

## The Americans Advance Eight Miles on Big Front

**Neck of St. Mihiel Salient Narrowed To Six Miles --- Two German Divisions There in Danger of Capture--- Still Making Rapid Progress**

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Sept. 13.—General Pershing's forces in the attack on the southern side of the St. Mihiel salient, have advanced for a distance of eight miles. The assault was made on a front of fourteen miles. The Americans this morning were making rapid progress in the continuation of their drive.

German prisoners say the American attack was expected, but that it was delivered so rapidly that they had no time to put up a stubborn resistance when they were ordered to.

Pannes, which was energetically defended by the Germans, was easily captured by the Americans.

### GEN. PERSHING'S TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED SO FAR 9,500 PRISONERS AND SIXTY GERMAN GUNS

The Americans are reported to have captured Vigneulles, 7½ miles north of Xivray, through which the former line ran. They have also, it is said, captured Beney, Heudincourt and the Bois de Thieaucourt. If these places really have been captured the neck of the St. Mihiel salient line has been narrowed to less than six miles, and if the two German divisions reported last night to be in salient are still there, it is decidedly improbable that they will be able to get away.

General Pershing's troops so far have captured 9,500 prisoners and have taken sixty German guns. The Germans are blowing up the ammunition dumps at Hattonville and Domboux. On the west side of the St. Mihiel salient, where the country is much more difficult and where the German resistance has been more determined, the Americans have made an advance of three miles on a twelve mile front.

### ALLIED OFFENSIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT IS DOMINANTLY AMERICAN FOR THE FIRST TIME

With the American Army in Lorraine, Sept. 13.—The Allied offensive on the western front for the first time is dominantly America, the French co-operating, and the advance is regarded as a continuing of the battle which began early last summer. Newton D. Baker, American secretary of war, with several other notables, witnessed the beginning of the battle from the vantage point of a French fortress behind the middle of the line. The front over which the attack was made was so extended that the brilliant bands of vivid light soon stretched from far eastward to westward, lighting up the clouds.

Soon there began to arise star shells, rockets and flares, thrown up by the enemy to betray the Americans should they leave their trenches to begin an infantry attack. Presently the thunder of the guns accompanying the glare of light stopped, and in the sudden silence the Americans went over the top.

All along the lines could be heard the chattering of German machine guns and then suddenly the thunder commenced again when a barrage was laid down to protect the soldiers as they approached the German trenches.

### Even Passed Their Objectives.

General Pershing's troops continued their steady advance against the St. Mihiel salient throughout the night. They reached and even passed the objectives set for them.

## LLOYD GEORGE SLIGHTLY ILL AT MANCHESTER

Manchester, Eng. Sept. 13 Premier Lloyd George, who became ill last night, after his reception during the day when he was presented with the freedom of the city and delivered a notable address in response, was reported this morning to be progressing satisfactorily. All of the engagements that had been made for him today, in his visit of Lancashire, however, have been cancelled. Last night's announcement stated that the premier suffering from a chill and had a high temperature.

## E. N. STOCKFORD HEADS I. O. G. T.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 13.—The National Grand Lodge I. O. G. T. in session here has elected E. N. Stockford, of St. John, National Chief Templar and William Davis of Montreal National Secretary. J. H. Roberts, D. S. Wilkinson, and Mrs. W. Davis of Montreal also are among the officers.

Capt. F. H. Hatheway left last evening for Ottawa where he will stay for a few weeks.

## RUSSIAN ADMIRAL IS MURDERED

Stockholm, Sept. 13.—Rear Admiral A. V. Razvozoff, former commander in chief of the Russian naval forces in the Baltic, was murdered in Petrograd yesterday, according to a despatch from Helsingfors.

**At St. Anthony's Church**  
The Forty Hour's Devotion will begin at St. Anthony's Church, North Devon next Sunday, September 15th at High Mass and will close on Tuesday next with the service beginning at 7.45 with Rev. Father O'Brien as preacher. Rev. Father O'Brien among the young priests of the diocese of St. John has more than a local reputation as a pulpit orator.

**Two Routes ReOpened**  
Manager Sherwood, referring to the strike of the Dominion Express Company employees stated that two messengers were running from here to Fredericton Junction and two more to St. John. Up to date he has not succeeded in getting drivers for the wagons although he is in great need of them. The names of the four messengers employed are W. S. McFadden, A. Tregwell, G. M. Longley, and W. R. La Fontaine. They are from Toronto. The Newcastle-Fredericton and Gibson Branch routes still are without messengers.

## ST. STEPHEN FAIR HAD MORE GOOD RACING

**Evelyn B. Won 2.20 Mixed Class in Straight Heats—Colonel Sphinx Won 2.25 Class.**

St. Stephen, N. B., Sept. 12.—Good weather prevailed again today for the fair and large crowds were in attendance, particularly at the races in the park in the afternoon.

A well contested ball game between St. Stephen and Milltown teams was won by St. Stephen, 4 to 3.

