

BRITISH CAPTURE MONCHY-LE-PREUX IN DRIVE AT OLD HINDENBURG LINE; ARE ADVANCING ON FOUR-MILE FRONT

In a Few Hours the British Gained Two Miles—Guemappe and Wancourt Taken—Further South They Have Taken Mory and Environs

FRENCH CAPTURED FRESNOY THREE MILES NORTH OF ROYE

Gen. Mangin's Army Made Slight Advance Between Ailette and Ainsle Rivers and Captured 400 Prisoners - Favreuil Near Bapaume Taken

London, Aug. 26, 1 p. m.—This morning's attack was launched between the Scarpe river at Fampoux and the heights northeast of Neuville-Vitasse. In a few hours the British made an advance of two miles on a front of four miles, according to advices received here from the battle front.

In the battle area south of the Somme, General Debeny's French army has captured Fresnoy-les-Roye, about three miles north of Roye, according to to-day's dispatch. General Mangin's army also has made a slight advance between the Ailette and the Ainsle. Four hundred prisoners were taken by this army yesterday.

Fighting is reported proceeding at the line of battle, starting with Campoux on the Scarpe river, follows: Monchy-le-Preux, Guemappe, Wancourt, Henin, Croisilles, east of Mory, Favreuil, Avesnes, Eaucourt-l'Abbaye, Marthinich, west of Bazentin-le-Petit, Mametz and Carnoy, and thence to the Somme just to the west of Maricourt. There is little change south of the Somme, except that the British line has been improved to the east of Chauignes.

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The towns of Monchy-le-Preux, Guemappe and Wancourt were on the Hindenburg line as it stood prior to the German drive on March 21. In this sector the Germans drove ahead slightly, but were held up after the second day of the fighting and after that time could not get nearer Arras.

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The British position southeast of Mory and west of Croisilles has been improved in spite of a heavy rain. Strong German counter attacks north and south of Bapaume have been repulsed.

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The British lines have been advanced slightly astride the Somme and progress has been made in the direction of Maricourt, four miles northeast of Bray.

The text reads: "At three o'clock this morning our troops attacked in the Scarpe sector and are reported to have made good progress."

"On the southern portion of the battle front we have advanced our line slightly astride the Somme and by a successful operation carried out yesterday afternoon have made progress in the direction of Maricourt."

"Yesterday evening the enemy launched strong counter attacks south and north of Bapaume, in the neighborhood of Eaucourt-l'Abbaye and Favreuil. In both localities the attacks were repulsed. North of Favreuil our troops met the enemy with the bayonet, inflicting heavy casualties upon him and taking prisoners."

"Another counter attack attempted by the enemy later in the evening in this neighborhood also was unsuccessful. Favreuil is in our hands and we have made good progress beyond the village."

"North of this point we have improved our position southeast of Mory and west of Croisilles."

"Heavy rain is falling on the battle front."

BAPAUME BEING SURROUNDED. Despite Great Efforts of the Germans to Hold the Place.

With the British Forces in France, Aug. 26 (by the Associated Press).—British

PICARDY BATTLEFRONT CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED

By the Associated Press. Extending the Picardy battle line far to the north into the Artois sector, the British launched an attack this morning in the Scarpe region, east of Arras. This attack may be considered as a new development of the terrific battle east of the Ancre river, which has been going on since last Wednesday.

The British war office says good progress is being made in the new attack, which was begun in an area where the Germans hold strongly fortified lines which have been held by them for the past two years.

Immediately south of the Cogeul river the British seemingly have encountered a slight setback, for today's reports show they are fighting west of regions where the battle was said to be going on yesterday.

Bapaume seemingly is being slowly pocketed by the British. Favreuil, a mile and a half to the northeast, has been taken by the British, who have passed beyond the village, while farther north, Mory has been left behind by Field Marshal Haig's men.

Progress on each side of the Somme river is officially reported from London and it is said the British are advancing toward Maricourt, four miles northeast of Bray.

There has been great artillery activity from Roye to the Ainsle river, according to the French official report, but there is no mention of new infantry attacks in this vital sector. German surprise attacks on the French lines in the Vosges sector have been repulsed, Paris says.

