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## NOYON, BAPAUME AND HAM CAPTURED RETREAT OF GERMANS BECOMES ROUT

### HUN LINES OUTFLANKED BY ALLIES

**Bapaume Taken by British Who Advance on Neronne Outflanking Town From South—French Reach Gates of Ham—Germans Lose Three Munition Trains in Hurried Flight—French Strike Sudden Blow Demoralizing Germans.**

In addition to the capture of Bapaume and Noyon the British today were reported to be in Lesbois and Morval, according to the latest news this evening from the battlefield. The town of Peronne has been outflanked by the British on the south. Immediately south of Bapaume the British have reached the Bapaume-Beaulencourt road. Advance troops are moving on Beaulencourt road. The British have reached the high ground northeast of Guedecourt and have nearly reached Le Transloy.

LONDON, Aug. 29, 5 p. m.—Bapaume was captured today by the forces of Field Marshal Haig.

South of Peronne British forces today reached the eastern banks of the Somme river between Peronne and Happincourt.

Field Marshal Haig's men are reported to have taken Ginchy and Guillemont and to have reached the western outskirts of Maurepas. British patrols are said to be in Lesbois and Morval. These places are all south of Bapaume.

**Near Droocourt Line**  
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—British troops now are within 2,000 yards of the Droocourt-Queant line. The Germans in many places are blowing up supplies. British troops also captured Belloy, Assevillers, Herbecourt and Feuillere. All these towns are within four miles of Peronne.

**At Gates of Ham**  
PARIS, Aug. 29, 4:50 p. m.—French troops are at the gates of Ham according to dispatches from the front. The Germans lost three complete munition trains at Breuil, five miles west of Ham in their precipitate retreat.

Actual possession of the village of Ham probably will be delayed as the retreating Germans leave all ruins saturated with poisonous gas.

The town of Breuil, where the German munition trains were captured, is on the canal Du Nord.

At Campen wood, Ercheu and other points in the line south of Nesle where the enemy sought to bar the French advance eastward, says Liberte, the German rear guards fought to the last man and refused to be captured.

**Powerful Attack**  
News of the French approach to Ham came rather unexpectedly and

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### THIRTEEN CAPTAINS MADE ADMIRALS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Thirteen captains of the navy were nominated today for the temporary grade of rear admiral. They are: George R. Clark, William A. Gil, Harold P. Norton, Gustav Kaemmerling, Alexander S. Halstead, Roger Wells, Charles P. Plunkett, William H. G. Bullard, Joseph W. Oman, Philip and Josiah H. McKean, Benton C. Decker, Martin L. Bristol.

### GERMANS LOSE ALL CONTROL OF ARMY IN FLIGHT

**Retreat Getting Out of Hand—Efforts to Halt Pursuit Fails—All Possible Haste on Road to St. Quentin, Le Fere and Hindenburg Line Being Made—Positions Lost.**

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Aug. 29.—(By the Associated Press.) The rapidly succeeding military events not only confirm that the Germans have lost all control of their operations in the regions of the Somme, Avre and Oise rivers, but they indicate that the enemy's own retreat is getting out of hand.

The effort to stem the French pursuit by fighting rear guard actions with machine gun sections, leaving a section at intervals of about 400 yards, was only locally successful. On ground especially favorable for that sort of resistance such as the terrain around Roye it gained some time for the enemy, enabling him to move a great many guns and a considerable part of his material behind the canal Du Nord and north of Noyon.

But once this system of fighting was mastered the strength of the German rear guard dwindled. The Germans, hustled violently by the French advance guard, were obliged to risk an engagement with important forces or to quicken their retreat.

**Making Frantic Haste**  
The Germans adopted the latter plan and since yesterday have been making all possible haste on the road leading to Saint Quentin, La Fere and the Hindenburg line.

The strong position of Quesnoy wood just west of the Canal Du Nord, from which the Germans tried by means of the heavy fire of all calibers of artillery to check the French troops advancing on both sides of the Roye-Noyon road was captured this morning.

Pressure from General Humbert's third army from the west and from General Mangin's men, who crossed the river Oise from the south and took Morlincourt this morning while other French troops were entering Noyon, adds to the difficulties of the enemy. The increased danger from those directions will oblige the Germans to make further sacrifices in order to save General von Hutler's army from disaster.

