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ALLIED PROGRESS TOWARDS ST. QUENTIN

Further Advances by French Troops After Heavy Fighting. Key Positions to Chemin des Dames Almost Reached. Many Prisoners Being Captured.

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Sept. 16.—The French on Saturday fought a pitched battle along the Ailette. The result was not perhaps so great a success as had been hoped for but the village of Ailette, the mill of Laffaux and other points of the greatest importance in the enemy system of defence were captured together with 3,500 prisoners.

exits from the city, even those to the east. As a road and rail centre St. Quentin can be of little use to the enemy. It has become a liability rather than an asset and while as a matter of prestige the Germans may seek to hold it as long as possible the fall of St. Quentin would give the Allies little greater advantage than they now have upon the commanding positions they occupy around it.

THE GERMAN REPORT

The German report dealing with this battle states the French attacked with strong forces and were repulsed on both sides of the Ailette by Hanoverian and Brunswick troops. It is announced that in the region of Ailette the French pressed forward across the height east of Laffaux but the attacks collapsed before the our counter-attacks. Farther south it is asserted the French repeatedly attacked, supported by armoured cars but the attacks collapsed before the German lines. It is evident that the French have almost reached the key positions of the Chemin des Dames and that a very little progress will compel the enemy to surrender the Lanies Road and also the highway from Soissons to Laon which passes over the ridge at this point.

The capture of Auchy La Bassee by British troops early on Saturday morning gets only a line in the official bulletin but it recalls one of the greatest tragedies of the war, the battle of Loos in September, 1915 when a hundred thousand British soldiers, the bravest of the brave, stormed the German lines between La Bassee and Loos. Although they won ground here and there along the battlefield and retained Loos and a footing on the edge of Hill Seventy they failed to carry the Hohenzollern redoubt, the dump of Pit Eight, the quarries of Hulluch and the village of Auchy and secured no adequate return for 50,000 casualties sustained.

DEFENCES OF ST. QUENTIN CAPTURED BY BRITISH

LONDON, Sept. 16.—On the northern part of the battle line the attack upon St. Quentin continues with unabated vigor. Sir Douglas Haig's Sunday night's bulletin announced the capture by the British of the village of Malsemy together with the defence system to the entire approach toward St. Quentin from the northwest. This together with the Holnon Wood positions captured on Friday must make the defence of the city an increasingly serious problem. The direction of the assault yesterday indicates a wide envelopment of St. Quentin from the north rather than a direct attack upon the city from the west. The French on the southwest advancing along the St. Quentin Canal are making steady progress across the ridges upon which the principal defences have been placed. They have taken Fontaine Les Clois and here, too, there is no higher ground until the ridge is reached directly in front of St. Quentin upon which the Hindenburg line has been placed. The positions now occupied by the British and French command practically all the

THE PEACE KITE, DID NOT STOP THE ALLIES

LONDON, Sept. 16.—While the peace kite was in flight, British French and American troops continued their relentless pressure against the Germans. Pershing's men advanced from two to three miles on a 34 mile front. Haig's forces advanced northwest of St. Quentin, while French forces advanced northwest of St. Quentin, while French forces made progress south of the same city. Mangin's army simultaneously struck a new blow at the German salient north of Soissons wherever their Allied troops attacked the German lines moved back.

BRITISH DRIVE AHEAD ON TWO MILE FRONT

LONDON, Sept. 16.—British troops last night advanced their line north of the Arras Cambrai Road, establishing posts in the vicinity of Cautaine Les Clois and here, too, there is no higher ground until the ridge is reached directly in front of St. Quentin upon which the Hindenburg line has been placed. The positions now occupied by the British and French command practically all the

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

**Come one come all to the Red Cross Supper in Elliott's Hall, Rocky Point, Sep. 19th. If not fine the following Monday. Band in attendance. 1884-9-14M3pd
**THE McDONALD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE will meet at McDonald Consolidated school on Thursday Sept 19th at 2.30 P.M. Miss Sterns will demonstrate. 1881-9-17-M 11
**A clam supper with ice cream etc., will be held at Gavin Harding's Graham's Road on Wednesday evening Sept. 18 by the "Goodwill" Mission Band. If unfavorable the following evening. Come everybody. 1434-9-17M11.

