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BRITISH CRASH THRU HINDENBURG LINE

HUN'S MAIN DEFENSE LINE PENETRATED

Canadians Go Through Strongly Fortified Hindenburg Line Toward Which Germans Along Somme Are Retreating, on 7 Mile Front Along Scarpe River in Arras Sector—Advance Continues in Other Sectors—French Temporarily Held Up.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 30.—Moving forward with sustained power, British armies east and south-east of Arras appear to have crashed thru the Hindenburg line. Dispatches received today seem to indicate that they now have begun to roll up "the German forces on the front to which the enemy is retreating along the whole Picardy front.

Bullecourt, which was on the Hindenburg line, was taken this morning. Hendecourt-Les-Cagnicourt to the northeast of Bullecourt, has also fallen before Field Marshal Haig's men. South of Hendecourt and slightly to the east, Clencourt has been captured by the advancing British. East of Arras further gains are reported.

The Drocourt-Queant "switch line" now is within striking distance.

Along Somme River Farther south the British have taken the village of Combles, where there was terrific fighting during the German retreat a year ago last March.

Along the line farther south, which is held by the British, the night passed without change. There were counter attacks by the Germans against General Mangin's army between the Ailette and the Aisne, but these were repulsed by the French.

Along the front from the Somme south to the Noyon region and thence east to the Ailette, a sector which is vitally important at present, the enemy appears to have checked the French until he can extricate his forces from the perilous position in the salient between the Somme and the Oise.

May Force Big Retreat Progress southeast of Arras would seem to be the most important feature of the news from the great battle. Canadians, it appears, are slowly advancing along the Arras-Cambrai road and are widening the gap in the famous line to which the Germans retired 18 months ago.

It seems that any great additional British success in this region may shatter Germany's hope of conducting a defensive campaign along this front, to which, it is probable, the Germans are now hastily withdrawing.

In central Picardy from the Somme north to Bapaume the enemy is retreating eastward toward St. Quentin. Large numbers of prisoners, many guns and much material are falling into the hands of the British. Elsewhere the apparently untiring British, French and American forces are maintaining their pressure against the enemy, who now has lost all his important bases west of the Hindenburg line except Peronne.

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CHICAGO TO RECEIVE MAIL BY AIRSHIP

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Air mail for Chicago will be delivered for the first time on September 5, when a trial run for the Chicago-New York airmail service will be made. Captain B. B. Lipsner, director of the service, announced today. If present plans are carried out regular airmail schedules between the two cities will be started October 1 and will greatly speed up mail service between New York and the Pacific coast.

COMBLES TAKEN BY BRITISH IN SOMME DRIVE

River is Crossed South and West of Peronne Despite Destruction of Bridges—Advance Continues in Flanders on Arras Front, and in Picardy as Germans Retreat.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—British troops have captured Combles, between Bapaume and the river Somme, it was officially announced today by the British war office.

Advanced British troops have crossed the Somme river south and west of Peronne.

Between Hendecourt and the Arras-Cambrai road, the Canadians attacked the German line and made favorable progress.

East of the Seneze the forces of Field Marshal Haig made progress, capturing Bullecourt and Hendecourt Les Cagnicourt.

The British also captured Clery-Sur-Somme, on the Somme river between Combles and Peronne.

Somme Is Crossed "In spite of the destruction of river bridges, our advancing troops crossed the Somme both south and west of Peronne."

"We have taken Clery-Sur-Combles. In this area alone we took more than 200 prisoners and a few guns yesterday."

London and West Lancashire troops made important progress yesterday east of the Seneze river, capturing Bullecourt and Hendecourt Les Cagnicourt after hard fighting together with the powerful German trench system protecting these villages.

Between Hendecourt and the Arras-Cambrai road an attack delivered by Canadian troops early this morning is reported to be developing favorably.

"Astiride the river Scarpe English and Scottish troops continued their advance yesterday and gained valuable ground in the direction of Eterpigny, Hamblain-Les-Prez and Plouvain. The village of Remy is held by us."

"A number of prisoners was captured in these operations."

"In the valley of the Lawe and Lys rivers we continued to push forward."

French Maintain Gains

PARIS, Aug. 30.—German counter attacks between the Ailette and the Aisne were repulsed last night by the French, says the war office statement today. The French maintained their gains east of Pasly, north of Soissons.

South of the Somme and along the Canal Du Nord there was no change in the situation during the night. Enemy raids along the Vesle where American troops are stationed and in Champagne failed. The statement reads:

"Along the Somme and in the region of the canal Du Nord there was no change during the night."

"Between the Ailette and Aisne French troops repulsed several German counter attacks. East of Pasly we maintained our gains."

"Along the Vesle and in Champagne German raids were without result. The night was quiet on the remainder of the front."

NOVOROSSYLCK TAKEN BY RUSSIAN ARMY

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 30.—A Russian volunteer army has captured the Black sea port of Novorossylck, according to a dispatch from Kiev.

