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CANADIANS A WALK FROM ROYE

Virtually Knocking at the Door of the Town Which is One of the Keystone Positions of the German Defence in Picardy --- French Advance South of the Town and Are in Position to Outflank Lassigny and Obliterate Barrier to Noyon.

10,000 PRISONERS, 150 GUNS ARE TAKEN BY CANADIANS

Machine Guns By the Thousand Also Captured in One of the Most Glorious Achievements in Their History, According to Details of Recent Successes.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—The following despatch was received here from Sir Edward Kemp, minister of overseas forces: The capture of prisoners by the Canadian corps in recent operations is now reported to be 10,000 and 150 guns, and machine guns which are now estimated in the thousands. The territory retaken in the advance of the Canadian corps, representing an initial frontage of 7500 yards, finishing up on a frontage of 10,000 yards and penetrating to a depth of 20,000 yards, includes towns, some of which are of considerable size. The proportions of a single shot could be fired before the

when it is remembered that in the battle of the Ypres salient last year, commencing on July 21 and continuing over four months, the total advance did not exceed six miles. The facts connected with the entire operation constituted one of the most glorious pages of the history of the Canadian army overseas. It reflects not only the gallantry and devotion of all ranks, but is a tribute as well to the efficient staff work and organization. The greatest success marked the move of the corps to the attacking front. Many of our batteries were so close to the enemy trenches that not a single shot could be fired before the

battle began. Despite this the infantry declare they never followed a more perfect barrage. The dash with which every division entered the attack and carried on day after day is illustrated in this observation from the Canadian corps commander, Sir Arthur Currie, who states: "Canada has been thrilled many times by the record of the deeds in the field of battle by her sons, but never before have our battles given so much cause for pride as in the fighting of our men. They were simply irresistible. One of the tanks, which accompanied us in the fight, and was christened the "A-1 Dominion," went into action with a pipe of an infantry battalion playing for all he was worth."

FORCES OF ALLIES STEADILY ADVANCE

Sharp Fighting Continues at Old Line Near Armancourt.

CLING TO ROYE LINE

Germans Draft Troops for Reserves From Other Sections.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 16.—Allied forces occupied Villers-les-Roye and St. Aurin, and reached their old line of trenches east of Armancourt yesterday. Farther north, they pressed forward toward the Châtaines-Roye line, taking Damery Wood in the evening. Sharp fighting continues east of Armancourt. Just west of Lassigny there was a lively combat for Chasseurs trenches, in the middle of Plessier Park. The fighting ended in a victory for the French. The Germans are still clinging stubbornly to the Lassigny-Roye line. They have given no indications whether they hope to hold it longer than may be necessary to save material and withdraw troops from communication trenches from flanking movement. Capture of Ecouillon, which facilitated the taking of Ribecourt, has been followed by the occupation of the Monolithe Farm, giving the third army another grip on a vital position near Thiescourt and threatening the German line of retreat along the road to Noyon. Germans Lack Reserves. There is evidence that the German reserves are no longer sufficient to maintain the defence, and that drafts are being made from the troops holding other important sectors. The French division that took Ribecourt met there enemy troops which had been recently drafted from the Verdun front. They were old acquaintances, the French division having been cited for gallant work in the defence of the fortifications of Meuse against these same Germans. The fall of Ribecourt followed close upon the capture of the height of Arville, which was a German stronghold. It also overtook the German line of retreat along the road to Noyon. The possession of Monolithe Farm facilities operations against the Loerment height, a mile and a quarter to the northwest. This spur, in turn, dominates Plessier, which is the strongest enemy position in the Lassigny massif. It also overlooks the leading northwest to Lassigny. The hold of the enemy upon Lassigny is very precarious. When this flank breaks, the whole line must crumble.

CANADIANS GAIN GROUND WITH FRENCH NEAR ROYE

Make Progress on Three-Mile Front Between Goyencourt and Laucourt--- British Make Substantial Progress and Repulse Counter-Attacks.

TURK MINISTERS FLEE TO BERLIN Bulgarian Diplomats Also Leave Moscow, Mistrusting Bolsheviks. Washington, Aug. 17.—The Bulgarian and Turkish ministers to Russia have arrived in Berlin from Moscow, according to an official despatch from France today. Quoting The Munich Neueste Nachrichten, the despatch says the Germans are greatly disappointed that they are unable to depend upon the Bolshevik rule. The paper accounts the soviet government was incapable of protecting the German embassy and says that the situation in Russia is analogous to the one in which the entente ambassadors find themselves at Archangel.

