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British Have Taken Famous Mt. Kemmel

Notable Success of Our Troops Is Continuing

More Important Places Are Captured In Spirited Rush—Dramoutre Among Them—French In Heavy Artillery Fighting

London, Aug. 31—(1.10 p.m.)—Mont Kemmel, the famous stronghold southwest of Ypres, which was the scene of terrible fighting during the German offensive in Flanders late in April, has been captured by the British, according to advices from the front.

Mont St. Quentin, a mile and a half north of Peronne, has been taken by Field Marshal Haig's forces.

The British have captured a strong point known as the St. Servin's farm, and the village of Eterigny, north of the Arras-Cambrai road and west of Arras.

London, Aug. 31—German troops have been driven from their positions east of Clerf, on the Somme, northwest of Peronne, and the British advance in this ally is continuing.

On the south side of the Lys salient the British have occupied the village of Courtrai, northeast of Belgium.

Troops of Field Marshal Haig crossed the Hindenburg line to the south of Bailleul yesterday. In the Lys salient the British forces are reported to have taken Noote Boom, three miles south of Bailleul. The Germans have retreated from the town of Bailleul.

North of Soissons French troops today captured Hill 159, and they now hold all the high ground between Soissons and Leury, according to information received from the battlefield last evening.

London, Aug. 31—British forces have entered the village of Dramoutre, south of Clerf, on the north side of the Lys salient, according to the official statement issued by the war office today.

FRENCH REPORT
Paris, Aug. 31—During the night there was heavy artillery fighting in the region of the Canal du Nord, north of Noyon and between the Ailette and the Sambre. German raids in the Champagne were unsuccessful.

FRONT REPORT
With the French Army in France, Aug. 30—(By the Associated Press, London.) The French and American, under the command of General Mangin, advanced today on the plateau north of Soissons to the western edge of Coucy, taking the town and Chaulgny after very hard fighting.

Further north between the Ailette and the road from Coucy to Chaulgny, the struggle was equally severe. The French occupied Champs, the Daast Wood, Prast and Villette.

General Mangin has gained a strong foothold on the north bank of the Ailette and the plateau north of Soissons, occupying positions of great interest with a view to future operations.

General Humbert's troops enlarged their positions around Noyon, completing the conquest of Mount St. Siméon and capturing the greater part of Geny, after most desperate fighting. Several hundred prisoners were taken today.

The advance of the French eastward on the Canal du Nord was one of the most interesting features of the day's operations. They crossed the canal at two places, opposite Catigny and Beaurains, king Chevilly and Hill 80, which still remain in the western angle of the Ailette salient.

Further north the French advanced to the edge of the Canal du Nord, which they held over its entire distance from Noyon to Rouy-le-Grand, north of Neuf.

General Humbert's men are now firmly in possession of positions around Noyon without which the enemy cannot hope to cling long to this salient.

Very Important.
With the French Army in France, Aug. 30—(Evening)—This evening there remains to the Germans no other position to fall back upon west of the Hindenburg line than a line running from Ham to Berles-lez-Traoui. The third army, continuing its progress of the early morning in the region of Noyon, has occupied Mont St. Siméon, while the Canal du Nord has been crossed at Chevilly. The extent of these gains in territory is insignificant, but strategically they are of great importance.

The loss of Mont St. Siméon means the loss to the Germans of the main defence point of the salient extending from the Canal du Nord to the Ailette, while the French retreating forces to quicken their light or suffer greater losses.

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BIG QUEBEC SURPLUS
Quebec, Aug. 31—Hon. W. G. Mitchell, provincial treasurer, announced yesterday that the ordinary receipts of the province for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918, amounted to \$13,806,390, and ordinary and extraordinary expenditures to \$11,671,892, so that the surplus more than \$2,000,000.

NOW HEAR BOY-ED
With the American Army in France, Aug. 31—(By the Associated Press)—was a secret treaty between Great Britain and the United States that caused Germany's entry into the war, according to a book by Captain Karl Boy-Ed, former German naval attaché at Washington, whose book the subject has just been published in Berlin, according to a prisoner taken from the Germans.

DEFEAT FOR BOLSHIEVIKI
Allies' Forces Win Three Day Battle—Enemy in Flight
London, Aug. 31—The Daily Mail's Harbin correspondent, telegraphing on Thursday regarding the situation in Siberia, says the Bolshevik forces were defeated in a three days battle along the Ussuri River, losing 400 men killed. The correspondent adds that the Bolshevik troops are fleeing toward Khabarovsk and that the Japanese have occupied Iman, midway between Nikol and Khabarovsk.

