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ALLIED ADVANCE IN PICARDY RENEWED

STRATEGICAL KEY OF HUN LINE TAKEN

French Win Entire Massif of Lassigny Getting Control of Southern Valleys—Evacuation of Roye to Follow and Probably Chaunles Also—Artillery Dominates Entire Region—Peronne and Other Interior Cities in Flames, Burned by Germans.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(4:37 p. m., by the Associated Press.) The French have gained control of the entire Massif of Lassigny on the southern end of the Picardy battle front, according to advices this afternoon.

This gives command of the town of Lassigny and the valley of the Drette, as well as the entire district to the north.

The capture of the Massif by the French must inevitably have the most serious effect on the German positions over a wide area and this effect should begin to show within 48 hours. The Massif was the hinge of the old German positions in the whole angle in the Noyon region and now that this hinge has burst the entire angle must yield to the relentless allied pressure.

Strategical Point Taken
The French gains on the Lassigny Massif already have forced the Germans to evacuate a long line of trenches in the valley of the Oise and are calculated to force further evacuations almost immediately. Noyon will come under the fire of the French guns as soon as the artillery can be moved up. Then the road transports on the whole network of highways around Lens will become a difficult problem for the Germans.

In the opinion of experts here, the evacuation of Roye may be expected within a day or two, for the town is now under a cross fire. The abandonment of Roye by the Germans would also make Chaunles difficult to hold.

Consolidating Gains
In the region of Les Loges, south of Roye, the French this afternoon are consolidating their line. They hold the town but have not yet regained the woods beyond. It appears that the woods must yield, however, for the French hold all the high ground here overlooking the Germans in Roye from the south and commanding the great cross-roads of roads leading out of that town.

If the German line does not fall back after the manner it did on the Meuse, with the expected fall of Roye and Chaunles, it could hold out only under conditions of the greatest difficulty and at tremendous cost.

Begin New Attack
LONDON, Aug. 13.—The French launched an attack this morning on the southern part of the Picardy battlefront and according to reports shortly after noon were making progress in the valley of the Oise. The Germans are evacuating their trenches in the bend of the river west of Bailly and the French are occupying them.

To the northwest the French are almost entirely on the crest of the Lassigny Massif, where heavy fighting is in progress.

Roye Under Fire
Only in one corner of the Massif.

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AMERICANS BOMBED BY HUN AIRPLANES

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sunday, Aug. 11.—German airplanes dropped bombs on the American positions on the Woerwe last night without inflicting damage. The enemy has sent over balloons carrying propaganda for American and French troops.

U-BOAT CREW HEAPED INSULTS UPON VICTIMS

Norwegian Ship Sunk Off Fire Island—Crew of Fishing Smack Nettie Report Indignities Heaped Upon Them by German Submarine Sailors Who Robbed Them.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 13.—In a fight with a submarine yesterday off the North Atlantic coast a British armed merchantman arriving here today claims to have sunk the U-boat. Details of the battle were not made public.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—German submarines again took toll of American shipping, in waters adjacent to this port when the 3,875 ton Norwegian steamship Sommerstad was sunk off Fire Island yesterday. The Sommerstad, whose crew of 31 was brought here today, was under charter by the United States shipping board. The vessel was on the way here from Norway in ballast.

Captain Hansen, master of the ship, said she was sunk at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The crew was picked up later by a passing ship.

Fishing Boat Sunk
NANTUCKET, Mass., Aug. 13.—The schooner Nettie has been added to the list of fishing vessels sunk by a German submarine off Georges Bank Saturday. The six members of the crew, picked up 100 miles east of Nantucket and brought here with four survivors of the schooner Lena May, reported that their vessel had been sunk by gunfire after having been looted by a raiding squad from the U-boat.

Efforts to find other fishermen adrift in dories were held up by fog. Upon the arrival of the men from the Nettie, the number of fishing vessels known to have been sunk was increased to 10.

Crew Suffer Indignities
Captain Frank Lynch and two members of the crew of the Lena May had not been accounted for.

The Earl and the Nettie's men reported that they were subjected to many indignities by the U-boat's crew. The personal effects of the fishermen were taken, along with provisions and clothing. When they were ordered into the dory they were told to be quick about it. In several instances requests that they be permitted to retain trinkets were refused by the enemy who swore at them and showed a more hostile attitude than that noted by the crews of other boats sent down.

U. S. Flag Is Stolen
An American flag, torn from the masthead of the little schooner Lena May, sunk by a German submarine off the New England coast Saturday, was taken aboard the enemy craft by a German officer who wrapped it around his neck and gave a grotesque exhibition of dancing, while his men, each armed with a revolver, looked on and cheered.

This was the story told here today.

CANS TIED TO GERMAN GENERALS

PARIS, Aug. 13.—(Havas.)—General Von Mudra and General Liebrecht, who commanded German armies in the offensive which began on July 15, have been placed on the retired list, according to Berne newspapers which have been received here.

General Von Mudra was in command of the German armies attacking along the Champagne front between Prunay and Tahure. His attack was met by General Gouraud and was everywhere repulsed. General Liebrecht was not mentioned in the dispatches telling of the fighting during July.



