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## BRITISH GAIN FURTHER GROUND AT APEX OF LYS SALIENT Advance Lines Eastward, North of Amiens-Roye Road Progress Made in Picardy, North of the Ancre

### GERMANS ARE NOW PREPARING TO EVACUATE ENTIRE ROYE- LASSIGNY-NOYON-SALIENT

Pioneers are at Work on New Hindenburg Line Behind Present Teuton Positions— Enemy Situation in Roye is Serious— Fresh Progress Recorded by British and French

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Havas Agency.—The Germans are preparing to evacuate the Soye-Lassigny-Noyon salient, says The Echo de Paris. It is indicated the paper adds, that German pioneers and laborers are at work behind the German front lines on a new Hindenburg line.

The German position in Roye is serious. Not only are the Allies a mile and one quarter west of the town, but the roads leading out of it toward Peronne, Nesle and Noyon are under the fire of Allied guns.

#### BRITISH GAIN GROUND.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Bulletin.—British troops have gained further ground in the neighborhood of Vieux Berquin at the apex of the Lys salient, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig.

In Picardy—British troops have made additional progress, says Field Marshal Haig in his official statement today. The British lines have been pushed eastward north of the Amiens-Roye road, and north of the Ancre.

#### PROGRESS BY FRENCH.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Bulletin.—In the region south of Roye, French troops have made further progress in the Loges Wood, and have reached the outskirts of the wood on the east, says the official statement from the war office today. There was heavy artillery fighting west of Roye during the night.

Northwest of Ribecourt the French have repulsed two strong German attacks. The enemy efforts were directed against the Monolithe and Carony Farms. A German raid northwest of Rheims failed.

The French statement says: In the region west of Roye there was heavy artillery activity during the night. South of the Avre French troops continued to make progress in the Bois des Loges and reached the eastern outskirts of the wood. Between the Matz and the Oise we repulsed two heavy enemy attacks against Monolithe and Carony Farms and maintained our positions. Northwest of Rheims an enemy raid near La Neuville was without results.

#### HE DID BETTER

With the French Army in France, Thursday, Aug. 15.—By the Associated Press.—The commander of the French Third Army, General Humbert, on receiving the correspondents just after the German rush toward Compigne had been stopped in June, said: "We hope to do better."

General Humbert talked to the correspondents today, after the capture of Ribecourt. He modestly refrained from reference to his previously expressed hopes, saying simply that he had got back onto the Lassigny Mas-

sif, and would stay there until he went farther on. He described graphically the work of his men.

The operations of the Third army, which resulted in the wiping out of the Montdidier salient, was subordinate to the attack of Field Marshal Haig's forces north and south of the Somme. It was impossible for the Third army to attack until the operations elsewhere had produced results as there were serious terrain difficulties facing it.

As soon as the Germans began to give way before the combined French and British forces, the Third army began to advance on August 10.

### CANADIANS AND THE TANKS

By Courier Leased Wire. With the Canadian Forces, Aug. 16.—(By J. F. B. Livesey, Canadian Press correspondent)—All ranks of the Canadian forces freely admit the great part played in the victory by the Imperial tanks operating under the command of the Canadian forces. The tanks are an Imperial force exactly as the Royal Flying Corps and in both are many Canadian men enlisted. In this battle the tanks went ahead of our infantry, clearing the way, peeling out roads through entanglements, overwhelming the enemy trench system, breaking up machine gun nests and even coming to grips with concealed enemy batteries. Here, too, are the numbers of

war that alone make it endurable. One tank was standing on Thursday at the limit of its objective. "Why the devil don't you go on. You are badly needed ahead," cried an excited staff officer as he galloped up.

"No petrol and no paper, sir," was the reply. "What on earth do you need paper for?" queried the officer. "We have run right through our map and want a new one for the most part," was the explanation given.

The tanks are commanded by Imperial officers. Each ran his own show, and a gallant and resourceful lot they are. Most of them fought with us at Vimy and they are our tried comrades. "We will go anywhere with the Canadians. Such a show as you put on has never been seen in this war," said one of them.

have taken place sixteen enemy machines and one captive balloon were destroyed, and 15 machines driven down out of control. Three of our machines failed to return.

In home waters during the same period, continuous anti-submarine and anti-hostile craft patrols have been maintained by seaplanes, airplanes and airships. Submarines have been sighted and attacked and mines located and destroyed. All our machines have returned.

