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ENEMY WEAKENS

VICTORIOUS FRENCH CAPTURE VILLAGES

During Yesterday's Fighting Allies Continued Their Advance, Winning New Victories After Breaking Enemy's Resistance and Taking Several Important Towns—French Alone Capture Four Thousand Prisoners.

Enemy Loses the Villages of Pierrepont, Contoire, Hangest-En-Santerre and Arvillers — British and French Losses Are Particularly Light, Announces the Paris War Office--Aviators Active.

Paris, Aug. 9.—The official communication from the war office tonight says that the British and French troops continued their advance today and won new victories after breaking the enemy's resistance. The French troops took 4,000 prisoners, besides a great quantity of war materials and captured several important towns on the southern end of the battle zone.

The text of the statement reads: "Continuing our advance on the right the forces of the British and our own troops won new successes today after having broken the resistance of the enemy. We have captured the villages of Pierrepont, Contoire and Hangest-En-Santerre.

"Beyond the railway east of Hangest we have reached Arvillers, which is in our possession. Our progress in this direction has reached fourteen kilometres in depth.

Many Prisoners. Besides considerable material, which has not yet been enumerated, we have made on our part 4,000 prisoners. Our losses and those of our British allies are particularly light.

Aviation. The French aviators have been active in the battle to the south and east of Amiens. In spite of thick and low clouds which increased the difficulty of their work, our squadrons made numerous reconnaissances above the enemy lines, taking part of ten in the fight with their machine guns. During the battle they captured four enemy airplanes. Four capt-

TWO YOUNG GIRLS CARRIED TO SEA

Fredericton Miss and Another Go Adrift At Cape Tormentine, But Are Gallantly Rescued — "Mystery" Ship Arrives.

Cape Tormentine, Aug. 9.—The summer visitors at the Hotel were much alarmed the other day when it became known that two young girls, Miss Trix Brooks, of Fredericton, and her friend Amy Peck, had drifted out to sea on a small raft.

The two girls had been playing in the water near the shore, and the wind being off land, they gradually drifted out into deep water before they realized their danger. When first discovered they were several hundred yards from the shore and were being rapidly borne out to the strait.

To The Rescue. A number of men working on the pier happened to catch sight of the young voyagers and realizing their danger, immediately put out in a fast motor boat and soon overtook the youngsters and brought them back in safety. The girls were quite badly frightened, but were unharmed. The whole population of the hotel was at the shore to welcome them home again.

A Mystery Ship. The hotel people were somewhat surprised and mystified Tuesday when a grey vessel looking like a battle-

Canadians Aid In Taking The Outer Defences Of Amiens, Announces Haig

London, Aug. 9.—Fighting was still continuing between the Anglo-French forces and the Germans southeast of Amiens, according to the British official communication received from Field Marshal Haig this evening. The general line of Pierrepont, Arvillers, Rosieres, Rainecourt and Morcourt had been attained by the Allied troops this evening.

The text of the communication follows: "During the morning the Allied armies renewed their attack on the whole battlefield south of the Somme and have made progress at all points, in spite of increasing hostile resistance.

"French troops, extending the front of their attack southward, captured the village of Pierrepont and the wood north thereof. North and northeast of this locality French troops made rapid progress and realized an advance of more than four miles in the course of the day.

"On the front of the British fourth army the Canadian and Australian troops, with admirable dash having captured the line of outer defences of Amiens, advanced beyond them a depth of two miles after severe fighting at a number of points.

"Before evening the French and British troops had reached the general line of Pierrepont, Arvillers, Rosieres, Rainecourt and Morcourt.

"Fighting is still continuing on this line. "North of the Somme local fighting is reported. "The number of prisoners has reached 17,000 and between 200 and 300 guns have been taken including railway guns of heavy calibre. Trench mortars and machine guns have been captured in large numbers and also immense quantities of stores and materials of all descriptions, including a complete railway train and other rolling stock.

"Our casualties yesterday were extremely light."

BRITISH AND FRENCH GAIN MANY MILES IN PICARDY

Germans Give Much Ground in Flanders Region As Well—On Lys Enemy Evacuates Front of More Than Seven Miles.

(By The Associated Press) Over a curving front of more than twenty miles the British and French troops are continuing to sweep back the Germans across the plains of Picardy from the region north of the Somme east of Morlancourt to the eastern bank of the Avre northwest of Montdidier.

Yesterday many additional villages were captured; the bag of prisoners was largely increased; numerous guns and great quantities of war stores were taken, and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by tanks, armored motor cars, the cavalrymen and the infantry. The losses sustained by the Anglo-French forces are declared to be relatively small.

To the north of the Picardy theatre the Germans also have given ground on two important sectors. — on the famous Lys salient, northwest of La Bassée and in the region southwest of Tournai on the equally famous battle ground north of Kemmel. On the Lys sector territory over a front of more than seven miles was evacuated by the enemy, while to the north of Kemmel the British advanced their line over a front exceeding 1,000 yards.

