

NEGRO GERMAN PEACE FEELER PUT OUT

America's Millions of Troops Admitted to Contain Big Element of Danger.

LONG WAR IS NOT DESIRED

Faith of Teuton Public Shaken in U-Boat Reports by Misstatement About Sinking of Justicia.

AMSTERDAM, July 27.—Expressing the view that the present battle between the Aisne and Marne Rivers must end in a preliminary decision, the military critic of the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, says: "It cannot be to our interest to allow the war to drag on into the years 1919 and 1920, as the British, above all, desire, because they hope by then that American millions will have reached Europe and that American forces of numbers will be able to achieve a break through."

"American danger is facing us, but at the decisive moment an attack by our reserves will bring victory."

German Hopes Dashed. Implicit belief in the veracity of German Admiralty reports received a rude shaking in Germany when the German public had to be told that it was not the American transport Leviathan, formerly the German liner Vaterland, which was sunk last Saturday off the North Coast of Ireland.

The Leviathan measures 22,000 gross tons more than did the Justicia. The Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, deems it necessary to declare that it would be entirely wrong to jump at the conclusion that German U-boat commanders habitually overestimate the tonnage of vessels sunk.

The newspaper, which treats the official report as an exceptional and excusable lapse, admits, however, that German figures on sinkings generally are based on "indications which are fallible to the trained mariner's eye as in present methods of warfare it is, in a majority of cases, impossible definitely to establish a ship's identity."

Hope Still Expressed. The Lokal Anzeiger hopes, however, that the "Vaterland" will be caught yet—sooner or later.

Other Berlin newspapers which already had spoken of the United States having to foot the bill for the destruction of the Leviathan refrained from comment pending the verbal report of the U-boat commander which the German Admiralty says must be awaited.

In an article quoted by the Berlin Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts, Dr. George Michaelis, former German Imperial Chancellor, expressed the opinion that there will be a time of death after the war because of lack of shipping.

"Let us not indulge in the idea that all distress will come to an end and happiness begin if our enemies indemnify us for our billions depends upon how we face the period of distress."

NEGRO LYNCHED IN TEXAS

Crowd Disperses Before Sheriff Reaches Scene.

GROESBECK, Texas, July 27.—Jim Brown, a negro, was lynched today by a crowd of about 200 men near Ben Hur, a small place near Groesbeck, for an alleged attack on a young woman at Ben Hur last night. Before the sheriff arrived the negro had been hanged to a tree and the crowd dispersed. The young woman was not seriously injured.

HUNS FORMING NEW LINE

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Foes Driven Toward Center.

"The general driving back of the German forces has been toward the center of the salient. The falling back has been only a line which remains approximately perpendicular to their line through Fere-en-Tardenois. There have been local attacks by the Germans, particularly at Griseilles, against the French and at Epieds against the United States forces.

"Epieds was taken and re-taken by our forces and the Germans four times by successive counter-attacks, but it finally remained in American hands and while it delayed their advance, it only delayed it; we are going forward steadily.

Allied Progress Difficult.

"On the Marne, east of Dormans, the progress of the allied forces has been difficult. The terrain there is very difficult. The hills are precipitous and the country is very heavily wooded. "The enemy's left flank southwest of Rheims has been the scene of a very dashingly little advance by British reinforcements, who went forward 1 1/2 miles on a four-mile front.

"This advance poses a marked source of danger for the enemy, as, of course, there is a chance of his getting his troops farther south in a pocket, and we already find that the French at that point are beginning to advance.

Line Now 64 Miles Long.

"The original line held by the allies before this big movement began was 74 miles long. The present line, on which the Germans are falling back, is 64 miles long. The front has been reduced 10 miles.

