

THE FRENCH FORCES ON THE WESTERN FRONT

THE ENEMY OBLIGED TO FALL BACK ON THE AISNE PLATEAU

Heir To Hohenzollern Dynasty Humbled As Never Before—Tides Running Strongly in Allies' Favor—French Advance on South Bank of Aisne—Allies Capture Villages—Fismes in Flames.

Special cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper). London, Aug. 3.—Close at the heels of the Crown Prince's army Foch's men have come to the southern slopes of the heights north of the Aisne along which Ludendorff determined upon setting up his line of defence following the retreat which began a fortnight back. Having been forced to abandon Soissons, the key to the Marne triangle, the Crown Prince had no alternative but to fall back on the Aisne plateau.

The Vesle, which offered no opposition to the Germans when they flowed down the Aisne heights last May, provided no defence when the tide turned against them and tonight the bulk of the Crown Prince's broken, humiliated army rests at Chemin Des Dames, the scene of such violent fighting during the last two years.

Had Their Revenge. The French like the Italians on the Piave have had their revenge, Foch's counter stroke has reaped big rewards. The best Ludendorff had offered ended in disastrous failure. French, British, Americans, Italians have humbled the heir to the Hohenzollern dynasty as never before and the failure of Verdun has been shaped by the disaster of the Marne. It is a happy turn of the wheel which brings Foch's fighters to the Aisne on the eve of the fifth year of the war and finds Ludendorff's great army completely on the defensive. The tides are running strongly in the Allies favor at the moment, but it is wise to guard against overconfidence less disappointment follow.

CANADIAN EDITORS CALL ON THE KING

London, Aug. 4.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—The Canadian editors visited Buckingham Palace yesterday afternoon when they saw their Majesties and the Princess Mary. They were accompanied by Col. Galloway and Major Montagu Whitmore of the department of information. The King discussed Canadian affairs with each member of the party and recalled incidents of his visits to Canada in 1901 and 1908. The editors were much impressed with the King's knowledge of the Canadian provinces. The King spoke in French to the editors from Quebec and expressed his great pleasure at the efforts of the men and women of Quebec. His Majesty also showed a lively interest in the visit of the editors to France and said there were no troops better than the Canadians. He also referred to the splendid conduct of the Americans who were passing through this country. His Majesty expressed great appreciation of the officers proposed through the Royal Military College at Kingston. Mr. Stewart, editor of the Chatham World, of New Brunswick, who is seventy-five years of age and ascended in an airplane over Vimy Ridge, said it was the greatest experience of his life to see the King, who talked with him for ten minutes. Altogether the editors were nearly an hour with the King.

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DESSERTERS ESCAPE

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Aug. 4.—Two deserters who had been lodged in the lockup in Moncton for safe keeping effected their escape some time last night and are still at large. The deserters escaped by smashing a window.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mary Agnes Costello took place Saturday morning from her parents' residence, 186 Brunswick street, to the Cathedral, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. A. P. Allen. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. The funeral was largely attended and there were many floral and spiritual offerings, a baroque being filled with the tributes of sympathy.

DEATHS.

TAYLOR—At Rothesay, N. B., on Sunday, August 4th, Elizabeth Caroline Taylor, in her eighty-first year. Funeral from her late residence, Rothesay, on Monday, August 5th, at 5 p. m.

ENEMY SUSTAINED ENORMOUS LOSSES

By George F. Steward. (Special Cable to The N. Y. Tribune and The St. John Standard). Amsterdam, Aug. 1.—The German public has gradually become more accustomed to the idea Hindenburg had really suffered defeat. Headquarters correspondents have been allowed to give something like a description of the terrible nature of Foch's onslaught, surprised German troops and is becoming increasingly clear that the Germans suffered enormous losses. The fact is now openly admitted in the description which the Ketch headquarters correspondent communicated to the Pruessische Zeitung. Writing after the close of visit to the scene of fighting in the Soissons area, he says of the section entrusted to the Saxons troops to defend that the entente troops attacked in a strong force and that the plan of action was well considered and executed. They proceeded to the trick of not opening the fight with destructive artillery fire, but of advancing the troops in massed formations, completely surprising the German troops, who had expected a preliminary bombardment. The attackers made use of thick clouds of gas and the entente force approached as near as possible to the first line and succeeded in getting into the trenches at Tilleul-de-claus and Croix-in-Croix in consequence. The fighting was attacked from behind and the tank was threatened with being rolled up. In spite of this the Germans defended themselves heroically and never left their posts. Then who did not fall, fell into the hands of the enemy. Only a hundred were left of the regiment on the left. The enemy tried to work his way to the Aisne, and was practically in back of two other regiments, one of which attacked from the flank and behind. It maintained itself, however, on the ridge west of Ferman, but meanwhile the allied troops had reached the next flank, that of Vaux and attacked the troops at Ferman from behind. Here the bulk of regimental staffs of the remaining regiments fell into the hands of the enemy before support could be offered to the whole of the regiment on the right wing which stood at Ambly on the Aisne and had been completely surrounded and cut off from communications. On the right, it had the Aisne over which there was no bridge and which was unworkable. This regiment and the remainder of others were ordered to fight its way back. The greatest feat of this was one of the entente soldiers who was seen to be on the other side of the river, the dangerous situation of the troops was observed and the pioneers crossed the river and brought back as many comrades as they could. After this a retreat was undertaken on both banks under heavy enemy fire and the remainder finally joined their comrades in the new line. The new system had been inaugurated. The correspondent could scarcely give a clear picture of the terrible defeat of the Germans and the losses they must have suffered. Koster in the Vorwarts, although writing in sarcastic vein, warns compatriots not to under estimate the value of American troops, the ability of whose leadership he tries impudently to claim is due their descent.