As the battle stands to-day, the British appear to be quite near the old Hindenburg line south of Arras, while they are making an attack directly against it along the Scarpe river. If the attack launched this morning is successful, it may have a determining effect on the course of the battle farther south, for a German retreat over a wide section might be forced. It also will effect the Flanders sector to the north, from which the Germans are said to be retiring.

Heavy rain is falling over the battle line, it is reported. This will tend to slow down the movement of troops.

East of Bagnex, General Mangin has captured 3,000 in a successful thrust eastward. It is not improbable in view of the reports of an enemy retreat north of the Vesle, that the Germans are holding here in order to protect the flank of the withdrawal movement between Soissons and Rheims.

Premier Clemenceau says the fortunes of the war have been definitely decided owing to the victories of the last six weeks. Austro-Hungarian soldiers have been taken prisoner by the allies at two different points on the main battle line, but there are no indications that Austrian aid for the battered German divisions is in great force.

Comparatively heavy fighting is taking place in Albania. Vienna says Austrian troops have crossed the Semeni near the Adriatic and claims successes also in the center and on the enemy left. Rome reports the repulse of Austrian attacks against advance posts along the Semeni.

ARTILLERY BATTLE IN REGION OF ROYE

French Official Statement Reports Heavy Bombardments—Two German Surprise Attacks in Vosges Failed.

Paris, Aug. 26.—Heavy bombardments in the region of Roye and the Oise and the Ailette are reported in to-day's war office statement.

"Very vigorous artillery actions occurred during the night in the region of Roye and Bouvignies (three miles to the south of Roye).—The artillery fire also was heavy between the Ailette, Oise and Ainsle rivers."

"Two German surprise attacks in the Vosges sector were without result and we took prisoners."

"The night was calm on the rest of the front."

AUSTRIANS TAKEN ON WESTERN FRONT

Their Presence There Is Taken as Indication of Seriousness of German Cause.

Paris, Aug. 26.—(Havas).—The appearance of Austro-Hungarian troops on the western front did not surprise the newspapers, which declared the presence of the Austrians behind the German lines was actually known for several months. The presence of the Austrians as fighting troops, at the request of Germany, is declared to be striking proof of the seriousness of the enemy's situation.

The Petit Journal says the Austrians captured by the French belonged to the Life Guards.

AUSTRIANS WIN IN ALBANIA. Are Said to Have Pursued Italians Across the Semeni.

Vienna, via London, Sunday, Aug. 25.—The official communication from the Austrian war office to-day says: "Our attack is progressing successfully in Albania. After a bitter struggle yesterday, Italian bridgehead positions north of Fieri were taken. During the pursuit, which followed, our troops crossed the Semeni. We also made progress near Berat and in the Seloves mountains."

"The bombing attacks of our airmen against Avlona are continuing."

HAIG'S MEN CAPTURED 1,500 GERMANS SUNDAY

Also Made Further Collection of Guns, Trench Mortars and Machine Guns North of the Somme.

British Headquarters in France, Aug. 26 (Reuter's Limited).—British troops yesterday took another 1,500 prisoners and made a further collection of guns, trench mortars and machine guns. Field Marshal Haig's troops swung forward as far as Longueval in their advance north of the Somme.

GERMAN ATTACK U. S. SEAPLANES A FLAT FAILURE IN COLLISION

They Delivered Counter-Offensive on Large Scale in Soissons Region

GEN. MANGIN'S RIGHT WING STOOD FAST

Operation Was Directed Between Vailly and Soissons

Paris, Aug. 26, 1 p. m.—The Germans to-day attempted a counter-offensive on a large scale against the right wing of General Mangin's army in the region between Vailly and Soissons. The attack utterly failed.

General Mangin's army repulsed the German onslaughts everywhere, and in some instances gained ground. The French flung back the attacking troops even beyond their starting points.

CANADIAN TROOPS SHOWED GALLANTRY

Manitoba Battalion Carried Foucoucourt in Dashing Attack Led by the Commanding Officer.

