

BRITISH CAPTURED FIVE TOWNS, FRENCH SWEEP AROUND NOYON

Field Marshal Haig Launched Attack on 10-Mile Front Between Arras and Albert and Made Deep Penetration of the German Defenses

ANOTHER BRITISH ATTACK IN FLANDERS GOES MILE

Whole German Position in Center of Great Battle Front Placed in Greater Jeopardy by the Continued Advance of the French

(By the Associated Press.)

British forces struck the Germans over a front of approximately 10 miles on the line southwest of Arras at dawn today.

According to meagre details received from the scene of the new assault, the British have advanced from two to three miles and have captured the towns of Moyenville, Courcelles, Achiet-le-Petit, and Beaumont-sur-Ancres, and have reached the town of Achiet-le-Grand.

The assault was begun under cover of a mist, which materially assisted the British in their advance. It would appear from this that there was only little, if any, artillery preparation, and that the plan of attack was similar to that followed south of the Aisne on July 18 and north of Montdidier on Aug. 8. A large number of tanks participated in the attack.

Unofficial dispatches appear to indicate the British advance has carried the battle line up to a point three miles from Bapaume, an important highway center and a place reputed to be an important German base in the northern Picardy sector.

If the British drive continues to press the Germans back along the northern side of the Picardy salient, the enemy forces farther south would appear to be in a serious position. They are at present holding back the British and French along a line west of and parallel to the Somme, and north of that river they have been desperately resisting allied attacks as far north as Albert. The new advance seems to have placed the northern section of the enemy's front in great danger.

In the Flanders battle area, the Germans also are under heavy pressure. The British official report states that during the past night an attack was made from Festubert, just northwest of Lens, to the Lys river, a distance of over four miles. The village of La Tontet, at about the middle of this line has been captured. This marks an advance of nearly a mile at this point.

On the northern side of the Lys salient the British made a local attack over a mile front near Lezre this morning. The important Dranoutre ridge has been wrested from the enemy, and the Lezre hospices, a group of buildings which has been the scene of frequent and terrible fighting since April, has been attacked.

Between the Aisne and the Oise, the French troops continued their advance this morning. The progress made during the past two days seems to have placed in jeopardy the German lines east of Soissons and about Noyon.

According to the latest advices, the French now are on the high ridges to the northwest of Soissons and have positions which overlook and virtually dominate the German positions along the Oise to the east of Noyon.

TOOK THREE TOWNS IN FIRST HOUR

British Were on the Enemy Almost Before They Knew It, Tanks Leading the Advance.

With the British armies in France, Aug. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—In the first hour of the offensive begun this morning by Field Marshal Haig, the British troops captured the towns of Albainville, Beaumont and Moyenville, Courcelles and Achiet-le-Petit were soon taken.

The British attacked on a front of ten miles between Arras and Albert. The attacks extended from the Ancre river to Beaumont to just north of Moyenville.

Some German field guns and 200 prisoners had been taken in the British drive at an early hour.

All the German outposts and positions along the important Dranoutre ridge, between Koudrot and the Lacre Hospice have been attacked by the British. The result so far is not known. This front is in the Lys salient.

Although prisoners said the Germans had been expecting the attack for a week it was a tactical surprise. Tanks and infantry advanced through the heaviest fire at dawn.

After a brief "crash" bombardment the British troops were upon the enemy almost before he knew it.

ENEMY HAD BEEN WITHDRAWING

On the Sector Where British Attack Was Delivered.

British Headquarters in France, Aug. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Field Marshal Haig this morning launched an offensive on a front of 10,000 yards. The high contour between Adinier and Moy-

AUSTRIA READY TO MAKE PEACE IF "HONORABLE"

But as Long as Allies Force Her to Fight She Must Continue to Defend Herself, Says Baron Burian.

Amsterdam, Aug. 21.—Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, in an interview with a Vienna newspaper, declared himself completely satisfied with the results of the conferences last week at German main headquarters. Despite the brevity of the conferences, all questions of interest to Austria-Hungary or Germany and every important question regarding war and peace had been discussed and no alteration was made "in our peace program."

