

HAND TO HAND FIGHTING PUSHES GERMANS BACK

French Advance From Shell Hole to Shell Hole, Conquering Four Caves and Defeating Six Divisions of Crack German Troops in Advance on Loon—Hindenburg Line Broken.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Sept. 18.—The French advance toward St. Gobain has seen the heaviest fighting of the war. It has been hand-to-hand encounters over the most difficult terrain. Advancing from shell hole to shell hole over ground that appeared from a distance to be a giant face ravaged by smallpox, General Mangin's men defeated six divisions that were put into a line over a front of 5 1/2 miles between Almont and Vailly. In doing so they conquered four caves at the summit of the height from which the stone was quarried to build the city of Soissons. One of the caves measured 400 by 400 yards and has a dozen galleries thru which an automobile can pass.

An entire German battalion was made prisoner in one of the caves while in another a colonel with his entire staff was taken. All the caves were defended by machine guns that were raised to the mouth of the cave. This sort of resistance was particularly stubborn at the top of Mount Des Singes, where the French troops exterminated the garrison which belonged to the fifth Prussian guard division. They also occupied the chateau northeast of Vauxaillon definitely after it had been taken and retaken several times.

Stone Quarries Mined

All the stone quarries and caves that were not defended to the last by the enemy were mined before they were abandoned. Ten such mines were discovered in time and rendered harmless. Wherever the caves were free of mines, conclusive evidence was discovered that the Germans expected to hold them.

Fifteen violent enemy counter attacks were repulsed around the quarries before they were finally conquered. One battalion near Mennecean farm refused to be relieved after several attacks and counter attacks and consented to retire only when the farm was captured and considerable gains made to the east of it.

Break Hindenburg Line

In this region the French are facing a part of the Hindenburg line which they already have broken into from the Mont De Singes to Vailly without the aid of tanks. Yesterday the French advanced one thousand yards at a single effort which is an enormous gain considering the obstacles met. The Germans have reinforced the fighting front not only with dense masses of infantry but are bringing up three-inch guns close to the front line and are firing point blank.

Latest reports from the front are that the fighting is still in progress and that General Mangin's men are slowly pushing on toward the Chemin Des Dames.

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EXPOSE TRICKERY OF GERMANS AND BOLSHEVIKI TOOLS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—German trickery in breaking the Ukraine away from the bought-an-paid-for Bolsheviki government, plots against loyal Russian soldiers and their leaders to insure complete German sway after the false peace conference at Brest-Litovsk and further evidence of the precautions of the Teutons against Bolsheviki preaching in their own ranks, are shown in today's installment of secret documents, from Russia, made public by the United States.

Communications written in January disclose that the Bolsheviki were fully informed of what the Germans were doing in the Ukraine and knew that peace treaties with the Ukraine and Rumania were coming. They also learned quickly enough that Germany was disposing of their hopes to set their revolutionary propaganda to root on German soil.

Notes from the German intelligence service to Trotsky, the commissar of foreign affairs, show first that a Turk with a Russian passport was sent to Petrograd to keep watch over the Russian commander-in-chief and that a month afterward, late in February, removal of the commander-in-chief, General Bonch Bruevick was demanded. Bruevick, whose continuance in the position was "particularly no longer desirable" to the Germans, was turned out and General Parski, named by the German intelligence service complains that "The agents sent to kill General Kaledines, Bogavosky and Alexieff, were cowardly, non-enterprising people." This same document shows that as long ago as December, 1917, former German prisoners of war were being dressed in Russian uniforms to fight loyal Russian soldiers.

The significance of the documents is discussed in notes by S. Edgar Johnson, who brought the documents out of Russia for the committee on public information.

SERBS DRIVE 10 MILES.

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is being fought show it is possible that the allies have passed thru the zone where the hardest resistance might be expected.

4000 Captured

PARIS, Sept. 17.—Allied forces on the Macedonian front have penetrated to a depth of nearly four and a half miles on a front of fifteen and one-half miles and have captured four thousand prisoners, according to an official statement issued tonight by the war office.

The statement reads: "Operations on the Macedonian front continued very successfully. The front thru Sokol, Dobropolje and Vetrenik has been added to 25 kilometers and the allied forces have penetrated to a depth of seven kilometers.

"Prisoners to the number of four thousand, including a staff colonel, have been captured. Thirty guns, numerous mine throwers and machine guns and considerable booty have been taken.

"The Serbian forces are vying with the French in courage and spirit."

HUNS PLANNED TO MAKE HOMES ABOUT ST. MIHEL

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE LORRAINE FRONT, Sept. 18.—(By Associated Press.) The Germans apparently never expected to be ousted from the St. Miheil salient. They had done much work in building shelters and beer gardens, and about the Soulefs farm the country had been made to look like a prosperous German neighborhood with resorts where townspeople might spend their holidays.

