night General Humbert's men reached the Divette river for a long distance west of its confluence with the Oise. South of Noyon, the army commanded by General Mangin holds the south bank of the Oise from Sempigny to Bretigny, a distance of over six miles. At Sempigny they are not more than a mile from Noyon.

The line turns to the south at Bretigny and runs to Bourguignon, where it again curves to the east and reaches the Ailette river at Laquincy-Basse. It then extends southward and it is officially reported that the French have reached the outskirts of Pommiers, a village on the Aisne, less than two miles west of Soissons.

German forces in the sector south of Noyon and along the Oise are said by the French official report to be "retreating," which may account for the rapid progress of General Mangin's army. It is said, however, that contact with the enemy is being maintained by the French.

British troops attacked the Germans along the line between the Somme and Ancre rivers at 4.45 o'clock this morning. This may be considered a continuation of the attack north of the Ancre at dawn yesterday. The front of the latest attack is about five miles long.

More British Gains.

North of the Ancre the British have advanced in spite of enemy resistance and have crossed the Arras-Bapaume railway line. This railroad embankment was a serious obstacle to the British advances yesterday.

In the Flanders area the British are closely following the retreating Germans and have reached Neuf-Berguin, a village two miles north of the German lines, as they stood when the last official report was received from this sector of the front.

On the northern side of the Lys salient, in Flanders, the Germans have been forced out of a strong position north of Halluelt. The Germans launched a heavy counter-attack against the British positions at Locrois, but were repulsed. Heavy fighting is reported in this area.

Strong German counter-attacks are developing near Miramont and Irie, which are on the southern end of the line over which the British attacked yesterday. In this region the determined resistance of the Germans seems to have been broken. Heavy fighting has not checked the momentum of the blow launched by General Byng.

Noyon Unobtainable.

The same may be said to be the situation on the hills north of Soissons. Little progress has been reported in this sector for the past few days. Last night's German official report, however, told of the French reaching the plateau north of Juvigny, but said they were driven back.

Noyon, it would appear, is almost unobtainable. It would seem that a retreat by the enemy toward Chauny, further east, is almost impossible. The railroad leading west of Noyon is now under direct fire from the French guns. The only remaining avenue for a German retreat appears to be the north-east toward Ham, Mount Renaud, a height which stands as a sentinel to the southwest of Noyon, now appears to be outflanked and therefore useless as a defensive position.

There have been no reports of fighting from Lassigny north to the Somme.

Germans Desperate.

Paris, Aug. 22.—(Havas Agency)—Never has the situation of the Germans been so serious as at present, which augurs well for the future, says L'Homme Libre, in discussing the results of Wednesday's fighting.

The Figaro says the Germans have been deprived of all hopes of making a lasting stand on their present front and the Allied offensive is costing him dearly.

The battle is no longer a German battle, declares Le Matin, but the battle of Marshal Foch, to whose will all events appear to be subject.

The Allied armies have taken more than 100,000 prisoners since July 19, says Marcel Huin in the Echo de Paris.

British Attacks.

London, Aug. 22.—British forces attacked this morning between the Somme and Ancre rivers.

Between 2,000 and 2,500 prisoners were captured by the British in yesterday's operations.

North of the Ancre, the statement says, the Arras-Bapaume railway has been crossed in spite of strong enemy resistance. British troops have reached the village of Neuf-Berguin, north-west of Miramont.

Fresh German counter-attacks are reported to have developed east of Miramont and Irie. The hostile artillery is said to have been very active during the night and to be continuing its heavy fire this morning.

MANY MORE CASUALTIES

About Seven Hundred Canadian Names in List Yesterday—Nearly 200 Dead.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—One hundred and twenty Canadians are listed as killed in action and 66 are reported died of wounds in the casualty list issued this morning. In all, 236 names are contained.

