CANADIANS TAKE VILLAGES NEAR ROYE; FRENCH ADVANCE

Allies Continue Pressure Against Entire Noyon-Chaulnes Line—Berlin Admits Withdrawal to the North, Which is Extending.

London, Aug. 16.— Canadian troops to-day captured Damery and Parvillers, villages a short distance northwest of Roye, thus further shaking the German hold on that town and upon the adjacent sector of the Noyon-Roye-Chaulnes line, Northwest of Chaulnes itself and southeast of Proyart, the latter just south of the Somme, the British line had also been advanced.

Getting Across the Ancre

North of the Somme between Albert and Arras, the Germans are continuing to fall back and the British are keeping in close contact with them. Thus far the Germans have definitely given up the towns of Beaumont-Hamel, Serre, Bucquoy and Puisieux-au-Mont, and at several points have crossed the Ancre River, with the British following closely on their trail. No official explanation has as yet been advanced of the retrograde movement or the Germans over this front, but it is not at all unlikely that the operations on the Somme front and the harassing tactics the British recently have employed hade the enemy desirous of establishing himself on new ground eastward, with the Ancre River a barrier between him and his foes. At any rate the Hebuterne salient has virtually been obliterated by the retirement of the Germans, and seemingly they now will be compelled to make a readjustment of their line between the Somme and Arras.

Prisoners and Booty

In the week of fighting on the Picardy front, 30,244 prisoners have fallen into the hands of the British Fourth Army, and French First Army, according to an official announcement. Of this number the British captured 21,844. Unofficial reports, probably compiled since the official date was sent from the front, give the number of prisoners in allied hands since August 8 as 34,000, and say also that 670 captured guns thus far have been counted.

It is again asserted that the whole of the Lassigny massif is in the hands of the French. Paris does not yet officially claim this, but there is no doubt that the French have captured all the high ground of the massif. The French officially report advances between the Matz and the Oise and the capture of positions beyond Ribecourt, on the road to Novon.

The total allied casualties in the great offensive do not equal the number of German prisoners, thanks mainly to the effective use of the tanks, and particularly the fast whippet tanks. The enemy has already used 35 divisions on this left along the whole Western front, according to reliable correspondents. General von Boehm, who is noted for "successful retreats," is now in charge of the German armies facing the allies in the new offensive line.

With the Canadian Army in the Field, Aug. 15.—Except for the continual boom of the artillery and night bombing from the air, the Canadian front has been quiet for the past 24 hours. The Boche got more than he bargained for when he made his recent counter-attack against the top of our sector. No form of fighting is so expensive as an unsuccessful counter-attack. He put over three of these and his losses are correspondingly great. Besides the four enemy divisions we put out of action on the opening day, some eight more divisions have been identified as having been thrown into the line against us without avail. The Canadian force, one of the brightest swords in the armor of the allies, is ready for anything and everything. It is at full strength with troops well rested whose sole desire is to be let loose again on the Boche. After nearly four years of hard fighting this eager spirit is rare and remarkable. The scarred veterans of St. Julien are just as keen as young soldiers.

Starting from the point farthest back, the extreme top of the advance the enemy had made on Amiens, the Canadian force advanced at Haller to the most easterly point now held by the allies, a total depth of 20,000 yards. Many wonderful stories remain to be told about the work of brigades and units on that famous Thursday of last week. None more firing to the imagination than that of the Canadian motor-machine gun troops and cyclists acting along the Roye road, who did much to demoralize the enemy's resistance. The command included a number of armored cars. They received general assistance from the cavalry which entered our front line on the north and passed through diagonally to the south-east. Part of this force had fought over the same ground last March and April, when the Canadian motor-machine guns and cyclists were thrown in to help stem the German tide. The record of their deeds in those desperate weeks, when every inch of ground had to be contested at all costs, is known to the world. In a few hours last Thursday they overran the line of their heroic retreat and passed far beyond.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

Gone to Work.

The village poor hall looks as bare as banquet hall deserted; the loafers used to gather there, unwashed and flannel-shirted. But Crowder's order "work or fight" broke up their long vacation, and now the pool hall is a sight, a scene of desolation. The railings of the courthouse square are shorn of all the slouches who used to drape their persons there, and air their woes and grouches. They hung there in the long ago content with their condition; to sit and let their whiskers grow was all of their ambition. For living they had no excuse, their faces showed dejection; they merely threw tobacco juice in every blamed direction. But now they're working by the day, they're plowing and they're hoeing; they're rearing up two bales of hay where only one was growing. Daily cultivate the fertile soil I see them faring; their bones are creaking as they toil, and they are hoarsely swearing. The dungeons of the village jail are empty now and dreary, no Richard Roes within them wail, no Willies who are weary. The skates who used to beat their wives and steal their neighbor's chickens are driven now to useful lives; they're sweating like the dickens. The war is shaking things around, from old time ruts it's tossed us, and when it's done it may be found it's worth whate'er it cost us.

Because he entered Canada at Sarnia after being turned back once by immigration officers, August Christen was fined a total of $125 and will be deported. His home is in Freeport, Ill.

