

HUNS WOULD UNITE TWO BATTLE FRONTS

Army Experts Think Germans Trying to Join Picardy and Aisne Theaters.

FRENCH DEFENSE PLEASES

Washington Observers Think Line May Finally See Laigue Forest on French Left and Villers Cotterets on Right Wing.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Re-alignment of the French armies defending Compiègne front from the west, east and southeast, has relieved a situation which offered unpleasant possibilities, in the opinion of officers here. Enemy advances in the Valley of the Oise and to the north and northwest of Compiègne had threatened to cut off the troops in the evacuated sector. Announcement that they had been withdrawn without loss was therefore regarded with satisfaction.

The movement, however, is viewed as marking a further step toward accomplishing what many officers here believed to be the German purpose in all operations undertaken on the line west of Chateau Thierry, where the Marne had been reached, and in the last attacks starting on the Montdidier-Noyon front.

Germans Reduce Bulge.

The great bulge in the defending lines that remained, thrust into the German fronts so as to make the Picardy and Aisne battle theaters distinctly separate, has been materially reduced. The French lines have been flattened out, more completely consolidating the two fronts.

It appeared possible to officers here that the line would be established finally with the forest of Laigue, just northeast of Compiègne, buttressing the French left in this area, while the right would be supported by Villers Cotterets wood. These forests offer natural means for defense, of which the French have taken full advantage.

The stubborn French resistance to the northwest is blocking flanking operations on Compiègne from this direction, while a check is being made northwest of Chateau Thierry, where American Marines have hit hard repeatedly and have stopped the enemy in his tracks, thus far has prevented an even greater flanking movement from the south that might have dislodged the French defenders of Villers Cotterets forest.

Southern Movement Watched.

This southern movement is believed to be of wider significance than the operations the enemy was pressing today north of Villers Cotterets. If it should be renewed successfully the fall of Compiègne and readjustment of the whole line from Montdidier to the region of Chateau Thierry would follow in a long slow curve welding the Picardy and Aisne theaters into one great battle ground.

If observers here are correct in regarding this as the German purpose underlying both the Aisne offensive and the later operations around the Compiègne salient, it is to be assumed, it is said, that their further conclusion that the main attack would then be renewed, probably on the Montdidier-Albert-Arras front, also is well founded. It remains to be seen, however, whether the immediate effort of the enemy will be content with leaving Compiègne substantially as it now stands, or whether the assault will be pressed both north and south of that place to flank the defenders of this remaining salient out of their strong forest positions.

LONDON, via Ottawa, June 13.—There is a growing tone of optimism in the English newspapers today as it becomes more apparent that the Germans have been checked.

German Success Limited.

The Teutons certainly compelled the French to withdraw at the northern end of the salient on the right bank of the Oise, including Carlepont wood, but the French retain the long belt of territory north of the river Aisne and it is to threaten this from the rear that the Germans launched the new attack south of the Aisne on a very wide front.

At the same time it is pointed out by military critics that the Germans were balked in their efforts to reach Compiègne frontally and they hoped to attain their object by this outflanking attack. Compiègne still is 18 miles west of the new operations, with the forest of Compiègne intervening.

The limited success of the German offensive on Sunday, the heavy losses of the Germans and the vigor of the French counter attack sharply distinguish the present struggle from the March battle.

A favorable feature of the development is the general tendency of the fighting to rivet an increasing proportion of the German resources in the south. There is now no talk of a more formidable German attack in another direction.