In the noon list there are 684 casualties, of which 681 are reported wounded, while three are reported as ill. The Maritime Province names follow:

Infantry.
Killed in action—Major J. B. Hutton, Amherst, N. S.; Captain M. W. McKinnon, Beaver Cove, N. S.

G. R. Bentley, Truro, N. S.; J. B. Cross, Grace Bay, N. S.; D. A. Hains, Bathurst, N. B.; W. L. Anderson, Avonport, N. S.; H. L. McAllister, Dorchester, N. B.; D. J. Nicholson, New Waterford, N. S.

C. L. Sloan, Windsor, N. S.; A. Amodeo, Sussex, N. B.; H. McAdam, Digby, N. S.; G. T. Tomlinson, Lays, N. B.; Wounded—J. G. Howatt, Augustine Cove, P. E. I.

Lieutenant C. J. Sayre, Miramont, Chatham, N. B.; Captain C. B. Holmes, 10 Hunter street, Halifax, N. S.

H. Davis, Springhill, N. S.; C. Dymond, Springfield, P. E. I.; T. Dow, Kentville, N. S.; W. J. Bernard, Sunnyside, N. B.; J. T. Clark, Sydney, N. S.; G. L. F. Ledwith, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

T. S. Allan, St. John, N. B.; E. J. Logan, Halifax, N. S.; A. Mitchell, Sydney, N. S.

WELCOME HOME TO LIEUT. L. M. RITCHIE

The suburb of Millidgeville was in a state of excitement yesterday when Louis Mac, Ritchie, of the Royal Air Force, son of Joseph H. Ritchie of the post office staff, and nephew of Magistrate J. H. Ritchie, was welcomed home by a large number of friends.

The residents of Millidgeville with some friends from the city gathered at the R. K. Y. C. club house, and as the guest of honor, Ritchie, stepped from a canoe he was greeted with cheers. J. Fraser Gregory, who acted as chairman of the reception committee in a few well chosen words welcomed home the young hero and the City Cornet band rendered "Home Again From a Foreign Shore."

The committee in charge appreciate the action of the Cornet band who volunteered their services for the evening and provided the music for the dances.

Mrs. Eleanor Josephine Ewing, the death of Eleanor Josephine, wife of W. Colin Ewing, took place last evening at her home, 80 Lancaster street, St. John, N. B. She was 64 years of age, and was survived by her husband, one son, three brothers and four sisters.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, August 23, at 10 o'clock, interment will be made in Tyngsboro' Creek.

The Dominions and Victors are playing the last game of the league tonight at 7.30 on Queen square. At the league meeting last night these teams decided to withdraw, not being able to strengthen their teams sufficiently to compete with the other two teams. Both teams had new men and a good game is promised.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Small, of Digby, N. B., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Georgina Mildred, to a Stanley Merritt, of St. John, N. B. The wedding to take place early in September at Digby, N. B.

AN AUTOMOBILE PARTY.

His Worship Mayor D. J. Collins, of Grand Falls, arrived in the city yesterday to be present at the reception to Premier Joseph Howe at the Hotel Grand Hotel. He is accompanied by W. E. McMonagle, W. V. Powers, Z. Quigley and Norman Warnock. The party had a delightful trip to the city by automobile. They will return home tomorrow or Sunday.

SOUTH END LEAGUE.

The Pirates and Victorias played a snappy five inning game on the South End grounds last evening, the former team winning by a score of 6 to 4. After the game the Victorias entered a protest on the grounds that one of the Pirates players did not remain in the South End, and the matter will be investigated by the executive of the league.

On Wednesday the Franklins won from the Buffaloes by a score of 6 to 4. A good game is scheduled for this evening.

THANKS EXTENDED.

The Mother Superior and Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Waterloo street, wish to extend their heartfelt and most grateful thanks to friends of their institution who in one way or another have shown appreciation of the work done in the Little Field convalescent home.

They are not getting proper nourishment from the food you eat and need a little special help. A few weeks' treatment with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will do wonders for anyone in this condition. Note your increase in weight while using this food cure.