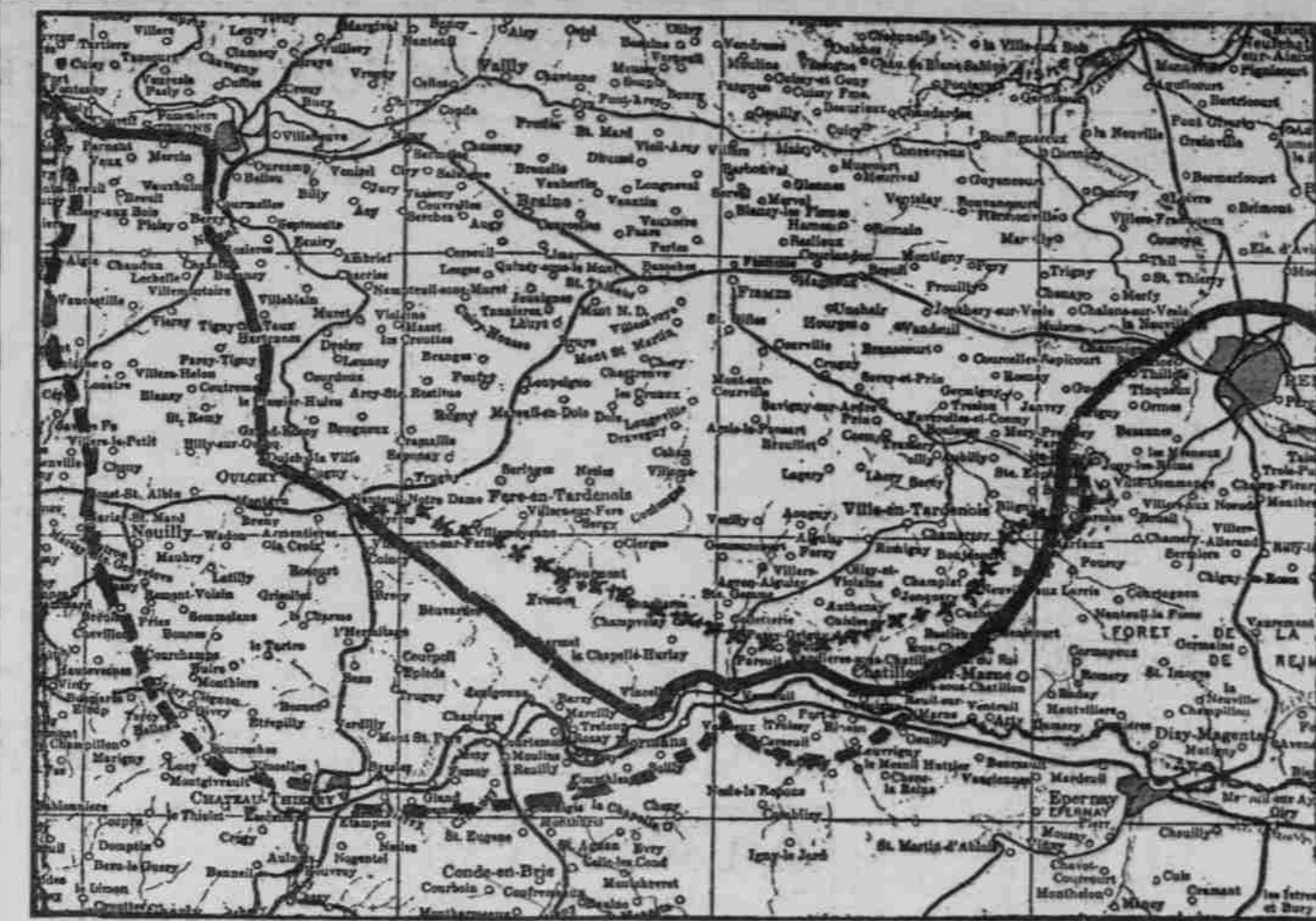
"The area won by the allies in this counter-offensive measure equals that won by the enemy in Flanders. "Our lines now have reached within 3 1/2 miles of Fere-en-Tardenois, which is a big German supply depot right near there, which afforded, of course, a means of getting supplies in and out. That point has been continuously and heavily shelled.

Paris 49 Miles Away.

"The nearest point of the German line from Paris is now 49 miles. The former distance was 28 miles; they have been driven back 21 miles. A total of 57 German divisions have been identified in the Aisne-Marne fighting, said an official dispatch today from France. This represents approximately one-quarter of the total number of German troops on the western front and shows the tremendous concentration the enemy has been forced to muster to meet General Foch's counter-attack.

The dispatch also said that the French captured 59 officers, 1800 men, four cannon, 40 trench mortars and 300 machine guns in the recent local operation north of Montdidier.

WHERE THE GERMANS ARE IN FULL RETREAT IN EFFORT TO ESCAPE FOCH'S PURSUING ARMIES IN THE RHEIMS-SOISSONS SALIENT.



(This map is divided into ten-mile squares.)—Map drawn from map copyrighted by National Geographical Society. Heavy Dotted Line Represents Extreme Advance of Germans Before Allies Started Their Mighty Counter Drive. Solid Black Line Represents Battle Front of Friday Night. Line Marked by Crosses Marks Positions to Which Americans and French Have Advanced in Pursuit of Huns. Entire Position Now Held by Germans Is Being Evacuated as Rapidly as Possible.

