

MARNE LATEST FOR OBJECTIVE

Change of Tactics Follows Failure on Aisne Salient

GERMANS STILL PUSH ON TOWARD THIERRY

Chateau Has Not Yet Fallen However, and Paris Hopes it May be Saved—Population Has Fled—Artillery Activity Continues East of Amiens and Elsewhere

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, May 31.—(5.45 a.m.)—(Bulletin).—The Germans continued to push forward south of Fere-en-Tardenois, according to the latest advices reaching Paris, but neither Chateau Thierry nor Dormans have yet fallen into their hands.

There is reason to hope that Chateau Thierry, the population of which has fled, will be saved. Chateau Thierry is ten miles south of Fere-en-Tardenois, while Dormans is six south of Vezilly. These towns are on the River Marne.

FOE ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, May 31.—(Bulletin).—Activity of the German artillery in the Villers-Bretonneux sector, east of Amiens, and in the Albert region to the north, is reported today by the war office. There has also been lively gun fire from the enemy lines on the Flanders front, between Fes-

NO FALSE CONFIDENCE

By Courier Leased Wire. The newspapers do not attempt to minimize the importance of the German advance. Gabriel Hanotaux, in The Figaro, compares the strategic situation of that on the eve of the battle of the Marne. All the commentators, however, express confidence that the high command will soon dispose Allied troops as to restore the situation, which L'Homme Libre considers to have reached its maximum point of gravity yesterday. The Petit Parisien says the government officials who saw the army chiefs yesterday returned in the evening still

confident, which it regards as a good sign.

It is the resistance of the two wings of the Allied forces which inspires the confidence of all military critics. To take victorious advantage of the success they have so far gained, the Germans must succeed in breaking these two hinges, and all their efforts to do this have up to this time been vain.

Another reason for the confident feeling is the arrival of Allied reserves. Besides the mention in the official report of the beginning of intervention by these reserves, The Echo de Paris, in a dispatch from the front, filed at 2 a. m. to-day, reports that the reserves are arriving on the battle ground with artillery and auxiliary services. Their entrance into action, the message reports, is being effected methodically, without any display of nervousness. General Foch and General Petain are working intimately together, it adds, to meet the serious situation.

In commenting on the intention of the fresh forces, L'Homme Libre says it does not appear doubtful that the enemy has reached the extreme limit of his advance, and that he will encounter the Allied reserves, carefully withheld until a favorable moment shall arrive for a counter attack.

JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON DIED TODAY

Proprietor of Toronto Telegram Passed Away After Six Weeks' Illness

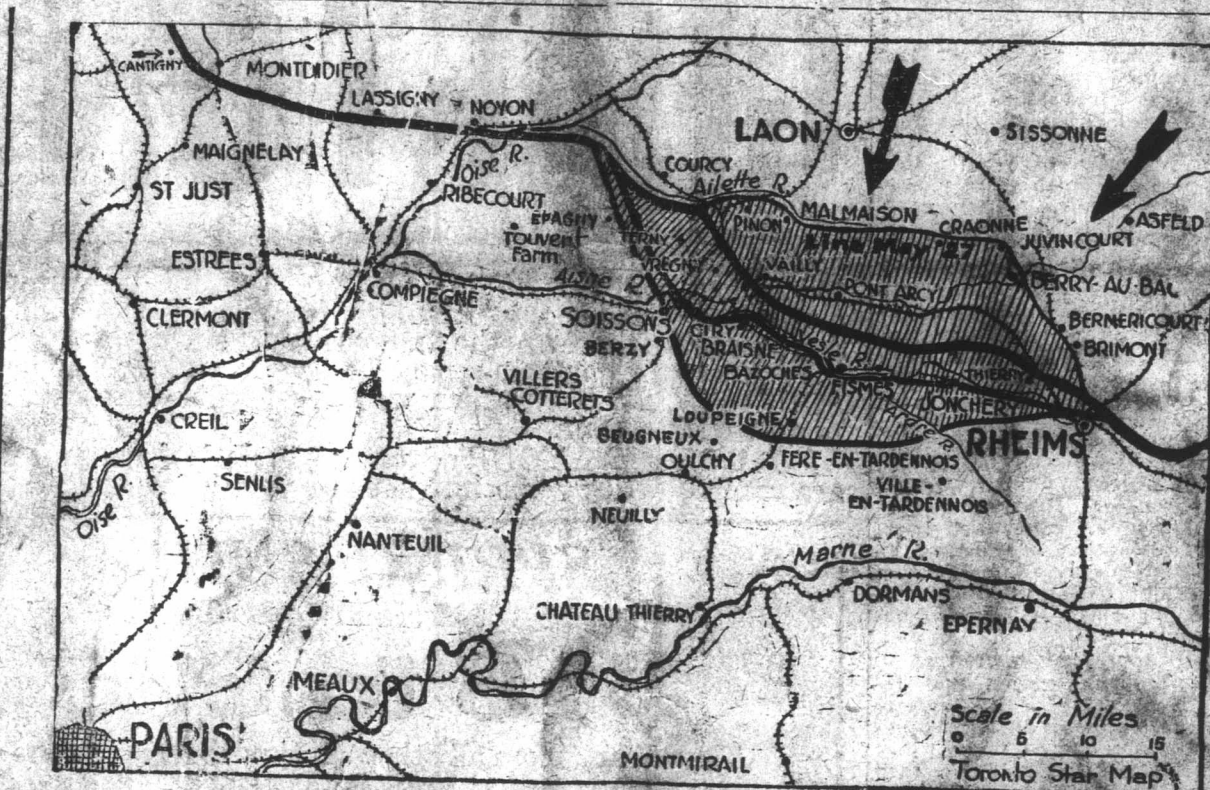
By Courier Leased Wire.

Toronto, May 31.—John Ross Robertson, proprietor of The Evening Telegram, died at his home at 291 Sherbourne street, at 10.30 this morning. He had been ill for six weeks. His illness began with an attack of pneumonia, from which he had a partial recovery, and the critical stage appeared to have been passed. During the early part of this week he seemed to be on the mend, but his condition became worse yesterday. The family were present at the time of his death. Mr. Robertson was in his 77th year.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, May 31.—Pressure is now highest on the north Pacific coast, while a widespread depression covers the west and north-west states. Light showers have occurred in most parts of the western provinces also over Lake Superior and locally in Quebec.

Forecast: Moderate and southerly to south winds; fair and decided warms. Saturday, fresh winds, partly fair and warm with some local showers or thunderstorms.



The increased shaded area, as compared with the map of yesterday, shows the further German advance towards Rheims.

NEWEST GERMAN THRUST IS DIRECTED TOWARD MARNE

Enemy Strives to Reach the River Before His Drive is Halted

PROGRESS SLACKENS

Allied Reserves Are Now Being Thrown Into the Struggle

GERMAN PLAN CLEAR

Baffled in their efforts to strike eastward and westward from the new salient in the Allied lines, the Germans are attempting to reach the Marne with their heavy forces before the Allied resistance becomes strong enough to halt them entirely. In the centre, however, the enemy progress is slackening as the Allied reserves are being thrown into the battle.

Heavy fighting continues all along the arc-shaped salient from Soissons to Rheims. Struggle as they will against the French defense on the west around Soissons, the Germans are unable to gain. In the region of Rheims the same story is true, by the British and French divisions there stand firm.

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THE WAR FRONT

By Courier Leased Wire. Bulletin, Paris, May 31.—The extreme point of the German advance is Le Charnel, about two miles north of the River Marne, according to an outline of the battle front as marked out by newspaper correspondents, the Havas agency says.

The fighting front, it is declared, runs as follows: From Chauvigny, north of Soissons it describes a circle west of that city and rejoins the River Crise south of Soissons. Then it goes to Berry, follows the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road until near Hartennes, where it bends southeast to Grand Rozoy. Thence southward, leaving Mutchy-Chateau Thierry, passes Nanteuil and Le Charnel, which marks its extreme southern point.

