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FRENCH FORCE HUN BACK ON 20-MILE FRONT; HAIG HITS HARD AGAIN; ENEMY SITUATION WORST YET

More Villages Taken By French; Press On To The Ailette

Germans Likely Will Have To Move Back To The Oise—Pressure Kept Up and Fall of Noyon is Predicted

Paris, Aug. 22.—German troops were forced back over a twenty mile front to a depth of from one to two miles from Lassigny to the Ailette River during the night, according to the official statement issued by the war office today.

Lassigny was captured by the French yesterday and since Tuesday twenty villages have been taken.

The statement adds that four villages—Le Plamont, Thiescourt, Cannet-accourt and Ville—were occupied by the French, who have reached the Divette River.

The French have reached the Oise on a six mile front east of Noyon, their line extending from Sempiigny to Bretigny. Farther east the villages of Bourguignon and St. Paul-Aux-Bois have been taken.

The French reached the Ailette River at La Quincy-Basse. The western outskirts of Pommiers, on the Aisne, west of Soissons, have also been taken. French troops maintained contact with the retreating enemy between Metz and the Oise and east of the Oise during the night.

THE AILETTE REACHED. Paris, Aug. 22.—French troops have reached the Ailette River at several points. It is not expected that the Germans will hold the Ailette line, but may retreat to the Oise.

General Humbert's army has made a grand advance between the Metz and the Oise rivers and has reached the Ailette River. The French military men say this makes the early fall of the town of Noyon inevitable.

ARE PRESSING ON TOWARD NOYON. Paris, Aug. 22.—(Havas Agency)—The occupation of Lassigny by the army of General Humbert, newspaper commentators believe, will facilitate the capture of Noyon, toward which the armies of Generals Mangin and Humbert are pressing steadily. Lassigny was one of the pivots of the German defense system between the Oise and the Somme and was defended most stubbornly.

General Mangin on Wednesday continued to move toward the Oise. If the German front has not been pierced it has been bent back a considerable distance, and it is believed may have to withdraw to the Ailette.

Forcing Him From the Oise. French Headquarters in France, Aug. 21.—(Reuter)—As a result of our recent victories, the enemy's grip on his front on both sides of the Oise is relaxing, and on the left bank he is frankly falling back before the unremitting pressure of General Mangin's infantry.

Between Lassigny and the Oise the enemy has been pressed back to the line of the heights overlooking Divette. Although the Germans are still holding Fleumont, the French forces from the west have reached the outskirts of the village.

How Lassigny Fell. On the French front in France, Aug. 22.—(Havas Agency)—The operation which resulted in the fall of Lassigny on Wednesday began with a successful thrust from the west by a battalion of chasseurs. Divette Wood, a strongly fortified position which had delayed the French advance for two days, was taken in a sudden dash and the battalion reached the outskirts of Lassigny on the west and on the north.

Meanwhile other units, composed of men from Brittany and Paris, took the southern outskirts of Lassigny and crossed through the town, chasing the Germans before them. By noon a company of engineers had cleared out the town and captured the last enemy occupants who were hiding in cellars.

LONDON LEARNS OF NEW FRENCH SUCCESS. London, Aug. 22.—(11.50 p. m.)—French troops under command of General Mangin, according to information received in London today from the battlefront along the Oise River, are continuing to press back the Germans. Several important German positions already have been gained by the French.

The Germans are offering stubborn resistance and heavy fighting is taking place and it is reported to be favoring the French. General Mangin's army has taken numerous prisoners.

BRITISH SUBMARINE ENDS MURDER WORK OF ONE OF THE U-BOATS. London, Aug. 22.—(British Wireless Service)—Recently a British and a German submarine met. The enemy had crossed the North Sea and penetrated British waters. The British boat was returning to base after an arduous cruise.

Both boats were on the surface, but the British boat dived before she herself was sighted, fired two torpedoes and wrecked the enemy. The captain of the German boat was saved.

Paris Hears the Crash. Paris, Aug. 22.—The sound of heavy cannon firing was heard clearly in Paris early today.

