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BRITISH AVIATORS KEEP UP BRILLIANT VICTORY RECORDS

Seventy Enemy Machines Are Downed and Eleven Driven Out of Control During Week Just Passed.

New York, Aug. 31.—Summing up the British aviation communiques for the past week, the British bureau of information here today declared that there is "a consistent and remarkably high average of enemy machines destroyed week by week," and that there is "a singularly spasmodic and obviously nervous" method in Germany's efforts to combat the three-fold aerial offensive which is being carried on by the British.

The statement declares that this week seventy enemy machines were destroyed and eleven driven down out of control on the west front alone. During the same period, it is stated, only 27 British machines were reported missing.

"Thus, for every British airplane which failed to return," the statement says, "more than two German machines are reported to have been disabled."

"That these figures are by no means exceptional is shown by the fact that during the last four weeks, 324 enemy machines have been accounted for under similar circumstances while only 116 British have been reported missing. The same broad results are observed on the Italian, Balkan and Palestine fronts, where 18 enemy machines have been destroyed or driven out of control. During the last week, 12 British machines have been reported missing. Taking the whole of the European-Mediterranean battlefields together, the royal air force has accounted for in the neighborhood of 120 enemy aircraft against a net loss of 29 British machines. It is, however, upon the western front that this remarkable disparity is most significant for it is here that Germany is concentrating the major portion of her strength.

"It is here also that she is faced with the three-fold problem of not only defending her long battle front, but also of warding off the insistent, and formidable British attacks upon her right and left flanks—Belgian naval bases and the industrial centers of the Rhine."

The statement includes a table showing the number of air raids, which have been carried on against towns behind the German western front during the past four weeks. The results of photographs taken after these expeditions is also stated.

"Innumerable raids have been made on all vital enemy positions," it is stated, "including Seclin Lille, Menin, Cambrai, Valenciennes, Courtrai, Armentieres, Douai, Chaulnes, Peronne, etc."

"To take at hazard a specimen page of R. A. F. serial photographs we find the indisputable camera record of the following bomb bursts:

"Obendorf—three bursts, one on the railway sidings, one alongside the extensions of the Stauer works, one on the Mauser works.

"Offenburg—Three bursts, two beside the railway workshops, one on the station.

"Offenburg (following day)—Five bursts; one on the main station, two on the railway; one direct hit on railway bridge; one on railway south of station.

"Facts such as these," the statement comments, "go far to explain the intense resentment which Germany feels with regard to the now incessant attacks upon her centers of munitions production."

BRITISH CAPTURE MONT ST. QUENTIN AND ARE MILE FROM PERONNE

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more important positions. The enemy has been reinforced and is resisting strongly. The weather is bad for operations because of the heavy rains and winds.

London, Aug. 31.—British troops have made satisfactory progress north of the Scarpe in the past 24 hours, it was learned today. They firmly hold Plouvan and here occupied a thousand yards of the German front line north of Arleux-En-Gohelle.

Two Miles Gained. London, Aug. 31.—British troops advancing in Flanders have progressed nearly two miles on a front of about five miles, it was indicated by Field Marshal Haig's report today.

Balul station and Mont De Lille hill (two miles east of Balul) have been occupied and the British are approaching Dolieu (four miles and a half south of Balul).

"During the night Australian troops drove the enemy from positions held by him east of Clerly (two miles and a half northeast of Peronne, on the north bank of the Somme) capturing many prisoners and a number of machine guns," the statement said.

"Our advance in this locality is continuing."

"Yesterday afternoon English troops carried out a successful operation north of the Arras-Cambrai road, capturing an important strong point known as St. Servin farm (eight miles southeast of Arras) and the village of Eterpigny (a mile north of the farm).

"On the Lys front our troops held La Couture (four miles northeast of Bethune) and the line of the Lawe river from Vieille Chappelle to Lestrem (three miles north of La Couture) both of which villages are in our hands."

"We are approaching Doullieu (four miles north of Lestrem) and have gained Balul station and the hill to the east of it known as Mont De Lille. Our troops have entered Drancoutre (three miles northeast of Balul) and have



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in "Bound in Morocco"

gained ground north of Kemmel hill (five miles northeast of Balul)."

Whole Front Active.

London, Aug. 31.—Allied pressure continued today along a front of 175 miles from Flanders to Rheims. The German withdrawal continued slowly in the Lys salient, complete retirement to the whole Hindenburg line appeared imminent in Picardy, while French and American troops along the Aisne and Vesle rivers were prepared to follow up the expected enemy retreat on that line.

Peronne, the most important bastion remaining in the enemy's temporary Somme line, was almost surrounded. Its fall, anticipated hourly was expected to precipitate the withdrawal that will end only when the Germans are back to the lines they held at the beginning of their March offensive.

Added to the menace to Peronne was the allied pressure all along the Somme and north canals and northward from the Oise.

Cocuy-le-Chateau Threatened.

East of the Ailette river, French troops were threatening investment of Cocuy-le-Chateau, which is only two miles from the Germans' spring jumping off place at that point.

Between the Ailette and the Aisne, French and American troops were advancing up the main highway toward Chemin Des Dames, and increasing the danger to the enemy of a flanking operation against that important ground, which would probably necessitate relinquishment of the whole present line eastward to Rheims.

In Flanders the village of Balul, which changed hands several times during the German offensive and was finally won by the enemy at terrible cost, has been given up to the British without a struggle.

Around Lens British activities are increasing. This was accepted in some circles as a forecast of operations which would connect the Picardy and Flanders fronts.

