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NOW FIGHTING FOR HINDENBURG LINE

North and South Extremes of the Line Under Bombardment by British and French. British Advanced on 20 Mile Front Reaching Position Held by them Before March 21.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Berlin says "on the battlefield we are everywhere in our new positions." This statement is an admission of a general retreat to the Hindenburg line on all that part of the battlefield from Arras to the Ailette River. On the north and on the extreme south the Hindenburg line itself is under attack by the French armies. On Saturday in the region between Cambrai and St. Quentin and for some distance south of the Quentin Peronne road British troops advancing on a front of 20 miles pressed forward and reached at most points the front held by them before German attack of March 21. At one point north of Havrincourt they captured a strong position on the west bank of the Canal Du Nord taking a number of prisoners and machine guns. At others they closely followed the German rear guards inflicting numerous casualties. The capture of Roisell, an important road centre to the east of Peronne and the high ground to the south forced the enemy to retire on a wide front as far south as the St. Quentin canal. The former British front in this region is not yet held in force.

A bulletin issued in London last night states that "advanced British troops have entered the different systems of their old battle line held prior to the German offensive last March." This statement, taken in conjunction with the German report that everywhere the German troops are in their new positions, indicates that the enemy is prepared to resist an attempt to breach the Hindenburg line between St. Quentin and La Fere north of Cambrai. Of course the capture of the Drocourt switch by Canadian and British troops gives opportunity for an enveloping movement which may render unnecessary a frontal attack upon the Hindenburg line in the region between Cambrai and St. Quentin. The French upon that part of the front held by them between the St. Quentin Canal and the Aisne are in close touch with the Hindenburg line at most points and at the villages of Sercuis and Barisis have partially breached it. Sercuis lies on the southern side of a wide marshy valley through which the Oise runs southwestward toward Chauny. As out works of the forest positions of St. Gobain a vital part of the Hindenburg line south of the Oise the enemy held a number of villages located on the southern of the Oise Valley. These villages from west to east are Sinceny, Amigny and Servais. The two former were captured after stiff fighting Friday and on Saturday night the French reached the outskirts of Soivais. Here upon the northern fringe of the forest and some what less than two miles from St. Gobain village after passing through the low forest of Coucy they captured the Hamlet of Petit Barisis and the French stormed and took the village of Barisis, slightly to the east. They stand now upon the edge of the forest and in close touch with the main Hindenburg line.

A PLAY THAT GRIPS

Yesterday forenoon, by special invitation a number of citizens were permitted an advance view of the great patriotic production "It is for England" which is to be produced at the Prince Edward tomorrow afternoon and evening. The play is a dramatized edition of the novel by the same name and intended to depict the machinations of the hidden hand prior to and since the beginning of the war and also to show how the British Empire responded to the call to arms. It is a realistic, gripping production, full of tense situations, appealing to the imagination and patriotism of every one who sees it. No expense seems to have been spared in putting the story on the screen, special permission having been granted by the British Admiralty and War Office to take moving pictures of Naval and Military scenes. The British House of Commons also gave special permission to have cinematographic views of a full dress debate in the historic chamber and well known politicians may be seen addressing the House. The great mobilization scene on the eve of the war is graphically depicted and the military scenes and enthusiasm of Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India are thrown on the screen in a manner calculated to arouse the enthusiasm of the audience. In addition to the plot revealing the machinations of the hidden hand a delightful love story runs throughout the ten film reel. This is a picture which everyone should see if for no other reason than to realize the Empire's strength and resolution when it accepted the challenge thrown out by Germany in those early days of August 1914.

The early house commences tomorrow at 6.45, the second at 8.30.

GERMAN RESISTANCE GREATLY INCREASED

Have Launched Number of Counter Offensive But in Their Retreat they Left Important Supplies Behind. Indications are they will Defend the Line to the Utmost.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Paris intimates that the Germans are offering greatly increased resistance and south of the Ailette have made a number of counter attacks. The official report from Paris states that during the retreat of Saturday toward the Hindenburg line, in the region between the Somme and the Oise, the enemy left everywhere in the hands of the pursuing troops very important supplies. The intention of the Germans to defend the Hindenburg line to the utmost is indicated by a great increase of their artillery fire all along the front.