BATTLE NOW IS SPREAD ALONG 70-MILE FRONT

Six German Armies Damaged By A Lies Since July 15

OUT-GENERALLED; OUT-FOUGHT

Von Eben Now in Bad Fix and Will be Worse Off if French Take Juvigny—Some Believe That Huns Will be Forced Back to Old Hindenburg Line

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Allies have damaged six German armies since July 15, and the British are now eating into the front, with the spread of the battle northward and over a front of seventy miles. Whether the enemy is prepared or unprepared, Allied efforts have had the same results and the Germans have been out-generated and out-fought.

The armies attacked and damaged in the last six weeks have been those of Generals Von Eicken, Von Mudre, Von Boehm, Von Eben, Von Hutier and Von Der Marwitz.

The full designs of Marshal Foch are known only to himself and perhaps one or two others, but it is believed generally that his aim is not as the Germans may say, to pierce their line, but to strike a succession of blows to cause the enemy irreplaceable losses in men and material and to force him to make more or less disastrous retreats. If that be the case, the plan he is pursuing is with skill and unvarying success.

General Ludendorff is being forced to expend his resources out of all proportion to his resources on a given sector of the front, after which another blow is struck home on another sector.

At no place have the Germans apparently been strong enough to check the attack entirely.

On Wednesday the German resistance was most desperate on the right of General Mangin's army in the neighborhood of Beusy. If the French are able to reach the Chemin des Dames, Military observers think that the French salient marked by the villages of Juvigny, Ozy and Paisy would become untenable for General Von Eben, who would be obliged to retreat beyond the Soissons-Coucy-La-Chateau road.

The German situation there is unenviable enough at present, but would become still worse as the French progressed. The Germans also would have to abandon the Vesle-Aisne line and go back to the Chemin des Dames.

Military observers think that an optimistic turn of mind are convinced that the Germans will end their defence by falling back to the Hindenburg line all along the front at no very distant date. While that may be so, the enemy shows no signs at present of doing so voluntarily and is fighting stubbornly and skillfully, yielding only when out-maneuvred and out-fought.

CHANGE IN RETAIL TRAFFIC ON BORDER. Washington, Aug. 22.—Withdrawal of authority heretofore extended to collectors of customs to license the exportation of small quantities of sugar, wheat and wheat products involved in retail border traffic, is announced by the war trade board. Such exportations must be covered by an individual export license issued by the war trade board.

Phenix and Pherdinand. Miss Madeline Fry of 300 Union street was advised this morning that her brother, Private Stephen Henry Fry, had been wounded in the ear and admitted to the 9th General Hospital at Rouen. Private Fry went overseas as a member of the 236th Battalion, and was transferred into another. Prior to donning the uniform, he was a popular member of the composing room staff of The Evening Times.

Pte. W. B. O'Connor. Mrs. William O'Connor, 27 Cedar street, was notified today that her son, Private William B. O'Connor, had been wounded in the right arm and admitted to the Kitchener Hospital in Brighton. Private O'Connor is nineteen years old, and prior to going overseas was employed with Waterbury & Rising, Ltd., King street.

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Ottawa List. Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Maritime province names in today's list include:—Killed in Action.—Major J. S. Ralston, Amherst; Captain M. W. McKinnon, Beaver Cove, N. B.

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Enemy Situation Never So Bad as Now

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 Allies' armies have taken more than 100,000 prisoners since July 15, says Marcel Motin in the Echo de Paris.

Many More N. B. Officers And Men Are In List Of Killed and Wounded Today

Hundred and Twenty Dead in Today's Ottawa Lists and More Than 900 Wounded; Sergt. Percy Northrup, M. M., Killed; Former Times Man Wounded



PTE. JOSEPH G. GALLAGHER, of Torriburn, reported yesterday as being killed in action.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—One hundred and twenty Canadians are listed as killed in action and sixty-six are reported died of wounds in the casualty list issued this morning. In all there are 226 names. In the noon list there are 684 casualties—681 wounded and three ill.

Sergt. Percy K. Northrup Killed. Mrs. M. J. Northrup of Little River was advised yesterday that her son, Sergt. Percy K. Northrup, M. M., a member of the N. B. battalion, had been killed in action on Aug. 8.