FRENCH MOSQUITO OF "WHIPPET" TANKS GOING INTO ACTION

These small tanks, one-quarter the size and weight of the ordinary battle tank, operate on ground over which their big brothers cannot move. They are driven by an ordinary gasoline motor and carry two men, one driving while the other mans the guns. Their small size and high speed make them a difficult target for German guns.

HEAP OF GERMAN DEAD ON FIELDS OF MONTDIDIER

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 13.—(Havas Agency.)—A fearful spectacle of rain is spreading out along the great sweep of rolling pasture lands southeast of Montdidier. Heaps of the German dead lie on every side and the fields that were green now are torn and strewn with masses of debris.

The enthusiasm of the French troops has carried them up to the railway line running between Compiègne and Roye. Their most advanced position is south of the Loges forest, where the enemy is vainly counter-attacking.

The spirit of the French troops is superb. In the front line they have undergone great hardships in their advance of 10 kilometers through fields swept by machine gun fire. The enemy's tactics are intended to delay the French until the main German forces can withdraw but great stocks of ammunition and war material of all kinds are being left.

A stirring incident occurred during the fighting. A colonel commanding a French division seeing a battalion hesitate to throw itself into a dangerous position under heavy machine gun fire, directed his attention to this position and, standing up, shouted to his men:

"See, the boches are gone." His men sprang forward and advanced seven kilometers.

MALVY BANISHED FOR FIVE YEARS

PARIS, Aug. 12.—(Havas Agency.) Commenting upon the verdict in the case of Louis J. Malvy, former minister of the interior, who was last week found guilty of malfeasance in office, the newspapers of Paris appeal to "all sincere Frenchmen" to agree with the judgment of the high court.

M. Malvy was sentenced by the French senate, sitting as the high court, to banishment for five years, after having been convicted of holding communication with the enemy. Before taking this action the court went thru the formality of dismissing the charge of treason or complicity in treason.

CREW UNDER GERMAN MASTER GO ON STRIKE

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The officers, engineers, sailors and firemen of a steamer at Newport refused to sail because the master was of German origin, insisting on the appointment of an Englishman. The boat remained in dock.

GERMAN TANKS FIZZLE OUT AT BATTLE FRONT

LONDON, England, Aug. 13.—The German tanks have fizzled out. Heavy, lumbering affairs, copied after the first British tanks, they were literally shot to pieces by allied guns in all of this year's offensives in which they were used by the Germans.

Particularly in the German attacks around Rheims in July were they broken up. What was left of them was scattered everywhere over the ground on which they came out.

And with this failure of the German tank—just brought out a few months ago—comes the news that the new French "mosquito" tanks, after thorough tests in a number of actions, have proved good offensive weapons.

It is to be expected that the Germans will try to copy these also, inasmuch as the capture of a couple of them in initial experimental raids was reported some time ago.

Since Marshal Foch used them so effectively in his first big counter-offensive allied officials expect that the Germans will discard their useless "first copy" and try again.

AUSTRIANS COME TO AID GERMANS ON WEST LINE

PARIS, Aug. 13.—(Havas.)—Germany has been compelled to call upon Austria-Hungary for help on the western front and Austro-Hungarian troops are arriving there, the Echo d'Paris says today. These troops, it adds, are being sent to quiet sectors of the front.

An Austrian division which the Austrian command sent hurriedly westward to help out his hard pressed German ally has not yet appeared in the line. It is at present encamped in Belgium and is reported as showing no anxiety to get into the raging battle.

GENEVA, Aug. 13.—The Austrians are reported to be shipping an immense amount of material and thousands of troops in the direction of Italy and are expected shortly to attempt another offensive on the Italian front.

SALE OF LIQUOR ON TRAINS IS FORBIDDEN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Sale of liquor in railroad stations or on railroad trains was forbidden by Director General McAdoo today in an order effective immediately and applying to all lines under government control.

GERMAN ATTACK UPON AMERICANS ON VESLE FAILS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans directed counter actions against the Franco-American line between Soissons and Rheims today but without success. Nor did the enemy reveal any intention of an immediate attempt to recover territory lost north of the Marne.

At no point was a hard blow delivered. The guns on either side however, were seldom silent and at many places the Germans repeatedly searched the American position with machine gunfire.

It is quite possible that the German vron prince may decide upon a counter attack on a big scale in that sector, but such action would necessitate the use of divisions which presumably are badly needed at other points.

On the other hand the Germans are now in such positions along the line south of the Aisne that they can afford to take more time for a retreat over that river.

The French and Americans have not ceased to exert pressure.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Heavy local fighting is reported in progress at Fismette, on the bank of the Vesle, where the Franco-American forces are holding the line. The allies here were attacked by the enemy and forced to retire to the south bank of the river.

