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FRENCH ENGAGE IN NEW DRIVE ALONG AISNE THREATENING THE GERMAN STRONGHOLD OF LAON

Gains of Two Miles With 1800 Prisoners Were Reported This Morning.—General Haig Reports Repulse of Strong Enemy Attacks And Steady Advance Toward Cambrai.—1500 Prisoners Were Taken There In Two Days' Fighting.—German Line Seriously Threatened.

The American offensive having achieved in 27 hours its purpose of capturing St. Mihiel salient, Marshal Foch today started a new drive along the Aisne and west of the Chemin-des-Dames, French forces attacked at 5 a. m. Gains of two miles, capture of 1800 prisoners and seizure of several towns was reported in London early this afternoon.

The new battle is in the area north and east of Soissons. The fighting front is roughly shaped like the letter "L". On the line which runs south and slightly east from below LaFere to the Aisne, the French are striking against the Hindenburg defenses, flanking St. Gobain and Coucy forests and the Chemin-des Dames and also flanking the Germans along the north bank of the Aisne.

On the east and west line the effort is apparently to cross the Aisne and dislodge the Germans from plateau positions which they still retain between the Aisne and the Vesle. In the last operations on this east and west line Americans in large numbers participated. If big advances should be made this attack would take the form of a gigantic pincer movement against Laon, as the assault is on both the west and south of that stronghold.

In what was once the St. Mihiel salient, the Americans are today rounding up batches of Germans who were nipped off in the retreat. Prisoners taken by the Americans and French total more than 20,000 and more are being brought in, according to unofficial reports. American artillery has now started a bombardment of the Hindenburg line, beyond the base of the late salient, where the Germans apparently have taken refuge. Readjustments of German positions in front of the Hindenburg line are in progress. At Chatillon, the enemy withdrew two miles in this readjustment.

In Picardy the Germans have made several strong local attacks against the British, all being repulsed.

London, Sept. 14.—(1:40 p. m.)—In an attack launched at five a. m. today on the Aisne and astride the Ailette, the French have advanced two miles on an eleven mile front, taking several towns and 1800 prisoners, according to battle front dispatches this afternoon.

The French, striking toward the western end of the Chemin-des-Dames, have captured Allouart just north of the highway leading toward the Chemin-des-Dames. Further south they have seized Nancy.

On the northern bank of the Aisne, advancing eastward, the French have reached the western edge of Vailly, Mont Des Singes has also fallen. The French attack this morning on the south end of the St. Gobain massif and in the direction of the forest of Coucy, is making satisfactory progress. This morning's French advance threatens to turn the flank of the Chemin-des-Dames and endanger Laon. This attack is in the direction of Laon from the south and west. American troops have been fighting between the Aisne and the Vesle. The French astride the Ailette are in a position to flank the Chemin-des-Dames positions from the west.

Astride the Ailette the allied front runs close to the Hindenburg line. The

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Americans driving across the heights of the Meuse from the west cut through the pocket seven miles to Vignolles, where they met other American forces smashing in from the south thus completing the closing of the sack.

Our front now runs through Noroy, Jaulny, Xammes, St. Benoit, Hattenville, Hannoville and Herbuville. All the territory within that line is under control of the Americans.

The number of prisoners and guns taken as Pershing's troops swept on increased with great rapidity. All our objectives were attained according to schedule.

"We're going strong," was the report from a certain already famous division regarding the progress of its attack shortly after the offensive opened. From the start of the drive, it was evident the prisoners would number thousands.

When 5000 to 7000 had already been captured, reports came into headquarters from all directions telling of groups of 200, 300 and 500 more on their way to the rear.

(Pershing's latest report gave the number of prisoners counted as being 13,300.)

Many Prisoners and Guns. Eighteen hundred prisoners, including eight officers, were taken when Thincourt fell. Eighteen officers were included in another bag. Numerous machine guns have been seized. One infantry detachment charged and captured an entire battery of field guns which were firing on them.

Supremacy in Air Allied supremacy in the air was quickly won and remained ours. A heavy rain pugged but in spite of this the French and American airplanes dominated the sky. When the boches attempted to send up two observation balloons, they were quickly shot down. As the German lines began giving way explosions were heard in the rear. They continued all during the first day. Most of them were due to the accurate firing of our artillery.

All night our batteries kept up their incessant shelling of the enemy's back areas.

On the western side of the salient where a sharp wedge was driven in from the south and east, steady progress was made through the most difficult fighting country and against strong resistance.

German Defeat Complete The effect of the German defeat was felt even on the western side of the Moselle river, where enemy troops were forced to evacuate the bend in the stream. American patrols occupied the abandoned trenches.

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"HELLO BILL" DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

There Will Be Great Doings; L. J. Simpson Will Speak; Many Fancy Stunts

"HELLO, BILL!" According to the present plans of the Salem Elks' lodge, Thursday September 26, will be "Hello Bill" day at the state fair with something original done from early morn until the Portland 4-legation and the 12,000 Elks but of 40 pieces leave for home late in the evening.

Among the Salem Elks there is a feeling that the real lodge should make Elk day at the state fair one of the highest events of the week. And in order to properly receive and entertain the brothers from all parts of the state, a committee of entertainment has been appointed with Walter Tooze as chairman.



What's become of th' feller that used t' allus ride in a buggy with one leg hangin' out an' 'his sock comin' down? We'll bet many a feller with th' toothache got sore on th' kaiser fer takin' up so much o' 'Doe Davis' time.