#### STEAMER TORPEDOED.

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Aug. 17.—The Associated Press carries the following despatch: Beaufort, N.C.—The British tank steamship Mirlo was torpedoed by a German submarine off Cape Hatteras last night and, according to reports reaching here, nine members of her crew were drowned. All the other members of the crew were saved by coast guards and brought to shore. They say the torpedo struck the vessel amidships and that soon afterwards the cargo of gasoline exploded, setting fire to the ship and compelling them to jump for their lives. The surface of the sea for five miles around was covered with burning gasoline. It is presumed that the Mirlo sank, although reports received here did not say so definitely.

#### NAVAL OPERATIONS

London, Aug. 17.—Air Admiralty official report giving details of recent operations says: "On the 11th as previously reported, a German airship was sighted in the North Sea, and attacked by one of our machines. After a short engagement, the enemy airship fell in flames from a great height. Enemy shipping also has been attacked successfully, and a direct hit was observed on a hostile destroyer, after which other vessels closed around the damaged ship. On the return journey when about eight miles from the scene, a big explosion was seen to occur. During the engagements that



BAKU, WHERE BRITISH FORCES HAVE ARRIVED.

### MOST FORMIDABLE AIR FIGHTING OF THE WAR

Was That Which Took Place on West Front During the Past Week—Large Number of Machines Engaged on Both Sides

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Aug. 17.—Measured by the number of machines engaged, the intensity of the fighting, and the magnitude of the losses inflicted on the enemy, the fighting in the air during the past week was the most formidable of the war.

Some of the most severe conflicts occurred on August 8th, in the sector between Albert and the Amiens-Roye road where the German air forces were increased considerably shortly after the opening of the Allied offensive. The air fighting resulted in the destruction of 48 enemy machines, while 17 others were driven down out of control. Fifty British machines did not return.

During the six succeeding days, 185 enemy airplanes were destroyed and 89 driven down out of control, making a total of 339 German machines for the week, compared to 123 British airplanes missing.

In the same period British bombing squadrons continually attacked enemy airbases, railways and other military objectives, dropping more than 320 tons of bombs and causing great damage. Low flying scout machines raked the enemy's congested roads of retreat with machine gun fire, inflicting many casualties.

A notable feature of the aerial operations was the virtually continuous night and day bombing of the enemy bridges over the Somme. This greatly hampered the supply and reinforcement of the German troops. The week's work also included a number of destructive raids into Germany.

The above letter, received by The Courier this morning, bears striking testimony to the popularity won by this paper's recent serial story, "Margaret Garrett's Husband," so far as The Courier can ascertain it has never been published in book form. The writer of the above letter will be pleased to learn that another story by the same author begins in to-day's issue. The original of the above letter is on file in The Courier office.

### FRENCH, BRITISH AND CANADIAN TROOPS PRESSING HARD ON ROYE

Central Portion of German Defense Line From Peronne to Noyon is Now Severely Menaced—Its Fall Only a Matter of Hours, and German Retreat Must Inevitably Follow.

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Aug. 17.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following: Roye, the central bastion of the German defense line from Peronne to Noyon, which has withstood Allied thrusts for nearly a week, is menaced severely by advancing French, British and Canadian troops and its fall would appear to be a probability of the next few hours.

With the towns in Allied hands the southern end of the German line at least, undoubtedly would have to retro, although the northern end through Chantilly to Peronne would be affected. The Allies are now but a scant one and one-quarter miles west of the town, while they are pressing eastward in the north and in the south.

Along a front of nearly nine miles north and south of the Avre, which flows through Roye, the Allies have pushed back the enemy in stubborn fighting. The most notable advance was made on a front of three miles in the centre by French and Canadian troops

who now are fighting in a line through Goyencourt, St. Marles-Trois and Lantouart. St. Marles is west of Roye and there are no villages in the intervening mile and a quarter.

French troops on the south have forced their way almost through the Loges wood, which borders the Roye-Lassigny road on the west. The wood is five miles directly south of Roye.

Artillery activity continues on the remaining sectors of the main battle front between the Ancre and the Oise. The British on the northern end and the French on the southern maintain their newly gained positions and the enemy has shown no disposition to attack.

