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THE FAMOUS HINDENBURG LINE IS BEING GRADUALLY ROLLED UP

Phenomenal Advance of Allies in Past Three Days has Changed Situation Along Whole Battle-front. German Grip on France is Steadily Releasing Under the Throttling Pressure of Allied Troops. The Hindenburg Line Giving Way as it is Being Rolled up by the Victorious Allies. Germans Fighting Desperately to Retain their Hold on the few Positions Remaining to them of their Former Gains, But they are Being Steadily Driven Back.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 8.—British troops advancing last night on the front of the southeast of Peronne captured the towns of Hancourt, Sorel-Le Grand, and Metsexencourt, says the official war office announcement. Fighting there was toward the left flank of the German position along the Canal Du Nord from Havrincourt northward. The British penetrated the western part of Havrincourt taking prisoners as they progressed.

PUSHING TOWARDS MESSINES

In Flanders the British are pushing towards Messines near the southern end of the Messines Ridge and advanced their lines last night a short distance in the direction of the town north of Labassee Canal on the Canal. On the Flanders front British patrols made headway in the enemy positions in the vicinity of Canteleux and Volent.

FRENCH HAVE PRESSED THREE MILES BEYOND HAM

(Special to The Guardian)

PARIS, Sept. 8.—On the front between the Somme and the Oise the French continued to press forward last night overcoming the resistance of the German rear guard, according to today's war office report. Pressing east of Ham French troops have occupied the towns of Dury and Ollez more than three miles beyond Ham. North of the Ailette the French have made a further advance winning the entire lower forest of Coucy north of Vesle. Where American troops have been advancing there is no change in the situation.

TEARING HOLES IN THE ENEMY'S LINES

(Special to The Guardian)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE FRONT, Sept. 8.—Additional forces and supplies were brought up by the Americans and the French during last night and early today. The Franco-American line was again advanced. The Allied Artillery of both heavy and small calibres is being used to tear holes in the enemy lines.

MORE TOWNS CAPTURED

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The Hindenburg line must now stand its greatest test. The chief defensive system of the Germans on the western front, including a part of the original lines held by the enemy since 1914 on the Aubers Ridge to the west of Lille, is under attack by the Allied armies. It has already given way in the Arras Cambrai sector before the assault of Canadian and English troops. It has been partially penetrated to the Aubers front west of Lille and in the sector of La Fere Laon. The victorious French army of General Mangin has reached Petit Barisis on the eastern border of the lower forest of Coucy and faces the wooded ridges of St. Goyin along which the Hindenburg line runs. Shattered and broken in spirit by repeated defeats during the past seven weeks, though the Germans are, they must stand and fight once more. There is no safety in retreat. If the Hindenburg line is penetrated between La Fere and Laon a retreat to the Meuse becomes inevitable. Such a retreat under existing conditions might well prove disastrous.

WHAT REMAINS TO GERMANS OF THEIR COSTLY GAIN

From all parts of the territory occupied at the cost of hundreds of thousands of casualties during the five great German offensives beginning on March 21 of this year and ending on July 18, the enemy's troops have been withdrawing to points within their defensive line. This morning, of the ground won in that prodigious effort to obtain a German peace by a speedy decision only the Passchendaele, Pilkem and Messines ridges in the north, and a small strip of land west of St. Quentin and north of the Aisne remain in the enemy's hands. How much of it will remain tomorrow depends largely upon the fleetness of foot of the Australians who, advancing yesterday in the region of Peronne with English troops co-operating on the north, swept the country clean of the retreating Germans on a front of almost fifteen miles to a width of seven miles east of the Somme. This advance, carried out in conjunction with a similar sweep by Humbert's French Army on the Ham Chauny sector, brings the Allied front to a point between eight and nine miles from St. Quentin and about four miles from La Fere, both of which cities are within the Hindenburg line. The front is everywhere well to the east of the old Somme battlefields and the advance of the British and French troops is made across a region little pitted with shell holes or seamed with trenches so that progress is fairly rapid, says the report. Sir Douglas Haig states that at only one point on the high ground above Murtu did the Germans stubbornly resist the advance of the British troops yesterday. There and at Equancourt, where the enemy also turned

and fought a rear-guard action, he was hustled on and both villages are now in the hands of the pursuers.

