

WILSON DECLARES FAITH IN MEXICO

President Says America Is Champion of Nations Without Strong Military.

COMMON GUARANTEE PLEA

Executive Expresses Friendship for Mexican Peace in Stirring Address; Trust Must Be Forerunner of Peace.

HAVANA, June 10.—President Wilson, in his address to the Mexican newspaper editors in Washington last Friday, expressed sincere friendship for Mexico. His address, which is printed in the morning papers, follows in part: "I have never known a group of men who were more welcome than you, because it has been one of my distresses during my presidency that the Mexican people did not more thoroughly understand the attitude of the United States toward Mexico. I think I can assure you that that attitude is one of sincere friendship.

"The policy of my administration toward Mexico was in every point based upon the principle that the international settlement of the affairs of Mexico was none of our business; that we had no right to interfere with or dictate to Mexico in any particular with regard to her own affairs. When we sent troops into Mexico our sincere desire was nothing else than to assist you to get rid of a man who was making the settlement of your affairs for the time being impossible.

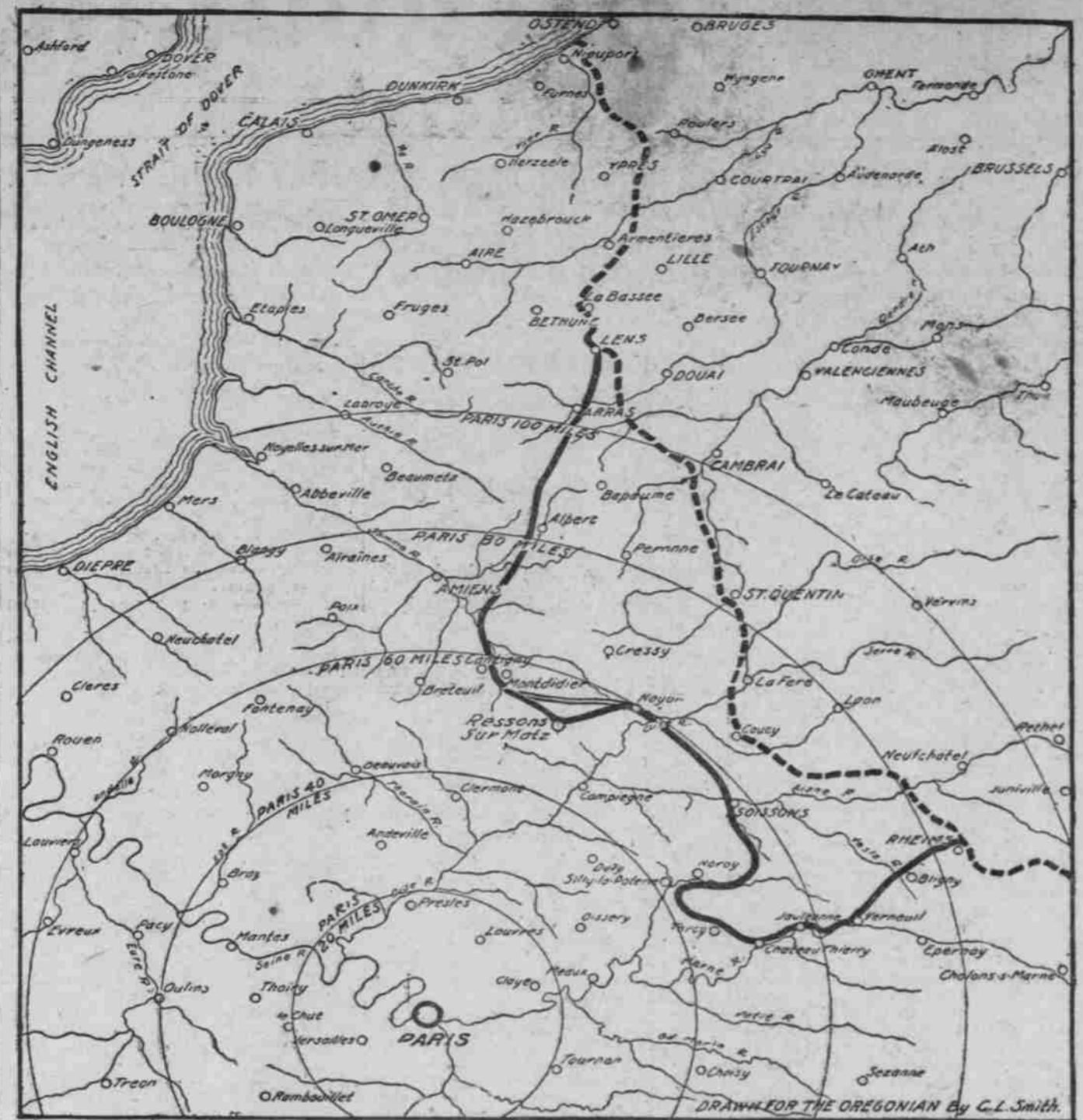
German Influence Decried.
"We had no desire to use our troops for any other purpose, and I was in hopes that by assisting in that way and thereupon immediately withdrawing, I might give substantial truth of assurance that I had given your Government through President Carranza. "At the present time it distresses me to learn that certain influences which I assume to be German in their origin, are trying to make a wrong impression throughout Mexico as to the purpose of the United States and to give an absolutely untrue account of things that happened.