The Somme line having been made difficult for the Germans by the rapidity of the entente allied pursuit, there is now a question with the French troops ready to cross the Somme at the enemy's heels, as to where he will be able to make a further stand.

### WILSON OBJECTS TO POWER BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—When the house resumed consideration of the water power bill today the representative in charge of the measure sprang a surprise with a letter from President Wilson disapproving the proposal to pay the net investment to water power plants which may be taken for public ownership.

The president said the "net investment" provision had been inserted after he provisionally approved the bill and asked congress to pass it in its original form which provides payment of "fair value" not exceeding original cost. The whole fight over the bill ranges around these two phrases, the water power interests insisting they can not command capital for development under the latter.

### YANKS RETIRE FROM FISMETTE ACROSS VESLE

**Pershing Reports Americans Pushed Back by Hostile Attacks From Bazoches and Fismette But Advance West of Juvigny and Capture 200 Prisoners.**

PARIS, Aug. 29.—The Franco-American attack against the Germans in the region of Juvigny north of Soissons is giving excellent results according to dispatches received from the battle front this afternoon. The French and American forces have advanced about 1,200 yards and hold the approaches to the railway.

Participation by the American troops in General Mangin's operations in the Juvigny sector was a complete surprise to the enemy says Liberte. The men intended to be placed in the line to reinforce the French were brought up in the evening of the previous day and passed the night in the thick forest from which they started at dawn.

Suddenly at 7 o'clock they concentrated on a two kilometer front. The Prussian seventh infantry regiment, which was in front of them, suffered severe losses and was forced to give way.

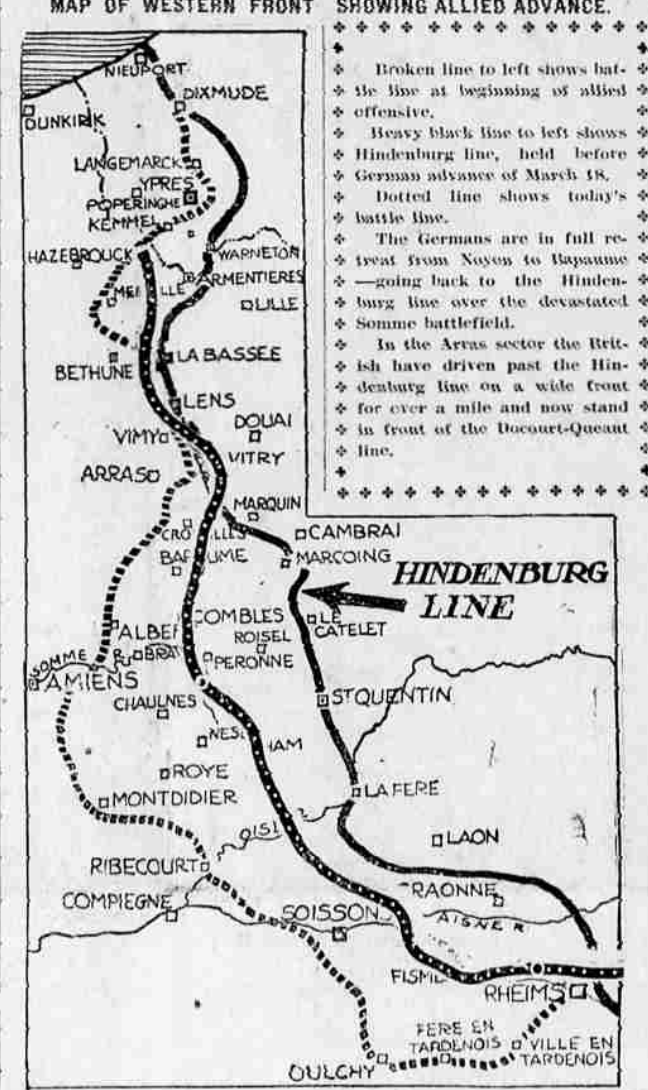
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—General Pershing's communiqué for Wednesday says the retirement of American troops from Bazoches and Fismette was a result of local hostile attacks which forced back outlying detachments. It also announces the capture of 200 prisoners in the American advance to the railroad northwest of Juvigny.

