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GEN. HAIG'S TROOPS CAPTURED VILLAGES

Advancing on Four Mile Front British Penetrate 2000 yards Capturing two Villages and 400 Prisoners.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, August 19.—To prevent the enemy from stripping his line in the valley of the Lys for men for the reinforcement of the hard pressed Germans on the Roye sector, Sir Douglas Haig struck an unexpected blow south of Bailleul yesterday morning. The advance was made on a four-mile front between Bailleul and Vieux Berquin and the enemy was thrown back for a distance varying from a thousand to two thousand yards. The village of Oustersteen to the east of Morris was captured together with 400 prisoners. Oustersteen is midway between Bailleul and old Bourquin and the British advance in this direction menaces the enemy's hold of Bailleul. Farther south in the region southwest of Merville a small advance was made. The German salient in the valley of the Lys which was the result of the April offensive is a danger to the enemy rather than the Allies under the changed conditions of the past few weeks and

it would be no surprise were the enemy to abandon his grip of the valley towns of Merville and Estaires and retire to more defensible ground on the ridges to the west of Lille. If he does not Foch may repeat in the Lys valley what he has done in the valley of the Marne and Somme.

FRENCH MAKE IMPORTANT ADVANCE

Another significant action was a French advance on Saturday in the region north of the Aisne. A part of the German line five miles in length and about a mile in depth was captured by the French, together with 240 prisoners. The advance was made between Compeigne and Soissons on the sector of Autrechies and helps materially to clear the triangle of the Oise and Aisne of the enemy's troops. On all parts of the Roye salient from the bend of the Somme to the valley of the Aisne, the steady pressure of the French and British armies continues.

SERIOUS RIOTING OCCURS IN JAPAN

(Special to The Guardian)

TOKIO, August 19.—There was serious rioting in Tokio last night. Mobs attacked and damaged property in the business and theatre districts. The rioters also entered and pillaged houses in Asukusa, the great recreation resort of the middle and lower classes. A number of the disturbers were wounded by the swords of the police.

Apparently there is no connection between these riots and the Japanese government's decision to intervene in Siberia. The price of rice, which is said to be excessive as the result of the operations of forestallers, is reported as the cause of the riots. There was undoubtedly opposition in Japan to the policy of intervening in

Siberia, but the friends of the Bolshevik who inspired it are organizing for an advance along the Trans-Siberian railway. The commander of the Czech-Slovaks in western Siberia says he must have speedy help if the entire region in which he is operating is not to fall into the hands of the Germans.

N. BRUCE MCKELVIE DROWNED WHILE BATHING

A telegram received in Summerside yesterday brings the sad news that Mr. N. Bruce McKelvie, son of the late Mr. Neil McKelvie, Summerside, was drowned Sunday while bathing at a summer resort. The late Mr. Bruce McKelvie was one of the Prince Edward Islanders who especially made good. He left his Island home some twenty years ago and accepted position with the brokerage firm of Hayden Stone & Co., who had offices in the principal American cities. Here his splendid talents as a financier and an organizer brought him rapid promotion and he was taken into partnership. At the time of his death he was rated a multimillionaire. He leaves to mourn his wife and two children, also two sisters, Mrs. Stonemann, Spokane, Wash., and Miss Alberta in Summerside; also one brother Ernest in Hamilton, this province. The heart felt sympathy of a wide circle of friends goes out to the family so suddenly bereaved.

His sister, Miss Alberta, left yesterday morning for New York in response to a telegram announcing the sad event.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, August 20.—Fair with moderate west winds.
The tide will be high this morning at 9.06 and tomorrow at 10.07; it will be high tonight at 10.48 and tomorrow at 11.30.
The sun sets this evening at 8.10 and tomorrow at 8.15; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.28 and Thursday at 6.29.
The moon rises this evening at 7. The first quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7.16 p. m.
The moon will be full on Thursday August 22nd at 3 p. m.
The length of today will be thirteen hours and forty nine minutes.

ALLIES DRIVING THE ENEMY BACK FROM ROYE FRONT

All the Roads by which German Supplies are Being Brought Up are Dominated by Allied Guns. Possession of Roye will be of Inestimable Value to Allies. French and Canadians Capture 1400 Prisoners and Many Guns in Past Two Days. Germans Fighting Desperately in Roye Salient.

(Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, August 19.—Foch is determined to force the enemy out of Roye upon the possession of which depends the entire German system of communication on the fifteen-mile stretch of frontage between Chaumes and Assigny, where French and Canadians have been battling for the past ten days. Four main highways from the northeast, east and southeast run into Roye and by them many thousands of Germans must be fed and supplied with munitions. At the best these services can be carried on only at a tremendous sacrifice of life for every road leading into Roye is now under the fire of Allied guns and subject to the bombing operations of Allied aviators.

