

GAINS AGAINST GERMANS KEEPING UP IN THE WEST

Americans and French Advancing on 20 Mile Front Which Is Forcing Huns to Retreat on the Marne.

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minor matter, inasmuch as it could have been occupied at any time since noon yesterday, he explained.

General March stated that if the drive was stopped at Soissons in order to allow the allied artillery to blast the Germans out of their strong entrenchments north of that city it would continue at other points and to the south of the city. The senators radiated confidence on leaving the chief of staff's office and insisted that the work of the American forces in the last few days has been "more than wonderful."

By John De Gandt

Paris, July 20.—(U. P.)—(4:05 P. M.)—French and American troops are nearing the highway from Chateau-Thierry to Rheims in actions between Fossy and Oucilly. It is apparent they will soon render Chateau-Thierry untenable and force the Germans to recross the river.

(The main road from Chateau-Thierry to Rheims runs eastward along the south bank of the Marne to Dormans, then crosses the river and extends northeastward to Rheims.)

Between the Aisne and the Marne the capture of Neuilly-St. Front seriously threatens the enemy hold on Oucilly-le-Chateau (eight miles eastward).

Despite furious fighting the French are clinging to the suburbs of Soissons, less than two kilometers (a mile and a quarter) from the city proper.

By Frank J. Taylor

WITH THE AMERICANS BETWEEN THE AISNE AND THE MARNE, July 19.—(U. P.)—(10:15 P. M.)—The Franco-American offensive is developing a desperate battle for possession of the all-important highway from Soissons to Chateau-Thierry.

Some allied units already have crossed the road, especially cavalry. The Germans have been strongly reinforced by reserve divisions.

The element of surprise long since was lost to the French and Americans. The fighting is now man to man and gun to gun. The battle is particularly sanguinary south of Soissons, where it is raging through villages, woods and fields of grain. One American brigade captured more than 2500 Boches in this region.

The Germans are attempting to rush in artillery, men and supplies along the whole front, under terrible shell fire concentrated on their lines of communication by the allied guns.

Battle Grows in Intensity

At the south end of the battle line American units, in conjunction with the French, advanced northwest of Chateau-Thierry, capturing (deleted) latest reports declared the fighting was increasing in intensity east of Courchamps.

Between Chateau-Thierry and Rheims, especially in the vicinity of Dormans, American units are helping to hold back the waning efforts of the Germans to push ahead. According to the latest advice, the fighting there is now purely local in character on a scale hardly larger than raiding. The enemy efforts there have been growing lighter and lighter in the last four days.

Prisoners report withdrawal of German artillery and infantry concentrations north and northeast of Chateau-Thierry to meet the Franco-American threat northwest of the city.

High Officers Among Prisoners

American airmen brought down two more German planes this morning while patrolling east of Chateau-Thierry. Our

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AMBULANCES ARE KEPT BUSY Red Cross Doctors and Nurses Working Day and Night; Paris Displays Affection for Boys.

Prisoners are amazed. Every prisoner expressed amazement at the rapidity and unexpectedness of the allied attack. The doughboys report that most of the prisoners were taken when the first wave caught the Boches asleep in their dugouts. Many machine guns were taken before the Germans had time to remove the protective cases from them.

One unit attacked the entire day's objectives by 10 o'clock in the morning. It started at 5. One company stormed Torcy and took the town in 10 minutes, holding it against a heavy counter attack.

Prisoners Show Lack of Spunk

The doughboys say the Germans won't fight with the bayonet, preferring to surrender if it is impossible to fight in mass formation behind guns and bulwarks.

Marksmanship of the American infantry exacted a heavy toll among the fleeing Germans. The Americans say the Boches are unable to catch a foot, but that they can't outrun bullets.

Hills, trenches and villages from which the enemy attempted to flee are filled with German dead.

American soldiers detailed to examine prisoners, universally report the Germans fail to show any spunk. Many of the captured officers are of high intelligence and seem to be well educated. A German cause is lost owing to the army's lack of confidence in its leaders and the government.

Captured copies of the Krieges Zeitung, increasing their punch, and in places their initiative. Throughout the Argonne salient and elsewhere Haig's gun keeps pounding away, harassing the enemy along the roads, support trenches and reserve positions as well as far behind the lines in rest billets and concentration centers.