Northrup was twenty-four years old. He was one of the five brothers who served in France. Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. A. Kierstead and Mrs. L. F. Carney, also five brothers—Pte. Arthur and Ptes. Sam and Roy, returned, Jack and Frank now in France.

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Further Blow By The British

Attack Continued This Morning—The Arras-Bapaume Railway Line Crossed—Gain, Too, in Flanders

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

Between 2,000 and 3,000 prisoners were captured by the British in yesterday's operation.

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 Berquin, northeast of Merville.

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

HARD WORK NEAR BAPAUME. Paris, Aug. 22.—General Byng's army is encountering desperate resistance in the region of Bapaume. Achiet-Le-Grand changed hands several times late yesterday afternoon and last night. The British are now in that position.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 22.—(2 p. m. by the Associated Press)—British troops are holding virtually all of the Arras-Albert railroad and have established their posts well east of that line.

In their new attack the British early this morning apparently had taken their final objectives on the right and were well inside the enemy lines.

South of Albert the British crossed the Ancre River.

GAIN IN FLANDERS. In the Flanders battle area the British last night attacked and captured a German position north of Bailleul. It is reported that a strong local counter-attack made yesterday morning against the Leorre Hospice was repulsed after heavy fighting and that sharp combats took place during the night in this sector.

BRITISH ON 1916 GROUND. Paris, Aug. 22.—(Havas Agency)—Observers here see a new danger for the enemy in the British attack north of the Ancre in the direction of Bapaume. The British already are on the battle ground of 1916.

SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION. New York, Aug. 22.—The Associated Press today issues the following: Fighting their way along the extensive reaches of the Picardy battlefield French troops today stand before Noyon. This city has been referred to as the key to the whole German life west of the Somme.

During last 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 Sempiigny to Bretigny, a distance of more than six miles. At Sempiigny they are not more than a mile from Noyon.

The line turns to the south at Bretigny and runs to Bourguignon, where it reaches the Oise. At Sempiigny they are the Ailette River at La Quincy-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.

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BIG CUT IN AMOUNT OF SUGAR IN HOMES

Canada Food Board Official Also Sees Suspension of Non-essential Industries. Toronto, Aug. 22.—An appeal will be made in the fall to householders to limit their consumption of sugar to two pounds a member a month, or less than a third of the amount now being used, according to H. F. Keefer, solicitor to the Canada Food Board. Steps will be taken, he said, rightly to enforce the order forbidding homes to have on hand more than fifteen days' supply.

Mr. Keefer foresees, in the coming coal shortage, the suspension of non-essential industries during some of the winter weeks.

THE CITY AND THE C. G. R. C. B. Brown, assistant general manager of the Canadian Government Railways, with headquarters in Moncton, arrived in the city this morning, accompanied by one of his engineers, to discuss with the city officials harbor matters and also paving of Mill street, Erin street and Reid's point, where the railway's tracks cross the streets. The matter of paving Erin street, placing the pavement in Mill street in better condition, and paving the whole area about Reid's point at Reid's Point was taken up with Mr. Brown by Commissioner Fisher some time ago. There was discussion of these matters in Mayor Hayes' office this morning.

THREAT OF GENERAL STRIKE OF TRANSPORT WORKERS IN LONDON. London, Aug. 22.—The National Transport Workers yesterday passed a resolution declaring that the strike arising from the refusal to pay the women street car and bus conductors five shillings advance given to the men must be settled on a national basis of "equal pay for equal work." This means that unless the demands of the women are granted there will be a general strike of transport workers.

THE K. C. DRIVE. Dr. W. P. Broderick, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, accompanied by Chas. A. Owens, organizer of the K. C. drive for war but funds to be opened here in September, arrived home from Moncton at noon. In the railway town last evening they conferred with the Knights of Columbus Council relative to the special effort.

LOUIS DALEY GETS NEWS OF SOLDIER CHUM DROWNED. Pte. Roy Isnor Loses Life in Halifax; Word Comes From Mother. Sad news came today to Louis Daley of 23 St. Patrick street, a veteran of the war—the news of the drowning of his soldier chum, Pte. Roy Isnor, aged about twenty-five, at Halifax. The news came from the young man's mother, Mrs. Noah Isnor of 59 St. Alban's street, in a telegram to Mr. Daley. There were no particulars.