Headquarters American expeditionary forces:  
"August 28, 1918.  
"Section A—North of the Aisne our troops in cooperation with the French advanced to the railroad west of Juvigny and captured 200 prisoners. Along the Vesle local hostile attacks forced our outlying detachments in Bazoches and Fismette to retire."

**Stubborn Fighting**  
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE VESLE, Aug. 28.—(By the Associated Press.) American and German troops were engaged in spirited actions today in the regions of Bazoches and Fismette. According to the latest report the fighting continues at both points. Tonight as a result of the local actions the Americans had made some gains at Bazoches, while the Germans are on the north bank of the Vesle opposite Fismette. The fighting has been marked by much stubbornness.

Several days ago when the Americans advanced in the region of Bazoches the Germans retired into a wooded stronghold, known as Haute Maison, just south of the Soissons-Rheims road. Small detachments were left in the cellars in Bazoches to harass the Americans. Tuesday the Americans approached Bazoches from the west and maintained their advance during the night. Today the Americans made progress toward the town from the east and south, a de-

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### TOTAL ENTENTE ALLIED CAPTURES EXCEED 125,000

LONDON, Aug. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The total entente allied captures on the western front since July 18, now approach 125,000 prisoners and 2,000 guns. The British have captured more than 26,000 prisoners between August 21 and August 26, while the British total losses in the same period, including all killed, wounded and missing, were only slightly in excess of that figure. A considerable proportion of the British casualties are in the slightly wounded class. The total captures by the British since August 8 exceed 47,000 officers and men and the captured guns nearly 600.

German counter attacks east and southeast of Vis-En-Artois, east of Boiry and in the vicinity of Gavrelle, villages to the east of Arras, have been repulsed, according to the official statement issued at the war office today.

South of the Somme British forces are keeping up their pressure against the enemy and are advancing eastward.

### MISS RANKIN LOSES RACE FOR SENATE

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 29.—Complete returns from 860 precincts in the state with primary of Tuesday show Dr. O. M. Lundstrum of Helena, leading Miss Jeanette Rankin, congresswoman from Montana, by 2167 votes for the republican nomination for United States senator. Dr. Lundstrum polled 15,730 votes and Miss Rankin 12,427. Other candidates for the nomination, H. H. Parsons, of Missoula, and Edmund Nichols, of Billings, polled 4528 and 3236 votes respectively.

### HOPE ABANDONED FOR 15 MISSING FROM U. S. CHASER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Lieutenant (Junior grade) Henry J. Lewis, commanding officer, Esigun G. H. Randolph, executive officer, and fourteen enlisted men are still missing from submarine chaser No. 299 which was mistaken for an enemy submarine and sent to the bottom by the American steamer Felix Taussig off Fire Island on August 27.

Since nine members of the crew were picked up immediately after the sinkings, search for other survivors has been in vain. A report from the captain of the Taussig reached the navy department today showing that the little chaser went down about three minutes after being hit by two of four shots from the merchantman's low gun at a distance of 200 feet.

According to the account of the Taussig's captain, the gun crew opened fire when an object resembling a submarine appeared and crossed the steamer's bow without showing lights. Apparently one of the shots exploded a depth bomb on board the chaser, quickly ending her career.

### BOY FATALLY SHOT BY HIS PLAYMATE

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Roy Baldwin, aged 10, will probably die and Bobbie Evans, aged 12, will be held for the juvenile court, as a result of an accidental shooting in the basement of the Belle Court Apartments, on Trinity Place, this afternoon.

The two boys were playing with the revolver, with no older persons present. The revolver was fired twice. One bullet pierced the Baldwin boy below the heart and another went through his left lung.

### PEACE REIGNS ALONG BORDER AFTER FIGHTING

**Quiet Restored at Nogales and Situation Adjusted to Satisfaction of Military Authorities—Governor Calles Promises to Stop Further Trouble "At All Costs."**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Major General Holbrook, commanding along the Mexican border, reported to the war department today that quiet had been restored and the border reopened, the situation at Nogales having been adjusted to the satisfaction of the military authorities.

State department dispatches from Nogales late today said the conference between General Cabell and Governor Calles had been entirely satisfactory. Governor Calles giving his word there would be no further trouble. When there was further sniping from the Mexican side, the governor promptly put Nogales, Sonora, under martial law.