GERMAN PEACE KITES ARE AGAIN FLYING

Offers Belgium a Germanized Peace and Induces Austria to Invite the Belligerent Governments to a Conference With a View to Bringing About Peace. Austria Probably Anxious to Get Out of the Game if Germany Will Let Her. Meanwhile She Must Act as Germany's Catspaw

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Sept. 16.—It is understood that the Government has received an Austro-Hungarian peace note and also a proposal, previously referred to that all the powers should withdraw their troops the Morman territory. The Austro-Hungarian Government invited all the belligerent governments to enter into nonbinding discussions at some neutral meeting place with a view to bringing about peace. The Holy See and all neutral nations also will be notified. An official statement from Vienna making the big announcement has been received here.

is Germany's catspaw, was the comment generally heard in London when the news of Austria's invitation to Belligerents to confidential non-binding discussion at a neutral centre became public. It was not considered surprising that Austria should make a move to secure peace, for Vienna, since the early days of September, has been the scene of many conferences of statesmen of the Central powers and of Teutonic Allied monarchs. Germany has also made a peace offer to Belgium.

many and Belgium shall again be put into operation after war for an indefinite period, that Belgium shall use her good offices to secure the return of the German Colonies, that the Flemish question shall be considered and Flemish minority which aided the German invaders shall not be penalized. The proposals contain no word respecting reparations or indemnities, no admission that Germany wronged Belgium.

AUSTRIA SUSPECTED OF GERMAN TRICKERY

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Austria again

The terms of the proposal are as follows: That Belgium shall remain neutral until the end of the war, that hereafter the entire, economic and political independence of Belgium shall be reconstituted, that pre-war commercial treaties between Ger-

GERMAN TREACHERY OFFICIALLY PROVED

Official Documents Made Public in Washington Prove Lenine and Trotsky Were Financed by Germany and World Domination Aimed at Before War Began.

(Special to The Guardian) WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Proofs, removing any doubts that Lenine and Trotsky, the Bolsheviki leaders, are paid German agents if indeed doubts remain, are laid before the world today by the United States Government in the first installment of an amazing series of official documents disclosed through the committee of public information obtained in Russia by American agents. These documents not only show how the German Government through its imperial bank paid its gold to Lenine and Trotsky and their immediate associates to betray Russia into deserting the Allies but

give added proofs if any are necessary, that Germany had perfected her plans for a war of world conquest before the assassinations at Sara Jeva which as the world now is convinced, conveniently furnished her pretext. These documents further show that before the world war was four months old and more than two years before the United States was drawn into it Germany already was setting afoot her plans to mobilize destructive agents and observers, to cause explosions, strikes and outrages in the country and planned the employment of Anarchists and escaped criminals for the purpose.

Another Ch'town Boy Yields His Life

Mrs. Adeline Blaquiere, 85 Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown received a telegram yesterday conveying the sad news that her son, Pte. James Neil Blaquiere was officially reported as having died in the 42nd Casualty Clearing Station, France, Sept. 4th of a wound in the abdomen. Pte. Blaquiere enlisted in the 15th Battalion and was the only son of his mother his father having died about fourteen years ago. The deep sympathy of the community will be extended to her and her three daughters in the sad loss they have been called upon to bear.

TWO GERMAN SUBS REPORTED SUNK OFF ATLANTIC COAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Description of an enemy submarine September 3, off the Atlantic Coast by gunfire from the American steamer Frank H. Buck was reported to the Navy Department today by the master of the steamer. He said that two shots were observed to hit the submarine which sank after a terrific explosion. The submarine, the captain said, opened fire on the steamer at a range of 1,400 yards, but when it was found after an interchange of three score shots that it was outranged by the American's guns it tried to draw off. It was then that the ship put in the two shots which the captain believes destroyed the enemy.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Sept. 17.—Moderate winds, showery and cool. The tide will be high this evening at 9.18 and tomorrow at 10.04; it will be high tomorrow morning at 8.52 and Thursday at 10.02. The sun will set this evening at 7.27 and tomorrow at 7.25; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.59 and Thursday at 7. The moon sets tomorrow morning at 4.38. The first quarter of the moon was on Friday, Sept. 13th at 11.02 a. m. The moon will be full on Friday, Sept. 20th at 9.01 a. m. The length of today will be 12 hours and 29 minutes.

ISLANDERS IN CASUALTY LIST

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Sept. 14.—Killed in action, J. B. McCauliff, Alberton, P. E. I.; N. Nicholson, Rose Valley; E. J. Gallant, Maxinville; A. Buchanan, Hazelgrove; H. Gosby, High Bank. OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—Died of wounds S. C. Milligan, Traveller's Rest, P. E. I.

GENERAL PERSHING FORGING ON TO METZ

Defences of Metz Have Been Reached and its Guns Turned on the Americans who are Sweeping on Towards the Doomed Fortress.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Very little news of a detailed sort has come in from General Pershing's army on the Lorraine front. A bulletin sent out from Paris late yesterday afternoon states that it is making fine progress and since Saturday has advanced from two to three miles on a thirty three mile front. So close has it come to the defences on Metz that the fortress guns of that city have been brought into action against it.

The little river Mad which flows into the Moselle after a northwesterly course through Thiacourt to Arnaville is probably the first organized line of defence that General Pershing's army will have to overcome in its advance toward the German border.

