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GOOD NEWS

Gen. Foch Anticipates Proposed German Drive Towards Paris or English Channel Ports, and Strikes First, Catching Germans Unawares and Gaining Important Territory.

SUDDEN DRIVE BY BRITISH AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

Line is Advanced Over a Front of Three and a Half Miles to Depth of Nearly a Mile, East of Nieppe Forest, and Three Villages Taken.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 28.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's troops, east of the forest of Nieppe, got a nasty and unexpected knock today when the British suddenly drove forward in a surprise attack along a front of more than three miles and hurled the startled grey-coated soldiers back to an average depth of 1500 yards.

The operation was an unqualified success from its inception, and the attacking infantry reached all their objectives in remarkably short time.

By this thrust the British not only have greatly improved their position in this important and much-contested sector, which lies just north of Merville, but they inflicted heavy punishment on two hostile divisions that were holding the line here—the 32nd division of Saxons and the 44th reserve division of Prussians.

Large numbers of the enemy were killed in the hurricane onslaught, and some 250 of the more fortunate had been collected in the prisoner cages before noon.

The front of the attack was 6000 yards in length and lay approximately between Vieux Berquin, on the north, and Pont Tournai, which is 2000 yards northwest of Merville, on the south.

West of Merville the British and German lines here had been jammed up almost against the edge of the Nieppe forest in places, with the result that the British felt a lack of elbow room for operations. It was in order to acquire more leeway that today's assault was projected.

The objectives settled upon lay along the winding little stream known as Plate Beque, which bowed out toward the east in a semicircle back of the German lines. Prussians and Saxons were holding this zone, with a series of strong machine gun posts linked up with barbed wire.

The first stages of the drive were comparatively easy. In fact all the final objectives were reached without much difficulty.

At two strongly fortified farms near the centre of the line the enemy fought stubbornly, but was unable to stand out long against the furious onslaughts of the British, who attacked them from all directions.

The losses among the storming infantry for the entire engagement were extremely light, which was due largely to the fact that the show was over before the enemy was able to organize serious resistance.

As a special feature of the program British troops on the left of the columns carried out a simulated attack of their own, which had an amazing result, adding nearly half a hundred prisoners to the bag.

During the spring the low-lying ground here had been little better than a morass, but the warm weather of recent days dried it out enough to make it feasible for infantry operations. The British pushed off at 6 o'clock this morning, after a short, sharp bombardment, just as the white mists were beginning to arise upon the numerous streams which thread their tortuous way about this region. Statements by prisoners show that the enemy had not the slightest expectation of the British taking the initiative at this point. The Germans felt so secure that they were devoting most of their time to a campaign against the epidemic known locally as the Flanders gripe, which has sent many of them to hospitals.

The British were over the top at the enemy before the latter realized their danger. Machine gun posts were stormed and cleaned out with hand grenades and bayonets. Where the Germans were holding a stretch of trench the attacking troops rushed up with rapid fires and swept the ditches with an intense fire that annihilated the defenders.

Australian Also Make Gains.
London, June 28.—British troops in attacks against the Germans have advanced their line over a front of nearly three and a half miles, to an average depth of nearly a mile, east of the Nieppe forest, which lies between Bailleul and Bethune, according to the British official communication issued this evening. West of Merville, Australian troops also captured enemy positions. On both sectors prisoners and machine guns were taken. The text of the communication follows:

"This morning English troops carried out a successful operation on a front of about three and a half miles east of the Nieppe forest. Our line on this front has been advanced to an average depth of nearly a mile and more than 300 prisoners and 22 machine guns have been captured. All of our objectives were gained, including the hamlets of L'Epinette, Verte Rue and La Beque.

"The enemy was taken by surprise and our casualties are light.

"At the same hour Australian troops attacked and captured certain hostile posts west of Merville, together with 43 prisoners and six machine guns.

"On the remainder of the British front the situation is unchanged.

Valuable Ground is Taken.
A successful advance of nearly a mile was made today by the British troops between Bailleul and La Bassee, according to Reuter's British headquarters correspondent.

The correspondent says the captured ground lies at the most debatable point on the British front, just west of the Bois d'Aval, which forms the northeast angle of the Nieppe forest.

"The offensive was a point where the enemy thrust was hardest in the Flanders battle, in an effort to capture the forest, which would have opened his way to Hazebrouck, the capture of which would have entailed our retirement from Ypres," says the correspondent.

"The attack was launched at 6 o'clock this morning on a front of 6000 yards, from Vieux Berquin to Pont Tournai, its objective being the line of the small stream called the Plate Beque, 1500 yards away. The objectives were completely attained and give us valuable ground for future attacks.

"Some 300 prisoners and six machine guns were captured."