The 2.20 trot and 2.23 pace was won in straight heats and had only three starters but Evelyn B., the Milltown mare and Bluejack McGregor, the St. John entry, raced all the time in each heat and it was the race of either until the close. The summary follows:

2.20 Trot, 2.23 Pace; Purse, \$300.

Evelyn B., Haley Milltown .... 1 1 1  
Blue Jay McGregor, McManus .....

St. John ..... 2 2 3  
The Patchen Lady, McCoy, Fredericton ..... 3 3 2

Time—2.19½, 2.19½, 2.20¼.

The 2.25 trot, 2.28 pace had seven starters and took six heats to determine the winner, Colonel Sphinx and Mary Heir being the ones to finish the route. There was racing all the time with finishes that brought the grandstand people to their feet.

2.25 Trot, 2.28 Pace; Purse, \$250.

Colonel Sphinx, Southard, Caribou ..... 3 5 3 1 1 1

Mary Heir, Keys, St. Stephen ..... 1 1 2 3 3 2

Border Prince, Brickley, St. John ..... 4 3 1 4 2 ro

Barium, Jardine, New-castle ..... 2 2 5 2 ro

Monesko, Groves, St. John ..... 5 4 4 ro

Little Kitten, Gilchrist, Norton ..... 6 6 6 ro

Monreco Belle, O'Keefe, St. John .... 7 ds

Time—2.23½, 2.23½, 2.23½, 2.26½, 2.28, 2.33½.

Friday's events will include the 2.15 trot and 2.18 pace, the 2.12 mixed race with Tommy Cotter, Roy Volo, Bob Mac and others to start and a named race between horses that have failed to win a place during the meeting.

### DROWNING AT DARTMOUTH.

Dartmouth, Sept. 13.—Lorimer Elsenor, aged twenty, of this town, was drowned in First Lake, near here, last night when his canoe capsized.

Mr. M. V. Paddock of St. John is at the Barker House.

## ORDER-IN-COUNCIL UPHeld AT THE MILITARY ELECTIONS ENQUIRY

**Rejected Ballots Missing When Envelopes Were Filed with the Court—Officers Accused Present in Court—The Hearing Transferred from St. Johns, Que., to Ottawa by Judge McLennan.**

ST. JOHNS, Que., Sept. 13.—An unsuccessful attempt to prove that the Governor-in-Council had no right to appoint the royal commission now engaged in holding an investigation into votes cast by soldiers in St. Johns during the last general election, was made when the enquiry resumed in the court house here this morning. The attempt was made by Bernard Rosetal, K. C., Montreal, who was acting for Captain Campbell, in whose name appeared in Hansard's report of the speech in the House of Commons by Joseph Archambault, member for Chambly-Vercheres, in allegations of irregularities on the part of officers in connection with the voting at the Barracks which favored his opponent, Hon. J. Rainville, were made.

The enquiry had not proceeded far this morning when it was found that Francis Chadwick, deputy clerk of the crown in chancery, ordered yesterday to produce the envelopes containing the ballots cast in Chambly-Vercheres, had only been able to find the accepted vote. As the rejected ballot papers are essential to the enquiry, it was decided by Judge MacLennan to meet in Ottawa on Monday to take evidence as to their whereabouts.

Pressed for an explanation as to whether rejecter ballots were not forthcoming, Mr. Chadwick said that he had brought everything contained in the Chambly-Vercheres box handed to him by the military returning officer, Mr. O'Connor. A seal placed upon the box before it was handed to him had not been disturbed until he broke it in Ottawa last night. Judge MacLennan said perhaps the rejected papers had been put in some separate place. As they were absolutely necessary he would transfer the enquiry to Ottawa so that evidence about them could be secured.

## BISHOP OF FREDERICTON GAVE ADDRESS

**PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT GENERAL SYNOD**

**Spoke of What He Saw While in France—Conduct of the Canadian Troops is Splendid.**

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, Sept. 12.—Between three thousand and four thousand persons crowded the big meeting held tonight in connection with the Anglican Synod under the auspices of the laymen's missionary movement, to hear Right Rev. J. N. McCormick, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan, and Right Rev. Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, N. B. They were welcomed briefly by Mr. Justice Hodgins, of Toronto, and Archbishop Worrell, of Nova Scotia.

Bishop Richardson, the official overseas delegate of the House of Bishops, declared that the Canadian troops had made the name of Canada synonymous with strength, steadfastness and courage. A high British officer had said to him: "Put those chaps in a tight corner, and they stick."

"That is the characteristic of Americans," added the Bishop. "They stick."

There was nothing in the old country today the Canadian soldier could not have for the asking the Bishop added.

Speaking of the moral conduct of the troops, he declared that while in England and France he had seen only one case of where a man showed signs of intoxication, and General Currie had told him that in three years not a single Canadian soldier had been charged with a crime. The Bishop declared his conviction that Germany should pay the price of her misdeeds.

"I count that a Christian thing to say," he exclaimed. "We owe it even to Germans themselves that Germany shall pay the penalty for her sins and make a tardy penitence. No peace is possible that does not carry with it reparation and adequate guarantees for the future."

Reverting to the subject "The church and the war," he said: "I find in the spirit of the men themselves that religion is not dead."

