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HUNS CROSS AISNE ON A 20 MILE FRONT

HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROGRESS BETWEEN AISNE-VESLE RIVERS IN GERMAN DRIVE ON PARIS

Attacks in Flanders Repulsed With Great Loss By Allies, but German Armies Under Crown Prince Capture Chemin-Des-Dames, Ridge and Effect Crossing of the Aisne Between Vailly and Berry-Au-Bac, On 20-Mile Front and Battle Now Is Raging as French Stubbornly Resist Every Foot of Advance—Reserves at Hand Check Advance.

PARIS, May 28.—The Germans last night crossed the Aisne between Berry-Au-Bac and Vailly, it is announced officially. The battle continues fiercely between the Vesle and Aisne rivers.

LONDON, May 28.—The Germans yesterday forced a passage of the Aisne river west of the British sector compelling the left of the British line to fall back, the war office announces.

The enemy maintained pressure all day yesterday against the British on the Aisne front. Severe fighting continues today.

The Germans are developing attacks of great strength along the entire Aisne front.

In Flanders on the Lys front, local fighting was resumed this morning.

The announcement follows: British Official Report.

"Continuous pressure was maintained by the enemy all day yesterday against the British troops engaged on the Aisne front, and severe fighting is still taking place on the whole front of the British sector.

"Forward the end of the day the weight of the enemy's attacks carried his troops across the river Aisne to the west of the British sector and compelled our line to fall back. The enemy is developing his attacks in great strength along the whole of the Aisne battle front.

"On the Lys front local fighting was recommenced this morning in the area east of Diekebusch Lake.

"On the remainder of the British front a number of prisoners have been taken by our troops in successful raids carried out at different points during the night and the artillery has been active on both sides."

Chemin Des Dames Lost.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, May 28.—The Germans, striking south from the Chemin Des Dames after carrying that important ridge in the opening of their new offensive yesterday, have pushed on rapidly and effected a crossing of the Aisne river between Vailly and Berry-Au-Bac.

This represents a front of nearly 20 miles along which the armies of the crown prince engaged in this great drive have crossed the Aisne.

HUNS PATROLING UKRAINE STREETS WITH BAYONETS

LONDON, May 28.—Copies of the Berlin Tageblatt, containing dispatches from its correspondent, Leo Lederer, from Kiev, have been received here. Herr Lederer writes:

"Unfortunately, the new Ukrainian government is constantly obliged to appeal to German troops for assistance in maintaining order, and it is very painful to see German troops again and again compelled to disperse meetings and patrol the streets with fixed bayonets and make arrests.

"There can be no doubt that in the long run this situation must influence the feelings of the population in a sense very unfavorable to Germany, and have harmful effects on Germany's future relations with southern Russia."

The writer says that it is a serious mistake to believe that southern Russia can be permanently separated from the rest of Russia, either politically or economically.

HUNS SUFFER COSTLY DEFEAT IN YPRES DRIVE

British and French Launch Counter-Attacks This Morning to Make Enemy Smash Near Loere a Costly Failure—Four German Divisions Used On 6,000 Yard Front.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—British and French troops on the northern side of the Flanders salient launched a counter-attack this morning east of Diekebusch lake for the purpose of retaking a few bits of ground which the Germans captured in this section during their drive yesterday, between Loere and Voormezele. The operation appeared to be going well at the outset. Its success was all that was needed to make the enemy assault a complete and costly failure.

In yesterday's attack in Flanders, between Loere and Voormezele, the Germans are believed to have employed four divisions on one part of this front measuring 6,000 yards. The enemy troops were pushed so severely that the French on the right flank did not even get to close quarters with them.

Entire Sector Intact.

When the correspondent visited the French last night virtually the entire sector involved was intact. It was stated that the gains which the enemy made in the Diekebusch region were small.

There was very hard fighting on the French left flank through the day and the artillery duel was intense but the German attack was not made in great strength. Its object appears to have been merely to regain the high ground which the French captured on May 20. Apparently elements of four divisions were employed by the enemy and it may be estimated that 8,000 to 10,000 German infantrymen were sent forward on a front of about 6,000 yards.

The attack was preceded by the heaviest bombardment since Von Hindenburg launched the offensive of March 21. At the beginning of this terrific cannonade it looked as if the Germans were about to renew their great effort. From 1 o'clock yesterday morning until dark a great concentration of hostile artillery maintained a bombardment of drum-firing intensity which was opposed furiously. More gas shells than usual were employed by the Germans, especially in the back areas, in an effort to catch concentrations of allied troops.

