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British Forces Attack North of Saint Quentin

Village of Holnon Captured Last Night

Haig's Men Press Forward This Morning—Slight Advance South of La Basse Canal—French Troops Repulse Attacks and Maintain Their Gains

London, Sept. 18—British forces attacked this morning northwest of St. Quentin, according to an official statement from Field Marshal Haig, received at the war office this morning.

The village of Holnon, three miles northwest of St. Quentin, has been captured by the British, the field marshal reported.

A German attack last evening at Moeuvres under heavy artillery protection resulted in the British being pushed back to the western outskirts of the village. The statement follows:

"As a result of our operations yesterday on the southern portion of the battlefield, we gained possession of Holnon village, with several prisoners.

This morning our troops attacked northwest of St. Quentin.

"Yesterday evening the enemy attacked at Moeuvres under cover of a heavy artillery barrage and pressed our troops back to the western outskirts of the village.

"By a successful local operation carried out during the night we advanced our line slightly immediately south of the La Basse Canal."

COUNTER-ATTACKS UNSUCCESSFUL

Paris, Sept. 18—German troops last night launched violent counter-attacks against the French positions on the plateau northeast of Sancy, seven miles northeast of Soissons. The French war office statement issued today says that the German attacks were unsuccessful and that the French troops maintained their gains.

REPULSED ALSO BY U. S. TROOPS

With the American Army on Lorraine, Sept. 18 (2:20 p.m., by the Associated Press)—German infantry attempted to attack the American lines west of the Moselle Tuesday evening, but the enemy troops were driven back by the fire of the American artillery.

Plan Re-occupation

With the American Army in Lorraine, Sept. 17—(By the Associated Press)—Plans are already under way for the re-occupation by the French population of the territory of the Moselle, from which they were driven four years ago and which was regained last week in the Allied offensive. Scores of persons are requesting military officers for permission to return to their homes.

Aviation played a large part in the Allied offensive in Lorraine, as is indicated by a summary of the first four days of the battle, in spite of the rain which, before the battle, had transformed airfields into seas of mud, and which during the combat had handicapped the aviators during two of the four days, the airman were highly successful. During the fighting there made more than 2,000 sorties, the summary showing that the machines were aloft for an aggregate of four thousand hours. During this time enemy airplanes were so thoroughly bombed that the Germans were not able to do much of anything in the air fighting.

During the four days there were seventy-five aerial combats, during which nine enemy machines were shot down and fifty-four more were driven down out of control. Thirty enemy balloons were destroyed during this period.

LARGE NUMBER AT THE FUNERAL OF W. H. BARNABY

The funeral of W. H. Barnaby took place this afternoon from his late residence, Princess street. Services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. S. S. Poole, pastor of Germain street Baptist church. The eulogy in which Mr. Barnaby was held in the community was evidenced by the large number of representative citizens who attended. Members of Albin Lodge, A. & A. M., and members of South Branch Fishing Club, of which Mr. Barnaby was president, walked in a body to the funeral which was held in the funeral home.

MAILS FOR RUSSIA

Washington, Sept. 18—Mail service to Russia, suspended June 16, has been resumed, but mail for other parts of Russia will not be accepted for dispatch through that port, the post department announced today.

FOR CIVIL SERVICE POSTS

At a recent picnic given by J. D. Connel for the purpose of raising money for the purchase of the property of the Civil Service Posts, Miss Grace M. Witt.

GERMANY ALSO PREPARING A PEACE NOTE?

Resolution to be Presented to the Reichstag

Belgian Proposal Denied

Austrian Cabinet Expected to Resign—Enemy Prisoners Interested in Peace Talk—Press Comment on the Situation

London, Sept. 18—It is rumored in Berlin that when the Reichstag meets there will be another peace demonstration similar to that of July, 1917, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. It is said that the terms of a peace resolution are now being drafted by the majority leaders in consultation with the imperial chancellor. The Reichstag will convene on November 5.

Nothing Known.

Amsterdam, Sept. 17—Nothing is known in competent circles in Berlin regarding the London report that Germany has made a separate peace proposal to Belgium, according to despatches received here from Berlin.

Austria's Cabinet Troubled

Amsterdam, Sept. 17—Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian premier, arrived at Vienna Sunday and reported to the emperor upon the political situation in Hungary, which, according to the local Anzeiger's Budapest correspondent, has recently become very critical. It is assumed that the Austrian cabinet will resign at an early date.