Regarding the Polish question, he said a plan had been drafted to enable further negotiations to proceed quickly. Asked concerning the basis of these negotiations, Baron Burian said:

"Our program remains unchanged. We maintain our principle that the wishes of the Polish people regarding their future must, within limits essential to the interests of the central powers, be considered. It was decided, therefore, to invite the Poles to participate in the Austro-German negotiations."

The foreign minister added that the Poles have the right freely to choose their own king and that the details will be settled at negotiations conducted in common.

"I still hold the point of view that we are compelled to continue a war of defense. We must continue still to make use of every means that could lead us to peace," Baron Burian declared, in discussing the question of peace. "Our action must run parallel with the continuation of our military operations. As long as the enemy desires to destroy us militarily, we must defend ourselves. This, however, does not prevent us from striving for an honorable peace by arrangement."

GREAT BATTLE LINE SHORTENED 50 MILES

Since the Germans Began Their Last Drive, General March Told Newspaper Men in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—As a result of the allied success during the past month the battlefront in France from Rheims to the North sea has been reduced in length more than 50 miles. General March told the newspaper men today in his midweek conference. When the Germans began their last advance the line stretched for 250 miles. It is now less than 200 miles.

General March enumerated 32 American divisions as having arrived in France. They are as follows: 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 32d, 33d, 36th, 37th, 41st, 42d, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82d, 83d, 85th, 89th, 91st, 92d and 93d.

In answer to questions, the chief of staff said the 96th national guard and 90th national army divisions, including many Texans, reached France between July 30 and Aug. 13 and have been in training. The 96th, he said, has not yet reached the front line.

General March corrected a report that the 77th division (troops of New York City and vicinity) was being sent to Italy. It was last reported, he said, in the Vosges.

Answering further questions regarding individual divisions, General March said the 76th division (New England and New York national army) now is serving as a depot division and is stationed in a back area.

The 80th division (Pennsylvania and Virginia national army) is serving with the British in Flanders.

The success of the enlarged American program of the war department, General March said, still is dependent upon the acquisition of adequate shipping, and while the emergency fleet corporation is constantly swelling the tonnage at the army's disposal, it still is necessary to charter and hire many additional ships.

Lacking official details of the British drive reported in Associated Press dispatches this morning, General March declined to comment on this new allied thrust. He said, describing the period which had elapsed since his last talk, that the allies had continued their attacks on limited fronts and at widely separated points.

On the plains near the Oise the allied advance has put the line well back of the old 1916-17 line.

DEATH OF PLAINFIELD WOMAN.

Mrs. George Whitcher, Aged 70, Had Been Ill Several Weeks.

Plainfield, Aug. 21.—Mrs. George Whitcher of this place died at Beaton hospital last night at 7 o'clock after several weeks' illness. She was 70 years of age. She is survived by her husband, two sons, William Whitcher of Providence and George Whitcher, jr., now in service in France; two brothers, J. A. Foss and A. E. Foss, both of Plainfield.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church. Rev. A. W. Hewitt officiating. Burial will be in the village cemetery.

At 14 Conolly street Armando Conolly and family are entertaining as guests this week Mr. and Mrs. John Deusel and Mr. and Mrs. William Rhea of Sausalito, Pa., who are making their first motor trip through New England. Exceptional time was made in negotiating the distance between their home in the Keystone state and Barre. New York state, through which the party passed, is only a confused memory of town and countryside run together, but in Vermont the motorists eased their pace to enjoy the scenery, which they pronounced unequalled in all their travels.

Mr. Rhea is the proprietor of a coal mine in Sausalito and after next week he will hurry home to resume charge of the business.

FRENCH TOOK TWO VILLAGES

And Are Advancing Along the Whole Oise-Aisne Front

GROUND CAPTURED NEAR LASSIGNY

The Germans Put Up Determined Resistance, Says a Paris Report

Paris, Aug. 21.—French troops continued their advance along the whole front between the Oise and the Aisne this morning. Carlepoint and Cuts have been captured by the French, says a day's war office statement.

