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GERMANS ARE IN RETREAT FROM YPRES TO RHEIMS

ENEMY EVERYWHERE YIELDS GROUND TO FOCH'S WARRIORS

Sector between Vesle and Aisne Rivers is Being Rapidly Cleared of the Enemy, and From Soissons Eastward Toward Rheims the Retirement of the Germans Has Appearance of the Beginning of a Rout—Thirty Villages Reclaimed by the French in Recent Fighting.

(By the Associated Press)

The French and Americans are fast driving the Germans out of their positions in southern Picardy and in the sector between the Vesle and Aisne rivers. So rapid has been the progress of the Allies that the French in Picardy, and the Americans and French from Soissons eastward toward Rheims that the retirement of the enemy has the appearance of the beginning almost of a rout. Meanwhile Field Marshal Haig in the north, from Peronne to Ypres has been almost busily engaged in carrying out successful manoeuvres which are only with slightly less degree of rapidity forcing the Germans everywhere to give ground. Haig's men again have made the Germans taste bitter defeat on numerous sectors and the end of punishment for them seems not yet in sight.

In the latest fighting in the region extending from the old Neoyon sector to Soissons the French have reclaimed thirty villages from the Germans, have crossed the Somme canal at several points and are now standing only a short distance from the important junction of Ham with its road leading to St. Quentin and La Fere.

On the south they have made further crossings of the Ailette river, and are fast skirting the great wooded region which acts as a barrier to a direct attack on the Baron-Chemin des Dames and western Aisne defenses of the enemy. Seemingly at the present rate of progress this barrier shortly will have been

HERTLING RESIGNS

London, Sept. 5.—Count von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, has resigned, giving bad health as the cause for his retirement, according to the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Express.

TWO DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT

Red Cross Carnival on Wednesday and Thursday Next Promises to Eclipse All Previous Efforts.

Next Wednesday and Thursday marks the days of the Red Cross carnival to be held in the Pavilion, Comox Road Park, and owing to restrictions necessarily imposed, one or two previous attractions will have to be eliminated. To the casual observer the pavilion is not a very pretentious building at the present time, but it is safe to state that ere daylight dawns on the day of the Carnival, the grounds and interior will be decidedly transformed.

The park will be dotted with tents with amusements of different kinds, particulars to be announced later, and one especially erected for the children, who may spin a "wheel of fortune" or "feed the goose" without interference, as a certain space has been allotted to them.

Many beautiful booths will be erected in the interior of the pavilion, and judging by the elaborate schemes in view, there will be nothing lacking in the form of decoration, a space being reserved in the centre of the hall for dancing, which will take place both evenings, beginning at 9 p.m., where for the sum of fifty cents one can trip the light fantastic until the wee hours of the morning. There will be no admission to the grounds charged, but it has been decided to impose a fee of ten cents on all who enter the building to help curtail the expenses.

One has but to stroll along Commercial Street, glancing here and there in different windows to be convinced that, although the workrooms have been closed until after the Carnival, the ladies have not remained idle.

Displayed in J. H. Good's window is a bedroom set, of unusual magnificence, consisting of six pieces, beautifully embroidered in sentence stitch, bringing out the pattern with such perfectness as only the deft fingers of an artist can. Women who are interested in needlework will appreciate this rare and few who delight in beautifying the home will feel to covet it. In another corner of the same window are other rarities, the delicate doll with two outfits just what the little girl wants, also a table centred boudoir cap, together with one dozen linen handkerchiefs with fancy borders.

Harris' window shows a lovely set glass, silver, and spoon tray, china tea set prettily designed, and a mahogany tray with china centre, which is quite the newest thing. These are included in one raft.

Most children have noticed the prizes belonging to the children's

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THE COAL PROBLEM

C. A. McGrath, Fuel Controller of Canada, who has his hands full just now in trying to satisfy the clamor of people who have not got their coal in yet.

BAD MONTH FOR ENEMY PLANES

Over Six Hundred German Airplanes Destroyed or Disabled Since Early Part of August.

London, Sept. 5.—Four hundred and sixty-five enemy machines have been destroyed and two hundred disabled since the commencement of the offensive on August 8, according to an official statement on aerial operations tonight.

Sixty-one hostile balloons were destroyed and 911 tons of bombs were dropped on various targets.

Two hundred and sixteen British machines are missing.

GUISCARD IN FRENCH HANDS

London, Sept. 5.—The centre of greatest activity in the battle zones in France has shifted to the Franco-American front, where the Germans are in full retreat on a wide front north of the Vesle, with the French and Americans in pursuit and reported to have reached the Meuse this morning.

The French pressure in the region north and east of Neoyon has forced the German retreat on a wide front, and advances of five to seven miles have been scored within the past forty-eight hours.

The town of Guiscard was captured and French troops have pressed beyond it, they are now but little more than two miles from the important road centre of Ham.