"Busily Engaged"

German Official Report Says Troops Are Attempting to Repulse Allies.

Berlin, via London, June 28.—The Germans are busily engaged in attempts to repulse vigorous attacks by the allied armies north of the Lys and south of the Aisne rivers, says the German official communication issued this evening.

BRITISH IN ITALY DEFEAT AUSTRIANS

Penetrate Enemy Trenches, Inflict Losses and Take Prisoners.

FIGHTING WAS BRISK

Engagements Reported From Monte Corno and South of Sasso Rosso.

Rome, June 28.—British troops on the Asiago Plateau yesterday penetrated the Austro-Hungarian trenches, inflicted losses on their occupants and brought back prisoners. It was announced today by the Italian war office. On other parts of the front (Italian scouting parties engaged in brisk fighting.

The statement reads: "Along the whole front there was moderate artillery activity. The operations of reconnoitering parties gave rise to brisk fighting episodes on Monte Corno and south of Sasso Rosso.

"On the Asiago Plateau a British party penetrated into the enemy trenches, inflicting losses on him and bringing back a few prisoners.

"Our airmen carried out lively bombardments."

TWENTY GERMAN PLANES DESTROYED BY BRITISH

Nine Others Forced to Earth Out of Control and Vigorous Bombing Done.

London, June 28.—Twenty German airplanes were destroyed by British aviators in air fighting over the western front Thursday, according to the British official communication dealing with aviation, issued tonight. In addition nine enemy aircraft were forced to earth out of control.

The British themselves lost 14 machines. The text of the communication follows:

"A full day's work was done Thursday by our reconnaissance, photograph and artillery machines. There was some increase in hostile activity in the air and more fighting occurred.

"Twenty German airplanes were destroyed and nine driven down out of control. Fourteen of ours are missing. Bombing was continued vigorously during the 24 hours on railway junctions and other targets."

PREPARE FOR THE 1ST JULY, "DOMINION DAY."
Monday will be Canada's national holiday, sure to be hot weather, so you must prepare for it. Today we offer special values in all qualities of Panama and straw hats, light-weight outing hats and caps, auto coats, caps and dusters. Panama hats, \$5.00 to \$12.00; straw hats, \$2.00 to \$6.00; Dunlap's straws, \$7.00. Also in our basement sale of odd hats which is worthy of attention—Saturday is always a busy day. Extra sales people will be in attendance. Store closes at 6 P. M. and D. Dineen Co. Ltd., 140 Yonge street.

FRENCH ADVANCE THE LINE AND TAKE 1060 PRISONERS

Southwest of Soissons an Attack Is Made on Seven Kilometre Front, Resulting in Occupation of German Positions and Capture of Cutry Heights.

PARIS, June 28.—Southwest of Soissons, French troops, in an attack over a front of four and a half miles, from the south of Amblemy to the east of Mont Gobert, today captured German positions, and at some points advanced their line to a depth of a mile and a quarter, says the French official communication issued this evening. Prisoners to the number of 1060 thus far have been counted. The communication follows:

"South of the Aisne we attacked this morning from the south of Amblemy to the east of Mont Gobert, in order to acquire armed places on a seven-kilometre front. We entered German works, took the forests above Lavreine and the heights northwest of Cutry and advanced our lines near the west of St. Pierre Aigle and also on the hill south of this village.

"Our advance reached at some points to a depth of two kilometres. We have taken until now 1060 prisoners."

"Aviation: On June 26-27 twenty German machines were brought down or put out of action and four captive balloons were burned. Our bombing squadrons in the same period during the day and night dropped 55 tons of projectiles on aviation grounds along the Somme and Aisne and on cantonments and bivouacs at Rozieres-en-Santerre, Fismes and Guignicourt and the stations at Soissons. Fere-en-Tardenois and other places. Two munition depots were exploded and several fires were observed.

"Army of the east: There has been continuous reciprocal artillery activity in the region of Doiran and west of the Vardar. The artillery has been normal in the region of Monastir. An enemy detachment, which attempted to approach our line near Kravista, was repulsed. Italian troops have carried out with success a surprise attack on an enemy position on Hill 1050.

"There has been a bombardment by allied aviators of enemy bivouacs northwest of Gjevell and of the depots at Gerniate."

Particularly Successful Operation.
With the French Army in France, June 28.—The first notable activity for some time on this front occurred early this morning, when the French executed a particularly successful local operation to the southwest of Soissons and on the borders of the forest of Villers-Cotterets, where were captured several positions, whose continual possession would have permitted the enemy to prepare a future offensive. The French attack occurred at dawn along a front of 6000 yards and the fighting proceeded throughout the day.

