

# BRITISH FIND HUN LINES FADE UNDER LIGHTEST SMASHES

### Enemy Believed Following Program of Deliberately Retiring Rather Than Waste Fast Dwindling Forces.

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With the British Army in France, Aug. 20.—(Night)—Whether it is because the men's fighting spirits are gone or because the higher commands are deliberately following a program, involving retirement wherever they are pushed, the British are finding that on various parts of their line the Germans give way with an unexpected readiness that is like shadow fighting at times.

All withdrawals so far have been explained by the Germans as a desire to shorten their line, inasmuch as this has been the actual effect. In some instances, though it has left the Germans in less satisfactory positions than those abandoned.

In an interesting feature of the advance today in the Merville region where the German officers seem imbued with the idea of getting their forces safely out of the path of the British, is that these boches are part of the army of General von Bernhardi who, as a writer, was proponent of the idea that only to fight is to advance.

Some light on the boches' spirit, or lack of it, was gained night before last, when a certain German regiment, having retired too far was ordered to attack Pulaux (north of Albert). The regiment refused, preparing a written protest and sending it to the commander. The latter telegraphed back, repeating his order. The regiment attacked halfheartedly and lost heavily. Some 25 men of this regiment are all that remain.

The advance in Flanders was along a front of more than eight miles extending north and south of the Lys. The British captured L'Empinette, Vierhouch and La Couronne, and progressed east of Merville.

In the Arras region there was local fighting on both sides of the Scarpe, the British pushing forward a short distance east of Fampoux.

## BRITISH STRIKE HEAVY BLOW ON FRONT OF TEN MILES NORTH OF ANCRE

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burst upon them through a camouflage of mist which lay thickly over the ground, while tanks, cavalry and infantry pushed their way over and around the trenches and new wire entanglements.

The British had made good progress before the sun suddenly broke through the mist at 9 o'clock, revealing the boches had been cleared out of most points on this side of the high embankment of the Arras-Albert railway. A single crash of artillery preceded the advance.

Conditions Are Ideal  
No reports have been received from Miraumont and Logeast woods, two high

points where trouble was anticipated from machine gun nests. (Miraumont wood is three miles further north and a mile and a half east of Bucquoy).

Conditions for the attack were ideal. No smoke barrage ever equalled the effectiveness of the fog. So far as the tanks were concerned the crews were able to see as far as necessary, while the tanks themselves were hidden from the Germans until too late to make any effective resistance.

### Advance Three Miles.

London, Aug. 21.—(1:15 p. m.)—The British in their new attack between Arras and Albert, are reported to have progressed three miles in the center, reaching Achiet-le-Grand (three miles northwest of Bapaume).

At other points in the line Byng's men have gone ahead two miles. Information is indefinite, but Beaumont-Sur-Ancre, Achiet-le-Petit, Moyenneville and Courcelles are reported to have been occupied.

The attack is reported to have been a complete surprise and to have been made without any artillery preparation.

### Haig Reports Successes.

London, Aug. 21.—The British attacked on a wide front north of the Ancre this morning. Field Marshal Haig reported today. Satisfactory progress is being made.

The attack was made at 4:45 this morning.

Further progress was made last night and this morning on widely separated sectors of the Flanders front.

"We attacked at 4:45 this morning on a wide front north of the Ancre," the statement said. "Satisfactory progress was made."

"Yesterday afternoon strong hostile attacks accompanied by heavy bombardments were made against our new positions south and north of the Scarpe. They were completely repulsed."

"We improved our positions slightly in the neighborhood of Fampoux, taking a few prisoners."

"We advanced our line last night between Festubert and the Lawe river and are in possession of Le Tourlet."

"Early this morning the English carried out a successful local operation in the Loere sector on a front of over a mile. All objectives were taken and a number of prisoners captured."

### Byng's Record Bright.

London, Aug. 21.—The British advance north of the Ancre this morning was made by the third army under General Byng, according to despatches received here.

General Byng's third army held the line between Arras and a point near St. Quentin at the opening of the German offensive, March 21. He withstood the enemy's assaults until Gough's fifth army gave way when he was compelled to retire.

