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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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