

Fall of Lassigny and Roye Imminent

EVACUATION OF VITAL POINTS IN ENEMY LINE ONLY MATTER OF HOURS

Loss of Lassigny Expected to Mean Retreat by Enemy of From Five to Ten Miles Along Entire Picardy Front; Flanking Movement on New German Positions on the Somme Are Developing from the South.

London, Aug. 13, 4:23 p. m.—The fall of Lassigny, expected hourly, probably will force the Germans to retreat to the Somme canal line, an additional retirement of five to 10 miles all along the front—according to information received here this afternoon.

The Somme bridge at Peronne has been smashed, cutting off the enemy's supplies from that direction and hindering the retreat.

London, Aug. 13, 4:20 p. m.—The evacuation of Roye is expected within 48 hours, according to information received here this afternoon. The allies since the start of their offensive, have gained between nine and ten miles on a 40-mile front.

(By United Press)

Reports from the battle front this afternoon indicated that the new German line on the Somme may be turned from the south before the enemy can fully establish it.

That the Germans are already taking up their positions on the east bank of the historic river, south of Peronne, is shown in despatches detailing the crowded condition of the roads leading across the river which were filled with enemy troops hurrying eastward. The Germans are also reported to be removing supplies from Peronne. Meanwhile, the attack launched by the French today between the Aves and the Oise is reported to be progressing favorably at several points, notably in the Oise valley, where Ribecourt is being encircled from the southeast. French pressure in the Ribecourt region is northward and the bending of the German line there will endanger the whole projected new Somme line. Noyon, which would form the southern base of the Somme defenses, lies in the Oise valley just six miles north and east of Ribecourt. The Germans, to reach their Somme line, must fall back from five to 10 miles. It thus appears to be a race between the French and the Germans all along the line, with odds favoring the former.

The new attack also is menacing Lassigny and Roye. Fall of the latter town will result in giving way of the whole German center.

From Roye northward to Albert there apparently is little fighting. It is possible that Foch and Haig may have reduced their pressure in that sector purposely in order that the Germans will be as far from the Somme as possible in the event the southern end of the Somme defenses is flanked.

By JOHN DE GANDT
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Paris, Aug. 13.—(4:10 p. m.)—The Germans have been hurriedly removing enormous quantities of war material from Peronne, during the past 48 hours and enemy troops are crossing the Somme.

Roads about Peronne are reported to be crowded with German transports attempting to get this material back to a safe spot.

Huge ammunition dumps at Reaumur-Metz and Orvillers, containing millions of shells, were abandoned by the

TWO HAVE NAMES AND FAMILIES ALIKE

R. C. Mortons of Eugene and Oakland, California, Have Interesting Meeting.

A remarkable case of resemblance in the families of men who have the same name, but who are not related, was disclosed in Eugene yesterday, when R. E. Morton, of Oakland, California, traveling salesman for the Merchants' Lumber company, came to Eugene, after attending the meeting of the Oregon State Editorial Association. Mr. Morton heard that there was an R. E. Morton in Eugene, and decided to get acquainted with the man whose name was just like his own.

Mr. Morton, of Eugene, who is also a traveling salesman, representing the

enemy in his flight and have been captured intact by the French, it was learned today.

Meanwhile, although there is a comparative lull in the fighting between the Oise and the Somme, it is believed the allies are preparing for some new activity. The military critic of La Presse expressed the opinion that Lassigny has been enveloped by the French and possibly has already been captured.

By LOWELL MELLETT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the French Armies in the Field, Aug. 13.—(2:15 p. m.)—With the enemy throwing gas and heavy shells and clinging desperately to such positions as Les Loges wood and the heights nearest Lassigny, the first phase of the new battle is ended.

When the second phase begins the Germans may be the prongs of the allies' pinchers. The allies have won the necessary solid bases and are prepared to squeeze.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the British Armies in the Field, Aug. 13.—(Noon.)—With local fighting proceeding at many points, the general situation on the British front has changed little during the past 24 hours.

North of the Somme the night was quiet, save at Ethenham, where British parties captured some enemy defenses and took some prisoners. German casualties have been rather heavy as the result of fighting in the region of Roye.

The enemy attacked locally during the night in Flanders, causing some alteration of the lines, but no details are available. In the region of Bethune the British advanced their lines slightly.

A copy of an order issued by Ludendorff, which has been captured by the British, reveals how far his plans have gone wrong.

"We cannot win the war by a stubborn defense," said the order, "but only vigorous, successive attacks. These attacks, however, cannot lead to victory unless we stick to the improved methods of warfare adopted during the recent offensives."

"It is absolutely essential to avoid the old fault of attacking in too dense formations and reduce our casualties by every possible means."

Portland Flouring Mills company in this territory, invited Mr. Morton, of Oakland, to his home.

