

DEMORALIZATION RULES GERMANY

Allied Successes Shatter Morale of the Entire Nation More Progress Recorded by French and British

FRENCH ADVANCE FOUR MILES ON A FRONT OF TWENTY

Tergnier, Three Miles From La Fere, Has Been Captured, and Progress Continues; Haig's Forces Also Take Several Towns

By Courier Leased Wire. LONDON, Sept. 7.—Tergnier, three miles from La Fere, has been captured by French troops. The French have advanced on a 20-mile front to an average depth of two miles, and at some places to a depth of four miles. They occupied Tergnier without opposition. The French troops also reached the forest of Coucy and are now on a big stretch of entirely new ground.

BRITISH TAKE TOWNS

British troops advancing last night on the front to the southeast and northeast of Peronne, captured the towns of Hancourt, Sorel-le-Grand and Metz-en-Couture, says today's war office announcement. Fighting their way towards the left flank of the German positions along the Canal Du Nord from Havrincourt northward, the British penetrated the western part of Havrincourt wood, taking prisoners as they progressed. In Flanders the British are pushing towards Messines, near the southern end of the Messines Ridge, and advanced their lines last night a short distance in the direction of the town.

LOCAL CASUALTIES ARE GROWING HEAVY AGAIN

Number of Brantford Men Today Reported Wounded—No Deaths Have Been Recorded, However.

While a large number of Brantford men figure in the casualty lists today, there are no deaths reported. Pte. David Stewart, Martindale, 26 Glenville avenue, that Pte. David Stewart was wounded in the right leg on August 8th. It is the second injury for Pte. Stewart, who went overseas with the first Brantford battalion.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Sept. 7.—The tropical disturbance is now centered over the Gulf of St. Lawrence with diminished intensity, having caused gales with rain in the Maritime Provinces. In Ontario and the west the weather has been fine.

TRAIN LEAPS BRIDGE, FIVE ARE HURT

One Fireman Lost His Life in Railroad Disaster in Quebec RESCUE WORK RUSHED

By Courier Leased Wire. Quebec, Sept. 7.—The Ocean Limited, westbound, over the Canadian Government Railways at St. Helene, Kamouraska, early today jumped a bridge. Six coaches fell off the bridge. There are a number of dead and the injured are many. Rescue trains with doctors have been rushed to the scene from Lewis and Monton.

LENINE IS REPORTED DEAD AGAIN

Travellers From Moscow Say Bolshevik Premier Has Been Killed

CARVELL TO VISIT DOVER NEXT WEEK

Minister of Public Works to Make Long Awaited Trip to Port Dover The Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, will arrive in Port Dover next Saturday, the 14th inst., about noon, to inspect the harbor. He intends to spend the afternoon there, and meet a deputation from the various municipalities and Boards of Trade in the Grand River valley from Kitchener to Port Dover.

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Populace in State of Ever Growing Nervous Anxiety Which Borders on Panic; Utterances of Hun Leaders Reveal True Situation

By Courier Leased Wire. LONDON, Sept. 7.—Public interest today is quite equally divided between the unbroken advance of the Allied armies and the apparent signs that the German people are in a state of nervous anxiety, bordering on demoralization. More editorial space is being given here recently to future events than the retreat of the German army. The belief that something like a panic has seized the German populace is not based upon stories from neutral sources, which have raised false hopes in the past, but upon the utterances of the leaders in the German nation and the appeals of German newspapers to the public to keep their heads, while they themselves admitted the seriousness of the military situation.

The Emperor's bold vein of assurance, Chancellor von Hertling's franchise speech, General Linsinger's stringent order, and still Field Marshal von Hindenburg's proclamation are cited as manifest efforts to check the decay of the German spirit, which, it is contended, must exist to have called them forth. In short, it is declared, that the German people, and perhaps also the military chiefs, evidently are greatly disturbed by recent events.

The interest of military commentators, while not ignoring the continued British progress, centres chiefly on the important French successes on the southern end of the line of attack. The stiffening of the enemy's resistance on this front is noted and the difficult operations before the French and Americans is recognized. The Times, referring to the Franco-American arrival before "the great pivotal position of the enemy in France of which the forest of St. Gobain forms the glacis," says a frontal attack in this forest is out of the question, and now, as last year, the French doubtless prefer to go round, but have some very difficult ground to cover before they are on the Chemin des Dames.

