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CANADIANS TAKE VILLAGES

Damery and Parvillers, on Road to Roye and Only a Few Thousand Yards From the Town, Are Taken by Currie's Men, Who Also Put Eight German Divisions Completely Out of Business and Crush Three Counter-Attacks Near Chaunles.

Canadians Take Two Villages

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Canadians have taken the Villages of Damery and Parvillers, a short distance northwest of Roye, according to Field Marshal Haig's official communication issued this evening. The British line southeast of Proyart, just south of the Somme, has been advanced a short distance.

BRITISH DRIVE THE GERMANS BACK OVER THE ANCRE RIVER

Four Towns Captured and Enemy is Forced to Readjust Line Between Somme and Arras—French Clearing the Lassigny District.

The fighting on the Somme-Oise battlefield still continues at a minor character compared with that of the early part of the week, when the Germans reinforced their line and stopped the eastward sweep of the allied forces.

Nevertheless the British and French again have been able to gain ground on two important sectors—the British a short distance northwest of Roye, where they took the villages of Damery and Parvillers, and the French on the southern wing of the battlefield, where they have captured two farms in the process of clearing the hilly and wooded district around Lassigny of the enemy.

More Towns Given Up.

North of the Somme, between Albert and Arras, the Germans are continuing to fall back, and the British are keeping in close contact with them. Thus far the Germans have definitely given up the towns of Beaumont-Hamel, Serre, Bueuquo, and Puisseux-aux-Monts, and at several points have crossed the Ancre River, with the British following closely on their trail. No official explanation has yet been advanced of the retrograde movement of the Germans over this front, but it is not at all unlikely that the operations on the Somme front and the harassing tactics which the British recently have employed made the enemy desirous of establishing himself on new ground eastward, with the Ancre River a barrier between him and his foes. At any rate the Hebuterne salient has virtually been obliterated and the retirement of the Germans, and seemingly they will now be compelled to make a readjustment of their line between the Somme and Arras.

In the week of fighting on the Picardy front, 30,244 prisoners have fallen into the hands of the British fourth army and French first army, according to an official announcement. Of this number the British captured 21,844. Unofficial reports, probably compiled since the official data was sent from the front, give the number of prisoners in allied hands since August 8 as 84,000, and say also that 670 captured guns thus far have been counted.

Situation in Russia.

The situation in Russia again is looming large. The Soviet leaders having fled from Moscow, the Bolshevik capital, to Kronstadt, the Soviet troops now are declared to have begun the evacuation of Moscow. American troops have begun to disembark at Vladivostok to aid the Czechoslovak army in its campaign in Siberia; an allied force is chasing the enemy more than a hundred miles south of Archangel on the railroad. Further allied troops have made a landing southwest of Archangel and are endeavoring to cut off the retreat of the Soviets, while British troops have arrived at Baku in the Caucasus on the Caspian Sea to assist the Armenians in defending this important seaport against the Turks, to whom it was given by the Brest-Litovsk Treaty in the attempt made by the Teutonic allies to dismember Russia. Thus it will be seen that allied forces now are operating jointly on three important sections of Russian territory: on the north with a base on the White Sea, in the east with a base on the Sea of Japan, and on the south in Transcaucasia.

Germans in Conference.

Probably realizing the seriousness of the situation as it affects the central powers with defeats on the western front and their military positions in the other theatres, some too secret, with the feeling in Russia daily growing more intense against the Bolshevik and German rule and with the spectre of the more than a million Americans already in France and more millions of them soon to be in readiness for overseas duty, important conferences are in progress at German headquarters. The German and Austrian emperors and their suites, and Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff are the main conferees.

MOTHER AND SON DROWN AT BEACH

Wife and Child of Ernest Neal Missing Since Tuesday.

HAD BEEN IN WADING

Left Home for Outing, Without Saying Where They Were Going.

A drowning fatality was brought to light yesterday when residents of Balm Beach discovered the bodies of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Neal, 30, 1122A College street, and her son, Ernest Sylvester Neal, six, floating in the water off the beach. The body of the boy was found by Arthur Crawford of Beech avenue, and Elmer Russell, 302 Lake Front, who were paddling. The body was picked up by the life-saving crew at 2.30, while the mother's body was not located until 5.30.

Both the woman and the child had their shoes and stockings off and to all appearances had been in wading. One theory advanced by the authorities is that the boy had probably got out beyond his depth and that his mother in attempting to rescue him had also slipped into deeper water.

Were Registration Card.

Identification of Mrs. Neal was made by a registration card—she had been given as 1122 Dovecourt road, but when a reporter for The World called at that address last night she was informed that the Neal family had moved to the other address.

On Tuesday, August 13, Ernest Neal, the husband and father, reported to the police that his wife and son were missing and gave a description of the two to the police.

When spoken to early this morning at the city morgue after the identification, Mr. Neal said:

"They left home on the Tuesday for a little outing. I did not know where they were going as I was at work, but as they had been in the habit of doing this I did not think anything of it."