After sharp fighting, ground has been taken west of Lassigny by the French, the statement says.

FRENCH TAKE 3,000 PRISONERS, MANY GUNS AND MUCH MATERIAL

General Mangin's Advance Toward the Oise on Tuesday Is Considered to Be a Serious Threat to the Outflanking of Noyon.

Paris, Aug. 21 (Havas).—General Mangin's advance toward the Oise is an important stroke, in the view of military critics, and constitutes a threat at the outflanking of Noyon from the east, as well as a decided help to the army of General Humbert operating between the Matz and the Oise.

The plan of Marshal Foch, the critics believe, is aimed at consolidating the front of the armies of Mangin and Humbert and forcing the enemy to withdraw probably on a large scale. The Germans are striving to prevent this.

In addition to the more than 8,000 prisoners captured Tuesday, General Mangin took numerous guns and a large amount of material.

GERMAN TROOPS FEEL THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION

Soldiers on Leave Have Spoken Publicly of Revolt Which Is to Take Place After the War—Government Takes Steps to Put Down Idea.

British Headquarters in France, Aug. 21 (By the Associated Press).—An order issued by a German military commander and which is more illuminating than anything that has come out of Germany in many months, says:

"It has come to my knowledge through a letter addressed to the royal Prussian ministry of war that men on leave have spoken publicly of a revolution which is to break out after the war.

"I wish to impress all superior officers who happen to overhear such objectionable talk or who hear of it through others, that they must deal with it at once and without hesitation. The home authorities and the director of military railways have been requested to take corresponding measures."

SEN. VARDAMAN WAS DEFEATED

Mississippi Senator Is Probably 5,000 Votes Behind Congressman Pat Harrison in Tuesday's Primary.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 21.—Defeat of Senator James K. Vardaman for the Democratic nomination for United States senator from Mississippi by Congressman Pat Harrison in yesterday's state-wide primaries, appeared assured early today on the basis of returns from all except 14 of the 82 counties of the state. Mr. Harrison on the basis of the result of returns had a majority of 5,000 over Senator Vardaman and former Governor E. F. Noel, the other candidates. Tabulations made here showed: Harrison, 37,483; Vardaman, 27,296; Noel, 4,496.

More than 27,000 votes was manifest in the primary, owing to a letter written by President Wilson in which the president said he would consider the re-election of Senator Vardaman as "a condemnation of my administration by the people of Mississippi."

BROCKTON STREETS SCENE OF RIOTING

Two Shoe Cutters Were Severely Beaten While They Were on Their Way to Work.

Brockton, Mass., Aug. 21.—The entire police force was detailed for duty today to prevent further outbreaks by striking shoe cutters, some of whom were arrested last night after street disturbances in which workmen were attacked. The police station was crowded this morning with employees who sought protection and who claim to have been warned that they would be harmed if they went back to work. Two cutters were beaten severely while bound for work.

U-BOAT PRIZE TURNS RAIDER

Crack Fishing Trawler, Captured Yesterday, Is Now Sinking Ships

CARRIES TWO GUNS AND A WIRELESS

The Ship Is Operating off of the Nova Scotia Fishing Banks

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 21.—The steam trawler Triumph, fitted with two guns and wireless and manned by 16 Germans from the U-boat which captured her yesterday is raiding the fishing banks off Nova Scotia. Crews of the schooners sunk by the Triumph have arrived here.

Vessels known to have been sunk by the converted raider are the Una P. Saunders of Lunenburg, the E. Platt Andrew of Gloucester, Mass., and the Francis J. O'Hara of Boston.

Captain Wallace Bruce, master of the E. Platt Andrew, said on his arrival here that his vessel was held up by the Triumph yesterday afternoon and his crew were given 10 minutes to leave the ship. The Germans then sank her with bombs.

