

Enemy in Retreat Before Violent Allied Attacks

ELK'S RE-UNION
HERE MONDAY

Will Hold Big Celebration on the Cricket Grounds with Program of Athletic Events.

The Elks of British Columbia, not the long antlered monarchs of the forest, but the "Hello Bills" of the cities, will hold a re-union in Nanaimo on Monday next, Labor Day, a big celebration being held on the Cricket Grounds commencing at 1.15, and continuing up to 6 o'clock the festivities concluding with a dance in the Oddfellows' Hall, commencing at 9 p. m.

Noted for their ability to make a "good time," the Elks have made arrangements for a big day of enjoyment on Monday, and with members of the order in attendance from Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, the Cricket Grounds will present a most gala appearance. The feature of the day's events will be a baseball game between teams representing Victoria and New Westminster, and as the rivalry between the two cities is exceptionally keen a most spirited game is expected. The program of events is as follows:

100 yards dash (open).
Quarter mile (open).
1 mile cycle (open).
Sack race (open).
Baseball.
1 mile relay (open). 4 men to a team.
Half-mile cycle (open).
Obstacle race (open).
Half mile (open).
Elks' race, 100 yards.
Returned Soldiers' race.
Elks' walk, quarter-mile.
Tug-of-War (Ladies). 5 to 8 team (open).
Tug-of-War. 7 men to a team.

All entries for the open events are to be in the hands of the Secretary, A. McMillan, P.O. Drawer N, Nanaimo, by 6 p. m. Saturday.

ARCTIC EXPLORER
IS AT DAWSON

Dawson, Y.T., Aug. 29.—(By the Canadian Press Ltd.)—Vilhjarn Stefansson who headed the Canadian expedition exploring the Arctic region north of Canada, which sailed from Esquimalt, B.C., under the direction of the Naval Department in 1913, arrived here today en route to Esquimalt, to make his report. He will then proceed to Ottawa and later go to New York where he will open his official Red Cross lecture tour, probably late in October.

He reports no definite news from Storkerson, his assistant, who left Herschel Island last winter. Storkerson last sent word back in April that he had reached a point 175 miles north of the Alaskan coast opposite Cross Island. That location is 109 miles beyond the Lettingwell-Mikkelsen party's advance point, the farthest north ever reached in that section of the Arctic.

LABOUR DAY
THE FEDERATED LABOUR PARTY
WILL HOLD
LABOUR DAY, SEP. 2nd
IN COMOX ROAD PARK

\$300.00 IN PRIZES

Children's Sports commence at 10 am, others to follow. Hot water provided.

Speeches commence at 1.30 p. m. Speakers: J. H. Hawthorthwaite, M.L.A., F. Gholma, M.L.A., R. P. Pettipiece, F. A. Barnard, Dave Rees, Organizer, U. M. W. of A.

A GRAND DANCE

will be held in Dominion Hall, commencing at 9 p. m. Everybody Welcome. Collection.

WM. NEWTON, Secretary

VICTORIOUS FRENCH CROSS
AILETTE AT SEVERAL POINTS

Third French Army is Continuing Its Successful Operations, After Capturing Noyon, and Have Now Occupied Haplin-court—Advanced French Positions Dominate Valleys of the Rivers Aisne and Meuse—Noyon-Chaunay Road Under Fire of the French Artillery.

Paris, Aug. 29.—The French after capturing Noyon, in heavy fighting today continued their advance and now hold a foothold on the southern slopes of Mont St. Simon more than a mile to the east according to a War Office announcement. They have also taken Landrimont and Mordencourt and crossed the Ailette river at several points.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 29.—The Third French army continuing its operations around Noyon, advanced along the road leading to Guise and occupied Haplin-court.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 29.—The operations of the past two days put the Germans into another pocket between Canal du Nord and the river Aisne.

They will have to evacuate it promptly or run a big risk of having their positions there turned by the French along the valley of the Somme. Since the fall of Noyon, which was the apex of this salient until this morning Mont St. Simon and quarter to the east is its advanced defense. This height dominates the valley of the Aisne eastward and the valley of the river Meuse and Canal du Nord to the north. These valleys were lines in the salient last night.

The taking of Quenoy Wood this morning has tightened the pocket from the west side bringing the French within shelling distance of the main road leading out of it in the direction of Ham. The road from Noyon to Chaunay, which skirts the salient on the south has been under fire of Gen. Mangin's artillery for several days.

A jitney will leave Wecke, Garage at 7.30 for the dance at Laird's Barn to-night.

Paris, Aug. 29.—The German mission to Roumania was received by King Ferdinand, according to travelers who have reached here, but the reception was anything but warm. The King at first refused to see the Germans, but finally consented to grant a twenty-minute interview in strict accordance with the protocol. Twenty minutes elapsed between the time the Germans entered the King's residence and the time they were escorted out of the gates.

Being German-born, King Ferdinand speaks German fluently, but he addressed his visitors in his best French. On his breast there was but one decoration, the French War Cross.

The Germans have not attempted to make another call on the King.

