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FRENCH HURL BOUCHE BACK FOUR MILES

ADVANCE IN VITAL SECTOR PROCEEDING

French Offensive on 15-Mile Front Endangers Both Noyon and Aisne Sectors and Likely to Force German Retirement to Chemin Des Dames—Good Progress Made Everywhere—French Within 5 Miles of Noyon on Two Sides.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The French tenth army commanded by General Mangin today captured 2,800 Germans between 2 o'clock this morning and 3 p. m., according to the latest reports reaching London from the battlefield.

General Mangin's forces advanced today three miles at the greatest depth of the front. The French troops captured the town of Cuts two and a half miles northwest of Berancourt.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—According to the latest advices reaching London from the front this morning's attack by the French extended over 15 miles. Good progress has been made everywhere, according to reports and the advance on this front since Saturday is now over four miles at its maximum depth.

The present line runs from Plessy Le Val to Le Four-A-Verre to Belfontaine and to Blancourt, two and a half miles north of Morsain. From there it runs south to Oly-Courtil and reaches the Aisne at Courtill. The attack today extended to a point within three miles from Soissons.

Further to the north the French also are continuing their gradual advance down the wooded slopes of Lassigny Massif. They have reached a place five miles from Noyon. This is a very difficult country but the French are successfully pushing ahead toward Noyon from both the north and the south.

To Force Retreat BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 20.—German forces holding the vital sector of the battle front between the Aisne and Oise rivers were hurled back over a 10-mile front this morning by the French, according to reports reaching London. It is stated that the French have penetrated the enemy positions to a depth of two miles.

This attack, which is a continuation of the assault made northwest of Soissons on Sunday night endangers the whole German positions at Soissons and the Aisne. It is anticipated that the French success probably will be followed by a German retirement from Soissons to the Chemin Des Dames.

Advance Two Miles No details of the fighting are yet available, but an advance of two miles in this sector would seem to place the Germans, both along the Aisne and before Noyon, in a serious position, from which only an immediate retreat would appear possible.

Unofficial dispatches also state that great local successes have been achieved by the French from the Oise northward to well past Roye. The line as it is traced, seems to be very

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DEEP UNREST AT WARSAW REPORTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Disturbances from Switzerland today 683 deep unrest is manifest at Warsaw. The streets are full of German patrols who are making numbers of arrests. Houses are being searched and arrests being made at Lanza and Plog, among the supposed members of the secret association of the Polish army.

GERMANS RETIRE, ABANDON HOPE OF CALAIS DRIVE

Merville Sector of Lys Salient in Flanders Evacuated—British Advance Four Miles—Ludendorff Gives Up Point Selected for Channel Offensive to Get Troops Back.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Field Marshal Haig's forces continued to advance throughout the day in the Merville sector of the Lys salient. They are closely following the retiring Germans who this afternoon seem to have gone back to an extreme depth of between three and four miles and are still showing no inclination to come to a halt. Especially to the south of this sector the Germans have left behind them numerous lines of retarding wire entanglements.

Abandon Coast Drive By withdrawing their force from the Merville sector of the Lys salient the Germans definitely have given up one of the points from which a drive for Calais logically would be launched. This is taken to indicate that the German high command has abandoned hope of reaching the coast and now is chiefly concerned with getting the German lines back to a place of greater security.

The withdrawal continued last night and today even on a slightly broader front than that of yesterday. The retirement marked the conclusion and failure of the effort which Germany launched early in the spring to "finish off" the British army by driving through to the sea.

Objectives Gained BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 20.—(Canadian Press.)—British troops in their advance near Vioux Berquin gained all their objectives. The enemy troops now falling back belong to the sixth German army, commanded by General Van Quast.

British patrols have maintained a steady pressure on the retiring Germans and have inflicted considerable casualties. The enemy manifestly continues to be in a nervous state. Early this morning he laid down a furious barrage on the La Clytte-Scherpenberg road. As no infantry movement followed, it apparently was a protective act.

Haig Congratulates Field Marshal Haig has sent a telegram of congratulation to General Rawlinson, commander of the Fourth British army, reading as follows: "Warmest congratulations and thanks to yourself and staff and all ranks on the magnificent success recently gained by the fourth army. The brilliant manner in which the operation was prepared and successfully carried out at comparatively small losses by the third Australian-Canadian corps, in conjunction with the cavalry, air force and tank corps, is a striking tribute to the skill of the leaders and the bravery of the individual soldier as well as to the high state of efficiency of the staffs and departmental services concerned. The gallant and skillful cooperation of the armored cars and motor machine gun batteries is worthy of the highest praise."

