

FRENCH HIT HUNS FOR 6-MILE GAIN

Battle Line Thrust Ahead on 20-Mile Front.

ADVANCE PAST MONTDIDIER

Eight Thousand Prisoners and 200 Guns Taken in Three Days' Operation.

ENEMY SALIENT BLUNTED

Railroad Feeding Foe's Front Is Made Useless; Poilus Show Old Dash.

(By the Associated Press.)

The French have driven the Germans before them for an important gain east of Montdidier in Picardy. That city, which was the apex of a German salient that now has been wiped out, fell to the French first army at mid-day Saturday. Before nightfall, according to the French War Office statement, the victorious French forces had carried the battle line on-ward to an average depth of six miles on a front of approximately 20 miles.

French Make Big Haul.

In three days of engagements that culminated in the taking of Montdidier, the French took 8000 prisoners. Their captures also included 200 guns and an enormous amount of material.

PARIS, Aug. 10.—The French, advancing eastward after their capture of Montdidier at mid-day, have advanced their lines to an average depth of six miles on the front extending from Andechy, which is seven miles northeast of Montdidier, to Eincourt, lying 10 miles southeast of the captured city, according to the War Office statement issued tonight.

The text follows:

Line Carried Far to East.

"On the Avre battlefield our attacks continued all day with increasing success. After the morning's operations Montdidier, outflanked on the east and the north, fell into our hands. Continuing our victorious advance on the right of the British forces, we carried our lines nearly seven miles to the east of Montdidier on a front running from Andechy to Laboissiere and Fescamps.

"Still enlarging our action south-east, we have attacked German positions on the right and left of the road from St. Just-en-Chaussee to Roye on a front of more than 13 miles. We conquered Rollet, Orvillers-Sorel, Resons Sur Matz, Couchy-Les-Pots, La Neuville Sur Resons and Eincourt, realizing at some points an advance of nearly seven miles.

Fourteen Miles in Three Days.

"In three days of battle French troops have progressed nearly 14 miles along the Amiens-Roye road. The number of prisoners taken during the

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GERMANS ADMIT GAINS BY ALLIES

WITHDRAWAL TO EAST OF MONTDIDIER REPORTED.

Allied Advance Beyond Rosieres and Hangeat Is Officially Given Out.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 10.—"In the center of the battle front the enemy has gained ground beyond Rosieres and Hangeat," says the official communication from general headquarters tonight.

"Our counterattacks brought him to a standstill west of Lihons and west of the Rosieres-Arvillers line.

"During the night we withdrew our troops fighting on the Avre and on Dom Brook to the rear lines east of Montdidier. Southeast of Montdidier we repulsed strong partial attacks of the French. We shot down 32 air planes over the battlefield."

"There has been lively activity on the part of the enemy between the Yser and the Ancre. At many points on this front the enemy launched thrusts and partial attacks which were repulsed before our lines in hand-to-hand fighting.

"Yesterday the British and French, bringing strong reserves into action, continued their attacks on the whole battlefield between the Ancre and the Avre.

"On both sides of the Somme and astride the Foucaucourt-Villers Bretonneux road we threw the enemy back by counter-attacks. He suffered heavy losses here."

HUN WOUNDED SWARM IN

Damaged Germans Outnumber Allied Victims in British Stations.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—North of the Ancre the British have firmly established their positions and are pushing out patrols toward Braye.

The French attack today resulted in taking of Montdidier. This movement is considered as most significant as the allies have now penetrated far into the enemy lines in the Amiens district.

The Germans are retreating rapidly out of the pocket of which Montdidier was the apex.

The Americans and British have advanced beyond their objectives north of the Somme. The whole of the Chipilly spur is now in their possession after fighting of the most desperate character.

Americans Run Into Battle.

Details of the brilliant battle which the Americans and British fought for the spur are now available. In order to go over the top at the appointed time yesterday afternoon, the Americans were forced to make a rapid march, in the last part of which they ran, so as to be in the fight.

Hurried on their way by the advancing allies on the Amiens-Somme battlefield, the Germans throughout the day retired all along the line, attempting to save whatever they could as the French launched a new attack on Montdidier.

All Resistance Smashed.

The elements of the German divisions became badly confused in their operations through trying to hold up the allies in their several attacks.

It was a victorious day for the allies, who smashed all the German resistance. In the American attack the German infantry held for a while and then broke and the Americans kept going, at some places without the assistance of the tanks. The ground, pitted with deep gulleys, was unsuited for tank warfare.