Vladivostok, Aug. 26—Four hundred Soviet troops who joined the forces of Lieut-General Horvath, anti-Bolshevik leader, have been disarmed by the Allies pursuant to the decision of the Allied commanders to end an intolerable situation that promised to result in local disturbances.

Colin Woodrow is Again in Casualty List—Has Had Notable Career
A veritable Dumas type of soldier is Colin Woodrow, son of Ross D. Woodrow, 38 Duke street, late of the postal service in the western front. No indication of his condition is conveyed in the official report. So once again in his brilliant career is interrupted—interrupted for the third time. The St. John bank clerk (Canadian Bank of Commerce) was shot in the legs and recovered and suffered once again in battle but pulled out O. K. and rushed back into the fray.

For three years he has been practically continuously in the fight on the field of action and his fighting experiences include Vimy Ridge of glorious memory, the battle of Peronne and the whole of the first Somme offensive. Colin is a poor correspondent. His father said this morning that nearly all the important news he has received from his boy has been through third parties, such as comrades. One letter from a soldier pal said that no other member of the old 6th Mounted Rifles had made a finer record in the field. One of the notable incidents in Woodrow's career was the recovery of the body of General Mercer, the English commander of the Canadian forces during a blazing engagement.

The Woodrow family, so far as the boys go, is a family of bank clerks and soldiers. Kenneth, of the Royal Bank, is in training for an officer's rank in Toronto.

THE EMPIRE AND THE PAPERS
Cable and News Matters Discussed at Conference in London
London, Aug. 30—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' Limited)—The Australian, New Zealand and South African press men from overseas, and representatives of the British press met at the Savoy Hotel tonight to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Mr. Campbell-Jones of the Sydney Sun considered the duplication of the Pacific cable a necessary consequence of conditions.

Sir George Riddell urged the necessity of additional and cheaper cable lines and referred to the publication of colonial matters in the London press. He said it was most important that journalists and commoners should visit the dominions. He thought no man should be elected to parliament unless he had first visited the dominions.

At the press men's conference a resolution was carried urging the formation of an empire press union in an endeavor to secure better, cheaper and quicker facilities for the dissemination of news throughout the empire. Whatever cooperation the government gives should be limited, it was urged, to assisting in providing for such facilities. It was also urged that an endeavor should be made to induce the press of the United Kingdom to give more attention to news of the dominions.

FIRE ALARM
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NINE GERMAN CITIES BOMBED IN LAST WEEK

British Aerial Operations Grow More Intense

MANY HUN PLANES DOWNED

Total of 108 for 32 British Machines Lost—Coast Region Also Was Heavily Bombed

London, Aug. 30—The operations of the British air forces are steadily increasing in intensity and daring. During the last week seven raids were made into German territory and nine German cities were bombed, of which Mannheim provided the most striking example of the success achieved. The German defense tactics were temporarily demoralized and paralyzed by an unprecedented attack from bombing machines flying at house top level, to which is attributed the safe return of all the machines after the raid.

During the week 200 tons of bombs were dropped in the battle area alone, and by day and night vigorous attacks were made on railways and centres of communications behind the enemy lines. The German retreats and undauntedly was accelerated by the increasing activity of the British airmen, who cooperated with the advancing infantry and tank units. Their attacks silenced many enemy batteries and overcame isolated centres of resistance by machine gun fire from a low height.

In aerial combats seventy-four enemy machines were destroyed and thirty-four driven down out of control, while thirty-two British machines were lost.

In the northern coastal region, many aerial attacks were made at Zebruggen, Ostend and Bruges, the latter being raided nine times. The intensive character of the attacks on these coastal fortresses is indicated by the record of the last three months, showing that Zebruggen was raided seventy-two times, Bruges sixty-three and Ostend sixty-down by us on August 29 and ten were again yesterday.

Eleven hostile machines were shot down and one of our own was lost. Nine of our machines are missing. Our airmen were actively engaged in all departments of their work throughout the day.

Fifteen and a half tons of bombs were dropped on a variety of targets including the Bruges dry docks and many railway connections beyond the battle zone. Unfavorable weather prevented night flying.

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WILLIAM CAN'T COME JUST NOW; HE'S BUSY. —New York Tribune.