By LOWELL MELLETT

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With the British Armies in France, Aug. 31.—The ground over which the British are now fighting shows little new devastation since it was last occupied by them. The havoc wrought by the huns in their previous retirement was so complete there is little left to destroy. It is even doubtful should the war last another four years that these barren fields could be made a more complete waste than they now are.

As a matter of fact, however, the rapidity of the British advance is testified to by the fact that there are few signs of the recent fighting. The chief landmarks are the same rusty wrecks of tanks and the same enormous mine craters of a year ago.

A huge black wooden cross, a monument to the men lost by the Australian divisions at Pozieres ridge, still stands, not far from a new German cemetery. The cross is not harmed, except for a few shrapnel splinters in spots. Pozieres itself, like Coucellette and other villages, featured daily in the American newspapers, is as barren of houses as a new western boom townsite.

POSITIONS OF ENEMY DIFFICULT

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able for the Germans and it is believed they have practically withdrawn from the village, leaving only strong machine gun nests to block the way.

The French in the Chavigny region, on the American right, progressed so rapidly that for a time the infantry fighting spread to the American line. American light artillery fired on the boche from the heights opposite Juvigny with direct, open sight fire. One officer, saying he could not see well, otherwise, stood on a rise in front of the infantry, directing the fire of his guns.

The heaviest work in today's fighting fell to a French division.

The boches were cleared from an important wood and the line was generally shoved forward in the right flank area.

All prisoners taken by the Americans indicate propaganda is still vigorously working in Germany to satisfy every one of the justice of Germany's cause.

Conspiracy is Charged.

A corporal who had been taken prisoner gave a long line of argument, mostly directed against England. He said the German government declared that the stories of conspiracies involving Bernstorff, Boyed and von Papen while in America are untrue. He said he did not believe the American charges and declared the entrance of America in the war was inevitable anyhow, owing to a secret treaty between America and England, a providing for intervention if Great Britain's supremacy on the sea were threatened. The corporal said the fact that such a treaty existed was revealed in a book written by Boyed, based on the latter's investigation in America.

On the Vesle front American artillery is heavily shelling Basoche and Fismette. There is no other activity there, aside from patrolling.



AT THE PLAYHOUSES TODAY

REX

Douglas Fairbanks in "Bound in Morocco"

OREGON

Constance Talmadge in "The Honeymoon"

EUGENE

"To Hell With the Kaiser"

Douglas Fairbanks is distinguished for the colorful locations he uses as back-grounds for his pictures. The picturesque country of Algiers, where the desert and its natives have often been the subject of masterpieces of great artists, is the home of his latest picture "Bound in Morocco," which will be shown at the Rex theater today.

Accompanied by one hundred and fifty cowboys, with specially designed Arabian costumes and thirty hand-picked beauties to supply color in the harem scenes, Mr. Fairbanks, Allan Dwan and the latter's photographic staff headed by Hugh McClung, spent two weeks in the vicinity of Oxnard, Cal., where the desert scenes of "Bound in Morocco" were rehearsed and produced.

Owing to the fact that the desert is located forty miles from the town of Oxnard, it was necessary to live in tents. Food was prepared by a former chef of the Ritz-Carlton hotel in New York and his six assistants. Breakfast was served at 6:30, lunch at 2:00 and dinner at 7:30 o'clock. Despite the primitive surroundings, the menus were quite elaborate, oftentimes evoking enthusiastic comment from the patrons of this outdoor hotel.

Because of the peculiar lighting conditions, the Fairbanks company worked from seven in the morning until noon and then rested until four o'clock, at which time work was again resumed until late evening. The cowboys spent their available time playing games, while the ladies knitted sweaters for the Yankees.

"The Honeymoon" starring Constance Talmadge, which will be shown at the Oregon theater today is a merry tale of marital mishaps that will bring a host of smiles to every one in the audience.

Susan Lane, pretty high-spirited, and lovable, has an ungovernable streak of jealousy which infuriates her within 15 minutes after the ceremony which makes her Mrs. Richard Greer; for she sees him talking in an aside to Marion Starr, one of the bridesmaids.

Susan's brother, Phil Lane, has fallen in love with Marion, but a previous entanglement in the shape of Maisie Middleton of the Jigfeld Frolics prevents the announcement of their engagement. Maisie, to whom Phil had become engaged after a hilarious wine supper, refuses to release him and the sweethearts are in despair.

Phil draws Dick aside, tells him the whole story, and also informs him that Maisie's troupe will be in Niagara Falls, whether the honeymooners are going, and that it's up to Dick to buy her off. Dick protests, but Phil declares that his and Marion's happiness is at stake, and the young bridegroom assents.

In Niagara, Susan and Dick pass the first day without a cloud in the sky. Dick, however, realizes that time is flitting and so, on a lame excuse, he tears himself away to interview the would-be vampire in her dressing room. A prying maid sees him there and reports the matter to Susan, who comes and sees for herself. Convinced of his perfidy, she dashes back to the hotel, demands a separate room from the clerk and locks herself in, refusing to listen to Dick's explanations. At the same time, she wires her Uncle Jimmy to get her a divorce. The family also receives Dick's report on the Middleton affair and his anguished plea for help.

To teach Susan a lesson, Uncle Jimmy telegraphs her to forward her depositions; and she, still at white heat, sends them on. Before they arrive, however, Uncle Jimmy, Susan's mother, and the engaged couple leave for Niagara to patch up the domestic break. When the depositions arrive, Uncle Jimmy's partner, rushes things through a divorce.

CHOKES ON GOLF BALL

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Cecil Warren, 26, playfully pushed a golf ball into his mouth. It lodged in his throat and he strangled to death.

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