

FISMETTE TAKEN WITHIN 100 OF FOE

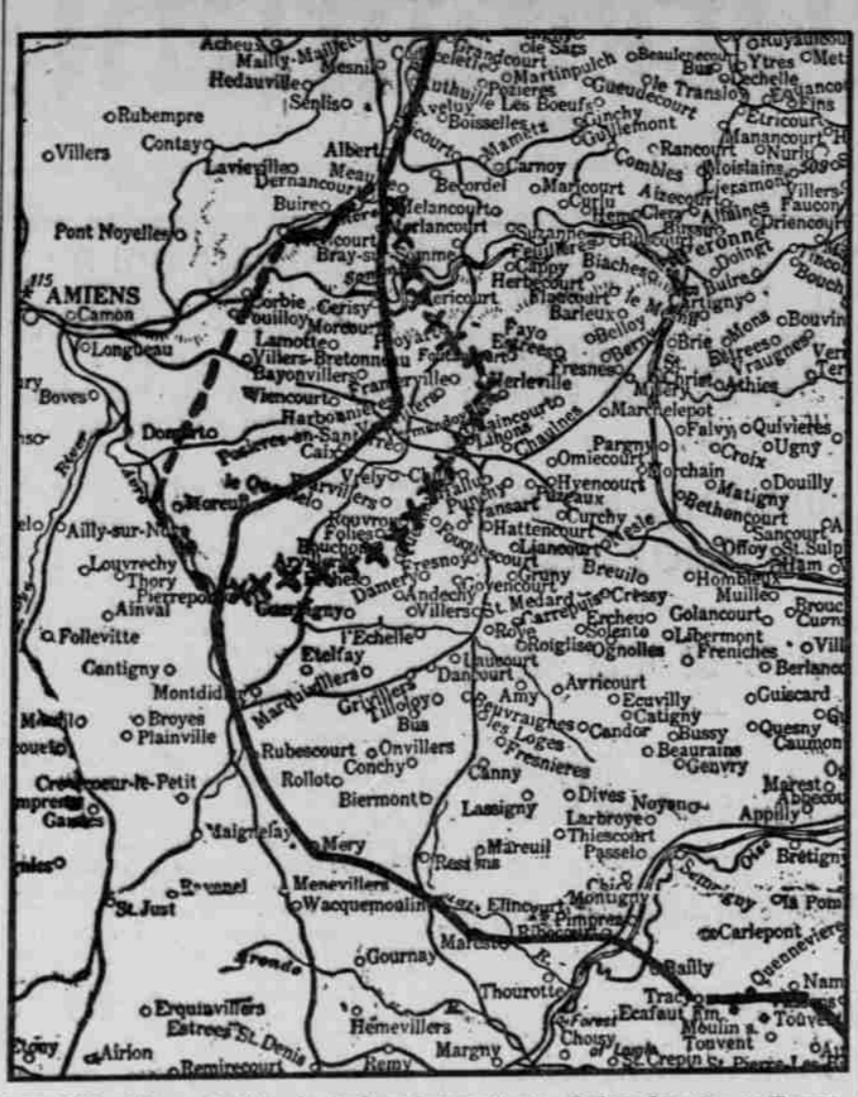
Americans Capture Suburb of Fismes; Three Thrusts of Enemy Are Beaten.

ARTILLERY SMASHES TOWN

Weak Resistance Made by Huns When U. S. Troops Reach Village; German Regiments Are Decimated.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESELE FRONT, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.) Three thrusts, but ineffectual, were made last night and today by the Germans against the line west of Rheims. The net result was a snort repulse by the French, against whom the most determined attack was made, and the inclusion of Fismette, the northern suburb of Rheims, in the American line, in addition to about a hundred prisoners.

MAP SHOWING FRANCO-BRITISH ADVANCE IN AMIENS-SOMME SECTOR WHERE HUNS ARE IN RETREAT.



Dotted Line Shows Position in Amiens-Somme Sector Before Opening of Franco-British Drive. Straight Black Line Shows Position Thursday Night. Crossed Line Points Out the Position of the Armies as Shown by the Dispatches of Friday Night.

FOE IN FULL FLIGHT

Ammunition, Supplies, Papers Left Behind.

ALLIES CONTINUE GAINS

Cavalry and Tanks Harass Retreating Germans in Amiens-Somme Sector; German High Officer Among Those Killed.

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GERMAN MAJOR SHOT

Harbonnieres nearby was shelled to pieces. Debris lies all over the streets. Here the allied forces found the house which the German major had occupied. The wheels top had been knocked off and several shells had hit the walls, but there were evidences that he had stayed until the last moment.