The raider then bore down upon the Una P. Saunders and the Francis J. O'Hara and sank them likewise. The dories carrying the crews of the three vessels reached here at 10 a. m. today. The fishermen say that while making for this port they heard firing and believed other fishing vessels were sunk by the raider.

Captain Myrre, master of the Triumph, who landed here with his men this morning said he was told by the captain of the submarine which captured his vessel that his was only one of six U-boats operating on this coast.

"We intend to destroy the fishing fleet," the German commander said to Captain Myrre.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 21.—A German submarine late yesterday seized the big fishing trawler Triumph. The crew, who have reached shore safely, said they believe the Germans intend to use the trawler as a raider. The fishermen reported that the U-boat is "playing havoc" with the fleet of fishing vessels on the Grand Banks.

The Triumph was halted on the fishing banks by the U-boat and the crew was permitted to take to the dories. The fishermen said the trawler still was afloat when they last saw her. An armed guard of Germans had been placed aboard and no preparations were being made to sink the ship, the Triumph's men said.

This led to the conclusion that the Germans intended to use her as a raider.

The Triumph is owned by the North Atlantic Fisheries company and is one of the crack boats of the fleet.

CONSUMES MUCH COAL

The Triumph Will Prove Troublesome to the Germans.

Boston, Aug. 21.—Fishermen here said today that if the German submarine made use of the trawler Triumph, seized yesterday, as a raider, they would have to recede the craft at least every 10 days. The trawler is manned entirely by a Canadian crew and is owned by a Canadian company. The vessel is 125 feet in length, 16 feet deep, with a 22-foot beam, and registers about 250 tons gross.

Fishermen said the scene of the attack undoubtedly was on the western banks, off the Nova Scotia coast, in the open sea and outside the three-mile zone of Canadian waters. New England vessels have not visited the western banks since German submarines were first reported in the bay of Fundy several weeks ago.

LEFT PORTLAND MONDAY.

Steam Trawler Triumph Had Just Landed a Catch of Fish.

Portland, Me., Aug. 21.—The steam trawler Triumph, captured by the crew of a German submarine, left here Monday for the fishing grounds. She had landed her catches at this port during the summer for a canning company with extensive government contracts, and for local dealers. The trawler was built about five years ago and had a carrying capacity of 300,000 pounds of fish. She took on a supply of coal on leaving here that, it is believed, would last for 10 days.

SUES FOR \$10,000.

R. J. Stewart Plaintiff Against Barre & Montpelier Traction Co.

R. J. Stewart of Barre has brought suit in Washington county court to recover \$10,000 damages from the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power company for injuries which he alleged he received because of negligence of the company. This is said to have taken place May 10, when a pole of the defendant at the junction of Hill and Washington streets in Barre fell against a trolley car, knocking on a window and injuring one arm of the plaintiff so that he will be unable to use his arm during the rest of his life.

There has also been a suit brought by Mary McFarland against Charles and Mary Dube to recover \$500 damages in general assumpsit for an account of \$152. Divorce cases have been filed by the following: Eva M. Charles vs. Fred L. Charles, John Beaton vs. Mary J. Beaton and William Lanouette vs. Ellen L. Lanouette.

NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR CITY OFFICIALS

Cemetery Commission and Superintendent Are Left Out at City Hall—Mayor Wants His Office to Himself.

Wanted—A place in the sun for the cemetery commission and superintendent. Or failing that, the cemetery officials will be content with a place in the park, until such time as the aldermanic property committee can uncover an unused nook or cranny at city hall where the desk and safe of the commission can be placed. At present those two pieces of furniture are on casters and ready to move in any direction.

Mayor Gysson's threat to veto the aldermen's motion to pair him off with the cemetery superintendent at city hall had the expected effect, and until March 1 and maybe a later date he will have his own office much to himself. To begin with, it should be borne in mind that changes are in the making at city hall. The police are clamoring for a place on the ground floor. The janitor has appealed successfully for a promotion from his sleeping quarters in the basement to a room on the first floor. He is to have the office adjoining the school commissioners' room recently used by the cemetery superintendent. At the last regular meeting of the aldermen it was voted to grant the janitor's request and at the same time the aldermen adopted a motion which, but for the mayor's threatened veto, would have established the superintendent in the mayor's office. Last week when all these things were under way it was said that the mayor wasn't using his office very much. The mayor was present during the transaction, but as he explained at the council meeting last evening, he remained silent because it was an alderman's meeting.

