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BRITISH RIP THROUGH VON HINDENBURG LINE YANKEES WITH FRENCH ALLIES CAPTURE MORE THAN 16,000

FIRST OBJECTIVE QUICKLY ATTAINED IN LATEST DRIVE

ALLIED FORCES RESUME DRIVE ON CHAMPAGNE FRONT THIS MORNING.
ALL REPORTS INDICATE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.
PRISONERS GROW MORE NUMEROUS AS FULLER REPORTS ARE RECEIVED TODAY.

Paris, Sept. 27.—The French and Americans have taken more than 16,000 prisoners in their Champagne-Argonne drive, according to authoritative information received here this afternoon.

London, Sept. 27.—(4:32 p. m.)—The Americans have captured Charpeny (two miles north of Vanmes), according to battle front dispatches received here this afternoon.

By Fred S. Ferguson
(United Press staff correspondent)
With the American First Army, Sept. 27.—(11 a. m.)—The number of prisoners and captured guns is mounting as the Americans sweep on in the Argonne region.
Captured German guns have been turned on the enemy. Among the prisoners are a number of dismounted Uhlans, rated as the flower of German cavalry.
The retreating enemy is setting fire to munitions dumps and already has destroyed a great quantity of ammunition.
All indications point to the fact that the Germans intended to make a strong effort to hold the Aire valley, between the Aisne and the Meuse, and tried to establish a new line through Mont Blainville. Airplanes strafed the working parties and the infantry swept in, capturing the prisoners as the line was pierced.

Franco-American Progress
Paris, Sept. 27.—The Franco-American offensive in the Champagne-Argonne region was resumed this morning and is progressing satisfactorily, despite bad weather, the French war...

ABE MARTIN



At a dollar a clip it begins to look like we'd all have to wait till Bryan's president before we get our hair cut. It's only twenty-two and on his third Ford.

GERMANS WERE ROUTED BY "AMATEUR" YANKEE ARMY IN CHAMPAGNE

Attack Was Expected East Of Verdun And It Was Made West of That Fortress

HOW THE "AMATEUR" AMERICAN ARMY DID IT

American artillery violently bombarded the whole front between Verdun and the Metz region Wednesday night. A score of deep raids were made into German lines in this region. The German command, to meet this "attack" concentrated great masses of artillery and reserves between Verdun and the Moselle.
Then, when the enemy had weakened his lines sufficiently west of Verdun, the Americans suddenly attacked on a twenty mile front in that region, encountering little opposition.
The American "amateurs" had completely outguessed the German "professionals."

By Fred S. Ferguson
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
With the American First Army, Sept. 27.—The second offensive of the American first under command of General Pershing which began yesterday morning has swept the Germans seven miles behind the Hindenburg line on a twenty mile front from the Meuse westward to the Argonne forest.
The Americans today continued to progress.

On the American left, French troops are attacking on an equal frontage. Extending westward to the Suippe river, they have advanced to an average depth of four miles.
Villages already occupied by the Americans include Varennes, Mont Blainville, Vanquois, Melanecourt, Bethincourt, Mont Faucon, Cuisy, Nantillois and Septarges.

More than seven thousand prisoners have been captured. The French have captured Servon, the Navarra farm, Main De Massiges and Butte Du Mesnil. No report has been made regarding the number of prisoners taken by them.

EXTENT OF SMASH IN ARGONNE EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS

War Officials At Washington Highly Gratified With Results Obtained.

By Carl D. Groat
(United Press staff correspondent)
Washington, Sept. 27.—The extent of America's glorious smash in the Argonne surprised even those staff officials in closest touch with general war front plans. While General Pershing's night communique noted "over 5000 prisoners," it is likely the final count will run considerably beyond that figure, and French reports have raised the number to over 7000.
Pennsylvania, Missouri and Kansas troops are mentioned as having had a general share in this latest push. The troops of the three states met with stiff resistance, according to General Pershing, but stormed Varennes, Mont Blainville, Chopy and Vanquois.
Troops of other corps not specifically designated, captured Bois De Forges and the towns of Melanecourt, Bethincourt, Montfaucon, Cuisy, Nantillois, Septarges, Dannevoix and Gercourt-et-Drillancourt.
This composition of the first corps may have been altered as almost weekly shifts are made in all the corps.

