

TURN THE TIDE OF WAR SEEMS NEAR

Battle Inspires Confidence at Washington; Hun May Lose Initiative.

BIG U. S. FORCES ENGAGED

Secretary Baker Indicates That at Least Two American Divisions Are Fighting—Cambrai Drive Is Recalled.

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WASHINGTON, July 18.—(Special.)—With every dispatch reporting American forces forging on at a headlong pace taking towns, guns and prisoners by the thousand, joy over the victory won is now joined with a supreme confidence that the turning point of the war is at hand.

Change in Allied Tactics Seen. After scanning the details of the brilliant and spectacular outflanking movement of the Americans suddenly directed at the Germans southeast of Soissons, general staff officers, who have long contended for counter-offensive tactics, declared their conviction that the allies are about to meet the initiative from the Hun along the entire battle front.

When the first reports were received, the counter-offensive was interpreted to relieve German pressure on the two sides of the Rheims salient and relax the jaws of the German pincers that threatened to force an allied withdrawal from Rheims.

German Salient Threatened. As later reports came in and the American and French troops were shown to be continuing their advance, the operation was seen to be one threatening the German salient with its bases at Soissons, Rheims and its apex at Chateau Thierry exactly as the Germans menaced the French to the south of Rheims.

Communications in Danger. And what is more important, their communications are threatened in a way which, if the Americans and French can press their advantage, may force a German retreat that will restore to the allies much of the territory gained by the Germans in their 27-mile advance in May.

Secretary Baker and his general staff advisors were first to receive reports of American and French gains. Staff officers hailed the counter-drive as the offensive movement for which they have been expecting ever since the Germans launched their first big smash on March 21.

U. S. Judgment Vindicated. They have the first that the allies to win must wrest the offensive from the Germans. If no more is achieved than holding the preliminary gains, the U. S. judgment will have been vindicated.

From reports received here it was estimated that 200,000 Americans and French participated in the counter-offensive movement at the outset.

What proportion of this force was made up of American divisions was not divulged, but Secretary Baker said "complete divisions" of Americans were engaged and that "other Americans were associated with the French."

Baker Makes Statement. Secretary Baker made no attempt to restrain his joy when General Pershing cabled confirmation of the press accounts of American success. Secretary confined his remarks, however, to the following brief confirmatory statement:

"The department has received from General Pershing an official confirmation of the counter-offensive along the lines carried in the newspaper dispatches.

"American troops are participating, both as complete divisions and as units, in association with the French."

"The first objectives seem everywhere to have been attained, and while no accurate count has been made, it is clear that many prisoners have been taken, and guns and other war material captured."

Yankees Still Advancing. "Our official reports also confirm the fact that the American soldiers advanced with the greatest dash and gallantry and still advancing when last heard from."

It was remarked that Secretary Baker used the plural "divisions" in referring to the American forces, showing that at least two divisions of Americans were in the fight.

The second division of American regulars and marines, commanded by Major-General Omar Bundy, was regarded with certainty as being one of these divisions. This force has been holding Vaux, at the southern end of the counter-offensive driving line.

The first American division of regulars, commanded by General Bullard, has been at Cantigny to the north of the present attack, but it was regarded likely that this division was drawn to the south to join the surprise attack.

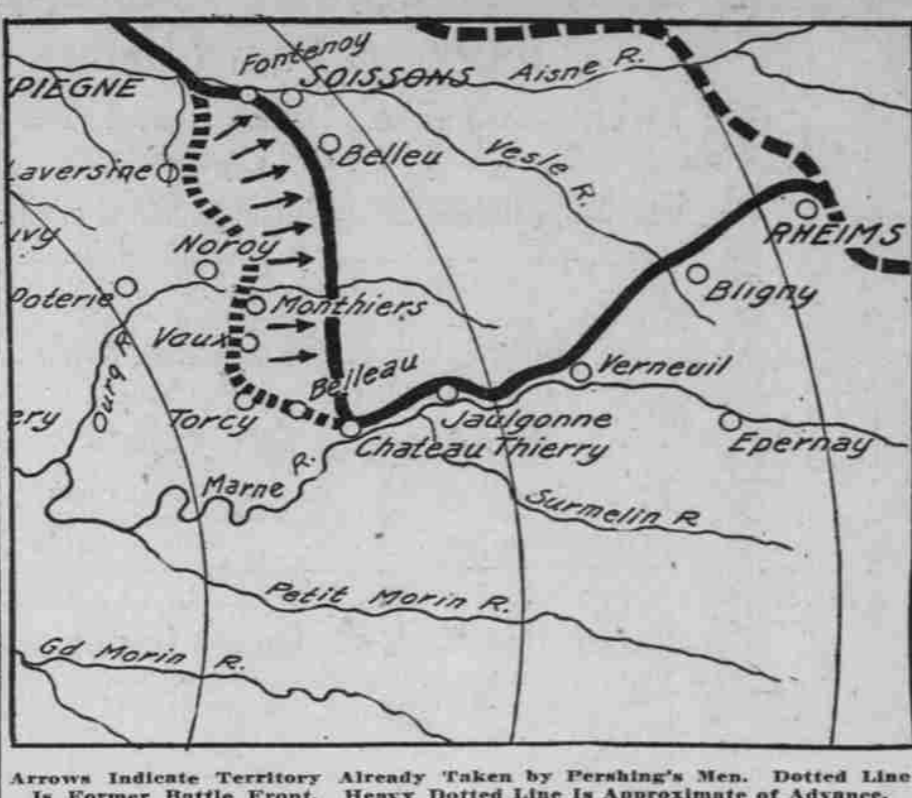
Pershing Silent as to Units. The Rainbow Division, of which the 149th Field Artillery "Bucks" is a part, and the New England National Guard Division were others thought likely to be in the fight, but staff officers were unable to state this definitely as a fact, because General Pershing is silent as to units.

