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New York, Oct. 16—The Associated Press tonight issues the following: "Hostilities are proceeding without cessation, and, as in days past, the forces of the Allies everywhere are defeating the enemy. In Belgian Flanders the British, Belgian and French troops under King Albert are sweeping forward for further material gains in the process of driving the invader from Belgian soil; on the front in France, the British French and Americans are hard after the Germans and are making progress, although slowly, as a result of the strenuous defence that is being offered.

In Albania the Entente troops are well to the north of Durazzo on the Adriatic Sea, and in Serbia a considerable distance beyond Nish, with the enemy falling back toward the frontier of Austria-Hungary.

In the Palestine theatre the British cavalry have driven far to the north and northwest of Damascus, having reached Tripoli, near the Mediterranean coast, forty-five miles north of Beirut and Homs, eighty-five miles north of Damascus.

In Flanders, Thourout, at the head of the railway leading to Bruges, and numerous villages to the south have been taken while Courtrai the junction point of the railway to Ghent is almost entirely surrounded. Large numbers of prisoners and many additional guns have been captured by the Belgian, French and British troops, who are carrying out the operation.

To the south of this region the German are continuing to withdraw closely followed by the British who are within two and a half miles and three and three-quarter miles of Lille, respectively southwest and west of the city.

In the Champagne regions, where the French and Americans are driving their way northward, Reims, the important junction point for the railway running to Mezieres and other points inside the enemy-held territory, is all but captured by the French. Eastward the Americans also have again pressed slightly forward.

Huns Retiring

With the Allied Armies in Belgium, Oct. 16—The Germans have started a retreat of a tremendous scale from northern Belgium. French cavalry is approaching Thiel, seven miles from the banks of the Ghent-Bruges canal. The canal itself is only ten miles from the border of Holland. So fast is the enemy retreating that the French, British and Belgian infantry, at least in the centre of the battlefield have lost touch entirely with the enemy.

Signs of Withdrawal

There were many signs today that

the Germans were planning a further withdrawal in the face of the steady pressure of the Allies. Great streams of enemy traffic began moving last night and continued today on the roads around Courtrai and Harlebeke and on the railways running northeast.

Trench mortars and direct machine gun fire is seriously hampering the enemy transport in its attempt to get the material away through the mud. The German withdrawal continues in the Lille sector, but slowly.

In the southern battle area there has been fighting of a minor character. More civilians have been rescued from towns.

Coming Up From South

In the fighting further south the British have established a bridgehead south of the Lys near Werwiscourt. After fighting all night and smashing forward for a gain of 7,000 yards, one British corps continued its advance until it had reached the banks of the Lys south of Courtrai. Another corps established itself between Heute and Courtrai. The village of Heette was captured after severe fighting in which the Germans suffered tremendous losses.

Made a Big Gain

London, Oct. 16—The British forces in the sector between Douai and Lille have made further gains all along the front and driven their line to within about two and a half miles southwest and three and three quarter miles west of Lille, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication issued tonight.

H. B. RAINSFORD PASSED AWAY

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occasion during the Tweedie regime when he was presented with a purse of \$200, the gift of the members of the House.

Mr. Rainsford had been clerk of the peace for York since 1885 and also performed the duties of divisional registrar of births, marriages and deaths to which office he was appointed December 21st, 1887.

The late Mr. Rainsford was a man of kindly and sociable disposition, and during his long residence here he established a very large acquaintance. He was of a very obliging disposition and took delight in performing a kindly and charitable act for a friend or acquaintance. To many of the older residents of the county his death will come as a personal loss.

Surviving Relatives

The late Mr. Rainsford is survived by a family of three sons and four daughters. They are Thomas Wetmore Rainsford, George M. O. Rainsford, and J. Benison Rainsford of Fredericton, Mrs. LeBaron R. Bull, Miss Jane H. Rainsford and Miss Ethel M. Rainsford of Fredericton, and Miss Eleanor F. H. Rainsford of Boston.

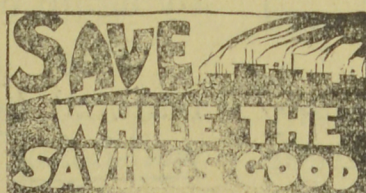
Mrs. Rainsford predeceased her husband by some years. The late Capt. Charles Rainsford who achieved distinction during the march of the famous 104th New Brunswick Regiment from Fredericton to Quebec during the winter of 1883 was an uncle of the deceased and Messrs E. Byron and T. B. Winslow, former well known citizens were cousins. His eldest uncle was Thomas Rainsford of the Life Guards who was provost marshal over Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte at St. Helena. His grandfather was the late Andrew Rainsford, first Receiver General of New Brunswick.

Interesting Incidents

There were numerous interesting incidents in the long career of the deceased. He and his father both were passengers on the ill-fated steamer "Sunbury" which blew up with loss of life in the St. John River many years ago. One of the most important legal cases with which he was concerned was the Swimmey Estate lumber lands case which was carried to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Funeral Saturday

The funeral of the deceased will take place Saturday afternoon from the residence of his daughter Mrs. Bull, 732 Brunswick Street. The service will be conducted by Rev. Dean Neales. Interment will be made in St. Peter's Churchyard, Springhill.



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