

ALLIES RENEW OFFENSIVE TODAY

Fresh Drive Launched on Picardy Front This Morning British Gain Ground on North Bank of Somme

GERMAN TROOPS EVACUATING TRENCHES IN OISE RIVER BED

Strong French Pressure in Valley of Oise Forces Further Retirement by Enemy--Gains Recorded by British Last Night While French Salient Was Comparatively Quiet

By Courier Leased Wire. PARIS, Aug. 13.—Bulletin.—The Allied forces in Picardy made a heavy attack today along the entire front from Chaules southward in a determined effort to break the resistance of the enemy.

The Allied artillery now has full control of the converging roads in and out of Noyon, near the southern end of the line, notably that running toward Ham to the north. The difficulty of the enemy in carrying out a retrograde movement is thus markedly increased.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Bulletin.—German troops are evacuating trenches in the river bed of the Oise, just west of Bailly, according to news received here early this afternoon. The move has been forced by French pressure in the valley of the Oise.

Bailly is a village situated on the east bank of the Oise about a mile and three quarters east of Ribecourt. It is near the southern end of Ourcamp Forest, a wooded section which is of great strategic value in that part of the battlefield.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Bulletin.—British troops gained additional ground north of Roye, and on the north bank of the Somme, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today.

The Germans last night attacked the British positions in the Merris sector, Flanders. They were repulsed. The Germans delivered a local attack near Fouquescourt on the line between Roye and Chaules. It was repulsed.

Official Statement. The text of the statement reads: On the battle front our troops effected further improvements in their positions north of the Roye Road, and on the north bank of the Somme, and captured additional prisoners.

A local attack made by the enemy in the neighborhood of Fouquescourt was repulsed. We captured a few prisoners last night in patrol encounters south of the Scarpe—Arras front—and in the neighborhood of Vieux-Berquin—Flanders.

A hostile attack against our positions in the Merris sector was repulsed after sharp fighting.

Several enemy raids in the Vosges and up per Alsace were without result.

With the American Army on the Vesle, Monday, Aug. 12.—By the Associated Press.—The Germans directed counter-actions against the Franco-American line between Soissons and Rheims today, but without bringing about any change in the situation.

Nor did the enemy reveal any intention of an immediate attempt to recover any portion of territory lost to the north of the Marne.

At no point was a hard blow delivered. The guns on either side were seldom silent, and at many places, especially in the



MONTDIDIER HAS FALLEN. The great gains in the offensive in Picardy are shown in the shaded area on this map also its relation to the Hindenburg line where it is expected the Germans will make their stand.

COMPARATIVE LULL ON FRENCH SECTOR TODAY

By Courier Leased Wire. With the French Army in France, Monday, Aug. 12.—(By the Associated Press).—Difficulty in bringing up artillery ammunition over battered roads brought a comparative lull on the French sector today.

The German guns have been more active with shell of all calibres and with gas. The enemy is now reinforcing his old line, which he held from 1914 to 1917, and it will require heavier armament to batter a way through.

The Germans are fighting hard for time, but observers continue to report indications that their plans still include a retirement. The French and the Americans, however, have not ceased to exert pressure.

ALLIES HAMMER ANCRE-OISE LINE WHILE PREPARING FOR NEW DRIVE

Germans Making Every Effort to Hold Entente Forces in Their Old Lines, But Allied Pressure is Irresistible—Minor Gains Recorded Today.

By the Associated Press. Allied troops are hitting the strengthened German line from the Ancre to the Oise for important local gains at various points in preparation for further advances.



A Floating Aerodrome, 500 by 150 feet, in Mid Atlantic, where airplanes would land on their trips across the Atlantic. If airplanes ever attempt this voyage, it will be necessary to have a device such as this in order that their fuel supply may be replenished.

GERMANY, IN BITTEREST HOUR OF DEFEAT ON WEST FRONT, IS GRAVELY MENACED IN EAST

SCHOONER SUNK IN NORTH ATLANTIC. Raiding Squad From U-Boat Looted Vessel Before Its Sinking.

Nantucket, Mass. Aug. 13.—The Auxiliary Schooner Earl and Nettie was added today to the list of fishing vessels sunk by a German submarine off George's Bank Saturday.

Unorganized Resistance to Occupation of Russia is Ever on Increase. HUN RULE TOTTERING.

London, Aug. 13.—The Germans intend to occupy Petrograd, a despatch to the Copenhagen Politikon from Helsinki declares, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent in the Danish capital reports.

CASUALTIES FROM RECENT FIGHT HEAVY. Four Local Officers Are Officially Reported as Wounded Today.

OTHER CASUALTIES. Lieut. Duff Slemin, severely wounded. Lieut. S. W. Seago, wounded. Lieut. Don Waterous, wounded.

Casualties resulting from the recent heavy fighting on the Picardy front, in which the Canadians played a prominent part, commenced to come into the city today. Up to noon, four officers were reported.

Change in Policy. London, Aug. 13.—A marked change is taking place in German military policy, says the military critic of The Times.

the British, French and Americans in check in their old lines of the winter of 1916-17. A break in the German effort to stabilize the positions appears most probable in the region of Lassigny, between Roye and Noyon. Here the French

have taken Gury, two miles southeast of Lassigny, and are pushing forward into the southern edges of Thiescourt Wood, and the important high ground to the south of Lassigny. West of the town the French have taken Desloges. From Gury the French are in a position to outflank the hill position south of Lassigny.

A deeper penetration at this point will place both Chaules and Roye in danger. This movement and the French operations around Lassigny place the right and centre of General von Hutier's army in a more or less serious predicament, which probably will necessitate a further withdrawal by him as two of his three bases are insecure.

The fall of Lassigny would place the French between Roye and Noyon, and in position to

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Aug. 13.—Showers have been fairly general in the West, while rain has fallen heavily over Lake Superior. A thunderstorm is reported at Ottawa.

MOMENTARY STABILIZATION

man trenches are still deep enough to afford the enemy the best opportunity he has had of clinging to ground from which he is to be evicted since he left his line in the valley of the Aves.

THE LATEST PRISONERS TALK

The latest prisoners taken say that they belong to the rearward, whose mission is to delay the advance of the French and facilitate retreat to-day.

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