Canadian Forces in France, Aug. 26 (Canadian Press).—Numerous stories of individual gallantry and initiative on the field in the recent fighting east of Amiens are coming to hand. A Manitoba battalion was held up in an attack on Foucoucourt, which lies within the old Somme defenses. Realizing capture of the stronghold was essential to success of the entente operations, the commanding officer personally led a dashing assault into the heart of the enemy position. His example so inspired all ranks that their advance was irresistible, and after the village had been mopped up the battalion consolidated a position to the east and held it against all counter-attacks for two days.

A central Ontario battalion did equally good work in front of Beaurevoir. The cavalry had been held up here by converging machine gun fire from the south of the Roye road and the woods to the north and east. The battalion was similarly held up but its commanding officer realized the key to the position was a small wood to the northeast, which was alive with machine guns.

Taking advantage of the smoke screen afforded by a burning tank, he led in a hastily collected party and rushed the wood, capturing 16 machine guns. The battalion then took the town with a dash, the enemy retiring routed.

ABOUT 260,000 GERMAN MALES REGISTERED

That Does Not Include Those Who Are Interned—The Registration of German Women Is Not Finished.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—About 260,000 unannaturalized male Germans in the United States have registered with police and postmasters under alien enemy regulations, the department of justice reported to-day. The registration for males was held in January and a few additional Germans are being recorded from time to time. Reports of the registration of German women more than two months ago have not yet been fully tabulated, but it is believed less than 200,000 enrolled. These figures do not include the interned Germans, whose number never has been made public.

MANY AMERICANS NAMED

In Canadian Casualty Lists—New England Men Numerous.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—The following Americans are mentioned in Sunday's Canadian overseas casualty list: Killed in action, H. S. Hood, Philadelphia; H. H. Histon, Tarentum, Pa.; A. L. Laine, Lewiston, Me.; C. P. Weldon, Methuen, Mass.; T. C. Lawson, Marshfield, Mass.; P. Martin, Grand Isle, Me.; R. A. Taylor, Stoneham, Mass.

The following Americans are included in to-day's list: Killed in action: J. Mailley, Lowell, Mass.

Wounded: A. S. Johnston, Chester, Pa.; C. J. Arsenault, Bangor, Me.; J. F. Smith, Providence, R. I.; J. Marks, Paterson, N. J.; E. Gangog, Franklin Falls, N. H.; N. Langlois, Providence, R. I.

Killed in action: A. Dunn, Philadelphia; B. MacDonald, Manchester, Mass. Wounded: C. A. Coombs, Waltham, Mass.; D. Boleau, Easthampton, Mass.

BELGIANS REPULSE ATTACK. Put Down Five German Efforts During the Past Week.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—The weekly communique of the Belgian army, made public here to-day by the Belgian legation, says: "During the past week we have repulsed by infantry and artillery fire, five German attacks on our advanced posts in the regions of Niepoort, Dixmude, Meechen and Langemarck. We were successful on the other hand in a surprise attack in the vicinity of Kieppe, capturing twenty German soldiers and an officer. The usual artillery activity of average intensity, is reported from the front as a whole. An enemy balloon was destroyed in the course of this week by one of our aviators."

ARRIVAL OF JAPANESE. Caused Retirement of Most of Bolsheviks in Transbaikalian Region.

London, Aug. 26.—General Semenov's opponents in the Transbaikalian region have withdrawn as a result of the arrival of the Japanese troops at Manchuria, says a Tien-Tsin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. Only 9,000 of the bolshevik troops remain in that region.

ON OUTSKIRTS OF SUZANNE. British Troops Are Also Reported to Be Near Cappy.

With the British Army in France, Sunday, Aug. 25.—(By the Associated Press).—British troops are reported to have reached the outskirts of Suzanne, two miles east of Bray-sur-Somme and to be near Cappy, slightly less than two miles southeast of Bray on the south bank of the Somme. A heavy rain fell to-night.

THIRTEEN MEN REGISTERED.

Barre Men Who Became 21 Since June 5, Last.

Thirteen young men who have become 21 years of age between June 5 and Aug. 24 were registered at the Barre city hall Saturday on the day designated by the war department. Three of the number gave residences other than Barre. Those of Jewish faith were permitted to register to-day, but it is not expected that the number of Barre registrants will be increased for that reason.