The Body of Ministers' Wife Exhumed By State At Harrington

Autopsy Performed At Her Native Town in Washington Co. and Result Will Be Made Known At Preliminary Hearing of Minister on Murder Charge At Kennebunk, Aug. 29 — Sensational Developments Hinted — Two Girls Figure in Case—Friends Still Stand By Accused Man.

Harrington, Me., Aug. 22.—The body of Mrs. Minnie Stevens Hall, wife of Rev. Henry H. Hall, pastor of the Wells Depot Union Church, who is accused of murdering her, was exhumed here today and an autopsy was performed by Medical Examiner Charles F. Traynor of York County, assisted by Medical Examiner John McDonald of Washington County. A sealed report of the autopsy was given to Prosecuting Attorney Frank L. Chesley of Biddeford, and the result will not be made known until Rev. Mr. Hall is given preliminary hearing at Kennebunk on August 29.

Wells Depot, Me., Aug. 22.—An uncontrollable yearning for love, according to York County officers, has marked the career of Rev. Henry H. Hall, pastor of the Union Baptist Church, at Wells Depot, who is charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Minnie Stevens Hall, who died in a Weber Hospital, Biddeford, after she was taken from under a railroad bridge, from which her husband claims she fell while accompanying him on a strawberrying trip June 11.

That hospital records bearing on treatment alleged to have been given Hall will figure in the case is considered certain in view of testimony taken to have been made into his life prior to his arrival in Wells. County Attorney Franklin R. Chesley refused to deny or affirm that investigations took place in the case of this line, but other officers were not so reticent.

When arraigned before Judge Harold H. Bourne in Kennebunk the prisoner was one of the coolest persons in the courtroom. He was accompanied by his wife, who was dressed in a simple, plain dress, and who, according to the medical examiner, the victim's both wrists were broken, two ribs were fractured and she was otherwise injured.

County officials raise the question whether it would be possible for the woman to have toppled off the bridge in a daisy dill, as described by Hall, and sustain such numerous injuries. It will also be pointed out, officers say, that no bloodstains were found on the jagged rocks bordering the stream at the bridge, although there was a quantity of blood extending almost from the woman's forehead to the back of her neck.

Some of the townspeople have expressed themselves bitterly on the murder of the woman, but it now depends on the jury whether the death ended in her death.

Three ministers, Rev. J. H. Larson of Waterville, N. Y., Rev. J. G. Grace of Onquonit and Rev. Albert I. Hill of Wells, made an insistent but ineffectual demand upon the officers to disclose the evidence against Hall.

"So far as we could learn," said Dr. Larson, following court adjournment, "there is no evidence beyond mere neighborhood gossip to sustain the charge, and we intend to stand by our brother in the ministry to the end unless convincing proof of his guilt develops."

Rev. Mr. Grace said he intended to seek admission to Alfred jail tomorrow as the spiritual adviser of the prisoner. He said that he had been in the jail tonight, the two Gerow girls, surrounded by a curious group, but neither was the least disconcerted by the staring eyes leveled at them. They made no effort to escape the clicking cameras.

Rest appeared to enjoy the experience of the photographers. Grace said she was perfectly willing to have her picture taken, but preferred to have one taken in the newspaper which showed her with her Bible in her hand, whereupon she drew forth the Holy Testament from a pile of bundles and posed accordingly while the snapshots were taken.

County Attorney Franklin R. Chesley said last night that if an indictment is returned against Hall in September he sees no reason why the trial should not be held at the September term at Alfred.

Presiding Justice Lester C. Cornish will probably be the judge before whom the trial will be held.

To Keep Fit

The best work is demanded from all at this crisis in the world's history. We can't do our best when the system is full of poisons.

The liver and kidneys must be kept active so that the blood will be properly filtered. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are the most effective regulators of these important organs.

They will help you to keep well and active and to do your best work.

