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FRENCH HOLDING FAST AT SOISSONS

Are Holding Western Part of City; Germans Attempt Flanking Movement.

United Press
Paris, May 31.—By a severe attack in the Ailette river region between the Conoye Chateau and the Oise river, the Germans have definitely consolidated their Aisne and Picardy fronts, according to the announcement of the war office this morning. Apparently this attack was an attempt to flank the Allied forces below Noyon and swing behind them, forcing them to withdraw or be cut off. It was frustrated, however, by the stubborn resistance offered by the French in their slow withdrawal from Blerancourt and Epagny. The fighting here was furious. Epagny is six miles northwest of Soissons and Blerancourt is five miles northwest of Epagny and eight miles southeast of Noyon. In the center the Germans advanced slightly toward the Marne but on the left the French are still holding the western outskirts of Soissons. On the right the French counter attacked fiercely and captured Thillois which is two miles west of Rheims.

GUNFIRE, EXPLOSIONS HEARD IN BELGIUM

United Press
Ramsgate, England, May 31.—Excessively heavy gunfire was heard here for five hours last night, sounding in direction of Belgium. Several terrific explosions were also heard and each was accompanied by a great flare. (Ramsgate is directly across the English channel from Belgium and about thirty miles from Calais. No further reports on developments there have been secured.)

Mrs. W. A. Graves underwent a serious operation yesterday at the local hospital. The operation appears to have been entirely successful and Mrs. Graves is doing nicely.

HUNS FORGET COMPACT AND BOMB HOSPITALS

United Press
With the Americans in Picardy, May 31.—Although the boches had obtained immunity for German towns during Corpus Christie through the intervention of the Vatican, they evidently figured that the agreement was a one sided affair for German aviators attacked three hospitals behind the American lines on Corpus Christie eve, dropping many bombs. Their machines swooped low enough so they used their machine guns also.

BRITISH PEOPLE SHOW OPTOMISM

United Press
London, May 31.—Thanks to the stubbornness of the resistance offered by the Allied forces in heroically defending every inch of ground and maintaining the closest co operation between the Franco and British troops, the German thrust toward Paris has undoubtedly been checked even if not definitely stopped. The Allied troops in retiring did so very slowly and in the most excellent order. The reserves are supporting in good shape. The developments of the past 24 hours brilliantly demonstrate the value of a supreme allied commander. The British press and public is more optimistic today than any time since Monday. Not one criticism of the French retirement has been heard anywhere. The overwhelming number used by the Germans is appreciated as is also the superiority, gallantry and coolheadedness of the allied defenders.

POPE EXPRESSES DEEP SYMPATHY FOR RHEIMS

United Press
Rome, May 31.—Cardinal Lucon wired the Pope that he was preparing to leave the besieged city of Rheims. The Pope replying immediately, told the Cardinal that he shared the sufferings of the people of Rheims and expressed the greatest sympathy for them.

HUN SHELL HITS PARIS CHURCH; 18 CASUALTIES

United Press
Paris, May 31.—Eighteen casualties resulted yesterday when a German long range shell struck a church during the Corpus Christie ceremonies. This bombardment was carried out in spite of the fact that it had been agreed not to attack any city outside of the war zone during Corpus Christie.

AMERICANS WASTE NO AMMUNITION ON HUNS

United Press
By Frank J. Taylor
U. P. Staff Correspondent with the American Army in Lorraine, May 31.—American officers who have examined the bodies of dead German soldiers report that practically each one had been shot through the head or heart, clearly demonstrating the quality of American marksmanship.

MORE MEN LEAVE THIS MORNING FOR SERVICE

Fourteen more Gilliam county men mobilized this morning for service in the United States army. They are Howard Rice, W. E. Dunlap, Claud Rickard, Earl Rickard, J. V. Edwards, Roy Holland, G. W. Caldwell, Isaac Cooper, H. R. Stephens, A. L. Chapman, Gordon Hall, A. N. Taylor, R. F. Cunningham and B. H. Payne. The first eight left Condon this morning on the train, the next four named will join the party at Portland. Cunningham went from Spokane and Payne mobilized in Tennessee. The local party was in charge of Howard Rice.

Fifteen men from Wheeler county also left this morning with the local party and all will go direct to Fort McDowell, California, to enter service in the Coast Artillery.

Miss Mary Ogilvy of Clem is in Condon to attend the races.

Sheriff Kelsay of Wheeler county is in Condon today.

GERMANS DESIRE CATHEDRAL CITY

Direct Attacks Failed and Foe Will Probably Start to Encircle City.

United Press
By Henry Wood
U. P. Staff Correspondent with the French Armies, May 31.—It is evident that the Germans are determined to capture Rheims, but their every attempt in this direction has been held up. Elsewhere the enemy plans to carry out a wide encircling movement and particularly to the southeast, hoping to thus surround the city and force its evacuation by the Allied forces. In this movement the Germans are expected to increase their pressure between Brouillet and Janvy with the intention of breaking through along the Andre river.

HUNS BOMB RED CROSS HOSPITAL

United Press
British Front, May 31.—German airmen, on Corpus Christie day, again bombed British hospitals far behind the lines, killing women, nurses, doctors and patients and firing buildings. The enemy dropped flares which revealed the buildings and then dropped many huge bombs. One bomb scored a direct hit on a large hospital which prominently displayed a large Red Cross sign. The building was wrecked and many are still pinned underneath the wreckage.

The British front is quiet with the exception of the never-ceasing artillery action.

A Red Cross auction will be held this evening at 7 o'clock on the street in front of Bock's meat market and Farr's grocery. Among other articles to be auctioned are some beautiful quilts and some fine plants which have been donated to the Red Cross. Tomorrow at the race track the sheep will be sold at auction and also some chickens, a gander and several other donations.