

GREAT SERIES OF BATTLES IN WESTERN FIELD BETWEEN THE GERMANS AND THE ALLIED FORCES, BUT THE MAIN BATTLE HAS YET TO BE FOUGHT

In Most of These Fights the Advantage Has Been With the Allies but the Germans Still Have Great Forces of Men and Immense Resources at Their Command and Can Put Up a Stiff Resistance

THEIR LINE IS STRONGLY FORTIFIED
AND GIVES THEM A BIG ADVANTAGE

The German Army is Really Encamped in an Immense Fort or in a Series of Forts—Will be Costly Task to Oust Them—Crown Prince's Army in Dangerous Position—Gains for Allies in the West

London, Sept. 24.—Interest in the fighting today centres on Woevre says the Bordeaux correspondent of The Times where the enemy is making a serious effort to pierce the line of forts linking Verdun and Toul. To the North-east of Verdun, the correspondent continues, East of Meuse heights, and in the direction of Mouilly and Dampiere furious attempts have failed.

In the South of Woevre, they hold a line of positions running through Riencourt, Seiche Prey and Lironville and the general situation remains unchanged.

Reason for Confidence.

On the left and at the centre the allies have the best reasons for confidence in the result of the battle.

Let there be no mistake the enemy is going to give serious trouble along the line where with striking recuperative power they managed to gather their routed hordes, fleeing from the battle of the Marne.

A week has elapsed since it first became clear that although forced to abandon successive positions prepared for defense the enemy had found to the North of the Aisne and North-west of Rheims, formidably prepared fortified positions, upon which they might hope to maintain themselves for many days, while their own troops were recovering from the retreat and while the fire of victory among the Allies was burning out.

Enormously Strong.

The position is enormously strong by nature and dominating valleys and towns have been turned into regular fortresses.

The line of trenches is built with the science and solidity of permanent works and covered by flanking trenches bristling with mitrailleuses and reinforced by mazes of barbed wire and block-

houses whose quick-firers and mitrailleuses sweep the whole front.

Heavily Armed.

To the rear of these works heavy artillery is placed in position and from its fire such places as Soissons and Rheims have suffered some great damage.

Most of the work on this line was finished while the battle of the Marne was still in progress.

The Allies did their best to prevent their completion and there had been some desperate fighting along the Aisne.

Gallant Work.

Gallant rushes have been made towards the trenches and fierce hand to hand struggles have taken place upon the top of Craonne Plateau, the side of which rises like a cliff against the Allies.

Attack and counter attack succeeded one another while the endangered Crown Prince's army had been picking its way out of a difficult country into a still more awkward position on our right.

Allies Progress.

The enemy's army has been seeking for an opening or weak link in the chain of forts between Toul and Verdun. The Allies for their part have been progressing slowly upon the enemy's right pushing up a wedge into the centre between Rheims and Argonne.

Still the actual battle of the Aisne has not yet begun. There has already been enough fighting to constitute a half dozen battles but only the preliminary stages of the big struggle have been reached.

The railways of both sides are massing troops along the front.

The Germans coming from Lorraine, the British from the whole Empire and the French from the South and West.

Meanwhile siege operations continue.

BRIDE AND GROOM HERE ON VISIT

Harold and Mrs. Harvey
Now in the Coty

Mr. Harold C. Harvey and his young bride arrived by the express today on their honeymoon trip to spend a few weeks in Newfoundland. They have received the congratulations of many St. John's friends, who wish them long and prosperous lives, and in the felicitations this paper joins.

Mr. Gerald Harvey, the groom's brother, who has volunteered for the front and is in camp at Pleasantville, has been granted leave of absence today because of his brother's arrival and was at the station to meet the bride and groom.

Gerald was with the contingent that came down from the South Side Hill yesterday, having spent a couple of days at rifle practice. His squad did exceptionally well.

In conversation with him this morning he expressed himself as pleased with camp life. It is not all fun, as citizens are aware. The carrying of sacks of coals over the South Side hill is no joke, any more than other parts of the training, but no complaints are heard, all being ready and willing to stand any hardship.

Mr. Harvey, sr., who has spent the last few winters in England with Mrs. Harvey, her health being such that she is obliged to live there, will have to remain in St. John's this winter probably, on account of Gerald going to the war.

We hope that the visit of Harold and his bride will be enjoyable to all.

LOST

A Fishing Boat, Copper Painted bottom, green, from water line up to gullin; name "J. Vail" cut on the fore cuddy. Anyone finding such a boat will please notify JAMES VAIL, Lower Island Cove.—sep24,d31,w2w

'FLORIZEL' HAD SPLENDID TRIP

And Brought a Large Number of Passengers

The Red Cross liner Florizel, Capt. Martin, arrived at 9 a.m. from New York, via Halifax.

The weather throughout was perfect, it being one of the finest trips for the season.

The Florizel brought three parts cargo, 11 packages of mail matter and the following passengers, including four round trippers:

From New York—Mrs. J. E. McGunagle, Mrs. N. M. and Miss Lucy Kestler, E. H. Turner, L. A. Howland, J. C. and Master J. C. Tompkins, L. J. Anderson Mrs. J. McNally and six steerage.

