

ALLIED GAINS MENACE GERMAN LINES AT MANY POINTS ON WIDE FRONT

Haig Reports That Bray Has Been Taken and That British Troops Have Entered Outskirts of Bapaume; French Pounding Away at Noyon and East Toward Coucy.

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on the St. Germain, Achel-le-Grand, Mil-
lery line broke down.

"During the afternoon the enemy
gained ground toward Mory in the di-
rection of Bapaume. We were driven
back at Bohaghen and Pys, where
the enemy was brought to a standstill.
At Stride Miramont, four storming at-
tacks were shattered and one gun and
six enemy tanks were destroyed.

"East of Hamel the enemy gained
ground. East of the Aisne attacks
from Albert broke down. South of
the Somme English attacks at Capry,
Poucaumont and Verdun were repul-
sed. Between the Aisne and the
Aisne French attacks failed."

With the French Army, Aug. 24—
Picked French divisions which refused
to be relieved from the line despite
continuous nine days' fighting, keep
forcing ahead between the Aisne and
the Aisne.

They have reached the outskirts of
Coudes le Chateau, which is four kil-
ometers (two and a half miles) from
their former line. In this region they
have received direct hits a few days
ago, already have been repaired and
are back in action.

The weather is terrifically hot but
this does not affect the ardor of Man-
tins troops.

Although French progress further
northward has slowed up some-
what, the advance between the Aisne
and the Aisne is sustained, and this

British in Outskirts of Bapaume; Bray Captured

London, Aug. 24.—(U. P.)—The British
continued their advance today despite
stiff opposition. Field Marshal Haig re-
ported tonight.

The official report confirmed the cap-
ture of Bray and announced that British
forces had penetrated to the suburbs of
Bapaume.

"On the battle field north of the
Somme continuous fighting has taken
place since the early hours of the morn-
ing," the statement said.

"Our troops, pressing the enemy hard
at all points, have allowed him no re-
spite. Despite the arrival of consider-
able hostile reinforcements, progress has
again been realized on the whole front
of our attack. Numbers of prisoners and
quantities of material of all description
have fallen into our hands."

Anzacs Capture Bray

"Shortly after midnight Australian
troops, attacking along the north bank
of the Somme, captured Bray."

"Continuing their advance with great
skill and initiative, they carried the en-
emy's positions in this neighborhood."

"On their left, London and East-County
troops made further progress during the
night along the high ground southeast of
Albert, taking several hundred prisoners."

"On the right center of our attack,
fresh troops and battalions from the
northern coast reached our front, and
over the ground of the old Somme battle-
field of 1914 and 1916 about La Boisse-
le, Ouliers, Monnet farm, Thiepval and
Grandcourt. All these strongly defended
localities were captured in the face of

determined hostile resistance, together
with over 2000 prisoners.

"Our troops are once more astride of
the Thiepval ridge and advancing east-
ward."

In the direction of Bapaume, the de-
fenses of Loupart wood were taken and
400 prisoners captured. Grevillers and
Biefvillers were captured and our troops
have reached the outskirts of Bapaume.

"On the flank of this attack English
troops remained in possession of Iries
and advanced in the direction of Sa-
pignies, overcoming strong hostile re-
sistance at Iries and east of Biliucourt.
English and Scottish divisions and the
guards advanced in the direction of St.
Leger. A hill east of the latter was
taken."

"On the remainder of the British front,
successful local actions have taken
place. North of the Scarpe we have
captured a section of the German front
line northeast of Fampoux, with a few
prisoners."

Regain Old Front

"North of La Bassée canal, we cap-
tured the old British front line east and
northeast of Givenchy and made pro-
gress into the German position in a com-
pletely successful operation in which all
objects were secured with over 60 pris-
oners."

"During the night our patrols occu-
pied Neu-Berquin, where a number of
German dead were found by our troops.
This morning we advanced our line north
of Baillou on a front of a mile, captur-
ing some fifty prisoners. A counter at-
tack attempted by the enemy during the
afternoon was crushed by our artillery."

"The seriously impaired" the war de-
partment's ability to get the men needed.
Many senators who, for sentimental
reasons, oppose calling the boys, have
pledged their votes to consummate the
measure.

The Thomas-Reed amendment, de-
signed to prevent strikes of war work-
ers, is likely to be consumed in the near
time. The house rejected a similar
amendment, but sentiment for it is
strong in the senate.

Government Clerks Exempt

Senator Wadsworth has gained some
backing for his proposal to extend the
selective draft to the navy and marine
corps. Wadsworth has pointed out
that unless this is done, the navy,
when in need of men, will have to
beg them, or the navy must take the
kind of men the army will give. Aim-
ing to get every man who ought to
go to the house in the closing hours of
work on the measure, amended it to
provide for further recombining of de-
ferred classes. But for the pleas of
department heads, it would have passed
an amendment removing the blanket
exemption from thousands of govern-
ment clerks and other employees. Only
the statement that drafting of these
would disorganize war work seriously
restrained the house.

There seemed no doubt tonight that
the bill will be sent to the president
in time to assure registration of the
new levies early in September, if the
war department wishes it.

Washington, Aug. 24.—(WASHING-
TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—All
three of Oregon's congressmen to-
day sustained the war department by
voting against the motion to defer the
calling of 18-year-old registrants until
all the older classes have been called.
This is the amendment which Sec-
retary Baker declared would embarrass
the department in carrying out the
new draft.

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