Prisoners Interested

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 17—(By the Associated Press)—German and Austrian prisoners taken in the recent advance by the Allies are being held in a camp near the front.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP AGAINST BOLSHEVISM

Russian Labor Leaders Urge Allied Intervention in Cablegram to London Labor Conference

London, Sept. 17—Former Premier Kerensky, of Russia, attended the afternoon session of a committee of labor leaders in the House of Commons, explained the regular Russian delegates had not arrived, although they had been given passports to leave Bergen, Norway.

Mr. Henderson said he had received a long cablegram from the Russian delegates who were thus absent, appealing to the labor parties of the western powers to despatch a commission, investigate the attitude of the masses in Russia towards the Soviet government. The message added that the Russian workers were powerless against their oppressors and that intervention by the western proletariat would substantially facilitate the overcoming of the Russian crisis.

A lively discussion arose over the voting system. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said that although the American Socialist party was not represented at the conference, the American Federation of Labor did not yield an inch in its claim to represent the whole American labor movement, and he protested against any system of block voting and against a French delegate's proposal that the American Federation of Labor should be invited to send a delegate to the conference.

PO RCIVIL SERVICE POSTS

W. J. Puddy, secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, received a telegram this morning from R. M. Stewart, dominion secretary, stating that Mr. Rowe of the customs department will be in St. John on Thursday for the purpose of examining returned soldiers who are desirous of getting appointments in customs houses. Mr. Puddy said this morning that there are at the present time five vacancies in the customs houses here to be filled by returned men.

DID WELL

Mayor Hayes this morning received the tidy sum of \$26.50 from six little girls of Glen Falls who recently held a bazaar to procure money for job soldiers. They are: Ruby Stack, Gwendolyn Chambers, Margaret Brophy, Ruth Rabins, Audrey Buckle and Bessie Kaus.

His Five Children Murdered By Moose Jaw Express Driver

Moosejaw, Sept. 18—About half-past twelve o'clock this morning, William Bromley, a driver for the Dominion Express Company, walked into the central police station and horrified the sergeant in charge by calmly saying that he had murdered his five children by cutting their throats and that they had better look him up. Bromley was accompanied by his wife who heard the terrible news for the first time when her husband, who had appeared perfectly sane to her, told the story to the police.

Bromley was left at home with the children while the wife went to a picture show. She returned about half-past eleven o'clock, but Bromley refused to let her into the house. He finally asked her to go to the police station with him. The policeman who took to the house found the children on a bed, each with his throat cut so badly that the heads were practically severed from the bodies.

WHOLESALE MURDER CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT CENTRAL RUSSIA

Thousands of Persons Have Been Shot WITHOUT EVEN TRIAL

Washington, Sept. 17—Information reaching the state department today from a neutral country threw new light on the situation in Central Russia, where a reign of terror conducted by the Bolsheviks has made the positions of the populace tragic in the extreme and is endangering citizens of the Entente Powers who have been unable to leave the country.

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Both Sides Are Watchful—Raiding Continues—Men Unwilling to Return to Settled Trench Warfare

With the Canadian Forces in France, Sept. 17, 8 a. m., via London, Sept. 18—(By J. R. B. Lavery, correspondent of the Canadian Press)—Quietness prevails along the Canadian front, though only a comparative quietness. There is that in the British ranks today which will admit of the searchlights on the Canadian trench warfare. Both sides are watchful. Raiding continues along the front. The Norwegians dug yesterday morning being an exception.

There is much shelling, the enemy paying special attention to gas which he pours over in quantities suggestive of a purpose which does not materialize. Shelling with big guns has become a feature of the present conditions. Night bombing by enemy aeroplanes is developing with the moon, but the capable hand of the searchlights on the Canadian front is defeating the enemy's intentions. Last night was an example of the efficiency of this method of blocking the raiders. Every one was turned back, most of them being caught in the rays and held until they scurried to safety.

One was brought down in flames, the crew of the bomber taking to parachutes and landing within the Canadian lines. Again today an enemy machine crashed, but its crew saved their lives by parachuting. This idea, which is only now under development, will alter the sky fighting materially and may feel assured the Allies will not lag if it is worth adopting.

