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Still Pressing On, Combles Has Fallen

BRITISH HAVE CAPTURED COMBLES, BULLECOURT AND OTHER PLACES

Canadians Let Loose This Morning Again and Are Making Favorable Progress—Fall of Peronne Predicted; Australians Have Won Back 125 Square Miles

London, Aug. 30—British troops have captured Combles, between Bapaume and the River Somme.

Advance troops have crossed the River Somme south and west of Peronne.

Between Hendecourt and the Arras-Cambrai road the Canadians attacked the German line and made favorable progress.

East of the Senne the forces of Field Marshal Haig made progress, capturing Bullecourt and Hendecourt-lez-Cagnicourt.

The British also captured Clery-Sur-Somme, on the Somme River between Combles and Peronne.

In the Clery-Sur-Somme and Combles area along the British took more than 200 prisoners and a few guns yesterday.

It was the London and West Lancashire troops who made important progress yesterday afternoon east of the Somme River, capturing Bullecourt and Hendecourt-lez-Cagnicourt after hard fighting, together with the powerful German trench systems protecting these villages.

Astride the River Scarpe English and Scottish troops continued their advance yesterday and gained valuable ground in the direction of Eberghy, Hamblain-Les-Prez and Plouvin. The village of Remy is held by the British. Prisoners were captured in these operations. In the valleys of the Lawe and Lys rivers our troops continued to push forward.

PERONNE NEXT.

Paris, Aug. 30—(Havas Agency)—The British line north of the Somme has been carried beyond the points indicated in last night's statement from Field Marshal Haig and the British are now several kilometers east of Combles, according to reports to the newspapers here. The advance continues and the fall of Peronne is predicted.

MILE FROM PERONNE.

With the British Armies in France, Aug. 30—(By the Associated Press, noon)—Blaches, on the south bank of the Somme, and about a mile from Peronne, has been captured by Field Marshal Haig's forces. British troops have entered Les Bouffes and patrols have passed through Morval, to the southeast.

British troops this morning passed forward in an easterly direction from Bapaume.

The British have made further advances to the north of Lens. At one place they pushed forward for a distance of 1,000 yards.

Le Transloy, on the Bapaume-Peronne high road, was reported to have been captured this morning.

BIENCOURT CAPTURED.

London, Aug. 30—British forces east of Arras resumed their advance this morning and at an early hour had penetrated another 2,000 yards on a front of seven miles between Bullecourt and the Scarpe, according to advices received here.

The British forces have reached within a mile of the Droocourt-Queant switch line and have captured Biencourt.

GREAT WORK OF AUSTRALIANS.

London, Aug. 30—Australians troops are now about two miles from the outskirts of Peronne, reports the Australian representative at the British front. The Australians captured Feuderes, Herbecourt, Asserville, Barleux and Belloy yesterday. In the present drive they have recovered 125 square miles of territory and nearly forty villages, most of which are in ruins.

Dominion Troops Have Advanced Seven Miles Since Last Monday

With the Canadian Forces, Aug. 29—(By J. F. B. Livesey, correspondent of the Canadian Press)—After very hard fighting all day yesterday the entire front of the Canadians has been pushed forward to a depth of 12,000 yards from the jumping off point on Monday last, and we are now in possession of most of the strong enemy advance positions in front of what he has advertised as his main line of resistance—the Droocourt-Queant switch. Deep penetration has been made into that line east of Briary and also east of Vis-en-Artois.

In the first two days fighting the Canadians captured more than 2,600 prisoners, exclusive of wounded, besides accounting for large numbers of enemy dead. A considerable number of guns, both heavy and light, have been captured, but these are not so numerous as the captures of the early days of the Amiens battle, because the enemy has followed the policy of withdrawing his artillery so far as possible behind his main line.

The New Line.

This evening the line runs south of the Scarpe River, approximately as follows: From about midway between Peveas and Blaches, easterly to the outskirts of Hamblain-Les-Prez, thence about a mile northeast of Bolry to a point due south of that village, thence it bulges out east, taking Hancourt and trends off to the southwest, where the troops on our right established themselves in Croisilles.