The infantry attack was preceded by five hours artillery preparation which exceeded the St. Mihiel bombardment in violence. Three hours of this intense fire was devoted to destroying the enemy's first line defense.
Mont Falcon, 12 miles northwest of Verdun was encircled and captured at noon, just six hours and a half after the attack began. Cuisy, Nantillois, Septarges and other points were similarly cleaned up, or taken by frontal assaults.
The operation reflects the attacking power of the American better than did the St. Mihiel assault, this being our first frontal attack over an extended front. The advance was far ahead of schedule all day. Several spots were encountered where the artillery failed to smash the enemy's wire entanglements.
The doughboys cut these obstructions by hand and pushed on without any notable pause.
Artillery and squadrons of airplanes bombarded the German rear areas with deadly effect, smashing new bridges and setting fire to a number of ammunition dumps.
Prisoners said an American attack was expected but that it was looked for east of Verdun. As a result the Germans had great artillery concentrations and reserves massed between Verdun and the Metz region.
Boche artillery along the east bank of the Meuse was so completely gassed it scarcely fired a shot all day. The enemy resistance was effected mainly through the generous use of machine guns. These were stormed.
A strong artillery fire was kept up Wednesday night on the entire line from the Meuse to the Moselle, thus adding to the boches' uncertainty as to just where the attack was to be made. Fifteen or twenty raids were made to the northwest, catching the Germans completely off their balance.
The Germans were unable to use much artillery in the region under attack on account of the fact most of their guns were concentrated between Verdun and Metz or were on the road to that sector.
The number of prisoners is believed to be far greater than the 7,000 already announced, as they are being brought to the rear in a constant stream.
The operations were shrouded all morning in a heavy mist, from which peaks and hills stuck up baldly. The valleys were invisible.
Airplanes circled low, keeping with the infantry. Others waged unceasing attacks on boche flyers, thousands of feet higher, maintaining complete mastery of the air.
More than a score of enemy planes and several balloons were shot down.
American and French armies kept the boche back as far as ten kilometers (more than six miles) behind their own lines most of the day. One group of planes, fighting a boche cavalry reserve swooped down on them and drove those who survived into a wood.
Allied airmen, went aloft before daylight, some sleeping beside their machines close behind the front lines for the first time.

BULGARIA TIRED OF WAR REQUESTS TRUCE FROM ALLIES

Germany Will Protest Strongly Action Taken By Weak Knead Ally

By Joseph Shepley
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Sept. 27.—A new all-Russian government with authority to speak and act for the whole of Russia, and whose chief aim is the renewal of war against Germany, has been formed. Official announcement of this was made by the Russian embassy here through the publication of a cable received from the government whose temporary seat will be at Ufa.
The new government was formed following a great conference held at Ufa and attended by representatives of all political parties, except the bolsheviks and the left wing of the social revolutionists.
A directorate of five men, representing all revolutionary and democratic elements from the social revolutionists to the left wing of the cadets, has been named as the new provisional all-Russian government and the constituent assembly has been called to meet January 1, 1919. The directorate consists of the following:
M. Avskenteff, social revolutionist, head of the new government.
M. Vologodsky, populist socialist.
M. Tchaikovsky, social revolutionist.
M. Astroff, cadet.
General Boldireff, military chief.
General Doldireff represents no political faction. He will be charged with simply the work of re-organization of Russia's resources, preparatory to active operation against the central empires.
In his hands will be the task of training and organizing the new army of 250,000 men already formed in Siberia, with 30,000 veteran Russian officers commanding them.
The slogan of the new government is: "All power to the constituent assembly."
The directorate will be representative of the constituent assembly until it meets on the date specified. An attendance of at least 700, more than two thirds, is expected. The place of meeting—probably Moscow—will depend upon the general situation in Russia. All regional and local governments formed in various regions of Russia during the past few months have placed themselves under the authority of the directorate and the constituent assembly.

MEANTIME BULGAR ARMIES ARE FLEEING

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A GOVERNMENT ACTING FOR ALL RUSSIA IN WAY OF BEING ORGANIZED

Its Main Object Will Be To Unite Country And Again Fight Germany

Remarkable Reorganization
The formation of the new all-Russian government is the result of a remarkable process of reorganization long under way in Russia.
M. Avskenteff is one of the foremost leaders of the Russian social-revolutionary party. Next to Victor Tcherzoff, president of the constituent assembly and the great teacher of the social-revolutionists he is the leading figure in the party.
I met M. Avskenteff last January in the Fortress of St. Peter and Paul, where he was at that time a prisoner of the bolsheviks. M. Avskenteff evidenced a remarkable optimism, despite the fact that the bolsheviks were at that time in the zenith of their power. He predicted the complete failure of the bolsheviks and the inevitable misfortunes that would follow.
"But," he said, "Russia will withstand the disease of bolshevism."

