

BIG DRIVE. PROCEEDING

AMERICANS, FRENCH, ENGLISH AND CANUCKS TAKE TOLL FROM HUN

GENERAL ADVANCE ON ALL
THE LINE FROM ARRAS TO
RHEIMS BY THE ALLIES

Success Everywhere Attends Efforts to Drive Germans Out of France; Canadians and Americans Join with the French and British in the Big Drive

London, August 29.—There has been a general advance of Allied forces along almost the whole line from Arras to Rheims. The Canadians, Australians, Americans, French and English troops are particularly mentioned as driving forward with success at every point. The French especially seem to have made big advances in the Noyon district.

Paris, August 29.—Forty villages were recaptured yesterday by French troops in a swift advance, driving into the enemy lines at some points to a depth of six miles. The left bank of the Somme was reached between Clacourt and the Nesle as well as the west bank of the Canal du Nord between the Nesle and Noyon over the greater part of its course.

The French third army captured Dives and pushing on to the forward reached the outskirts of Noyon.

American troops in the region of Juvisy repulsed numerous German counter attacks and broke up an enemy attempt to cross the line south of Bazouches.

The Australians in their advance yesterday reached the line of Fresnoy-Barbercourt but have met with much opposition in reaching the Somme river at Brie and Peronne.

The village of Croiselles where the enemy maintained a stubborn resistance was gradually outflanked by London troops and is now in British hands.

British troops fought their way forward toward Veracourt and northeast of Fontaine Jéz Croiselles.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Arthur Playfair the famous actor is dead.

French deny the capture of Schweiger.

German Empress seriously ill and Kaiser not able to leave her bedside.

Ottawa Government considering reorganization of C.N.R. with new board of directors eliminating Mackenzie & Mann. The resignation of these magnates is now in the hands of the Government.

GERMAN NATION
FACES DARK DAYS

Amsterdam, Aug. 29.—"The German army and nation now face dark hours—may God protect the Fatherland," concludes an article by General von Ardenne, in the Dusseldorf Nachrichten Tuesday.

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O. BESNER BUYS
LUMBER MILL
ON THE ISLANDS

Plant at Queen Charlotte City to be renovated, improved and Operated by Local Man.

\$25,000 WAS PRICE PAID;
WILL COST \$15,000 MORE

The lumber mill at Queen Charlotte City has been purchased by O. Besner of this city for the sum of \$25,000, and will at once be put in shape for cutting spruce. Something like \$15,000 will have to be spent in order to carry out the plans of the new owners. At present the capacity of the mill is something like 50,000 feet a day, but a resaw is being added to the plant and then the capacity will be about 65,000 feet a day. That will be a great addition to the spruce producing capacity of the Islands.

Queen Charlotte City was founded years ago by Mr. Young, who interested the lumber community in the possibilities of the Islands. He laid out a townsite and sold a number of lots there. On one occasion the steamer Princess Charlotte was chartered from the C. P. R. to run a special excursion to the townsite with a view to interesting people in the purchase of lots. The mill was somewhat ahead of its time and for a number of years has been shut down.

Its purchase by Mr. Besner insures its operation at once and interest in the old townsite will be revived.

Mr. Besner is forming a company to operate the mill and incorporation is now taking place. Joe Bortelance is to be mill manager.

Naturally by this time much of the woodwork about the mill is in need of renewal and much other material will have to be brought in. The Prince John and the Prince Albert both have consignments for that place and work will be rushed in order that there may be no delay in getting the mill in operation.

Prince Rupert it seems is again doing her share in the development which is going on in this part of the province.

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COMPERS IN ENGLAND
CONFERES WITH LABOR

London, August 29.—Samuel Gompers and his party have arrived in England. Their aim is to bring the labor union leaders in England, France and Italy to a better understanding of the aims and principles of the American labor movement in support of and in prosecution of the war.

TELEGRAPHERS STAY IN

Winnipeg, August 29.—The C. P. R. commercial telegraphers throughout Canada who had decided to go on strike for increased pay, have agreed to defer striking for the time being and instead to lay the situation before the Government at Ottawa.

Boats returning from Dundas Island yesterday afternoon reported fish very scarce there.

100,000 PRISONERS TAKEN
BY ALLIES SINCE JULY 18

EACH DAY ACCENTUATES GERMAN DEFEAT — ENTENTE FORCES ENGAGE BOLSHIEVIKI IN NORTHERN RUSSIA; DISTRESS SPREADING AMONG INHABITANTS

London, August 29.—Since July 18 the Allies have taken well over 100,000 prisoners. Guns captured number more than 1,000 and there also have been taken vast stores of ammunition.

The British troops yesterday completed the capture of Trones Wood north of the River Somme. Cherishy has been amidst fierce fighting.

The British forces fighting east of Arras have reached the outskirts of Haucourt, Remy and Boiry Notre Dame, north of the Arras-Cambrai road.

Each day accentuates the German defeat and the losses in men, material and prisoners.

Archangel, August 29.—The Entente forces have engaged the Bolshieviki Red Guards and dispersed the Bolshieviki river flotilla. The people in the villages along the White Sea are starving. Distress is spreading and the inhabitants are begging the Entente Allies to assist them.