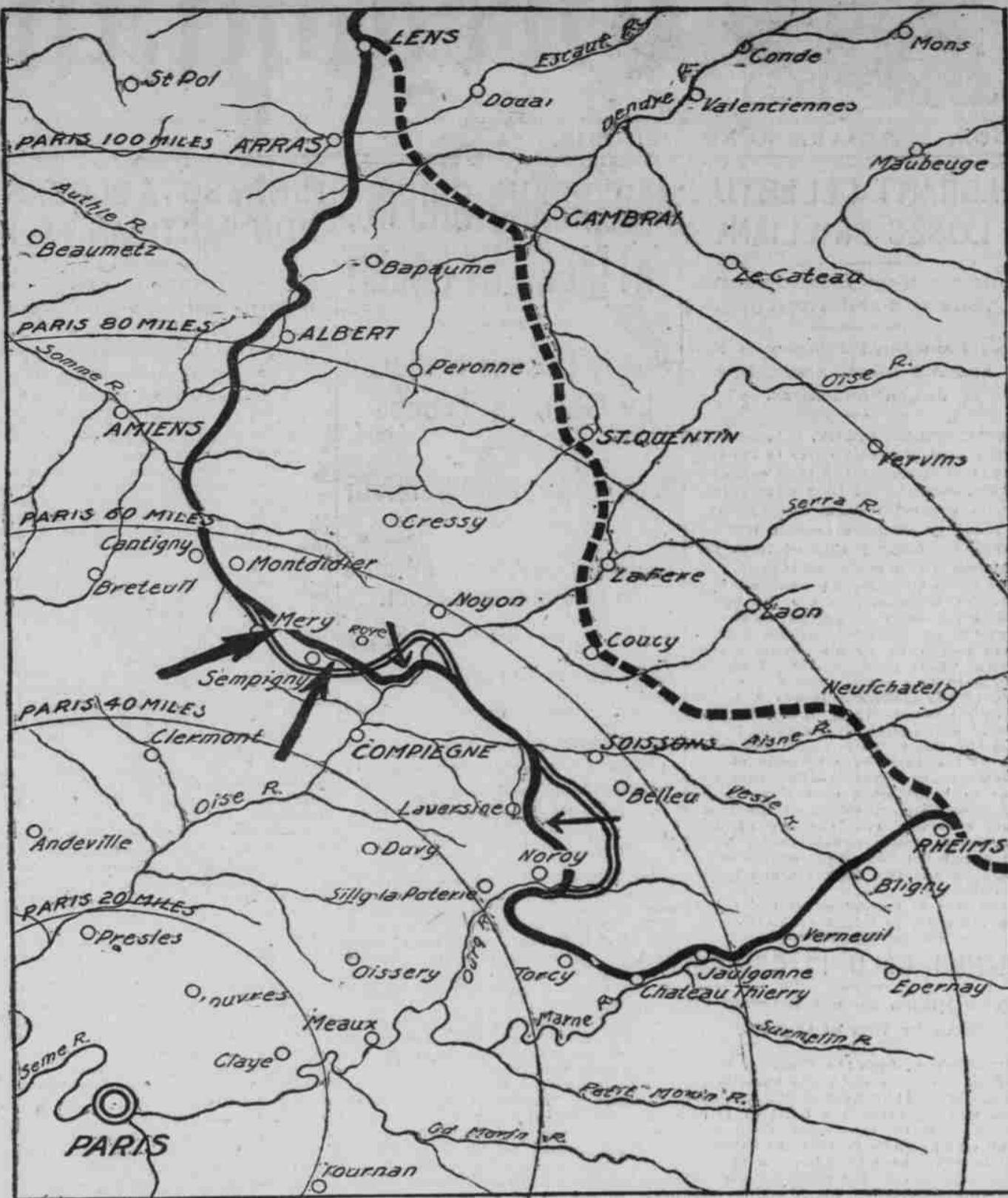
Foch, indeed, it is contended, appears to have the situation well under control.

Paris Honors Americans.

PARIS, June 13.—Eight American soldiers who died of wounds received in the fighting last week at Boursecques were buried yesterday with military honors. The guard of honor consisted of American marines and a detachment of Republican Guards. Representatives of the French Republic and the city of Paris also attended.

The bodies were interred in a cemetery which has been dedicated to the American expeditionary forces.

MAP SHOWING SECTORS OF BATTLE FRONT WHERE PRESENT FIGHTING CENTERS.



Large Arrows Pointing Northeast Indicate General Direction of French Attacks and Ground Gained, While Short Arrows Pointing South and West Show Direction of German Blows. Dotted Line Indicates Battle Front Prior to Beginning of German Offensive on March 21, and Heavy Black Line Shows Line as it Approximately Stands Today.

HUN BLOWS CHECKED

French Catch Advancing Teutons Under Terrific Fire.

ENEMY GAINS LAVERSINE

Germans Make Violent Attack Upon American Forces Between Boursecques and Belleu Wood, but Driven Back With Losses.

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that region. Small detachments of Germans, who had hidden in cellars, are still coming out and surrendering.

Tanks Demoralize Enemy.

All the troops who participated in the fight declare that the allied tanks did remarkable work. As the monster caterpillars got amongst the great masses of the enemy they did terrible execution with their cannon and machine guns, while the infantrymen, who followed them closely, were able to pick up batches of dismayed Germans, who had evidently not expected the assault in this quarter.

While this work was being carried out on the ground squadrons of big bombing airplanes circled about, dropping bombs and using their machine guns with great effect. Gunners of enemy batteries were shot down, and some of the batteries were put out of action.

Retirement Safely Made.

As has been foreseen, the allied commander-in-chief found it advisable to retire from the sharp salient south of Noyon, where his troops were in a dangerous position owing to the arrival of the Germans at Ribecourt.

LONDON, June 13.—The Reuter correspondent at French headquarters, reporting under date of Thursday afternoon, says:

"On the main line of the battlefield between Montdidier and the Oise the situation changed only to our advantage during the night and morning. On the right between Courcelles and Antheuil, the French consolidated themselves on their new line.

"On the left, along the lower course of the Matz River, another counter attack pushed the enemy back to the bank, thereby recapturing the whole German gains of yesterday. This morning our infantry creased up the last remnant of the German garrison at Melcon.