PUTTING THE HUN PRISONERS TO SOME USEFUL WORK.

The German prisoners who were taken by the Allied Armies in their recent offensives are being put to repair the damage they have done. In this photo a number of German prisoners are seen carrying British wounded on Board a Ship.

GERMANY, TOO, HAS HER PROFITEERS

Munition Workers Draw High Salaries And Spend Recklessly

NATION DISSOLUTE

Amsterdam, Aug. 16.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The moral deterioration of the German nation in consequence of war-time trials is greatly troubling clear-minded observers of the Fatherland. The Lutheran Synod of Berlin the other day called a special meeting to discuss how to deal with the dissolute ways of the thousands of young munition workers, male and female, who habitually squander their high wages in riotous living and immorality. It was agreed that most of the youth of the country seemed to be entirely beyond control.

Much has already been written about the unsafety of the public streets, and the general callous indifference to the sufferings of others. This seems to apply to the whole of Germany.

"Every man's hand seems to be against his neighbor," the Cologne Gazette despairingly exclaims, and it devotes a whole article to the intense if latent anger of the populace at the extortions to which it is subjected by the unscrupulous methods of tradesmen, who in their turn are made the victims of deficient government control and the usurious practices of producers.

Popular discontent is fanned by announcements of extravagant profits such as those made by a mart firm which supplies the army. It operated with a capital of a million marks, and in one year netted a profit of 722,638 marks.

Sarcastic comment abounds in respect of the newly rich who flaunt their recently acquired wealth in the faces of their less favored fellow citizens. The vulgarian who at a restaurant calls for "threetimes a portion of whatever is most expensive" is a standing type.

Another feature is the phenomenal demand for real estate by war profiteers whose aim is to become "lord of a manor." The German Tages Zeitung the other day contained no fewer than 25 advertisements for country estates wanted at once, from 1,000 to 2,500 acres, price no object although land has risen to double, and sometimes treble the value of pre-war times.

All these things serve to embitter the helpless poorer classes to a degree the danger of which has not escaped the attention of the powers that be, as witness recent arrangements made at Munster, Westphalia, where the service of the clergy has been enlisted by the officials war food department to keeping down the growing popular discontent over the food difficulties.

Even the Rhenish Westphalian Gazette, which gives publicity to this interesting piece of news, expresses the fear that the last few months preceding the harvest will be an exceedingly trying time, and for this reason the war food department wishes to remain in constant touch with the minor clergy, so as to have the benefit of their observations among the people.

With reference to this, the Socialistic Vorwaerts prophetically exclaims: "After the war there will be only two camps—war profiteers and out-and-out socialists."

SEPTEMBER IN ALGONQUIN PARK.

September in Algonquin Park, Ontario, is one of the most delightful months of the year. A beneficial holiday can be enjoyed with all the comforts of home at "The Highland Inn," situated in the midst of a charming wilderness on Cache Lake. It is also a good month for the camper and canoeist. Splendid fishing is found in the innumerable lakes (over 1500) that nestle in the forests of pine and balsam. Don't leave it until the last minute to make your reservation at the Inn and write to Miss Jean Lindsay, Manager Algonquin Park Station, Ontario for rates etc., or to any Grand Trunk Railway Agent or C.E. Horning, D.P.A., Toronto, for handsome illustrated booklet, telling you all about the district.

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Sporting Comment

THOSE INCONSISTENT GIANTS.

The Giants are now nearing the end of a campaign which for the variations of form produced by it can be compared only to the one they waged in 1916. In a majority of recent seasons McGraw's teams have been steady going, rather dependable outfits, but in 1916 and again this year figuring on the Giants from day to day has been very much of a joke. Finnegan of "off ag'in, on ag'in" fame, had nothing on them.

In 1916 the Giants got away to a wretched start, winning only two of their first fifteen games. Then they left the Polo Grounds—which they verily believed to have been jinxed—behind them and fared forth into the west, whereupon they began to win and didn't stop until they had compiled a streak of seventeen consecutive victories, culminating in a series in Boston. Local fans were jubilant, for it looked like another big year for McGraw. But they were soon plunged into despair again as the Giants fell into a fit of mediocrity from which it took their leader a long time to rouse them. It became necessary for him to break up the team with which he had started the season, so that when September was reached he had an almost entirely new infield and had added a pitcher and a catcher to his staff.

Strengthened by the addition of Zimmerman, Herzog, Holke, Sallee and McCarty and by the sudden development of Schupp into a star of the first magnitude, the Giants thundered down the stretch, winning 26 games in a row before they were halted by the Braves in a game on the Polo Grounds. Their sensational spurt had come too late, however, and the Robins wobbled over the finish line in advance of the field and earned the championship of the league.

Reverse True This Year.