Mr. Morton, of Eugene, upon entering his home called to his wife, "Rose." Mr. Morton, of Oakland, taken very much by surprise, stated that "Rose" was his wife's name.

The two men each have a boy and a girl, the ages of the children of both families being about the same.

Mr. Morton, of Eugene, weighs 195 pounds, and Mr. Morton, of Oakland, 210.

RUSSIA BEING CARRIED BACK INTO STRUGGLE

Events Sweeping Revolution-Torn Nation Back to Arms Against Huns and Into Allied Cause.

KERENSKY BEING GROOMED TO LEAD ANTI-BOLSHEVICS

Former Premier to Take Up Reins in Northern Provinces With Idea of Spreading Rule Throughout Country.

BY JOSEPH SHAPLEN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
(Who Arrived Today from Russia)

New York, Aug. 13.—Events are sweeping Russia back into the war. There is every reason to hope now that the eastern front, the abrogation of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty may be expected any moment.

That the end of the Bolsheviks is near has been pointed out repeatedly in United Press despatches. I have never been so convinced of it as I am now. The big question was who would succeed them. Germany has felt the inevitable downfall of the Bolsheviks. The late Count Mirbach's principal work in Moscow was to prepare for the downfall of the Bolsheviks and the establishment of a government similar to that of Skoropadsky in the Ukraine. But Russia has passion for freedom and unity has frustrated the schemes of Germany. There will be no Skoropadsky government in Moscow. The constituent assembly, composed of an overwhelming majority of social-revolutionists and socialists of the Menshevik group, is coming back into power. Its first act will be an announcement to the world that the shameful Brest-Litovsk treaty no longer exists, that the revolutionary democracy of Russia does not recognize it. An open invitation to the allied governments to send an army into Russia to help reorganize her military forces for a renewed fight on Germany will follow.

United States Most Trusted.

The constituent assembly and the party of the social-revolutionists have already

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30 GERMAN PLANES DOWNED IN FIGHTING

British Airmen Co-operating With Armies in Picardy and Flanders Get Results.

London, Aug. 13.—Destruction of 30 battle planes over the area of the Picardy drive and in Flanders was reported in today's British air ministry's communiqué. Ten others were reported destroyed, four by a bomb dropped on them as they rested on the ground and 25 more were driven down out of control.

Four hostile observation balloons were shot down in flames. Seven British aircraft are missing.

The work of artillery observation balloons was maintained without interruption from the British side of the lines, it was stated.

Bombing operations were carried on extensively by the British aerodromes and other ground targets were attacked with bombs and machine gun fire after hard fighting with protecting German flyers. The airplane and chemical works at Frankfurt were bombed with good results.

Some crossings and railway stations at Peronne and Cambrai were steadily subjected to bombing attacks.

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German Troops Reported Marching on Petrograd

◆ Copenhagen, Aug. 13.—German troops are marching on Petrograd. ◆ intending to occupy the city, according to the Helsingfors correspondent of the Politikin.

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MONARCHY FOR FINLAND

Stockholm, Aug. 13.—The Finnish Landtag has voted 58 to 44, to establish a monarchy in Finland, a Helsingfors dispatch announces today. A king will be elected in September.

PRISONERS IN EXCESS OF 37,000

Paris Military Writer Estimates 2,300 of Captives Are Officers; Total Enemy Losses Since Opening of Marne Drive Placed at 70,000.

FRENCH LAUNCH FLANKING MOVEMENT AGAINST ROYE

Haig Reports Fresh British Advances to North of Somme and Repulse of Hun Counter Attacks in Flanders.

(By United Press)

Despite German resistance in Picardy, the allies last night pushed forward slightly on the left wing and in the center, improving their positions on the north bank of the Somme and north of the Roye road.

American troops who are co-operating with the British north of the Somme, now face the most difficult terrain on the whole present battle front, being confronted by the twists and turns of the meandering river, interperched with irregular reaches of high ground.

The Germans made a counter-attack near Fauquessourt, between Chaules and Roye, but were repulsed.

The allies took additional prisoners and are now unofficially estimated to have captured more than 37,000 between the start of the drive and Sunday. In addition, they are believed to have captured 1,000 cannon and 10,000 machine guns.

Increasing activity in the Flanders region and around Arras was reported. An enemy attack was repulsed near Merrie, while prisoners were taken in patrol encounters near Vieux-Berquin and south of the Scarpe river.

London, Aug. 13.—(1:55 p. m.)—The Germans, as the result of French pressure, are evacuating the southern defenses of Ribecourt, it was learned this afternoon.

The enemy retired from their trenches on a front of nearly three miles, extending

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STRAFING HUN SAUSAGES FUN FOR GIMPERS

Lieutenant Rickenbacker Says That Downing Observation Balloons is Great Sport and Tells of Ruse That Worked.

