

FRENCH CLEAR-WAY FOR DRIVE TO SOUTH

Artillery and Infantry Combine for Start of New Offensive on Somme.

DASH MADE FROM CHILLY

Allied Lines Move to Within 800 Yards of German Munitions Depot at Hallu-Touton Counter Attacks Spent.

BY FRID B. PITNEY.

PARIS, Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The French have cleared the way for the extension of their offensive south of the Somme. While their artillery north of the river was busy preparing the German trenches for further assault, infantry south of the river gave another squeeze to the pinners that are rapidly closing on the German positions.

The principal attack is against the Berny-en-Santerre, which is an extremely important village. Situated on the flank of the hill that dominates Barleux, it protects the little plateau of Villers-carbannel, where the Germans have massed large collections of heavy batteries.

German Position Menaced. Berny-en-Santerre, three kilometers from Villers-carbannel and four and four-fifths kilometers from the Somme, is at the head of the system of deep ravines leading to the Somme and turning on southward to the German gun positions. An advance by the French in this region would be disastrous for the Germans, as it would make it extremely difficult for them to withdraw their big guns. In addition, the advance on Berny-en-Santerre greatly helps troops attacking Denticourt. The latter village is now three-fourths of a mile from the French.

Another important work of the French was the advance on Chaulnes from the south. Two railroads run into Chaulnes from the north, the next other from the east, and the Germans have established there a large munitions depot near an old sugar mill. The French yesterday, sweeping out of Chilly and Lihons, carried their lines right up to the north and south railroads and within 200 yards of Hallu and 400 yards of the main line.

Counter-Attacks Spent. German counter-attacks on both banks of the Somme, directed against the important positions won by the French forces yesterday, have spent themselves. After a night of furious assaults the Kaiser's troops made no effort to charge today. The French curricula of fire precluded any such attempt.

The allied armies are ready for a new lunge. Near Denticourt the French made a dash for the night, but the next thrust will be directed at Chaulnes, from which Foch's line is now less than two-thirds of a mile away. The German lines of communication behind the Somme are now controlled entirely by the entente allies.

Against Combloux, too, a heavy blow will be struck without much delay. Dispatches from the front say that the Kaiser himself is watching the defense of this stronghold. In this sector, too, the Germans attempted heavy counter-blows, but their only result was a large toll of losses.

As if to prove the completeness with which the initiative has now been wrested from the Crown Prince, the French troops struck again at Verdun. Before the attack was halted they had captured more than half a mile of the enemy's first-line trenches in the Vaux Wood.

The Somme battle, with a renewal imminent, however, engrosses Paris. Are the Germans to shorten their line in the west? That is the question which many are asking just now.

WOMEN HOLD CONVENTION

Yamhill County W. C. T. U. Gathering Is Enthusiastic.

MINNIVILLE, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The Yamhill County Woman's Christian Temperance Union closed the most enthusiastic annual convention of its history here yesterday afternoon.

KAISER PRAISES BULGARS

King Congratulated on Capture of Rumanian Fortress.

AMERICAN SCHOONER LOST

George E. Dudley Wrecked Off Coast of Iceland.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Loss of the American schooner George E. Dudley off the coast of Iceland was reported to the State Department today by American agents in Copenhagen.

Late Hops Are Ruined.

HARRISBURG, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Practically all of the late hops in this section are ruined, and no effort will be made to save any of the crop in some of the yards. The bulk of the early crop is saved and will be picked, of which there are 12 yards, aggregating 200 acres.

HUNTRESS KILLS BOBCAT

Miss Lottie Reed Collects Bounty on Varmint's Scalp.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

French. PARIS, Sept. 7.—The French official statement today says: "North of the Somme, the Germans made a powerful effort to dislodge us from Hospital Farm, but were dispersed with heavy losses."

"The German troops beaten back yesterday by our infantry in the region east of Chilly belonged to a Saxon division, which was transferred hurriedly from the Aisne front."

"On the right bank of the Meuse yesterday our troops attacked the German organizations on the front between Vaux-Chapitre wood and Chenois. The entire front line of enemy trenches fell into our hands on a length of about 1500 meters. We took about 250 prisoners and 10 machine guns."

A supplemental statement issued by the French war office today says: "North of the Somme, in a trench recently captured, four bomb-throwers and 16 machine guns were added to the trophies recently brought in."

"South of the Somme the enemy, reduced to impotence by the violence of our artillery fire, was unable to make a counter-attack. East of Denticourt we captured some new trench elements and took 50 prisoners."

"German reconnaissance west of Malson de Champagne was dispersed. Some prisoners fell into our hands."