Mr. Neal has been in Canada seven years, coming here from England. He stated that his wife had been in poor health lately, but did not seem to contribute to the accident. "I have lost everything," he added.

CANADIANS SMASH UP THREE ENEMY ATTACKS

Eight German Divisions Suffer Tremendous Losses in Baffled Attempt to Break Dominion Line—Currie's Troops, Well Rested, Prepare for Further Offensive Operations.

With the Canadian Army in the field, Aug. 14, 9 a.m., via London, Aug. 15.—Except for the continual boom of the artillery and night bombing from the air, the Canadian front has been quiet for the past 24 hours. The Boche got more than he bargained for when he made his recent counter-attacks against the top of our sector. No form of fighting is so expensive as an unsuccessful counter-attack. He put over three of these and his losses are correspondingly great. Besides the four enemy divisions we put out of action, on the opening day, some eight more divisions have been identified as having been thrown into the line against us, without avail. The Canadian force, one of the brightest swords in the armory of the allies, is ready for anything and everything. It is at full strength with troops well rested, whose sole desire is to be let loose again on the Hun. After nearly four years of hard fighting this eager spirit is rare and remarkable. The boom of the artillery and night bombing of the veterans of St. Julien are just as keen as young soldiers.

Total Advance.

Starting from the point farthest back, the extreme top of the advance the enemy had made on Amiens, the Canadian force advanced at Haller to the most easterly points now held by the allies, a total depth of twenty thousand yards.

Many wonderful stories remain to be told about the work of brigades and units on that famous Thursday of last week, but none more fitting to the imagination than that of the Canadian motor machine gun troops and cyclists acting along the Roye road, who did much to demoralize the enemy's resistance. The command included a number of armored cars. They received general assistance from the cavalry, which entered our front line on the north and passed thru dismally to the southeast. Part of this force had fought over the same ground last March and April, when the Canadian motor machine guns and cyclists were thrown in to help stem the German tide. The record of their deeds in those desperate days, when every inch of ground had to be contested at all costs, is known to the world. In a few hours last Thursday they overran the line of their heroic retreat and passed far beyond.

Two Nights on Road.

"We had some damn good sport up there the other day, some real honey," remarked an old soldier who had been thru both. "What are they in a week on Sunday. The Amiens-Roye road traverses a difficult country, bisected by ravines and bordered by woods offering excellent positions for machine gun nests. One of these held a part of the force up some time, but finally a tank came up, shot down the enemy and rode right over their stronghold. A motorcycle scout ahead of an armored car to scout, rode right thru the village, still held by the Boche, steering with one hand and with the other emptying his automatic into the asounded enemy. Seeing the car behind they surrendered. Again a part of our cavalry rode into an open village and returned with 600 prisoners.

Adventure of Lorry.

An extraordinary incident is related of a ration lorry which by mistake ran right thru our lines, on the Roye road, into those of the enemy and only pulled up when stopped by a German sentinel. Him they bayoneted and threw into the lorry and after him three Fritzles who had surrendered. But it was too good to last. The Boche came back with bombs and put the lorry out of action. Our men, however, tho' all wounded, succeeded in making good their escape, thru the twilight, and in the evening they advanced again and recaptured the lorry. The motor machine gunners have a new mascot in a fine Dachshund female dog they took from a dugout, where she refused to leave the body of her master, an officer. Just now she is suffering from shell shock and whines at every explosion, but the unit means to take her back to Canada. These people, like the infantry farther north, are full of praise for the work of the Y.M.C.A.

"Tell the people of Canada that they kept some of us on our feet with their hot drinks when we had no sleep for nights for days," said a sergeant. The motor cyclists especially are delighted, for it was the first time they have had to do with any fighting, the real capacity for which they were organized. There is only one thought among them—all the Somme.

Taking of Staff Officers.

London, Aug. 15.—It not often falls to the lot of a soldier to capture the staff officers, but one proud Canadian now at Orpington sits on side of his bed not badly blighted and with justifiable pride tells how he and a bunch of about 20 Canadians captured three captains, one colonel and a general, whom they surprised in a dugout, reading fairy tales of German forests and forgetting that there was a war on. It was a Winnipeg gang that got them. One of the three advanced scouts told the story in cheerful bits, while his companions in the surrounding beds

LETTERS BY AIRPLANE DELIVERED IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Aug. 15.—Two letters were received by the militia department by aerial mail from Toronto this afternoon. The letters, which were despatched by officers in the school of aeronautics at Toronto to officers in the militia department, were posted at 9 a.m. today in Toronto. They were received by the militia department at 4.30 p.m. by the regular mail delivery. The mail airplane left Toronto at 10 a.m. and reached the Rockcliffe ranges, Ottawa, at 2.45 p.m. A stop was made at Deseronto.