Paris, Aug. 16.—French and Canadian troops have made progress against the Germans over a front of more than three miles between Goyencourt and Laucourt, west of Roye, according to the French official communication issued this evening. The Bois des Loges, five miles south of Roye, also has been penetrated deeply by the French. The text of the communication follows: "During the day our troops, by a series of local attacks, have repulsed the enemy, in spite of his resistance, in the region west of Roye. "North of the Avre, in conjunction with Canadians, we have advanced our lines on the front of Goyencourt, St. Mard-les-Triots and Laucourt. South of the Avre we penetrated far into the Loges Wood. British Also Make Gains. London, Aug. 16.—The British on Thursday evening repulsed a strong German counter-attack at Damery, and today, in co-operation with the French, made substantial progress in the direction of Fresnoy-les-Roye and Fransart, according to the official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters in France, issued tonight. The text of the statement says: "Yesterday evening the enemy launched a strong counter-attack against our new positions at Damery. His troops were everywhere repulsed with great loss, leaving over 250 prisoners and a number of machine guns in our hands. "Today our advanced troops in this locality have pushed forward in co-operation with the French, and have made substantial progress in the direction of Fresnoy-les-Roye and Fransart. We have taken a few prisoners. "On the remainder of the British front there is nothing to report except artillery activity on both sides in different sectors."

FRENCH FINALLY CAPTURE WOODS

Germans Driven From Positions Held Desperately for Several Days.

LOCAL ACTIONS FOUGHT

Thirteen Hundred Casualties Inflicted on Enemy in One Day.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 16.—By a brilliant manoeuvre, the French have finally captured "Z" Wood and Damery Wood, in these two wooded tracts the Germans have been holding out desperately for several days, realizing the value of these positions. The little patches of forest which are now in the hands of the allies are virtually on the extreme right of the British line and from their eastern borders it is possible to observe closely quite a wide stretch of ground. The allied position for several miles on each side of the two woods was materially improved by their capture. These were virtually the last of the ally more important positions on the new front to which the enemy has been holding and which the allied forces desired. The enemy launched a heavy attack late yesterday against the new positions at Damery. After sharp fighting he was repulsed, leaving 150 prisoners. Local Actions. Other purely local actions had been fought here and there along the new front for the purpose of improving positions. During these combats during the past 24 hours the British have captured 260 prisoners and four machine guns. The casualties in killed and wounded inflicted upon the enemy in these local affairs are estimated to be at least 1300. To the north, in the direction of La Couronne, the lines of the British have also been advanced slightly. Artillery activity continues along the entire front, especially in the new Somme battle area, but the enemy does not seem to desire to launch any extended infantry attacks, even at Roye and Châtaines, where he is strongest.

EJECTED FROM MEETING AND NOTES TAKEN AWAY

Young Woman Was Keeping a Record of Bell Telephone Girls' Deliberations.

The feature of last night's closed session of the newly organized union of the telephone girls, held at the Labor Temple, was the discovery of a girl taking notes contrary to the required custom. The president, when his attention was drawn to the fact, stated to the meeting that if the girl was a reporter she would accede to the request of the meeting to consider its deliberations as private. The girl evidently did not agree with his remarks and continued to make notes. She was finally ejected, according to information received from officials of the union. It was discovered that she belonged to a business establishment, the nature of which was not made public. The notes were taken from her. The meeting practically ratified the agreement recently drawn up by the committee appointed for this purpose, a few minor points remaining in abeyance for further consideration. It is expected the agreement will be presented to the Bell Telephone Company, and that if the company refuses to accept the agreement as presented to the union, which is affiliated with the International Union of Electrical Workers, will ask for a board of conciliation under the Industrial Disputes Act.

MAIN ALLIED DRIVE DOWN DWINA RIVER

Germans Describe March in Russia Southward From Archangel.

MORE MEN LAND

British Proclamation Declares Country Betrayed to Kaiser.

Amsterdam, Aug. 16.—The first connected story on the advance of the entente forces southward from Archangel, in northern Russia, is given in a special despatch to The Dusseldorf Nachrichten from Stockholm. The despatch, which is dated Aug. 14, says: "Last Monday 3000 entente troops, reinforced by 3000 Russians, assembled at Archangel, and the same night the order was given to proceed southward. Three thousand Russians embarked on 11 steamers and a number of barges towed by tugs, the destination of which was Kotlas, on the Dwina River. The remainder of the troops marched along the Archangel-Vologda railway, with orders to halt at Trusanovskaya, 70 miles south of Archangel. "The flotilla was first fired upon from both river banks near Kakutzkaya, and a half mile further on encountered a barricade of sunken boats, which impeded further progress. Here the land troops were compelled to land to await fresh orders. "Nor did the land troops reach their goal. They encountered their first resistance by the Soviet troops at the point where the Log River bisects the railway. The entente forces halted here. This movement seemed a feint, and the main operation apparently is on the Dwina River. "Monday night there arrived at Solumbolsk, near Archangel, four transports, from which an American contingent was transferred directly to barges in the mouth of the river, without touching at Archangel. "Admiral Kemp (British) on Monday issued a proclamation to the Russians saying that the Moscow rulers had betrayed Russia to the Kaiser, who was now sending troops to destroy the liberty gained by the expenditure of so much blood."

