

# ARMIES PRESS FOE OVER VESLE RIVER

### Entire Salient From Soissons to Rheims Virtually Eliminated by Big Gains.

## BOCHE RETREAT CONTINUES

Indications Are Now That Germans Will Fall Back to Old Chemin-des-Dames Line; British Advance in Albert Sector.

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general line north of Courville, Brancourt, Courcelles and Champigny. "Our cavalry patrols are operating along the railroad between Soissons and Rheims. "Our progress at certain points since yesterday exceeds 10 kilometers. More than 50 villages have been delivered on this day alone."

By The Associated Press. The great salient between Soissons and Rheims, on the Aisne-Marne front, in which terrific fighting has been going on for two weeks, virtually has been cut out by the allied forces. French cavalry patrols now are operating along the railroad running between these two cities, constituting the two pivot points of the previous German advance. American troops hold the outskirts of Fismes, the great supply base of the German army, which the enemy strove with utmost strength and determination to hold; allied advance guards have reached the southern bank of the Aisne, and the force of the combined thrusts of French, British and American appears great enough now to drive the Germans back even beyond the Aisne to the heights of the Chemin Des Dames, where powerful defenses must then be faced.

**Speed of Advance Grows.** Both east and west allies on Saturday increased the speed of their advance, a distance of more than six miles forward being gained at certain points. The line now has been so straightened as to escape the danger which previously threatened the southern bend from Soissons of being encircled. Notwithstanding the difficulties confronting them, the allies are bringing up their guns almost as fast as the Germans are withdrawing theirs, and all the roads over which the Germans are retreating are being subjected to the heaviest bombardment.

Coincidentally, the British have regained important ground west of the Ancre River, where the enemy also is retreating. The German armies have retreated across the Vesle and are said to be retiring toward the Aisne, across which they stormed on the night of May 27 in the first rush of their plunge toward the Marne. After holding back the allies for days along the Ourcq, the retreat northward became precipitate.

**German Armies Occupy Hills.** The decisive blow of the battle between the Marne and the Aisne seems to have been delivered Thursday, when the allied troops broke the enemy lines at Hartennes, northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois.

About Soissons, it is apparent that the Germans are strongly posted on the hills to the east of the Aisne. The retreat of the Germans has been carried out with skill, and up until Thursday seemed to be orderly. Ever since then there has been evidence of large captures of prisoners, and there has been no mention of captured cannon. It is probable the German retreat has been a successful operation, so far as men and guns may be concerned. The loss in ammunition and materials will be very heavy.

**WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE AISNE-VESLE FRONT, Aug. 3.**—(Havas Agency.)—The army of the German Crown Prince continues in full retreat. The Germans have no heavy artillery in action. They evidently foresaw that their positions were untenable. The German losses have been very heavy.

**French Hold Fords.** The French army is holding several fords across the Vesle River. The Germans have evidently given up the idea of making a stand there.

The Germans are retreating north of the Vesle with great precipitation. Great fires are raging in the territory evacuated by the enemy. The German right wing on the north bank of the Aisne is in a dangerous situation and it is expected that it will be unable to hold their present position.

French advanced forces are preparing to cross the Vesle River. The Germans are continuing their retreat toward the Aisne.

**LONDON, Aug. 3.**—The British in the Albert sector have recaptured most of the ground previously held by the Germans west of the Ancre, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters tonight. Numerous German attacks have been repulsed.

**British Push Ahead.** The statement reads: "A raid attempted by the enemy yesterday morning near Feuchy was repulsed with loss. "Our patrols have pushed forward in the Albert sector and have occupied portions of the enemy's front line. "The hostile artillery has been active between Bethune and Bailleul."

**BERLIN, via London, Aug. 3.**—The success of the retrograde movements carried out Friday by the German troops on the Aisne-Marne front are attributed by the German war office to the victory of General von Boehm's army on August 1. Allied infantry and cavalry detachments are following the retreating Germans "hesitatingly and cautiously," the statement adds.