FOE RETREATS NORTH

Right Bank of Marne Almost Cleared of Germans.

PRISONERS TO DATE 30,000

Pursuing Allied Armies Now About Ten Miles Northeast of Chateau Thierry; Kaiser Combs Out Landwehr.

(Continued From First Page.) is within range of the medium-calibered cannon.

A new German offensive against some other section of the line for the purpose of relieving the pressure on the Crown Prince's armies north of the Marne is expected by some military experts, but it had not developed as yet.

It appears to be the consensus of opinion that the German attack, when it comes, will be launched against the British fronts in Picardy or Flanders.

PARIS, July 27.—The Germans today retreated along the whole front north of the Marne, the War Office announces tonight.

French and allied troops, pressing hard on the enemy rear-guards, have reached the line of Bruyeres-Ville-neuve-Sur-Fere, Courmont, Passy-Grigny, Cuisles, La Neuville and Chauzuzy.

Advance Extends 10 Miles.

The allies have advanced more than 15 kilometers (approximately ten miles) northeast of Chateau Thierry. The right bank of the Marne has been widely cleared of the enemy.

The text of the statement says:

"Under the continued pressure of the French and allied troops for several days past, the Germans today retreated along the whole front north of the Marne.

Rear-Guard Actions Fought.

"Our troops pursuing closely the enemy rear-guards, have reached the general line of Bruyeres, Villeneuve-Sur-Fere, Courmont, Passy-Grigny, Cuisles, La Neuville aux Larris, Chauzuzy.

"The right bank of the Marne has

been widely cleared. We have continued our advance for more than 15 kilometers northeast of Chateau Thierry.

"On the Champagne front the number of prisoners taken in the region south of Mont Sans Nome exceeds 300, including nine officers."

American troops have discovered at Brecy, north of Chateau Thierry, emplacements of German super-cannon which bombarded towns behind the front and, perhaps, Paris.

Further advances were scored by the French last night in the region immediately to the north of the Marne in the district where the Germans have been clinging to the river.

On the Champagne front the French carried out a local operation in the region south of the mountain without a name, as a result of which their lines were advanced nearly two-thirds of a mile on a front of approximately two miles. The French took 200 prisoners in this operation.

30,000 Prisoners Taken.

The number of German prisoners captured by the allies since the beginning of their counter offensive is placed at 30,000 by the Havas Agency.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French and Americans have continued their rapid advance to the northeast, and the forest of Fere was cleared of the enemy this afternoon. The allied forces are losing contact with the Germans.

Foe's Artillery Silent.

The progress made by the Franco-American troops on the Aisne-Marne front is considered eminently satisfactory by the commanders, and the failure of the Germans to employ artillery extensively has tended to confirm the belief that their heavy guns on the greater part of the field have been moved far back, perhaps to a position which may mark a new line.

While steady pressure is being maintained on the arc forming the bottom of the sack, the allies are determinedly hammering the flanks where Von Boehm and Von Eben have concentrated their armies, returning blow for blow in the hope that they can hold out until the main body of the Germans can be withdrawn with a minimum loss.

There is a growing belief that the enemy will make an effort to stand on the Ardre River. Fere-en-Tardenois and even Ville-en-Tardenois, directly east, are already under heavy fire from the flanks and the south line, making roads, as well as the temporary railroads virtually useless for transport purposes. Those positions must be almost untenable.

Hard Fight Is Made.

The Germans are doing their utmost to hold the high ground southeast of Soissons for a continuation of their line either along the Ardre or further north along the Vesle.

The flanks of the French, British and other armies are withstanding every effort of the Germans, who appear to be making a most determined effort south of Soissons. The line remains

much the same as it has been for the past two or three days, the only change being slight advances. The battle line now totals approximately 90 miles, although there is no actual fighting along every mile of it, and is more broken one, made so by the character of the enemy's withdrawal.

The effect has been the presentation of a highly dangerous, spongy front, into which any part of the advancing allies might fall. Were it not for the hunting down of the enemy and clearing out of points of obstruction, some parts of the line could be far in advance of where they are.

Americans Keep Advancing.

The advance was not great, but it was accomplished in the face of huge numbers of machine guns. The Americans advanced slightly their positions almost in the center of the arc, while on their right the French advanced to and through Port-A-Binson, one of the few places where the Germans were still clinging near the north bank of the Marne.