Domeliers Plateau Crossed.

"Between the Aisne and Villers-Cotterets forest, the enemy, attacking on a front of four miles, succeeded in crossing the Domeliers plateau and got a footing on the west side of the ravine which separates it from Montigny and Montfontaine plateau.

"The French troops, although markedly inferior in numbers, are resisting gallantly and the enemy's progress is slow and costly. The enemy so far has engaged five divisions on this battlefield, two of which are entirely fresh. For the moment this attack appeared to be no more than that of a division and intended to draw our reserves from the main battlefield west of the Oise, where, since our counter attack of Tuesday, the enemy has consistently had the worst of the fighting.

"Today was the fifth day of the bat-

tle. In the first two days the Germans, though held firmly on the wings, were able by concentrating on the center to push back the French for a considerable distance, thereby compelling them to yield slightly on the wings. On June 11 the enemy had decided on a general attack in great force to transform the terribly costly successes of the first few days into a decisive victory.

Hun Formations Smashed.

"This intention was foiled by a French counter attack which broke up his preparations and restored to us an important series of positions where the Germans had believed themselves firmly established. The enemy's whole front was thrown into confusion. On the fourth day he was unable to undertake any operation on a great scale and attempted nothing more than local attacks, which brought him no result whatever.

"Between the Aisne and Villers Cotterets forest the enemy began a fresh attack, probably to draw the attention of the command to the new sector and thus obtain a breathing space to formulate a new plan of action on the main battlefield. If today passes without fresh efforts on the part of the enemy we may conclude he has had enough and that the army which stopped his first rush in March can claim the honor of having brought his third onslaught to a standstill."

MARCH TO REVEAL WAR

WEEKLY REVIEWS OF SITUATION AT FRONT CONTEMPLATED.

Secretary Baker Asks American Chief of Staff to Meet Newspapermen at Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Weekly reviews of what is transpiring on the battlefields of Europe will be given the American public hereafter by the War Department through the newspaper correspondents in Washington. Secretary Baker announced today that he believed it essential that the public have a better understanding of events at the front and had asked General March, chief of staff, to arrange for the review.

Instead of issuing a statement prepared by General Staff officials, General March will see the newspaper men personally every Saturday and talk over with them the battle situation and the part the United States is playing in the great contest. In this way a resume of the events reported by General Pershing and something of their significance will be given in an authoritative manner. General March being peculiarly well equipped for the work by reason of his months of experience at the front as chief of artillery under General Pershing.

Since he took up the duties of chief of staff General March has been a close student of every operation at the front. Near his office a special map room for his use has been established with all the battle fronts laid out in varying scale. Officers are specially assigned to keep these maps up from hour to hour when a battle is in progress, and the chief of staff can satisfy himself as to exactly what is going forward at any moment.

SOLDIER BOYS TO BENEFIT

Oregon City Enterprise to Provide Men With Delicacies.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 13.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been made for dividing among the soldier boys of Clackamas County, who are in the service in France, \$105.31 that was obtained

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Ernest Haeckel Is Failing.

AMSTERDAM, May 10.—Professor Ernest Haeckel, the great German exponent of the Darwinian theory, is reported by the German newspapers to be failing health. On his 84th birthday he sent out to his friends an elaborate birthday card, bidding them all farewell and declaring that he expected

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to die before next winter. His valedictory expresses the hope that "soon after the end of this mad, culture-destroying war, our longed-for German peace will be firmly established on a scientific basis."

HUN DIVERS ON DECREASE

Allies Destroy More U-Boats Than Germany Can Build.

LONDON, June 13.—In an interview with the London correspondent of the Petit Parisien, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the Admiralty, had the following to say with regard to submarines: "The allied navies continue to sink more German submarines than the enemy can build. It is certainly a fact

that since January we have sunk more submarines than they have built. We attack their submarines 70 times a week on the average.

"We base our returns of submarines destroyed only on those we are sure of having seen wrecks or secured the crews; but most of the other submarines hit are in urgent need of repairs."

JURY AWARDS DAMAGES

Defendant in Personal Injury Suit Does Not Appear in Court.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 13.—(Special.)—A \$1750 personal injury suit went by default today before a jury in the circuit court. After a short dis-

ussion of the case of the plaintiff, the jury cut the \$1750 claim to \$1125 and returned its verdict.

Louis B. Eby, a minor, was the plaintiff through his guardian ad litem, Ben Eby, and Mrs. Blanche Miller Brown, wife of Waldo E. Brown, prominent farmer of New Era, was the defendant. Mrs. Brown did not appear.

Young Eby was injured in a collision with Mrs. Brown's auto last October, while riding a bicycle.

Premier Seydler Resigns.

LONDON, June 13.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam reports that Dr. von Seydler, the Austrian Premier, tendered his resignation to Emperor Charles on Wednesday. The dispatch adds that the Emperor has not yet accepted it.



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