Little club houses were built and equipped not wholly in keeping with front line operations. The bunkers and shelters of the officers were fitted almost luxuriously, some of the larger ones being provided with bath tubs and running water and lighted by electricity. Outside of many of them were little summer houses where the occupants were accustomed to sit and drink beer.

Plans are already under way for the re-occupation by the French population of the territory of the St. Miheil salient from which they were driven out four years ago and which was regained last week in the American offensive. Scores of persons are requesting American officers for permission to return to their homes.

One delegation applied today for permission to return to St. Miheil or to send a committee to recover money buried there. The officers were told that when the Germans appeared many persons fled hastily and not knowing when the invasion would end, had buried in gardens and other places little stores of gold, silver and jewels.

CITIES FILE PROTEST.

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community. The city respectfully asks the rescinding of the order of removal. The city has been assisting and will continue to assist in every way to support the government during the war, but the council believes that the removal of the road would injure war work rather than aid it." The resolution by the Jacksonville council, which was also telegraphed to the colonel, was similar in nature, and specifically called attention to the fact that the city of Jacksonville had, when the road was first projected, given \$7,000 towards its cost of construction.

HAIG BREAKS THRU HINDENBURG LINE IN TWO PLACES

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ing their big guns actively against the British lines. Tuesday evening the Germans attacked Meuvres, west of Cambrai and pressed the British back to the western outskirts. Apparently the enemy is determined to hold his ground on the line between the Scarpe and the Oise. Southwest of Metz the Germans have attempted to strike back at the Americans west of the Moselle river. The American artillerymen, however, smothered the enemy effort and the Germans were driven back with losses. The attempt was made Tuesday evening and the enemy did not follow up the repulse with any further movements toward the American line.

Americans Squelch Attack

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LORRAINE, Sept. 18., 2:30 p. m.—(By the Associated Press.)—German

infantry attempted to attack the American lines west of the Moselle Tuesday evening, but the enemy troops were driven back by the fire of the American artillery.

When observers reported that a light line of German infantrymen was approaching the American big guns threw a terrific barrage into that area. There were no further movements by the enemy.

Observers reported this morning that there were no living Germans in the region where they were sighted last night. Quite a number of dead, however, were seen.

French Hold Gains

PARIS, Sept. 18.—German troops last night launched violent counter attacks against the French positions on the plateau northeast of Saney, seven miles northeast of Soissons. The French war office statement issued today says that the German attacks were unsuccessful and that the French troops maintained their gains.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—During the week ending September 13th, 884 sick and wounded soldiers of the American expeditionary forces were landed in the United States, the war department announced today. There were 447 landed in the preceding week.

NAVY ENLISTMENTS TO BE REOPENED FOR DRAFTED MEN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today announced orders to the local draft boards which will permit voluntary induction of draft registrants into the navy and marine corps and provide for drafts of men for those services if voluntary inductions do not suffice to fill the demands.

Calls for men for the navy will go out before the end of this month and marine corps contingents will be called within a few weeks.

State quotas will be allotted to fill the marine and naval requirements. Men responding will be counted upon the state's quota for military needs.

Physical qualifications are slightly higher for naval needs, and the order directs that local boards shall select no man for the navy who cannot use fully the English language and who has not a complete status as a citizen of the United States.

Draft boards today began mailing

questionnaires to the 6,400,000 men between 19 and 35, who registered last Thursday. Ten per cent of the questionnaires were to be mailed today and ten per cent each day thereafter.

British and Canadian subjects within the age limits have thirty days in which to enlist in the British and Canadian armies.

TO THE QUICK.

(By Amelia Josephine Burr.) "Working again?" "Why not? I'm well and strong." "But—your two boys?" "She showed her service pin; Two stars. Her neighbor frowned.

You think it's wrong For both to go? But listen—don't begin To blame them till you know . . . One was to stay with me. "It's up to you, Mother, to choose," they said. And shining through Their faces, I could see their spirits glow I loved—and understood. What could I do But bless them both—my boys!— and bid them go?

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- Very fine grade, all sizes. Some with black embroidered back. Special, **\$2.50** pair
- New Mocha Gloves in gray and brown. A very fine grade and no more to be had at this price. Thursday, **\$2.50** pair
- The new Khaki colored Kid Glove with fancy stitching, all sizes. Special, **\$3.50** pair

THREE BIG CORSET BARGAINS

- 25 pair of good grade Corsets, all new models, cheap today at \$2.00. On sale Thursday **98c** pair
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