

SOISSONS RETAKEN BY FRENCH TROOPS

Germans Are Reported to Be in Precipitate Flight on Soissons-Rheims Front.

DAY'S GAIN OVER 3 MILES

Crise River Is Crossed by Allied Troops and Defeated Enemy Pursued; Villages Behind Front Line Reported to Be in Flames.

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passed Arcy-Sainte-Respite and penetrated the Bois de Dole.

"More to the east, Coulouges, four Agron and Ville-en-Tardenois are in our hands.

"On this part of the front we carried our line about five kilometers north of the Dormans-Rheims road on the general line of Vesilly and L'Hery. "Between the Ardre and the Vesle we have occupied Gueux and Thillois."

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The latest news from the battle front received up to 1:30 this afternoon shows that the progress of the allies has been more rapid today, the troops having made an advance of from two to three miles on the whole line between the Ardre River southwest of Rheims to the hamlet of Taux, about 6 1/2 miles south of Soissons.

Villages Are Afire.

The Germans are burning villages east of the Ourcq behind their lines. The allied line now runs one mile north of Ville-en-Tardenois to Romigny, thence to Aougny and Vesilly; south of Coulouges by Fere-Chateau to Arcy and Droiis and thence to Taux.

A previous account, received during the day, drew the new allied line as running south of Villers Agron, through Goussancourt and the Reddy farm (the latter a mile north of Clerges) past Seringses south of Saponay, through Cramaille, Servenay and Cordoux south of the Plessier Wood, through Contremain and west of Vigny.

Ridge Is Regained.

The advances of the French troops west of Fere-en-Tardenois give them possession of the whole ridge from the Plessier Wood through the Arcy Wood. Thus they command the valley of the Crise, which is the gateway to Soissons. They also have won improved gun positions, making it easier to interfere with the German transportation.

Reuter's correspondent with the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, telegraphing Friday at 4 P. M. says: "After a period of comparative inaction in which there was nothing but artillery preparation, a notable advance was made yesterday on the west side of the salient. After the gallant French action which cleared the whole of the long plateau, known as the Butte de Chalmont, the position there had been rather critical.

"The enemy's machine guns, which had been firing from a semi-circle of hills, extending from a queer jumble of terrain on the northwest toward Plessier Huleu and along the big buttress of the hills above Grand Rosoy and Cramaille to the formidable promontory eastward of Saponay.

"It was plain that while things remained as they were in the sector the American advance in the center could only be a provisional affair, since any progress on Seringses would leave the left wing in the air. "The admirable work of the French and British yesterday eased the situation.

Allies Hold High Ground.

"The allied left held high ground of the high ground above Grand Rosoy and there is now nothing intervening between that and the French forces at Villeneuve. From this point the allied line declines slightly, passing northward of Buegnex, thence through Cramaille and Cramaille.

"Such an acquisition is an admirable day's work and proves that the allies can push northward whenever inclined. The heights above the captured villages are still to be gained, but with the western end of that line of hills in our possession, and our ability to sweep them from the Butte Chalmont, we probably have not long to wait before the whole of this strong tactical position is in our hands, and then much easier fighting ground will be reached."

Germans in Bad Position.

The capture of Plessier Huleu ridge by the allies Thursday was expected to result in the rolling up of the enemy line north of Soissons and get rid of the Plessier wood, which had been a great obstacle to the allied advance.

The situation now is that the Germans are facing west and the allies are enfilading him down the northern part of the Crise Valley.

It is believed that the enemy's retreat will be continued and that he cannot avoid an eventual retrograde movement behind the Aisne or the Vesle, which would mean the collapse of the Crown Prince's offensive, at least until September, when the 1920 class will be put in the field. This class will yield 400,000 men and possibly might help to bolster the at-present defeated Germans.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 2.—"On the battle front there has been desultory fighting," says the official statement from general headquarters this evening.

The German official communication dealing with the fighting of Thursday says that the allies between Soissons and Fere-en-Tardenois suffered complete repulse and failed to gain territory.

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MAP SHOWING FRIDAY'S GAINS BY ENTENTE ALLIED TROOPS IN SOISSONS-RHEIMS SALIENT.



Heavy Black Line Indicates Front at Noon Friday While Shaded Portion Shows Zone of Advance up to Noon. Broken Line Indicates Approximate Line of Advance of Allied Troops by Friday Evening When Soissons Fell. Heavy Broken Line Shows Farthest German Advance in Recent Spring and Summer Offensives.