His opening came just before adjournment last night, and he didn't stop to hunt for high-flown language in speaking his mind. He started in by saying that the office is not used to any great extent and that the cemetery people could use it as much as they like—after he should finish with it. Continuing, he made it plain that he proposed to share the office with no one until after March 1, 1919. If the aldermen failed to reconsider their hasty action he should be constrained to veto the motion to pair, etc. Not much was said for a rejoinder, but the aldermen commended in silence for a moment and then Alderman Alexander moved that the council reconsider the motion and that the report, incorporating the original recommendations of the property committee, be referred back to that committee. There was only one dissenting vote and the motion was declared carried.

Appearing for the recently organized Barre City band, James Robertson asked that the council guarantee the band support that it may continue as a permanent organization. Alderman Rizzi said that Barre had had enough music for this summer, but Mr. Robertson explained that the City band sought financial aid because it desired to practice weekly during the winter in anticipation of next summer. Members of the council cited the large crowd which attended the initial concert of the City band and opined that the public evidently would favor its continuation. Alderman Alexander heartily approved of the new band and it was on his motion that Mr. Robertson's request was referred to the band committee with instructions to confer with members of the band.

A delegation from Prospect street came to the council chamber to appeal for better highway conditions. Walter Donald reported that the hill, it was asserted, are almost impassable. The complaint was referred to the street committee. Objections to the practice of dropping stone chips into the river near the south end were voiced and the street committee was asked to look into the matter. The committee, in a number of reports recommended that: Park street be repaved; the street superintendent be directed to remove city stone on the Maple avenue property of James Nicol; a new receiver and a sidewalk on North Seminary street after the city engineer has completed a survey; the manufacturers against whom Berlin and Smith street residents complained be asked to establish a cess pool to take away refuse from their polishing mill. Overseer McDonald reported that \$1,450 was expended in the charity department during the past month, leaving a balance of \$6. Some hundreds of dollars went to the town of Stowe, the hospital and the undertaker. The reports were accepted.

Warrants were approved for payment as follows: Street payroll, \$389.61; engineering payroll, \$46.41; water payroll, \$149.41; fire payroll, \$134.32; police payroll, \$106.87; assessors' payroll, \$72; tax rebates, \$659.70; G. A. Bemis, \$16, services as janitor; cash paid out on the street superintendent's orders, \$110.16; George Tongue, 75 cents, for returning burial permits.

DIED AT AGE OF 88.

Mrs. Jennie Buchanan Passed Away at 88 Elm Street To-day.

Mrs. Jennie Buchanan, one of the oldest Scotswomen in Barre, passed away at her home, 88 Elm street, this forenoon, at the age of 88. She had been in failing health since May, although previous to that time she retained all of her faculties and was unusually active for one of her years. The end came at 11:15 o'clock. The deceased leaves two daughters, Mrs. Walter Emery of Barre and Mrs. Jane Doble of Dalbeattie, Scotland. There are also several grandchildren.

Mrs. Buchanan was the last of six children. She was born Jennie Glover, in Castle Douglas, Scotland, March 29, 1830. In early life she was married to John Buchanan, whose death occurred in Scotland 30 years ago. The deceased came to Barre in 1891. While she was advanced in years when she came to this city, she quickly cultivated friendships with people of all ages. As a young woman she elected Presbyterianism as her chosen profession of faith, and at the time of her death she was the oldest member of the First Presbyterian church. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

18-20-YEAR MEN CALLED LAST

Separate Classification for Them Provided in the House Amendment

YOUTHS UNDER 21 MAY BE OFFICERS

Military Committee Made a Favorable Report on the Manpower Bill

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—A favorable report was voted today by the House military committee on the administration man-power bill, with an amendment providing that youths from 18 to 20 years of age shall be placed in separate classifications to be called into military service after men from 20 to 45.