When the Germans captured Sebastopol the base of the Russian Black sea fleet, a part of the Russian fleet escaped to Novorossylck, on the eastern coast of the Black sea. In May the Germans threatened the port with submarines and airplanes, but it apparently remained under control of the trans-Caucasian government.

MOONSHINERS RAIDED IN SOUTH 200 ARRESTED

Biggest Round-up of Illicit Whisky Distillers on Record in Mountains of Southern States—486 Stills Seized—30,000 Gallons of Pale Booze Poured Into Streams.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The biggest intensive round-up of illicit whisky distillers ever undertaken by the government has just been completed in southern mountain districts by revenue agents and has resulted in the seizure of 486 stills, arrest of 200 moonshiners, killing of outlaws and two sheriffs and the wounding of a number of other government men and liquor makers.

Eight Weeks of Raids This systematic campaign has been under way eight weeks, mainly in mountains of Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina—all dry states—but announcement was withheld until today to avoid giving advance information to moonshiners of the activities of a flying squadron of 14 experienced revenue agents.

More than 30,000 gallons of pale moonshine whisky was seized and poured down mountain streams. Over \$100,000 worth of illicit copper stills of all sizes and other paraphernalia, automobiles, horses, mules and wagons belonging to the distillers, was taken. About 21,000 pounds of sugar was confiscated and most of it given to the Red Cross. Recommendations for 321 prosecutions have been sent to the department of justice and forwarded to United States attorneys, while most of the moonshiners are behind bars in southern jails awaiting trial.

Deserters Caught More than a score of deserters from the army were discovered participating in moonshine manufacture in southern mountains and two of them were killed in Georgia. In Tuscaloosa and Jefferson counties, Alabama, the sheriffs were shot, and the killing of moonshiners occurred in Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama.

Extraordinary significance is attached to the concerted raids because Revenue Commissioner Roper undertook the enterprise largely to demonstrate that prohibition can really be made effective. In addition, the purpose was to dry up the sources from which great quantities of moonshine liquor has been furnished clandestinely to soldiers in southern training camps.

TRYING TO DELAY MAN POWER BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Unexpected obstacles developed today in the path thru congress of the man power bill extending the army draft to men of 18 to 45, but leaders proceeded in full confidence of having the measure in President Wilson's hands before night.

Criticism of the conference draft adopted yesterday in the house, began in the senate when the bill was received. Necessity for legislation to supplement the bill's provision for allotting homesteads to men under 21 and criticisms from republicans of a published article regarding the war department's educational program, furnished subject for debate. Several senators denounced the alleged plan as socialistic, the Chairman Chamberlain, Senator Wadsworth and others were of the opinion that the bill's provision for special and technical training for drafted youths would be used merely to enlarge the present training educational system.

AMERICANS REPEL GERMAN INCURSIONS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 29.—(By Associated Press.) In three different patrol encounters in the Vosges last night the Germans were driven off when the American fire became too hot for them. The enemy casualties are unknown.

The German artillery fire in the Vosges increased materially last night. An enemy airplane was shot down yesterday after it had attacked several American observation balloons east of St. Michel.

KING GEORGE GREETING YANK BALL PLAYERS



The King accompanied by Admiral Sims attended the Army vs. Navy American ball game and personally met the players. The King never fails to greet American soldiers personally when opportunity offers and welcomes each arrival with a letter.

MAY BAR ROLPH AND DEMOCRATS FROM TICKET 20 YEAR SENTENCE AND \$20,000 FINE GIVEN HAYWOOD

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—California voters centered their attention today on the legal tangle which has been created by the nomination for governor on the democratic ticket of Mayor James Rolph of this city, defeated candidate on the republican ticket, the party with which he registered. The matter will be taken to the state supreme court for an interpretation of the election laws. According to Garret W. McEnerney, local attorney, his interpretation of that section of the state primary law which he believes has a direct bearing on the middle, means that the vacancy, by the disqualification of Mayor Rolph would create a vacancy in the democratic nomination which cannot be filled for the November election.

This view is shared by Judge R. Dockweiler of Los Angeles, democratic national committeeman for California, who said in a statement last night that the situation even threatens the power of the democratic party to put a presidential electoral ticket in the field in 1920.

Governor Stephens, the successful candidate over Mayor Rolph on the republican ticket, according to figures based on returns from 5000 of the state's precincts, has 142,946 votes while his opponent is credited with 142,247. There are still 702 precincts yet to make returns.

CONDEMN SPRUCE FOREST FOR AIRCRAFT

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—Acting on instructions from the war department, United States Attorney R. C. Saunders, will institute court proceedings, he announced here today, to condemn for aircraft purposes, many million feet of spruce timber in Clallam county, Wash., owned by the C. A. Goodyear Lumber Co., of Seattle. The action is to be taken following failure of the government to acquire the timber at what was considered a reasonable price.

The proceedings, which will be the first of the sort resorted to in the northwest to secure spruce for war purposes, were instigated by Col. Bruce P. Digne, head of the spruce production campaign.