The failure of the church, he said, is one not of conditions, but of character. It is not in the organization, but in the members. Power is with the church as it has always been, but the power has not been used. The spirit of materialism had gripped religious life, the members of the church, seeming to assert in their lives the supremacy of the world in which we live. The call from the war to the church was to evangelize, to teach faith and to live more adventurously.

Captain Woodruff paid a notable tribute to Canon Scott, of Quebec, whom he described as a "saint who ranks with the saint of Assisi, or any saint of the ancient church. He is everywhere where the shells are thick. The other day he baptized a man in the front trenches. The men love him and they cannot do without him."

### DOES NOT DOUBT REPORT.

London, Sept. 13.—The Daily Telegraph says that although the report of the death of the former Empress of Russia and her daughters is not confirmed officially, and details are lacking, there is no doubt it is true.

Mr. K. C. Cairns of St. John is in the city.

## BRITISH TROOPS HOLD HAVRINCOURT AGAINST HUN COUNTER ATTACK

**German Position Penetrated to Depth of 2,000 Yards --- Jeancourt in St. Quentin Sector Also Captured By British---Advance in Flanders**

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Sept. 13.—German troops last night delivered an attack with the co-operation of artillery on the town of Havrincourt, southwest of Cambrai, recently taken by the British.

The attack was repulsed with great loss, Field Marshal Haig announced in the official statement today. Further south, on the front opposite St. Quentin, the British have gained possession of Holmon wood. A German attack opposite Moeuvres failed completely. British troops have captured the town of Jeancourt, in the St. Quentin sector, north of Vermand.

In Flanders the British made progress, pushing ahead west of Auchy, in the Labassee region.

### BRITISH TROOPS STORMED THEIR WAY INTO SHELL SHATTERED HAVRINCOURT AND ARE HOLDING IT.

With the British Forces in France, Sept. 13.—British troops in their advance yesterday in the Havrincourt section, southwest of Cambrai, penetrated the German positions in some places for a depth of 2,000 yards.

The British stormed their way into the shell-shattered town of Havrincourt, which lies on a dominating ridge within the forward defences of the Hindenburg line, and at latest reports were maintaining their hold on this highly important place.

A little to the south they also carried Trescault by assault, thereby gaining a still firmer grip on the high ground dominating this region. About three hundred German prisoners had been sent back to the cages yesterday afternoon.

### London Hails the Good News.

London, Sept. 13.—The assault on the St. Mihiel salient dominates the news columns of the newspapers today, which feature it with the biggest headlines. The opening blow in Marshal Foch's great offensive scheme claims attention in any case, but this one has a special attraction as the first stroke of an Independent American army under direct American command, and as such is hailed as one of the milestones of the war.

### Berlin Calls It "Evacuation."

Berlin, via London, Sept. 13.—"We are now standing on our new lines, which have been prepared," says the official statement reporting military operations on the western front issued today by the German general staff. "During the night," the statement adds, "the evacuation of the (St. Mihiel) salient, which is liable to encircle men, and which had been under consideration for some time, was completed without interference."

## CHILE DROPS NEGOTIATIONS FOR HUN SHIPS

Buenos Aires, Sept. 13.—Press despatches from Chile indicate that as a result of the recent attempt by interned German crews to destroy their vessels the Chilean government will drop the negotiations for renting German vessels from the German government. This change of policy is receiving the vigorous support of leading newspapers which were formerly urging that these vessels be rented. The attempt by the German crews to destroy their vessels has caused profound indignation throughout Chile as an example of bad faith, as the orders to destroy the ships came while Germany apparently was still willing to negotiate for their leases.

## WILL ALTER STATUE OF GERMANIA

New York, Sept. 13.—The statue of Germania on the New York customs house will be changed to represent Belgium, it was announced today by Cass Gilbert, the architect, who said he had been authorized by secretary McAdoo to make the change.

## TRADE PACT IS RENOUNCED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Paris, Sept. 13.—Despatches from Geneva state that the French government has renounced the Franco-Swiss commercial convention of 1906. It is explained that this is due to the Entente policy to put an end to all commercial trades in which the most favored nation clause exists with a view to preventing the enemy from benefitting after the war.

## TORONTO FIRM HAS ASSIGNED

Toronto, Sept. 12.—H. O'Hara and Company, a well known house connected with the Toronto Stock Exchange, has made a voluntary assignment to G. T. Clarkson. The firm was established over thirty years ago by the late Henry O'Hara, who died a short while ago, after a long and honorable business career. It is not thought that the failure will very greatly effect the street.

### TO DISSOLVE DIET.

Copenhagen, Sept. 12.—The government is firmly decided to dissolve the Prussian Diet, if no agreement is arrived at in the franchise reform question, according to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger.

## WANT TO KEEP FOOTBALL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Chicago, Sept. 13.—Football authorities at ten big universities were disposed today to await further information from Washington before abandoning fall gridiron schedules in accordance with arrangements of the department. It was said that a slight modification of the request might make it possible to continue the sport through a change in schedule which would eliminate all long trips.