Barrage Effective.

When the Germans advanced they met such an effective barrage on the French right flank that the attackers never got to close quarters. They sustained severe punishment from concentrated shell fire and French machine guns.

In the center and on the left flank however, the enemy was more successful in the first rush. Pomper, south of La Clytte, was captured and the enemy pushed back the defending line somewhat south and east of Diekebusch lake.

Fighting was still continuing at nightfall, when the Germans again increased their artillery fire, which had subsided somewhat during the day.

INTERNEED HUNS TO WORK ARMY GARDENS

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Provost Marshal General Crowder's work or first order has been applied to interned enemy aliens by the government and many Germans formerly in business in the large cities of the country soon will be plying hoes, rakes and other farm implements in gardens at troop camps, raising vegetables for the soldiers. A four 500-acre farm will be cultivated at Camp Dix, N. J. Each 100 aliens will look after 25 soldiers.

SIX MILLION FOR RED CROSS ON COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—California's total subscriptions to the second war fund of the American Red Cross had reached a total of \$5,502,844 early today, against a quota of \$2,455,000.

PRESIDENT AND MRS WILSON AT U. S. AVIATION FIELD



This photograph of President and Mrs. Wilson was snapped recently in Washington when they witnessed the start of the first airplane or the regular air mail route between the capital and New York. The president's left hand is still bandaged, it will be noticed. He recently burned it by taking hold of an exhaust pipe while inspecting a battle tank.

38 NAMES UPON CASUALTY LIST FROM PERSHING

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The army casualty list today contained 38 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 7; died of wounds, 1; died of drowning, 1; died of disease, 5; wounded severely, 18; missing in action, 6.

Officers named included: Major Roald Lufbery, Dieppe, France killed in action; Lieutenant Walter B. Schafer, Ottumwa, missing in action. Killed in action: Major Raul Lufbery, Dieppe, France; Sergeant Carl Leforge, Flemington, Ky.; Corporal Christian S. Anderson, Spencer, Ia.; Privates Arthur S. Cook, Chicago, James P. McKinney, Batesville, Ark., David D. Nohrenberg, Drake, N. D., Ezra Woods, New Milford, Conn.

Died of wounds: Private Joseph Ash, Lawrence, Mass. Missing in action: Lieutenant Walter B. Schafer, Ottumwa, Iowa, Private Frank J. Alano, Bristol, Conn., Raymond C. Kirby, New Haven, Conn., Anton Lufhart, Des. News, Charles M. McGovern, Charlestown, Mass., Clarence A. Mitchell, St. Louis, Mo.

\$144,000,000 FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

WASHINGTON, May 28.—With many eleventh-hour subscriptions yet to be tabulated, the great outpouring of American dollars to the second war fund of the American Red Cross today totaled \$144,000,000, an over-subscription of \$44,000,000 in the week's campaign which ended last midnight. Officials today hazarded predictions that the total might approach the \$150,000,000 mark.

HUNS TRIED TO WRECK HOSPITALS OF AMERICANS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Monday, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—What was apparently a deliberate attempt to wreck American hospitals in the rear of the American lines in Picardy occurred Sunday afternoon when the Germans hurled high explosive and gas shells within a few hundred yards of two hospitals. Fortunately no damage was done.

By a coincidence, the bombardment was going on while American funerals were being held. Several shells fell a short distance from one funeral party but the ceremony was not disturbed.

German attempts to carry the warfare to American sick and wounded began about ten days ago when, with the advent of a new moon, enemy airplanes circled over the little villages where it has long been known hospitals were located and dropped bombs. Several civilians were injured in a recent air raid not far from the American hospitals. They were asleep when the attack began, feeling secure in their proximity to the hospitals.

Much indignation has been caused among the soldiers and civilians.

DEADLOCK TIES-UP OIL LEASING BILL

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Difficultly on the part of the house and senate conferees to reconcile differences growing out of changes made by both houses in the Walsh-Pittman coal, oil and mineral leasing bill owing to determined opposition in the senate to the administration oil amendment and sent the measure to conference.

ALLIED TROOPS FALL BACK IN PERFECT ORDER

Allied Lines Thinly Held By a Division of French and British Who Faced 25 German Divisions—Attack Preceded By Most Intense Bombardment.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—As was foreseen, the entire allied troops were compelled to cede ground in the Champagne before the massed German attack but they retired in perfect order. The Germans, executing a repetition of their tactics of March 21, threw overwhelming forces which they had brought forward during the night on to the lightly held position extending from the westward end of the Chemin-Des-Dames to Courcy, near Brumont.

