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## Further Gains Made by the Allied Troops in Picardy

### Huns Are Abandoning Trenches West of Bailly and French Troops Are Occupying Them --- Addition Ground Gained --- Enemy Destroying Villages

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The French launched an attack this morning on the southern part of Picardy battle front, and according to reports, shortly after noon were making progress in the valley of the Oise. The Germans are evacuating their trenches in the bend of the river west of Bailly and the French are promptly occupying them. To the northwest the French are almost entirely on the crest of the Lassigny Massif, where heavy fighting is in progress. Only at one corner of the Massif do the Germans appear for the moment to be in possession. This corner is one of the highest humps on the hill, rising a few feet above the positions now in possession of the French.

The French are attacking the front strongly, and there seems every prospect of the action ending in their favor. When the French get their guns to the top here, the enemy's communication roads will come under observed fire.

#### GERMANS IN THEIR HASTY RETREAT ARE REPORTED TO BE DESTROYING VILLAGES

The village of Leconvillon has been captured by the French and further ground has been gained by them north of the St. Claude farm. Leconvillon is about three and a half miles south east of Lassigny, and the village on the crest of the ridge overlooking the Oise.

The enemy is reported to be destroying villages in his rear. The ruins of Peronne are reported to be burning. Fires have been observed by Allied airmen at various points.

British troops have gained additional ground north of Roye and on the north bank of the Somme, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today.

#### HUNS AT CHAULNES ARE MAKING A DESPERATE EFFORT TO KEEP BACK THE ALLIED TROOPS

German troops are evacuating trenches in the river bed of the Oise, just west of Bailly. The line has been forced by French pressure in the valley of the Oise.

The British are finding their hardest fighting in the district close around Chaulnes, where the Germans are making a desperate effort to keep the Allies back in order to retain the use of the important lakes and highways out of Chaulnes. Allied artillery and aircraft are doing their utmost to make the use of these communications unpleasant for the Germans.

The Germans last night attacked the British positions in the Merris sector, Flanders, and were repulsed.

#### ALLIED FORCES HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF CONVERGING ROADS IN AND OUT OF NOYON

PARIS, Aug. 13.—The Allied forces in Picardy made a heavy attack along the entire front from Chaulnes southward. Our artillery now has full control of the converging roads in and out of Noyon, near the southern end of the line, notably that running toward Ham, to the north. The difficulty of the enemy in carrying out a retrograde movement is thus markedly increased. The French are working around Roye to the west and south of this important point almost in the centre of the Picardy battle front, and now hold high ground in this region.

### SHIP SUNK OFF FIRE ISLAND

Bulletin An Atlantic Port, Aug. 13.—The Dutch steamship Sommerland, one of the Dutch vessels taken over by the United States government was sunk by a German submarine off Fire Island yesterday. The crew of thirty-one men was brought here today by a naval patrol boat.

### BIG CAPTURE BY THE ALLIES

Paris, Aug. 13.—Since the beginning of the Allied counter offensive on July 18, the allies have taken more than 70,000 prisoners and more than a thousand guns, the Echo De Paris states today. In addition, it estimates more than ten thousand machine guns have been captured from the enemy.

#### NOT ACCEPT McADOO AWARD.

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—Railway shopmen throughout Canada are not in favor of accepting the McAdoo award and demand that a general strike be called off all railway mechanics immediately, according to union officials.

Mr. John N. Flood of St. John is in the city.

### MANIFESTO BY LENINE

Amsterdam, Aug. 13.—A new manifesto advocating the pitiless annihilation of all counter revolutionaries has been issued by Premier Lenine, Zeitung, of Essen, Peasents retaining grain beyond their personal needs will be arraigned before revolutionary courts as enemies of the people. Capital punishment will be inflicted on illicit traders.

### TO RAISE PAL BATTALION

London, Aug. 13.—Recruiting has begun for a "pal" battalion of the woman's auxiliary army corps for service with the American expeditionary forces. Five thousand women are needed and women who are friends are invited to enlist together.

#### ALLIED CONSULS RELEASED.

London, Aug. 13.—Confirmation has been received from Stockholm by the foreign office of the release of Robert H. B. Lockhart, acting consul general at Moscow, and the Allied consuls there who had been arrested by the Bolsheviks.

Mr. W. Bowlen of Toronto is in the city.

### TONS OF BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON THE ENEMY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, Aug. 12.—The report on aviation says: "During the day of Aug. 11 our bombing squadrons carried out successful expeditions over the enemy lines. Marching columns were subjected to machine gun fire. The important centre of communication of Porquericourt received for its part 17 tons of explosives during the day."

"Enemy transports have been blown up. A total of seven tons were dropped. Twenty-two tons fell during the night on the grounds near Ham and Tergnier."