Thirteen men registered in Montpelier Saturday, six of whom were sons of parents born in southern Europe.

The Barre men who registered were: Giovanni Borini, Raymond Henry Bosworth, Manuel Canales, Brunetto Ciardi, William George Forces, Douglas Lloyd Inglis, Walter Thomas McHugo, William John Noonan, Alexander Park, jr., George Paterson Smith.

SMALL REGISTRATIONS

In Washington County of New 21-Year-Old Men.

Reports of registration in Washington county towns of youths who have become 21 years of age between June 5 and Aug. 24 last, are as follows: Barre 13, Barre Town 8, East Montpelier 3, Fayston 1, Montpelier 14, Northfield 6, Warren 1, Worcester 1, Roxbury 1.

ARGUMENT TURNED INTO A MURDER

Philippi Clemaldis of St. Johnsbury Was Stabbed to Death and Frank Martini Is in Jail on the Charge of Murder.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 26.—On account of an argument Saturday night in an Italian shack at the Fairbanks scale plant, Philippi Clemaldis is dead and Frank Martini is in jail charged with murder. The men are part of an Italian colony employed at the scale factory. The fracas started Saturday night as they were retiring and, according to the older Italians, Martini stabbed Clemaldis in the abdomen with a long knife made out of a file. The man died two hours later at Brightlook hospital. Martini escaped but was found early Sunday morning by Sheriff W. V. Worthen's deputies in a railway car. He is held for the grand jury.

The murdered man was 31 and unmarried. Martini is 48 and has a wife and four children in Italy. He has been in this country four years, one year in New York and three here.

INCREASED RATES ASKED BY RAILROADS

On Manufactured Iron and Steel, Billets and Pig Iron Shipped to Atlantic Ports and New England.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Federal controlled railroads in central territory joined with non-controlled short lines to-day in asking the interstate commerce commission for authority to apply on interstate shipments and shipments over non-controlled roads increased freight rates recently authorized for lines under federal management on manufactured iron and steel, billets and pig iron shipped to Atlantic ports and New England from Pittsburg and other points.

LOWER FISH PRICES

In Prospect for 1919 Because of Better Fishing Boats.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Fishing craft destroyed by German submarines off the New England coast will be replaced by the emergency fleet corporation at the request of the food administration, with deep sea modern trawlers. Construction will be begun immediately on 75 vessels, to be in operation on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and in the Gulf of Mexico early in 1919. The food administration asked for the boats in order to increase the production of seawater fish.

Price increases in the annual production of haddock, small cod, flat fish and other salt water varieties are expected to result from the operation of the new trawlers, and enable carloads to enter all the interior markets of the country every week in the year, stabilizing prices at low levels.

WILSON NOT OPOSED.

To National Prohibition During War, Some Senators Say.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—President Wilson, Senate prohibition leaders declared to-day, is not opposed to legislation pending in the Senate proposing national prohibition during the war, but has suggested that the proposed time for its becoming effective—January 1, 1919—be extended. Negotiations to that end, it was said, seemed to assure an agreement for passage of the bill and also for some extension of time to liquor interests.

OVER 1,000 WORKERS QUIT

In Plant of Pacific Coast Steel Company at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 26.—Following the breaking off of negotiations last night between representatives of the Pacific Coast Steel company and employees of the company engaged on contracts for the Emergency Fleet corporation, a strike was declared at 7 o'clock to-day. The employees declared more than 1,000 workers went out. They demand pay and working conditions similar to those in effect in the shipyards.

MORE NAVAL MARKSMEN. Several Thousand Qualified During the Past Week.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—During the past week 2,250 marksmen, 1,144 sharpshooters and 690 expert marksmen qualified at the 13 naval ranges, the navy department announced. Mount Pleasant, S. C., led the list in general efficiency, with 117 per cent; in range efficiency the Rumford, R. I., station was ahead.

QUEBEC CHIEF JUSTICE DEAD.

Sir Horace Archambault Died of Heart Failure.

Montreal, Aug. 26.—Sir Horace Archambault, chief justice of Quebec, died suddenly of heart failure at Trois Piliers yesterday. He was 61 years old.