## VICTORY GROWS IN SCOPE

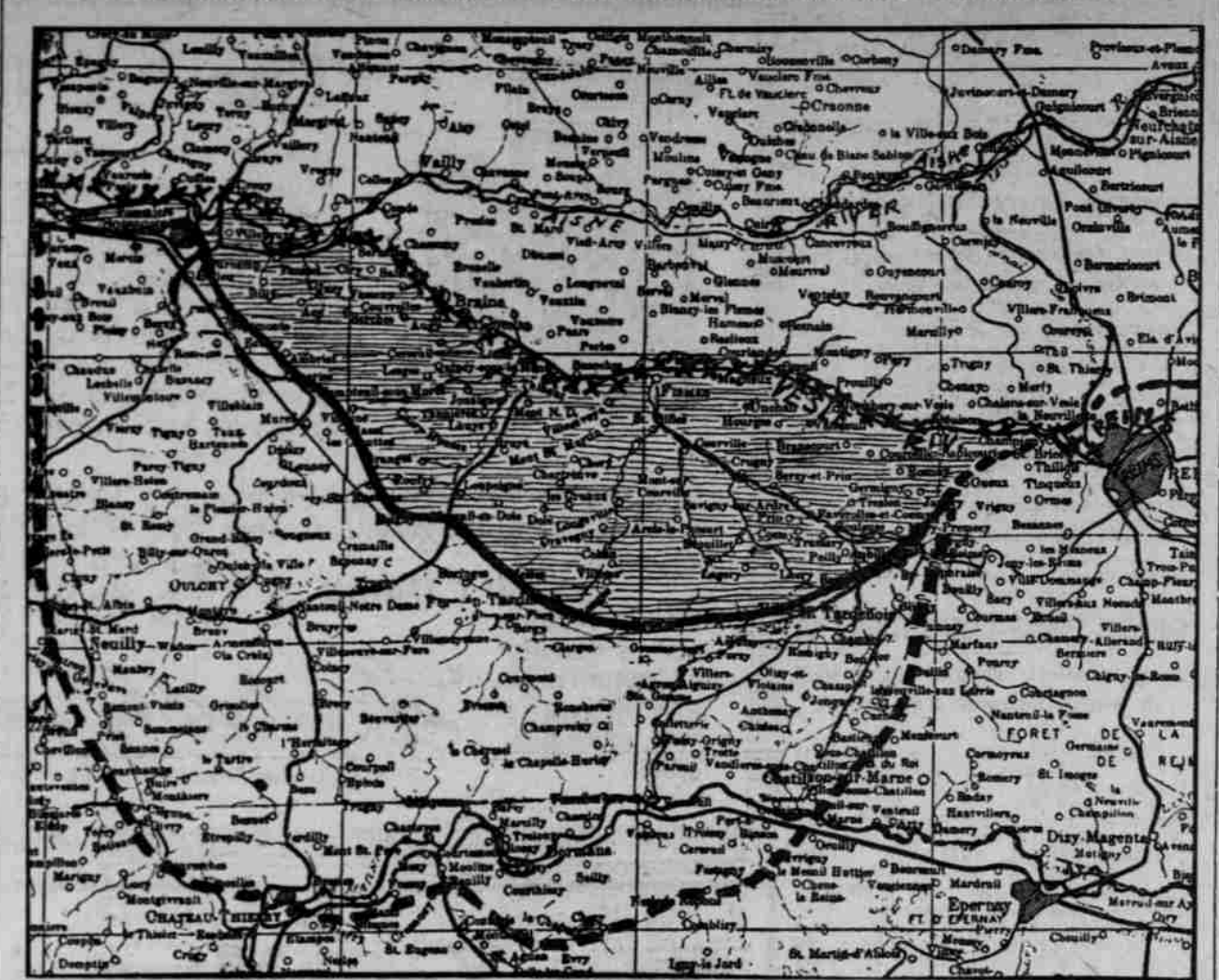
Paris Awaits Developments With Feverish Interest.

**PARIS, Aug. 3.**—The latest news from the Soissons-Rheims front shows that the entente allied victory is growing swiftly in magnitude. It is significant that Paris refrains from exultation, but watches with feverish interest for every scrap of news, having learned that the progress of events is always ahead of the conservative official communications.

Particular significance is attributed by commentators to the crumbling of the right pivot of the German positions in the region of Soissons, which opens up great possibilities and provokes speculation as to where the Germans will be able to reorganize their defenses.

Military critics now look for the retirement of the German Crown Prince to the Chemin des Dames, where he

MAP SHOWING ZONE OF PRESENT ADVANCE OF ENFENTE ALLIED ARMIES, WHICH BY YESTERDAY'S FORWARD MOVEMENT ELIMINATED THE SOISSONS-RHEIMS SALIENT.



Heavy Broken Line Indicates Farthest German Advance Prior to Allied Counter-Offensive Launched the Middle of July. Heavy Black Line Shows Battle Front, Shaded Portion of Map Shows Ground Occupied by Allied Troops in Saturday's Advance, and Line of Crosses Shows Approximate Allied Line Last Night, With the Allied Pursuit of the Enemy Still in Progress.

probably will endeavor to re-establish his line.