"The same day fifteen airships and four captive balloons were downed, and twenty-one machines were put out of action by our pilots, operating in collaboration with American crews."

### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS FOR CANADIANS

With the Canadian Forces in the Field, Aug. 12.—During the past two days the Canadian Corps has had the honor to receive several distinguished visitors who have congratulated them on their splendid work. Among these have been Sir Douglas and Premier Clemenceau. Sir Douglas rode along the Canadian battle front stopping to speak to officers and men at Canadian Headquarters. Sir Douglas complimented Sir Arthur Currie not only on the achievements of the corps but also on the wonderful spirit animating his men, battle weary after three days of fierce fighting, yet whose only desire was to let loose again on the Boche. The Canadian advanced line has been practically static since Saturday evening.

Yesterday the enemy having brought up fresh troops, made a strong counter-attack upon our sector but the Canadian infantry was too much for him and he retired precipitately leaving many dead upon the field.

### BIG ORDERS FOR MUNITIONS

Ottawa Aug. 12.—On what a gigantic scale the operations in Canada of the imperial munitions board is indicated in an official statement that the total value of contracts for shells, raw materials and supplies of various kinds up to May 31 last was \$1,200,000,000. No less than \$1,000,000,000 had been paid out on account of these orders by the board to the same date.

### ALLIES ATTACKING THE HUNS ON A TWENTY-FIVE-MILE FRONT

Important Gains Made at Various Points—Huns are Abandoning Their Trenches in the Bed of the Oise West of Bailly—Some Very Severe Fighting and the Lassigny Massif Height is Almost in the Grasp of the French.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

Allied forces this morning began a general attack against the German line running from Chaulnes south to the Oise river, a front of about 25 miles. Despatches filed at London shortly after noon reported important gains at various points, especially on the vital sector south of Lassigny, near the Oise. The Lassigny Massif, the steep height which is strongly defended by the Germans, is reported to be almost within the grasp of the French, an official despatch states, and there is every prospect that this natural fortress will soon be wrested from the Germans.

Further south the French have advanced to the village of L'Econvillon, just south of the eastern extremity of Thiescourt Wood, and virtually on the crest of the hills overlooking long reaches of the Oise. Just to the west of L'Econvillon the French have made new progress on the St. Claude farm.

As an immediate result of the gains made in that sector, the Germans are abandoning their trenches in the bed of the Oise just west of the village of Bailly, east of Ribecourt. It is said that the French have occupied their positions. In the region of Roye and along the railroad running northward to Chaulnes, there are, so far, no reports of progress.

If the Allies succeed in carrying the heights south of Lassigny, they will force the enemy to retire from the Roye district, as they will have the Roye-Noyon road under their fire and will dominate the whole region with their artillery. If the Germans are outflanked by the Allied movements, a retirement from that district would be probable and this would necessitate a relocation of the line running from the Oise and the Aisne at Soissons.

### HUN PIRATES HAVE TRIED A NEW STUNT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Aug. 13.—Using poison gas, a German submarine attacked the coast guard station and lighthouse on Smith Island off the North Carolina coast, Saturday night, the Navy Department announced. Six men were overcome by the gas.

The gas was released from oil spread over the surface of the water by the submarine, the navy department announcement said. Three large areas of oil, each larger than an acre, grounded near the island. The gas, which appeared similar to mustard gas used in fighting on the western front, was effective about forty minutes. None of the men overcome by the fumes died.

#### Victims Doing Well

Willington, N. C., Aug. 13.—Information from the coast guard station on Smith's Island, at the mouth of the Cape Fear river tonight, is that none of the victims of the gas shells Saturday afternoon suffered severe injury. Those who suffered at the lighthouse are understood to have been the keeper, his wife and one other, composing the entire crew of the lighthouse, while three of the coast guards at the life saving station also suffered. A batch of chickens on the island was killed and other animals on the place showed signs of the gas.

### QUEEN AND PRINCESS MARY WITH RED CROSS

London, Aug. 12.—Buckingham Palace, the metropolitan residence of the English royal family, was offered by King George to the British Red Cross for use as a hospital, but it was declined on the ground that it was more serviceable in the reception of international notables who visit London.

Balmoral, the King's country estate in Scotland, and a part of Kensington Palace are, however, being used by the government.

Princess Mary, the only daughter of the King and Queen, is perhaps the most popular young representative of royalty old England has yet known. At present, in common with her people, the youthful Princess is devoted only to the war. She is working with a volunteer aid detachment, which co-operates with the American Red Cross. Her activities are carried on largely in the hospitals. Princess Mary was some time ago described by the late Sir Richard Holmes, for many years the librarian at Windsor Castle, as "affectionate, jolly, frank and open, and brimming over with the joy of life."