Notwithstanding his losses the enemy clings to Roye well, knowing that if that road centre is abandoned a retreat to the Somme becomes inevitable. The attack upon Roye by the Canadians on the north and the French on the south of the town aims at a wide envelopment rather than a direct assault. A German report says these attacks which were repeated until a late hour of the evening attempted to break through the German positions, but the army of Von Hutler frustrated them and the French who bore the main burden of the fighting again suffered very heavy losses.

This check, it check it was, for German bulletins become less reliable daily, was but momentary. The Paris bulletins of Saturday and Sunday nights reported progress on both sides of the Avre which passes through Roye and stated that 1400 prisoners and numerous machine guns had been captured. Unless Von Hutler is prepared to lose many men and risk many guns in an adequate counter-attack the fall of both Roye and Lassigny seems imminent.

BRAVE DASH BY CANADIANS

OTTAWA, August 19.—The following despatch from overseas was received here tonight: One hour and forty minutes after noon the Canadian field guns had dashed forward and were in action two miles beyond the German front lines. The dash and gallantry of the Canadian infantry in overcoming the perfect sleep of machine gun fire is universally praised. The Canadian cavalry unit captured an enemy troop train containing twenty-seven officers and 500 men just as they were detouring. Reports of the spectacular courage of individual officers and men are being recounted by hundreds.

FRENCH TROOPS MAKE FURTHER ADVANCE

LONDON, August 19.—French troops penetrated into the village of Lehamedon, and the hills west of the Oise and northwest of Ribecourt today, according to advices from the front. During the fighting today the French were on the aggressive and made some slight headway against the determined German resistance between Lassigny and the Oise.

16,000 CANADIANS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, August 19.—Canadian troops reach Britain. Sixteen thousand and infantry and other drafts cross safely.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Reserve Tuesday, August 20 for the Lawn Social at David Mutch's from 7 until 10 in aid of L.O.B.A. Mermaid. 915-8-17M31pd

FRENCH CAPTURE 1700 PRISONERS

LONDON, August 19.—The French Tenth Army, which attacked the German positions between the Oise and the Aisne last night, has penetrated to an extreme depth of nearly two miles. The enemy machine gunners are resisting desperately and the German air service is also very active.

The French have occupied the plateau west of Nampool, about seven miles northwest of Pontenoy, and the edge of the ravine south of Andighcourt, two miles and a half east of Nampool. According to the statement Nouvron Vingre was captured. Seventeen hundred prisoners, including two battalion commanders were taken in the operation. There were violent artillery actions north and south of the Avre river during the night.

GERMAN PRESS EXPLAIN NECESSITY FOR RETIREMENT

PARIS, August 19.—The German press is attempting to reassure its public that a general retreat is necessary on the western front to allow General Ludendorff room to manoeuvre and to assume the initiative on a vast scale.

ANOTHER M. C. FOR P. E. ISLAND

Lieut. A. E. B. Murphy, Tignish has been Awarded the Military Medal for Valour on the Field.

Word has been received that Lieut. A. E. B. Murphy, eldest son of Senator Murphy, of Tignish, has been awarded the Military Medal for valour on the field and efficiency. Lieut. Murphy, according to Gunner P. McBeth, of the 8th Siege Battery, was



LIEUT. A. E. B. MURPHY

one of the best and most popular siege officers in France. He has been over eighteen months in the trenches. The Guardian regrets to learn that Lieut. Murphy is now in the Prince of Wales Hospital, London, having been invalided to England on prolonged leave. The many friends of the young man will wish him a speedy restoration to health.

GERMANS BOMBING FRENCH CITIES

PARIS, August 19.—German bombing squadrons have been very active in bombarding towns behind the front during the past two days. There were numerous raids on Rouen where six people were killed and five wounded.

The German Gothas flew as far as Havre, where no one was killed and no damage done. Two consecutive raids on Vernon caused only material damage. Severe warnings were given at Dunkirk and Calais during the period. At Calais some fifty heavy bombs were dropped on Friday night.

A SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BATTLE

PARIS, August 19.—According to an official report of the French Sixth Army operating north of the Marne an American division composed of most entirely of German born men advanced eleven miles in seven days. During the counter offensive they captured eight villages, not including Fismes, and stormed three woods, one hill and one farm in hand to hand fighting. The division once fought seventy-two hours continuous fight.

AMERICAN ARMY NUMBERS 3,000,000

WASHINGTON, August 19.—General March at his conference today with the Senate Military Committee told the Senators that the American army now under arms numbers slightly more than 3,000,000 with 1,450,000 in France, or on the way, and approximately 1,500,000 in cantonments at home.