From Halifax—Mrs. E. Bugden, Misses Ploebie and Edith Bugden, Mrs. Dobbin and child, Miss A. Russell, E. J. Terry, E. R. Fenwick, Miss Jessie Windeler, J. Mackine, K. B. McKillar, M. Bastow, and 11 steerage.

WEDDING BELLS

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Thomas's Church this morning, when Mr. Edmund Maidment, of Dicks & Co's printing department, and Miss Jessie Ash, of Trinity, were united in Holy Matrimony.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Clayton.

The bride was given away by her step-father, Mr. John White, and was attended by Miss Ethel Hawkins as bridesmaid. The groom was supported by Mr. A. Fraser.

After the ceremony the party drove to the residence of the bride's step-brother, Mr. F. White, where breakfast was partaken of, after which the happy pair boarded the train for Seal Cove, where a few days will be spent.

The bride was the recipient of many presents which testify to the regard with which both are held in the community.

We extend best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Maidment.

Patriotic Fund

Amount already acknowledged	\$57,199.00
James Norris, Esq., Three Arms	50.00
John J. Manuel, Jackson's Cove	10.00
JOHN S. MUNN, Hon. Treas. Finance Com.	

BATTLEFIELD ECHOES

Little Stories Showing the Lights and Shadows of the Great War

LONDON, England.—"I am in the field hospital now with a nice little hole in my left shoulder," says a soldier in one of the infantry regiments in France, in a letter to a friend in London. "It happened while we were in our strategic retreat before the Germans. We had just reached the crest of a hill when I felt a slight shock in the shoulder, nothing else. I did not heed it, but some time afterward I felt a burning pain and perceived that I had been wounded and the weight of my arms seemed to increase. Then I found myself neatly installed in a field hospital."

"The human mind is a curious thing. When we were shooting at the enemy and often afterward in the midst of a fierce battle I heard some remark made or funny expression used which proved the speaker's thoughts were far from realizing the terrible facts around him. It had nothing to do with heartlessness or anything like that. I don't know what it was. Volley after volley went in the direction of the enemy. As the German shells and bullets passed over our heads, instinctively we stooped. The earth was shaken by the incessant cannonading and the air was torn by continuous rattling rifle fire. A comrade on my right stumbled, dropped forward without uttering a sound, killed by a shot in the breast. A man in front of me threw up his arms, fell, struggling to his feet and fell again. A shell exploded near us, followed by a terrible cry. Five comrades were lying dead. More hostile troops were advancing. Our men were displaying remarkable self-control in the splendid retreat. Notwithstanding the appalling scenes around me, I, too, felt perfectly calm. Terrible though it may seem, I confess that without a moment's tremble I aimed at my living targets, shot and watched the effect of my bullets."

Guarding the Towels
London.—Even in the camps on the battlefield British soldiers find some trace of humor. A private writing to a London paper says:
"Last night I saw a recruit apparently on the strictest watch over nothing in particular. But he told me he was guarding the camp towels. 'You see,' said the recruit, 'we have only two towels in this camp. The blooming field gunners over there have only one, so when we hang our towels out to dry I have to watch 'em.'"

"Angel of Mercy" Wounded
London.—A correspondent reports that among the wounded taken to Paris was a young British nurse who had been struck by a German bullet while she was attending a wounded German soldier.

British Nurses Wear Trousers
Ostend, Belgium.—Nurses accompanying the British field ambulances wear riding breeches and spurs. They ride horseback through the lines in their search for the wounded.

FISHERY POOR OUTLOOK BAD

Correspondent Writes of Affairs at Newman's Cove

Newman's Cove, Sept. 19.—This is a very stormy night, and not very nice outside. I thought I would try and write a few lines to The Mail and Advocate re every day topics.

First I would like to mention fish because it is the staple industry of this Colony.

Very Scarce.
Now fish here this season is very scarce and to make bad matters worse the price is not good. The voyage is nearly ended and some of us (in the language of a fisherman) have hardly got enough to make brewse. And in consequence we have to face a hard winter.

The next item I want to refer to is partridge berries.

It was said in the House of Assembly the past session, that there was a possibility of this industry growing, and accordingly an act was passed for the protection of this berry.

Ten Cents a Gallon.
Now the time has arrived for the picking of those berries, and the highest price we can get for them is ten cents per gallon. Well! Well! What an industry!

The next item I would like to refer to is employment and this is hard to get at the present time.

It is true (as Mr. Coaker says) that destitution is facing hundreds of northern families the coming winter, and unless something is done, and done speedily we will (the coming winter) be facing an enemy far worse than any German army on the face of the earth.

In True Colors.
Some may say that I am painting this picture a little too black, but, no, Mr. Editor, the picture however black (unless something is done speedily) is but a faint idea of the real thing.