Mexican Consul Zertuchi at Nogales also advised Ambassador Hoffman that difficulties had been satisfactorily settled. It was stated at the embassy that Governor Calles sent to the border to stop the trouble "at all costs," is a firm friend of the United States and has crushed out all activities of German propagandists in Sonora.

### CONSUL ASSAULTED

NOGALES, ARIZ., Aug. 29.—During the skirmish Tuesday afternoon between Americans and Mexicans, armed Mexicans entered the American consulate, forced Vice Consul McGuire and Consul Clerk E. Tooley to leave the consulate at the points of their guns, and Tooley was shot and wounded, according to an announcement made by American Consul E. M. Lawton here today. An investigation is now in progress, he said.

Drunken civilians on the Mexican side of the border were held responsible today for the shooting which occurred late last night which resulted in the wounding slightly of an American soldier.

The American list of dead was increased to four early today when Lieutenant Luke W. Loftus, wounded in action during Tuesday's skirmish, died in the base hospital. His home was given as Larado, Tex.

### DRUNKEN RIOT LAST NIGHT

Brigadier General Du Rossy C. Cabell announced today that everything was quiet through the night and no further trouble was anticipated. Reinforcements have arrived here and are going into camp near the border. Rumors that Mexican federal reinforcements were arriving in Nogales, Sonora, and entrenching, were denied here today.

### SPANISH STEAMER SUNK BY U-BOAT

PARIS, Aug. 29.—(Havas Agency.)—The Spanish steamer *Vezca* has been sunk by a German submarine it is reported here. Newspapers consider that this event will bring to a crisis the relations between Spain and Germany.

### ENVELOPES SAVED BY USING TWICE

LONDON, Aug. 29.—English businessmen are conserving envelopes by striking off the addresses and using them over again. The government has added the campaign by using gummed flaps which are pasted on the back of the envelope, leaving the flap of the envelope to be used the second time.

### FRENCH WIN NOYON FROM HUN GRASP

**Southern Pivot of German Lines in Picardy Captured by Troops of General Humbert—Oise Crossed on Wide Front by French Who Outflank Enemy Garrison—Blow is Heavy One to Invader and is Followed by Collapse of Line.**

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN THE FIELD, Aug. 29.—(By the Associated Press, 10 a. m.) Noyon was occupied this morning by the troops of General Humbert.

General Mangin's men crossed the Oise river and took Morlincourt. The fall of Noyon comes as a heavy blow to the Germans who were thought during the early days of the Picardy offensive to be planning to hold Noyon as the southern pivot of their line which runs northward along the old battle front of 1916.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 29.—Noyon, the southern anchor point of the German armies in the Somme battlefield, has been occupied by the French.

The capture of the city by General Humbert's men had been expected for several days and its effect on the great battle of Picardy was therefore largely discounted.

With the fall of Chaufnes and Roye to the north, Noyon became untenable and the retirement of the German forces from west of the Somme river apparently spread far to the south and involved both Noyon and the country adjacent. Morlincourt, on the north bank of the Oise, east of Noyon, has been taken by the French. This may mark a crossing of the Oise over a wide front.

**British Advancing**  
Along the front to the north of Noyon there apparently was little change in the situation last night. The British operating south of the Somme are said to be advancing, but details of their progress do not appear in official announcements.

East of Arras, the Germans have launched heavy counter attacks, which were repulsed, according to the British official report, but it is admitted by London that the British forces holding positions at Oppy have been withdrawn to the west of there.

The Germans are apparently fighting rear-guard actions along the Canal Du Nord, which runs from Noyon to Nesle. The French are close to this waterway at Fresnoy wood.

**Parallel Situation**  
The situation, as it stands today, closely resembles that in the Marne sector after the Germans had made a determined stand along the Ourcq. It was found that their resistance there had permitted the withdrawal of the main German army on the Marne salient, and it is believed that

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### HIGHER WAGES FOR RAILROAD LABORERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Higher wages for railroad track laborers and for certain classes of clerks were recommended to Director General McAdoo by the board of railroad wages and working conditions. The advances suggested range between 15 and 25 per cent. It is said, and would affect more than 200,000 employees. Mr. McAdoo will act soon on the recommendations.