Berlin reports officially that Allied attacks on both sides of the Avre on Friday failed. The German War Office has nothing further to say of the withdrawal in the Lys salient and along the Ancre. Admission of the loss of Attiche Farm, southwest of Noyon, to the French is made, but it is said that six French attacks against Lassigny on Thursday were repulsed.

### KRONSTADT SEIZED BY ENEMY, FINLAND HEARS

Rumors in Circulation to Effect That Russ Naval Port Has Been Occupied by Germans—Situation in Russia is Growing Daily More Critical

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Reports are in circulation in Finland that the Germans have seized the Russian naval port of Kronstadt, according to a Stockholm dispatch to La Matin.

Kronstadt is 20 miles west of Petrograd at the eastern extremity of the Gulf of Finland. It was the principal fortress of Russia. Reports received through Germany early in the week were to the effect that Premier Lenine and War Minister Trotsky had fled to Kronstadt from Moscow. It was added that other departments of the Soviet government also would go there.

#### SOCIALISTS ARRESTED

Copenhagen, Aug. 17.—Forty of the most prominent representatives of the Russian Socialist Party have been arrested by the Bolshevik, says a telegram to The Social Democrat from Socialists in Russia. It is said it is feared the men will be sentenced to death because they had planned to summon a conference of all Russian workers.

#### King of Poland.

The Hague, Aug. 17.—Germany has approved the suggestion made by Austria that an Austrian architect be made King of Poland, the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says it understands. Archduke Karl Stephen, it says, probably will be named.

#### Transfer Departments.

Stockholm, Aug. 17.—The Finnish news bureau at Helsinki says it has received a report from Petrograd that measures have been taken for the speedy transference of the State Bank and other state departments from Moscow. Private freight and passenger traffic on the railways has been suspended.

Vladivostok, Aug. 13.—The situation in Western Siberia leaves no room for optimism in the opinion of the vice president of the Russian section of the Czech-Slovak national council. In a statement made recently, he said that Bolshevik mobilization of Austro-German prisoners of war had added 160,000 men to the enemy force. He said it would be impossible to reach Hsinchuan under the most favorable circumstances in less than a month, and that perhaps two months would be necessary.

In the hilly, waterless and sandy country beyond Irkutsk the movement of troops would be easier, but the position of the Czech-Slovaks may become precarious if assistance is not speedily forthcoming. Their numbers are diminishing, owing to sickness and impossibility of renewing supplies.

#### HUNS PERTURBED

London, Aug. 16.—Anti-Entente circles in Petrograd were surprised and dismayed when the German embassy and mission, which had gone to Petrograd from Moscow, suddenly left the former Russian capital, according to a Stockholm dispatch to The Times, quoting the Petrograd Gazette, the only anti-Bolshevik newspaper allowed to appear in Petrograd. Although The Gazette is opposing the Bolshevik regime, it is violently pro-German and anti-British.

It is said that the arrival of the German embassy at Petrograd gave reason for the belief that it would remain permanently there. The mission numbered 700, and brought its archives and stores to Petrograd by automobile.

The Gazette prints a dispatch from Kiev stating that Germans are making wholesale arrests of workmen, especially railway employees, and is sending them to concentration camps at Brest-Litovsk and Biala.

#### CHILD KILLED BY CAR.

By Courier Leased Wire. Montreal, Aug. 17.—Six cases of auto accidents occurred in Montreal yesterday with one fatality when Fire Chief Riley on his way to a fire ran over Lucienne Tetreault, aged 12, who was crossing the road with her mother. The accident occurred at the corner of Notre Dame and Desourbilles streets, St. Henri, and though the chief sounded his siren, the child was not able to avoid the car in time. She sustained a fractured skull and died within a few minutes.

## Days

### FOR SALE

Cottages on Brant Ave. Combed Cottage with bath, electric lights, on Albion St. Storey red brick on corner, with all conveniences. Storey white brick on corner, with bath and electric, good location. Price, \$10,000. Fine Cottage on Sheridan.

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For Standard Time  
For Guelph, Balmerston and Dundas, Hamilton, Niagara Falls  
For Toronto and Montreal  
For Toronto Only  
Hamilton Toronto and Intermediates  
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### MAIN LINE WEST

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WEATHER BULLETIN  
Toronto, Aug. 17  
Showers are occurring locally in the west, otherwise the weather in Canada is fine.  
Forecasts  
Light to moderate north east to east winds, fair to-day and on Sunday with the same temperature

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