

# BRITISH AND FRENCH ATTACK ON A 28 MILE FRONT

## THE BRITISH FORCES ADVANCED MORE THAN THREE MILES EARLY THURSDAY MORNING

**Giving Germans No Time To Catch Their Breath After Their Crushing Defeat on the Aisne-Marne Front Marshal Foch Launches Fresh Blow in Picardy—Numerous Towns and Villages Captured and Much Ground Gained—Enemy Taken By Surprise.**

(By The Associated Press.)

Giving the Germans no time to catch their breath after their crushing defeat on the Aisne-Marne front, Marshal Foch has launched a fresh blow against them in a new sector.

The attack started at dawn this morning on a wide front in Picardy, east and southeast of Amiens. The French first army and the British fourth army are engaged in this new offensive, which is under the immediate direction of Field Marshal Haig, the British commander-in-chief. Both the Paris and London official statements announce the opening of the attack and report satisfactory progress in its early stages.

The field of the fighting is the scene of the most pronounced German success in this year's series of enemy offensives. It was in the first German blow, delivered against the British front between Cambrai and La Fere on March 21, that the enemy broke into the Allied lines and was not stopped until he had pushed the head of his assaulting columns down to the region of Montdidier. He swept over a wide stretch of territory including the districts the Germans had devastated in their retreat of March, 1917, and established the vast salient that has since stood virtually intact, with its apex at Montdidier and its base roughly extending along the line from Albert, near the Somme, on the north to Noyon on the Oise on its southern side.

The front under attack is not definitely defined, but it seems probable that its length is at least twenty miles from the Somme south of Montdidier.

Marshal Foch's object in striking here may well have been based upon the idea of breaking up the enemy line between Montdidier and Soissons before the Germans had time to establish the Soissons-Rheims front.

### Several Places Captured.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 8.—(By The Associated Press).—In their offensive on the front east of Amiens today the British have taken Hamel, Wood, and probably have possession of the town of Marcelcave and Lamotte En-Santerre.

The line attacked this morning extends roughly from the neighborhood of Morlanwell, about three miles and a half southeast of Albert, to the Avre Valley, south of Montdidier. The assault began exactly at dawn along a front of between forty and fifty kilometers and a success was scored immediately. The British advanced toward Corisy-Cally, on the south side of the Somme east of Sully Laurotte, and Marolles. The French advanced at the same time in the direction of Domains and Aubercourt.

Along the French front the artillery preparation lasted forty minutes, after which the troops left their trenches with wonderful dash. Before eight o'clock considerable progress had been recorded and all the first objectives have been attained.

London, Aug. 8.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' Limited).—The Franco-British attack has crossed the Luce-Avre Valley in the new drive begun against the Germans this morning.

An advance by the British to Marcelcave and Lamotte En-Santerre would represent a penetration of the German lines. The latter town was three miles east of Villers-Bretonneux, slightly to the east of which the former British line ran. Marolles is two miles southwest of Lamotte En-Santerre and about two and one-half miles southeast of Villers-Bretonneux. The woods named do not appear on available maps.

The advance indicates that the principal force of the British attack was exerted in the Villers-Bretonneux area, slightly to the southeast of Amiens, where Field Marshal Haig's troops had an advantageous jumping off place from the Villers-Bretonneux ridge.

### BURIED BY GERMANS

With the American Army on the Vesle, Aug. 7.—(By The Associated Press).—On a wooden cross at the head of a grave at the edge of a wood at Chamery, east of Fere-en-Tardenois, is this inscription: "Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, buried by the Germans."

Weather Cloudy.

During the morning the weather belied its early promise of clearness. The sky became overcast and the cloudy haze increased along the battle front, so that the flash of the guns could hardly be seen a little distance away.

The poor visibility favored the Allies. No enemy airplanes had appeared over the line until eight o'clock, and meanwhile the Allies had progressed far.

### Advance Three Miles.

London, Aug. 8.—(Picardy battlefront).—According to advices received, the French and British forces which attacked this morning in the Picardy sector have advanced at some points to a depth of more than three miles.

The attack must have taken the Germans by surprise, as the weather has not been such as would generally be chosen for the commencement of new operations.

On Monday there was a continuous

### FOOD BOARD GIVES PUBLIC ADVICE

Conservation Measures Must Not Be Relaxed—Restrictions Will Be Lifted As Soon As Possible.

Ottawa, Aug. 8.—In a statement issued by the Canada Food Board today an appeal is made to the public to continue the conservation of wheat, meat, dairy products and sugar. "In the case of pork," the statement says, "Canada and the United States have been able to meet the Allies' requirement for the present, but it must not be assumed that our task is completed. It is still true that all food production and food saving will count for victory.

"The action of the food board in removing the restrictions on the use of pork as soon as they could safely be withdrawn may be taken as proof of the desire and intention to relax any or all restrictions as conditions warrant. At the present time other conservation measures must not be relaxed, but the public may follow the regulations and advice of the food board in full confidence that restriction will not be retained longer than is absolutely necessary to safeguard the food position of the Allies and of ourselves."

### MUCH BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS

Schooner At Yarmouth Sails Through Sea of Loaves For Fifteen Minutes.

Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 8.—A schooner has arrived here, after a passage of thirteen days, from Turk's Island, with suit. The captain reports that on Friday afternoon, August 2, when in latitude 41.45 north, longitude 66.10 west, the vessel for fifteen minutes sailed through a large area of bread covered water. He states that it was brown and brown bread in loaves, together with a large quantity of pilot bread. The phenomena is a strange one, and where the bread may have originated from is very hard to conjecture.

### NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Aug. 7.—Rev. and Mrs. F. T. Bertram left on Monday for Boston, where they will visit Mrs. Bertram's mother.

Miss Dorothy Dunnet of Trout Brook is visiting Mrs. Earnest Allison, Chaplin Island Road.

Miss Josie Jeffrey is spending a few weeks in Tabusintac.

Mrs. Ernest McNeil and children of Jacques River are visiting Mrs. McNeil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman of Boston, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jeffrey.

Mr. Dan Donovan of Moncton, is visiting his home here.

The Misses Prouty and Petit Rocher, are guests of Mrs. J. D. Paulin.

Miss Merle Bell of Toronto, is spending a vacation with her mother, Mrs. Robert Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood and daughter Eileen, have returned to St. John after a visit to friends here.

Miss Kathleen Lawlor of New York, is spending her vacation at her home in Redbank.

Major Randolph Crocker of Kingston, Ont., is visiting his home in Millerton.

Miss Louise Crocker of Millerton, has gone to Bouchette for a three weeks' visit.

Misses Ada and Lily Pedolin, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Isabella Froese, Doaktown, have returned home.

Misses Doris and Lorraine Ryan of Fredericton, are visiting Miss Annie Cassidy.

Messrs. Roy Saunders and Stanley Tozer spent the week-end in Fredericton.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Rowlands of Millerton, left this week for Toronto, where they will spend a month's vacation with Mr. Rowlands' parents.

Mr. Roy Dickson, who has spent several weeks in Fredericton, has returned home.

Miss Helen McCurdy, daughter of Rev. F. and Mrs. McCurdy, Redbank, has graduated from Halifax Ladies' College, and will return in September for a business course.

Mrs. Stafford Dunn spent Sunday in Doaktown.

Miss Pierce of Richibucto, is visiting Miss Edith Clarke.

Miss Amy Russell of the N. B. Tele-

phone staff, spent the week-end at her home in Doaktown.

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electrician, who has been with the [at Deseronto, Ont. Royal Air Forces at Beamsville, Ont.] Miss Marguerite Lawlor of Ottawa for the past year, has been promoted [is spending her vacation with her mother and transferred to the 85th Squadron there at Burnt Church.

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PROCLAMATION

GEORGE the FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the same may in any wise concern,—GREETING:

A Proclamation of conditional amnesty respecting men belonging to Class I under the Military Service Act, 1917, who have disobeyed our Proclamation of 13th October, 1917, or their orders to report for duty, or are deserters or absent without leave from the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

E. L. NEWCOMBE, Deputy Minister of Justice, Canada.

WHEREAS considerable numbers of men belonging to Class I under our Military Service Act, 1917, called out on active service in our Canadian Expeditionary Force for the defence of Canada under our Proclamation of 13th October, 1917, although they have thus become by law soldiers enlisted in the Military Service of Canada,

Have failed to report for duty as lawfully required of them under the said Military Service Act and the regulations thereunder, including the Order in Council duly passed on April 20 last,

Or have deserted,

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And it is represented that the very serious and unfortunate situation in which these men find themselves is due in many cases to the fact that, notwithstanding the information and warning contained in our Proclamation aforesaid, they have misunderstood their duty or obligation, or have been misled by the advice of ill-disposed, disloyal or seditious persons.

AND WHEREAS we desire, if possible, to avoid the infliction of the heavy penalties which the law imposes for the offences of which these soldiers have thus been guilty, and to afford them an opportunity within a limited time to report and make their services available in our Canadian Expeditionary Force as is by law their bounden duty, and as is necessary for the defence of our Dominion of Canada.

NOW KNOW YE that we in the exercise of our powers, and of our good will and pleasure in that behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare and cause to be published and made known THAT THE PENALTIES OF THE LAW WILL NOT BE IMPOSED OR EXACTED as against the men who belong to Class I under our Military Service Act, 1917, and who have disobeyed our Proclamation aforesaid; or who have received notice from any of our registrars or deputy registrars to report for duty on a day now past and have failed so to report; or who, having reported and obtained leave of absence, have failed to report at the expiry of their leave, or have become deserters from our Expeditionary Force, PROVIDED THEY REPORT FOR DUTY ON OR BEFORE THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST 1918.

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### ARMENIAN GETS WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Soldier Claims Exemption Because He Is Not British—Subject of Turkey.

Toronto, Aug. 8.—Chief Justice Sir Glenholme Falconbridge today granted a writ of habeas corpus to Gordon Waldron, acting on behalf of Krosnov Avadian, an Armenian, who claims exemption from military service because he is not a British subject. Avadian was taken into custody at Guelph early this summer and put in the ranks at London. Recently he got leave and returned to Guelph where he got his friends to make application for the writ. Avadian claims that all his family, except a small brother and sister, were murdered by the Turks. In granting the writ His Lordship remarked that this case was not in the class affected by the recent decision in the Supreme Court.



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