Every time Crown Prince Rupprecht replaces a tired division with one comparatively fresh, British high explosive shells hurry the moving troops. Prisoners confess the Germans are far from happy. Gradually the truth is percolating through the enemy and German soldiers are becoming somewhat demoralized.

Parisians Display Emotions

At twilight yesterday long lines of American ambulances crawled slowly along a boulevard in the eastern part of the city toward the hospitals. Crowds of promoters hailed and walked to the edge of the sidewalk. Silently and reverently, military men saluted each ambulance. Old men raised their hats, while women waved handkerchiefs and children waved their own nosegays in the ambulances. Bandaged Americans—those slightly wounded—waved back. Others smiled wanly at the demonstration of affection.

As the news of the Franco-American successes spread through the city, it was a frequent sight to see the French halt Americans and shake their hands—something which they have never done with the Yankees could retreat.

The American Red Cross is meeting the emergency in a wonderful manner. Doctors and nurses working day and night. Twenty thousand pounds of surgical dressings and five tons of special food have been rushed to the front. Two new hospitals of nearly a thousand beds have been opened in the environs. Another will be ready Monday.

Pierce Speaks at Redmond

Walter M. Pierce, Democratic nominee for governor, is at Redmond today, addressing the crowd. Tuesday the speaker is scheduled to address business men of Vale, Malheur county, at a luncheon, and that evening he will speak at a patriotic meeting at Brown, in the same county. Next Saturday Mr. Pierce will speak at the Farmers' union and grange picnic at Myrtle Point, Coos county, and Sunday, July 28, he will be at Willhoit Springs.

French Official Report

Paris, July 20.—(U. P.)—(1:15 P. M.)—French and American troops continue to advance on the greater part of the offensive front between the Aisne and the Marne, the French war office announced today. The important town of Neuilly-St. Front has been captured.

"South of the Marne allied troops hurled the Germans back on the 15th. Between Fossy and Oucilly, the communiqué said.

"Between the Aisne and the Marne throughout yesterday evening and last night Franco-American forces advanced on the greater part of the front.

"We reached Vierzy (already reported in the hands of the Americans) and the village of Mellois, east of Villers-Helon (nine miles south of Soissons). We took Neuilly-St. Front and Licy-Clignon.

"South of the Marne we hurled the Germans back between Fossy and Oucilly and gained ground toward the river."

British Capture 436

London, July 20.—(I. N. S.)—As the result of successful operations in the Meteren sector of the Flanders front, the British have advanced their lines over a width of 4000 yards, the war office announced today.

The number of German prisoners taken there now totals 436.

A successful raid was carried out in the region of Beaumont-Hamel and the British line was also pushed forward south of Hebuterne.

"British troops captured the village of Meteren on Friday morning."

Americans Are Decorated

Washington, July 20.—(U. P.)—Reporting succinctly under date of July 19, General Pershing today advised the war department that "between the Aisne and the Marne our troops continue to make good progress."

"Five officers and men were awarded the distinguished cross for gallantry," according to section B. The men are First Lieutenants Walter R. Fannery, Joseph Brown; Sergeants James Hyde, Charles E. Cunningham, and Corporal Henry Willard.

Berlin Admits Counter Blow

Amsterdam, July 20.—(I. N. S.)—That the Franco-American forces that opened the counter offensive between the Aisne and the Marne broke through at some points, is admitted in a semi-official report issued in Berlin. The statement claims, however, that reserves were brought up "and held the enemy."

The Franco-American infantry, it was said, were supported by heavy forces of low flying airplanes and tanks in squadrons of 80.

French Gain at Prunay

London, July 20.—(I. N. S.)—Southeast of Rheims the French have made additional progress in the vicinity of Prunay.

President Carlton
Due Here Sunday

Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, is scheduled to arrive in Portland on the second section of Southern Pacific train No. 14 at 9:38 a. m. Sunday. Mr. Carlton is on tour of inspection of the properties of the Western Union company.

It is denied by local officials of the company that President Carlton's visit will have any bearing on the misunderstanding existing between the Western Union and union operators. Mr. Carlton, it is claimed, ordered the immediate dismissal of employees of his company who were known to be members of the Telegraphers' union.

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GERMAN DEFENSE GROWING STIFFER

Bitter Fighting Under Way With Some of the Towns Changing Hands Two or Three Times.