Between the Ailette and the Aisne French troops also are gaining ground. They have crossed the Aisne at several points northeast of Soissons.

The Franco-American operations on the Vesle front have been extended farther eastward toward Rheims and new crossings have been effected on the two and a half mile front between Venteux and Juchery, seven miles west of Rheims.

Paris, Sept. 5.—The War Office here reported this afternoon: "During the night French troops maintained contact with the enemy rearward and made progress east of the Canal du Nord and in the direction of the Aisne. East of the Vesle they crossed the Somme Canal in the region of Yvernes and Oroy. Farther south they went beyond Hombieux, Emery-Hellou, and Flavy-le-Meldeux, carrying their lines north of Guiscard as far as the outskirts of Berru-sous-Mont."

Between the Ailette and the Aisne French troops captured Braye, Clamercy, and Misy-sur-Aisne. Late yesterday French troops repulsed two violent counterattacks south of Mont des Tombes and east of Leulilly, maintaining their positions.

The Department turned out last evening to a rubbish fire in the Ravine.

ACROSS THE AISNE

With the American Army on the Aisne Front Sept. 5.—With the exception of a few machine gun detachments left to sacrifice themselves in an effort to cover their retreat the Germans were on the north side of the Aisne tonight.

BRITISH FORCES NEAR CAMBRAI

Several Thousand Yards of Old Hindenburg Line Has Been Cleared Up By Haig's Veterans.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 5.—Southeast of Moeuvres, southwest of Cambrai several thousand yards of the old Hindenburg front line have been cleaned up and are now in possession of the British.

London, Sept. 5.—British forces, after their victorious drive through the Hindenburg defences, are knocking in at the gates of Cambrai, but apparently are momentarily pausing before attempting to force an entrance. Prisoners to the number of more than 15,000 and guns exceeding 100 in number have been taken in four days' fighting, according to Field-Marshal Haig, who reported today.

"On the southern battlefield the enemy strongly attacked our new positions at Inchy-en-Artois yesterday evening but was repulsed after sharp fighting. We have improved our positions south of Moeuvres and east of Hermies and have taken Neuville-Bourjouvain.

"The enemy counter-attacked yesterday evening east of Manancourt and was repulsed. Fighting has taken place also in the region of Peronne and our line has been improved slightly.

"During the last four days the British troops have taken over 16,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns."

With the British Army in France, Sept. 5.—South of the River Scarpe a large portion of the German line is being readjusted.

While the British forces in the Lys sector are pushing forward today, and gaining ground against the rear-guards in some places and determined opposition at others, the enemy along the Canal du Nord, north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, is holding on desperately.

Peronne and the forward areas of Mont St. Quentin were heavily shelled by the Germans during the night.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 5.—noon.—The British troops who yesterday crossed the lower end of the Canal du Nord and the Borne-Aisne river, drove into the east and north. They pushed forward in the direction of that part of the canal where the enemy is in strength, where it turns to the east and then to the north, east at Hancourt Wood.

There was heavy fighting at Inchy-en-Artois during the night. The Germans managed to reach the outskirts of the town and held out there for some hours, but the place is now cleared of the enemy.

Britain's first line of defence, the Navy, is none the less powerful for our cause because it is silent. Break the silence by making your silver money rattle in the collection boxes on Saturday.

The Labor Congress, in session at Derby, England, has adopted a resolution that the House of Lords be abolished.

Since the opening of the successful combined Franco-British operations on August 8, no fewer than ninety-seven German divisions have been engaged on the battlefield.

BRITISH CONSULATE ATTACKED

London, Sept. 6.—The British consulate at Moscow has been attacked, according to the Central News today.

London, Sept. 6.—Major B. Laws of Saskatchewan has been granted Honorary Lieutenant and will command a battalion.

A landslide at one of the drydocks of the navy yard at Portsmouth, Va. today buried more than a dozen men. It is reported unofficially that fourteen were killed.

WRECKED HUN ARMY IN WEST

Succession of Defeats Inflicted Upon Ludendorff's Forces During Past Six Months Has Brought About Irremediable Disaster.

Paris, Sept. 5.—The enemy is in retreat along the whole line from Ypres to Rheims. Honors yesterday were with the French and Americans for the Allied wing, which at last gained the reward of several days' persistent effort.

The enemy, who lost heavily in men, announces by their hurried destruction of material his intention of abandoning if he has not already done so, Chauny, Jussy, La Fere and probably Ham. There can be no doubt of his retreating in the general direction of St. Quentin to take up the positions of the Hindenburg line that he held after the strategic withdrawal in 1917.

In a short time now the Allies shall have recovered all the ground lost since March, and shall have regained east of Arras a position which is a permanent threat to Douai and Cambrai. In addition in less than six months Ludendorff will have irremediably ruined the effectiveness and morale of those German armies that were so formidable in the west at the beginning of the year.