Gas bombing is also being indulged in by the enemy. Today the brigade which distinguished itself by the capture of Le Quesnel, in the Amiens fight, received its medals from the hands of the corps commander.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A depression which has formed since yesterday is centered in Wisconsin, while the weather is still more or less unsettled over the greater portion of the dominion.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong south shifting to west and north-west winds, showery tonight and for a part of Thursday.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valley—Moderate to fresh east to south winds, fair today, rain on Thursday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Fine today; Thursday, increasing east to south winds, becoming unsettled and showery.

Partly Fair.

Martime—Moderate winds, partly fair today and on Thursday, with some local showers.

Superior—Fresh to strong winds, mostly northwest and north, with rain or sleet; Thursday, fresh northwest to north winds, clearing.

Manitoba—A few local showers today, but mostly fair and cool heavy frost tonight; Thursday, fair and cool.

Saskatchewan—Fair and cool; Thursday, a little higher temperature.

New England—Cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably rain; moderate northeast and east winds.

VICTORY WAS GOOD MEDICINE

London, Sept. 18—In reply to a message sent by Premier Lloyd George to dispatch a commission to investigate the American victory on Lorraine, in which the premier, who received the letter and infinitely more passionate than any physis, the American commander has sent the following telegram:—"Your congratulations are deeply appreciated. It shall be the endeavor of the American army to supply you with occasional doses of the same sort of medicine as needed from now until the final victory has been attained. I trust this will find you fully recovered from your illness."

CORN CROP HARVESTING IS NEARING COMPLETION; PRICES LOWER TODAY

Chicago, Sept. 18—Renewal of peace gossip sent the corn market down grade today after a little show of strength at the opening. Initial gains were ascribed to reports of frost in Iowa. It was estimated, however, that more than eighty per cent of the whole United States crop is now safe from frost and that within a week no per cent more will be out of danger. Opening prices, which varied from unchanged figures to 7-8 cent higher with October 1918 to 1.25 and November 1.40 to 1.49-1.2, were followed by a sharp general break.

Oats fluctuated with corn. Changes though. After opening 1-2 to 2-8 higher with October 78-8 to 78-12 then asked received to slightly below yesterday's finish.

Trade in provisions was light with values tending upward. Rise gained most.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKETS

Toronto, Sept. 18—Cattle receipts, 1,812 head, 1,200 sheep, 2,100 calves, 250. Market steady for choice cattle.

"FORTUNE HAS CHANGED, THE DAY OF GLORY HAS COME"

Premier of France Hails Approach of Victory—"Will Fight Until Enemy Understands Bargains Between Crime and Right Are No Longer Possible"—France's Gratitude To Allied Nations

Paris, Sept. 18—(Havas)—"We will fight until the hour when the enemy comes to understand that bargains between crime and right are no longer possible," declared Premier Clemenceau in an eloquent address in the senate last evening.

"We want a just and a strong peace, protecting the future against the abominations of the past."

The premier, who was enthusiastically greeted as he took the tribune, was given an ovation as he concluded, and the senate voted that his address should be posted throughout the country.

In beginning, M. Clemenceau spoke of the gratitude the people of the Allied nations feel towards those marvellous soldiers of the Entente, by whom those nations would at last be liberated from the barbarian menace. He recalled the threatening attitude of Germany towards pacific France, which had endured for a half century the "harmless wounds, brutalities and tyrannies of an enemy who would not forgive us for having saved from the wreck the consciousness of right and our indefensible claims to independence."

He pointed out how, without the slightest pretext, Germany had enslaved upon French territory, devastated the fields of France, burned and pillaged her towns and villages, and enslaved her men, women and children.

"The enemy thought that victory would cause all this to be pardoned," continued the premier, "but fortune has changed. The day of glory has come. Our citizens are completing the formidable task of their fathers, and with brotherly nations are securing a supreme victory. All right-minded humanity is with our troops who are liberating the nations from the favor of evil forces."

QUIET ON THE CANADIAN FRONT, COMPATIVELY

Stirring Message From General Who Bolted

Man to Do His Duty, Disappeared in Motor-car When Attack Began

British Headquarters in France, Sept. 18—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Limited)—A captured document signed Von Morgen, dated September 10 and addressed to the 14th reserve corps, near St. Quentin, says:—"Fitzherbert, owing to military reasons, we have allowed the British to occupy private to do his duty in the imminent decisive battle."