DIFFICULT ROAD AHEAD

The region through which the Americans are advancing especially to the north of Thiacourt consists of broken and in some places marshy country with a considerable lake in the centre which may afford opportunity for an obstinate defence should the Germans care to take advantage of it. As Pershing's men approach Arnaville, which is about three miles north of Pangy on the Moselle, the country becomes distinctly hilly and the outer defences of Metz begin.

AMERICANS CAPTURED 90 CANNONS IN ONE DRIVE

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE METZ FRONT, Sept. 16.—The American positions on the eight miles front between Jaunly on the Mad River and the Moselle, were markedly improved today, the Germans further retreating in that region. A certain American division captured an entire artillery park near Jaunly seventy two cannon and snaking its total 90 for the drive, all attempted counter attacks having been repulsed. The Boches apparently are giving their full attention to strengthening their withdrawal positions. The Americans are under heavy bombardment but continue to improve their positions.

Galway Castle Was Bound For South Africa

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Sept. 16.—The Galway Castle left port for South Africa on Tuesday last and was torpedoed on Thursday in a stormy sea.

New Zealand Ministers in Toronto

Continued from Page Two TORONTO, Sept. 16.—This is New Zealand day in Toronto. The right Hon. W. F. Massey Premier of New Zealand and the right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, Bart., who holds three portfolios in the cabinet of the New Zealand Government reached the city today and were tendered a civic luncheon at the King Edward at one o'clock.

Premier Lloyd George Is Improving

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Sept. 16.—Premier Lloyd George had a distinctly better night last night and had several hours of continuous sleep, says the official bulletin issued by the attending physicians today.

U-BOATS AGAIN AT WORK IN ATLANTIC

(Special to The Guardian) AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 16.—After a lull of nearly three weeks the German U-boats renewed activities in American waters last night by firing on a ship when she was about ninety miles from the coast. The steamship was coming here in ballast and had ninety six wounded Canadian officers on board who were on their way home to recuperate. Five shells were fired at the ship.

INFECTED FRUIT NOT BE DESTROYED

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—The Canada Food Board has issued a request that the fruit infected or supposed to be infected by Phenol or some other substance on the rubber bands on the jars be not destroyed. The trouble first located in Muskoka seems fairly wide spread and a great loss might result if all the fruit infected is destroyed.

10,000 APPEALS YET TO BE HEARD

OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—Justice Duff, Central appeal judge under the military service act, has named finally upon 35,000 out of 45,000 appeals. To the remaining 10,000 some consideration has been given. They are still coming in in batches

CHARLOTTETOWN RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSEMBLE

The Kozy Korner Tea Rooms was the scene of a very enjoyable banquet last evening, when some sixty of Charlottetown's leading business men gathered in honor of Mr. E. M. Trowern, secretary of the Retail Merchants Association of the Dominion. He was accompanied by Mr. J. Culbertson Doyle, Secretary of the Maritime Provincial Board.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

WANTED—A MAID FOR GENERAL housework no washing. Apply 249 Upper Prince St.
LOST SUNDAY GOLD FOUNTAIN pen engraved L. S. FINDER will receive \$3 reward. Leo Frank Southport.
GIRL WANTED—GIRL WITH some experience of job printing and able to feed job presses. Highest wages, steady job. Apply to Archibald Irwin, King's Printer. 1445-9-17M31.
FOR SALE YOUNG AYSHIRE grade cow due to freshen September 30th. F. T. Morrow, Mermaid Farm. 1444-9-17M31.
LOST OR MISLAIN IN THIS CITY last Friday, parcel containing pair of ladies black kid shoes. Finder kindly leave at Morell House. 1443-9-17M11pd.
*LIST BOY WANTED. APPLY AT Guardian Office.
*FOR SALE—BASS BURNER SILVER moon No 18 apply 157 Prince St. 1419-9-16 M
*TO LET A GOOD STABLE AND building suitable for garage. Apply 30 Longworth Ave. 1447-9-16M14
*WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework apply to 103 Richmond St. 1420-9-16 M 3
*FOR SALE A BELL PIANO IN excellent condition can be seen any day from 8 am to 8 pm at 315 Hillsboro St. 1288-9-7M14
*FOR SALE—DRIVING MARE 7 YRS old, auto broke, also rubber tired carriage and harness Apply at 36 Kent St. 1423-9-17 M 31 pd
*TO DAIRYMEN—SANITARY BUTTER paper, printed, "Fresh Dairy Butter—35c per 100. Per post 40c. Guardian Office. 9025-6-24M14
*PROPERTY SALE. A VERY DESIRABLE property, consisting of 5 acres of land with good modern dwelling and outbuildings also orchard in connection. This property is situated in North Twyn and is convenient to schools, churches stores and mill, also near to electric light plant. Terms to suit purchaser. For further particulars apply to Gus Waddell Cape Traverse, P. E. I. 1409-9-16M11.

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