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AMERICANS TAKE PART IN ADVANCE AT THE SOISSON SALIENT

GERMANS WERE FLEEING AS ALLIES ADVANCED NORTH AT SOISSONS-RHEIMS SALIENT

SIX HUNDRED PRISONERS TAKEN IN TWO-MILE FORWARD MOVEMENT — LINE STRAIGHTENED ON BANK OF OURCQ RIVER — SEVERAL TOWNS CAPTURED

Paris, August 2.—Six hundred prisoners were captured yesterday on the Marne front, according to an official despatch. The allied troops advanced about two miles and reached Cramoiselle and Cramaille on the south western part of the salient. Cerges and Muniers Wood have also been occupied and the village of Remigny north of the Dormans-Rheims road was taken.

North of the Ourcq River the French and British troops drove the enemy from positions in the region of Pleussier Hultu and the river, capturing the heights north of Grand Rozoy.

Northwest of Fere, the entire elbow of the line, where it turned along the northern bank of the Ourcq River, has been blotted out, making the line a straight one from Fere to Hartennes and giving the allies much better ground over which to work in the further outflanking operations of Soissons on the southeast and for pressing on towards Fismes.

The bad weather which has delayed operations on the British front has now ceased and both in

France and Flanders the artillery is busy on both sides. Fighting continued on the west side of the Soissons-Rheims salient until the darkness made it impossible. Allied observers reported that bodies of Germans were fleeing precipitately northward along the road leading from Lancy, which lies about midway between Soissons and Fere-en-Tardenois. Tanks played an important part in yesterday's successes. The Germans resisted stubbornly but everywhere the allies were able to extend their positions.

AKERBERG, THOMSON CO. TO BUILD NEW WHARF AND MACHINE SHOP

Order-in-Council Giving Permission Passed by the Government at Ottawa.

WILL BE OF MUCH BENEFIT TO FISHERMEN AND THE MOSQUITO FLEET

The secretary of the Privy Council has communicated with Akerberg, Thomson & Co., Ltd., of this city intimating that their application for permission to construct a wharf, together with a gridiron on Lot 1, Block F, has been granted. Some time ago, Akerberg, Thomson & Co., Ltd., secured from the Provincial Government a twenty-year lease of this lot, and now that the Dominion Government has approved the plans submitted, they will soon commence their building operations.

Lot 1 is located right against the east end of the Provincial Government wharf. There is a pile wharf upon the lot at present, which Akerberg Thomson & Co. will have torn down, and a new wharf, with concrete piers erected. When the new wharf is completed, the machine shop will be removed there from its present location on the hill. They already have a fine large float for the accommodation of small boats tying up. The "gridiron" will be put in on the side of the wharf next the present steps, and will be some 100 feet long by 30 feet wide, and it will accommodate practically any of the present fishing vessels, when repairs below the waterline are required. It is expected that the new construction work will commence this fall, and when the plans are completed, Akerberg, Thomson & Co., Ltd., expect to have unrivalled facilities for the quick and efficient handling of all boat and engine repair work. With their business, their machine shop has gradually been growing larger, and on their moving to their permanent location on Lot 1, they will have a machine shop second to none on the coast, both for convenience of location and completeness of equipment.

AUSTRIA'S CLAIMS

London, August 2.—According to the claims of Vienna the Austrian troops in Albania have compelled the Italians to give up a considerable portion of the ground won in the recent fighting.

GERMANS IN HOLLAND

London, Aug. 2.—It is rumored that Foreign Minister von Kuehlmann and former Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg have appeared in Holland. This may possibly mean a renewal of the German peace offensive in connection with a new open letter of Lord Lansdowne.

FIRE AT THE "INLANDER"

Last evening around six o'clock an alarm of fire was rung in to the fire hall from Second Avenue. The big engine was quickly on the scene, when it was found that sparks from the chimney alighting on the shingle roof, had set the "Inlander" Boarding House on Second Avenue alight. The prompt arrival of the firemen prevented the blaze from spreading. A hole was burnt in the roof, though, before the light was put out by the chemical apparatus. The excitement for a few minutes threatened to extend, as it was just about the meal hour. The damage, however, was very slight.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT BY THE G.T.P.

