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BRITISH CLEARING THE MESSINES RIDGE

British and Americans Troops Have Captured Ploegstert and Hill 63. The Line Has Been Advanced Towards Armentieres and Germans Preparing to Retire.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 6.—The British and American troops who appear to have been given the task of hunting the Germans out of Messines Ridge sector are making satisfactory progress. Hill 63 and Ploegstert Village have been captured while on the northern end of the ridge near Wytschaete the Germans finding themselves cooped up and menaced by the eastern advance of the Allied troops counter-attacked repeatedly to secure more room but without success.

Later in the day Sir Douglas Haig reports the enemy counter-attacked on the sector north of Hill 63 also and was repulsed after sharp fighting. The British line was advanced yesterday from Nieppe easterly toward Armentieres as well as closer to the Messine Ridge. A German retirement to east of Lysa Warenton seems inevitable, that will hardly satisfy the second British Army alreadynear Givenchy. On the southern end of the Aubres ridge British troops have advanced beyond the line as it extended bofore the Battle of Lys in April and are menacing Labassee.

GREAT WORK BY BRITISH FLYERS

465 German Planes Destroyed, 200 Disabled, 61 Observation Baloons Downed and 911 Tons Bombs Dropped on German Targets.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 6.—During the past four weeks British flyers and anti-aircraft guns have destroyed 465 airplanes and disabled 200 others. Sixty one enemy observation baloons were destroyed and 911 tons of bombs dropped on various targets. The price was the loss of 216 airplanes, reported missing.

GERMANS LOST 1,200,000 MEN

FRENCH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Sept. 6.—Since March 21 the Germans have fought 550 divisional engagements so that it is reasonable to debit them with gross casualties over that period of 1,200,000 men.

$5,000,000 HUN FURS ON SALE IN NEW YORK

(Special to The Guardian)

NEW YORK SEPT 6—(Special)—A considerabe number of German owned furs, including Russian Sables, Cicet Cat, Finch and other Varieties is to be sold for the account of alien property custodian, a Mitchell Palmer at the annual fall sale of furs, that will be in this city, beginning Sept. 23. The total value of the general offerings of skins then to be put under the hammer is set at close to $5,000,000, by Wm. Zobel, General Manager of the New York Fur Auction Sales Corp'n. According to Mr. Zobel the collection is representative of the fall condition of the fur market prior to the opening of the trapping season, and contains many fine lots of Fox, Beaver, Marten, Fisher Mink Lynx and other strains. There is a marked scarcity of Muskrat and Skunk pelts and sharply andvanced prices are looked for on them. In fact higher prices are expected on all of furs including the foreign varieties.

BOLSHEVIKI ARRESTED IN LONDON

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 6.—According to the Evening News Maxim Lirvenoff, Bolsheviki representative in London, his secretary and another member of faction in London, have been taken to Brixton prison. The British Government announced last night that M. Lutvinoff and his staff had been placed "under preventive arrest" until all the British representatives in Bolsheviki Russia had been set at liberty and allowed to proceed to the Finnish frontier unmolested.

SISTER FINED FOR SHELTERING DESERTER

STRATFORD, Sept 3—Mrs Henry Dietrch of South Easthope was fined $100 and costs for sheltering her brother, Pte. Aram Hartmann, of the Western Ontario battalion, now overseas, a deserter. Altho Mrs. Dietrich, supported by her husband and her husband's brother, claimed she did not know he was a deserter she was found guilty on Pte. Hartmann's evidences, he stating that he discussed with her the possibility of his being caught.

THANKSGIVING DAY OCTOBER 14

(Special to The Guardian)

OTTAWA, Sept. 6.—Thanksgiving Day this year has been fixed by the Government for Monday October 14. In selecting Monday the Government has conformed to the practice adopted in recent years.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL WHEAT EXPORTATION

(Special to The Guardian)

OTTAWA, Sept 6—Complete control of the purchase and sale for export of Canadian wheat has been assumed by the government. Control of method of exporting has also been assumed.