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With the American Airmen in France, July 10.—(By mail)—"A sausage strafing party is about as much fun as a real Hun fight about a bunch of aviators. Our last one was a decided success. We followed the plan of scaring Heinie to death," said Eddie Rickenbacker, all-American ace and erstwhile automobile racer.

"This was an organized strafing party and was extra on our bill along the front. We did it voluntarily, and for the fun of it. It wasn't extra work."

"We organized the strafing party into two groups. One started out early, and got a high altitude by flying back and forth 20 minutes or more before the second group started. That first group was the strafing party."

"Then the second party went up and crossed the lines at a low altitude. The Germans were evidently surprised. Their astonishment turned into amazement when the low-flying groups of Americans began doing stunts right over the German guns, loops, slide-slips and all safe stunts."

"It was as big an insult as the German

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YANKS REFUSE TO LET BOCHES AT VESLE REST

Heavy Artillery Bombardments and Lightning-Like Thrusts by Infantry Keep Enemy Or Alert Continuously.

DOUGHBOYS CAPTURE 30 MACHINE GUNS IN RAID

Intense Fire Prevents Success of Doughboys' Attempt to Storm Heights; Using Captured Ammunition.

By FRANK J. TAYLOR
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the American Armies in France, Aug. 12.—(Night)—The Americans continue to harass the Germans north of the Vesle, varying heavy artillery bombardments with lightning-like thrusts into the enemy line. There was some infantry fighting on the right wing of the American sector last night, but this morning they were practically unbothered, save for a German feint which failed to develop into an attack.

The doughboys attempted to storm the German positions on the heights last night but the machine fire was too heavy. Advancing north of Fismette, they drove the boches from a wood, capturing machine guns, which they turned on the fleeing enemy. The Germans later counter-attacked and drove the Americans from the wood.

Yesterday the Americans captured 30 machine guns from a German stronghold at Chateau Diable. They brought them back and used them against the Germans until they ran out of ammunition. Then they despatched a detachment of infantry to gather in some German machine gun ammunition from the rear areas. They now have sufficient to keep the guns going until they capture a new supply.

The German positions are still held by Prussian troops, mostly machine gun companies. They prevent much hand-to-hand fighting.

Officers tell many stories of the pluck of American "doughboys" holding extremely difficult and unfavorable positions at the foot of the heights north of the Vesle. These men are continually sniping the enemy, preventing the Germans from making advances, ignoring the enemy's artillery and working with little food until relieved and sent to the rear.

The streets of Fismette are being raked continually by enemy machine guns and American pontoon bridges over the Vesle are constantly under heavy shell fire from the Germans, making the maintenance of communications difficult. Despite the peril of the work, hospital men are working courageously and ambulances are continually carrying wounded from advanced dressing posts to the rear through German barrages.

Near Fere-en-Tardenois I saw evidences of Germany's scarcity of metals. Along the railroad the enemy had made huge piles of zinc, copper and brass utensils, preparatory to shipping them to Germany. They evacuated this region so rapidly, however, that they were forced to abandon this loot. The booty all pillaged from French houses, included smashed clocks, lamps, rods, screens, pots, bath tubs, pails and innumerable other articles.

LANE MILL WORKERS WILL HEAR ADDRESS

Lieutenant Wilbur Jones of Spruce Division Will Come on Special Mission.

Lieutenant Wilbur B. Jones, in charge of the first district, of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen will make a special visit to Lane county for the purpose of telling of the action taken at the convention of the Loyal Legion held in Portland, Aug. 5, according to word received by Sergeant A. L. Lane, assigned to duty in the first district.

Lieutenant Jones will call a meeting of locals 57 and 49 to be held at the high school building in Springfield.

Sergeant Lane will make arrangements for the meeting at which matters regarding working hours and wages will be discussed.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon—Tonight fair and warmer; Wednesday fair and continued warm; gentle northerly winds.

BREAK LIKELY BETWEEN SPAIN AND GERMANY

London Reports Severance of Relations Expected as Result of Recent Sinking of Two Spanish Vessels.

INTERMENT OF U-BOAT ALSO ADDS TO UNREST

Washington Receives News With Undisguised Interest; Alphonso Has 2,000,000 Men Ready to Take Field.

By FRANK J. TAYLOR
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Aug. 13.—That a break between Spain and Germany is likely was reported here this afternoon.

The recent sinking of two Spanish steamers by German submarines led to considerable unrest in Madrid. This was followed by the interment of the crew of the U-boat that sought refuge in a Spanish port. In spite of this, the Spanish cabinet, following a special meeting Sunday, issued a statement declaring that it was vital for Spain to maintain its neutrality.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Reports that Spain may be about to break with Germany were received here with undisguised interest today.