"On the right of the Meuse the enemy bombarded our positions in the Vaux-Chapitre wood. During last evening's attack in this sector we captured 250 prisoners, including six officers."

"Aviation. On the night of September 6-16 of our bombing aeroplanes dropped heavy bombs on railway stations, bivouac and enemy stores at Rolais, Athis and Villécourt, a big fire being caused at the last named place."

Russian. PETROGRAD, via London, Sept. 7.—Today's Russian official statement says: "In the region of Haliex our troops occupied the railway line from Haliex to Semikovitz and to Wodniki. They are bombarding with heavy guns the artillery town of Haliex, in which the enemy is still stubbornly holding out."

"The town is now in flames. In this region yesterday, we captured a total of 45 officers and 5500 men, including 22 German officers and 1000 Russian soldiers. The captured officers and 655 men. The captured guns and materials are being counted."

Italian. ROME, via London, Sept. 7.—"In Albania yesterday, today's official statement says, 'our batteries dispersed some enemy detachments near Hambari on the right bank of the Vovusa, which were troublesome with their fire. Notwithstanding persistently bad weather, the artillery was particularly active throughout the day in the regions of Brezany and Haliex. Near Brezany the Russians have driven back the Austrians from fortified positions and advanced to the Naravitsa River, and at some points have crossed the stream. Russians now are heavily bombarding the Austrians in the Naravitsa region, the forces of the central powers are stubbornly defending."

In Wednesday's fighting in the Haliex sector 244 officers and men of the Austrians were made prisoner. Both Berlin and Vienna admit retreats between the Ziota Lipa and Dniester rivers."

Vienna concedes a retreat of the Austrian forces before the Rumanian advance near Olas Toplitza, 20 miles from the Rumanian border. Southeast of this same region the Rumanians have occupied the Gergyo-Citro-Oroava Pass."

In the capture of Turtukai fortress the Germans and Bulgarians took more than 20,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns, according to Berlin. Bucharest says losses on both sides have been heavy."

Russians in Turkish Armenia near Ognott continue to drive the Turks from their strong mountain defenses, according to Petrograd, and also have put down a Turkish offensive west of Erzingan. On the Macedonian front and in the Austro-Italian theater fighting is being done mainly by means of artillery."

In German East Africa two additional ports—Kilwa Kivinde and Kilwa Kisiwani—have surrendered to the British."

HALICZ UNDER FIRE

Berlin Admits Serious Reverse at Hands of Russians.

AUSTRIAN CITY IN FLAMES

Czar's Troops Occupy Railroad Between Haliex and Wodniki. Petrograd Reports Taking 5600 More Prisoners.

PETROGRAD, via London, Sept. 7.—The Russians are bombarding the Galician town of Haliex, about 60 miles southwest of Lemberg, says the Russian report issued today. The town is in flames.

The Russian statement adds that Russian troops have occupied the railway line between Haliex and Semikovitz and Wodniki.

In the fighting in Eastern Galicia yesterday, the announcement says, the Russians took 5600 more prisoners."

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—After heavy fighting with the Russians in the sector southeast of Lemberg, Eastern Galicia, the Germans have fallen back in the sector between the Ziota Lipa and Dniester rivers, the War Office announced today.

In the Carpathians, southeast of Zielona and on the Bagaludova on the border between Bukowina and Hungary, the Russians made attacks which were repulsed. We also repulsed attacks delivered by Russian and Rumanian troops on both sides of Dorna in Southern Bukowina near the Rumanian and Hungarian borders."

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Agricultural College at Corvallis, was bruised yesterday at Cathlamet, Wash., when he was hit by a flying cable. He was brought to Good Samaritan Hospital last night.

FALL FROM FLUME FATAL Sawmill Engineer Dies From Broken Neck.

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Jacob Condon, an engineer in the Rosecrans sawmill, died last night from a fall in which he suffered a broken neck. He came to Corvallis to do some shopping started back to the lumber camp by walking on a narrow plank used by the flume gang.

Stolen Motorcycle Burns. A motorcycle, stolen from S. Simonson, 841 East Tenth street, some time yesterday, was found to have caught fire near Twenty-first and Thurman streets last night. Residents in the neighborhood said the man riding it at the time was burned. The police are investigating the reported theft and incident.

Luncheon Guests Many. So many requests have come for reservations for the luncheon of the State Federated Clubs, to be held Saturday at the Portland Hotel, that arrangements were made late last evening for a larger room. At first plans were made for only 60, but by having the luncheon in another room of the Portland an almost limitless attendance may be accommodated, providing reservations are made during this afternoon with Mrs. C. A. Rankin or Mrs. J. A. Pettit.

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