COLLAPSE OF ENEMY RESISTANCE BETWEEN THE OISE AND AISNE

The Enemy Withdrawing Along the Whole Ailette Front Closely Pursued by Allied Troops Who Captured Thirty Villages Including Several Strong Positions. Entire Region Between the Vesle And The Aisne is Included in Territory Recovered by Allies on The Twenty Five Mile Front. Mangin's Victory on The Ailette is one of The Season's Greatest Triumphs. The French Now Occupy South Bank of Aisne Canal. Envelopment of Ham Now Underway.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 6.—"The German rush which menaced Paris and Amiens has been broken. We shall continue to pursue the enemy implacably." In these words Marshal Foch, replying to the congratulations of the municipal council of Paris on the recent allied victories, declares his intention to continue the battle and prevent the enemy from obtaining the time and opportunity required for re-organization.

GERMANS BOAST OF HAVING GOT AWAY

German official despatches take credit for stealthy withdrawal from this front. Here are typical passages describing some events of Wednesday taken from the Berlin Bulletin: "Between the Scarpe and the Somme the enemy felt his way toward our new line." Between the Somme and the Oise we continued our movements out of the region of Roye which were commenced August 26th and during the night before last we freed ourselves from the enemy without a fight. East of Soissons we withdrew our defence from the Vesle. Our movements were carried out in accordance with plan and undisturbed by the enemy. "See," cries Ludendorff to the German people, "We have won another great victory. We have been clever enough to run away in the dark without being seen," but like the sword of doom in reply comes Foch's pledge "we shall continue to pursue the enemy implacably."

COLLAPSE OF ENEMY RESISTANCE

It is no empty promise. On the front between the Oise and the Aisne where the Chief Bastion of the enemy's lines, the forest of St. Gobain, has now come under French guns there has been during the past twenty-four hours a collapse of enemy's resistance almost as complete as in the Cambrai sector earlier in the week. The French official bulletin states that "along the whole Ailette front the enemy exhausted by hard fighting since the 20th began about three o'clock this afternoon to give way before our troops. Pursuing the German rearguard our troops made rapid progress. Thirty villages the greater part of the lower forest of coucy, the ruins of the ancient Norman keep of Coucy Chateau, majestic even in its decay, the entire region between the Vesle and the Aisne as far east as Fort Deconde, are all embraced in the territory recovered on the twenty-five mile front along which the Germans were driven back. Far more important than the recovery of the villages is the footing obtained in the hilly region near Fresnes on the edge of the high forest of Coucy which is part of the forest of St. Gobain. An advance of less than three miles here would bring the French to the very highest points of the Laon Plateau at St. Gobain the natural battlements from which for four years the Hun looked down upon the valleys of the Oise and the Aisne and the roads down these valleys to Paris.

The victory of Mangin on the Aillette is one of the greatest of this seasons triumphs. It is but a day since the Germans retired from the Vesle yet the French and American troops have already occupied all the land between the Aisne and the Vesle as far east as Pont Archy and French reconnoitering parties have advanced to the Aisne Canal on the south side of the River and are now facing the Germans who hold the north bank. This is as far as the advance will be carried at present. To attempt to carry the heights of the Aisne by frontal attack at great cost would not be good business when by the outflanking movement now in progress along the Ailette a few miles to the north the entire Aisne position may be rendered untenable within a few days. The Germans are resisting with their utmost strength this movement up the Ailette Valley and have sent Prussian guard formations to hold back Mangin's army but without success. The French on the Somme front began to encircle Ham early this morning. They crossed the Somme Canal about two miles northwest of the town with the evident intention of swinging around to the Ham St. Quentin road and cutting off the guns and transport waggons of Von Hutier's rear-guards. Ham will almost certainly be evacuated today if the enemy has not already moved out.

RELATIVELY QUIET ON CAMBRAI FRONT

It was relatively quiet yesterday on the Cambrai front after the fierce fighting the four previous days during which sixteen thousand prisoners had been taken. On the Arras Cambrai Road British patrols have crossed to the east bank of Canal Du Nord at Marquien and brought back prisoners. From a German post on the line farther south toward Peronne British troops are advancing and driving in the German rear-guards. Much ground is being recovered here as a result of local fighting.