German Resistance On Wings Increases; Quieter in Centre

Paris, Aug. 31—While the centre of the eighty mile battle line was relatively quiet, enemy resistance increased on both wings. He was unable, however, to quiet the progress of the Allies.

At the northern end General Horn and General Byng gained important ground for future operations by the taking of Bullecourt, the most solid position in that sector.

(Last night's British official statement admitted that the British troops had been forced to fall back to the western outskirts of Bullecourt.)

General Mangin attacked the southern end of the line. The region in which he is fighting forms an elbow where the line running from Dandrik to Noyon meets a line running at right angles across France to Nancy. This "elbow" position is exceptionally strong since it is based north of Soissons on a high plateau overlooking the valley of the Aisne, to the south, and the Ailette, to the north. There are wooded ranges of hills in this country which dominate Laun, and serious defeat here would obliging the enemy to make a precipitate retreat and force him to abandon not only the line of the Vesle, but the three lines formed by the Aisne, the Chemin des Dames and the Ailette.

General Ludendorff, in consequence, has thrown in the best divisions he can muster. These are Alpine regiments, Prussian Guards and picked Bavarian and Saxon units.

STRIKE OF LONDON POLICE GROWS

Majority of the 22,000 Are Out—Labor Men Are in Sympathy

London, Aug. 31—The strike of London police spread steadily throughout the night and early today a majority of the 22,000 constables had joined in the movement. The City of London police joined the metropolitan forces last night and only a few members of the night shift came on duty at six o'clock, or appeared in the streets.

Following a meeting in the open air at Tower Hill, at which their grievances were discussed, 3,000 strikers in plain clothes paraded the streets. At the meeting it was decided that the executives of the policemen's union should today renew their request for permanent increases in wages.

Secretary Carmichael of the London Trades Council, and other labor leaders assured the strikers that organized labor is in sympathy with them. Mr. Carmichael declared that workmen stood ready to make Monday a general holiday as an expression of sympathy. It was proposed at the meeting that the executives of the union go to Whitehall today and demand to see Premier Lloyd George. It was also resolved at the meeting that the police remain on duty at all governmental works in recognition, it was said, of the fact that the public appears generally to be in sympathy with the police, who it recognizes have always been under paid and that wages have not been increased during the war proportionately with those of other workers.

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PTE. RICHARD A. BROWN GIVES LIFE

St. John Soldier Died on Aug. 9—Had Been in Infantry and Engineers

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, of 74 Winter street, received a telegram this morning notifying her that her husband, Pte. Richard Alexander Brown of an engineering corps, was officially reported dead on August 9 of arterio sclerosis syncope. Private Brown was also troubled with his heart before proceeding overseas. He crossed to England with the 140th Battalion, and was later transferred to the N. B. battalion. After fighting with that unit for six months he was sent to an engineering corps in which he remained until his death.

He was forty-nine years of age and is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters. The sons are Harold E. of the First Depot Battalion, Sussex; Richard A. and Walter at home, and the daughters are Margaret and Marion both at home. There also are two brothers, James and Jacob, both of this city. Private Brown was a painter by trade and a highly esteemed member of Thorne Lodge, I. O. G. T. Many friends will regret to learn of his death.

LIEUT. MACHUM NOW REPORTED DIED OF WOUNDS
E. R. Machum received word this morning that his son, Lieut. R. S. Machum, who was previously reported wounded in action, is now reported died of wounds on August 28.

BURIED TODAY.
The funeral of Mrs. R. E. Fitzgerald took place this morning from her late residence, 121 Elliott Row to the Cathedral, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. A. P. Allen, who was assisted by Rev. W. L. Moore as deacon, and Rev. Robert Fraser as sub-deacon. Rev. Francis Walker was master of ceremonies and His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc gave the final absolution. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON
The funeral of Rev. Frederic Hyde Howell will take place this afternoon from his late residence, 811 Rockland road, to St. Paul's church, where service will be conducted by Rev. Archdeacon Crowfoot. Interment will be made in Fernhill. Relatives will be pall-bearers.

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Like Days At Verdun

Germans Sacrificing Men Ruthlessly In Hope To Hold Ailette Positions

London, Aug. 31—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at French headquarters, writing of the slaughter in the fighting on the east bank of the Ailette, says:

"It is the old days of Verdun again. The Germans are resorting to their old methods of crowding men into the front lines rather than placing them in echelon in accordance with the more recent theory of the German high command. This probably is enabling them to hold the Ailette positions longer, but at a terrible sacrifice, as General Mangin's artillery is playing on them with deadly precision. The position is as important for the French to win as for the Germans to keep."

