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**The Weather.**  
Moderate southwest winds, fair local showers in western portions today: Friday, Fresh to strong southwest winds, local showers.  
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## Town of Noyon Occupied By Gen. Humbert's Troops

### Loss of Important Railway Centre a Severe Blow to the Huns --- British Forces Keeping Up Their Pressure Against the Enemy

With the French Armies in France, Aug. 29.—Noyon was occupied this morning by the troops of General Humbert. The forces of General Mangin crossed the Oise and took Morlancourt. The French first army took Quesnoy wood, west of the Canal Du Nord. The wood was strongly fortified and from it the Germans endeavored to check the French rush.

The fall of Noyon comes as a heavy blow to the Germans, who were thought during the early days of the Picardy offensive to be planning to hold Noyon as the southern pivot of their line, which runs northward along the old battle front.

Noyon is situated on the right bank of the Oise river at the confluence of that stream and the little river Verse. To the south and east there are large areas of lowlands along the Oise, while to the north is a winding valley. To the southwest of Mount Renaud and the Lassigny Massif, which dominate the whole region, a range of hills juts out into the valley. Noyon is also an important railway and highway centre.

### SINCE AUGUST 11 THE BRITISH HAVE TAKEN 26,000 GERMAN PRISONERS AND 100 GUNS

LONDON, Aug. 29.—German counter-attacks east and southeast of Vis-en-Artois, east of Boiry and in the vicinity of Gavrelle, villages to the east of Arras, have been repulsed, according to the official statement issued at the War Office today. South of the Somme, British forces are keeping up their pressure against the enemy and are advancing eastward.

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### GROUND ABANDONED BY THE HUNS PRESENTS A PICTURE OF DESOLATION AND DEVASTATION

With the French Army in France, Aug. 28.—The German retreat north of the Avre river has been far more speedy since the fall of Chaumes than previously. Vigorously pursued by the French and harassed by their own mustard gas shells which they left behind and which are fired from German guns by French gunners, the enemy is making haste to cross the river. The battlefield the Germans have abandoned presents a picture of devastation and desolation that has not been surpassed during the war. Even cemeteries have been blown up, tombstones smashed and graves opened. The names of towns in this region no longer have any other significance than as reminiscences and geographical designation. They have ceased to exist as towns and their sites are hardly recognizable.

#### Heavy Artillery Fighting.

Paris, Aug. 29.—Violent artillery engagements along the Somme front are reported in the official statement issued by the war office, which reads as follows: "There were violent bombardments during the night along the Somme front. German forces made many surprise attacks in the Lorraine sector without obtaining any results. The French, for their part, made two incursions into the enemy lines in the Champagne and took fifteen prisoners. The night was calm on the rest of the front."

## HINDENBURG LINE WILL BE PUT TO TEST

Washington, Aug. 28.—Developments on the western battlefield during the next forty-eight hours should determine the fate of the vaunted "Hindenburg line" in the opinion of some military officials here. With the strength of the line already materially impaired by the British wedge driven around its left flank and even more telling blows threatened by the steady advance of the French through Nesle toward the Somme and by the British east of Arras, observers here believed that scheme of defence, popularly held in Germany to be the bulwark of the western front, is in a fair way to become untenable before the main Teuton forces have been driven back to it.

### TO BAR HUN LANGUAGE

London, Aug. 28.—The south African government is drafting regulations to prevent the use of the German language in public places.

### HELL GIRLS ORGANIZE.

Toronto, Aug. 28.—An application for a board of conciliation under the Industrial Disputes Act will be made by the girls of the Bell Telephone Co. who have formed themselves into a trades union. There are now, it is claimed, 550 paid up members in the organization.

## TRAINS COLLIDE IN SUSSEX YARD THIS MORNING

St. John, N. B., Aug. 29.—A head-on collision occurred on the C. G. R. in Sussex yard early this morning. Freight train No. 811, of 30 cars, from Moncton was standing waiting a cross with a special freight of 48 cars from St. John. A thick land fog prevailed and the special ran into the standing train. The engine of special was overturned and four cars were splintered. The engine of No. 811 held upright and was damaged only in front. Driver Harold Bannister, Moncton, was pinned by the ankle under the overturned engine and lay more than three hours before an auxiliary from Moncton arrived and he was taken out. He was hurried to Moncton for treatment. No one else was hurt. Traffic was delayed for a time.

### Funeral of Child

The funeral of John Gilbert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harris took place Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock from the late home on Brunswick Street. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

### Died of Wounds

James Robert Tomlinson of Tay Settlement has been notified that Private Gordon Tillotson Tomlinson is officially reported died of wounds August 9th. Private Tomlinson was serving in the infantry and had been in France for some time.

## TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON THE GERMANS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
London, Aug. 29.—The official statement on aerial operations tonight says, "On August 27 our low flying airplanes were again active on the battlefield. In spite of clouds and rainstorms, enemy troops and transports were constantly attacked from the air with bomb and machine gun fire. "Much information regarding the progress of the fighting was supplied both by airplanes and balloons. Aerial combats were numerous. In the course of these we destroyed nine hostile airplanes and drove down five out of control. Seven of our machines failed to return. Two German balloons were also shot down in flames. "Our anti-aircraft fire also brought down a hostile scout machine. Twenty-two tons of bombs were dropped by us during the day."

### Late Anne King

Miss Anne King passed away at the Municipal Home Tuesday night after a lingering illness. The deceased was in her eightieth year. The funeral took place this morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. J. S. Sutherland officiating. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

### Cheque for the Firemen

Mr. William Clark, Assistant Fire Chief, has received a very liberal cheque from the Canadians Cottons, Ltd. at Marysville. It is to be divided among the men who so ably assisted him at the recent fire in Marysville. Mr. Clark with fourteen Fredericton firemen worked hard and performed excellent services.

### Porcupine Bounty

Mr. H. B. Rainsford of this city has drawn the attention of the Daily Mail to the fact that the law regarding the bounty on porcupines has been changed. The law formerly stated that the skin of the porcupine was necessary before one could claim the bounty, but now only the head of this animal need be produced. Mr. Rainsford deplores the lack of printed forms for claims for bounty.

### Died in Hospital

The death occurred at Victoria Hospital yesterday of Mrs. Harry E. Beardsley, aged 42 years, wife of John D. Beardsley of this city. Mrs. Beardsley is a daughter of the late John C. Maxon. Besides her husband she is survived by one son Gr. Ralph Beardsley who enlisted with the 9th Siege Battery at St. John and was recently reported gassed. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the late home on George Street. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery, Rev. H. C. Archer officiating.

Miss Jeannette Beverly has returned home from a trip to St. John. Miss Bessie Morrison, of this city, is visiting friends in St. John.

### Returned From Ottawa

Mr. R. W. L. Tibbits deputy provincial secretary, returned this afternoon from a pleasant holiday trip to Ottawa. Mrs. Tibbits will remain at the capital a few days longer.

## BRITAIN HAS SENTRIES POSTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD LOOKING AFTER INTERESTS OF THE ENTENTE

Famous Novelist Contributes Illuminating Article to Flemish Paper—Important Results of British Expeditions to Distant Fields is Dwelt Upon—British Missions to Siberia and the White Sea are of Great Importance.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Aug. 29.—"In addition to being represented on the battlefields of Flanders by a powerful army, gloriously participating in hurling back the invader, Great Britain has posted throughout the world vigilant sentries defending the great interests of the Entente." Maurice Barres, the famous academician and novelist, thus concluded an article in the Echo de Paris eulogizing the part played by Great Britain in the war.

After dwelling on the consistent success of the British fleet, M. Barres refers to British assistance in the campaign in France and the varied Allied expeditions which have necessitated the raising of more than 8,500,000 men. He sums up the British victories during the present month, and says that the reinforcements provided by the recent man power bill will bring Field Marshal Haig's army up to its maximum strength.

### ACTIVITY IN DISTANT FIELDS.

M. Barres makes special mention of the important results achieved by British expeditions to distant fields of activity. He points to the capture of the German colonies, the occupation of territory in Mesopotamia and the penetration of Persia and Great Britain's success in throwing a detachment into Baku, the great oil centre. After pointing out the importance of the expedition to Bagdad, M. Barres deals with the British expedition to Siberia and the part played by Great Britain on the shores of the White Sea, where it is, he says, a question of protecting maritime communications and accomplishing an important mission in the common interest on the borders of the Slav world.

## ADDRESS FOR ALEX. SHERMAN FROM FRIENDS

MARYSVILLE MAN LEAVES TONIGHT FOR WINNIPEG

Travelling Bag Also Given Him —Tea of Methodist Ladies Well Patronized — Personal Notes.

Marysville, Aug. 29.—Mr. Alexander Sherman who is leaving today for Winnipeg was pleasantly surprised by his fellow employees yesterday afternoon, being presented with a beautiful travelling bag accompanied by the following address:

We, your fellow-employees of the machine shop have learned with regret of your intended departure from the town during the present week for the West.

We feel that it would be only fitting that we take advantage of this opportunity of expressing our very best wishes for your health and prosperity in your new home.

We recall with pleasure many incidents of your long association among us, and ask you to accept the accompanying gift as a slight token of the esteem in which you have been held.

Mr. Sherman although taken completely by surprise thanked his friends for their kind remembrance.

The ladies of the Methodist Church held a tea on the lawn of Mrs. John Gibson yesterday afternoon which was well attended and upwards of thirty-five dollars was realized.

Mrs. W. J. Kelly is visiting relatives at Durham.