By Fred S. Ferguson

With the American Army Between the Aisne and the Marne, July 20.—(U. P.)—(2 p. m.)—Bitter fighting is under way on the entire offensive front.

German resistance is stiffening and some towns have changed hands two or three times.

Americans and French have advanced in the Marne region, throwing the Boches back toward the river.

To the northward the fiercest fighting is centering on the line south of Soissons. An advance of three kilometers (a mile and three quarters) has been made south of the Marne.

One American unit, fighting southwest of Soissons, captured 91 officers and 278 men. Another captured 31 officers and 200 men. A third American unit captured a colonel, 2 majors and 60 men, trapping them in a dugout.

With the Americans Between the Aisne and the Marne, July 19, 11 p. m.—(U. P.)—American troops attacked on a front of several kilometers southwest of Soissons late this evening. Fighting is still in progress at the hour of cableing.

The result was an advance east of Courchamps, near Misy-aux-Bois and extended over a wide front to the southward. (Misy-aux-Bois is more than four miles southwest of Soissons. The whole line between the Aisne and the Marne apparently is very irregular, especially in the region of Soissons.)

German counter attacks in the region of Soissons continued with regularity. The French and Americans made further advances northeast of Chaudun, east of Vierzy, and east of Courchamps. (This indicates new Franco-American advances in various portions of a front of about 16 miles. Chaudun is five miles southwest of Soissons and two miles south of Misy-aux-Bois. Vierzy is two miles south of Chaudun. Courchamps is 12 miles south of Vierzy.)

Three Salem Boys on Board

Salem, Or., July 20.—Three Salem boys were on the cruiser San Diego, which was sunk yesterday near Fire Island. They were Ralph and Mark A. Hitchcock, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hitchcock, and Clifford A. Smart, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smart. Clifford Smart was graduated from Salem high school in last year's class while Ralph Hitchcock was a high school student when he enlisted.

Marshfield Boy Is Officer

Marshfield, Or., July 20.—(U. P.)—The parents of Lieutenant Ellis McCormick anxiously awaited full details today regarding the rescue of the crew of the armored cruiser San Diego.

Lieutenant McCormick was stationed on the San Diego.

NEWSPAPER MAN SEES
BATTLEFIELD CARNAGE

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vancing slowly—so slowly that it seemed like assumed composure when they went into the inferno.

Then colored rockets shot up from the German trenches, as our preliminary gunfire had cut the Germans' telephone wires. These were the signals to drop a barrage.

Suddenly more rockets were fired, this time by the Americans, indicating that the allies had reached their objectives.

The artillery men lengthened their fuses, meanwhile keeping up a harassing fire against the enemy, dispersing his reinforcements.

Watchful airmen had already signalled that the Germans were massing for a counter attack. As the Americans had swept forward, the advancing ranks were followed by engineers who snatched lines of telephone wires.

Over the improvised telephone lines word was passed back that the objectives had all been taken and information was given as to the number of prisoners and machine guns captured.

Thrilling Spectacle to Watch

Soon the tanks lumbered back, bearing on their roofs and decks and unimpaired of the German shells bursting all around.

This attack was aimed to thrust back the Germans from the ridge east of Soissons and the highway and, at the same time, to clean out the bothersome machine gun nests that had been enfilading us continuously.

To our left and right the French attacked simultaneously, carrying out their plans as scheduled.

Machine guns swept the road towards Soissons.

Southward, amidst clumps of trees, as impatient as their horses, stout groups of lancers awaited the signal to charge.

It was a thrilling spectacle to watch the tanks and the action supporting the American infantry. These monsters rolled forward, lurching and diving like drunken things, their forward machine guns spitting flames.

Batteries Fire in Open Space

Behind the lines stood American batteries, emplaced in the open with no sign of camouflage and without gun ports, spouting 15 shots every minute. The gun layers here enjoyed the rare treat of shooting at targets they could see with the naked eye. While they could not discern where the individual shells dropped, they could easily see the de-structured effect.

Ambulance and motor truck drivers stopped laze along the exposed roads to watch the sight. Wounded men crawled to points of vantage and craned their necks toward the front, gasping with keen interest and utterly indifferent to the shells dropped around them.