CANADIAN ATTACK ON A FIVE-MILE
FRONT IS ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL;
ENEMY DRIVEN FROM POSITIONS

London, Aug. 29.—The Canadian troops in their advance astride the Scarpe River yesterday captured more than 2,000 Germans. Their advance was supported by tanks and was a most dashing performance.

London, August 29.—Canadian troops yesterday delivered an attack on a front of about five miles, evenly flanking the Arras-Cambrai road. Fighting is continuing into the main artery of the Hindenburg line.

Later—It is officially reported that the Canadians have successfully driven the enemy from several strongly defended trenches and important trench systems and captured the village of Bois Notre Dame and Pelvis.

INDIAN INJURED AT
SAWMILL, DIES HERE

Logs in Raft Fall Upon Him and Cause Severe Injuries, Which Prove Fatal.

ROBERT SANKEY WAS A NATIVE OF PORT SIMPSON

Last evening at 8 o'clock Robert Sankey, an Indian, was admitted to the General Hospital here suffering from severe injuries received while working at the Georgetown sawmill. He had been engaged in working on a raft of logs at the mill, when the logs started to slide down on him. His right arm was torn off by the elbow, and his left arm and wrist severely cut. The patient also had a severe scalp wound, extending from his brow to the back of his head.

Immediately the man was extracted from the pile of logs, he was rushed to Prince Rupert by launch, arriving here about 8 p. m. Everything possible was done for the injured Indian, but he passed away this morning at 4 o'clock.

Deceased was a native of Port Simpson and was aged about 44 years.

An inquest will be held here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to inquire into the circumstances of this fatality, and the necessary witnesses will be brought from Port Simpson.

POPULATION OF PRINCE
RUPERT APPROXIMATELY
FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE

OFFICIAL RETURNS MADE BY REGISTRAR NELSON SHOWS THAT SKEENA DISTRICT HAS 20,670 PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS.

The registrations figures have now been compiled by O. H. Nelson, registrar for this district, and will be a surprise to a great many pessimists who were inclined to believe that the population of this city was almost at the vanishing point. The result of the registration goes to show that the population of this city is very close to five thousand. Including the inhabitants of the nearby canneries the population would be no less than seven thousand, as the following official figures will indicate:

Total population for Skeena District, male and female over 16 years of age. 20,670
Total adults registered in Prince Rupert; Males. . . 2,177
Females. 1,008 3,273
Children under 16 years of age who were enumerated with females who registered as residing in Prince Rupert and who registered in Prince Rupert on or before June 22nd. 1,238
Total population of Prince Rupert as shown approximately by the registration of June 22 but omitting all who may have registered even a short distance from the city as on the Skeena river. 4,511

Since the date set for registration there have been a large number who have taken advantage of the regulations which allows them to register because of absence on June 22. These have registered with the postmasters and include a large number of fishermen and sailors who were at sea at the time of the registration. It is safe to say that from 100 to 150 have registered with the postmaster here and elsewhere under this rule.

American Subjects.

In addition to this there were a number of fishermen on United States owned fishing boats who were American subjects and were not required to register. In some instances these registered as a matter of precaution to avoid possible confusion if they wished to do business here, but in many cases it is safe to say that they did not register. These men

SCHOOLS OPEN
TUESDAY NEXT

New Principal and Staff Expected to Arrive Tomorrow in Readiness for Important Event.

Secretary W. D. Vance of the City School Board received a wire this morning from the Superintendent of Education stating that the schools would open Tuesday next, September 3. This is final and arrangements are already being made for the accommodation of the pupils.

The new principal, Angus M. McDonald, and most of the members of his staff are expected to arrive tomorrow on the Steamer Prince Rupert and as soon as they have time to investigate conditions the allotment of the teachers to the different schools will be made.

Many parents had been led to believe that the schools would not open until a week later than the date set and have not yet completed preparations for the children returning. Now they will have to hurry up their purchases. School clothes has to be bought and boots overhauled.

There are eight new teachers this term.

Auction sale of extra equipment such as horses, wagons, block pulleys, lumber trucks, unclaimed baggage, particulars later—Pony Express.

while Ketchikan or Seattle or some other American port may be regarded by them as their home are to the same extent as the many other fishermen who take this as their home, entitled to be classified with the Prince Rupert population. For nine or twelve months in the year they make this their port for landing fish and are at home here just the same as any local fisherman. This would make a decided increase in the population here.

Canneries Belong Here.

There is another aspect of the population that may be taken into account. In the enumeration of registrants in Prince Rupert, all the canneries with the exception of the Prince Rupert one are omitted. The canneries of the Skeena are very closely identified with the life of Prince Rupert. This is the point where the banking in this connection is done and considerable of the trading is out of here. More and more this is becoming the case and it is held by bonding houses that the population of these canneries might fairly be classified with Prince Rupert.

The same applies to no small extent to the canneries on the Naas.

The figures for the Skeena canneries showed 1855 males and 574 females. The Naas canneries showed the following: 581 males, and 144 females.

DEMERS WILL OPEN
TEMPORARY PREMISES

Demers will open temporary quarters just opposite the new store, Saturday, August 31. The new store will shortly be finished, but stock is beginning to come in, especially millinery, so we will show the new styles in hats and probably dresses. Every express will bring something, such as corsets, coats, suits, etc.

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