

GERMAN HORDES RETREAT NORTH ACROSS MARNE

Franco-Americans Batter Enemy From Two Sides in Repeated Bitter Counter Attacks.

20,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

Chateau-Thierry-Soissons Highway Is Forced; Big Guns Command Wide Area on Front.

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Thierry pocket—and provide the only means of egress for the German armies. The allies apparently have within their grasp one of the really big victories of the war.

German Losses Are Mounting
With the Americans Between the Aisne and the Marne, July 20.—(U. P.)—(8:10 p. m.)—Smashing counter-attacks after counter-attacks the allies are still sweeping forward, rolling up the German armies between the Aisne and the Marne. This advance has reached a depth of 11 kilometers (nearly seven miles) at some points.

The important railway from Soissons to Chateau-Thierry is now dominated by the French and American artillery, which is dropping shells over it on a wide front. This is a serious blow to the enemy, these railways being his principal means of communication in this region.

The Franco-American troops have reached the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry highway at a point about 10 kilometers south of Soissons. Further advances have been made on the line east of Malloy Wood, St. Remy-Bianzy, Neuilly-St. Front, and Lisy-Chignon (a front of about 15 miles).

The German losses are constantly mounting. The number of prisoners is growing faster than the tally can be counted. A full mile of German prisoners, four abreast, marching to the rear under guard of French and American soldiers.

(If the prisoners were marching a yard apart, as usual, they would total more than 7000. This is in addition to the nearly 19,000 reported up to this morning.)

This afternoon the Americans captured nearly 100 Boches, including several officers, in a big cave near Soissons.

Germans Admit Retirement
Berlin, via London, July 20.—(U. P.)—Penetration of the German front lines on the Aisne-Marne front was reported by the German war office today. Ultimate defeat of the allied forces was announced.

"The British obtained a footing at Meteren (in Flanders)," the statement said. "Otherwise they were repulsed."

"Between the Aisne and the Marne the enemy attacked and penetrated parts of our foremost lines. Southwest of Soissons, west of Hartennes and northwest of Chateau-Thierry, the enemy was defeated toward noon after a desperate struggle.

"Between the Aisne and Ourcq, attacks were repulsed. The enemy's counter attacks, south of the Ourcq and north of Hartennes, we threw the enemy back beyond their original lines.

"South of the Marne there was moderate fighting.

"Southeast of Moreuil enemy patrol attacks were repulsed. The night our troops were withdrawn to the north bank, unharmed.

"Thirty hostile airplanes and seven balloons were brought down yesterday."

First Phase of Offensive Closed
With the Americans at the Marne, July 20.—At this cabling Americans news had captured approximately 7000 prisoners, including wounded, 40 guns, hundreds of machine guns, and many trench mortars.

The opening phase of the Franco-American Aisne-Marne offensive may be considered closed, although minor operations continue. In desperate infantry fighting against the German machine guns throughout the night and forenoon, the Americans captured positions east of the Paris-Soissons highway which the Germans had retaken after dark last night.

French long range guns are bombarding the bridge across the Aisne at Missy, and the whole German lateral transport line east and northeast of Soissons is under constant French fire.

Eleven German divisions have been brought up to reinforce the hard pressed troops of the crown prince between the two railroads. Of seven divisions in line on Thursday five have been withdrawn owing to heavy losses.

A private from Cleveland captured a Prussian colonel and a sergeant from Indianapolis made a German major prisoner.

British Keep Up Gains
London, July 20.—(U. P.)—Minor operations continued successfully in the Hebuterne sector and Rosenthal Wood was captured. Field Marshal Haig reported tonight.

In yesterday's operations, 483 prisoners, 10 trench mortars and 50 machine guns were captured.

Yankees Carry Out Raid
With the American Army in France, July 20.—American troops carried out a raid yesterday southwestward, penetrating the German lines from 500 to 400 yards.

Five German prisoners were taken. As a prelude to the raid there was an effective bombardment lasting 45 minutes.

REPORTER GOES OVER TORN FIELD OF BATTLE

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needed the battle, it was necessary to pass over more than three quarters of a mile (a mile and three quarters) of ground captured by the Americans yesterday.