SIBERIA WAY CLEARS

Final Agreement Reached by U. S. and Japan.

ALLIED TROOPS MOBILIZE

Preparations in Progress for Military Movement; Pao Kuei-Ching Will Be in Command of Chinese Forces.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Joint action between Japan, the entente powers and America in Siberia is assured. Japan has found acceptable the American proposal, which primarily looks to the aid of the Czech-Slovaks now operating in Siberia. After exchanges between Tokyo and Washington which have cleared up all doubtful points and removed any possibility of future misunderstanding a complete agreement has been reached. The plan of operation will be put into execution at once.

Soon after it had been learned that Japan had accepted the American proposal President Wilson walked to the state war and navy building, where he conferred for half an hour with Acting Secretary Polk and Secretary Baker in the War Secretary's office.

The President and Mr. Polk left the office together and as they walked along the corridor had a very serious conversation which was continued for five minutes in front of Mr. Polk's office before the President returned to the White House.

Until President Wilson issues his statement explaining the plans of the United States for participation in the expedition to give military aid to Russia, it is the desire of officials that there shall be no speculation as to the character of the intervention in the present.

Consequently all that it is possible now to say is that in the beginning at least the international agreement must find its expression in combined military activity. Cable advices have recorded the gathering of small bodies of entente troops at points in China convenient for dispatch into Western Siberia.

Pao Kuei-Ching, the Provisional Governor at Sei-Lung King, has been selected to command the considerable body of Chinese troops which have been gathered in Manchuria, and it is understood that this force will act under the direct command of the Japanese commander-in-chief.

SUGAR PERMITS REFUSED

Socials and Picnics on Grays Harbor Are Restricted.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. L. G. Humbarger, county food chairman, today refused permits for purchase of sugar for socials or picnics, holding that sugar used at such functions must be supplied out of individual two-pound, monthly allowance.

This ruling is expected to have considerable influence on functions where lunches are served. At one time nearly all social organizations agreed to taboo afternoon and evening refreshments, but lately lunches have been part of most entertainments.

ARCHANGEL FRONTIER SHUT

"Military Reasons" Is Explanation Given in Moscow Advices.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 2.—An official statement received here from Moscow says that the Archangel frontier has been closed for 14 days for military reasons.

YANKES HAMMER TEUTONS

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That the Germans had gone. The stiffest fighting encountered by the Americans was in a little piece of ground east of Chamery, where, according to the German newspapers, the body of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt was buried after his airplane had been brought down early in the present operations.

Through wheat fields and over wooded trails soaked with the rain that fell almost all day the Americans moved slowly and cautiously, but almost continuously, over farms and past villages, among them Coulouges and Cohan. To the westward another force of Americans also was moving steadily through and around the Nesles Woods and the rolling country east of the woods. To both the east and west of that part of the line held by the Americans the French were meeting with similar success.

Boche Artillery Withdraws. Few prisoners were taken during the day. One, a captain, admitted the German artillery had been withdrawn. His story confirmed tales of other prisoners that the Germans were determined to make their next big stand on the Vesle, and not the Ardre; and that their movements under way indicated

NORSE VESSEL SUNK

Brig Alkher of Arendal Sent Down by U-Boat.

MEMBERS OF CREW SAVED

Belief Expressed That Canada Maru May Be Floated Again. Conditions Unfavorable for Salvage.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Norwegian brig Alkher of Arendal was sunk off the coast of Norway on Wednesday by a German submarine, says a dispatch from Christiania to the Central News Agency.

The Germans carried off all the provisions and instruments before sinking the vessel. The crew was saved.

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Aug. 2.—The Harrison liner which was sunk in a collision in the middle of the Atlantic July 14 was the Instructor, it became known today.

A CANADIAN PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 2.—Heavy seas today were reported endangering the positions of the salvage crews who are endeavoring to unload and float the Japanese liner Canada Maru. If the weather remains good, the big boat can be floated in three days, salvage men said tonight. The rocky shores near the scene of the wreck are littered with merchandise thrown overboard from the Canada.

Wireless advices tonight from the steamer Salvor say the Canada Maru is settling on the rocks. Number 1 hold is now full of water and there is 14 feet in No. 2 hold, with the water gaining. According to the present outlook the prospects of salvaging the vessel are said to be small. The salvors, however, continue to work hard and weather conditions are favorable.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The American steamship Poseidon, 1931 tons gross, was sunk in a collision with an American tanker last Wednesday off the Atlantic coast, it was learned today. Five members of her crew of 38 are missing. The captain died after being landed.