HUNDRED-MILE GAIN BELOW ARCHANGEL

London, Aug. 15.—The allied Expeditionary Force has reached Fabreshkaia, 100 miles south of Archangel on the railroad toward Volodga. It is announced here, Bolshevik forces, on retiring, are declared to have committed every form of atrocity upon the civilian population. Fairly determined resistance to the allied advance was offered by the Bolshevik and the progress of the expeditionary force was delayed. Allied forces have been landed along the shore of Onega Bay, 100 miles southwest of Archangel, for the purpose of intercepting Bolshevik forces retiring from Archangel, it is learned here.

BRITISH AIR FORCES CAUSE GREAT DAMAGE

German Commanders Are Worried Over Situation, and Order Immediate Protective Steps.

With the British armies in France, Aug. 15.—The British artillery continues pounding the enemy from his front line to the back waters of the Somme, and intense aerial bombing is being continued day and night. Chaunles and other rear targets have been repeatedly bombed. A direct hit was secured on a train at a station between the lines, and many fires have been caused by bombs. So vigorous have the British air forces become in their operations that the German commanders are reported to be worried over the situation.

One of the commanders has just issued an order to his troops in which he says that recently "bloody losses" have been caused by aircraft raiding billets and camps. He orders that immediate protective steps be taken, such as complete alarm signals, and the building of underground shelters of sufficient size to accommodate troops in large numbers.

BAKU MARCH MADE AMID DIFFICULTIES

London, Aug. 15.—The British advance thru Persia from Bagdad to Baku was accomplished under the greatest difficulties. In the mountainous sections they were resisted by a few groups of tribesmen, but they quickly overcame this opposition. The British force crossed the Persian frontier and reached Enzelli, on the Caspian Sea, by the way of Hamadan.

Five Billion Dollars

Subscriptions for National War Bonds in Britain Reach Stupendous Total By Regular Investments.

London, Aug. 15.—The chancellor of the exchequer, Rt. Hon. Bonar Law, in a statement issued today, announced that the subscriptions for national war bonds had reached the stupendous figure of one thousand million pounds sterling (\$5,000,000,000). Hitherto the world's record was held by the great war loan of 1917, yielding £948,459,000. "Most remarkable is the fact," he says, "that the great result was achieved by regular, continuous, week-by-week, investment; consequently we avoided the dislocation of the money market and the upheaval of credit which after a great loan render it impossible for the government to issue another loan for many months. It may therefore fairly be stated that the success of the national war bond issue is a unique achievement. Undoubtedly the excellent result achieved will serve as a stimulus to fresh endeavors. We need £25,000,000 (\$125,000,000) weekly, and rely therefor on the patriotism and sense of duty of our people. We know now that the financial efforts of the country will not only be sustained but surpassed, and that we shall be able to finance the war thru to victory."

The Bridge of Size!

Mayor Church: When will the war be over, Your Royal Highness? Prince Arthur: When will the viaduct be opened, Your Whorship?

Handling the Sheaves!

The farmers of Ontario had a great time yesterday teaming in the grain from the fields. And if the good weather continues, they will be at it for another fortnight. A lot of spring wheat is already in the barns. Oats seem to show the heaviest yield. On a lot of farms the wagons go back for another team grain is to have more wagons than teams and more pitchfork men than teamsters. No sheaf is handled less than three times and some of them five before they are piled ready for the threshing later on. And every time it is handled it drops some of its grain. The grain that looks away is more than the taxes.

ATTRACTIVE FURS.

It is very close on fur time now, and according to authorities there will be a heavy rise in prices all round after the season sets in. The W. & D. Dinsen Co., 140 Yonge street, are now showing handsome neck pieces in White Fox, Taupe Fox, Lucille Fox, and rare specimens of Seal Coatee in Hudson Seal trimmed with Chinohilla Grey Squirrel—Australian Opossum, Pitch Cape, and various new styles of short fur Capes and many novelties for early fall wear that should interest those looking for furs. The new Fur Coat models are also shown by the Dinsen Co.

DO GERMANS INTEND TO WITHDRAW AGAIN?

Another Strategic Movement May Be Coming, Judging by Enemy Activity.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 15.—There have been no further striking developments today in the situation on the new Somme battlefield or immediately north of it, where the Germans have been evacuating advanced posts in a manner somewhat similar to that preceding their withdrawal last year to the Hindenburg line. The enemy seems to be in some force along the new front south of the Somme, where he has been driven by the allied armies. His principal force seems to be between Chaunles and Roye.

The mystery still to be solved on the new battlefield and the region northward is: Do the Germans intend making another "strategic withdrawal"?

TAKE ALL HIGH GROUND.

French Work Down North and East Sides of Massif.

London, Aug. 15.—The French have captured all the high ground on the Lassigny Massif, and are working down the north and eastern sides so that a further retirement of the enemy in that sector is probable, according to advices received here this afternoon.

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