There were no trenches, but a thick smoke screen blowing across the ground indicated where the enemy's positions lay. At the same time the German artillery became active and dropped shells in the direction of the American troops, which inflicted a few casualties.

The Americans ran on and reached the smoke line just as it lifted. There they found themselves at grips with the enemy.

Yankees Face Fierce Fire.

Meanwhile certain American units had reached positions in front of a wood when the Germans opened fire with machine guns. Many of these enemy machine gunners came up from deep dugouts after the American barrage had ceased and they placed their guns in prepared pits. The Americans faced a hail of bullets.

The Germans continued to fire until the Americans and English put them out of action.

North of the Somme and also south

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RUSSIAN SITUATION ACUTE

Hun Press Says Germany Must Prepare to Overthrow Bolsheviki.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The German newspapers today admit that the situation in Russia is so critical that a change of government may come any day, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Berlin Tageliche Rundschau says that events have developed rapidly in Russia in the past few weeks and that Germany must be prepared for the overthrow of the Bolsheviki government in a few days.

BERLIN TO GET MORE BREAD

Price Reported Raised Along With Allowance.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—It is officially reported from Berlin that the bread ration in the German capital will be increased by 100 grammes (about 3 1/2 ounces) per week, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

The price has also been raised by 12 pfennigs. The ration will now be 1850 grammes weekly, as compared with 1950 in August last year.

"BUSTER BROWN" INJURED

Richard Outcault, Jr., Victim of Airplane Accident in France.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Richard F. Outcault, Jr., the original "Buster Brown," a son of the cartoonist, was injured in an airplane accident in France a few weeks ago, according to letters received by friends of the family here today.

GERMANS ON WAY BACK TO BERLIN

Huns Sent Staggering in Picardy.

ALLIES LAND DEADLY BLOWS

Capture of Montdidier Hastens Retreat of Foe.

YANKEES JUMP INTO FIGHT

Americans Arrive on Run and Join British in Brilliant Battle That Won Possession of Chipilly Spur.

AMBIENS RAILWAY OUT OF GUN RANGE

LLOYD GEORGE EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF VICTORY.

Great Transportation Center Safe, Thanks to Recent Allied Triumphs on Marne and Somme.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Speaking at a luncheon today at Newport, Monmouthshire, Premier Lloyd George emphasized the importance of the pushing back of the Germans from within gun range of the Amiens railway.

"Hundreds of trains used to pass through Amiens daily," the Premier said, "but we were temporarily deprived of its use until recently, when we were able to employ 20 trains daily."

"Amiens is now safe, through the recent allied triumphs on the Marne and the Somme, which were due to the unity of command."

"Those two great victories have resulted in the capture of between 50,000 and 60,000 prisoners and between 800 and 900 guns."

"The victory was due," said the Premier, "to the brilliant quality of our troops, assisted by the French, and I am now glad to say also by American troops."

"But it isn't over yet," he continued. "The country has got to depend on its resolution. What the country wants is a good, steady heart, free from excitement, not an intermittent or irregular heart, but one of steady blows, and if we keep that, I believe we will win."

The Premier, referring to some domestic difficulties that had to be met, said that after March 21 all the difficulties of finding men for the army had vanished like mist.

"The difficulty now is to stop the men from coming forward from the mines and munitions works," he asserted.

SHIPYARD OVERTIME STOPS

Coast Employers and Workers Adopt Rules Drafted by C. E. Piez.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 10.—Shipyard employers and employees of the Pacific Coast, who have been in conference here this week, at today's session adopted rules drafted by Charles E. Piez, vice-president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, whereby no overtime shall be paid, except by the specific order of the district officer of the Fleet Corporation.

It also was agreed that no continuous overtime shall be ordered, except where there exists an actual shortage of labor and facilities, and then only after labor representatives have been consulted.

It was made a rule that no man do actual work for more than 60 hours, and that no hospital or other fees be deducted from wages of workmen without their consent, except where state laws provide for such deductions.

SUPPLY THIEF CONFESSES

Woman, Temporary U. S. District Attorney, Procures Admission.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—Mrs. Annette A. Adams, temporary United States District Attorney, procured an admission in open court here today from Frank Freshaw, superintendent of the supply department of the Southern Pacific Company's electric railway system in Alameda County, that he had stolen \$14,000 worth of supplies from the company in the last 18 months.

He was placed under \$10,000 bonds and bound over to the Federal grand jury.

PAPAL NUNCIO REFUSED

Personal Friend of Admiral von Hintze Not Wanted in China.

PEKIN, China, Aug. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Chinese Government has declined to receive Monsignor Petrelli, recently appointed papal nuncio to China, on the ground that he is a personal friend of Admiral von Hintze, German Secretary of Foreign Affairs and late Minister to Peking.