AMERICAN AIRMEN ACTIVE

Several Hun Planes Downed Friday and Bombing Raid Successful.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE MARNE, Aug. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Three enemy airplanes were officially announced as having been downed today. Three other victories were achieved, and it is expected that they will be confirmed shortly.

American bombing planes successfully raided Compiègne last night. Lieutenant David E. Putnam, of Newton, Mass., scored another apparent victory by driving down a German enemy biplane which was firing from behind. All the shots from Lieutenant Putnam's machine gun appeared to have penetrated the enemy machine, but its destruction has not yet been confirmed.

BOX OF RUBBISH ALARMS

Supposed Dynamite Package Proves to Be Waste Paper.

A supposed box of dynamite, discovered by Officer Palmer at Third and Madison streets last night, was found on inspection to contain nothing but newspapers and rubbish. The pasteboard box, with a wire tied around it, lay on the curbing under the fire alarm box and was the source of considerable interest to bystanders.

The officer called the patrol wagon to come and take the box for safe keeping. Officer Norene, who was sent on the call, slit the pasteboard box open with his penknife and found nothing but rubbish within.

ALLIES STILL SWEEP ON

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flanks. On the eastern flank of the salient our troops have taken the wood a mile east of Romigny, and are within pistol shot of Villers-Agron, on the Ville-en-Tardenois-Coulouges road. Our patrols were able to advance a thousand yards north of Ville-en-Tardenois this morning.

"The Germans are burning villages behind their front as they retire. The effects of the French victory at the Marne and in Champagne, and General Foch's counter offensive between the Aisne and the Marne are now being felt. The enemy, pressed on all sides and with his communications swept by our guns, again has been forced to give ground. He is retreating with reluctance, continually hoping that the effort will prove too much for us, as it has for him.

Boche Reserves Exhausted First. "But unrelenting pressure is bringing the results expected and the Crown Prince's reserves are being exhausted at a quicker rate than ours. The weather is overcast, with showers."

George O. Pollock Dead. NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—George O. Pollock, vice-president of the New York Herald Company, died at his home here today of intestinal trouble. He was about 60 years of age.

Clean-Up Sale of Women's Neckwear Priced at 25c, 59c and 98c

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Hudnut's Cold Cream.....50c	Woodbury's Dental Cream...22c	The Bullet Fountain Pen—
Colgate's Cold Cream.....25c	Woodbury's Facial Soap...22c	safety screw cap.....\$1.50
Luxor Cold Cream.....50c	Crema de Camelia Face	The Parker Safety Self Filler
Large-size Eversweet.....29c	Powder for.....25c	Fountain Pens.....\$2.50 to \$5
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MALVY BACK OF MUTINY

PACIFIST PROPAGANDA CHARGE WILL BE PROSECUTED.

French Attorney-General Withdraws Treason Accusation Made Against Ex-Minister of Interior.

PARIS, Aug. 2.—Attorney-General Merillon summed up in the high court of justice today the Government's case in the trial of Louis Malvy, former Minister of the Interior in several French cabinets.

The Attorney-General said M. Malvy was not a traitor, as Leon Daudet, leader of the Royalist Association, and editor of L'Action Francaise had declared, and he contended that the former interior minister had really not betrayed his country.

The Attorney-General said he did not

wish to compare M. Malvy either with Bolo Fasha or M. Duval, director of the Bonnet Rouge, both of whom were shot as traitors, and that he would withdraw the charge of treason in Malvy's case.

Attorney-General Merillon maintained, however, that M. Malvy was partly responsible for certain mutinies in the French army, which he attributed to pacifist propaganda, and he stated that the former minister should be punished in this connection.

RAILROAD MAY BE JUNKED

Administration Refuses to Interfere in Case of Colorado Midland.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The railroad administration will not assume the responsibility for preventing the owners of the Colorado Midland Railroad from junking that line through a receiver's sale of the equipment August 5, John Barton Payne, general counsel for the

Drainage Problems to Be Met.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Drainage problems of Clarke County farmers will be solved by E. J. Crane, a specialist in that line, according to advices received by M. J. Newhouse, county agricultural agent. Mr. Crane is a member of the staff of Washington State college and is coming to Clarke County to help increase the acreage under cultivation by proper drainage of soggy or marsh lands. His advice is free to the farmers and he will map and plan drainage systems for them.

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