ADVANCE NORTH OF PERONNE

British Patrols Succeed in Crossing to East Bank of Canal du Nord and French Advanced to River Aisne North of Chassigny.

London, Sept. 5.—The British made further progress along their front north and south of Peronne, according to Field Marshal Haig's report tonight. British patrols have been able to cross to the east bank of Canal du Nord, south of Marquion.

With the French Army in France, Sept. 5.—French reconnoitring parties to the east of Soissons this morning advanced to the river Aisne north of Brénele and Chassigny. Further east advanced elements reached the canal at the lateral, which runs along the south bank of the Aisne and facing positions on the north bank from which the Germans are firing from machine guns.

Gen. Mangin's forces after repulsing two violent counterattacks, launched by Prussian Guards against Mont des Tombes last evening, made further progress today to the east of Leulilly.

With the American Forces in Lorraine, Sept. 5.—(By the Associated Press).—German artillery this morning began a new bombardment of the village of Praellet, throwing about three thousand shells, including many gas projectiles upon the town which they recently lost to the Americans. The bombardment is still continuing, but no infantry action developed. The American forces today made prisoners in the Woerth, where the enemy artillery and French mortars were active.

—Noon.—Violent explosions were heard along the line this morning. Observers reported that they believed the Germans were destroying their ammunition dumps.

An aviator reported a terrific explosion at 9 o'clock at Villers-en-Pyraies, on the south bank of the river Aisne directly north of Fismes. Other explosions took place in the same region during the morning.

Baocoches and Fismette were occupied by American troops during the night. The towns had been evacuated by the Germans, only two or three wounded men who had been of the Vesle River, Sept. 5, abandoned being found.

CLOSE ON HEELS OF THE ENEMY

American Forces Meet, But Little Opposition in Pursuit of Defeated German Army.

With the American Forces North of the Vesle, Sept. 5.—The American forces, following up the German retreat from the Vesle, moved steadily over the plateau between the Vesle and the Aisne today, and by noon their advanced elements had filtered into the slopes on the northern side of the plateau. Virtually no opposition was encountered. Aerial and other observers reported that there was every indication that the main body of German troops had retired across the Aisne.

With the American Forces North of the Vesle River, Sept. 5.—abandoned being found.

MADE APPEAL FOR PATRIOTIC FUNDS

Sir Herbert Ames, M.P., National Honorary Secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, paid a flying visit to Victoria yesterday, arriving in the morning and leaving for the mainland last evening. His visit was for the purpose of meeting and conferring with the British Columbia treasurer and posting himself upon the work of the organization of Vancouver Island.

In view of recent contradictory reports, Sir Herbert stated that it is not the intention to change the method of distributing relief, and he expressed the hope that the volunteer committees would continue their work for a long time to come.

Only in connection with securing funds would there be any change in methods, he stated. At the next session of Parliament the Government would be asked for a grant the amount of Federal assistance to be sufficient to meet all reasonable demands for 1919 and 1920. But

no part of this Federal grant will be available until after it is voted, Sir Herbert pointed out, and therefore the Canadian Patriotic Fund will still have to depend upon voluntary effort until the end of March next. He earnestly hoped that all contributors who have done so well in the past, would continue their generosity until that time.

In regard to increased allowances Sir Herbert stated that owing to the higher cost of living and altered conditions in the various provinces since the establishment of the fund, readjustments would be necessary. In the Middle West section the living costs have risen more in proportion than have the sections nearer the Pacific, and the change in conditions must be recognized.

In February next, Sir Herbert said, a conference will be held at Ottawa, at which all provincial secretaries and others having to do with the administration of the fund will meet with the object of securing uniformity in dealing with the cases under the direction of the local branches and speedier and more satisfactory solution of difficulties encountered.

Mr. J. E. Evans, of Vancouver, was in the city yesterday.

MRS DOLLY FISHER IN VANCOUVER RECITAL

The recitals given by the pupils of Messrs. J. D. A. Trip, Harold Paul and R. Thomas Steele have become one of the musical institutions in Vancouver. The first recital of the present season will be given tonight in the Old Country Tea Room, Hall 501 Drayton Street, and following his usual custom Mr. Paul has one of his Nanaimo players appearing. His choice for the concert tonight is Miss Dolly Fisher, whose brilliant playing in the violin has attracted the highest musical audience. Miss Fisher will play the "Dance Tatars" by Liszt and Naches.

Among the passengers on the ship from Vancouver yesterday were J. Fraser, S. McEwen, Mrs. Thos. Bluge, Mrs. Pawden, Mrs. Kermode, Mrs. A. V. Porter, James Malpas, Rev. Dr. Unsworth, James Hardy, and E. J. Pollard.

Senator A. E. Planta returned last evening from a business trip to the Terminal City.

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