PHENOMENAL ADVANCE BY HUMBERTS ARMY

The progress of General Humbert's army between the Somme and the Oise was phenomenal. The forest clad hill country on Autremont was cleared of the machine gun nests left by the enemy to delay the French advance. On the north bank of the Oise French cavalry rode into Chauny, found it unoccupied and pressed forward to the outskirts of Terguier, an important railway junction a little over three miles west of La Fere, on the south side of the Oise and the Germans state that they stand in fighting contact with the French at Amigny where there are advanced field works located which being on high ground command a wide stretch of the river valley. The Hindenburg line is immediately east of Amigny, northward, near the point of the junction with the Australians. Ham has been occupied and an advance has been made of about two and a half miles northeast of the high road to St. Quentin which is a little less than nine miles from the French advanced positions south of Oise.

The Paris report says the Germans in their evacuation of the lower forest of Coucy were compelled to abandon considerable munition depots. On that part of the front from the forest of Coucy south by Fresnes, Lisces Vauxillon, the Laffaux farm, were scenes of terrific fighting during the struggle for the Hindenburg line. Along the Chemin Des Dames the French have occupied their old trenches again in the region between the Vesle and the Aisne east of Soissons. The Americans are continuing their advance northward to the Aisne and are now close to the river just east of point Arcy where part of the British Army crossed the Aisne during the battle of 1914.

THREAT TO LILLE INCREASES

The threat to Lille increases. The British troops who crossed the German front near Givenchy the other day and who are menacing La Bassee and the southern slope of the Aubres Ridge, held securely by the enemy for almost four years, have been reinforced by others who striking east from Festubert are advancing upon violent with the evident intention of enveloping the strong enemy defences on the high ground of La Bassee. The Aubres Ridge was probably impregnable in the days of infantry against barbed wire but it is certain that the defences upon the Ridge are of little use against a tank. Lille is so near the battle front and is so important that it seems reasonable an effort should be made to place it within the lines of the Allies before winter. The first stages of an advance toward Lille must include the re-occupation of Armentieres and the capture of La Bassee

GERMANS FIGHTING DESPERATELY AND VAINLY FOR MESSINES RIDGE

Germans have been fighting desperately to retain the Messines Ridge. They counter-attacked thrice in the vicinity of Hill 63 early yesterday morning but made nothing of it while British troops about the north continued to press easterly toward the main positions on the Ridge between Messines and Wystchaete. In the region from which the Germans are withdrawing many fires are set and explosions heard.

20,383 PRISONERS IN TWO "SHOWS"

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Yesterday our infantry cleared up the area included in the triangle south of the Sen see River and west of the Canal Du Nord. Prisoners taken by the corps were 9,141 in the Amiens show, and 11,242 in the present show, the latter including 262 officers making a total of 20,383.

TREATY BETWEEN GERMANY AND FINLAND

(Special to The Guardian)

PARIS, Sept. 8.—A treaty of Alliance has been concluded between Germany and Finland under which the entire man-power of Finland is put at Germany's disposal, according to a despatch to the Matin from Copenhagen.

GENERAL DEMORILIZATION AND DISOBEDIENCE IN GERMANY

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Public interest today is quite equally divided between the unbroken advance of the Allied armies and the apparent signs that the German people are in a state of nervousness and anxiety bordering on demoralization. A huge number of desertions are occurring, the correspondent says, and it is estimated that there are more than 120,000 deserters in Berlin alone. Disobedience and defiance of officers is common at the front, according to the correspondent's information, and a similar spirit is shown in the munition factories where the workers deliberately are slowing up with the result that output has been seriously decreased.

MISS MAMIE SMITH'S LAMENTED DEATH

Even in these days of almost universal sorrow, announcement of the death of Marianne Grantham (Mamie), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of this city, which occurred Saturday night, was a shock to the whole community. A bright, talented, loving and lovable girl in her early twenties, her life more than ordinarily rich with promise and hope, a favourite in a large circle of friends and companions and the pride of her home, called out of what humanly seemed abundant life, her death is unspeakably sad and a sore blow to the home. She had been apparently in her usual health until Thursday when symptoms of appendicitis developed. She was taken to the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Thursday night. On Friday she was operated upon. From the first the case was seen to be hopeless, the disease having developed insidiously far beyond the stage indicated by the symptoms. All that medical skill could do was done but despite all she passed away at eleven o'clock Saturday night. Her death was as beautiful as her life had been and even from amidst the dark shadows of the valley she left loving messages of farewell to those whom she was so suddenly called upon to leave.