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shing has refrained from identifying the units engaged. In one respect the American drive at Cambrai, like the British drive, it was a surprise attack, launched without artillery preparation and accompanied by tanks. The British were forced to retire from the advanced positions they won at Cambrai through inability to bring up their guns. It is presumed the Americans and French have profited by the lesson the British were taught and have so planned their attack that they will be able to hold the ground gained.

SEVEN SUE FOR DIVORCE

HENRY KILDOW ACCUSES WIFE OF FONDNESS FOR DANCES.

George and Laura Gorgion Fail to Agree When Latter Is Alleged to Have Arrived Home Intoxicated.

That his wife attended public dances, grills and other places of amusement with dissolute women are some of the charges made by Henry Kildow who filed suit yesterday for divorce from Katherine Kildow.

The married life of George and Laura Gorgion has been brief and stormy, according to charges in the husband's suit for divorce. They were married at Vancouver, B. C., July 2, 1917.

GALE BLOWS BACK FALLS

BED OF LINK RIVER RENDERED DRY BY FREAKISH WIND.

Power Plant Near Klamath Falls Out of Commission—Big Quantities of Trout Caught.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 18.—(Special.)—Probably not since the days when the waters of Jordan rolled back at the command of Moses for the children of Israel to cross dry-shod, has a more wonderful phenomenon of this kind occurred than the drying of the rapids of Link River at the west end of Klamath Falls by winds sweeping up the canyon from the south.

These rapids, which have a fall of 63 feet in two miles, and which furnish enough power under ordinary conditions to turn every wheel in the country, were blown back today in a few hours, leaving the bed of the river so dry that it could be crossed on foot for almost any point. Many persons gathered to witness what appeared to be a miracle, to catch the trout left in the little pools and holes in the rocks. The other plants on the Klamath River below may be affected, as the current already has cut off for several hours. The river is lower than at any time in recent years.

PROPAGANDA TO BE FOUGHT

Pledge Taken by 700,000 Women Workers for Liberty Loan.

CHICAGO, July 18.—A pledge that 700,000 women workers for the Liberty loan will fight any possible German peace propaganda was made today by members of the National Woman's Liberty Loan Committee and their state and federal reserve chairmen.

Democrat "Read Out" of Party. DENVER, Colo., July 18.—Congressman Ben C. Hilliard, representing the First Congressional District of Colorado, which comprises the city and county of Denver, was "read out" of the Democratic party by a resolution passed by the county assembly of his party meeting here today to nominate candidates in the coming elections.

STOCK PRICES SOAR

News of Drive Cheers New York Financial Leaders.

BUYING AGAIN IS VIGOROUS

Foreign War Bond Issues Assume Strength When Successes Are Reported—Spirit of Optimism Spreads Among Brokers.

NEW YORK, July 18.—The news that American troops had victoriously advanced on the western front prompted an almost unparalleled outburst of enthusiasm on the floor of the Stock Exchange today. Brokers yelled and cheered and bought stocks. Prices soared.

The market, which took a sharp upward trend almost at the opening, remained active, with still rising prices until the closing hour, when as the success of the allied drive became more and more vigorous.

A highly significant feature of the bond market was the activity and strength of foreign war flotations, especially Paris 6s, which rose 2 points. Issues of this class have always been extremely sensitive to changes in the foreign military situation.

