

Notice to Advertisers.

In order to ensure changes being made in advertisements, copy must reach this office not later than 9 a. m. on the day of publication.

The Daily Mail

The Weather.

Moderate northwest to west winds, fine today and on Wednesday, with a little higher temperature.

VOL. XXIV., No. 196

FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK, TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1918

TWO CENTS PER COPY

Hun Position at Soissons Now Menaced by French

French Tenth Army Made Another Attack and Pushed Forward a Distance of Two Miles --- The British Troops Repulse Four German Attacks

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The French tenth army attacked again this morning on a front of ten miles between the Oise and the Aisne and reached a maximum depth of two miles, according to a despatch from the battle front. The advance of the French endangers the whole German position at Soissons and on the river Aisne. It is possible the Germans will now withdraw to the Chemin des Dames. Before nine o'clock this morning the French had captured 500 Germans in the sector attacked.

Four German attacks against British positions at Chilly, 6 miles north of Roye, were repulsed during the night, according to the official statement issued by the War Office today.

The British lines were advanced in the neighborhood of Vieux Berquin and Outterstein, in the Lys salient and 182 of the enemy were made prisoners.

FRENCH TROOPS OCCUPIED ANOTHER VILLAGE LAST NIGHT BETWEEN THE OISE AND THE AISNE

PARIS, Aug. 20.—French troops during last night occupied the village of Vassens, northwest of Morsain, between the Oise and the Aisne, according to the official issued by the War office today. There was reciprocal artillery fire in the region of Lassigny and Brestincourt, west of the Oise, the statement says, and a German aerial bombardment of Nancy was carried out. Six of the civilian population were killed and a score injured. A surprise attack by the enemy west of Maison de Champagne was without result.

THE SITUATION ON THE MAIN FIGHTING FRONT AS SUMMED UP BY A REUTER CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The situation on the main fighting front in France is summed up by the Reuter correspondent with the French army as follows: "We have arrived at the stage in this battle corresponding to that at which Germany reached at the end of March and early in June after long, bloody and exhausting advances on the heels of inferior opposing numbers. We counted firmly on the arrival of the moment when the reserves would be able to check the German advance and prepare flank attacks which have by their success restored the initiative to us. The enemy in turn is using that weapon against us. His reserves are not yet exhausted, and however he may grudge the necessity of having to waste them in a defensive battle, which in the end can only be a prelude to a further retreat, he may still possess thirty-four divisions as well as 400,000 youths of the class of 1920. Our successes must be carefully planned and manfully won."

WILL HAVE BIG GRAIN CROPS

London, Aug. 19.—England's grain crops this year will be the biggest since 1868, Sir Charles Fielding, director general of food production, informs the Daily Mail. Several thousand soldiers are working on farms and other harvesters, include school boys, under graduates, boy scouts, village and college women and girls of land army, Belgian and Serbian refugees and German prisoners. City clerks are spending their vacations on farms.

A DEFAULTER SHOT AND KILLED

Sudbury, Ont., Aug. 20.—Cyprien Geneau, aged 26, supposed to be a Military Service Act defaulter, was shot through the stomach and killed late last Friday night during a round-up of military defaulters by the civil section of the military police, at a house situated in the bush country near this town. The shot which struck Geneau was a chance one, fired by Constable Tougher as the military police were retiring from the house and being subjected to a fusillade of nine or ten shots aimed at them by a group of men hidden in the darkness of the house.

GENERAL PAU HEADS MISSION

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—General Pau, through the French embassy at Washington, has been appointed head of the French Mission to Australia, in succession to the late Albert Metin, who died in this city last week, members of the mission announced last night.

FOOD RIOTS IN PETROGRAD

London, Aug. 20.—Hundreds of people were killed and wounded in a regular battle between Lettish Guards and rioters during food disorders in Petrograd, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The despatch, which quotes Petrograd advices by way of Berlin, says that after the city had been without food for two days, a procession of workmen marched through the streets shouting "down with the Germans; down with the Kremlin". The battle between the rioters and Lettish Guards occurred before the Smolny institute. Martial law was proclaimed in Petrograd the same evening.

BUCKSHOT USED ON HUNS

Stockholm, Aug. 19.—German war correspondents report to their newspapers that they inspected guns taken from the 77th American regiment and found them to be shotguns each carrying five cartridges loaded with buckshot. They declare that the use of such guns is contrary to the Geneva convention.