The late Miss Smith was a young lady of more than ordinary attractiveness. A talented musician and with a voice of rare sweetness her help, always cheerfully given, was a feature in church and musical circles. She was since young girlhood a member of the choir of the First Methodist Church and a willing and active helper in all the activities of the church. The place made vacant by her death both in the church and in the community will not soon be filled, and eternally alone can fill the blank in the home.

There are left to mourn, besides the father and mother, three sisters, Mrs. (Captain) Keith Rogers, Halifax; Miss Bertha in Vancouver, B. C. and Miss Helen at home, and one brother, Harry, in Victoria, B. C. To these and her friends and relatives who mourn the Guardian tenders heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. Rogers of Halifax, the only absent member of the family who can come, is expected to arrive tonight and the funeral will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, the services at the home beginning at 2.45. The funeral will leave at 3.15 to the Railway Station thence by train to Sherwood Cemetery.

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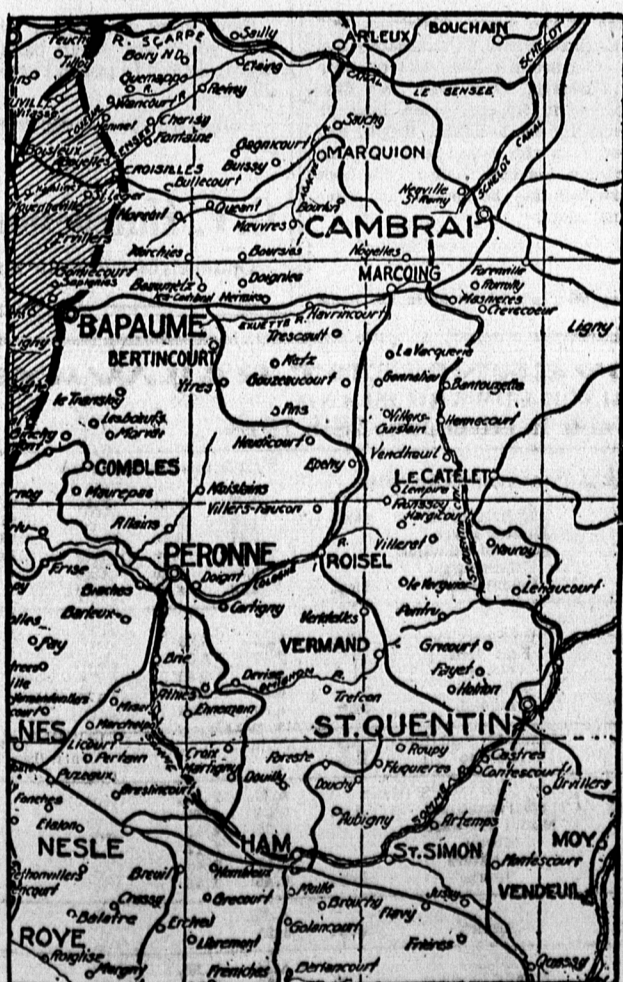
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AUCTION. Piano, Furniture, Carpets etc at the late Residence of Mrs May 57 Olear Street on Thursday 12th September Commencing at 2 O'clock P.M. R Barriato Auctioneer. 1308-9-5 M 1



WAR MAP

The country south and east of Arras has been the scene of a tremendous Allied victory. Canadian and English troops have broken and hold the famous Hindenburg line, running north from Queant up above the Scarpe river. The country between Queant and Cambrai is now the scene of terrific fighting, with the capture of Cambrai as a possibility within a very short time and the consequent wrecking of all the German plans. The area in this map may be the scene of the pivotal fight of this year's campaign, but it is intimated that there will be sensational news from the section between Noyon

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Sept. 9.—Fair and cool. The tide will be high this afternoon at 2.12 and tomorrow at 2.51; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2.01 and Wednesday at 2.24. The sun sets this evening at 7.42 and tomorrow at 7.40; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.50 and Wednesday at 6.51. The moon rises tonight at 9.08. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

The North Wiltshire Red Cross Society will hold their annual spinning Bee on Wednesday, Sept. 11th. Everybody is asked to help. Come and help the good cause. 1264-9-6M31. **You did not pay that account you owed Stanley Bros. please do so at once. We have handed a number of accounts to an Attorney for collection. Save expense and pay yours. Store open daily to receive accounts from 9 to 12 o'clock a. m. 1 to 5 o'clock p. m. until the 15th inst. Stanley Bros. 1273-9-6M31.