

# GENERAL FOCH'S RESERVES COME INTO ACTION

## ALLIED FLANKS ARE STANDING FIRM AND GERMANS SLOW UP

German Flood Will Soon Be Dammed Is Belief in Paris as Foch's Reserves Are Beginning To Do Some Effective Work—Germans Are Now Eighteen Miles South of Chemin Des Dames.

General Foch's reserves have begun to come into action in the fight against the power of the German thrust southward from the Aisne and the enemy is finding his progress increasingly difficult in consequence. Again the Allied flanks are standing firm, and while Soissons has been lost on the west, Rheims was still holding out on the easterly edge of the battle front at noon. Yesterday the blunt edge of the wedge is shown to run here from Pere En Terdenois about ten and a half miles directly east of Vezilly, 15 1-2 miles southwest of Rheims.

Along this line the Germans are about 18 miles south of the Chemin Des Dames, giving them a penetration of approximately that distance at the beginning of the fifth day of their offensive.

French Tenacious.

The steadiness of the Allied flanks under the heavy German pressure is one of the outstanding indications in the Paris official report. The Germans, for instance, made attempts after attempt to debauch from Soissons after gaining that town, but the determined French in the outskirts prevented the enemy from achieving this object.

To the southwest the French reserves are coming into play and here the Allies are resisting the enemy in engagements of extreme violence along the road from Soissons to Hartennes-Et-Taux, seven and a half miles southeast of Soissons.

Fere-En-Terdenois, 8 1-2 miles southwest of Hartennes-Et-Taux, apparently marks the limit of the German advance toward the southwest, with Vezilly, 10 1-2 miles eastward, representing the extreme southeasterly progress of the enemy.

The Present Line.

From Vezilly, the front tends sharply northeastward. Brouillet is the next point mentioned in the official communiqué, and it lies 3 1-2 miles north of Vezilly and only slightly to the east of a north and south line running through the latter town.

Brouillet is 13 miles southeast of Rheims, and along the ten mile front to Thillois, three miles east of Rheims, and thence trending north-eastward above the Cathedral city, the Franco-British defensive line is reported to have broken all the German assaults, and to have maintained the front intact.

On the Flanders front the Germans made a local attack on the British position northwest of Ypres, in the Ginchy sector, which met with a complete repulse. The British improved their line by an advance of nearly 200 yards in the Morris sector to the northwest.

Still further attacks have been made against the Americans established in the village of Coteau west of Montdidier, which they recently captured. The assaults have been almost continuous, news despatches report, but each has been broken up by the American resistance.

Will Soon End.

Paris, May 30.—The German flood will soon be dammed, says a semi-official note issued today summarizing the situation between Rheims and Soissons. The note says:

"The Germans again progressed yesterday, but while, on one hand, they failed to pierce our line, on the other it is comforting to observe that their march was slackened considerably by the arrival of our reserves. As these come into play the balance will gradually be restored, and soon the German flood will be dammed."

"The French command retains undiminished confidence based as it is, on the power of our resources and the incomparable valor of our soldiers."

Paris, May 29.—(By the Havas Agency)—All critics assert that the German drive is not yet completely stopped, but nowhere were our lines broken. All parts of the front remain solid and the Germans have obtained nothing to compare with what took place in the first days of the March offensive.

## ONE DEAD AND TWO SERIOUSLY BURNED IN Y. M. C. A. FIRE

Building at Island Pond, Grand Trunk Centre, Burned—Several Victims at Sherbrooke Hospital.

Sherbrooke, Que., May 30.—The Y. M. C. A. at Island Pond, Vt., was destroyed by fire this morning. One life is supposed to have been lost and two men so critically burned that their recovery is doubtful. The supposed victim is believed to have arrived at the building late last night, and his name is unknown. Search is now being made of the ruins. The building was a two-story structure.

Harold Davis, Norton Mills, arm and leg fractured, badly burned about the body, condition critical. John Allan Coatsworth, customs officer, burned about the hands and face. Thomas Paice, Montreal, hands and face burned.

Fred Deslauriers, Windsor Mills, badly burned on arms and hands. Fifteen men were in the building at the time.