Supported by a great concentration of guns resulted after persistent efforts in the storming of Jigsaw Wood and the capture of the all important artillery hill that lies between this wood and Bolry. In this operation we had the assistance of a few tanks.

NEW DUTCH PREMIER REPORTED TO BE A FRIEND OF ALLIES

London, Aug. 30—The new Dutch premier, says the Daily Mail, probably will be Jonkheer G. L. M. H. Ruijs De Beerenbrouck. He is a Catholic and the queen's commissioner for the province of Limburg. His sympathies, it is added, are said to lie with the Entente Allies.



IT'S MY TURN NOW.

SEIZE 30,000,000 GALLONS OF HOME MADE WHISKEY

Big Round-up in Southern Mountain Districts of U. S.—Arrest of 200 Moonshiners

Washington, Aug. 30—The biggest intensive round-up of illicit whiskey distillers ever undertaken by the government has just been completed in southern mountain districts by government agents.

The activities of the agents resulted in the seizure of 486 stills, arrest of 200 moonshiners, killing of five outlaws and two sheriffs, and the wounding of other government men and liquor makers.

More than 30,000,000 gallons of pale moonshine whiskey was seized and poured down mountain streams. More than \$100,000 worth of illicit copper stills of all sizes, and other paraphernalia, automobiles, horses, mules and wagons belonging to the distillers were taken by the agents.

Recommendations for 821 prosecutions have been made to the department of justice and forwarded to United States attorneys, while most of the moonshiners caught at their stills are behind bars in southern jails, awaiting trial.

GERMAN STATE IS PROMISED FOR MONDAY

London, Aug. 30—Admiral Von Hintze, German minister of foreign affairs, will make a statement on Monday before the foreign committee of the Prussian Diet. Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling has arrived at Berlin from headquarters, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Phelix and Ferdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturpatrick, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Pressure is high on the Atlantic coast and over the northwestern portion of the continent, while a trough of low extends from Lake Superior to the southwest states. The weather has been fine in Western Ontario and showers from the Ottawa Valley eastward. It has been cool in the west with light showers in a few places.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate east to south winds today, showers or thunderstorms in many localities tonight and on Saturday.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fine today; Saturday, moderate easterly to southerly winds, unsettled with showers.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderately easterly winds, fair today and on Saturday, with a little higher temperature.

Fine and Warmer

Maritime—Moderate winds, mostly cloudy with showers; Saturday, light to moderate winds, fair with a little higher temperature.

Superior—Moderate winds, showers; Saturday, moderate northwest winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

All West—Moderately fair and cool today and on Saturday.

New England—Fair tonight and Saturday, light variable winds, mostly west.

CHAPLAIN WITH THE CANADIANS KILLED

Priest Wounded for Second Time—Another in The Casualty List

Ottawa, Aug. 30—Roland Hill, correspondent with the Canadians, writing from France, says:

"Stories of the bravery of individual officers and men and thrilling incidents are going the rounds. The chaplain of a regiment helping to carry the wounded, ministering to their needs and offering what encouragement he could to the dying. A shell fell and burst near him, and a short time later he was picked up dead.

"For the second time the Catholic padre of a western brigade has been wounded. The senior chaplain of a division, whose father was the principal of an eastern Canada university, is in the casualty list. A few days ago he was struck down by enemy bullets and painfully, but not severely wounded.

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MEET IN BOSTON DESPITE PROTEST

Session There Tomorrow To Consider Temporary Increase in N. B. Power Co. Rates

In spite of protests by the mayor and council for the city, there is to be a hearing in Boston tomorrow to consider granting a temporary increase of rates to the N. B. Power Company. A Boston despatch to The Times this morning follows:

"Commission is to hold hearing here re temporary increase in rates at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

With reference to the matter, His Worship Mayor Hayes said at two o'clock this afternoon that he could not say anything further than he had already said until he hears something more from the city's council in Boston.

