

Ypres salient was five miles wide and by the enemy. The present German salient is now 20 miles wide and 20 miles deep and, similarly, is dominated by the allied artillery.

Evidence is being gathered in the shape of captured documents to show that the enemy had made up his mind on the day after the allied offensive began, to undertake a retirement to a line along either the Ardre or Vesle, and had actually given orders for this, but these orders were later cancelled, presumably owing to the difficulty of effecting an orderly retirement in the pinched salient, and it is now possible the German command has decided to retain the present positions as long as possible.

Using U.S. Reserves. Meanwhile, the military writers point out, the allies are using up the German reserves in a battle where the Germans are continuously in a disadvantageous position, so the situation is entirely satisfactory to the allies. If the enemy remains in the salient, he must possibly undertake any important offensive therefrom, and the allies could hold the salient lightly and devote their energies elsewhere.

One reason for the Germans' abandonment of the plan for retirement is found in the reports of allied airmen, which show tremendous losses along the lines of German communication. The Germans may be merely holding on as long as possible in order to effect an orderly withdrawal and to remove the vast accumulations of stores and munitions which had been gathered in this district, ready for a great advance southward.

Undoubtedly a big effort will be made to straighten out the confusion which now exists along all the arteries of the salient. All these arteries are now constantly under the allied shell fire and work along them must be very difficult.

Important Prisoner. Paris, July 26.—Among the prisoners taken in the battle of the Aisne-Marne was a nephew of Prince von Buelow, the former German imperial chancellor. The officer, who was a battalion commander, was astonished to hear that there was a large American army in France. He said he had been convinced that all Germans, that the American soldiers in France did not exceed 50,000.

Among the heroes decorated by President Poincaré in his present visit to the battle zone was a nephew of Premier Clemenceau.

**TWENTY-FIVE AIRCRAFT DESTROYED BY ALLIES**

Paris, July 26.—A French official communication says: "Aviation of the 25th air aviators brought down or forced to land seven enemy machines. Eighteen machines were destroyed by British aviators, working in conjunction with us. On our part we dropped more than thirty-eight tons of bombs during the night on stations, railway communication sheds, munitions depots and military parks in the rear of the zone of battle. Fires and explosions were observed."

"British bombing aviators also have carried out several expeditions and dropped four tons of bombs on Bazoches, Fere-en-Tardenois and Mont Notre Dame."

**PREMIERS IN CONFERENCE**

Thirteen premiers and ex-premiers of the British Empire gathered in the royal galleries of the house of lords June 21, to hear Lloyd George, Sir Robert Borden, W. E. Massey, premier of New Zealand, and the premier of Australia and Mr. Asquith pay tribute to the overseas Dominions. Lloyd George made the longest tribute to the part the Dominions had played in the war.

**WAR SUMMARY**

**THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED**

On the larger part of the battlefield yesterday the infantry fighting suddenly diminished. The struggle was taken up by the big guns. Before the pause, the French in the sectors south of Soissons captured Villeneuve and further south completed the reduction of Oulchy-le-Château. The scene of this advance is almost directly opposite the British advance on the Aisne-Marne and the Marne. The French also captured Reuil Village and Savigne Farm, near the angle of the German line and the Marne. The allies have now pushed the German line from the Ourcq to the Marne in a thickly wooded region and have made some progress thru the forest. Outside the salient and east of Rheims in the Champagne, the French have regained in local attacks the 600 yards virtually to the old and original front on the line of St. Hilaire Grande, Souain and Le Chesneau. In this fighting they took 1,100 prisoners, 200 machine guns, and seven cannon.

In the British sector, strong pressure is still proceeding from Mery and Fresnoy, or thereabouts, against Fismes and towards Villers-Tardenois and Soissons. The British have come to a mile or two of the Fismes road and as they are only eight or nine miles off Fismes, the centre of the salient, they have the power of bringing flames under the fire of their heavy artillery. The Germans in this region strongly counter-attacked the British and the French on the British left flank, but beyond the loss of a few acres and near the neck of the salient, the allies managed virtually to retain their line intact.