DELAYED RETREAT TOO LONG
Paris, Aug. 31—Conservative military opinion here views the situation with great satisfaction. It is felt the Germans delayed their retreat too long, and that they are fighting so hard and sacrificing men to gain time because the Hindenburg line is not yet ready.

DOMINION WAS NEVER RICHER IN EXISTENCE

Economic Future Is Roseate Despite Distressing Exigencies of War

Ready For New Loan—\$1,200,000,000 in Saving Bank Deposits—Second Victory Loan Sure of Success

Ottawa, Aug. 30—That the Canadian public is preparing for the offensive now being planned by the national committee in charge of the forthcoming victory loan is strikingly indicated in the most recent bank statement issued by the treasury department here. It is highly probable that by the time the next loan campaign is launched, probably in October, there will be more money in the savings banks of Canada than ever before in the history of the Dominion, despite the fact that the Canadian people have subscribed \$400,000,000 within the last ten months to finance Canada's effort in the war. At the end of July total savings in bank deposits in Canada were crowding the billion mark and within sixteen millions of the high level mark reached just before the payments of the first victory loan were due last autumn. In other words the public of Canada absorbed the greatest financial war issue ever issued in the country and during the process added over twenty-six million dollars to its credit balance in the Canadian chartered banks.

An Unprecedented Total.
With approximately \$400,000,000 coming into the pockets of the food producers of the Dominion for wheat alone, a great part of which will find its way in the ordinary course of events to the (Continued on page 2, second column)

GOBB AGAIN IS BATTLING LEADER
Closes The Season With 377 Average
NOW INTO WAR WORK
Roush Pressing Wheat For First Place in the National—Figures of Players in the Big Leagues

Chicago, Aug. 31—Captain Tyrus Cobb, who this week stepped from the spot-light of baseball into the chemical industry of the army, took with him the 1918 batting honors of the American League. He had taken the first honors every year since 1914, with the exception of one season, when in 1916, Tris Speaker nosed him out. Cobb's average, according to figures released today, is .377. Burns, of Philadelphia, is second, with .346, and Geo. Sisler, of St. Louis, third, with .337.

Cobb, however, did not excel in base stealing, for Sisler, with a total of forty, leads by six over the Georgian. Chapman, of Cleveland, is sandwiched between them, with thirty-six. Chapman is leading in sacrifice hitting, with thirty-four, while Shean, of Boston, is close up with thirty-three, and Melvin, Boston, next with thirty. Babe Ruth, the Boston star, and Walker, of Philadelphia, remain tied for honors in home run hitting, with eleven each. Boston leads the league in club fielding, with an average of .971, but is sixth in batting, with .246. Cleveland, the runner-up in the race, tops the league in hitting with .263.

Other leading batters are—Speaker, Cleveland, .321; Pipp, New York, .304; Wood, Cleveland, .303.

Batting honors in the National League race probably will not be decided until the final games of the season on Monday. Roush, Cincinnati, is pressing Wheat, Brooklyn, for the lead, according to today's average. Wheat's mark is .344. Roush is three points behind him.

Carey, of Pittsburgh, is certain to finish the race with base stealing honors, having fifty-five to his credit. Roush is the leading sacrifice hitter, with a total of thirty-three. In home run hitting, Cravath, of Philadelphia, tops the list with seventy-five. Cincinnati is first in team hitting with an average of .278, while Chicago is second with .267. Chicago also is second in team fielding.

New York leading with .971.

Other leading batters are—Groh, Cincinnati, .388; Hollocher, Chicago, .320; J. C. Smith, Boston, .313; Daubert, Brooklyn, .305; Merrile, Chicago, .304.

CLARENCE C. CAMPBELL IS SHOT IN LEG
Mrs. Frank G. Bent, 101 Leinster street, received word this morning that her son, Clarence C. Campbell, aged thirty years, who enlisted with a western unit two years ago, had been shot in the leg and was in a French hospital.

This is the second time in two years that Mr. Campbell has been hurt. The injured man has a wife and English girl, whom he married out west.

SURPRISE PARTY.
On Friday evening, Aug. 23, some fifty friends of Miss Howena Urquhart of Kars, Kings county, gathered in her honor and presented to her a handsome ivory manicure set. A. Parks made the presentation. Games and dancing were enjoyed and dainty refreshments served. Miss Urquhart is going to Normal School.

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