Byng, in his attack at Cambrai last year, was the first general ever to employ tanks successfully. He is recognized as one of the greatest field commanders in the war.

## Nyssa, Oregon, Man Listed Among Canadian Wounded

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 21.—Among Americans mentioned in today's Canadian casualty list are:

J. Stanley, Elder, Mont.; K. G. Selden, Tacoma, Wash.; H. H. Walker, Holt, Wyo.; D. McDonald, Nyssa, Or.; A. Johnson, San Francisco; J. A. Keenikins, Berkeley, Cal.; E. W. Villemeuve, Sedro Woolley, Wash.; R. S. Smith, Spokane, Wash.

## MEN WANTED FOR ORDNANCE COURSE

### Those Above and Below Draft Age Eligible for Instruction at Fort Hancock.

Applications for admission to the course in ordnance stores accounting and general ordnance courses given at Camp Hancock, Georgia, are desired by the war department, according to a letter received at the university from Captain W. C. North, of the Ordnance Reserve Corps. Applicants, the letter sets forth, should have a high school education or its equivalent and a college training is desirable.

Men above and below the draft age are eligible to these courses, says the letter to the university registrar. A supply of application blanks has been sent to the university, where an ordnance stores accounting course was conducted during the greater part of the last college year, and prospective applicants are requested to write Registrar A. R. Tiffany for these blanks, which can be filled out and forwarded to the office of the chief of ordnance at Washington, D. C.

## SPAIN MAKES STAND CLEAR TO TEUTONS

### Germany Informed Ships Sunk by U-Boats Will Be Replaced From Interned Tonnage.

Madrid, Aug. 21.—The ministry of the interior issued a statement to the newspapers today announcing that Spain had sent a note to Germany, declaring if there are any further submarine sinkings of Spanish vessels, Spain will temporarily replace them from German tonnage interned in Spanish harbors.

That such a note had been sent was reported several days ago, but the Spanish authorities denied it.

The foreign ministry today denied the rumors that Germany has broken off diplomatic relations with Spain.

"The decision is but a natural, obligatory defense of our essential interests," the ministry stated. "We cannot further risk prejudicing our national dignity and life. We feel assured that Germany will recognize the decision agrees with loyal neutrality."

The statement also declared that the final status of German vessels commandeered in the future will be settled "when peace is negotiated."

## FRENCH IN NEW DRIVE MAKE GAINS

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Fontaine and Caines. He is also believed to have taken hill 156 and reached the table land north of Vassens, occupying Venusia (two miles and a half northwest of Soissons) Epagny (six miles northwest of Soissons) Valpriez farm and all lines southward to Pommieries (two miles west of Soissons).

The number of prisoners which was reported more than two thousand yesterday, is steadily increasing.

Ludendorff is reported to have wired urgent orders to Berlin for training the class of 1920. Preparation of these youths of 18 must be finished in 10 or 12 weeks. Such an order means one of two things:

### Huns Saving Manpower.

Either the Germans are still planning for a tremendous, desperate offensive this autumn, or the manpower crisis is even more serious than appears.

Military writers are inclined to the former belief. They expect the Germans to attempt a big drive this fall unless Foch, meanwhile, keeps them too busy.

The actions of the Germans in the last few weeks, since the failure of the Marne operation shows they desire to save their manpower even at the expense of losing territory. Although they are putting up a stiff fight at vital points, on the whole they are surrendering territory more freely than heretofore. Likewise they are reducing salients and shortening their fronts whenever it is possible. There are other indications that the enemy intends to nurse along as many as their reserves as possible and then will hurl in every ounce of his power in a gigantic gamble.

### Gains Reported Officially.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The French continued to progress on the whole front between the Oise and the Aisne last night, capturing Carlepont and Cuta, the war office announced today. The Germans have failed to counterattack on this front.

French troops also advanced west of Lassigny in sharp fighting.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne, there was no change in the situation last night, the enemy failing to react," the communique said. "The French continued to progress on the whole front, and captured Carlepont and Cuta."

"West of Lassigny, in the sharpest fighting, the French progressed."

"In the Champagne German raids were reported."