NEW SHIP LAUNCHED AT SEATTLE YARDS

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—The 8,800 ton steel-steamship Westport, a commandeered Norwegian contract, was slipped into the water during the night here by the Ames Shipbuilding and Drydock company. This was the eighth large vessel floated since ground for the plant was broken only 15 months ago. Miss Margaret Sheldon Ames, daughter of President Edgar Ames, of the company, christened the ship.

NATIONAL FOREST RESERVES SHOW YEARLY INCOME

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Receipts from national forests during the year ended June 30, were \$3,574,000, the forest service announced today. This was an increase of \$120,000 over the year before. It cost about \$4,000,000 to maintain the forests.

TWO YEARS OF SCHOOLING FOR DRAFTED YOUTHS

Man Power Bill Amended to Provide Education at Government Expense for Youths Between 18 and 20 in War Service—Other Amendments Adopted to Measure by Committee.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The senate military committee today voted to report favorably at once the administration manpower bill extending draft ages to from 18 to 45 years, but with an amendment by Senator Reed of Missouri to have the government provide two years education free for all boys under 21 years old, to be given after the war.

Senator Chamberlain announced that the bill would be reported Thursday and that if a quorum is present the unanimous consent agreement will be set aside and consideration of the measure taken up next Monday.

All Volunteers Affected
The Reed amendment affects both army and navy volunteers and those who have been drafted.

"Application for such educational privilege," the amendment provides, "shall be made within six months after discharge and the applicant shall begin his studies promptly after his application shall have been approved. Rules and regulations for carrying out this provision shall be promulgated by the president."

Another amendment offered by Senator Reed and accepted by the committee provides that orders granting deferred classification or exemption from military service for industrial reasons shall be revoked when the man to whom this classification has been given ceases to work at such occupation while physically able to do so.

Eligible as Officers
Still another amendment offered by the Missouri senator would permit soldiers and sailors regardless of age, who have either volunteered or been drafted to receive commissions. They also would be made eligible for admission to officers' schools.

The measure was also amended so as to provide that the wife of a soldier or sailor shall not be disqualified for any position under the government because she is a married woman.

Passage of the bill was predicted by Senator Chamberlain in a statement after the committee had decided to report the bill favorably.

BITTERNESS IN UKRAINE AGAINST GERMANY GROWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Bitterness among the peasants of the Ukraine against the Germans is steadily increasing, according to advices reaching the state department today from an eye witness in the Russian province.

German soldiers travel about the country only in large squads, according to this information, otherwise they are attacked by peasants who endeavor to capture them for torture or burial alive.

The Ukrainian government is reported training troops for a Ukraine army and has approximately 500,000 men.

Banks are being reopened and a charge of 12 per cent commission is being made on the withdrawal of old accounts and large amounts of hoarded money are being put into circulation.

The same informant reports that when in Petrograd recently he saw 100 aged men being taken to Kronstadt.

STRIKE FROM CHAUNLES TO OISE RIVER

Full Control of Roads to Noyon Won by French—Gun Captures Officially Placed at 650—Two Offensives of Marne and Somme Total 70,000 Prisoners—Enemy Being Outflanked and Further Retirement Inevitable All Along Picardy Front.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—(Havas.)—Since the beginning of the allied counter-offensive on July 18 the allies have taken more than 70,000 prisoners and more than 1,000 guns, the Echo d'Paris states today. In addition, it estimates more than 10,000 machine guns have been captured from the enemy.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—The allied forces in Picardy made a heavy attack today along the entire front from Chaunles southward in a determined effort to break the resistance of the enemy.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—The allied artillery now has full control of the converging roads in and out of Noyon. The difficulty of the enemy in carrying out a retrograde movement is thus increased.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The number of guns captured by the allies in the Picardy battle has now reached 650; of these, 400 were taken by the British in their drive along the northern sector of the front.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 13.—Allied forces this morning began a general attack against the German line from Chaunles south to the Oise, a front of about 25 miles. Dispatches filed shortly after noon reported important gains at various points, especially on the vital sector south of Lassigny, near the Oise.

The Lassigny district is almost within grasp of the allies and unofficial dispatches say this natural fortress soon will be captured.

Further south the French have advanced to the village of L'Echonvillon, virtually on the crest of the hills overlooking Longraches of the Oise. West of L'Echonvillon they have made new progress north of St. Claude farm.

As an immediate result, the Germans are abandoning their trenches in the bed of the Oise just west of Bailly.

In the region of Roye and along the railroad running northward to Chaunles, there are no reports of progress.

May Outflank Enemy
If the allies take the heights south of Lassigny they will force the enemy to retire from the Roye district as they will dominate the whole region with their artillery.

The advance reported during the last few hours, if continued, probably would have an effect on the German positions in the Ourcamp and Carpoint forests, east of the Oise. If the Germans are outflanked by the allied movements a retirement from that district would be probable and this would necessitate a relocation of the line running from the Oise and the Aisne at Soissons. Thus the attack appears to have a direct relation to

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URUGUAY INDUSTRY PARALYZED BY STRIKE

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Aug. 12.—Industry here is paralyzed today as the result of a general strike growing out of the railway strike. No newspapers are being printed. The street railway service is at a standstill. Soldiers and police patrol the city.