Already having penetrated the Picardy salient to a depth of nearly thirteen miles in the centre toward the vicinity of the important railroad junction of Chaules, and at other points along the arc pushed forward between five and seven miles, the nor-

GERMAN LINE IN GRAVE DANGER AND THE ENEMY WILL PROBABLY WITHDRAW FROM MONTDIDIER

NO VENGEANCE FOR US, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Declares End of Tunnel Through Which Allies Travelling is Nearer.

PREMIER ADDRESSES HIS COUNTRYMEN

Always Believed God of Righteousness Would See Us Through.

STIRRING APPEAL TO THE WELSH PEOPLE

Allies Have Holy Purpose of Re-Establishing Right and Peace on Earth.

Neath, Wales, Aug. 9.—Premier Lloyd George who came here to attend the Welsh National Eisteddfod, in receiving the freedom of Neath today declared that "the end of the tunnel" through which the Allies have been travelling for four years was getting nearer.

Mr. Lloyd George made no apology to any man, he said, for any part he had played during the war.

"And I propose to fight on to the end," he added.

Some people had complained, continued the premier, that he was too optimistic in the view he took of things.

Always Confident. "I don't think I am," he insisted. "I was not one of those who thought it would soon be over—never. I thought it a long job and a terrible job, but I have always been confident we would get through, for I knew we were fighting for the right and that the God of Righteousness would see us through.

The premier appealed to his countrymen to put all the might of the Empire into the fight, "and," he continued, "we will be through the tunnel into the broad daylight of God's sun again, in a land of peace, real peace, without apprehension of sinister, dark plotting forces to renew the slaughter. No, never again.

Appeals To Countrymen. "That is why I am appealing to my countrymen. Now we have confidence. We have good news. The annihilated army bit back yesterday morning at dawn. If anybody had told Ludendorff on the 22nd of March that up to the month of August he would be trying to get his guns away from the advancing French and British armies—well, I don't know German and therefore I cannot tell what his answer would be, but I believe it would be in very strong language indeed."

"In that victory which will come for the alliance there will be no tearing up or greed, yes, and no vengeance on this path which we pursue with a holy purpose of re-establishing right and peace on earth."

PARIS BOMBARDED

Paris, Aug. 9.—The Paris region was again under bombardment today from the German long range cannon.

Canadians Have Captured Warvillers and Beaufort, Allied Forces All Along the New Front Making Rapid Progress — Total Number of Prisoners Captured By Canadians, Australians English and French Exceeds 17,000 — French Take Arvillers.

British Troops in Rozieres, Junction Point of the North and South Railroad Line Midway Between Montdidier and Albert—German Forces At Montdidier in Very Uncomfortable Salient and Will Probably Be Compelled To Withdraw.

London, Aug. 9.—An unconfirmed report reaching London says the British troops are now in Rozieres, the junction point of the north and south railroad line midway between Montdidier and Albert.

Canadian troops have captured Warvillers, about two and a half miles south of Rozieres, while the French have taken Arvillers, to the southwest of Warvillers and seven miles from Roye. The Germans recaptured Chipilly, north of the Somme, by a strong counter-attack today.

The Canadians, the advices state, have taken the town of Beaufort, two and a half miles southwest of Rozieres. The Australians are fighting further north, along the Somme.

Small parties of Germans are reported to be still in Rozieres three and one half miles west of Chaules, but the British are all around them and their life as fighting men probably will be short. (Continued on page two)

GENERAL ADVANCE IN COTTON MILLS

Ten Per Cent. Increase in Income of Thousands of Operatives To Be Given on August 19—Mills in St. John, Milltown, Marysville, Hamilton, Cornwall and Elsewhere Affected.

Largely because of the continued high cost of living, many of the Canadian cotton mills will shortly advance the wages of their thousands of employees. The advance will be the second of the present year and will make the schedule of pay the highest which has ever prevailed in the industry in Canada.

The management of the Cornwall and York mills of St. John stated last evening that the war bonus of ten per cent. which was made effective on April last would be increased to twenty per cent. on Monday, August 19. The increase will affect about five hundred operatives in the York mill on Albion street and the Cornwall mill on Wall street.

The advance in the amount of the bonus comes entirely un solicited and is a welcome surprise, naturally, to the employees. The local cotton mills have been constantly making improvements in the machinery and equipment and are more up to date than ever.

Affects Other Places. The York and Cornwall mills are controlled by the Canada Cottons, Ltd., the head offices of which are in Montreal.

The advance will also affect the Canada Cotton mills of Milltown, and the company's mills at Marysville, in this province, as well as the plants at Cornwall, Ont. and Hamilton. It is understood that the mills of the Dominion Textile Co. in Montreal, Mazor, Valleyfield and elsewhere will also increase the pay of their operatives this month. Wages have been advanced five times in Canada during the past three years.

N. T. R. RUN-OFF

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Moncton, Aug. 9.—Traffic was blocked for some time last night and this morning by a run off on the N. T. R., at McLaughlin siding. Four freight cars were derailed, but there was little damage to the rolling stock and roadbed and none was injured.

BOY DROWNED

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