25 Selected German Divisions.

At least 25 selected German divisions participated in the onslaught. Among them were two grand guard divisions. The attack was preceded by the most intense bombardment of poison gas shells lasting several hours. The entire allied line was thinly held by a division of British and French troops.

In the meantime other German divisions attacked from the Ailette valley and the small bodies of allied troops holding the knife-like ridge decided to fall back in order to avoid useless losses in trying to keep an untenable position in the face of greatly superior numbers.

Everything had been prepared for such a movement on the ground of necessity and the troops retired fighting foot by foot until joined by their reserves further back.

Yankee Aircraft Help.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 28.—A number of American airplanes late this afternoon assisted the French infantry in fighting near Pont-Au-Mousson. Swooping down over the German lines, the Americans poured an avalanche of bullets into the enemy's trenches.

YANKEE AVIATOR BRINGS DOWN HUN ON TOUL FRONT

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Monday, May 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—In a battle a mile above the ground, an American pursuit plane today shot down an enemy bi-plane about Essey, within the German lines on the Toul front.

The American aviator, with two comrades, engaged two German monoplane and two bi-planes. He maneuvered about the enemy for several minutes, firing with his machine gun until one of the wings of the German plane dropped off. The machine crumpled and fell to the earth.

German raiding troops attacked the Americans in the Lameville sector this morning. In sharp fighting the raiders lost five men killed. The Americans suffered some casualties.

The German infantrymen were sent forward after the American positions had been deluged with gas launched by the use of projectors.

A number of German prisoners were brought into American trenches.

REGIMENTAL BANDS TO BE INCREASED TO 50 PIECES

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The army general staff has ordered on General Pershing's recommendation that all regimental bands be increased from 25 to 50 pieces, a war department announcement today says. A bugle and drum corps for each infantry regiment will be created.

YANKEES REPEL GERMAN RAID PICARDY LINE

American Advance Positions Entered After Gas Bombardment, but Enemy Expelled by Americans Who In Return Occupy German Trenches—Raid in Woevre Attempted.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Another section of General Pershing's communique of yesterday, made public today by the war department, said that an enemy bombardment and a gas attack on American advance positions in Picardy before daylight yesterday was repulsed by counter attacks. Two places in the American lines were penetrated. An attempted raid accompanied by artillery fire in the Woevre also was repulsed. There were gas attacks in Lorraine yesterday.

The text of the communique follows: Expel the Enemy.

"Section B: In Picardy before daylight this morning the enemy after a violent bombardment with high explosives and gas attacked our advance positions in three detachments. In two places he penetrated small portions of our front lines. Shortly afterward our troops counter attacked, expelled the Germans at all points and occupied part of the German trenches. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy and some prisoners were taken. Our casualties are light. In one case an American was taken prisoner but was rescued by counter attacks, and all of his captors were killed. Our troops displayed a fine offensive spirit at all times and have achieved a notable success.

Raid in Woevre.

"During the early hours of the morning in the Woevre a hostile force supported by violent artillery fire attempted a raid upon our lines. This force which was composed of three officers and about 100 men, were equipped with light machine guns, blew up our wire and attempted to capture portions of our trenches. They were completely repulsed by our infantry and our artillery, leaving one officer and four men dead in our trenches and one wounded prisoner in our hands. Fifteen or twenty dead were observed near our wire and ten stretchers were seen being carried from this point. Here also our losses appear to have been relatively slight.

"Yesterday in Lorraine the enemy was unusually active in bombarding our trenches with gas and patrolling. On one occasion a patrolling party approached our lines with cries of 'kamerad.' Our troops replied with rifle fire. One of the hostile detachment was killed and his body secured."

COPPER MAGNATE AMONG INDICTED IN DEPORTATIONS

TUCSON, Ariz., May 28.—That Walter Douglas, of New York, president of the Phelps-Dodge corporation was among those indicted in the United States district court at Tucson for alleged participation in the deportations at Bisbee on July 12, last, developed here today, when Douglas, through his attorney, entered a voluntary appearance together with other Bisbee and Douglas citizens indicted jointly on a charge of conspiracy to deprive citizens of the rights guaranteed them by the constitution and laws of the United States.

Today was the date set for the arraignment, but none of the defendants appeared in person. Through their counsel, they filed a demurrer to the indictments on the ground that the facts as alleged do not constitute a violation of the federal laws. Hearing on the demurrer probably will not be heard before fall.