## IRRIGATION NEEDED IN VALLEY, IS VIEW OF STATE ENGINEER

### C. H. Lewis Speaker at Meeting in Connection With Proposed 30,000 - Acre Project Near Eugene.

State Engineer C. H. Lewis, speaking at a meeting of farmers, who are interested in Willamette valley irrigation and the proposed 30,000 acre project, at the Danebo school house Tuesday night, went on record without qualification as being in favor of irrigation. He said that the experiments of the Oregon Agricultural college had proven beyond question that the application of a limited amount of water during the dry season increased the yield of land from 100 to 300 percent and that any type of soil may be successfully irrigated by slightly varying the method according to the character of the soil.

"The question of the plentifulness of water supply for irrigation in this district is settled," said Mr. Lewis. "The only question remaining before you are, what you need, what you want and how to go about getting it—and to my mind you undoubtedly need it."

### More Rainfall at Baker.

"For two years before being appointed state engineer in 1905 I was with the United States reclamation service in the eastern part of the state. Now the rain fall in the Willamette valley during the summer—the growing season for crops—is actually less than the rainfall at Baker. The heavy rains here fall during the winter season when they are not needed. At Baker the people know they need irrigation, though there is more humus, the water-holding formation of soil, there than here. If people only understood the possibilities of irrigation in the valley, they would know that they needed it here."

"On looking over a topographical map one finds that irrigation in the Willamette valley has really been thoroughly and successfully tested. There are more irrigation projects in this valley than in any other part of the state, but owing to the magnitude of the valley and the smallness of the projects the majority of the people here do not know of them."

### Value of Water Known.

"Those at Hillsboro and Forest Grove are typical. At those places are big milk condensers, and the dairymen have recognized the value of having clover growing throughout the whole summer to be cut and fed green to cows. In these places the farmers have diverted little streams from the foothills over limited sections of the land at small expense."

Mr. Lewis briefly explained the irrigation laws which have been adopted by the various states. He touched on the fault of the first California laws which caused some failures among the first projects attempted under them, and said that in framing the Oregon irrigation district law the legislature had been guided by these failures, and that Oregon now has the best irrigated district law in existence.

Now, before any project is started, application must be made to the state engineer's office. No construction work can be started until the plans are approved by the state engineer. The bonds must be approved by the state engineering commission. The state engineer must pass on the feasibility of the project and must be convinced that there is enough land valuation to justify to support the bond issue. Finally, upon completion of the work, it must be accepted by the state engineer. This state supervision and policing prevents any ill-advised and inadequate plans being attempted and protects the farmers at all times.

### Roughly Outlined Project.

Mr. Lewis said that he had roughly outlined a project for irrigation in this district years ago. On looking over the topographical maps he found, what he would not otherwise have suspected, that a canal taken out of the Willamette near Eugene would follow the foothills around on a grade and cover all the territory in this vicinity.

"In fact, I sort of queered myself for a while after returning from eastern Oregon, by pushing this irrigation idea, which I saw was so badly needed, and had to quit it. I am very glad to see it being brought up now from another angle."

According to the opinion of the state engineer there is ample water carried by the Willamette. The only thing to guard against is infringement on the rights of the power plants at Oregon City. This may be accomplished by utilizing Waldo Lake or by storing the flood water at some point above.

Ralph Scheeloch of the Clark-Kendall company, irrigation bond buyers, answered the questions of the farmers at length, with figures based on the estimates of the company engineers who have been working in this district for several months. He placed the cost of the project which would furnish irrigation and drainage for 30,000 acres at \$50 an acre which, according to both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Scheeloch, is from \$10 to \$30 less than the cost of water in eastern Oregon and in Idaho.

The cost of such a project would be met by the farmers by bonds bearing 6 per cent interest, a figure set by law, maturing in from five to forty years. This would make the cost of the system \$5 per year plus the small maintenance expense. According to Mr. Lewis' belief, based on extensive observations among irrigated districts, this would be justified three times over, since it would make possible the growing of permanent hay crops, clover or alfalfa, and the building up of impoverished lands by scientific rotation of crops.

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These men should consult with local draft boards as to how and where they should register."