OFFENSIVE TO BE RESUMED

Washington, Aug. 20.—Resumption of the Austrian offensive on the Italian front is to be expected at any time, according to the military critic of the Italian newspaper Corriere d'Italia, says a despatch received here from Rome.

WEDDING AT MAPLE RIDGE

Mr. E. E. Burden, of Hawkshaw, and Miss Myrtle Hoyt Principals in a Happy Event.

Millville, Aug. 18.—The home of Mr. Henry Hoyt, at Maple Ridge was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday when his youngest daughter, Miss Myrtle M. Hoyt, became the wife of Mr. Edward E. Burden of the firm of E. E. Burden & Co. of Hawkshaw, and son of Mr. George F. Burden, ex-M. P. P. The ceremony was performed on the verandah in the presence of about seventy invited guests, principally relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties. Rev. Mr. Lester was the officiating clergyman, and the bridal pair were unattended.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was charmingly attired in white satin with pearl trimmings and wore a white tulle veil with orange blossoms. She carried a bridal bouquet of white roses and carnations.

Mrs. (Dr.) Owens of Hawkshaw presided at the piano and at the conclusion of the ceremony played the wedding march.

The bride who is a very popular young lady was the recipient of a large number of wedding presents in silverware, cut glass, chinaware, etc. The gift of the bridegroom was a bracelet watch.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served on the lawn after which the happy couple amidst showers of confetti took their departure by auto for Skiff Lake, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will make their home at Hawkshaw.

The numerous friends of the worthy young couple all unite in the wish that they may have a long and happy wedded life.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—Casualty list issued this morning and at noon today contained 681 names. Of this number two were killed in action, 16 died of wounds, one was reported prisoner of war, one ill and 661 wounded. The names of those from the Maritime provinces follow:

Infantry: Wounded: A. Hazelton, Digby; A. Staples, Onslow, N. S.; F. S. Flaherty, Chatham, N. B.; W. Parry, North Sydney, N. S.; J. E. Toban, Newcastle Bridge, N. B.; E. G. Y. Scott, Stonehaven, N. B.; J. D. Matckill, Pictou, N. S.

TO LIMIT CULTIVATION.

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 19.—The Egyptian government has decided to limit cotton cultivation to one-third of the perennial area. The limitation is to remain in force through 1919.

TANKDROMES INSPECTED BY NEWSPAPERMEN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Aug. 20.—The following is sent out by J. H. Woods of the Calgary Herald:

Canadian newspapermen having encountered almost every other form of war experience, visited the tankdromes today and inspected the operations of these remarkable engines of battle. Their interest in them had accentuated by tales of recent fighting in France in which the tanks, especially the "whippets" played such a great part, and they were anxious to see by actual demonstration the value of these new devices.

Their curiosity and interest were more than satisfied by their own experiences. Visiting the location, they found many tanks in operation both large and small. The field was a large one and contained many features calculated to test the capabilities of the engines, and without delay the party was invited to indulge in a "oy ride" inside a tank. The experience was unique. With the utmost ease various obstacles were surmounted and objectives reached.

NEW MINISTERS RE-ELECTED

Toronto, Aug. 19.—Both of the new members of the Ontario government were elected to the legislature by large majorities in the by-elections held in Northeast Toronto and East York today. In northeast Toronto Hon. S. J. Cody, minister of education defeated William Varley, soldier-labor candidate by a majority of 4,863, the poll standing Cody 9,098, Varley, 4,235. In East York the majority of Hon. G. S. Henry, minister of agriculture, over John Calbraith, was 2,631, with nine polls still to be heard from. The standing of the candidates was Henry 3,343, Galbraith 712.

WAR VETERAN SENTENCED

Toronto, Aug. 19.—Four months at the jail farm was magistrate Denison's sentence on Private William Herring, veteran of three years of trench fighting, in police court today, for taking part in the riots of August 2. Herring said his reason for wanting to smash the restaurants was that he had been charged forty cents for a piece of pie and corn flakes. Four constables testified as to Herring's activities on the Saturday morning. His battle cry was "Over the top, boys; we'll show them what we went to France for".