Many Thousands Spent on the Old Coal Dock, Making it Available for Aeroplane Spruce Shipments.

The development of the waterfront by the G. T. P. in connection with the increasing traffic which is coming through this port has been going on steadily and quietly for some time past. Though little has been said about it, the old coal dock at the west end of the yard has been entirely rebuilt and fitted with modern appliances for the handling of the ever-increasing shipments of aeroplane spruce which are arriving here, chiefly from the Queen Charlotte Islands. Instead of being the deserted end of the waterfront, as it was two or three years ago, this particular dock is now one of the busiest the week through.

Scowload after scowload of sawn spruce have been landed here to be loaded on cars for shipment east, and almost any time the makings of a trainload may be seen in the Prince Rupert yards.

Modern Equipment.

The G. T. P. has spared no expense in fixing up this wharf in the most suitable manner for the quick and efficient handling of this most important spruce. They have installed two new electric derricks, and a steam one. Three scows can be unloaded at one time, and thirty cars can be loaded every twenty-four hours.

If need be, by the adjusting of the gears, the speed of these electric cranes can be increased. Driven by a dynamo, they do away with the necessity of a boiler with a furnace to be stoked. Spur tracks have been laid upon the wharf enabling each derrick to load two cars or more simultaneously, and these spurs are so arranged that the loaded cars can be removed without stopping the loading operations.

More Improvements.

The G. T. P. has further arrangements at present impending. Alterations and improvements are being carried out on other portions of the waterfront which will enable the company to handle all the increase of traffic offering, without causing any congestion. From what is being done, and will be accomplished this summer, it is evident that the G. T. P. are seeing to it that the essential needs of Prince Rupert as a railroad terminus are not being neglected.

SURPRISE ATTACKS

Paris, August 2.—Germans this morning attacked the French positions in the region of Bligny, southwest of Rheims. The attack was repulsed, says the official statement. The enemy carried out a number of surprise attacks on the right bank of the Meuse without obtaining any advantage. The French inflicted losses on the enemy and captured prisoners.

A.F. & A.M.

All Resident and Sojourning Masons are requested to attend the Public Meeting to be held in the Westholme Theatre on Sunday evening, August 4th, at 8 p.m., to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the war.

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AMERICANS TAKE PART IN YESTERDAY'S BIG BATTLE AT THE SOISSONS SALIENT

ARMIES OF CROWN PRINCE PUSHED BACK BY ALLIED FORCES AND CONSIDERABLE GROUND TAKEN IN FIERCE FIGHTING

Paris, August 2.—In battles extending from the region immediately south of Soissons to the northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois and southwest of the last named town on the upper portion of the left blade of the salient running ten miles eastward from Neilles to Villen Tardenois and with St. Gemme as the southern blade, the allied armies have pushed back the armies of the Crown Prince.

The most important gain has been made on the upper western point of the V southeast of Fere. The villages of Cirges and Munire were taken with a manoeuvre which places the Germans at the mouth of the salient at St. Gemme in a precarious position, brought about by the capture of Meunire Wood. The fringes of the salient from the forest of Boneligny east has been relatively cut down four miles.

Drove Out Germans.

In today's fighting the allied troops drove out the Germans who had been tenaciously holding positions between Plessie and the Ourcq and took high ground north of Grand Trozy. They arrived before the villages of Cramiselle and Cramille. The general advance was about two miles and 600 prisoners are reported to have been taken.

Americans in Fight.

American Armies in France.

August 2.—The American troops struck again last night at the apex of the allied advance on the lower portion of the Soissons-Rheims salient, storming the heights between Serenges and Sergie. They gained their objectives. The advance was made possible by an allied attack in the sector directly east of the Americans, which cleared out a small German pocket.