MEN OF 21 TO REGISTER SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Revised estimates announced today by the provost marshal general show that 158,000 young men who have become 21 since last June 5, should register for military service next Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—A German raid on the American lines north of Toul, in a comparatively quiet sector, resulted in losses to the Germans, General Pershing reported today in his communique. It follows: "Headquarters American Expeditionary Force, August 19, 1918. "Section A.—North of Toul a hostile raid was repulsed with losses to the enemy."

JUST HEARD WAR GOING ON AFTER 5 YEARS WITH ESKIMOS

MONTREAL, Aug. 20.—Reaching civilization after an absence of five years among the Eskimos in Grant Land in the Arctic Circle, Frederick Smith, an Eskimo, has just learned that there is a war going on. Smith is a fur trader. He is passing through Montreal today enroute for his home in New York. He said he would enlist in the United States army.

EXPECT AUSTRIANS TO RESUME DRIVE AGAINST ITALY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Resumption of the Austrian offensive on the Italian front is to be expected at any time, according to the military critics of the Italian newspaper Corriere D'Italia, says a dispatch received here from Rome. The military critic bases his prediction on such recent events as the closing of the Swiss frontier, the visit of Emperor Karl to the Trentino and the conference at German military headquarters.

Commenting on the meeting of the German and Austrian emperors, the Italian newspaper declares that it must be taken as new proof that the hope of separating Austria from Germany is a "mad delusion."

HUNS WEAKER THAN REPORTED COLOGNE BELIEF

LONDON, Aug. 20.—It is believed in Cologne that the Germans are weaker on the western front than even the allies claim, says the Daily Mail's correspondent at The Hague. He does not vouch for other sections of Germany, but gives this resume of conditions in the Cologne district.

All leaves from the front have been reduced one-half. Men are sent to the front from the hospitals before completely fit. Letters from the front have been discontinued. Deserters are being sent to the front from punishment camps. Wounded horses are hurried west with bandages still in place.

WHEAT GLUTEN FOR GERMANY SEIZED

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Seizure by the government of 1,937,000 pounds of devitalized wheat gluten which was to have found its way to Germany through Switzerland was announced in a statement today by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

The grain, worth in pre-war times, approximately \$200,000, was discovered in June in warehouses here, ready for shipment overseas. It will be sold at public auction August 26.

GERMAN GUNS CAUSE CZECHS TO DELAY ACTION

Manifesto Issued by Czecho-Slovak National Committee at Prague Urges Patience Because Kaiser's Guns Would Bolt Independence Now and Austrian Collapse Inevitable.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—A manifesto issued by the newly founded Czecho-Slovak national committee in Prague has reached the Czecho-Slovak national council here. In the manifesto the program of the national committee is outlined and the main points are the uniting and coordinating of all the forces of the Czecho-Slovak nation for the realization of their national aspirations and a call to all Czechs and Slovaks to rally to the struggle for liberty.

The manifesto expresses its confidence in the outcome of the fight and asserts that "by their own strength the Czecho-Slovak people have risen from the grave of centuries and by their own strength will place themselves in the light of the world in the company of free nations of the future liberated and civilized mankind."

ANNUAL PARADE OF G. A. R. VETERANS TODAY, PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—To the martial music of fife and drum, thousands of Civil war veterans marched today in the annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, the feature of the national encampment now in progress here. Thousands lined the streets thru which the parade passed.

Some of the marchers were bent with age, some walked erect despite their years and others capered thru the streets with youthful zest. Soldier sons in khaki marched sometimes beside their veteran fathers. Automobiles driven by young women in war service uniforms carried officers of the G. A. R. and hundreds of paraders too feeble to walk. Boy scouts with water canteens refreshed the thirsty. "Captain" Hardy, of the Perry expedition fame, was a sailor veteran in the parade.

YANKEES REPEL HUN RAID IN TOUL SECTOR

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The king has granted authority to John Foley de Rutzen and his heirs to use the title Baron de Rutzen, which was conferred upon his ancestor, Augustus, Baron Von Rutzen, by King Wladislaw IV of Poland in 1637.

JAP RICE RIOTS DUE TO PROFITEERING UPON VAST SCALE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Profiteering on a great scale is the cause of the unrest and rioting in Japan, according to an explanation in official quarters here. Not only wholesalers and middlemen dealing in food products and especially in rice, but even the Japanese farmers who grow the grain, have been holding back their stores and demanding greatly inflated prices. Now that the Japanese government has seized these stores of rice preparatory to distributing them to the people at reasonable prices, it is believed here, the popular discontent will be allayed.

SIXTY PRUSSIANS TAKEN PRISONERS BY AMERICANS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sixty Prussians have been taken prisoners by the Americans near Fismette north of Fismes, without either side firing a shot. The Prussians were machine gunners and all that remained of a company which had been in the line less than a month.