DUNCAN BUSINESS MEN
VISITED NANAIMO YESTERDAY

The regular monthly excursion of the Duncan Board of Trade was held yesterday some twenty members of that live organization visiting Nanaimo and through the courtesy of the Management of the Canadian Western Fuel Company were shown the top and underground workings of Reserve Mine. Under the guidance of Mr. Jackson, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Russell the party spent two hours underground and were much interested and impressed with their visit.

After attending the performance of the Bostonians at the Opera House the party returned home by auto. During their stay in town they were guests of the Windsor.

London, Aug. 29.—In addition to the capture of Bapaume and Noyon today the British were reported to be at Les Bouffes and Morval, according to the latest news this evening from the battlefield. The town of Peronne has been outflanked by the British on the south.

South of Peronne, British forces today reached the eastern banks of the Somme river between Peronne and Haplin-court.

French troops are reported to have captured Juvigny, north of Soissons. They are reported to have lost Chavigny, just south of Juvigny to the Germans.

London, Aug. 29.—5 p. m.—Bapaume was captured today by troops of Field Marshal Haig's armies.

With the British Forces in France, Aug. 29.—Ginchy, a town about two miles northwest of Comblis, is reported to have been captured by Field Marshal Haig's forces this morning.

British troops also captured Bello, Assevillers, Herbecourt and Feuilillers. All these towns are within four miles of Peronne.

Launching new local attacks and following up the advantage gained yesterday, the British today moved forward along a large part of their battlefield.

The French having reached the back waters of the river Somme, the British just north of them have made long strides and this morning were only about three miles from the river at Brie, with the enemy being rapidly forced out of the triangle of the river and the advancing British line which strikes it in the north just west of Ham.

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BRITISH NEARING PERONNE
London, Aug. 29.—Field Marshal Haig reports that along the whole front from Bapaume southwards the Germans have been forced to retreat with loss in prisoners, guns and material. The British have reached the west bank of the Somme opposite Brie and Peronne.



TO COMMAND CANADIANS IN SIBERIA

Brigadier-General E. E. Mansley, C. M., D. S. O., of Toronto, who has been selected to command the Canadian Expeditionary Force for Siberia. He is only 30 years of age, but saw service in the South African War in which he was twice wounded.

COURT PROGRESS AND FORESTERS HOME PICNIC

Members of the two Nanaimo Courts A. G. E. held a most enjoyable picnic on Wednesday at Departure Bay. There was a good attendance and a most enjoyable time was spent. The winners of the various sporting events being as follows:

1. S. Mansley, C. M., D. S. O.

Boys' race—1. A. Bell; 2. J. J. J.

Girls' race, 5 years—1. T. Bailey; 2. M. Handie.

Girls' race, 10 years and under—1. V. Thompson; 2. E. Gear.

Girls' race, 14 years and under—1. M. Atkinson; 2. M. Woodcock.

Boys' race, 10 years and under—1. C. Bennett; 2. J. Wanless.

Men's race—1. Mr. Bell; 2. Mr. Randle.

Young ladies race—1. E. Rogers; 2. B. McMillan.

Married ladies' race—1. Mrs. Hayes; 2. Mrs. Hilley.

Pat Ladies' race—1. O. Rogers; 2. Mrs. Atkinson.

Mixed Ladies' race—1. Miss E. Bedlow; 2. Miss E. Rogers.

According to recent orders from military headquarters at Ottawa, men of the 19-year-old class who have failed to register under the proclamation of May 6, this year, are not liable, because of their default, to be placed on active service, with the C.E.F. forces, but will be punished only by proceedings brought before a civil magistrate.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and his party, have arrived at an English port.

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ALLIED OFFENSIVE SHOWS
NO SIGNS OF SLACKENING

British, French and American Forces Continue to Reclaim Numerous French Towns, Villages and Territory—Gen. Haig's Army is Gradually Cutting its Way Eastward both North and South of the Somme, Which Stream Has Been Crossed and Peronne Outflanked.

(By the Associated Press).

The Germans continue to retreat everywhere between Arras and the Soissons sector under violent attacks by Allied troops, and as yet there seems to be no slackening in the offensive that is steadily reclaiming numerous French towns, villages and territory.

Already outflanking the old Hindenburg line on the north, Field Marshal Haig's forces gradually are cutting their way eastward both north and south of the Somme. Official reports assert that the British have occupied the important town of Bapaume where for days there has been bitter fighting. To the south the British are also reported to have penetrated to the outskirts of Maupas, another point of strategic value. Along both sides of the Somme running eastward ground has been gained and south of Peronne where the river bends sharply southward the stream has been crossed at several points and this important railroad junction outflanked.

Since the saving in of the German line by the fall of Chaumes and Roye, the French literally overrun the southern portion of Picardy having reached the western bank of the Canal du Nord along almost its entire length and captured the town of Noyon, which, surrounded by hills, has stood defiantly for days under a rain of shells. East and southeast of Noyon, other important positions have been taken and between the Oise and Aisne the French have overcome heavy resistance of the enemy and crossed the Ailette river. Northwest of Soissons, where the Americans are in line with the French in the general movement of clearing Picardy of the enemy there has been severe fighting, but with the Allied troops having the advantage.

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