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## HARTLAND

Hartland, May 28.—The campaign waged in response to the call of the Y. M. C. A. for funds for war work met with splendid success in the County of Carleton, and especially in the Parish of Brighton. The sum of \$500 was asked of this parish and over \$1200 was subscribed. The committee who had the work in hand of soliciting the money, did their work very systematically and thoroughly. The parish was divided into seven districts and a good collector appointed for each with the result as given above. Subscriptions are still coming in so that the figures are not yet complete, but the total amount subscribed by Carleton County to this most worthy enterprise will probably be in the vicinity of \$10,000.

Dean Hammond, student at the University of Maine, Orono, is home for the holidays.

Pte. Harry Boyd of the 65th Batt., Woodstock, motored up on Saturday and was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. A. L. Baird.

Mrs. Harry Carvell of Lakeville, recently spent several days, including the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCallum.

Misses Sarah McMillan and Gene Gray of the nursing staff of the General Public Hospital at St. John, returned on Monday to their duties after a visit to their respective homes here.

Miss Ena Macdonald of Perth, is spending the holiday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Campbell.

F. A. Dixon of Sackville, Assistant Inspector of Elementary Agriculture, in the schools, was a recent visitor in Hartland.

Miss Helen Plummer returned on Tuesday from Sackville, where she has just been graduated from the University of Mount Allison, with the degree of B. A. Miss Plummer has had a brilliant career at college, having carried off many prizes during her four years' course. In this her senior year, she led her class and was elected valedictorian. She was also president of the senior class. Miss Plummer will write the examination for German School license, since it is her intention to take up the profession of teaching, after which she will proceed to Truro to take the Physical Training Course required of all teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sipprell, accompanied by their two young sons, Zeke and Wendell, left on Wednesday evening for Hanna, Alberta, where they will remain indefinitely. The Misses Sipprell will remain here during the summer. Their house and contents in part, has been rented to Smith Grant, who has come to the town to work in the garage of Hatfield & Hagerman.

Before their departure Mr. and Mrs. Sipprell were presented by the Baracca and Philathia classes of the United Baptist church, of which they were members, with a serviceable travelling bag.

Miss A. Laura Howard is spending the holiday and week-end at Fort Fairfield, where she has a brother located.

Miss Jennie Paget is spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Paget at Windsor.

Mrs. F. M. Boyd of Woodstock, was a visitor to Hartland this week.

Mrs. H. J. Alton and children, returned on Tuesday from a visit to Boston.

The sudden death of Mrs. Thos. J. Boyer, wife of the late proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, Woodstock, occurred at her home in that town on Thursday of last week. The funeral was held on Sunday and the remains were brought to Hartland for interment beside those of her husband and several children. Mrs. Boyer lived here with her husband, who was then proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, for many years. She was an estimable woman, liked and respected by all, and many of the older citizens will hear of her death with keen regret.

Mrs. Alfred Thornton, who was called to Woodstock last week by the serious illness in the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Jones, has returned home again. Mrs. Jones' husband is somewhat improved, but the little child who was ill with pneumonia, succumbed to the attack.

## THREE MEN DROWNED

Quebec, May 30.—Particulars on the drowning of three men in the Abitibi region, as reported yesterday by the Canadian Press, indicate that the men are all from Quebec province. They were employed by George Cote, land surveyor of Quebec city, and they drowned Tuesday morning, through the capsizing of their canoe on Lake Megascopic. The dead are: Albert Desrochers, student in land surveying, Quebec; Edmund Savole, from Bonaventure county; Pierre Tardif, of Matane county. One body has been recovered so far.

## DUEL TO THE DEATH, DECLARES BIDOU OF THE PARIS JOURNAL

French Critic Estimates Germans Have Lost More Than Half a Million Men Since Spring Campaign Began—They Have Used More Than 3,120,000 Men in France and Flanders.

By Henri Bidou, Critic of the Paris advance too far in a point, advanced obliquely through the Ardre Valley in order to break one of those two bases. But after the broad advance of the 27th the enemy is held at every step. He must dispute every passageway, lose it, take it again, as happened at Flannes.