BRITISH RECAPTURE CONSIDERABLE LAND WEST OF THE ANCRE

(Continued from page 1) Another Retreat. The retirement of the Germans between Montdidier and Moreuil is over a front of approximately ten miles. On the southern half of this front, American contingents have been stationed for some time along the northern half of the line, the French on two occasions have driven into the German lines so that their front before the present German withdrawal began along the hills dominating the Ancre River, from Castel to Auberville. This withdrawal, taken in conjunction with the German retreat across the Ancre from Dernancourt to Hamel, about fourteen miles to the north, may mark the beginning of a German strategic retreat which may have been planned to forestall a British attack which London despatches have indicated was imminent in this sector.

BOSTON CHURCHES HONOR GREAT BRITAIN

Union Jack and Stars and Stripes Displayed At Church of the Advent. Boston, Aug. 4.—Bostonians today honored Great Britain, and at a number of churches references were made to the fourth anniversary of that country entering the war. At the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) the Union Jack was displayed side by side with the Stars and Stripes and prayers were offered that the alliance may be perpetuated and the victory speedy. In his sermon, the rector Rev. Dr. William Van Allen referred to the debt of gratitude which the United States owed Great Britain and praised the brilliant part Britain had taken in the present war.

IRISH FARMERS BACKWARD IN THE RECRUITING

Dublin, July 24.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Irish farmers have been the most backward of all classes in regard to recruiting for the army. Mr. O'Grady, a distinguished Irish writer, the author of several Irish novels and historical works, has issued a warning to them that, under the Land Purchase acts, they hold their lands by an act of the Imperial Parliament, that Parliament has advanced over 2,100,000,000 for the purchase of the land from the landlords, and has handed it over to thousands of peasant proprietors and is collecting from them the purchase money by annual instalments less in amount than the old rents. Mr. O'Grady reminds the farmers that "in supporting an attempt to overthrow the authority of the Imperial Parliament they are trying to overthrow their own existence as proprietors and which alone can maintain them in security." "It is likely," he asks, "that the Imperial Parliament, having its hundreds of thousands of discharged, brave, loyal soldiers to provide for, will leave Ireland in the ownership of men of mere class, who in this deadly crisis, this life and death struggle, are proving themselves a foe of England, of Great Britain, of the British Empire, which ought to be their Anglo-Irish Empire—and of their great Allied nations." They will not respect the brand new and titles which they themselves have made and can unmake.

ORANGE GRAND LODGE FAVORS GUELLP PROBE

Charlottetown, Aug. 2.—At the meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge yesterday the historical committee appointed to gather documents, data and relics dealing with the order reported that they had made considerable progress. It was decided to have all the matter collected compiled and edited by the best literary writer in Canada. The great feature of the day in fact of the whole meeting was the report of the joint legislative committee. One of the matters dealt with was the alien enemy menace and the recommendation contained in the report adopted by resolution. It is in effect that all dangerous enemy aliens should be interned and given employment either by the government or private concerns, or individuals when it was found impossible to secure regular labor.

RESULTS OF MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS HELD IN JULY

Campbellton Young Women Lead in the First Division, Chatham and St. John Young Women in Second—List of Those Who Passed.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Aug. 3.—The board of examiners for the matriculation examinations held in July, have reported to the chief superintendent the following results: There were 165 admitted for matriculation, and 33 for High School, leaving 132 for the first division; 32 in the second division; 32 in the third division; 27 in the third division conditionally, and 8 failed. Of the candidates for leaving examination, 1 passed in the first division; 14 in the second division; 9 in the third division; 3 in the third division conditionally, and 3 failed.