## HUNS ABANDON OWN WOUNDED

French Find Men in Church, Some of Whom Had Starved to Death.

**WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 3.**—(By the Associated Press.)—When the French came to Villeneuve Wednesday they found 25 wounded or dead Germans in coats in the village church. Several of these apparently had died of starvation, so hurried was the German retreat. The Germans had been using the church as a hospital, with 50 iron beds, all German-made.

In another village the Germans had the church filled with mattresses taken from the homes of the people. There were great piles of brass and copper and church vestments, all boxed, ready for shipment to Germany. The brass and copper apparently had been assembled from other villages, and included kitchen utensils, faucets and other articles.

## HOTELS FOUND GUILTY

NEW YORK EATING HOUSES PENALIZED FOR FOOD VIOLATIONS.

**St. Regis, Plaza, Hotel McAlpin, Hotel Claridge, Savarin and Fifth Avenue Restaurants Suffer.**

**NEW YORK, Aug. 3.**—Five of the leading hotels of New York City and two leading restaurants have been found guilty of violating the food regulations by having in their possession an over-supply of sugar, the Federal Food Board announced tonight.

The establishments, with the penalties imposed, are: Hotel Imperial, public eating places to be closed two days. Food may be served to tenants and employees, but sign is to be posted admitting violation of the rules.

**St. Regis and Hotel Plaza.**—The baking, pastry and ice cream licenses have been suspended for 30 days. Greeley Square Hotel Company, operating the Hotel McAlpin, Hotel Claridge, Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, the Savarin and Fifth Avenue restaurants. The candy manufacturing licenses have been suspended and the management must contribute \$10,000 to be equally divided between the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. war funds.

While the Waldorf-Astoria was originally included in the complaint against the Greeley Square Hotel Company, it was dropped because of its charge of hoarding sugar, as it had its own supply of that commodity.

## Banker to Attend Convention

**BEND, Or., Aug. 3.**—(Special.)—C. S. Hudson, president of the First National Bank of Bend, will leave here Tuesday to attend a convention of bankers in San Francisco. Methods of handling United States certificates of indebtedness and the general relation of banks to the war finance will be discussed at the gathering.

## Richard Norton Dies

**PARIS, Aug. 3.**—Professor Richard Norton, educator and organizer and head of the American volunteer motor ambulance corps, which served on the French front from 1914 until it was taken over by the American Army in September, 1917, died yesterday of meningitis after an illness of one day.

## Enlist Mrs. Pankhurst

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.**—Mrs. Emma Line Pankhurst, the English militant suffrage leader, is now one of the speakers of the labor department division of information, the department today announced.

## Postal Officer Named

**CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Aug. 3.**—Orders today announced the appointment of temporary Second Lieutenant Calvin J. Box of the 4th Infantry, to the position as division postal officer.

## WORKS IN POISON OAK AND IVY WITHOUT FEAR

"THE Laurel Hill Cemetery, of which I am superintendent," writes J. H. Brummette, of Springfield, Or., "is full of poison oak. I take it very easily. When I sent you for a bottle of Santiseptic Lotion, I had had poison oak for five months. I commenced using Santiseptic as soon as I got it and kept working in the poison oak. I am now entirely cured, and, believe me, it certainly takes something to even help me. I had and have tried everything or anything else ever heard of, including all kinds of guaranteed remedies. Just simple time and money wasted. Santiseptic certainly did the work." Anybody who has ever experienced the tortures of poison oak or ivy will be grateful for the information that this extremely irritating annoyance is no

## LINE SNAPS QUICKLY

Germans Fall Back Suddenly When Front Is Breached.

**FLAMES MARK HUN TRAIL**

After Enemy Is Forced Out of All Heights Above Crise River Capture of Soissons Becomes Certain, Says Correspondent.

**LONDON, Aug. 3.**—Reuter's correspondent at American Army headquarters sent the following dispatch today: "Today an extraordinary spectacle meets the eye. The entire German salient line has given way with a snap like that of a string that has broken. "Yesterday, before the last deluge of rain robed the country with a thick, white mist, it was possible actually to see the German retreat. A man could be seen dodging out of a house, with a machine gun over his shoulder, and another leading his mule with ammunition. A third, who seemed to be an officer, was supervising the destruction of some sort of dump.

"Small groups, coming out of their billets, formed in the roadway and marched off with their arms at the slope. It was all orderly and leisurely, though perhaps not as leisurely as it looked.