Another forward movement was that of the Americans in Fere Forest, where they were checked yesterday. The action occurred in a big open place in the forest, the Germans clinging to the inner edge of the woods. Behind the line the Germans were firing their heavy artillery, which sent shells far over the shortened field of operations into the main bodies of the German troops and also harassed their transport.

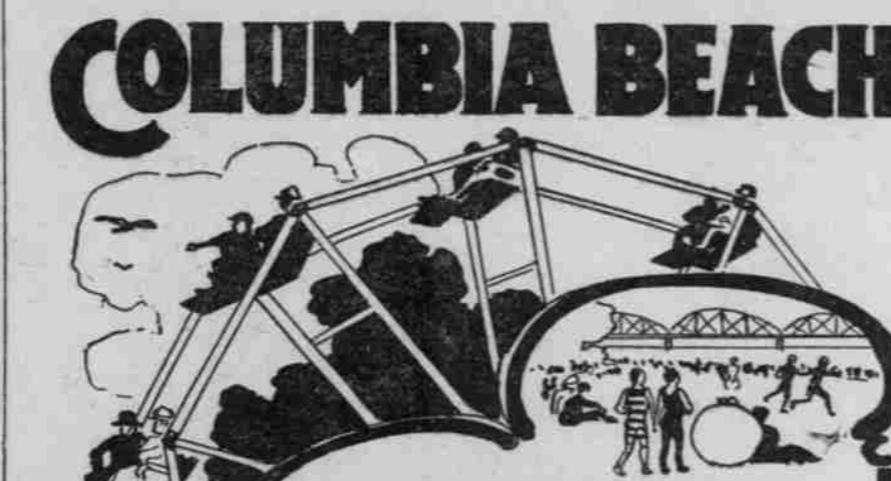
Light Artillery Used.

The lighter artillery was used as a barrage into and across the fields, the Germans not replying to any great extent.

When the Americans advanced into the open lines of machine guns concealed in the woods, shell holes and every possible point of cover, swept them with a murderous fire. It was insufficient, however, to do more than slow up the advance, which continued steadily and cautiously until a group of houses in the center of the area had been occupied. This incident of the advance was characteristic of the greater part of the German resistance along the fronts paralleling the river.

Sugar Smuggled Into Mexico.

EL PASO, Tex., July 24.—The district food administrator has found it necessary to further limit the distribution of sugar along the border here. It has been found the grocerymen were selling sugar on orders permitting the sale in quantities for canning purposes. Instead of buying the sugar for this purpose the buyers were taking the sugar across the river to Mexico, where it was being sold at an advance of more than 100 per cent.



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Freighter Near Trans-Atlantic Lane of Steamship Travel Sends Out Distress Signals.

GENEVA, July 27.—A dispatch received at Basel, Switzerland, today from Hamburg says:

"More than 20 large submarines are operating off the American Coast. The number of submarines in the Atlantic has been increased by 30 per cent in the last seven months.

NEW YORK, July 27.—A British freight steamer was attacked by German submarine off the Atlantic Coast early today according to reports received in insurance circles here. The position of the ship, which was sailing out S. O. S. calls, was said to be near the regular trans-Atlantic steamship lane.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Secretary Daniels said today that the Navy Department had reports which led to the belief that a German submarine is still off the Atlantic Coast. He added, however, that no new reports of attacks on vessels had been received.

BELGIAN BABIES BENEFIT

Seaside Contributes \$1300 to Fund on "Forget-Me-Not" Day.

SEASIDE, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Last night, at the Ellison-White Chautauqua, a collection was taken up for the Belgian babies. Six boys in kind passed the hat and \$1300 was turned over to Mayor Paget for safe keeping by Mrs. Harvey Meyer's Flying Squadron, which was represented by Mrs. David N. Pally, Mrs. Louisa being chairman of the entire "Forget-Me-Not Day" at Seaside and Seaside. Gearhart raised \$260.

This very successful event was made possible through the kindness of David E. Norcross, superintendent of the Chautauqua. Mr. Norcross, who leaves shortly for France in the capacity of Army chaplain, has made the Ellison-White Chautauqua in Seaside a wonderful success and Seaside has renewed their contract for another year. He is especially fitted for the good work he is about to take up, and his many friends wish him good luck and a safe journey.

Four Respond to Call.

ALBANY, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Four Linn County young men will leave August 15 for Spokane, Wash., to enter a school there to qualify as mechanics in the service. They were draft

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