A storm of wind and rain which broke on Saturday and continued throughout yesterday has greatly interfered with operation all along the front south of Arras. Under these conditions it will take the British and French several days to bring up and mount a sufficient number of guns to reply adequately to the German bombardment. We may therefore expect a lull in the battle unless Foch begins a new engagement elsewhere along the battle front.

BRITISH AND FRENCH CONVERGING ON LA FERÉ

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Pushing ahead today between Peronne and St. Quentin British patrols have occupied the towns of Vermand, five and a half miles northwest of St. Quentin and Vendelles two miles from Vermand. The British this morning were attacking Gouzeourt, south east of Havrincourtwood. They are on the western and northern edge of Ephy within two and a half miles of the Hindenburg line, twelve miles south of St. Quentin. The town is the have passed through the village. French troops now hold the Crozat Canal, practically along its whole length. They are only four miles from St. Quentin and their cavalry patrols are close to La Fere. La Fere is one of the principal Allied objectives. It is behind the Hindenburg line, twelve miles south of St. Quentin. The town is one of the strongest points in the Hindenburg defence system and is of the highest strategic importance.

FRENCH AT GATES OF LA FERÉ

(Special to The Guardian)

PARIS, Sept. 9.—The French are at the gates of La Fere which is still aflame. The fall of this Bastion of the Hindenburg which the Allies were unable to occupy in 1917 is probable.

MANGIN'S TROOPS ON THEIR 1917 POSITION

(Special to The Guardian)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 9.—The troops of General Mangin, between the Aisne and the Oise Rivers, are now virtually behind their old wire entanglements in their old trenches of 1917 along the edge of the Forest of Coucy and through the western horn of the St. Gobain forest. The Germans are only two hundred yards away and in some places they are in positions on the old Hindenburg line that are plainly visible from the heights west of Chateau Coucy.

ADMIRALTY CONGRATULATES SIR DOUGLAS HAIG

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Sir Eric Greddes, first Lord of the Admiralty has telegraphed to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig the heartiest congratulations of the Admiralty on the triumphant continued advance of the British armies in France.

BRITISH TOOK 19,000 PRISONERS FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

(Special to The Guardian)

An official report announces that more than 19,000 prisoners were taken by the British in France during the first week of September.

AMERICANS READY TO MOVE ON LORRAINE

LONDON, Sept. 9.—There is as yet no sign of an American offensive on a large scale on the Lorraine front but a cable from Paris announces that secretary Baker of the United States war department has reached France accompanied by an official party. Despatches during the past week have indicated that General Pershing's organization of the first American army is almost complete. The presence of the war Secretary may mean the intervention of the United States on a large scale in the autumn campaign.

NEW UP-TO-DATE ENGINES HERE FOR THE P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY

There arrived in Charlottetown, on Saturday night, for the Prince Edward Island Railway, two brand new Mogul engines Nos. 32 and 33 the finest creation of their kind ever brought to this province. They are of the heavy type—narrow gauge—and were brought here direct from the works of the Canadian Locomotive Co., Ltd Kingston, Ont. These engines are the vanguard of two others which are due to arrive here within the next two weeks. They came from Kingston in charge of Mr. Alex Van Aylmer, Engine Commissioner, having left the works on Aug. 29th, and were met at Tormentine by Mr. A. J. Houle, who left here at 4 o'clock Thursday and superintended the work of unloading them from the flat cars, and had them in Charlottetown under their own steam in good time for Saturday evening everything working most satisfactorily.

