

BRITISH ATTACK NORTH OF ANCRE

NOYON'S FALL COMING SOON

New French Attack by Gen. Mangin Threatens the Town

BEING OUTFLANKED

French Continue Progress Along Front Between Oise and Aisne

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The new French attack by General Mangin on a 25 kilometre front, threatens, according to the latest reports, the fall of Noyon, which slowly is being outflanked.

The attack while lacking the element of surprise, has overcome the carefully prepared positions of the enemy. On his advanced lines the enemy had a formidable array of machine guns, forming a shield for his real line of defense. Thus he had two zones of combat. The new German defensive plan has been completely undone and the enemy has been forced to seek new positions for defense.

The German army has lost its liberty of action, says Colonel Fabry, and this plainly has been brought about by the Entente high command.

The new offensive, it is believed here, will give the French complete control of the valleys of the Oise, Ailette and Aisne in the quadrilateral of Ribecourt, Noyon, Biscourt and Soissons. Much territory, filled with strong positions, however, is yet to be won. The strategy of General Mangin in first clearing the enemy's shield of machine guns before the big attack, forces the enemy to rely now on picked divisions.

Further French Progress. Paris, Aug. 21.—French troops continued their advance along the whole front between the Oise and the Aisne this morning. Carlepoint and Cuts have been captured by the French, according to the official statement issued at the war office today. After sharp fighting, ground has been taken west of Lassigny by the French, the statement says. The text of the statement reads: "During the night the situation between the Oise and the Aisne remains unchanged. The enemy did not attempt any reaction. This morning our troops continued their advance along the whole front. "Carlepoint and Cuts have fallen into our hands. "We have taken ground west of Lassigny after sharp fighting. "A number of German surprise attacks in Champagne were repulsed."

Important Stroke. Paris, Aug. 21.—(Havas Agency)—General Mangin's advance toward the Oise is an important stroke in the view of military critics, and constitutes a threat to the outflanking of Noyon from the east as well as a decided help to the army of General Humbert operating between the Marne and the Oise. The plan of General Foch, the critics believe, is aimed at consolidating the front of the armies of Mangin and Humbert and forcing the enemy to withdraw probably on a large scale. The Germans are striving to prevent this at all costs. In addition to the more than 8,000 prisoners captured Tuesday, General Mangin took numerous guns and a large amount of material. In answer to the assertion in the German official statement, the newspapers declare unanimously, that the operation was not an attempt to break through the German line, but Continued on Page Six

WEATHER BULLETIN. Toronto, Aug. 21.—Showers are reported in the Lake Superior district, otherwise the weather in Canada remains fine. Forecasts. Mod. rate south to southwest winds, generally fair and quite warm but showers or thunderstorms in some localities, during the night and on Thursday.

OVER THE TOP AT EARLY HOUR; PROGRESS IS SATISFACTORY

Haig's Forces Renew the Offensive on Front North of Ancre

FIFTEEN-MILE FRONT

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Aug. 21.—Bulletin.—An attack on a wide front north of the Ancre river was launched by the British forces this morning, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. Satisfactory progress is being made, the statement adds. Tuesday afternoon the British threw back strong German attacks against the new British positions south and north of the Scarpe.

The statement reads: We attacked at 4.55 o'clock this morning on a wide front north of the Ancre river. Our troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress. Yesterday afternoon strong hostile attacks accompanied by heavy bombardments against our new positions south and north of the Scarpe were completely repulsed. While the width of the attacking front is not clearly defined, a wide front probably would include a line from the Ancre to the Scarpe, about 15 miles. There has not been any heavy fighting recently on the line north of the Ancre, although the Germans some days ago retired slightly on the front between Beaumont-Hamel and Bucquoy. There has been more or less raiding activity, however. The battle front from north of the Ancre to north of Lens has not seen as great a change as other sectors between Ypres and Rheims since the beginning of the German offensive on March 21. In making an attack here it would appear that Marshal Foch is striving to break the old German line in the Arras area. Any considerable forward here would menace the German positions north and south for many miles. Strategically here a blow would seem to accompany one to the French offensive south of the Oise, and a strong attempt to force the Germans to retire all along the line.

FORMER GRAND DUKE PAUL IS ARRESTED

Uncle of Late Czar is in Bolshevik Hands at Moscow

IS BRITISH CAPTAIN

By Courier Leased Wire

Amsterdam, Aug. 21.—The former Russian Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch, says a Moscow despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, has been arrested by the Bolsheviks. He is an uncle of the late Emperor and father of Grand Duke Dmitri Pavlovitch.

Grand Duke Dmitri recently was appointed an honorary captain in the British army.