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Great Draft Lottery On Next Wednesday

Washington, Sept. 27.—Pro-vost Marshal General Crowder announced today that America's greatest draft lottery—to determine the order of service liability of the 13,000,000 men registered September 12, will start next Monday, at noon.
The drawing will be in the senate office building. Acting Secretary of War Crowell and Chief of Staff March being the celebrities to participate.
Approximately 17,000 capsules will have to be drawn from the lottery bowl and it is estimated that this will require at least 26 hours of uninterrupted drawing.
"Because of the time and mass of figures involved," Crowder announced today, "the press association of the country have united in informing us that it will be impossible for them to undertake the sending of the wires, as they did on the occasion of the first and second draft drawings.
"They have agreed upon and proposed to me a plan whereby copies of the 'master list' as determined by the drawings will be sent as promptly as possible direct from this office to the 1544 district boards, which will be instructed to make them available immediately upon receipt to the newspapers within the area of their jurisdiction."

Kaiser In Cellar When Bombs Drop

Geneva, Sept. 27.—The German Kaiser hid in a cellar at Mannheim during a recent raid by the allied airmen over that city, dispatches received here state.
The German ruler was making a visit to towns along the Rhine to allay fears of the inhabitants following raids of allied air craft. An attack was made on Mannheim at the time of the royal visit. Several bombs landed near the cellar where Wilhelm was hiding.
Inciting to patriotism concerning things local, the Hillsboro Argus admonishes all: "Get ready to visit—and then visit—that county fair. It is your fair, whether you have anything there or not."
Hit the Liberty trail and at the end of the trail buy Liberty bonds.

GENERAL BYNG STRIKES HARD IN CAMBRAI SECTOR

British Dash Forward Three Miles On Front Of Thirteen Miles.

GERMANS CAPTURED IN LARGE DROVES

Tanks Lead In Attack With Infantry Following Close Behind

London, Sept. 27.—Between five thousand and six thousand prisoners, have been taken by the British in their attack today towards Cambrai, it was learned authoritatively tonight.
By Lowell Mellett
(United Press staff correspondent)
With the British Armies in France, Sept. 27.—The British, attacking at dawn in the direction of Cambrai, smashed forward on a thirteen mile front, penetrating more than three miles at some points.
A strip of the Hindenburg line seven miles wide, including five miles of the Canal Du Nord, was crossed.
Hundreds of prisoners have been taken.
General Byng's army and some of General Horne's including Canadians, participated in the drive.
By nine o'clock remarkable progress had been made. They had crossed the enormously difficult canal between Moeuvres and Havrincourt and 7000 yards of Hindenburg trenches and deep wire barriers beyond.
At 7:55 the British were advancing on Bourlon spur (four miles directly west of Cambrai), the German surrendering in great droves. Tanks had reached Fleurybaix (five miles southwest of Cambrai) at 8:25, the infantry pouring in behind them.
The first batch of prisoners brought in numbered 200.
The haul was expected to be large.
The primary objectives between Moeuvres and Havrincourt have been attained, that east of Moeuvres being a distance of three miles while that east of Havrincourt was scarcely a mile, since the German position here is unusually strong.
Following the main attack between the Arras-Cambrai road near Marquion (six and a half miles northwest of Cambrai) to the vicinity of Bantouello (seven miles south of Cambrai) elements of General Hawtinson's army on the right advanced slightly to protect the flank.
Progress is Satisfactory
London, Sept. 27.—The British forces attacked on a wide front south of the Senese river at 5:20 this morning, it was announced by Field Marshal Haig. He reported "satisfactory progress."
At 5:20 this morning we attacked on a wide front south of the Senese river," the statement said. "First reports indicate satisfactory progress."
"Last night successful local operations were conducted by us in the neighborhood of Aulx (on the Senese river five miles south of Douai and eight miles northwest of Cambrai) northwest of LaBassée Fleurybaix. Our line was advanced in the localities and prisoners captured."
The Senese river flows northeastward crossing the battle line three miles south of the Arras-Douai highway, 12 miles northwest of Cambrai.

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