Adjacent guards, escorting German prisoners to the rear, halted to drink in the panorama, with their eyes. Even the Boche captives watched with deep curiosity the surge of the fighting amidst the smoke and tumult.

Airplanes Fly Overhead

Overhead airplanes darted back and forth incessantly, swooping low inside the German lines to observe the effect of the artillery and then shooting back, sending out wireless messages as the airplanes tore through the smoke grimed clouds in wide circles.

Occasionally a message was dropped or a colored flare was let down.

German snipers made strenuous efforts to set fire to the Americans' captive balloons, but were driven off by the flame-belching arches—high angle guns.

Cargo of Reindeer
Meat Reaches Sound

Seattle, Wash., July 20.—(U. P.)—Four hundred dressed reindeer carcasses arrived in Seattle from Nome, Alaska, Friday, brought to the city on the steamer Victoria by Carl Albertson, Seattle reindeer buyer. Twenty-five tons of this meat will be placed on the local market immediately. It will retail for the same price as beef. When he disposes of the proceeds of this trip the reindeer buyer will return to Alaska for more deer and expects to be back in Seattle in October with another shipment.

Fire Has Reached Deschutes Forest

Bend, Or., July 20.—The forest fire which has been raging on the Klamath Indian reservation for the past few days is now racing north and has already reached the Deschutes National forest on a 15 mile front. All available forest service men in this section have been rushed to the scene and a 20 mile fire trench has been thrown up, which is expected to aid in checking the flames. The timber toward which the fire is now advancing is one of the best stands of western pine in the Deschutes forest.

HUNDRED BELGIAN ORPHANS ADOPTED

Oregon Committee Is Given Sub- prise When It Solicits Small Amount From Shipworkers.

The Oregon committee for the relief of Belgian orphans was struck dumb and their meeting summarily ended through shock at the Northwest Steel company on Friday afternoon after the men in the plant had howled down a suggestion that they contribute to the support of a few Belgian orphans and adopted as the spot 100 sons and daughters of the stricken country.

A delegation from the committee, comprising Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spencer, Mrs. J. W. Fowler and John Etheridge appeared Friday at a meeting of the company's shipbuilders. John Etheridge made a brief talk and then A. J. England, editor of "Heave Ho," the plant organ, mounted the rostrum with a suggestion that each man in the plant contribute five cents a month to the relief fund for the duration of the war.

For the first time in his life Editor England was most properly "bawled out," and he was promptly hooted from the limelight of the platform by demands from the men that they be pledged to give sums of from 15 cents to \$1 a month. With what breath remained the workers compromised with the men on an agreement that they will give 25 cents each month for the duration of the war to the support of Belgian orphans.

The result of the Northwest Steel company's patriotic generosity will net a fund of \$1000 a month for every month the war continues; and that sum will be approximately sufficient to care for 100 children bereaved by the Hun.

The committee workers this morning regained their composure after receiving the largest "blitz" they have had during the present campaign and arranged to meet and talk to the men of the night shift on Monday, although Editor England declares their full sympathy is a foregone fact.

United States District Attorney Haney is conducting an investigation of the charges placed against M. J. Smith, alias J. D. Kidwell, and Kate Smith, alias Kate Kidwell, who were arrested at 65 Grand avenue Friday afternoon by inspectors Coleman and Morak and federal agents.

Smith admitted to Haney that he was secretary of local 400 of the I. W. W. and that he has been active in raising funds for the defense of the I. W. W. on trial in Chicago and, according to Haney, Kate Smith is assisting in securing funds for the defense of Dr. Marie Equi, who was arrested here a short time ago for alleged violation of the espionage act and who is at liberty under \$10,000 bonds filed by Katherine Irvine, F. B. Grif, Mary J. Merrill and Frank Arighi.

Smith admitted that he and his woman companion have been living together as man and wife, without a license, since January this year. Smith's home is in Minneapolis and he claims to have met Kate Kidwell, which, according to her testimony, is her maiden name; in Devil's Lake, N. D., where she had been living since a separation from her husband three years ago.

After their meeting Smith came to Spokane and correspondence was carried on between them which resulted in her coming to Spokane last January. From Spokane they went to Seattle and came to Portland from Pasco, Wash., where they remained for a period after leaving Seattle. They have been living in Portland since April.

Kate Kidwell says she was born in Kentucky and says she has a brother in Madison, Wis.

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