London, Sept. 7. General demoralization of the German population and widespread growing disaffection in the German army, accompanied by mutiny and desertions are described in a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from its Rotterdam correspondent under date of Thursday. The correspondent says that information reaching him is so sensational as to inspire skepticism but declares that he has received corroboration from authoritative sources, which establishes the authenticity of the information beyond a doubt. He asserts that the German army is filled with despondent and seething with mutinous spirit and that alarming outbreaks have occurred in several units, principally Bavarian and Silesian. One incident on the Arras front terminated in a whole Bavarian division being disarmed and transported to Bavaria where it was placed in a prison camp, and the mutiny of one of the Silesian regiments resulted in nearly a hundred of its men being executed. A large number of desertions are occurring, the correspondent says, and it is estimated that there are more than twenty thousand deserters in Berlin alone. Large numbers are scattered throughout the country and the authorities are having the greatest difficulty in tracing deserters, owing to the connivance of the working classes. Nevertheless, hundreds have been arrested and generally these have been sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment. A great number of imprisoned deserters, broken by solitary confinement, have been released and sent back to the ranks. Disobedience and defiance of officers is common at the front, according to the correspondent's information and a similar spirit is shown in the munition factories, where the workers deliberately are slowing up, with the result that the output has been seriously decreased.

OVER 150 SUBS ARE DESTROYED

British Admiralty Publishes Names of the Commanding Officers 116 OF THEM DEAD

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 7.—(British service)—The publication by the British Admiralty of the names of the commanding officers of 150 German submarines disposed of by the British navy, in order to substantiate the statement of Premier Lloyd George to the effect that "at least 150 of these ocean pests have been destroyed," was welcomed by the British press to-day. The newspapers point out that out of these 150 German officers, but one made his escape. This was Waldemar Bender, who escaped when his submarine was sunk and is believed to have made his way back to Germany. Of the remaining 149 officers, 116 are dead, 27 are prisoners of war and six are interned in neutral countries.

BRANTFORD'S SAILOR WEEK

Enthusiastic Meeting is Held at Y.M.C.A. British Red Cross Fund Will be Included

There was a well-attended meeting in the Y. M. C. A. last evening for the purpose of arranging the preliminary details of the campaign for the Merchant Sailors' Fund and the British Red Cross in Brantford and Brant County. Mr. W. G. Raymond, chairman of the local Navy League, presided, and briefly outlined the purpose of the gathering. The week locally, for various unavoidable reasons, could not coincide with the week announced for the rest of the Province, and would take place from Sunday, Sept. 15th to Monday, Sept. 23rd. The objective would be \$50,000—\$25,000 for each cause. Those contributing can designate, if they so desire, to which cause they wish their subscription to be applied. Otherwise all donations will be equally divided.

Mr. Mattice, President of the Knights of Columbus in Brantford, addressed the meeting, stating that they had originally planned a Dominion wide "Hut Campaign" for the present week, but had deferred the same for two weeks, so that their effort would not conflict with that to be raised a million dollars in the Province for the sailors. They had made a postponement of two weeks so that again they would be in conflict with the local effort. Mr. Mattice presented the case in a very able and courteous manner. The matter was finally referred to the executive committee for a mutual understanding, on motion of Judge Hardy.

Mr. Frank Cockshutt was unanimously elected chairman of the campaign, and then took the chair. Mr. Geo. Scott was appointed secretary and Mr. Harvey T. Watt treasurer. Campaign Manager—Reginald Scarfe. Campaign Secretary—Chas. M. Thompson. Publicity and Meetings Committee—Chairman, E. C. Gould; W. G. Raymond, W. B. Preston, J. A. Powell. County Organization Committee—Chairman, Geo. H. Williamson. House Canvass Committee—Chairman, D. T. Williamson and C. Cook. Committee to interview city and county council—Chairman, W. F. Cockshutt, Judge Hardy, W. G. Raymond. Women's committee—To be selected from Patriotic League. Executive—Mr. F. Cockshutt, chairman; W. G. Raymond, vice-chairman; Geo. Scott, secretary; H. Watt, treasurer; chairman of committees, Rev. G. A. Woodside, Mrs. C. L. Laing, Mrs. J. J. Hurley, Mrs. Geo. Watt and Miss Raymond. Campaign headquarters will be at the Y. M. C. A.

NORSE SHIPPING LOSSES

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 6.—Norway lost 13 vessels aggregating 22,875 tons through war causes in the month of August, according to an announcement made to-day at the Norwegian Consulate here. Two Norwegian sailors lost their lives.