CANAL DU NORD CROSSED BY BRITISH

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 6.—The important feature of today's news is that the Canal Du Nord has been crossed by the British on the whole front except from Havrincourt to the River Scarpe and that the French and British have secured a footing on the eastern side of the whole water line down to Ham. The Entente forces are now about four miles from Ham and they still are making pretty good progress. Attention frequently has been called to the Canal Du Nord and Tortille water line as being a check to the progress of the tanks. This check has now been overcome and it is reported there is now no water line between the Entente Allies and the Hindenburg line from Havricourt. The British line now runs to the west of Equancourt and through Bushu to Monzenchaussee Athies and Matigny, three and a half miles northwest of Ham.

PROGRESS OF BRITISH EXCEEDS EXPECTATION

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 6.—The important progress that the British continued to make yesterday exceeded popular expectation. In view of the ardous work that had been done by the advancing forces during the previous few days and again today no surprise would be occasioned here if physical necessity should now compel some slackening of the high pressure temporarily limiting the British advance.

Plogstert and Hill 43 Captured

LONDON, Sept. 6—Marked progress was made by the British along the Flanders Front, according to to-day's War Office report. Plogstert has been captured as has Hill 43, southwest of Messings. On the Lys front the British head the general line of Voormeselle, Wolverghem, Plogstert, Nippe, Laventie and Givenchy. From Neuve Chapelle southward to Givenchy the British have reached the line they held up to the German attack on April 5 last, while to the eastward of Givenchy, sections of the old German positions have been taken.

16,000 Prisoners and 100 Guns in 5 Days

On the battle line in front of Cambrai, an improvement in the German positions south of Moeuvres is reported. The positions to the east of Hermies, near the canal Du Nord, just to the south also have been improved. Still further south, the British have captured the village of Neuville Bour Jouval, east of the canal Du Nord. More than 16,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns have been taken by the British in pastfour days.

(Special to The Guardian)

PARIS, Sept. 6—North of the Aisne on the southern flank of the Picardy battle front the French line is pushing forward hourly according to advices from the field to-day. The advance is so steady that it is impossible to outline the present location of the foremost troops. The Germans are withdrawing in the general direction of St. Quentin. According to captured German officers the enemy has established a new provisional defence line which runs thru Ham, Berlancourt and Dampcourt, (Berlancourt is just north of Guiscard which the French in their last night's official statement reported had already been reached. Jussy, Chauny and Lafere are in flames.

HAM COMPLETELY ENCIRCLED

PARIS, Sept. 6.—General Debeney's army is steadily advancing in the Den of Ham which has been completely encircled. General Mangin's troops are now in sight of Laon having reached positions within ten miles of that city. General Berthelot's soldiers have reached the Aisne on a large front. General Humbert's Army is making steady progress and has succeeded in completely removing the German menace from Noyon. On the Vesle front the Americans carried their lines as far as the outskirts of Billers En Paraies and occupied Glemies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Happy Hooligan's Troubles, the funniest laughable farce will perform one night only at Cape Traverse Saturday night Sept. 7th. Prices 25 and 35 cents. 1253-9-5M3ipd.

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THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 1, tomorrow at 1.34 and Monday at 2.12; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1.14, Monday at 1.38 and Tuesday at 2.10.

The sun sets this evening at 7.46, tomorrow at 7.44 and Monday at 7.42; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.48, Monday at 6.49 and Tuesday at 6.50.

The moon sets tonight at 8.15 and tomorrow at 8.40.

There was a new moon on Thursday Sept. 5th at 6.44 a. m

The first quarter of the moon will be on Friday Sept. 13th at 11.02 a. m.

The length of today will be twelve hours and 59 minutes

WILL THE KAISER CALL OUT THE FLEET

(Special to The Guardian)

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 6—News in today's papers that the chief of the German Admiralty has had new powers conferred on him, by which his control over the fleet is widened, may indicate that the Kaiser contemplates calling on the Geramn Navy to redress at sea, the lost balance of the land war. It is significant that a naval officer, Captain Lewitzow is being taken from active service wherein he is said to have distinguished himself in order to assume the post as chief of the new navy staff attached to main Headquarters.

OUTRAGES FEARED FROM BOLSHEVIKI

LONDON, Sept 6—It is feared that similar outrages to the murder of Captain Cromie will be committed against the French Embassy at Petrograd. Precautionary measures have been taken, the foreign office says and some French soldiers have already arrived at Petrograd. The Bolsheviki are reported to be encouraging the populace to massacre the the British and French.

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