BOND ISSUE OF \$1,500,000 TO WATER VALLEY

Directors of Medford Irrigation District Select Big Butte Creek as Source of Supply to Cover 20,000 Acres of Land—Cost Per Acre is \$75, Annual Payment \$5.

Big Butte creek as the source of supply and one million and a half dollar bond issue to be voted upon September 28th, are the two decisions reached by the directors of the Medford irrigation district after 11 months' study of the entire water situation of the Rogue River valley.

This announcement is made today by the directors of the district which comprises a little more than 20,000 acres of the very best land in the whole northwest. The date of election in which this issue of bonds will be put up to the landowners of the district is September 28.

On Sept. 15, 1917, the Medford Irrigation district was formed by a vote of 195 in favor and 78 against. Leonard Carpenter, E. G. Coleman and W. A. Folger were elected directors. Organization of the district was immediately perfected and W. C. Hammett was engaged as engineer to study the whole project and make a preliminary report. Work was undertaken to determine the best source of supply of water and eight projects failed to stand the tests. Three projects remained and there were studied from every point of view.

Ample Supply Assured

Early study of Big Butte together with water measurements made on the stream at Butte Falls indicated that a sufficiency of water did not flow in that stream for the district and it would be necessary to supplement this supply with waters from South Fork of Rogue river. This made the project more expensive than either of the other two. Stream measurements made at the point of division of the district canal gave considerable higher volume of water than at Butte Falls and the United States reclamation department was asked to send a man to investigate. As a result of the investigation of Mr. Bateholster and Field Engineer J. R. Platt, it was proved that an underflow entered Big Butte above the point of division which was so large that an ample water supply was assured. In order that no mistake should be made the election of bonds was postponed until complete summer measurements could be obtained on the stream. These records have now been made and even in this exceptionally dry year the amount of water is more than ample for the needs of the district.

In announcing the decision of the board of directors to call the bond election for September 28, Leonard Carpenter, president of the board, said:

Up to Land Owners "The issue is now squarely up to the land owners as to whether they want water or not. The officers and engineers have spent eleven months in gathering data and compiling estimates. We have satisfied ourselves of the Big Butte source of supply and we have the word of one of the best"

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LONDON'S POLICE FORCE ON STRIKE

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The famous Metropolitan police are on strike. The call was issued at midnight and it is said that men at every station except four refused to go on duty.

The city of London police, who number 800, are not affected. The Metropolitan force has between 4000 and 5000 members. Eight thousand of them have gone to war. The Metropolitan police demand increased wages, recognition of their union and the reinstatement of a discharged man who was active in the policemen's union.

TWO AVIATORS FALL TO DEATH IN TEXAS

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Aug. 30.—Lieutenant F. R. McGiffin of Fresno, Cal., and Cadet Ellis Bernard Babcock of Washington, D. C., were killed instantly at Call Field this morning when their plane fell 2000 feet. Their plane fell from the top of a loop.

Cadet Babcock, who is a son of Brigadier General Babcock, who is now in France, was taking his first lesson in aerobatic flying. He was 24 years old.

Lieutenant McGiffin was 28 years old and was married, his wife being at Call Field at the time of the accident. Babcock's mother is in Washington.

HAIG'S ARMY WITHIN MILE OF PERONNE

Germans Driven Behind Somme River and British Cross in Pursuit—Many Towns Taken in Rapid Advance of Allies—Peronne and Country to Rear Under British Guns—Fires Indicate Withdrawal of Boche Forces.

LONDON, Aug. 30, 7:30 p. m.—Troops of Field Marshal Haig today crossed the Hindenburg line to the south of Bullecourt. In the Lys salient the British are reported to have taken Nootte Boomb, three miles south of Bailliel. The Germans have retreated from the town of Bailliel.

North of Soissons French troops today captured Hill 159 and they now hold all the high ground between Soissons and Leury, according to information received from the battle-front this evening.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 30.—(By the Associated Press, noon.)—General Humbert's troops which yesterday took Noyon and advanced to Mont Simeon to the northeast, resumed their attack this morning and are advancing up the difficult heights north of the Oise.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 30.—(By the Associated Press, noon.)—Biaches on the south bank of the Somme and about a mile from Peronne has been captured by General Haig's forces. The British entered Les Boeufs and patrols passed through Morval to the south.

The British this morning pushed forward in an easterly direction from Bapaume. British made further advances north of Lens. At one place they pushed forward a distance of 1,000 yards. Le Transloy, on the Bapaume-Peronne high road, was reported captured this morning.

Driven Over Somme

The Germans have been driven behind the river Somme everywhere along the British front. The whole western bank is now in the possession of Field Marshal Haig's troops and at one place just south of La Chapelle, a British force has crossed to the east bank.

In the operations concluded this morning 300 prisoners fell into the hands of the British on this side of the river.

The Germans have destroyed all the bridges across the Somme, including the railroad bridge and the regular bridge at Peronne.

Northwest of Peronne, however, the British swept in so quickly that the causeway over the Somme at Clery on the north bank was secured intact. Clery is in British hands.

Peronne Under Fire

North of Peronne the Germans now (Continued on Page Three.)