America Is Big Brother.
"And if you will watch the attitude of our people you will see that nothing stirs them so deeply as the assurance that this war, so far as we are concerned, is for an idealistic object.

Trust to Bring Peace.
"Let us have a common guarantee that all of us will sign a declaration of political independence and territorial integrity. Let us agree that if any of us, the United States included, violates the political independence or territorial integrity of any of the others, all the others will jump on her. That is the kind of agreement that will have to be the foundation of the future life of the nations of the world, gentlemen.

Peace can only come by trust. If you can once get a situation of trust then you have got a situation of permanent peace. Therefore, everyone of us owes it as a patriotic duty to his own country to plant the seeds of trust and of confidence, instead of the seeds of suspicion and variety of interest."

WHERE THE GERMAN FORCES PRESSED FORWARD MONDAY AT FEARFUL COST IN FACE OF STIFF RESISTANCE.



Heavy Black Line Represents Battle Front. Light Parallel Lines From Montdidier to Noyon Show Battle Front on Sunday. Triangle Between Montdidier, Noyon and Reims-Sur-Matz Is Territory Won From Allies by Germans.

MARINES HIT AGAIN

Germans Forced Back 2-3 of Mile in New Smash.

ATTACK MADE IN WOODS

French Give Ground in Center to Huns, but Wings Hold Firm and the Only Loss Is a Few Villages.

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visions in his attacking line. Behind this line his reserves are ready to replace shattered divisions. We must reckon on a prolonged and desperate struggle, and may have to meet the shocks of Von Hindenburg's disposable reserves before the enemy breaks off.

Further losses of ground need not discourage us. The enemy, instead of sweeping on victoriously, as in the first days of the Aisne battle, is advancing painfully, yard by yard, paying the full price for every step. His main objective for the moment is toward the Oise, with the object of turning the salient we hold in his line, with its apex at Pont l'Evêque, on the Oise, which comprises Carlepoint and Ourcamp forest, in an angle in the bend of the river.

BERLIN, via London, June 10.—The German War Office, in its official communication today, claims the capture of 8000 prisoners and some guns in the new offensive in France.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fighting in this war probably never has been more severe than that going on today in the great battle of French and German armies between Montdidier and Noyon.

Enemy in Predicament.
The Germans, attacking on ground where the entente allies were ready to receive the shock, have found themselves thrown into a slaughter-house, whence most of them never will make an exit.

When the German infantry began coming over in the densest masses they encountered immediately an extremely hot fire from both machine guns and artillery, which mowed them down. Ever since, as fresh waves entered the conflict, they were subjected to similar punishment.

Retirement Is Prearranged.
The German progress must not be taken to mean that the German forces have overcome the defenders, who intended from the beginning to retire to their actual lines of combat as soon as the action developed.

Some idea of the determined nature of the fighting may be gathered from the struggle on each wing. The village of Courcelles changed hands numerous times, and when this dispatch was sent was in the possession of the allies. At the other end of the line Mont Renaud was still making a magnificent defense, and last reports

showed that Le Plemont was yet in allied hands.

The center, about Reims-sur-Matz, where the Germans made their most obstinate effort and formed a pocket tending southeastward, is the only part of the line against which the Germans have been able to report a real gain. Their intention is to try to reach the banks of the Oise and threaten the allied salient which extends to the vicinity of Noyon.

The Germans knew when they opened the attack that their task would be difficult. Therefore, they sent into the fray only chosen divisions, which had been specially trained for the assault. It is estimated that they engaged approximately 20 divisions on the front line for the first shock, while behind these, ready to take the place of the exhausted divisions, there probably were a similar number, perhaps even greater.

PARIS, June 10.—"It was a perfectly satisfactory day," said President Clemenceau last night. In these words the French leader accurately summed up the prevailing impression.

Five Divisions Used Up.
Latest advices from the battle front show that, on the whole, the enemy clearly suffered a check in the day's operations. The enemy gained a slight advantage in the center on a front of three and three-quarter miles, about a fourth of the entire line of attack. On the wings he was stopped with such losses that, on the whole, the enemy put out of commission or about one-third of the divisions identified up to the present as having taken part in the attack. This was done without the French reserves being called on.

The Germans had to bring up their troops at the last moment in order to avoid giving alarm to the allies. This operation, which takes some hours, exposes the men to an unpleasant artillery fire, unless the element of surprise is preserved.

The German attacking troops, coming out to envelop the heights of Moutiers and Riquelberg, dominating the Metz valley, offered a splendid target to the French gunners. The enemy had to throw in division after division because he was able to drive way forward to Reims-sur-Matz and Marcul along the Royo road, which was swept by French fire.