DOMINIONS REPRESENTATIVES AT IMPERIAL WAR CABINET

LONDON, August 19.—The Government announces that it has decided to grant each Dominion the right to send a Minister to London as a member of the Imperial War Cabinet at meetings other than those attended by the Prime Ministers. India also will be represented at these meetings. The Prime Ministers of the Dominions have been given the privilege of communicating direct with the British Prime Minister instead of through the Governor General or Colonial Secretary as at present. This is looked upon as a step toward giving the dominions a greater voice in the war and in simplifying communications.

\$10,000,000 AWARDED TO CAN. NORTHERN

(Special to The Guardian)

OTTAWA, August 19.—The award of the Board of Arbitrators to the Canadian Northern Railway will be paid on the 24th of the present month. The award was for \$10,800,000, but under an agreement entered into between the Government on the one hand and MacKenzie and Mann and the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the other, the amount to be paid will not exceed \$10,000,000.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

- *AUCTION.—LARGE CITY PROPERTY, 211 to 217 Water St., Wednesday noon. See ad. 906-8-17stuew31
- *WANTED.—COUNTRY BOY UNDER military age, for store. Address, A. T., Guardian. 786-8-10Mf
- *GIRL WANTED WITH KNOWLEDGE of book-keeping. Apply in writing "Merchant," c.o. Guardian Office. 860-8-15Mf
- *TO DAIRYMEN.—SANITARY BUTTER paper, printed. "Fresh Dair Butter"—35c. per 100. Per post 40. Guardian Office. 9025-6-24Etf

CITY COUNCIL HELD A SPECIAL MEETING

Resolution Passed in Connection With Loaning Steam Roller to Government. Lively Discussion in Regard to Street Improvements.

A special meeting of the City Council was held yesterday morning to consider the matter of loaning the city steam roller to the local government city surveyor for four months. He had only mentioned his name once before—at the previous meeting, and he had especially asked the surveyor to be present at that meeting, as he was going to say something about the streets, and what he said then he repeated now—that citizens were complaining of the neglected condition of the streets and blaming the city engineer.

Coun. Rattray also took a hand in the discussion. He said that every one knew the streets were in bad shape, and that everyone knew that there was no money available to pay for improving them. He claimed that the Local Government had hindered the city from getting money on the grounds that the council was not capable of spending it. All they had was some \$6,700 to do work for the winter and summer.

After some further discussion by the same councillors the city surveyor stated that the advent of the motor cars on the streets of Charlottetown had brought about an altogether new phase in conditions of street traffic. The streets here, he said, were not built for automobiles. They were what is known as the water macadam streets,—the cheapest form of street-building. When built such a thing as automobile traffic was never heard of. Streets to withstand the wear and tear of auto traffic would need to be constructed of asphalt or some such substance. He did not think it could be done for \$200,000. The firm which had laid the tarvia on Queen street would not move their plant over here for an order less than \$40,000. If the city had some stone or gravel temporary repairs could be made. This was the only thing, he believed, which could be done at present.

Coun. Smith said that the auto traffic is here and here to stay. He thought that with the use of clay, etc., the streets could be put in passable condition. Coun. Yeo said that this was what he wanted. Coun. Rattray suggested that it would be money well spent for the councillors to visit their gravel pit at Surrey. Couns. Connors and Yeo agreed and said they should go there by automobile and make a proper investigation.

Resolved, that the request of the Local Government to loan them the city roller be granted providing they agree to comply with the following conditions: (1) the Government guarantee to return steam roller in good order and condition; (2) the engineer in charge to be approved by our city engineer; (3) that the Government agree to pay the city for wear of spikes in the following proportions, namely: First half inch of wear to cost the Government one-third of cost of spikes, second half inch two thirds of cost; third half inch, total cost, as spikes are practically useless when only 3 1-2 inches long. City engineer to measure spikes when delivering roller to Government; also when it is returned, and determine the amount of damage done thereto.

After the meeting adjourned an animated discussion ensued between Coun. Yeo and Coun. Riley upon the condition of the streets. Coun. Yeo said it was about time that the city got a hustle on and did something to improve the condition of the streets. Coun. Riley characterized Coun. Yeo's remarks as savage abuse of the city and the city surveyor, and said his criticism was most unfair, and was giving a very bad impression of the city abroad. Coun. Riley thought the

IN CASUALTY LIST

OTTAWA, August 19.—In the Casualty list published today the name of B. Cormier, Bedeque, P. E. I., is given "died of wounds."

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The 24th of AUGUST is the LAST DAY upon which PARDON IS GRANTED to those who are deserters or who have failed to report to the Military authorities.

The EXTREME PENALTY OF THE LAW will be visited upon defaulters AFTER THAT DATE.