The Germans are occupying a semi-circle reduced from thirty to about twenty miles across at any point, and as the allies can sweep the interior of the salient, the enemy occupies a position similar to the British for two years and a half in the Ypres salient. Until he enlarges this Aisne salient he cannot embark on an offensive from it, and he decides to stay where he is and makes a successful defence he ties up more of his reserves. The enemy has still 30 divisions of rested troops remaining, and these are hardly enough for the undertaking of a further strong attack. Some students of the war think, however, are inclined to think that the Germans may attempt a diversion in order to relieve the pres-

**SHOT BY WHOLESALE FOR JAROSLAV REVOLT**

London, July 26.—A Russian wireless despatch received tonight reports that as a result of the investigation of the mutiny at Jaroslav, many persons have been arrested, of whom 350 were shot, a majority of them being officers in the counter-revolutionary white guards, and leagued with the Czechoslovaks.

**PAPER MILL WORKERS CAN GET NO BONUS**

Washington, July 26.—Paper mill workers are not entitled to the ten per cent bonus provided by the International Paper Company before the war labor board's wage award became effective. T. Guerin and C. A. Crocker, composing a section of the board, ruled today in interpreting the award. A controversy over the payment of the bonus resulted in a walkout at several factories this week, curtailing the production of newsprint by 75 per cent. The employers, it was held, are morally bound to pay the bonus for May and June, because the notice originally granting it said the bonus would continue until the men were informed as to the discontinuance. It was also held that the shortening of the workday from nine to eight hours was not to permit any reduction in wages.

**GERMANY AGAIN IN ROW WITH DUTCH CABINET**

London, July 26.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says that fresh difficulties have arisen between Germany and Holland over economic questions. The shipment of goods to Germany has been stopped owing to their urgent need in Holland, and coal shipments from Germany to Holland have ceased. Negotiations in connection with the difficulties are proceeding slowly at The Hague.

**RUSSIANS DEMAND ABSOLUTE MONARCHY**

Amsterdam, July 26.—A despatch to The Cologne Volks Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, says the monarchists' conference held at Kiev was attended by many leaders throughout Russia. A majority of those present desired the formation of an absolute monarchy or a military dictatorship in Russia.

**RUSSIAN EX-EMPRESS WOULD ENTER CONVENT**

London, July 26.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says that the Berlin newspapers publish a telegram from Moscow saying that the former Russian empress, the late Empress Alexandra, had asked the German government for permission for her to enter a convent in Sweden, and take with her her daughters. The despatches requested to Germany has been withheld for the time being.

**VETERANS' FOOTBALL TEAM**

The football team of the Earls Court branch of the Great War Veterans will play today on the Appleton and new grounds, Earls Court. Following is the line-up: C. Chapman, F. Pope, J. Thompson, W. Tate, W. White, Jack Barron, Tom Scott, Harry Johnson, Bill McGuire. The match will be with the I.L.P. of Hamilton. Members are requested to be on hand at 3 p.m. sharp.

**SEEKING WHITE MICE**

Pte. D. E. Jones, St. Clair avenue, Earls Court, is the United States Government agent for supplying white mice to the army. He is now on a travelling tour thru the country to secure more of the little creatures which Uncle Sam has found so valuable in his submarine. White mice in Canada have been difficult to get and Jones is meeting with very much success.

**Islington**

**PLANNING RECEPTION FOR J. E. J. STREIGHT**

The many friends of Captain J. E. J. Streight from Mimico, Lambton and Islington are tendering him a welcome at Islington Town Hall tonight, when one of the features will be a presentation of a sword.

**Mount Dennis**

**MOUNT DENNIS WON.**

Four rinks from Oakwood visited Mount Dennis last night to meet the local bowling club in a friendly match. The visitors were no match for the Mount Dennis team, who beat them by 11 shots. Following were the Mount Dennis skipper: Dr. Pearson, J. W. McDonald, W. Irvine, J. Marshall.

**YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS**

**Earls Court**

**DATE OF MEETING ON COAL CHANGED**

The date of the mass meeting on the coal question has been changed from Saturday to Monday, and the meeting will be held in North Dufferin street school room, Earls Court at 8 p.m. Commissioners Harris and Chisholm have both promised to attend and to answer any questions that may be put to them on the supply of coal in Earls Court and district.

**Mimico**

**MANY MOTORISTS UP ON SPEEDING CHARGES**

Of the 94 cases to be tried by Magistrate Davidson in the Mimico motor court, only a score were present to plead. The majority, as usual, had Toronto addresses, and eight or nine were in khaki.