By late afternoon, when this despatch was filed, the French had advanced considerably, taking a number of prisoners, and more were coming in. The allied troops had reached the outskirts of the Fosse-Bas-Cutry and St. Pierre Aigle, where a most determined struggle was progressing. The Germans had been ejected from a portion of the forest of Villers-Cotterets southward to St. Pierre Aigle. The French artillery was completely dominating the enemy guns.

Canada Seizes German Shares In the Canadian Coal Mines

EX-CZAR'S DEATH CONFIRMED AND DENIED AT SAME TIME

One Report Says He Was Murdered, While Another Announces That He is in Good Health.

Amsterdam, June 28.—Western German papers just received here seem to regard the reports of the death of Nicholas Romanoff as authentic. The Russian newspaper, Novaya Zhiin, edited by Maxim Gorky, is quoted by The Hamburg Fremdenblatt as printing a Kiev report that Nicholas, while in a train with Red Guards, complained against being transferred from Ekaterinburg to Moscow and that he got into a dispute with his escort and was murdered.

KERENSKY A FUGITIVE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

His Political Action Will Consist in Showing Need for Allied Intervention in Russia.

London, June 28.—At the Russian embassy it was declared today that no official confirmation has been received of the report that the former Russian emperor has been assassinated. If the report is true, the crime is not a political one, according to the embassy officials, but merely an act of brutality on the part of an angry guard.

Regarding the unexpected appearance in London of Alexander Kerensky, the former premier of Russia, the embassy said it knew of his presence here for several days, but chose to let him take his own time for revealing himself.

"Kerensky's political action will obviously consist of showing the extent of the necessity of intervention in Russia."

Stock in German Development Co. and Brazilian and Rocky Mountain Collieries To Be Administered By Minister of Finance and Receiver-General.

The federal government at Ottawa proposes to confiscate German-owned properties in Canada, especially in a mining way, following more or less the policy of the Government of the United States.

The first gun was fired yesterday at Caspode Hall. A news item in The Telegram of last night reads:

The German Development Co. of Canada, and certain interests in the Brazuca Collieries, Limited, and in the Rocky Mountain Collieries are to be administered by the minister of finance and receiver-general of Canada. Steps to accomplish this were taken this morning when C. C. Robinson secured from Justice Ross an order vesting the assets of the German Development Co. and shares standing in the names of certain persons in the Dominion officials.

The order gives the officials the right to sell, mortgage or vote upon the shares. Thomas Muir, of the department of secretary of state, says that it is in the public interest that the business should be conserved and carried on, and that it should be under the control of the Dominion so that it could not be used for the benefit of the enemy and to offset Canadian property held by the enemy.

It was intended that D. Mack McClelland, the Toronto manager of Price, Waterhouse & Co., should be appointed controller, but owing to his absence in England, and the necessity of taking some steps at once, someone to be determined upon will be named in the meantime.

The assets taken over include any right to name directors on the boards of the Brazuca Collieries and the Rocky Mountain Collieries. Shares of the following persons are vested in the minister of finance: G. W. Buxenstein, H. Danziger, Herman Frankel, Hans Karver, Martin Nordberg, Clara Metzger, John I. Sutcliffe, E. Hasenwald, Eugene de Wasserman, Van Wasserman & Co., E. Wasserman and Andrew Hydon.

Two Toronto People Are Killed

One of the worst motor car accidents in the history of Toronto occurred at 6.15 yesterday evening when a motor car driven by James Simpson, 172 Hastings avenue, was sandwiched between two Queen street cars on East Gerrard street at the intersection of Hastings avenue.

James Simpson, 172 Hastings avenue, and Mrs. Elizabeth Clarke, 6 Edgewood avenue, who were sitting in the front seat of the motor, were instantly killed, and Allan Simpson, son of James Simpson, 172 Hastings ave., was severely injured. He sustained a broken arm and internal injuries. Altho his condition is serious, he will recover.

Motorman George Hargraves, 48 Fenwick avenue, who was in charge of one of the cars, was arrested on a charge of manslaughter immediately after the accident.

According to the police of Pape avenue station, the motor car was proceeding west on East Gerrard street, and was running on the north car track immediately in front of the westbound street car that struck it. At this point there is quite a steep grade and it is thought that the motorman misjudged his speed with the result that he crashed into the street and shoved it over onto the devil strip, where an eastbound Queen car struck it and crushed it as if it were an eggshell, between the two street cars, which are said to have been traveling at a high rate of speed on the incline. After crushing the motor the two cars passed each other for a considerable distance before they could be brought to a stop.

Inspector Fagan, Sergeant Lydiatt and Detective George Crowe of Pape avenue station were immediately on the scene of the accident and took charge. The motor did not belong to Simpson; it had only been borrowed from a neighbor for this particular trip. The bodies were removed to the morgue and the chief coroner notified.

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