#### PERSONAL.

Moncton Transcript: Miss Nan Logan, of Marysville, N. B., who has been spending the past few days in Moncton, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Clifford Mitton, Elm Street, returned home on Saturday.

Sackville Tribune: Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Palmer and son, Kenneth, and Miss Vandine left Tuesday on a month's trip to St. John, Fredericton and other points along the St. John river.

Mr. N. Marks Mills of St. Stephen arrived in the city last night. He is at the Queen.

## GERMANS ARE HAVING UNCOMFORTABLE TIME ON SOMME BATTLEFRONT

### The Allies Are Hardening Their Line During Slight Lull in the Fighting---Chaulnes Being Hammered by Guns of Heavy Calibre

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France, Aug. 12.—During the lull in the battle there are further indications that the line is hardening. This afternoon Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria seems to have brought in more fresh troops, and while the Allied forces are pausing of their own accord, the enemy within the area of his battlefront, with the Somme at his back, is having a most uncomfortable time. The British guns are hammering Chaulnes while cannon of larger calibre are coming up all the time and drenching the enemy's rear with steel.

They are also pounding away at the bridges across the Somme at Bethencourt.

#### BOMBING FROM THE AIR HAS BEEN GOING ON DAY AND NIGHT SINCE BATTLE BEGAN

The shelling of the bridges here is a serious matter for the enemy, as bombs from the air are continually being dropped by British airships from a low altitude on the bridges in the Peronne district. This bombing has been going on day and night since the battle began, forcing the Germans to divert their transport, so that the general movement was southeast. Now his bridges to the southeast are under heavy fire. With the comparatively small force of Americans there has been no real heavy fighting today. They still are holding their line and their patrols have been sent out now and then feeling out the foreground. At many places along the new front, especially just south of the Somme, the Germans are occupying the old line dugouts built by the French more than two years ago. The Germans have concentrated some artillery at many places and today are sending in more shells than on any day since the battle began. Lihons, which came into British hands yesterday when Field Marshal Haig's men forced the place after having been driven out in a counter attack, was being heavily shelled.

#### BRITISH CAVALRY RAN INTO THE FIRE FROM HUN PILL BOXES AND WAS SLIGHTLY CHECKED

A party of cavalry charging down the Roye road ran into the cross fire of large German pill boxes studded with machine guns just this side of Roye, and received a check, but the Germans who happened to get the opportunity to do this execution, paid the extreme penalty later.

Stories of air fighting over the battle lines are amazing. One observer coming into his station shot down four machines. In the same fighting a British pilot chased one enemy airplane to earth and was swooping down to finish off his antagonist, when the man climbed out of his machine and held up his hands in token of surrender.

"So I did not kill him," the British pilot said. "But on my way home I met a group of enemy machines and got a bullet in me, but managed to land inside our lines." The report of this incident ends with the statement that the pilot died in a hospital after relating his story.

### PRINCE ARTHUR AT NIAGARA

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Prince Arthur of Connaught passed through Toronto tonight on his way to Niagara Camp, where he will review the British legion. From Niagara he will go to Beamsville to inspect the aerial sport established there. He has just finished a two day fishing trip at Lake Nepigon.

### HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROGRESS

London, Aug. 13.—Heavy local fighting is reported in progress at Fismette, on the north bank of the Vesle where the Franco-American forces are holding the line. The Allies here were attacked by the enemy and forced to retire to the right bank of the river. Immediate counter-attacks were launched, and according to the latest reports the old positions of the Allies on the north bank of the river have been restored.

GEN. LESSARD MAY COMMAND. Montreal, Aug. 13.—The Gazette has the following from Ottawa: "It is stated on high authority that Major General F. L. Lessard will command the Canadian expeditionary force to Siberia."

### A SWIMMER BROKE RECORD

New York, Aug. 12.—Duke Kahanamaka, the Hawaiian swimmer broke the world's record set by himself in the 120 yard swim, when he made the distance here tonight in one minute seven and two-fifths seconds. His previous mark was one minute eight seconds. However, Kahanamaka, who was scratch man, was only second in the next. First play went to Clarence Lane, of the Hawaiian Swimming Club and third to Tom Diley, of the Federal Rendezvous.

### STREET RY. MEN ARE ON STRIKE

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Not a street car is running in Ottawa today as a result of a decision reached early this morning by the street railway employees to go on strike. Persons who depend on the street cars to reach their place of business were as a rule very late this morning and their difficulties were added to by a heavy rainstorm. Both sides to the wage dispute are determined in their position.

Miss Hazen Allen of the Department of Lands and Mines is spending a vacation at Duck Cove.