**EARLS COURT TRUCKS FIRE TRUCK THERE**

The frequently debated question of the need of a fire truck for Earls Court is again to the front. The nearest fire truck is at Woodward and it takes 20 minutes for the truck to get to a fire in this section. Citizens are saying that the board of control is responsible for this cheap but dangerous policy which can only be remedied by the installation of a fire truck.

**BUILDING BUSINESS BEGINS TO BOOM**

New houses in course of erection in Earls Court have put on a spurt, owing to the arrival of a large supply of lumber and other building materials which have been high up for several weeks. A dozen houses on South Dufferin street are nearly finished, several new brick houses on the west side of North Dufferin and a dozen or more on Regal road are approaching completion.

**INVITED TO BANQUET**

The members of the executive committee of the Great War Veterans' Association, Earls Court, have received invitations to be present at the annual banquet to be held at headquarters on the Carlton street Monday evening. The banquet is in connection with the annual convention, which is being held this year in Toronto.

**MOTORCYCLIST HURT; COLLIDED WITH CAR**

Ross Smith has a badly cut forehead as the result of falling from his motorcycle, when, as he was coming up Keele street, he crashed into a motor car.

**VIOLIOUS DOG KILLED; CASE IS DISMISSED**

In the York County police court yesterday Frank Hancock was charged with having a vicious dog. It had bitten Theima Jones of Kleinburg; as the child was only slightly injured and the owner had already paid the dog the magistrate dismissed the case.

**CUTTING DOWN HILL ON DON MILLS ROAD**

The dangerous and difficult hill on the Don Mills road, where it enters the city, is to be cut down and the roadway graded. The contract for the work was let yesterday to J. Verocchia, who is at present doing work on the highway commission at Locust Hill. When complete as the job he will move his teams and steam shovels to the hill, which is to be reduced to a several per cent grade. The necessary land to be secured by the roadway being widened has already been dedicated by the Taylor and Davies estates.

**TO HOLD INQUEST**

The man who was found asphyxiated in a vacant house at 235 Ashdale avenue last morning was identified as the corpse of George Allen, who escaped from the Queen street asylum last night. The coroner's inquest was held at 2 p.m. and the jury returned a verdict of death by asphyxiation on Friday night, August 2.

**RUN OVER BY FREIGHT CAR**

Chatham, July 26.—Edward Logan, an Indian, employed at Cornhill's, was run over by a freight car at 10 o'clock this evening. He was injured and received last afternoon, when he was run over, by a freight car.

**CARELESSNESS SHOWS IN MITCHELL'S VERDICT**

**William Mitchell Inquest Concluded After Very Long Session Last Night**

**HAD HEARD CRITICISMS**

Witness Declares No Special Warning Had Been Given Regarding Wires.

"That William Mitchell came to his death thru electric shock, but that there was carelessness shown by the company in not having a foreman on the work at the time of the accident, nor the necessary action taken to prevent it, that the artificial respiration had been continued somewhat longer, better results might have been obtained."

Such was the verdict reached by the coroner's jury last night after sitting from half past eight until half past twelve and hearing a number of witnesses who were examined and thoroughly cross-examined on every phase of the accident.

William Mitchell was killed when a boom hoisted by a machine he was working on came into contact with high voltage wires at the harbor improvement works at the foot of Bathurst street near the water front a week ago yesterday, while a companion workman, Patrick McNulty, escaped with serious burns and considerable nervous shock.

The evidence last night was mostly to the effect that Policeman Holmes, who had reached the scene of the fatality when the police had been called, had told two first-aid men from the Hydro-Electric Company, who were applying artificial respiration to Mitchell, that he was not doing right, and finally had decided to have the man removed in the ambulance to the hospital, where he was found to be dead.

No Special Warning. Rob. H. Moffat, the first witness, said no special warning had been issued regarding the danger of the wires, although he understood the men all knew about it. There was no foreman on the job at the time of the accident, he himself having left to attend to other business after giving the necessary instructions. He had not heard the police insist on removing the man to the hospital. He had heard criticisms of men after the accident.

Coroner Greig here remarked that evidently the work had been conducted with the greatest care, and that it was possible danger, as it had been working on the open prairie, where there were no wires.