E. M. Hopper, general manager of the Street Railway, said this afternoon that the company had not received any official notice that a meeting is to be held in Boston, and has no intention of sending anyone on in their interests. He said that the only word received in the city about a meeting came from Mr. J. M. Liven, the city's collector, and that was not an official notice.

The general interpretation of the act is that the commission may not hold its meetings outside the province. Section two of the act appointing the commission is as follows:

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SON OF E. R. MACHUM HAS BEEN WOUNDED

Word Comes to the Lieutenant's Wife, in Fredericton—Capital Hears of Other Casualties

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 30—Mrs. Ronald Sutherland Machum has been notified that her husband, Lieut. R. S. Machum, has been wounded in France.

Lieut. Machum is the son of E. R. Machum of St. John and a son-in-law of A. J. Joseph Walker of this city. He went overseas with the 104th Battalion and was transferred to a western unit. His casualty is of the date of August 27.

Fred Gordon of Devon has been reported wounded in the right leg. He was formerly a member of the 5th Battalion. He now is in hospital in Trouville, France.

Corp. Frank Herbert Kimball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kimball of Ormoco, is reported wounded in the cheek.

He has returned to duty. This is the second casualty reported to this family within a few days, as Corp. Neil Parker Kimball was killed in action a short time ago. Two other brothers also served. Ernest, who has been invalided home, and Jack, who is still in France.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barry of Fredericton, have word that their son, Corporal John Barry, was admitted to No. 10 General Hospital in Reuen, on August 26th, seriously ill. He was wounded on August 1st for the fourth time, being shot in the back. He is one of five brothers serving for the allies. The others are Captain Arthur F. Barry with the N. B. Battalion formerly with the 182nd Corp. R. K. Barry and Corp. A. E. Barry with the American Expeditionary force, and Seaman A. F. Barry of the royal navy.

CAPT. F. H. HATHWAY AS HOME FROM WAR

Fredericton, Aug. 30—Capt. F. Hatheway, who has been for some time in the Canadian pay office, arrived here this morning. He will remain in Canada. Captain Hatheway is listed in the rolls with the Royal Canadian Dragoons in 1914, having overseas with the first division. He served in France for a year, having the rank of sergeant in the R. C. D. when wounded. Later he was commissioned in the pay corps and promoted to be captain. He married while in England and is accompanied by his wife and child. Midshipman Victor Hatheway, who of the first Canadians to give his life in the war, going down with the Good Hope at Coronel, was a brother. Leslie, another brother, is now in France.

GERMAN STEAMERS GIVEN IN PLACE OF DUTCH SHIPS SUNK.

Amsterdam, Aug. 29—A Batavia, Java, news agency despatch to—The Dutch newspapers say that six German steamers have been transferred to the Rotterdam Lloyd, the Holland American line and the Royal Dutch Lloyd to replace six Dutch ships torpedoed off the Sicily Islands. All the steamers at present are in Java ports.

LONDON POLICE STRIKE

London, Aug. 31—The Daily Express says that many special constables, honorary members of the police force, are on a strike. Most of these are unemployed for military service and volunteered to fill the ranks of the police department, depleted by a strike.

Official communication with Premier Lloyd George and the home secretary before they declared a strike at midnight. It is not announced what provision will be made for protecting the arsenal and munition districts.

Guiscard Soon Added To List

French Advance Is Kept Up—Reported That Juvigny Has Been Taken—Twelve Miles in One Day

Paris, Aug. 30—German counter-attacks between the Ailette and the Aisne were repulsed last night by the French, says the war office statement today. The French maintained their gains east of Pasly, north of Soissons.

South of the Somme and along the Canal du Nord there was no change in the situation during the night. German raids along the Vesle and in Champagne failed.

TWELVE MILE PUSH.

Paris, Aug. 29—(Havas Agency)—Some units of the armies of General Debeney and General Humbert, north of the Oise River yesterday advanced for more than twelve miles, according to the Intransigent. The newspaper confirms the report that French troops have reached the region of Ham and adds that it does not seem possible that the Germans will be able to hold Guiscard for any length of time. Guiscard is on the high-road midway between Noyon and Ham.