SPAIN TO USE GERMAN SHIPS FOR ALL SUNK

Lost Tonnage Will be Replaced by Teuton Vessels in Spanish Ports

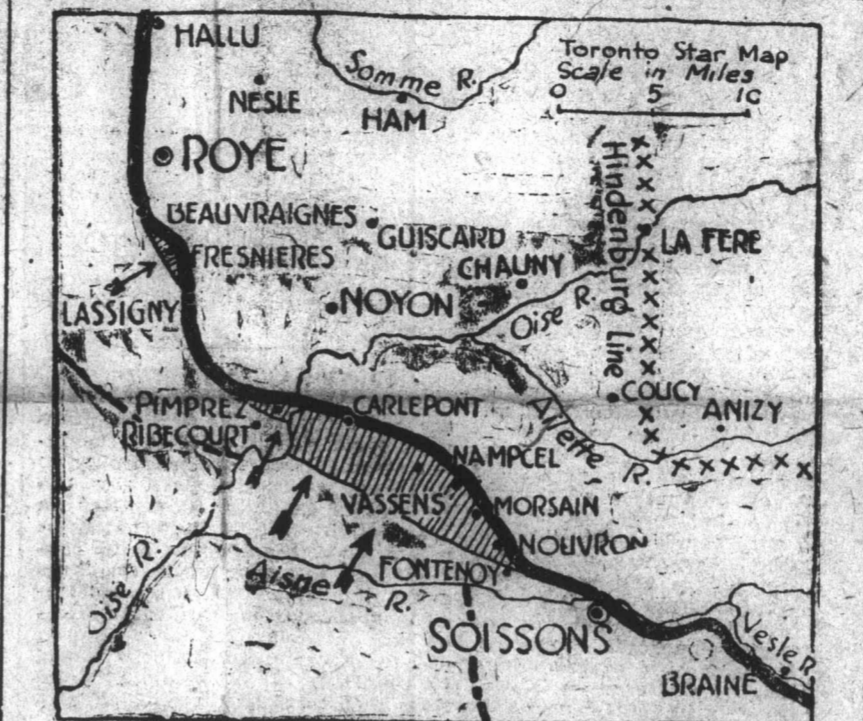
STRONG RETALIATION

By Courier Leased Wire.

San Sebastian, Aug. 21.—Eduardo Dato, the Spanish foreign minister, to day denied that Spain had received a note from Germany intimating that a rupture between the two countries was likely. Paris, Aug. 21.—Spain has informed Germany that because of two serious inroads submarine sinkings made into Spanish shipping, Spain hereafter will use German vessels now in Spanish ports in place of tonnage sunk. This announcement is made in an official statement issued after a meeting of the Spanish cabinet at San Sebastian.

The Spanish Government declares that it will continue to maintain strict neutrality. The statement says that 20 per cent of the Spanish merchant marine has been sunk and more than 100 Spanish sailors killed. The cabinet statement, which is transmitted by Madrid by the Havas Agency, says: "In the course of the recent meeting at Madrid, the government considered the international situation. As a consequence of the submarine campaign more than 20 per cent of our merchant marine has been sunk, more than 100 Spanish sailors have perished, a considerable number of sailors have been wounded and numbers have been shipwrecked and abandoned. Ships needed exclusively for Spanish use have been impeded without the slightest pretext, serious difficulties resulting to navigation. "The decision of the government to assure for itself sufficient tonnage, which is indispensable to its existence, does not affect its firm resolve to maintain strict neutrality."

A. Deviney, of St. Mary's sold 104 boxes for \$4,500. Edward Charles Hayes, of Thamesville, was drowned.



THE LATEST ALLIED GAINS IN FRANCE. The shaded area in this map represents the latest French gains. The Hindenburg line from which the enemy advanced last March is shown. The black lines on either side of the shaded area show where the Allies began their Marne and Somme advances now linked up by the latest offensive.

FOE CAN'T TRUST MEN OF ALSACE-LORRAINE

Troops From These Provinces Now in Fight Against the French For First Time—Teutons Fear the Outcome.

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, Aug. 21.—The German command is faced by a more or less serious difficulty as a result of the presence on the western front of divisions containing tens of thousands of soldiers from Alsace and Lorraine, who up to this time never have been employed in active fighting against the French. A captured German order declares that the Germans were unable to keep the Alsacians and Lorrainers away from the western front. Other documents, reiterating an order issued by the German Crown Prince, instructs the commanders of the various units to keep the men from Alsace-Lorraine under the closest surveillance, and not to utilize them at critical points in the line as many desertions had been reported. "Alsacians and Lorrainers must never be left alone in the fighting zone, but always be accompanied by German soldiers in whom absolute confidence can be placed," one order says. It is added that any soldier from Alsace-Lorraine that comes under suspicion must be treated with an iron hand.

CANADIAN TRAWLER IS SEIZED BY SUBMARINE

By Courier Leased Wire

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 21.—(By The Associated Press).—A German submarine late yesterday seized the big fishing trawler Triumph. The crew, who had reached shore safely, said they believed that the Germans intended to use the trawler as a raider. The fishermen reported that the U-boat is "playing havoc" with the fishing fleet on the Grand Banks. The Triumph was manned entirely by the crew of the U-boat and the crew was permitted to take to the dories. The fishermen said that the trawler was still afloat when they last saw her. An armed guard of Germans had been placed aboard and no preparations were being made to sink the ship, the Triumph's men said. This led them to the conclusion that the Germans intended to use her as a raider. A Canadian Ship. Boston, Aug. 21.—Fishermen here said today that if the German submarine made use of the trawler Triumph, seized yesterday, as a raider, they would have to re-coat the craft at least every ten days. The Triumph is manned entirely by a Canadian crew and is owned by a Canadian company. The vessel is 125 feet in length, 15 feet deep and a 22-foot beam and registers about 250 tons gross.