John C. Gange, an electrician, said he had always told the men on that job that it meant instant death to come in contact with the wires. He had seen Mitchell personally several times. He had told the men to be careful and to keep away from the wires. He had seen Mitchell in the ambulance, and he had seen him being moved back to the accident scene.

A. B. McRitchie, one of the hydro-electric trouble men, who, with another witness, had been sent to the scene of the accident when the company had been notified of the fatality, said he had brought a pulmotor and had started to use it on Mitchell, but he did not have time to do so. He had resorted to artificial respiration. He had been told by Holmes that he was not doing it right, and finally he had decided to have the man removed in the ambulance. He was sure the man was alive when he started work on him as blood had flowed from his nose when he had used the forceps to pull it out of the mouth. If artificial respiration had continued he was of the opinion that the man might have been saved.

At this point the witness took a fainting spell and had to be excused for a short time. When he had sufficiently recovered he explained he "believed" the man was still alive when the police had removed him.

Ernest H. Smith, an engineer, also said he had heard the men on the police called when the man was stretched and removed him that they might as well take Mitchell right away to the morgue if they moved him at all. He believed Mitchell was still alive when the police arrived. He had seen the police look for any possible signs of life.

Norman Ainsley, who had been sent to the scene with McRitchie, corroborated the evidence of that witness. He had told the police he did not think the man should be removed. Mitchell, in his opinion, showed sufficient signs of life to warrant continuing the artificial respiration for several hours.

This concluded the evidence, and the coroner said the jury would have to decide who was guilty of the bungling in moving the man so that it came in contact with the high voltage wires. Some foremen were not present; they left the man to work on their own salvages instead of staying on the job themselves. There had been gross carelessness in not having a foreman on the man's life could have been prolonged by the continuation of the artificial respiration. Mitchell might not have been at all when work was really started on him and had been on the spot at the time and had been asked his opinion he would have advised continuing to work until he was somewhat longer before removing him.

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**FERE-ENTARDENOIS NEARLY UNTENABLE**

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 26.—The Germans, with artillery and machine guns and strong infantry detachments, left the northern edges of the Fere, Tournelle and Ris forests and battled cleverly and stubbornly to hold the advancing Allies until more progress could be made in the transportation of their supplies, guns and general stores. But, despite the opposition, some ground was gained.

The woods tonight have been almost freed of Germans. The Fere-en-Tardenois road, extending from the front, already under some of the progress of the artillery as to make it useless as a supply artery. With a further eight push forward by the allied troops, Fere-entardenois will become untenable. Villeneuve will be restored to the allied line, and from it the allied artillery can easily reach the Germans near Fere-en-Tardenois.

**AUSTRIANS REPULSED BY ALLIES IN ALBANIA**

Rome, July 26.—The official communication issued today says: "Enemy parties have been repulsed in the Presena Valley. As a result of a rain storm of Zocchi the French took 15 prisoners. In Albania Wednesday enemy columns twice stormed with great violence our positions from Ardenica to the north of the lower Semeni. Both times they were repulsed. The same day another column of the Semeni moved to the east of Kuci man and advanced post retire. A counter-attack Thursday morning drove the enemy to the river."

**AVIATORS FROM SIAM TO FIGHT IN FRANCE**

Paris, July 26.—More than 500 airplane pilots, members of the best families, have been trained in Siam and are now ready to come to France to take up active service. Prince Vajdyakara, secretary of the Siamese legation here, made the above statement to The Paris Midday and added: "Siam's contribution may appear modest, but it represents the effort of a people animated by the highest sentiments toward France."

**AGREE TO GO BACK**

Vancouver Postal Employees Will Work Pending Negotiations.

Vancouver, July 26.—As the result of a meeting of representatives of leading business organizations and citizens of Vancouver, held this afternoon, Mayor Gale has telegraphed the chief magistrates of Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Westminister, Victoria and New Moose Jaw, Calgary, and has asked them to permit the appointment of an arbitration board. The local strikers have agreed to go back to work for at least ten days to permit negotiations with the government.

**MEN ACCEPT TERMS**

Montreal, July 26.—Tonight the employees of the Montreal Street Railway accepted the terms offered by the company and agreed to forego a strike. They are to be paid back wages during the coming month covering the period during which they accrued, viz. June 1 to date, and to go on the new scale at once.

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