Confidential reports here have long indicated that Alphonso's country has been "on the fence" awaiting developments. There is a strong Germanophile element in the country, particularly in the army, but reports show this element has been greatly tempered by the thinking classes in Spain.

Certainties of raw materials to that country, hampering its great manufacturing, also had a strong influence upon changing the situation.

The crudity of German diplomacy, combined with the Tanton U-boat activity against Spanish ships, shortage of food and raw materials, and the growing strength of the allies in the west, all tended to win favor for the allies. Recently, reports here show, even former pro-German newspapers have exclaimed over the great work of the American army and have ceased to praise German military prowess.

Spain is understood to have about 2,000,000 men who could be put, fully equipped, into military service.

Public Spirited Service of Ex-Member, Appreciated by the Chamber of Commerce.

Resolutions drawn by a committee from the Eugene chamber of commerce, of which the late Helms W. Thompson, at one time served as president, paying tribute to his memory and expressing appreciation of his public spirited work for the community, were made public today. The members of the committee were E. O. Immel, president of the chamber, G. W. Jones and J. E. Shelton. The resolutions were:

"Whereas, Hon. Helms W. Thompson, for twenty-one years an honored citizen of Lane county, has received the final call that has taken him from among us; and

"Whereas, Judge Thompson's life in the community has been an exemplification of community service of the highest order as is so well shown by the interest he has taken and the work he has accomplished for the public good; and

"Whereas, His services as president of the Eugene chamber of commerce, as county judge of Lane county for five years, during which time he instituted and carried forward our present excellent system of water bound macadam roads, his service as chairman of roads and highways bureau of the chamber of commerce, which position he held at his death, and as first chairman of the home service section of the Eugene chapter of the Red Cross, which with other patriotic work he carried on as long as his health would permit, have been an inspiration and an example to the people of our community and have endeared him to each and every one with whom he came in contact.

"Now, therefore, he it resolved that the Eugene chamber of commerce realize that it has lost a valuable leader and member; the community a faithful public servant and the state a progressive citizen whose influence and leadership in developing the highways of Oregon will be lasting and permanent; and

"Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Eugene chamber of commerce in commemoration of our love and esteem for our departed member."

OLD SOMME BATTLE IS ON AGAIN

Famous Battleground, Twice Fought Over Since Opening of War, Is Once Again Center of Fighting Along Western Front.

GERMANS TAKE UP LINES ABANDONED LAST SPRING

Hindenberg Faces Prospect of Having to Relinquish Line Second Time Give Up Plans For Offensive.

By LOWELL MELLETT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the French Armies in the Field, Aug. 12.—(Night)—The old battle of the Somme is on again. The Germans are entrenched in the well-worn lines, stubbornly holding on and even attempting to counter attack, although somewhat feebly.

This situation is the natural result of the necessity for bringing up additional French big guns. An artillery barrage today began to take the place of the machine gun fire from the boches.

They are also using quantities of mustard gas.

Some idea of the speed of the French advance yesterday can be obtained by the experience of a general, one of whose regiments was held up by well placed machine guns. His automobile swept past by the men, using a depression at the roadside.

"You're going well," he cried. "The boches can't hold you any more. Come on."

Three hours later the regiment had advanced seven kilometers (four and a half miles).

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the British Armies in France, Aug. 12.—(Night)—Von Hindenburg today is face to face with a poer. Can he maintain himself on his present lines or will he be forced to beat an undignified retreat along the lines over which the French and British pushed him in 1917? And can he hope ever to assume the offensive against, or must he from now on act purely on the defensive?

Foch and Haig, by the battle of Amiens, plainly have given him a hard

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WAR WORK IS AIDED BY LUMBER FORCES

Four Locals Loyal Legion Members 100 Per Cent Liberty Bonds and War Stamps.

Four locals of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen in district No. 1 have been giving a rating of 100 per cent for Liberty Bonds, Thrift Stamps, according to Sergeant A. L. Lane, who is assigned to duty in connection with the work of the organization in the district. The 100 per cent locals are No. 37, at Marcola; No. 84, at Lowell; and Nos. 57 and 59, at Springfield.

Mr. Lane stated that these districts are also rated at 100 per cent in subscriptions to the Loyal Legion Bulletin, a publication issued by the government.

ALBANY FIRM TO DRY LANE COUNTY PRUNES

The operation of the large commercial prune drying plant owned by P. L. Rust, at Cottage Grove, has been taken over by Lasselle Brothers, who will operate about 20 drying plants in the state during the coming season, according to an announcement made by Mr. Rust.

The Lasselle Brothers are large buyers of both green and dried prunes. Mr. Rust's plant which is one of the best in the valley will be put into shape for handling fruit at once.