Washington, August 2.—Just what part the Americans played in the Thursday's battle has not yet been manifested, but doubtless they were in the midst of the fray.

Launch Alice B. for the Salt Lakes leaves Prince Rupert Boat-house every hour commencing 10 o'clock on Sundays. Round trip 50 cents.

AEROPLANE ACTIVITY CONTINUES UNABATED

Paris, Aug. 2.—There is no let up in the aeroplane warfare on the British front. Raids are continuous and much destruction to German factories and communications resulted. Yesterday the airplanes penetrated the enemy country as far as Duren in Rhenish Prussia and the allies dropped bombs on the factories there with good results. A second plane formation attacked the railway shops at Treves.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN ON THE MARNE FRONT

London, August 2.—An official statement just given out says that the number of German prisoners captured on the Marne front and in Champagne between July 15th and July 31st numbered 33,400.

CONDUCTS SERVICES AT PORT ESSINGTON SUNDAY

Rev. Alfred E. Price of Metlakatla, rowed over from the Indian settlement last evening and went to Port Essington on the train today. He expects to be present at the commemorative service at Port Essington tomorrow evening when Dr. Large will be the speaker. He will also conduct a service at Essington on Sunday evening.

Everyone knows Mr. Price. His constituency extends to points thirty-two miles from headquarters. He conducts services at the saw mills and other points throughout the district and is welcomed wherever he goes.

Saturday specials in Children's white canvas button boots; \$2.25 values for \$1.85, at the Family Shoe Store.

SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF SPRUCE IS SHIPPED FROM HERE

Mills at Masset Will Soon Be Running Full Blast—Labor Supply is Short.

"Seventy-five per cent of the spruce cut in northern British Columbia is shipped through Prince Rupert, and eighty per cent of all the spruce cut throughout the province of British Columbia comes from the Queen Charlotte Islands." That statement was made this morning by an official who knows what he is saying.

At the present time there are six mills at Masset, one of which, the Buckley mill, has not yet commenced to cut. The mill owned by the Graham Island Spruce & Cedar Co. has been operating only about three weeks and has not yet got into its swing. Both of these mills will be running full blast in a few weeks and will turn out more lumber than the others put together. That will materially increase the amount that is shipped through this port.

"Labor is the serious problem," said this official. "In order to get out the spruce, labor must be available. In the United States all those who are at work on spruce production are under Government orders just like the soldiers, except that they are paid the regular wages of lumbermen." "The men who are employed in the spruce industry are doing their best to keep up the supply, but there are not enough of them and from time to time the Government is taking of those already here to fill the ranks in France."

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REGISTRATION WILL EXCEED 300,000 IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Not including the districts of Westminster and Skeena the registration for British Columbia numbers 269,593. When the two districts are added it is expected that the total will be well over the 300,000 mark. The complete totals will be known just as soon as the letters from the outside districts have been sorted and delivered, and the figures compiled.

Burrard, South Vancouver and Victoria are the only ridings of the eleven in hand which show a majority of women registrants. This is explained so far as Burrard and South Vancouver are concerned by the fact that the men in the majority of cases registered at Vancouver city booths during hours of their employment. Vancouver Centre riding had the largest registration in the province, the total being 70,766. About 100 Vancouverites who were absent on registration day, have taken advantage of the registration facilities provided for them.

Following are the registration figures of the eleven ridings now in hand:

	Males	Females
Burrard	10,234	13,219
Cariboo	13,026	7,193
Comox-Alberni	14,721	5,663
Kootenay East	8,263	3,762
Nanaimo	12,723	10,694
Westminster City and Lower Fraser	10,863	9,605
Kootenay West	10,842	7,875
Vancouver Centre	41,941	29,307
Vancouver South	4,664	8,479
Victoria	13,736	14,710
Yale	10,380	7,694

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NEW ADVANCES

Paris, Aug. 2.—New advances by American and French troops were reported over a large part of the Rheims-Soissons battle-front late today.