The zone of advance is getting narrower. Time is passing. The reserves are coming. Everything inspires confidence. The Real Facts.

Let us take a mere general point of view which, under the present circumstances, is the only wise one to take. The enemy made a violent effort in Picardy and this effort was checked. Losing hope of realizing it in full on that front, where he threw 111 divisions he attempted in Flanders a fresh effort which cost him about 50 divisions. If he stopped it there also, it may well be thought that he was unable to exploit it. But these two half successes, indeed as failures, cost him more than 160 divisions out of 190 which he may put in line, and if we count as two the divisions which come twice into the fight, and as three those which came three times on the line we see that since the twenty first of March the enemy spent more than 280 divisions, (3,120,000 men).

Appalling figures. As it is difficult to suppose that any one division is withdrawn under a loss of 2,000 men we come to a loss of 500,000 Germans, which minimum figure is probably of passengers injured when the engine jumped the track and fell over on sequel to this expenditure. Not only embankment two miles west of Bu has the enemy engaged the 1919 class cannon late yesterday.

But he is calling all the recruits born in the first half of 1900, some of whom are barely 17 years old. Such are the real conditions of this desperate fight. It is a duel to the death and every hour which does not bring a decision to Germany brings her defeat nearer.

## PARIS BOMBARDED

Paris, May 30.—Although the British government has promised not to carry out air raids today—the feat of Corpus Christi—on German cities which are not in the vicinity of the front, the German long range gun resumed the bombardment of Paris this morning. The firing began at an earlier hour than is usual.

## THREE ARE KILLED.

Benton Harbor, Mich., May 30.—Three members of the crew of a combination freight and passenger train on the Buchanan branch of the Pere Marquette Railway were killed, and a score of passengers injured when the engine jumped the track and fell over on sequel to this expenditure. Not only embankment two miles west of Bu has the enemy engaged the 1919 class cannon late yesterday.

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## Staffs Heavily Reduced by War

MORE than half the men in the banks of Canada are now on military service, and the number which remains is being steadily reduced.

Women clerks have been employed in thousands and have done splendidly, but they have not the experience of the men they replace. It would be out of the question to expect them to work as rapidly or with the same knowledge of banking as officers of many years training in the profession.

The drain upon the number of experienced officers has now reached a point where it is necessary to ask the public to take into consideration this decrease in efficiency, and to lighten, as far as they can, the burden thus thrown upon those left to run the business. Canada was never so busy as now and the volume of banking business is greater than ever before.

## How the Public Can Help

Transact your banking business in the morning as far as possible, and as early as possible. Try to avoid a rush at closing time.

Do not draw any more cheques than are absolutely necessary. Instead of paying small accounts by cheque, draw the money in one amount and pay in cash.

## Change in Banking Hours June 1st.

On and after June 1st banking hours will be: 9.30 to 2.30; Saturdays 9.30 to 12.00.

This arrangement will give the staff more time to complete the large amount of work which cannot be taken up until after the office is closed to the public.

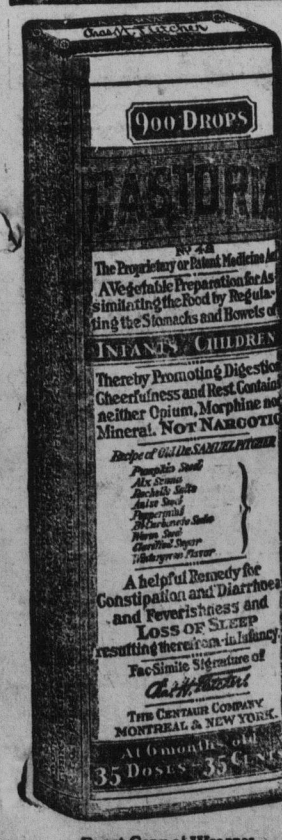
## Special Services Discontinued July 1st.

Certain services must of necessity be discontinued, for a time at least.

On July 1st banks will discontinue receiving payments for tax bills and the bills of gas, electric and other public service corporations.

The banks desire to render all essential services including many special ones arising out of the war. In order to do this they make this appeal for co-operation in the manner suggested above

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