FINAL BREACH BETWEEN RUSS PARTIES IMMINENT

Fifth Soviet Congress at Moscow Marked by Dissensions and Uproarious Scenes; Feeling is Strong Against Germany

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Aug. 21.—A final breach between the two revolutionary parties in Russia was manifested from the opening of the fifth congress of all-Russian Soviets at Moscow early in July, according to a number of belated Reuter despatches, covering happenings in Russia during the first half of July. Uproarious scenes and recrimination marked the meeting of the Congress. An assertion that a majority of the people in the provinces were opposed to Soviet rule was made by Maria Spiridonova of the Social Revolutionists of the Left.

In a report on foreign relations, Foreign Minister Tchitcherine announced that the commissaries had demanded the withdrawal of British, French and American warships from the Murman coast and had dispatched Soviet troops thither as a reply to the British landing there. Tchitcherine said that Russia was ready to renounce some of her rights on the Chinese eastern rail-

THREE TOWNS TAKEN BY BYNG'S ARMY IN FIRST HOUR OF DRIVE

Smash Launched on Front of Over Eight Miles Nets Early Gains For Attacking British Forces; Towns, Guns and Prisoners, are Captured

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Bulletin.—British forces have captured Courcelles, Achiet-le-Petit and have reached Moyenville and Beaucourt-sur-Ancre in their drive which began this morning north of the Ancre river, according to advices from the front.

EIGHT AND A HALF MILES

The British attack this morning was between Moyenville and Beaucourt-sur-Ancre, a distance of about eight and a half miles. It is reported that the British have advanced from two to three miles along this front.

The attack of the British this morning was made without artillery preparation. It was completely successful. The attack was made by the British Third Army, under General Byng.

ENEMY WITHDRAWING

British Headquarters in France, Aug. 21.—By the Associated Press.—Field Marshal Haig this morning launched an offensive on a front of about 10,000 yards. The high contour between Adinver and Moyenville was the northern zone of attack, and Puisieux-au-Mont the southern landmark of the front. The enemy here lately has been withdrawing in order to increase the depth of his defense.

GUNS AND PRISONERS TAKEN

In the first hour of the offensive, the British troops captured the towns of Ablaineville, Beaucourt and Moyenville.

The British attacked on a ten-mile front between Arras and Albert. The attack's extended from the Ancre river at Beaucourt to just north of Moyenville. Some German field guns and 200 prisoners had been taken by the British up to an early hour.

London, Aug. 21.—After capturing Achiet-le-Petit, the British troops advanced another mile and a half to the east and reached Achiet-le-Grand. All the German outposts and positions along the important Crancroute Ridge, between Koudeket and the Locre Hospice, have been attacked by the British. The result so far is not known. The front is in the Lys salient.

Courcelles and Achiet-le-Petit also were captured in the British drive. Although prisoners said the Germans had been expecting the attack for a week, it was a tactical surprise. Tanks and infantry advanced through the heaviest fire in the gray morning light. "Crash" bombardment, the British troops were upon the enemy almost before he knew it.

MIST AIDED ATTACKERS

The heavy night mist, increasing to steam-like smoke, enabled the British to reach the points of assembly without the chance of detection. A great concourse of tanks manoeuvred into position as quickly as possible.

The first advance of the British was made at 5.05 o'clock this morning after a very brief "crash" bombardment. The retaliation was very light at first, no doubt owing to the difficulty of the Germans seeing the British troops in the haze and they got on rapidly. Later the assault lengthening the front by another 6,000 yards materialized according to plan. The general impression is that things are going very satisfactorily for the British.

Some 200 prisoners were taken with great promptitude. They were chiefly from the Second Guards division and the Fourth Bavarian division.

Some field guns fell into the hands of the British very early in the attack. The German infantry was discovered to be weak in places,

are pushing on at various other parts of the front. Along the Dranoutre ridge between Koudeket and the Locre Hospice, where the British this morning attacked the whole of the enemy's outpost positions, sharp fighting is continuing.

On another section of the front Le Touret has been occupied. South of the River Scarpe the attack of the enemy yesterday completely broke down under the British fire, but there may be more fighting in this district.

Late yesterday evening the British advanced line at Fampoux was viciously attacked by the enemy who was driven off with heavy casualties without achieving any gain. In the Somme River zone no extraordinary activity has been reported.

E. P. Wood, manager of the Royal Bank at Odessa, died suddenly.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. The 24th of AUGUST is the LAST DAY upon which PARDON IS GRANTED to those who are deserters or who have failed to report to the Military authorities. The EXTREME PENALTY OF THE LAW will be visited upon defaulters AFTER THAT DATE.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Toronto, Aug. 21.—Showers are reported in the Lake Superior district, otherwise the weather in Canada remains fine. A VACATION WITHOUT THE HOME PAPER IS LIKE A CAMP WITHOUT A SMOKEPIPE. "Zimnie"

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