This year the reverse has been true. The Giants opened the season to the accompaniment of loud hurrahs and proceeded to slug their way through their eastern rivals with the loss of only one game in the first nineteen played. The team was as yet unmarred by the ravages of war, and performed in a style which led even rival managers to brand them as the greatest combination they had ever seen. Then came the first western trip, and with it the first hint of the fate which lay in store for them. They had a disastrous road trip, and came home with only a slender lead in the race, and they surrendered this to the Cubs soon after their return to the Polo Grounds. Several times since then they have pulled up to within a few games of the Chicago team, but just as their followers have roused themselves from a state of apathy and prepared to resume their cheering McGraw's men have tumbled and slipped back into the rut.

Even after their setback in the recent series with the Cubs the Giants had an excellent chance to narrow the gap that separates them from Mitchell's men, as the Cubs found the going a bit rough in Brooklyn. However, the local team was easy prey for the Braves, and lost additional ground. The fans were about to quit in disgust a few days ago—many of them, in fact, have done so—but the two victories scored by the Giants against the Braves on Saturday have infused into the more faithful bugs a new hope that their team will in some manner win out.

Fletcher in Every Game.

Arthur Fletcher is now the only member of the team who has taken part in every game played by the Giants this year. Benny Kauff and Walter Holke played in every game up to the dates of their departure from the team, while George Burns and Zimmerman did not miss a game until last week, when Burns was called home by the tragic death of his little brother, and Zim was forced to lay off because of illness.

Fletcher has stuck to his post day in and day out in spite of frequent and painful injuries, for it takes more than a split finger or a twisted ankle to keep the aggressive Giant captain out of a ball game. Early in the season he sustained an injury to the index finger of his right hand, and the cartilage in that digit has spread so that it is now impossible for him to close the hand, while frequent knocks received on the injured member cause him intense pain.

"The gamest son of a gun in baseball," John Lobert recently pronounced him, and there is none who will challenge the wisdom of the famous veteran in so characterizing the Collinsville cutup.

EIGHTY DIVISIONS U. S. WAR PROGRAM

America Has Plans to Put Enough Men on West Front to Win War

By Courier Leased Wire

Washington, Aug. 16.—In reporting the Administration Man Power Bill, extending draft ages, yesterday Chairman Chamberlain disclosed to the Senate that General March, chief of staff, had told the military committee, it was up to the United States to put enough men in France to win the war on the west front. The report revealed that the new American war program calls for 80 divisions, or something over three million men, in France by June 30 next year, with 18 more divisions in training at home then.

All the men called for active service under the proposed new draft ages, 18 to 45, General March told the committee would be in France by next June according to the program.

Secretary of War Baker informed the committee, the report said, that the President's policy called for concentration of American troops on the western front, including Italy, and that "the theory of the fighting in the future is that we must force the issue and win on the western front."

Immediate extension of the draft ages was declared by the army representatives to be imperative in order that the United States may throw its full strength into the struggle.

In his report, Chairman Chamberlain quoted extensively from testimony before the committee by Secretary Baker, General March and Provost Marshal General Crowder.

"The United States Government," General March is quoted as saying, "has been asked by her Allies to embark upon a program so large that it was necessary very carefully to ascertain whether we could go through with it or not, and one of the features of this enlarged program was providing men:

"The policy of the war department is to put the maximum number of men in France with the idea of shortening the war. After a prolonged study of the available man power of the United States, the provost marshal general showed that it was necessary to drop to 18 years of age and go to 45 in order to get the men to carry it through. All the men obtained under the proposed change in the draft law—approximately 2,300,000—we expect to have in France by June 30, 1919."

General March told the committee that he was unqualifiedly in favor of having the army composed of as many young men as possible. Young men between 18 and 20, he said not only do not have many encumbrances, but they are better fit physically.

"The purpose of America," said General March, "is to furnish enough man power to whip the Germans from now on. The only way that Germany can be whipped is by America going into this thing with her whole strength. If we drag along with this thing and put small force over there, we will be playing Germany's game. It is my belief that with an American army of 4,000,000 men in France under one commander-in-chief, we can go through the German line whenever we please."

Secretary Baker said he asked the surgeon general for a formal opinion as to what changes he would recommend, to which the surgeon general suggested the ages 18 to 45.

"The bill, as it is written, meets with my approval," declared Secretary Baker.

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Baltimore Md.—The 17th, semi-annual convention of International Association of Clothing Designers convened here to-day. One of the most important matters to be discussed will be the plans to help win the war by conserving material and labor. Not only are the prices of woolen materials very high, but in some cases it is almost impossible to obtain some fabrics. It is estimated that over 50 per cent of the looms of this country are now being operated for government needs.

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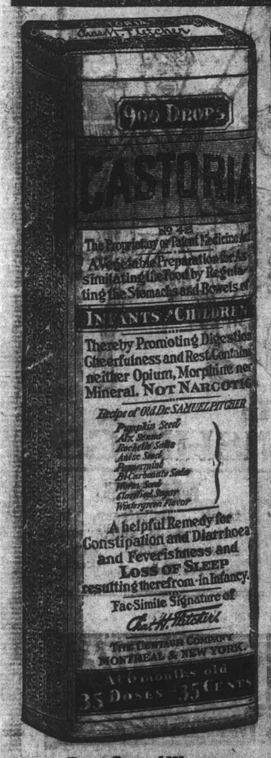

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