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KEEP FOE ON RUN, SAYS GEN. MARCH

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MORE MANPOWER DEMANDED

Enemy, and Not Entente, Now Doing the Guessing.

PRISON CAMPS FILLING UP

British Now Have More Than They Can Handle—Huns Put in Bad Position by Allied Drive in Picardy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—

"This is the time for the greatest effort; keep the enemy running," General March, chief of staff, summarized thus today to newspaper men the situation in France. Standing before the great military maps at the War Department that show clearly just where the German is being beaten back, he pointed out that the great battlefield was rapidly being straightened out from Rheims to the sea.

"They have not yet," he said, "gotten back to the original Hindenburg line, where the German began his advances this year. We still have some territory to gain, so when statements appear that indicate the war is over at this point, discourage it."

More Men Needed.

"This is the time for the greatest effort; keep the enemy running. That is the reason the United States is being called on for increased manpower; that is the reason we want the age limits for the draft both lowered and raised, to get more men."

"It is no time now to talk about the war being over. It is the time to hit hard."

"The greatest advantage of the whole thing has been the change of the allies from the defensive to the offensive, which is a great military asset. We have the enemy guessing now, instead of guessing ourselves."

Swamped With Prisoners.

From a confidential report General March read the following account of the situation on the British-French front south of Albert:

"All our troops found little opposition and have captured more prisoners than it is possible for them to handle, including a German General and his staff, showing elements of surprise attack. British report their prison camps back of Amiens so full that it is impossible to hold more. Allies have captured all the artillery in this sector."

The Franco-British drive in Picardy has put the enemy again in a bad position similar to the pocket which closed up on him on the Aisne-Marne front, General March said.

Americans Nibbling on Vesle.

Describing the effect of the allied operations, General March said:

"Surveying the battle line broadly, you see that there have been a number of places where we have been nibbling along the Vesle River front acquiring a foothold on the northern bank, but have not yet attempted to go up the slopes on the north side, where German intrenchments are supposed to be. That part of the line has remained stationary."

"As the line has become stationary Foch has kept up his pressure on the enemy, working on the perfectly sound principle that when you get an enemy going, you keep him going; never give him a chance to recuperate or think it over; keep on hitting him."

"On August 8 a combined British and

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FAIR IN PACIFIC STATES

Moderate Temperatures Predicted From Weather Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, issued by the Weather Bureau today, are:

Pacific States—Fair with moderate temperatures.

PRINCE TO BE REGENT

King Ferdinand's Son to Rule During Father's Retirement.

PARIS, Aug. 10.—Prince Boris, eldest son of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, will act as regent during the period of his father's enforced retirement, it was reported from German sources.

DEFEATED HUNS HURRYING NORTH

Germans Streaming Back to Somme River.

CHAULNES KEY NOW IN PERIL

Loss Would Force Enemy to Make Long, Perilous March East.

PICARDY LINES STRIPPED

Forces Sent to Crown Prince Leave Rupprecht Weakened. Captures Are Enormous.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The number of prisoners taken from the Germans in the fighting in Picardy has increased to 24,000, today's War Office statement announces.

The guns captured by the allies are now nearly 400 in number.

Crushed by the impact of the British, French and American offensive on the battle line from Albert, northeast of Amiens to the Oise River, north of Compiègne, German forces are streaming back toward the Somme River and the Nesle-Noyon Canal. So far as can be determined, the enemy is in full retreat all along the front against which the allies flung themselves on Thursday morning. It is reported from Paris that French patrols are in Chaulnes, the principal German center west of the Somme.

Montdidier, at the tip of the German salient in Picardy, has been taken by the allies, who cut off large numbers of the enemy when they sought to beat a retreat from the city. Thousands of prisoners were taken there by the allies, it is reported.

Stubborn Resistance Broken.

North of the Somme, stubborn enemy resistance at Chipilly Spur, a height which dominated the whole Valley of the Somme in that region, has been broken and the Germans north of the river have joined their comrades in retreating.

South of Montdidier, the French have plunged through the German lines on the hills west of the Matz River and are reported to be in the valley of the stream at Marquellise.

When the situation is studied on a map it can be seen that the Germans are in a serious position east of Montdidier. The allies have closed in on Chaulnes and have had their junction south of that town under artillery fire for two days.

Chaulnes Position Vital.

If Chaulnes is lost to the Germans they will be forced to make a long, perilous march eastward over country roads toward Noyon. The rapid progress of the French below Montdidier has placed even this road under fire

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