### Traffic Cases in Court.

The cases of violation of traffic laws and bicycle riding on the sidewalk were given a hearing before Magistrate Limerick today. One man was fined \$25 for violating the traffic law by turning a corner improperly, although cautioned. Two cases were stood over till tomorrow. The remainder were fined \$2 and one man was fined \$5 for refusing to stop his car at the order of the police. The case of two men charged with speeding on the Woodstock Road were held over until tomorrow afternoon. Several of the cases were contested.

### Well Deserved Promotion

Maritime Baptist; —There will be great and general satisfaction among the Baptists of these provinces that the value of the service being rendered to the chaplain service of the Canadian army by Rev. J. H. MacDonald has again been officially recognized. He has now been given the rank of lieutenant-colonel. It is a promotion well earned and well deserved. As assistant director of chaplain service overseas he has done and is doing an important work.

## ALLIES HAVE REGAINED MOST OF THE GROUND LOST IN THE MARCH OFFENSIVE

### The Result of Brilliant Generalship and Skilful Manoeuvring of Troops --- The German Troops in Retreat Are Continually Harassed by the French

PARIS, Aug. 29.—The Allies now have won back more than two-thirds of the ground lost since the beginning of the German offensive in March. It was wrung from them by an overwhelming force and they have regained it by the brilliant generalship of their leaders and the skilful manoeuvring of their troops.

The working out of Marshal Foch's strategy, according to opinion here, shows that every movement in each region of the long battle line has been carefully thought out in its relation to the whole. Thus, the British advance toward Peronne on August 26 had its immediate effect on the sections farther south, and for a second time General von Hutier was in danger of being caught in a trap if he hung on another instant. As a result, he was obliged to abandon Roye and Nesle and retire behind the Somme with the French close at his heels. Immediate interest in the battle is in the operations on the wings. General Mangin is fighting hard in the region of Juvigny.

### THE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO STEM THE FRENCH PURSUIT BY FIGHTING REAR-GUARD ACTIONS

On the left the British east of Arras have overrun the powerful defences which have encircled Arras and are dangerously near the formidable positions prepared several years ago to protect Douai and Cambrai. The rapidly succeeding military events not only confirm that the Germans have lost all control of their operations in the region of the Somme, Vesle and Oise rivers, but they indicate that the enemy's own retreat is getting out of hand.

The effort to stem the French pursuit by fighting rear-guard actions with machine gun sections, leaving a section at intervals of about four hundred yards, was only locally successful even on ground especially favorable for that sort of resistance.

But once this system of fighting was mastered the strength of the German rear-guard dwindled to almost nothing. The Germans, hustled violently by the French advance guard, were obliged to risk a nengagement with important forces or to quicken their retreat.

### STRONG ENEMY POSITIONS WEST OF THE CANAL DU NORD HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE FRENCH

The Germans adopted the latter alternative and since yesterday they have been making all possible haste on the road leading to St. Quentin, La Fere and the Hindenburg line.

Strong positions in the Quesnoy wood, just west of the Canal du Nord, from where the Germans tried by means of the heavy fire of all calibres of artillery to check the French advancing on both sides of the Roye-Noyon road, were captured this morning. Strong pressure from General Humbert's third army from the west and from General Mangin's men, who crossed the river Oise from the south and took Morlancourt this morning, while other French troops were entering Noyon, adds greatly to the difficulties of the enemy. The increased danger from these directions will oblige the Germans to make further sacrifices in order to save Von Hutier from disaster.

## WILL PROTECT WOUNDED VETS

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—In order to protect returned soldiers who are amputation cases from the competitive attention of the representatives of private manufacturers of artificial limbs, it has been found necessary by the government to pass an order in council enforcing strict regulations in the matter of the supply of artificial limbs to such returned men as require them. It has also been found necessary to attach a strict penalty to any misrepresentations or false statements made in connection with appliances manufactured and issued by the government.

## MANITOBA POTATO CROP

Winnipeg, Aug. 28.—That the potato crop of Manitoba for 1918 will be over ten million bushels, was the estimate made today by professor Bedford of the department of agriculture. This is by far the largest crop the province has ever produced.

## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—There were 525 casualties in the lists issued today, of which 175 were killed in action, 24 died of wounds, two missing, believed killed; 25 presumed to have died; 34 missing; 212 wounded, 12 seriously ill, 18 gassed, one cancell report missing, one cancell report killed, and one cancell report dead. The Maritime names follow.

Casualties; Infantry: Killed in Action—J. R. Boyle, Dartmouth N. S.; J. T. Burke, Dominion No. 1, N. S.; E. P. Mahoney, New Aberdeen, N.S.; G. New Salem, N. S.; Died of Wounds: B. Carr, Fall River, N. S.; C. S. Clarke, P. Armstrong, Perth, N. B.; J. Power, New Waterford, N. S.

## AIR RAID ON GERMAN TOWN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Amsterdam, Aug. 28.—In an air raid on Ludwigshafen, Sunday night a great number of bombs were dropped, according to the Frankfort Zeitung. Much damage was done to buildings.