PLANS PREPARED FOR CONVENTION

Retail Merchants' Association Will Hold Sessions Here Next Month—Strong Committees Appointed To Look After Arrangements.

The final meeting to prepare plans for the provincial convention of the Retail Merchants' Association for the province of New Brunswick was held in the new offices of the association in Gorman street yesterday morning when there was a joint committee between the city and provincial executive.

Before the conclusion of the meeting the plans were completed and the merchants who visit St. John on the dates in September set to look after the securing of vehicles to give the visiting members an automobile ride around the city during which they will be shown the points of outstanding interest.

The managers of many large wholesale and manufacturing concerns in the city are throwing their plants open during the days of the convention and inviting them to inspect their premises. Colonel Duff has invited the visiting delegates to see the plant at Courtenay Bay and have explained to them the proposed improvements there. The delegates will also likely visit the shipyards in the city if opportunity is afforded.

A banquet will be tendered the visitors while in the city, and the provincial branch of the Retail Merchants' Association is bringing several of its prominent dominion officials here who will address the convention in respect to problems which are outstanding at the present time in the retail trade of the Dominion. It is expected that much good will result from the convention and that there will be a high per cent attendance. Strong committees have been appointed to keep the work in hand and see that no feature is neglected.

BAY OF FUNDY PILOT TAKEN FOR GERMAN

A good story is told of a Bay of Fundy pilot, which occurred recently when the submarine scare was prevalent all along the Atlantic coast. The pilot is said to have been on board an outward bound vessel and sailed along the coast expecting that his pilot schooner would eventually leave in sight and take him off. The pilot vessel did not put in an appearance to turn back and land the pilot. The weather was fine with little or no sea, so Mr. Pilot took to his small boat and rowed to the nearest shore, which is said to be on the State of Maine coast. However, along a fishing vessel moored at one of the wharves, he went on board and was given the twice over by the captain of the fishing craft who invited him to rest himself in the cabin, which he did.

A short time afterwards he was instructed to come on deck and was surprised to see quite a gathering of citizens on the wharf, as well as a couple of military officers who put him through a number of questions. They did not appear to believe that he was a pilot and he was looked on as something out of the ordinary. For the second time was put through a sort of third degree. Then a United States custom officer gave him a search and he was accompanied with the pilot, and being acquainted with the pilot, and the minds of the military officers, fishermen and citizens in general, were eased, for all the time the pilot had been looked on as being a member of a German submarine crew that had rowed ashore. The pilot laughs over his experience but thinks that the officials were right in making sure who every stranger is.

"DADDY LONG LEGS" WILL SCORE HERE TOO.

"Daddy Long Legs," that humorous romantic story of the little asylum founded, having successfully weathered the storms of several trying theatres, will be presented for the first time in this city at the Imperial Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, with a matinee on Wednesday. Henry Miller has made over a quarter of a million dollars from Jean Webster's charming play and has paid the authors and to her estate, since her death, over \$100,000. It is interesting to note the decline of the problem and sex plays, and those which depend on unhealthy moral themes, while those based on honest sentiment still retain their hold on the thespian public. Edna Walton is the "Judy" of the present company which is reported to be up to the Henry Miller standard in every particular. Yesterday's advance sale was very large.

PERSONAL

Miss Gladys Price, of Lowell, Mass., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Henry Niles, Douglas avenue.

C. H. Duddall, Fredericton, is a guest at the Royal.

W. B. Snowball, Chatham, is in the city.

Joshua Wood, ex-Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick, Sackville, N. B., is in the city to attend today's celebration.

Dr. E. B. Smith, Shediac, are visitors in St. John.

F. M. Tweedie, Chatham, is a guest at the Royal.

Dr. Hetherington, Cady's, N. B., is in the city on business.

Rev. B. G. Fulton, Charlottetown, accompanied by Mrs. Fulton, are in the city at the Victoria.

Mrs. W. A. Boyce, accompanied by Mrs. N. Kierstead, of Fredericton, are in the city at present, guests at the Victoria.