These engines are thoroughly up-to-date in all respects, having everything about them that is to be found in the best standard engines made and even in appearance also they have a decidedly superior look. They are equipped with electric headlights and the E. T. equipment air-brake and Walsher valve motion, which means the last word in modern engine construction. They each carry 175 pounds of steam pressure and the tanks have a capacity for 30,000 gallons. The engines weigh forty-eight tons dry and when equipped for the road eighty-eight tons. The cab has steam gauges, signal lights and each engine is fitted with a steam-heating process for warming all the cars, both back and front of the engine.

The securing of these new narrow gauge engines, does not mean that the P. E. I. R. is to continue indefinitely to be a narrow gauge road. They were purchased with the intention of facilitating the broadening of the gauge, which work is now being rapidly proceeded with. It is expected that the gauge between Charlottetown and Borden and between Borden and Summerside will be completed this autumn. The other engines are being put in repair one by one and soon will be in better shape than they've been for a long time. The Canadian Locomotive Co., Ltd are turning out on an average three engines a week. The building of a narrow gauge engine entails as much work as the standard. The company has two thousand men employed.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR LAST WEEK

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Casualties among the British forces reported in the week ending Saturday totalled 20,640 officers and men compared with an aggregate of 14,484 reported in the previous week.

GERMAN WARSHIP SUNK

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—A German warship off Holland has been mined or torpedoed and sunk. Many of her crew were drowned.

ENEMY PLANS FRUSTRATED

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The stock of coal and metal captured along with large quantities of war material prove it was the enemy's intention to occupy the Somme battle front during the winter months.

SIBERIA SITUATED

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Bolsheviks have declared war on China, and Japanese troops now occupy Khabarovsk, Siberia, capital of the Maritime Provinces.

AERIAL WARFARE

(Special to The Guardian)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 9.—A big German drive to bring victory by autumn is what Ludendorff is planning, according to Capt. Van Alberts in whose father is said to be one of the Kaiser's advisors.

GERMANS ANTICIPATE FURTHER RETREAT

PARIS, Sept. 9.—Members of the Landsturm sappers Corps today are building a new line of defence. It is believed the German command proposes to make this conform to the Meuse line in the event that a retreat to it is necessary before winter.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ISSUE WEEKLY PAPER

OTTAWA, Sept. 9.—A weekly is to be published by the Government following the lines of the U. S. publication. The Canadian official record "will aim to keep its readers fully informed of the actions and decisions of the Government and the activities and programmes of the Government departments, more particularly in connection with war efforts. The papers will be issued under the direction of Mr. Nicholls, director of public information.

NOT MORE THAN TWO AND A HALF MILLION GERMANS IN LINE

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Reuters correspondent in France states that the Germans appear to have no more than 1,250,000 bayonets at their disposal for the present operations and expresses the opinion that there are not more than two and a half million German troops altogether between the North Sea and Switzerland. If the information upon which this statement is based is at all accurate the commander in chief of the Allied armies might well decide that a general offensive not merely to drive back the enemy but to pierce his lines and destroy his armies may safely be entered upon immediately.

SCHOONER ASHORE AT EAST POINT

Captain and Crew Safely Landed Schooner Total Wreck.

Messrs Hyndman & Co., received advice Saturday night that the Schooner Clifford May was ashore near East Point and likely a total loss. Captain Bain and crew got safely ashore. The vessel had just discharged a cargo of coal, at New London and was on her return voyage to Sydney in ballast. Salvage from the wreck will probably be taken to Souris where it will be disposed of by auction.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Sep 10 North Easterly winds occasional showers. The tide will be high this afternoon at 2.51 and tomorrow at 3.31; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2.24 and Thursday at 2.48. The sun sets this evening at 7.40 and tomorrow at 7.33; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.51 and Thursday at 6.52. The moon rises tonight at 9.40. There was a new moon on Thursday, Sep. 5th at 6.44 a. m. The first quarter of the moon will be on Friday, Sept. 13th at 11.02 a. m.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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*AUCTION. Piano, Furniture, Carpets etc at the late Residence of Miss May 57 Olesbar Street on Thursday, 12th September commencing at 2 o'clock P.M. R Bearisto auctioneer. 1898-9-9 ml

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