RESISTANCE STIFF IN NORTH

In the north it appeared that the stoutest resistance developed, the Germans firing a great number of shells, especially across the Somme in the region of Chilly. However, Warfusse, Abancourt, Bayonvillers and Harbonnieres are in the control of the British.

17,000 GERMANS CAPTIVE

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FOCH SPRINGS NEW COUP

French Opinion Lost in Admiration of Manner Blow Carried Out.

Somme Bridges Blown Up

The allied air forces continue vigorous operations and besides blowing up many of the Somme bridges are seriously hampering the German effort to remove material.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 9.

The German official communication issued today claims that German counterattacks stopped the allied progress be-

FOE IN FULL FLIGHT

between the Somme and the Aves, just east of the line of Morcourt-Harbonnieres-Caix-Fresnoy-Cointre. The communication admits "suffered losses in prisoners and guns."

INFANTRY LINES FORCED

"Between the Aves and the Aves the enemy attacked yesterday with strong forces. Favored by the darkness they forced his way with tanks into our infantry and artillery lines.

NEW LINES ATTAINED

The general line of Pierrepont, Arville, Rosieres, Rencourt and Morcourt had been attained by the allied troops this evening.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—(Havas Agency.)

Continuing the advance on the right, south of Amiens, British and French troops today made further progress after having broken the resistance of the enemy. They captured the villages of Pierrepont, Cointre and Hangest-En-Santerre.

WAR OFFICE REPORTS GAINS

New Successes of Allies Told in Paris Communication.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The text of the official communication from the French War Office tonight follows:

DECISIVE MOMENT NEARING

Rapidity of British-French Advance Indicates Victory.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The startling rapidity of the British-French advance in Flanders and on the Vesle, produced an impression among some Army officers that a decisive moment, perhaps the final battle, was approaching.

ARTILLERY DUEL INCREASES

VIENNA, Aug. 9, via London.—"In the Seven countries the artillery duel has increased to great strength," says the official communication issued from Austrian headquarters today. "In Albania the fighting has died down."

OTANI TO COMMAND ALLIES IN SIBERIA

Captor of Tsingtau Selected for Position of Ranking Officer of Expedition.

BOLSHEVIKI ON DEFENSIVE

Lenine's Words Explained by Tchitcherin as Not Being Declaration of War, but of Armed Resistance.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Announcement was made today that the Japanese General Otani had been selected for the supreme command of the allied armies in Siberia.

Major-General William S. Graves, in command of the American contingent, will sit in the council of allied commanders performing the duties of a staff officer.

General Otani, who is 63 years of age, has been a soldier all of his life. He was a staff officer during the China-Japanese War and commanded an infantry brigade in the Russo-Japanese War, and was recently in command of the Japanese garrison at Tsingtau.

American Consul Poole, at Moscow, has informed the State Department that Lenine, the Bolsheviki Premier, recently declared before a gathering of Soviets in Moscow that a state of war existed between the Russian government and the entire allied.

STATE OF DEFENSE ALLEGED

In response to questions from the allied consuls, Tchitcherin, commissary of foreign affairs, said the premier's statement was not a declaration of war, but that it rather was a declaration of a state of defense on the part of Russia similar to the situation that existed at one time with Germany.

Italy has joined France in granting official recognition to the Czechoslovak national council, the supreme representative of the Czechoslovak residents in the entente countries.

The council's headquarters received today a copy of the treaty whereby the council is given full jurisdiction over its nationals living in Italian territory.

TREATY WITHOUT PRECEDENT

This treaty, under which Italy agrees to furnish assistance to the Czechoslovak officials in the performance of the rights guaranteed, is regarded here as an important precedent in international law, since it not only grants official recognition to the government which does not control an inch of soil of its home land, but confers rights greater than those conceded to American officials over American residents in Italy.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—"It is not true that we have actually declared war on Great Britain, but our troops are fighting against the British invaders and a declaration of war can hardly be avoided," is the statement ascribed to M. Joffe, the Bolsheviki Ambassador at Berlin, by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express.

British representatives at Vladivostok, Murmansk and Archangel have published a "declaration of the British government to the peoples of Russia."

NO TERRITORY WANTED

It declares that not a foot of territory is desired and states that Russia must work out its own form of government.

At Bolsheviki forces which recently occupied Jaroslavl, in the Volga region, have been driven out and have taken refuge across the Volga. Some went to Rybinsk, where they tried to take the city, but were repulsed.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 8.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, German Ambassador to Berlin, has been summoned to Berlin to report on the situation in Russia, according to a Berlin dispatch received here. He left Moscow yesterday.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—In a communique received late tonight General Pershing reports the situation along the Vesle as unchanged.

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