Von Morgen was the general who streaked off in a motor car early in our attack.

DRAFT BOARDS BUSY

Washington, Sept. 18—Local draft boards today began mailing questionnaires to the approximately 8,400,000 men between the ages of 19 and 30 years of age, who registered under the selective service act last Thursday. British subjects within the 19 to 30 age limits, who have thirty days in which to enlist in the British and Canadian armies, will not be sent questionnaires.

ROUNDING UP WIFE FAMILY OF TRAITORS

Chicago, Sept. 17—Leo Kreutzinger, father of a notorious traitor, recently sentenced at Camp Grant to ten years in Leavenworth federal prison for disloyalty, was arrested today on charges of violating of the espionage act and held under \$10,000 bonds. Only a short time ago Leo Kreutzinger's sister, Wanda, was taken into custody in New York, as a suspect under the espionage act. She was an operator for the Postal Telegraph Company.

LABOR DELEGATES TAKE A DAY OFF

Quebec, Sept. 18—The delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress in convention here relaxed today. They spent the morning and afternoon in trips by steamer to the Quebec bridge and other places of interest in the vicinity. For tonight a programme of entertainments by local unions has been prepared for the visitors.

MARKET RALLIED

New York, Sept. 18—(Wall Street)—After momentary hesitation, the more important shares opening with prices fractionally lower than last night's close, especially United States Steel, C. P. R., Reading, Baldwin Locomotive and other places of interest in the vicinity. For tonight a programme of entertainments by local unions has been prepared for the visitors.

CAR TRACKS REMOVED

Some time ago Commissioner Fisher petitioned the New Brunswick Power Company to remove a section of rails in Ludlow street, West St. John, which were not being used by the street railway and which were beginning to present a danger to the public. The section complained of has now been removed and repairs will be made to the roadway.

JUDGE WHITE MEMBER NEWSPRINT TRIBUNAL

Ottawa, Sept. 18—The constitution of the newsprint appeal tribunal is officially announced today. It consists of Judge Archer, superior court, Montreal; Judge White, supreme court, New Brunswick; Judge Middleton, supreme court, Ontario.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Miss Bessie McAvity, who was still over-recently by a street car, is in a very critical condition, but a report from the hospital says that hopes are held for her recovery. The condition of George Kimball is about the same.

INQUIRY INTO SOLDIERS' VOTES

St. John's, Que., Sept. 18—Scrutinizers who worked in polls in St. John's barracks during the last federal election testified this morning before the royal commission now investigating the charges brought by Joseph Archambault, M. P., against Lieut.-Col. W. W. Melville and his officers in connection with the voting of soldiers in that election. Stanislaus Poulin, a St. John's lawyer, who was a scrutineer, gave the court an amusing account of his election day experiences.

In his polls, said Poulin, sixty-three out of ninety-seven voters assigned their votes to Chamblay-Verberes. As they came in to vote, he said, the men said they were glad that they could not specify their previous places of residence in Canada. Their only hesitation was in pronouncing the name "Chamblay-Verberes."

In two cases the men forgot the name. The deputy presiding officer refreshed one man's memory. In the other, the witness was the promoter.

Poulin said that during the polling Col. Melville visited the poll several times. He inquired how many votes were going to Chamblay-Verberes. Once, being told the number, he remarked: "That's not very many."

Captain Knight, editor of the Depot Newspaper, was another witness. He assumed full responsibility for the matter published in that sheet on election topics. The hearing is going on this afternoon.

W. H. McQUADE IS THE INSPECTOR

Duties Include Supervision of the Amusement Tax in Province

William H. McQuade has been appointed provincial tax inspector. The duties include the amusement tax collection and the collection of the license upon motor vehicles and the taxes of extra provincial corporations. The appointment with respect to the amusement tax is in place of H. J. Anderson whose temporary engagement will expire on September 30.

John B. Jones is appointed a justice of the peace.

J. Vernon McLean is a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the supreme court.

NEW VENDORS NAMED

Frederick, Sept. 18—Retail liquor licenses have been gazetted as follows: P. J. McVeety of Newcastle, the Willy Drug Company of Grand Falls, G. Allison, Peck of Hillsboro and Lorenzo Chapman of Grand Falls.

Levin Dudge has been appointed inspector under the provincial prohibition act for the village of Richibucto. Robert W. McAlbin has been appointed inspector for the city and county of St. John.