Morris can find \$250,000 for a volunteer movement (I am not against this movement Mr. Editor, for Newfoundland should share in the Empire's battles) but what I am going to say is this: Morris could find money for this but can't find any to help the poor and needy.

No Help From Them.
It is no use for us to cry to our rulers, for their ears are stopped to

MANY WOUNDED

Paris, Sept. 24.—Three trains bearing prisoners and wounded German soldiers arrived yesterday afternoon at the North Station of this city.

MAY NOT TAKE PASSENGERS

The Red Cross liner Florizel which is scheduled to leave on Saturday afternoon for Halifax and New York is not booking passengers or freight today as she may be employed for other services, possibly in connection with the war.

Costumes

FOR FALL WEAR.

OUR COSTUMES for this season were imported from a well-known COSTUMIER in the West End of London, and are typical of what is being worn by the best-dressed ladies in that City.

Every little detail in the make-up of these garments has been carefully considered, and the various trimmings, linings, etc., are combined in the very latest effects.

Patrons should see these goods early, as we may not be able to duplicate any of the styles later.

Upper Building Showroom.

Ayre & Sons
LIMITED

MOTHER BRITAIN AND HER SONS

We are coming, Mother, coming—we are coming home to fight. To defend the Empire's honour, to uphold the Empire's might. From the plains of Manitoba, from the diggings of the Rand, We are coming, Mother Britain, coming home to lend a hand. From the islands and the highlands fast across the seven seas; Look where'er the sun is shining, and your flag is in the breeze. We'll prove our breed in your hour of need, and teach the bally Huns, Who strike at Britain, they must likewise reckon with her sons.

We are coming, Mother, coming—save a good place at the front; Where the battle wages fiercest, let your children bear the brunt. 'Tis a long way from Australia, and we've earned the right to stand In the first ranks, Mother Britain, have your orders when we land. From the islands and the highlands, from the outposts of the earth, On a hundred ships we hasten to your side to prove our worth. We've come to stick through thin or thick, and woe betide the ones Who dare to smite the Mother-mite, forgetting of the Sons.

We are coming, Mother Britain, we are coming to your aid. There's a debt we owe our fathers, and we mean to see it paid. From the jungles of Rhodesia, from the snows of Saskatoon, We are coming, Mother Britain, and we hope to see you soon. From the islands and the highlands, just as fast as we can speed, We are hastening to serve you in the hour of your need. For, whatever peril calls abroad for loyal hearts and guns, We'll show the foe, that weal or woe, we're Mother Britain's sons.

HERBERT KAUFMAN.

SHIPPING

The Fogota left Joe Batt's Arm at 9.30 a.m.

The Prospero left Bonavista at 9.40 a.m.

The s.s. Morwenna left Sydney at 9 last night; she is due tomorrow morning.

The Portia arrived at Channel at 8 a.m. from Sydney.

Schr. Maggie Sullivan has arrived at Fogo, after a fine run from St. John's.

NOT RESCUED

Yesterday we noted that His Excellency the Governor very kindly wired to the authorities in London asking if there was a report of Lieut. Bernard Harvey of the ill-fated cruiser Cressy.

Last night the Governor received a reply from Colonial Secretary Harcourt that he regretted to say that Lieut. Harvey's name was not among the survivors.

There is still hope from the ocean. It is possible that the list may not have been complete.

Come, Morris, wake up, and do something that will benefit this Island. Home of ours, or else go down in history as a political failure, and your government as the Graball regime.

—CRONJE.

PLANES BATTLED LIKE EAGLES

London, Sept. 21.—A despatch from Havre appears in the Times, descriptive of a battle in the air. "A German aeroplane flying high, sailed above the British lines for the purpose of reconnoitering. It was out of the range of fire. Suddenly another plane rose from the British lines and shot away skyward towards the hovering German, who immediately began to attack the ascending plane. But the British craft darted from side to side in a spiral. The German then began a hasty ascent, so as to keep above its adversary. But presently the British reached the same altitude as the German, for he swung swiftly towards him. There was the sound of distant firing. Like great birds, the two seemed to grapple, and then the German began to drop away, and fled downwards to his own lines."

Mr. G. B. Blemister, D.L.S., who has been spending a two months' vacation in the Colony, returned by Wednesday's express to Winnipeg, where he is one of the Chief Engineers on the staff of the Canadian Northern Railway. His daughter Miss Alice Blemister also accompanied him. Both have greatly enjoyed the trip and go back much benefited in health by their visit to the old home.

Word was received that Commander Atlay, formerly of the Calypso, was in hospital at Portsmouth, having been invalidated ashore from his ship.

S.S. Sjordstad sailed for North Sydney yesterday to load coal for Bell Island.

Picked Up

At Bacon Cove, Conception Bay, Hr. Main District, a Motor Boat, capable of carrying about 18 brls. round fish, fitted with 4 H.P. Fraser engine, painted topsides green, bottom red, inside white. Owners may have the same by proving property and paying reasonable compensation. Apply to Nicholas Gushue, Thos. Walsh, Bacon Cove, Conception Harbor. sep24,d61,w12