American detachments went out a few nights ago, the location of the machine gun positions having been reported by a prisoner. The intelligence officer who questioned the Prussians asserted that they had agreed to surrender if the opportunity arose.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE GIVEN CLEMENCEAU

PARIS, Aug. 20.—(Havas Agency) Resolutions expressing gratitude to the allied soldiers and military chiefs for their gallant efforts and successful results obtained, were adopted by the general council of the republic, at a meeting yesterday. The councilors reaffirmed their unshakable faith in the final victory of the allies.

A special greeting to the American army which is fighting on European soil for justice, liberty and humanity was adopted.

SENATOR OLLIE JAMES CONDITION CRITICAL

BALTIMORE, Aug. 20.—The condition of United States Senator Ollie M. James of Kentucky, who is ill at Johns Hopkins hospital of Bright's disease, was grave today.

ENGLAND RECOGNIZES OLD POLISH BARONY

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HUNDREDS SHOT IN FOOD RIOTS AT PETROGRAD

Processions of Workmen, After Two Days' Starvation, March Through Streets Shouting, "Down With the Germans, Down With the Kremlin"—Lettish Guards Give Battle.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Hundreds of persons were killed and wounded by guards and rioters during food disorders in Petrograd, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

The dispatch which quotes Petrograd advices by way of Berlin says, that after the city had been without food for two days a procession of workmen marched through the streets shouting "Down with the Germans, Down with the Kremlin." The battle between the rioters and the Lettish guards occurred before the Smolny Institute. Martial law was proclaimed in Petrograd the same evening.

HUNS WHINE AT USE OF SHOTGUNS BY AMERICANS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 20.—German correspondents report to their newspapers that they inspected guns taken from the 77th American regiment and found them to be shotguns, each carrying five cartridges loaded with buckshot. They declare that the use of such guns is contrary to the Geneva convention.

It is well known that certain troops of all armies are equipped with shotguns for police duty behind their own lines. It is customary to use shotguns for arming patrols who guard prisoners and do similar duty because it has been found that the use of the high-powered fighting rifle for that purpose is dangerous.

It is contrary to the Geneva convention to use shotguns in actual combat, just as it is a violation of the convention to use explosive bullets, liquid fire, poisonous gases and instruments of a barbarous nature, all of which actually have been employed by German troops in the fighting.

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES TO ALASKA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The Pacific and Arctic Railway and Navigation company was authorized today by the inter-state commerce commission to increase its class rates on freight by 85 to 88 a ton on shipments from Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver and San Francisco to Dawson and points on the Yukon river. A similar increase was granted on class rates on shipments from Skagway to interior Alaskan points.

SUBMARINE SUNK OFF SPANISH COAST

PARIS, Aug. 20.—(Havas Agency.)—Newspapers of Oporto, Portugal, report that an unidentified steamer out bound from Bordeaux, sank a submarine near the Spanish coast. There are no details of the incident.

SHIPS SINK 2 GERMAN SUBMARINES

American Steamer Rammed One Off Virginia Coast Saturday—U-Boat Struck on Port Bow—Steamer Badly Damaged Also—Gun Crew of British Tanker Sunk Another 400-Foot U-Boat in Battle on 26th Shot on Friday—Torpedoes Dodged.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The navy department announced today that the captain of an American steamer had reported that his vessel rammed and probably sank a submarine about 9:30 p. m. on August 17, near Winer Quarter shoal off the northern Virginia coast. The captain stated the submarine was struck on her port bow, bringing her alongside.

The submarine crew hailed in strong German accents, saying they were friends, the captain said, but he replied they were no friends of his. He kept on his course, he said. The steamer is now in port with a badly damaged bow and a quantity of water in her hold. The captain thinks he sank the submarine.

In making the announcement the department did not name the ship. Because of the American skipper's circumstantial report and the tangible evidence furnished by the damaged bow, the story is given credence not accorded most of the accounts of submarine destruction reaching the navy.

Tanker in Battle

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—A 400-foot enemy submarine was sunk off the Atlantic coast by the gun crew of a British tanker according to an officer of the tanker. The tale of the battle between the tanker and U-boat was told today by John Crosby, chief mate of the former, from his bed in a hospital where he is being treated for shock.

Crosby is said to be in a serious condition. A remarkable feature of the case is that he felt no ill effects during the engagement which took place last Friday and was in good health until yesterday morning. Then safely in port, he collapsed.

Tells of Destruction

"The second mate was on the bridge about 3 o'clock in the afternoon," Crosby said. "There was never a sign of any craft around but he caught the streak made by a torpedo coming toward the tanker. He yelled and the ship was thrown out of her course. The torpedo missed by a few feet. Every one was on deck by that time, but we saw nothing of the U-boat."

INTERNED OFFICERS SENT TO UKRAINE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—German officers formerly interned in Switzerland and repatriated have been sent on military duty to the Ukraine in violation of the agreement of Bern, according to an official dispatch today from France.