The Successful Ones. Following are the names of those who passed in first and second division, arranged in order of merit: Matriculation—First Division (16) Isabel E. MacNichol, Campbellton grammar school; Amanda E. Quinn, Campbellton grammar school; Jas. W. Reid, Fredericton grammar school; Flora E. Colpitts, Dorchester superior school; Marjorie Fitzpatrick, St. John grammar school; Sidney G. Murray, St. John grammar school; George C. Hicks, Moncton grammar school; Beatrice E. Phillips, Fredericton grammar school; Lawrence W. Fitzgarrard, Campbellton grammar school; W. H. Wetmore, St. John grammar school; H. Francis Bridges, Fredericton grammar school; Alma Douglas, St. Stephen superior school; Mildred Palmer, Fredericton grammar school; Willard Thompson, St. John grammar school; Mary Elizabeth Kane, St. John grammar school; Elizabeth A. Baird, Campbellton grammar school.

Matriculation—Second Division (82) Hilda L. Sewell, Chatham grammar school; Margaret I. Barrett, St. John grammar school; Kenneth W. Naves, St. John grammar school; Nellie White, Moncton grammar school; J. Kenneth Sullivan, St. John grammar school; Russell R. Sheldrick, Kingston consolidated school; Deborah King, Woodstock grammar school; Nelson H. Stultz, Sackville superior school; Thomas D. Pickard, Sackville superior school; Alfred R. Taylor, Sackville superior school; Harry W. Hickman, Dorchester superior school.

PRAY GOD TO DIRECT OUR LEADERS OF MEN URGED REV. FR. DUKE

Large Congregation Attend Service in Cathedral Yesterday—Powerful War Sermon By Rev. W. M. Duke. At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, a patriotic service was held commemorating the fourth anniversary of the war. Before the service the national airs, "God Save the King," "O Canada," "My Own Canadian Home," "Dieu et Mon Droit," and "The Red, White and Blue," were played on the cathedral chimes by the organist, Arthur D. Godsoe.

The services then began, consisting of the Rosary, recited by Rev. Fr. A. P. Allen; sermon, suitable to the day, by Rev. Wm. M. Duke; hymn, "Holy Land, We Praise Thy Name," and Solemn Pontifical Benediction, celebrating His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc; deacon, Rev. Fr. Kang, C. S. S. R.; sub-deacon, Rev. Wm. M. Duke, and Rev. Monsignor J. Walsh, who acted as assistant. After which the Bishop gave the Papal blessing. The services were largely attended, a feature being a powerful and eloquent sermon by Rev. Wm. M. Duke. Father Duke, in beginning, carried the congregation to the declaration of war, signifying the entrance of the struggle—a long war. Four years have passed away, yet the struggle goes on yet arising out the striking characters of this Empire. Recollection recalls some splendid types—the great patriot of the war "The Catholic Cardinal of Belgium," known among his people by his meekness and mildness; known to the world by his being oppressed, and yet remaining an advocate for his people—a great and good man—not forgotten.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC

August—Phases of the Moon. New Moon, 6th, 4h 30m. p.m. First quarter, 14th, 7h 16m. p.m. Full Moon, 22nd, 1h 2m. a.m. Last Quarter, 29th, 5h 27m. p.m.

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Moderate to fresh southerly to southwesterly winds; fair, stationary or a little higher temperature, a few scattered showers by Tuesday. Toronto, Aug. 4.—Fine weather prevails in all portions of the Dominion. Min. Max. Victoria, 52 64. Medicine Hat, 42 76. Saskatoon, 42 73. Moosejaw, 68 78. Regina, 49 73. White River, 50 76. London, 57 90. Toronto, 56 67. Kingston, 56 74. Ottawa, 50 74. Montreal, 52 72.

materialized which combats the fall on Russia—our glorious ally, to the south, the United States. We must admire the wisdom and foresight of this glorious ally; she has grasped her opportunities and is with us. And we must not forget Canada. Her patriotism and zeal in the interests of her mother country, who, soon after the outbreak of the struggle, sent to the foremost ranks 300,000 of her stalwart sons. For these men have passed and an additional 330,000 have gone forward to withhold the integrity of their ally and mother, and others are in transit. Many have made the supreme sacrifice, even incomprehensible numbers, who took the toll of death in different engagements—a token of admiration. Many have been decorated for their deeds of valor.

ANNUAL OF YAC COMMISSION

Able Sermon Sand Pointing By Rev. Wm. M. Duke. Was Instant. The annual cruise on the St. John River a fitting close to the Sand Point when their friends who numbers listened to an able sermon by Rev. A. J. Morrison, of St. John, who preached to the St. John River with us, saying with us. Four years as the world has a strife of over two ing men and women of arriving to us, many people is not only for our world all over the world, and these things which learned this lesson daily being brought to us and to our world. The speaker St. Luke, 22nd ch. "He took the cup and said, 'This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.'"

HER BISHOP. Wife—That woman got \$600,000 from the Railway Company that killed her husband by accident. Husband—Well, you needn't sigh so hard when you tell me.—Club Fellow.

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