Two Routes Offered.
Reims-sur-Matz is a central position from which the enemy can direct attacks southward to Estreux-St. Denis or southeast to Compiègne. He is being strongly counter-attacked, however, and will only be able to develop his advantage at heavy cost, if at all.

Henry Bidou, military critic, says: "Let us be wary at the beginning of an important offensive of forming judgments, but without prejudging the future, it is difficult not to be satisfied with the first day."

The feeling, which fairly represents the general sentiment, is expressed by L'Ouvre in the caption: "This time we have not been 'surprised,' but perhaps the boches will be."

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 10.—A considerable local improvement of the British line just to the south of the Somme was effected last night through a slight advance carried out in the neighborhood of Bouzencourt. Otherwise, the night was generally quiet and the situation unchanged.

PARIS, June 10.—The new German attack on the front between Montdidier and Noyon continued last night with undiminished violence, the War Office reports. On the French left wing furious German attacks made time after time were broken by the French fire.

In the center the enemy, bringing up reinforcements, made further progress, reaching the southern part of Cuvilly Wood and Reims-sur-Matz.

Americans Make Progress.
French and American troops continuing their attacks in the region of Bruissieres on the Marne front gained more ground and took prisoners. On the French right wing along the front of the new attack bitter fighting continued. The French took more than 500 prisoners in various engagements. Prisoners report unanimously that the losses of the Germans in the battle in the battle which began yesterday morning have been extremely heavy.

TEUTONS PAY PRICE

Gains in New Smash Fail to Bring Results Expected.

ALLIED HEADS CONFIDENT

Desperate Onslaughts Bid Fair to Continue for Some Days, but Entente Resistance Is Waxing Stronger.

(By the Associated Press.)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 10.—Every foot the enemy advances now brings him further into territory which is thoroughly well known to the allies and prepared for defense. Therefore his task becomes momentarily more difficult.

The allies' staffs are prepared to meet every eventuality and display the most perfect confidence in the outcome. (By the Associated Press.) **WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 10.**—At the conclusion of the first 24 hours of the new battle between Montdidier and the Oise the impression gained is that the powerful German smash has not brought the enemy the result he expected. The allies' line is bent in the center quite insignificantly and the resistance the French are opposing on the actual position of the combat appears to be efficacious.

Assaults to Continue.
Extreme violence was the dominant note of the battle on the first day and desperate assaults with huge masses of troops seem likely to continue, at least for some days.

With the concentration of troops such as the Germans had been enabled to bring into line at the point chosen for the attack, it was physically impossible for the defenders to resist in their advanced positions.

When the masses of German infantry came over, the entente allied troops spread lightly in the forward works fell back coolly, fighting yard by yard, to the actual line of resistance. They held back the enemy just sufficiently to make him show his strength and to permit the main body of defenders to make the proper dispositions to meet him.

French Recede at Reims.
Only one point was the real French line forced to recede and that was in the neighborhood of Reims-sur-Matz.

After the German infantry had started, four hours of the most intense fighting had brought them only partly across the allied advance zone. They were battered thoroughly by the allied artillery, whose target was so plain that the enemy's losses must have been frightful with very little to compensate him for his sacrifices.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sunday, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Notwithstanding the great forces the Germans threw into the line today, when they opened their offensive between Montdidier and the Oise, they did not achieve any considerable advance.

Time after time increasingly dense waves of infantry attempted to pierce the allied defenses. Southwest of Noyon, however, they could not produce any effect on the determined troops holding the front lines.

The Germans were able to make some immediate progress because the allies

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retired from the advanced posts which constitute the first line westward from Noyon. When the real line of resistance was reached, however, the enemy's advance was checked, and small counter attacks delivered immediately by the allies were successful in regaining ground.

Before the infantry attack the Germans deluged the allies' lines to a depth of at least six miles with poison gas and high explosive shells. The allied guns replied immediately with a fire of terrific intensity in order to hinder the movements of the enemy troops getting ready to advance. When the infantry attack finally came it did not effect such a wide front as the artillery preparation.

In the center of the attacking front, where the allied line was weakest owing to terrain conditions, the Germans were able to reach Reims-sur-Matz and Marcul.

Throughout the day, however, every foot of territory was contested bitterly and the line maintained perfect cohesion despite all the efforts of the Germans to pierce it. The slight progress the Germans made cost them dearly.

The allied left flank held just as solidly as the right and the German advance was limited to the occupation of a few trenches without affecting the strength of the positions.

ROAD CLEARING IS RUSHED

Columbia Highway Traffic Will Be Resumed by July 1.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 10.—(Special.)—It is thought by men engaged in Columbia River Highway construction work between here and Cascade Locks that blockades which have halted traffic since January 1, will be removed by July 1. The steamboat reached the west end of the link Saturday afternoon, and yesterday started on the return to the east end, clearing up the grade.

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