JUVIGNY CAPTURED?

A New York despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons says that Franco-American troops are reported to have captured Juvigny, north of Soissons, and forced the Germans out of Chevigny.

DESPERATE EFFORT TO STAY FRENCH AND AMERICAN ADVANCE

With the French Army in France, Aug. 29—(By the Associated Press)—The Germans are making a supreme effort to maintain their positions on the plateau north of Soissons. They are throwing fresh troops against both the French and Americans, and are disputing the ground foot by foot.

After the unsuccessful enemy attempts a few days ago to retake the heights west of the Soissons-Coucy-Le-Chateau road, known as the Orme de Montcouvree, prisoners taken by one French division included men from three divisions of infantry and two installations of crack mountain troops.

The loss of this height and a further advance made it all the more necessary for the Germans to prevent the Allies from gaining ground on the plateau in the region of Juvigny, which are the last heights defending the valley of the Ailette where it runs eastward before turning southward again toward the Chemin des Dames. The enemy has reinforced his line there with some of his best divisions of shock troops.

The French third army met with greater resistance today along the line of the Somme and the Canal du Nord. The German opposition was particularly stout in the region of Neuf, where it was necessary to have artillery to reduce some positions.

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"PAINFUL SETBACK," SAYS GERMAN PAPER

Amsterdam, Aug. 30—Commenting on the German withdrawal, the Frankfort Zeitung finds comfort in the assurance that a shortened defence line will require fewer reserves but it acknowledges that the retreat "means a painful setback." It declares that the surrender of Roye, which is a mere heap of ruins, was unimportant from a military point of view.

C. ASHLEY HARRISON OF FREDERICTON DEAD

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 30—C. Ashley Harrison died early this afternoon at his home in Misserville, aged about fifty years. He was a member of the firm of A. & C. A. Harrison, and was one of the largest market gardeners of the province. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Beach of Amherst, four sons and one daughter. Death followed typhoid and complications.

IN RUSSIA

Amsterdam, Aug. 30—A Russian volunteer army has captured the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk, according to a despatch from Kiev.

Harbin, via Peking, Tuesday, Aug. 27—(By the Associated Press)—General Semenov, anti-Bolshevik leader, continues his advance toward Chita and has captured Dawson station and Karsnoe siding. The Bolsheviks have retired to Sokolai siding.

General Semenov's cavalry is engaged with the Bolshevik rear guard five versta west of Karsnoe. The enemy main force is concentrating at Borsia station.

Borsia is about fifty miles north of the Manchurian border in Siberia, 175 miles southeast of Chita, the Bolshevik base in this region.

Amsterdam, Aug. 30—The Japanese consul general and the embassy staff, last Entente representatives at Moscow, have left for home under a special safe conduct provided by the Bolshevik government, according to a Moscow despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

Amsterdam, Aug. 30—Nishni-Novgorod has been chosen as a temporary headquarters by the military revolutionary committee, the town being cleared of counter-revolutionary elements, according to a telegram from Moscow to the North German Gazette. Eleven of the counter-revolutionaries have been executed.

A WORD TO DEFAULTERS UNDER THE M. S. ACT

Ottawa, Aug. 30—"It is not possible," reads an official announcement, "to extend the delay fixed for general amnesty to defaulters under the M. S. A. All, however, should be urged to report voluntarily and promptly. Those whom it will be necessary to bring in compulsorily must be rigorously dealt with. Those promptly reporting will have every consideration given to reasons for delay and to circumstances which may excuse it."

GIVES \$50,000 IN THE NAVY LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

Toronto, Aug. 30—Sir John Eaton leads off the Navy League campaign with an initial subscription of \$50,000.

IS IN ENGLAND

Mrs. W. McLeod Daye of Bentley street received a cablegram from England this morning announcing the safe arrival of her son, Gunner W. Reginald Daye, artillery.