ALL ALIEN ENEMIES HAVE TO REGISTER

New Regulations of Government Affect All Over Sixteen Years of Age.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—All alien enemies over the age of 16 years are now required to register under the alien regulations. Previously these regulations required only aliens of enemy nationality of military age, and having no permanent place of residence or abode in Canada, to register. Existing alien regulations also require all registered aliens, including certain aliens of enemy nationality who are nevertheless well known to be friendly aliens, to report monthly to the chief of police. By order-in-council it is now deemed expedient that certain of these friendly aliens, namely Czechs or members of the Bohemian national alliance, Turkish subjects who are by race Greeks, Armenians, Assyrians, or of other community well known as opposed to the Turkish regime, be exempted from this obligation at the discretion of the chief commissioner of police. The new regulations provide also that all ticket agents and conductors of railway or steamboat companies or other officers, shall refuse to sell tickets or give transportation to any alien of enemy nationality who does not produce certificate of parole with notice of permission to travel from one point to another. A chief of police may refuse permission to any enemy alien to depart from any place unless satisfied that he has complied with the law, and regularly engaged in some useful occupation.

ARMENIANS CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST TURKS

The Compelled to Sign Peace at Tiflis, Christians Continue War With British Aid.

Boston, Aug. 16.—The National Armenian Council of Tiflis was compelled to sign a peace with Turkey in order to save a large section of the Armenian population from extermination, but the struggle against the Turks is continuing, according to a cable message given out in this city today at the headquarters of the Armenian Union of America from its accredited representatives abroad. The message said the Armenians were holding the Baku-Biliasvetpol line. As London advices state the British now are at Baku, this would link up the British forces with the Armenians. "OUT THEY GO!"—STRAWS AND PANAMAS—HALF PRICE. This is the last day for the Half-price Sale of Panamas and Straws for will do well to take advantage of this last sale. The goods are all this season's styles, and at the price it will pay you to buy for next season. If not wanted for this, \$3.00 Men's Straw Hats for \$1.50. \$4.00 Men's Straw Hats for \$2.00. \$5.00 Men's Panamas for \$2.50. Just received a shipment of new Felt Hats, the latest styles for fall, \$3.50 to \$6.00. Special bargain sale in the Basement today. Odd lines—Felts and Straws. Store closes at 6. Come early. Dineen's, cor. Yonge and Temperance.

GERMANS EMPLOY 450,000 TROOPS

Thirty-Six Divisions on a Front of Forty-Eight Miles.

BRITISH GUNS ACTIVE

Great Speed Made in Forward Movement of the Guns.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 16.—It was learned today that since Aug 8 the Germans have employed 36 divisions on a front of 45 miles. Of this number, 21 were in the line at the beginning of the Somme attack, the other 15 being brought in as reinforcements. It is learned from prisoners recently captured that the British artillery during the past few days has caused considerable destruction within the enemy lines. The British guns have been especially active in searching out German ammunition dumps, a number of which have been destroyed. It was partially for doing just this work that such speed was made in the forward movement of the guns. From the start of the offensive not a moment has been lost in moving up the artillery. That it has been a paying proposition is proved by prisoners' statements as to the havoc wrought by shell fire. Some slight troop movements eastward are reported now and then to the rear of the German lines along the Somme, but they are insufficient to warrant any conclusions regarding the enemy's intentions.

ONE THOUSAND CZECHS CLAIMED IN HARBIN

Reinforcements on Way to Join Semenov Hailed as Deliverers.

MOUNTED POLICE UNIT TO SERVE IN SIBERIA

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—A squadron of cavalry to be furnished by the North-West Mounted Police will form part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force to Siberia. The squadron commander has not yet been appointed. Although the composition of the force has not yet been determined in detail it is understood it will comprise all arms of the service. The aim is to make it entirely self-contained with its own medical and auxiliary units.

THIRD ENEMY ATTACK IN ALBANIA A FAILURE

French Crush Austrian Efforts East of Poregans.

STUMP OF AMPUTATED LEG BROKEN BY FALL

While standing on one leg reaching for his coat in his home yesterday, James Connors, 40, 128 Berkeley street, overbalanced and fell on the stump of his right leg which was amputated some time ago, and fractured it. He was removed to St. Michael's Hospital in the police ambulance attached to West Dundas street station.

TO TRY CALLAUX

French Senate Will Sit as High Court of Justice.

MANITOBA TO HARVEST LARGE CROP OF GRAIN

Yield of Wheat Will Total Million More Bushels Than Last Year.

THE TORONTO TORTOISE

Cables. Mayor Church, Toronto: Can you spare Roly Harris to build some bridges for General Poch in Picardy? He wants them on the rush. King George implies you to get Harris and save the empire. —A. E. Kemp. Overseas Kemp, London: Roly Harris was born tired. King George must mean Bob Lowe, who built the Leaside Camp in a week. We call Roly the Tortoise of the Town.—Church.



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