Imagine yourself in an automobile, passing over roads as peaceful as those you knew back home. But as you progress, soldiers become more nu-

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General Mangin, hero of the Marne, who is in command of the French and American forces who are driving the Germans back between Soissons and Chateau-Thierry. Mangin had charge of the crucial French charge at the Marne. The picture is from an autographed photograph presented to James Keeley, former publisher of the Chicago Herald.

merous. Wagons and guns compel you to slow down constantly and to run into the ditch to avoid a collision.

Ambulances roll slowly by, smiling American boys and Frenchmen dangling their feet from the rear, or lying side by side on the stretchers. A boy you know dashes by on a motorcycle, sliding and disappears in the midst of a desperate struggle.

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ZEPPELIN SHEDS ARE BOMBED BY BRITISH NAVAL AIRPLANES

Detachment of Grand Fleet Returns From Trip Off Jutland, Reporting Successful Trip.

London, July 20.—A detachment of the British grand fleet has now returned to its base, following a cruise off the coast of Jutland, during which successful bombing raids were carried out by naval airmen operating from the ships, declared an official statement by the admiralty tonight. The raids were directed at Zeppelin sheds at Tondern, in Northern Germany.

The commander's text follows: "A detachment of the grand fleet, operating off Jutland (the western coast of Denmark) on the morning of Friday has returned to its base, having carried out a bombing attack on the Zeppelin sheds at Tondern, in Schleswig-Holstein, by the royal air forces which were dispatched from the vessels.

"The first flight which was made early in the morning, all the machines reached their objective and made direct hits on a large double shed, which was completely destroyed, the conflagration rising 1000 feet in the air. A second flight followed the first, all of our machines but one reaching their objective."

Following the dropping of bombs, fires were observed.

Four of the British machines failed to return. Three of these were believed to have been compelled to make a landing on Danish soil.

Germans Moving Guns to the Rear

London, July 20.—(U. P.)—The next few hours are expected to decide the fate of the German armies in the Soissons-Rheims pocket, where the Franco-American forces are slowly garroning the enemy's hopes.

The allied pressure is increasing on all sides. The breaking point must soon be reached. Already the Germans south of the Marne are giving way. But the battle that will force the decision, it is believed in military circles tonight, is being fought on the 30-mile line between the Aisne and the Marne. There the enemy high command has used reinforcements with a lavish hand, seeking desperately to turn the tide. With apparently a great inferiority in numbers, the French and Americans are moving resistlessly forward.

Neuilly-St. Front has fallen. Oulchy-Chateau is threatened. The French are in the suburbs of Soissons. The main highway from Soissons to Chateau-



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Capture of U-Boats Not Substantiated

Washington, July 20.—(U. P.)—Numerous rumors of submarines captured or sunk off New York tonight, following the destruction of the American cruiser San Diego, were met with the statement that the navy department had nothing to substantiate such reports, up to 10:30 p. m.

Tokio Begins Work on Giant Wireless Plant

Tokio, July 20.—Construction work has been started here on the largest wireless plant in the world. It was announced today by the government. The station will be in direct communication with San Francisco without relay at Hawaii. It will be completed in two years and will be for use of the general public, for news dispatches and commercial purposes.

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Yankee Sailors Hear Of Victory in France

Queenstown, July 20.—"Now we're showing our mettle," yelled the officers and men of United States warships off this coast town today upon hearing of the success of their compatriots in France.

Here's What Germans Feed Public at Home

Amsterdam, July 20.—(U. P.)—"Our task on the south bank of the Marne has been fulfilled. Therefore we withdrew to the north bank for fresh, important tasks," said a semi-official statement issued in Berlin.

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"Easy-to-Open—Easy-to-Close" Big Mattress Davenport \$55.75 \$6 Cash \$1 Week

—An Economical Necessity—Not a Luxury. Yes, a bed for the room where you thought there wasn't room for a bed. This Big Mattress Davenport is built in a solid oak frame—seat and back are upholstered with a dark brown leatherette. When opened, a strong steel spring comes forth, one that is braced with 56 Helical (small coil) springs. Mattress bends in a "J" shape when closed, so there's no chance to break it in the center.

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