Miss Florence Driscoll, Lorneville, is visiting in the city, the guest of Mrs. Florence O'Brien, Moore street.

W. E. Farrell, Fredericton, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

Important for Blue Suit Wearers

We are showing some high quality Blue Suits, and the prices are low compared with present wholesale value; most of them are 20th Century Brand fine tailored clothes. Better buy now for future needs. Prices \$23 to \$38.

Several new lines of ready-tailored Trousers just received, \$3.50 to \$7.50.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC

August—Phase of the Moon
New Moon, 6th, 11:48 a.m.
First Quarter, 14th, 1:17 p.m.
Full Moon, 22nd, 1:11 a.m.
Last Quarter, 28th, 3:28 p.m.

City	Temp.	Wind	Dir.	Hum.	Bar.	Wind	Dir.	Hum.	Bar.
St. John	6.37	8.14	12.30	34.47	4.95	18.44			
23.23	6.40	8.13		10.14	7.09	19.30			
24.24	6.41	8.11	1.33	13.09	7.54	20.17			
25.25	6.42	8.10	1.32	14.60	8.41	21.04			
26.26	6.43	8.08	3.08	15.36	9.31	21.59			
27.27	6.45	8.06	4.02	16.31	10.24	22.56			

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Aug. 22.—Showers and thunderstorms have been fairly general again today in the western provinces and general over Lake Superior.

Prince Rupert 52 82
Victoria 52 82
Calgary 45 83
Edmonton 45 70
Battleford 38 76
Winnipeg 62 76
Fort Arthur 58 68
Perry Sound 62 74
Toronto 63 86
Kingston 63 78
Ottawa 56 82
Montreal 56 82
Quebec 62 83
St. John 54 59
Halifax 56 72

Forecasts—Maritime—Moderate wind, fair and warm.
Washington, Aug. 22.—New England—Fair Friday; Saturday, showers and cooler. Moderate southwest to south winds.

DIED.

MORRISON—In France on August 13th, 1916, William J., oldest son of James L. and Louisa Morrison, leaving two sisters and three brothers, to mourn their sad loss.

EWING—On Aug. 22nd, Eleanor Josephine, wife of W. Colin Ewing, leaving her husband, one son, three brothers and four sisters.
Funeral from her late residence, 80 Lancaster Avenue, St. John, Wednesday, August 23, at 12.30 o'clock. Interment at Tyngsboro' Creek. No flowers by request.

AGENCIES AND EXHIBITORS.

The motion picture agencies in this territory, all of which have offices in this city, will meet the exhibitors of the three provinces at the Universal Film suite, Union street, next Monday, to discuss conditions and prospects. It is understood the general manager of some of the large concerns producing pictures will be present to take part in the discussion. On September 19 and 20, the Motion Picture Exhibitory of the Universal of the Maritime Provinces will meet in Hall.

Hair Will Vanish After This Treatment

(Toilet Help)
You can keep your skin free from hair or fuss by the occasional use of plain delatone and in using it you need have no fear of marring or injuring the skin. A thick paste is made by mixing some of the powdered delatone with water. Then spread on the hair and after two or three minutes rub off, wash the skin and all traces of hair have vanished. Be careful, however, to get real delatone.

Cocoon Oil Makes A Splendid Shampoo

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Don't use prepared shampoo or anything else that contains too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain cocoon oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

SPOR GRAND CIRCUIT RACES YES

June Red, Driven Geers, Added Stake Event, Tokes, Winnings

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Red, driven by E. F. G. other stake event to be this year by winning Geers won his second a hard fought race winners.

"The Freedom" 2.09 paratively easy for Un, untine, he winning over Geers won his second day in the free-for-all trotting event, piloting a new 2.10 trotter w in the first heat of "The ley" 2.16 trot, when L. by former governor Ho first heat in 2.07 2-4. Royal Knight won the and the race.

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