STEEL INVENTORIES ASKED

Surplus of Non-War Industries May Be Commandeered.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—It was announced today that all non-war industries consuming steel will be required by the War Industries Board to submit sworn inventories of stocks on hand to Director of Steel Supply Regulation. The Government is prepared, if necessary, to commandeer any surplus stocks to meet war requirements.

U. S. Prisoners Get Full Pay.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—American Army officers and men, under a present ruling of Controller Warwic of the Treasury, are entitled to full pay and allowances, while held prisoners of war by the enemy. Members of the nurse corps, field clerks and other Army civilian employees do not come within the ruling.

Dr. Henry Suzzallo III.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 18.—On the advice of his physician, Dr. Henry Suzzallo, chairman of the State Council of Defense, is confined to his bed. His illness is not considered serious, but the doctor has advised a week's complete rest.

General March Is Honored.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—King George has awarded the Knights' Grand Cross of the Distinguished British Order of St. Michael and St. George to General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the American Army.



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LONDON OPTIMISTIC OVER ALLED BLOW

Military Observers Regard Franco-American Drive as Exceedingly Brilliant.

STRATEGIC GAINS VITAL

British Believe That Entente Attack Has Put End to German Offensive for Present and Rheims Is Comparatively Safe.

LONDON, July 18.—The great counter-attack in which the French and American troops are participating between the Aisne and the Marne has succeeded extremely well, according to the latest advices received here tonight, and the situation for many reasons is considered extremely promising.

Owing to the fact that there was no artillery preparation, the action was a complete surprise for the boche, and the enemy artillery reaction was very weak. On the other hand, the French counter-battery work was exceedingly effective. Enemy aviators entered into the action and attempted to impede the advance, using their machine guns at a low altitude.

German Advance Outdone. Notwithstanding this, the counter-attack was noteworthy for the reason that the French offensive accomplished a great deal more than was achieved by the German drive on both sides of Rheims. The length of the front over which an advance was made was practically the same, and the French and Americans working together advanced in six hours virtually double the distance covered by the Germans in three days.

So far as is known at present the junction line between Soissons and Oulchy le Chateau and also the junction lying between the Soissons and Rheims are under direct observation and fire from the new French positions on the Crisne ravine. These two are the only lines by which the Germans in this salient between Soissons and Rheims can be supplied. It is possible, however, that the Germans may have succeeded in connecting up their lines in another way.

Operation Is Brilliant. The French and American counter-attack is regarded here as one of the most brilliant pieces of work in the war, and it is believed that the results will prove extremely valuable, as the French have obtained most important strategic positions.

In London the view is held that the advance has put an end to the German offensive for the present and that Rheims can be considered comparatively safe. The French have reached all their first objectives.

South of the Marne much local fighting is reported. The French have lost some ground, but are still within effective range of the German bridges across the river, though it is possible they may have lost direct observation. Further to the east the allies have regained ground in a good many sectors, especially in the sector west of Maasiges.

LIGHTS TO BE DIMMED

USE OF ELECTRICITY WILL BE CUT DOWN IN CALIFORNIA.

Order Issued Covering August and September—Power for Breweries Cut One-half.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18.—"Gay white ways" of all cities and towns of Central and Northern California will disappear during August and September as a result of drastic electric power conservation orders issued tonight by H. G. Butler, power administrator of the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, Food Administrator Hoover wrote to the President.

The shipments represent those made for the allied armies and civil population, Belgian relief, Red Cross and the American military forces. The figures indicate, Mr. Hoover told the President, the measure of effort of the American people to provide the allies with food supplies. The American women had a dominant part in the sacrifices necessary to accomplish these results, Mr. Hoover wrote.

The shipments of meats and fats to allied destinations were for the fiscal year of 1916-17, 2,155,000,000 pounds, and for the fiscal year of 1917-18, 3,611,100,000 pounds, an increase of 64-600,000 pounds. The increase in shipments of meat was due to conservation and extra weight of animals due to farmers' efforts, Mr. Hoover pointed out.

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WOMEN HELP TO WIN

Hoover, in Letter to Wilson, Gives Full Credit.

FOOD SUPPLIES CONSERVED

Largely Through Efforts of American Housewife, U. S. Has Been Able to Send Allies Supplies Valued at \$1,400,000,000.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Credit was given to the women of America for their part in helping to win the war when Administrator Hoover sent a letter to the President reviewing the work of the Food Administration. The letter was made public today:

Food valued at approximately \$1,400,000,000 was sent to the allied countries from the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, Food Administrator Hoover wrote to the President.

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