**Enemy Leaves Trail of Fire.** There seemed no suggestion of disorder, still less of rout. Yet, this sort of thing was happening along the entire 40 miles of front between Soissons and Rheims, save that in places the road and railway were being obliterated by the quiet cinema effect of the scene before us.

"Huge black, bulging pillars of smoke suddenly appeared with a thunderous uproar here and there as some ammunition dump exploded. "There has been plenty of hard fighting on the round-headed hill between Clerges and Coulonges. It gave every prospect of continuing, when suddenly the tension snapped and the Germans were in retreat.

"The crushing pressure of Petain's troops about those of the Crown Prince had been so timed that if the salient had not broken in one place it would have in another. Soissons had been undermined by the capture of Buzancy by the Scottish division on July 30.

"With the enemy's abandonment of the heights above the Crise River Soissons became ripe fruit that might fall at any moment, and although there was fierce fighting by the troops that passed through it yesterday, the onset of possession of the town is not of great moment. It is the ground about it which constitutes the pivot of the maneuver, which may have vital consequences on the new German line of resistance.

**Retreat Fairly Orderly.** "The pushing forward of the line between Goussancourt and Ville-en-Tardenois has not the significance of our gains elsewhere. But with Coulonges in our hands and no sign so far of the Germans standing beyond it, it ought not to take long to clear the eastern angle of the Ardre.

"I regard the retreat as part of a more or less orderly withdrawal, and when the prepared position is reached, we will find acquisition of ground difficult."

## U. S. FLYERS ARE PRISONER

Ten Aviators Interned by Germans at Baden and Rastatt.

**GENEVA, Aug. 3.**—Communications have been received here by the Red Cross from 10 American aviators who

were taken prisoners during recent aerial raids by American squadrons on towns along the Rhine river.

All the aviators are in excellent health. They have been interned at Baden and Rastatt. The names of the pilots and the details of their capture have been forwarded to Washington.

## HUNS DECLARED TEARFUL

Reventlow Asserts Teuton Press Is Full of Whining.

**AMSTERDAM, Aug. 3.**—Count Reventlow, writing in the Tages Zeitung, of Berlin, on the anniversary of the fourth year of the war, says: "The beginning of the fifth year of the war is marked in a large part of the German press by reflections which are overflowing with resignation, melancholy and whining.

"The writer continues: "The tearful defeatism which runs through the German public life these days has a perniciously laming effect and, more so, because with some people the underlying view may be perceived or is expressly stated by them that if one would end the war it would, after all, be an easy thing to do, as one need only join Grey and Wilson in the league of nations."

## PAU PRAISES AMERICANS

French Military Hero Impressed With Their Dash and Morale.

**AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 3.**—The French mission to Australia headed by General Paul Gerald Pau, one-armed hero of the Franco-Prussian war, and Albert Metin, French scholar, soldier and diplomat, arrived here today. After a visit in Washington, the mission will visit Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco.

Besides General Pau and M. Metin, there are in the party Henri Corbieres, agricultural delegate; M. G. Thomson, labor delegate; J. T. Meadows-Smith, British consular commonwealth representative; J. P. Leclerc-Motte, textile delegate; M. Mathieu, commercial delegate, and two secretaries.

"I am impressed by the wonderful dash and morale of the American troops fighting side by side with the French," said General Pau, who is of the family stock of Joan of Arc. "They are splendid soldiers, keen in initiative and amenable to rigid discipline, and they don't stop at obstacles. The American boys and their officers are winning imperishable glory with their allied comrades in fighting for the liberties of the world."

## Camp Exchange for Lewis

**CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Aug. 3.**—A camp exchange, which is expected to be the largest of any of the post stores now in operation, will be established here, according to an order issued today. It will be under the supervision of Captain D. C. Oldenborg, division and camp exchange officer.

## Samuel Avery Made Major

**LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 3.**—Chancellor Samuel Avery, of the University of Nebraska, has been commissioned a Major in the National Army, it was learned here today.



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## AUSTRIANS DIE OF HUNGER

Starving Workmen Send Delegates to Vienna Convention.

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.**—Austrian workmen, dying of starvation, official dispatches received here today say, recently sent delegates to a convention in Vienna.

All the delegates, the dispatch says, declared that in certain provinces the population was dying of hunger. The death rate is enormous and epidemics were raging throughout the country. Delegate Schavel, from Moravia, warned that there was absolutely no coal for the coming winter. The delegate from Innsbruck declared that in the face of the helplessness of the government, the workmen ought to obtain by themselves the means to relieve the pangs of hunger.

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