HUN FORCES BETWEEN THE AISNE AND OISE HURLED BACK BY FRENCH

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The Associated Press at noon today issued the following: German forces holding the vital sector of battle front between the Aisne and Oise rivers have been hurled back over a ten mile front this morning by the French, according to reports reaching London. It is stated that the French have penetrated the enemy positions to a depth of ten miles. This attacks, which is a continuation of the assault made northwest of Soissons on Sunday night, is said to endanger the whole German position at Soissons and on the Aisne. It is added that the French success will probably be followed by a German retirement from Soissons to the Chemin des Dames. No details of the fighting are as yet available, but an advance of two miles in this sector would seem to place the Germans in this vicinity in a position from which only an immediate retirement would appear to be possible.

The German hold on Roye also seems to be weakened by the recent progress of the French north and south of the town. It would appear that Roye is now virtually surrounded on three sides.

THE PATROL DID NOT UNDERSTAND THERE WAS AN ORDER TO RETIRE

(By J. F. B. Livesay, Can. Press correspondent.)

With the Canadian Forces, Aug. 20.—Here is a story told of a Quebec battalion that won imperishable fame at Courcellette. It was directed to throw out a strong patrol. The officer was wounded and the patrol returned with nine men missing. On the evening of the following day two came in. "Where have you garcons been?" was the inquiry. "We did not understand the patrol was to retire," came the reply. "We understood we were to penetrate behind the enemy's lines to his artillery positions and her you ar," throwing down the shoulder straps and cap badge of the Hun artillery commander. Others of the party trickled in during the night.

THE BRITISH TROOPS COMPELLING THE ENEMY TO YIELD GROUND

Many Huns Surrendered Tamely After the Capture of Outterstein---British Patrols Meeting With Stiff Opposition North of the Scarpe

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France, Aug. 19.—In response to pressure applied at one and then another part of the line, the Germans opposite the British on several portions of the front continue to give ground. The German troops which have been encountered in the past few days, especially during the operations of last night, in which Outterstein Ridge was captured and consolidated, seem to have lost greatly in fighting efficiency. Of nearly seven hundred captured during the Outterstein operation, many surrendered tamely, after securing their rations and personal belongings.

The operations of last night astride the Scarpe river may serve as an indication of the German intentions. The old Hindenburg line crossed the river here on an angle, so that compared with the present line which here runs nearly north and south, the direction of the ground south of the Scarpe is deeper than that north of the river.

HUNS ON THE SOMME FRONT ARE READY TO RETIRE BUT WANT TO BE PUSHED ALONG

British patrols operating north of the river have met with stiff opposition, but south of the river patrols have managed to penetrate for some distance.

There are indications that the Germans also are giving way in parts of the Merville sector. On the new Somme front the Germans overlook no opportunity to fight rear guard actions. They appear ready to retire, but apparently want to be pushed a little, because in the pushing operations they may be afforded an opportunity to get in deadly work with machine guns. Some forty divisions have been identified as having been engaged in the recent operations. Of these, twenty-seven have been used against the British and many of them are believed to have been exhausted.

HORSES TAKEN FROM GERMAN ARMY OFFICERS NOW BEING MADE TO DO DUTY AS REMOUNTS

That Gen. Ludendorff is displaying anxiety regarding a possible scarcity of horses for the German army is indicated in a sector just captured, where an order was found which cautions all commanders not to expend their horses as "they cannot be replaced." It has been ascertained that 900 remounts recently received by one German formation were composed of horses taken from officers.

Tales of the Air Fighters.

Two remarkable stories of air fighting came to light today. In one a British pilot dropped a bomb on an enemy machine in the air. The missile broke off a wing of the German machine and then exploded on the ground. In the other fight the observer of a two-seater machine climbed out on the wing and stopped with his glove a puncture made in the gasoline tank by an anti-aircraft gun. The machine had slipped during the operation, but the observer remained out on the wing until the ground was almost reached. Then he climbed back into the machine, which landed safely.

SANK SUBMARINE

Paris, Aug. 19.—Newspapers of Oporto, Portugal, report that an unidentified steamer outbound from Bordeaux sank a submarine near the Spanish coast. There are no details of the incident.

PRESIDENT RETURNS

Washington, Aug. 20.—President Wilson returned to Washington this morning after his brief vacation on the Massachusetts coast as the guest of Colonel E. M. House.

IMPORTANT



NOTICE

The 24th of AUGUST is the LAST DAY upon which PARDON IS GRANTED to those who are deserters or who have failed to report to the Military authorities.

The EXTREME PENALTY OF THE LAW will be visited upon defaulters AFTER THAT DATE.