MYSTERY BOAT HELD CAPTIVE

The Naval Authorities Take Charge of the Steam Yacht Vega

NO ONE ALLOWED TO LEAVE VESSEL

Patrol Boats Picked Up the Vega Just Outside an Atlantic Port

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 26.—The steam yacht Vega, brought into port late yesterday by naval authorities for investigation, lay at a closely guarded wharf to-day. No one was allowed to leave the vessel and no one on shore was allowed to approach her.

It is understood the yacht was purchased at New London, Conn., for \$2,500 to replace the vessel lost in the raids by submarines on the fishing banks. She is said to be bound to a point on the Cape Breton coast.

Patrol boats, which for a week had been watching vigilantly for the yacht, picked her up a few miles outside the harbor. It was reported she had no ship's papers, and that all on board except the captain and mate, were foreigners.

On the deck were piled bags of coal, while the forward hold was filled with mattresses, possibly a part of the furnishings when the yacht formerly was used for pleasure purposes. All the windows were fitted with canvas, which would complete darken the craft at night.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LEWERNEZ. Was Held Sunday and Interment Was in Hope Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Eulalia (Wright) Lewernez, wife of Edward Lewernez, whose death occurred at the City hospital early Friday morning, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright of 26 Merchant street. Elder J. Leroy Anderson of the Latter Day Saints, was the officiating clergyman. During the funeral services the selections, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "O, My Father," and "I Need Thee Every Hour," were rendered by members of the church, with which the deceased was affiliated. The bearers were William Wright, John O'Brien, William Buchanan and Harry Jeffords. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

BODY TAKEN TO MAINE. Service for Mrs. Hannah J. Russell Was Held To-day.

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah J. Russell, whose death occurred early Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Hoyt of 115 Summer street, with whom she had made her home during the past several years, was held this forenoon at St. Monica's Catholic church, Rev. P. M. McKenna officiating. The service brought together a large number of friends of the deceased. The body left on the morning train for Thomaston, Me., where it will be buried beside a brother-in-law. The bearers were: T. J. Denning, Thomas Carroll, James Marriott and Patrick Hernon.

NOT ASKED TO WITHDRAW. No Delegation or Individual Has Withdrew on Mr. Howe for That Purpose.

An item in Saturday's Times stated that a delegation waited on Frank E. Howe at the hospital in Montpelier last week relative to his withdrawing from the contest for the nomination for governor. The Times is assured by friends close enough to Mr. Howe to know, that neither delegation nor individual has waited on him for this purpose.

800 NEW LIEUTENANTS

Were Graduated To-day at Camp Lee—Will Report to Duty Soon.

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 26.—Eight hundred second lieutenants graduated to-day from the central officers' training school at Camp Lee. After a few days' leave of absence they will report to the various camps to which they have been assigned. Arrangements virtually had been completed at Camp Lee to-day for housing the 10,000 Pennsylvania registrants to arrive here this week.

EXPORTS FALLING OFF.

Both Domestic and Foreign Are Less Than in July, 1917.

St. Albans, Aug. 26.—A falling off in both domestic and foreign exports was shown by a comparison of the report for July, 1918, as made public to-day, as compared with the report for July, 1917. The total exports last July were \$4,374,883, compared with \$5,025,345 in July, 1917; the domestic exports were \$3,249,888, as compared with \$4,067,358 last year; and the foreign exports were \$1,124,995, as compared with \$957,987 last year.

MANY OCCUPATIONS

Are Included Among Men Serving Under Merchant Marine.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Bankers, lawyers, teachers, clergymen and actors are included among the hundreds of young Americans in training as apprentice seamen for the merchant marine, according to results made public to-day of an occupational inquiry conducted by Henry Howard of Boston, director of the shipping board's recruiting and training service. Investigation disclosed, according to Mr. Howard, that many men with large incomes are to be found among the 3,000 men being trained monthly to serve under the American flag on the seas.

TO VISIT BATTLE FRONTS.

Sen. Reed of Missouri, of Military Committee, Will Be Away Two Months.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—Senator Reed of Missouri will leave Washington to-morrow to spend two months visiting the battlefronts and European capitals. He is a member of the Senate military committee which investigated aircraft production, and expects to pay particular attention abroad to aviation affairs.