Another amendment by Chairman Dent provides that the fact a soldier has not reached 21 shall not bar him from a commission.

A section added at the request of the war department provides that men of draft age may be sent to college for technical training without changing their military status.

CLEMENT LOOKED AT NOMINATIONS

One Republican Candidate for Governor Made Inspection of Blanks—Washington County Tickets Filed By Two Parties.

The Republican and Democratic state tickets were filed Tuesday about as they appeared in the Barre Times excepting that Congressman Greene petitions arrived at the office during the afternoon, while the name of Rev. J. B. Beardon of Barre, the Democratic candidate for congressman, was also filed. P. W. Clement filed about 1,700 petitions for governor, while F. E. Howe has about 3,000. The number of C. H. Darling was not estimated this morning. His were mostly of the group form. All of the candidates had a large number more than needed, so that in case of any deduction they will have safe margins. Walter Fenton was at Montpelier with Mr. Clement and looked over all blanks to see that they complied with the statutes.

All of the candidates filed their nomination papers for Washington county officers Tuesday afternoon. In the Democratic party the ticket is: Senators, T. E. Callahan, Montpelier, A. W. Hewitt, Plainfield, C. W. Melcher, Barre; Sheriff, Dennis Donahue, Barre Town; assistant judges, G. L. Pray, East Montpelier, C. C. Robinson, Waterbury; state attorney, H. C. Shurtleff, Montpelier. The Republican candidates are: Senators, Henry Hill, Waterbury, D. B. Dwinell, Calais, James Bates, Moretown, E. P. Pitkin, East Montpelier, and F. G. Howland, Barre City; assistant judges, O. C. Eaton, Watfield, G. H. Dale, Waterbury, C. H. Dana, Woodbury; sheriff, F. H. Tracy, Montpelier; state attorney, E. B. Frank, Barre City; judge of probate, Frank L. Martin, Barre City.

VETERAN C. S. LARKIN DEAD.

He Was Able to Be Out as Usual Last Monday.

Charles S. Larkin, a veteran of Cedar Creek and other engagements of the Civil war, passed away suddenly at his home, 10 South Main street, Tuesday afternoon. He was able to be about as usual Monday, but on the day following he was stricken with an attack of acute indigestion, and while his condition was not considered serious, he grew suddenly worse in the afternoon and expired around 3 o'clock. Mr. Larkin is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Fred Cutts of Newport, N. H., Mrs. M. L. Kiser of Schenectady, N. Y., and Mrs. H. D. Stevens of Barre. A son, Frank F. Larkin, died in Barre June 14, 1917, and a second son, Earl E. Larkin, died in infancy.

Charles Seymour Larkin was born in Williston Dec. 26, 1839. Much of his boyhood was passed in his native town. In 1864 he enlisted from Orange county in the 1st regiment, Vermont volunteer cavalry, and was mustered into the service of the United States in Brattleboro. He participated in the campaign that led up to the battle of Cedar Creek, where a grievous injury which he received in the engagement prevented him from further participation in the war, which ended a few months afterward.

On Jan. 17, 1867, Mr. Larkin married Miss Maria E. Cutts of Plainfield, the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. E. Currier, a Congregational clergyman. The family lived in Orange until 1900, when they moved to Barre. The deceased was a member of R. B. Crandall post, G. A. R., and was an adherent of the Congregational church.

The funeral will be held at the house Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment is to be made in the family lot at Hope cemetery.

SEEKING FOR RAIDERS.

U. S. War Vessels Are Expected to Make Short Work of Her.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—Strong forces of swift naval patrol boats and destroyers sped today to the North Atlantic fishing banks, where the trawler Triumph, captured yesterday by a German submarine, which, armed and manned, is reported raiding fishing fleets. Naval officers here think the recapture of the trawler or her enforced destruction by the German crew is a certainty.