HUN FLIGHT MARKED BY ITS HASTE

Allies Now Within Striking Distance of Cambrai And St. Quentin LA FERE IS IN DANGER Critical Stage in the Franco-American Advance on the Aisne is Reached SUCCESS CONTINUES

New York, Sept. 7.—The Associated Press to-day issues the following Haste marks the flight of the Germans all along the battle front in France from the River Aisne to the old enemy defences before Cambrai. The Allies are now within striking distance of Cambrai and St. Quentin, while La Fere is in more immediate danger and is now within a few miles of French hands. On the Aisne front, French and American troops have reached a critical stage in their advance and indications point to a stiffening of the German defence in an effort to stave off the situation at their strong positions on the Chemin des Dames. The Americans occupy positions in the woods and hills south of the River Aisne on an extended front. On the Aisne front, the French have taken Coucy-le-Chateau and are in possession of their old trenches dominating the Chemin des Dames. At this point the French are approaching positions of vital importance to the Germans if they plan to further resist the Allied pressure towards Laon.

In the Noyon sector the French now hold a junction point of Ham and the further retreat of the Germans in the direction of the old Hindenburg line between La Fere and St. Quentin is anticipated. To the north the British have advanced to a depth of seven miles, southeast of Peronne on a line from Monchy-le-Pincurt, Plescourt and Vraignes. In this advance the British met a stiff resistance only around Nurlu and Bonancourt where they took advantage of the natural defences of the high ground. Slight gains were also made by the British in Flanders where Wulverghem, Neuve Chapelle and Busu were captured.

The recent advances by the British and French have almost cleared the Noyon salient and with St. Quentin menaced and La Fere in imminent danger of capture, the Germans face the necessity of preparing a new defensive line. To the south and east where the terrain is more favorable the Germans apparently are taking advantage of this handicap to the French and Americans in delaying their further retreat back to the Chemin des Dames. Their success in such a manoeuvre depends largely upon the power of the French in the vicinity of Rheims. In fact a hammer blow by the French north and west of the Cathedral City may not be an unexpected manoeuvre on the part of Marshal Foch to start another Petrograd movement of the Germans.

AGED MAN IS HURT IN FALL FROM ROOF

At about 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon, Charles Armstrong, while engaged in repairing the roof of a two-story house at 88 Erie ave., slipped and fell from the top of the house to the cement sidewalk. He was found there by some of the neighbors in an unconscious condition. Dr. Paris who lives near the scene of the accident, was summoned, and the unfortunate man was removed to the hospital. His right arm was badly crushed, the bones being broken in several places, and he also sustained some skull wounds. He is nearly seventy years old and, as far as is known has no relatives in the city. He was reported at noon to-day to be in a fair condition and there is hope for his recovery.

WAR COUNCIL SESSION OVER THE COAL AND WOOD BUSINESS

Purchase of More Fuel Authorized, 1100 Tons to be Supplied Soldier's Wives; Shortage of 70 Cords at the Local Wood Yard—Mayor Raked all and Sundry Over the Coals

Purchase of 2200 tons of coal, half to be distributed to the soldiers' wives of the city and the remainder for civic sale, was authorized by the city council last night, at a special meeting at which Mayor MacBride gave an accounting of his stewardship as local fuel controller, and at which the council received some inside information on the coal situation here at the present time. The session was easily the most heated of the entire year, for they have been previous occasions on which fireworks flashed at intervals, but there was scarcely a let-up in the pyrotechnic display last night. His Worship the Mayor was on his high horse and loaded for bear, and City Clerk Leonard, H. L. Walsh of The Expositor, Aid. J. J. Kelly and Aid. Hurley each in turn came in for several volleys of his heaviest artillery. \$25,000 authorized by the Municipal Board of Ontario, must be raised. In addition, to this, the wood business came into the time.

STAFF, BRANTFORD: Mr. Samuel Orr, J.P., of Ballyrean, Ballynallon, Downpatrick, was notified on Tuesday of the death in action on the 9th inst. of his son, Lieut. John R. Orr, of the Canadian Air Force. His squadron commander, Major J. D. Bell, wrote as follows:

Please accept the heartfelt sympathy of the whole squadron in the loss of your son. He was one of my most gallant and reliable officers, and loved by everybody. His loss to the Air Force and to the older officers is a heavy one; he was always so bright and so cheery. He was shot from the ground, and must have been killed instantly, as he came down out of control and crashed. He was too good a pilot to lose control unless unconscious. His wireless machine is still on the other side of the lines. I had hoped to get him a decoration before long in recognition of his splendid work, but now his only reward is a gas which cannot be filled in the hearts of all of us.

GOT HIS HUN.

"Although the Germans got me, I got one of them," writes Pte. William Coughrough, wounded in the recent fighting, to his mother, at 11 Rose avenue. Pte. Coughrough is now in hospital in England. "I got a Prussian," he writes. "A big fellow, but he wouldn't show fight. When they start to run, you can't see them for dust." Pte. Coughrough received four shrapnel wounds in the leg.



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