Pte. Isnor had given three years of his life in the war as a despatch rider with the Nova Scotia battalion in France and he had been several times wounded. The war had brought him into friendship with Louis Daley and the two had become chums. The latter felt keenly the loss of his friend when the news came this morning. Mrs. Isnor, by the death of her soldier boy, is left alone.

MORE VICTIMS OF THE TRIUMPH. A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—The American schooner Sylvania, Captain Jeff Thomas, was sunk yesterday on the Banquereau fishing banks by an armed trawler, presumably the Triumph. The crew of the Sylvania landed.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—The crew of the Nova Scotia fishing schooner Pasadena have arrived at a port east of here, reporting their vessel sunk by the Triumph at midnight on Tuesday.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—The Halifax steam fishing trawler Triumph, armed with guns and manned by a prize crew from a German submarine, is already known to have sunk three American and three Canadian fishing schooners. Captain Enoch Wentzell, master of the Pasadena, told the Canadian Press today that the converted trawler came alongside his schooner on the banks and ordered him to go on board the Triumph. He did so and was informed that he had exactly ten minutes in which to abandon the ship. Three Germans then went aboard his vessel and slung bombs around her. The crew of the Pasadena did not wait to see their ship blow up, but at once set out for the shore, sixty miles away.

The sixth fishing schooner reported sunk is the American vessel Sylvania, Capt. Jeff Thomas, the crew of which arrived at Atrichat, C. B., yesterday.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—Sixteen of the crew of the fishing schooner Dela Garde have landed at Gabarus, C. B., reporting that their vessel was sunk on the banks by a submarine. One of the men is injured. A forty containing three men is missing.

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CAMPOBELLO HAS SENSATION

Armed Men in Naval Uniform Seek Information About Eastport—Girl Refuses to Talk

Eastport, Maine, Aug. 22.—A party of armed fishermen and farmers had been searching Campobello Island, off the New Brunswick coast, for two men who are said to have questioned Miss Willis Wilson closely regarding Eastport waterfront matters and to have threatened her with death if she revealed anything about them.

According to her story, men, apparently foreigners, wore naval uniforms covered by long linen coats, and carried revolvers. She said they offered to pay her a large sum of money for information as to the location of the post office and banks in Eastport, the nature of the waterfront and whether a newly built four-masted schooner had left the port.

When she refused to tell them anything, she said, the men disappeared into the woods, after warning her that if she mentioned their presence to anyone she would be shot.

TOWN WRECKED BY TORONADO; MANY KILLED

Minneapolis, Aug. 22.—A tornado striking Tyler, Minn., a town of 1,100 inhabitants in the southwestern part of the state, at nine o'clock last night, destroyed the entire business section, part of the residential district and caused deaths estimated from fifty to 125.

BALLPLAYERS AND PLAY GROUNDS

The expected has happened in the west end. By using the new playground to get an article of ball as near the professional as possible, combining the whole city for players, a bitter feeling has been aroused and an appeal is now made to have the west end playground used as it should be for west end boys. The ball players are charged with having ignored the West End Improvement League, taken up collections at the games, and generally assumed that the city's money was spent for the special benefit of a few.

In the south end the control of the South End Improvement League is recognized, the ball players are helping the league further to improve the ground, and have assented to the agreement that every player must be a resident of the south end. They realize that to depart from that rule would be but to repeat the experience of the west end.

MUST GET SUGAR CERTIFICATE BY SEPT. 14

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Proprietors of public eating places have been notified that they must obtain a sugar certificate from the Canada Food Board by Sept. 14. A sworn statement must be filed with applications for certificates, stating the amount of sugar used between Jan. 1, 1917, and Dec. 31, 1917, or for that part of the year during which the applicant was in business.

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

Synopsis—Thunder storms have been prevalent in the western provinces, while some heavy local thunder storms have occurred in the peninsula of Ontario, Toronto recording nearly two inches of rain.

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