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Hun Advance Has Not Yet Affected Montdidier Line

ALLIES FIRM THERE Germans Not Much Nearer Paris Despite Their Gains

SITUATION IN REVIEW

By Courier Leased Wire. Although the German salient is about 18 miles deep in the centre, Paris is not much nearer than the Allied lines, eastward from Montdidier. In fact the Germans would be in a dangerous position should General Foch strike eastward along the Aisne from Soissons. This may be the purpose of the Allied strategy in holding strongly on the flanks, as the Germans get deeper and deeper into the pocket toward the Marne.

The aerial activity over the territory of the German advance is most intense, and French aviators have dropped tons of bombs on enemy targets, in addition to bringing down 10 German machines.

Elsewhere on the western front there has been little activity. The artillery fire has increased in Picardy, but infantry actions there and in Flanders have been limited to raids. West of Montdidier, the American troops still retain their hold on Catigny despite German counter attacks. Fighting continues around Catigny, and also on the Lunelville and Toul sectors. In aerial fighting north-west of Toul one American aviator fell prisoner to the enemy. Two German machines were destroyed and another sent down out of control.

In northern Italy, there has been no infantry activity of moment. The artillery duel there is less violent.

FORTY FOE DIVISIONS FIGHTING ON AISNE

And a Like Number in Reserve, Possibly for Another Blow—German Thrust Likely Due to Political Motives

London, May 30.—Forty German divisions are engaged in the Aisne battle and forty more divisions are in reserve, says a despatch from Reuters' correspondent at French headquarters. It is possible the despatch adds, that the enemy may strike another blow for Amiens or Dunkirk, but for the moment he appears to be throwing his entire strength into the conflict on the Aisne.

Political Motives. Amsterdam, May 31.—Political motives, including the defeat of the French army, are responsible for the German thrust on the Aisne, according to a suggestion in the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung of Essen. "We are on the right road," it says, "with this attack for all political consider-

POCKET MADE IN ALLIED LINE NOT YET ENLARGED

Teutons, Baffled by Allied Valor, Swing Columns Eastward With Object of Getting Round Rheims; French Confidence in Defending Armies Unwavering

By Courier Deased Wire.

PARIS, May 31.—Baffled by the valor of the Allied soldiers, the Germans yesterday failed to enlarge greatly the pocket in the Allied line. Even in the centre, the enemy appears to have been held, and the advance there is slackening.

In accordance with their favorite manoeuvre, the Germans apparently are swinging their columns eastward, with the object of getting around Rheims, through Ville-en-Tardenois, and the valley of Ardre. The bastion constituted by the ruined city and high ground, known as the Mountain of Rheims, is a menace to the German flank. It is too strong to be attacked from in front with any chance of success, so the enemy is trying to turn in from the southwest.

While any progress by the Germans on French soil, with the inevitable trail of ruin and desolation, strikes French hearts sorely, the unwavering confidence with which the general public views the situation is most remarkable. No doubt is felt as to the outcome, and there is no weakening in the resolve to fight on to the end.

NO GROUND FOR ALARM

Under these conditions the momentary advance of an army and the capture of a town may mean nothing. The problem is more vast. For its own reasons our command did not find it advisable to give battle either on the Somme or in Flanders after the March offensive. It confined itself to stopping the enemy.

"Shall we accept battle" (this time, as we formerly accepted it on the Marne? That is the secret of our command. The Germans have no illusions as to the value of the success they have gained. They know we have several million picked troops forming in manoeuvring masses which they will have to encounter—somewhere.

"If the enemy had the choice of ground for the offensive, we have the much more important choice of the field of battle on which Germany's destinies will be decided.

"It will be seen therefore that there is no ground for alarm. We probably are witnessing the preliminaries to a great battle, in which both sides wish to be decisive. Consequently, it is com-

prehensible that our commanders do not act hurriedly, but strictly in accordance with plans agreed upon"

RAID ON U. S. LINES

With the American Army in France, Thursday, May 30.—(By the Associated Press).—German airmen made a pretentious raid on the area behind the American lines in Picardy last night. Bombs were dropped on all sides of one of the largest hospitals in a town many miles to the rear of the front. American and French wounded soldiers were carried to cellars and caves by American nurses and members of the American Red Cross.

SITUATION BETTER

Paris, May 31.—"We return with the impression that as the day advanced the situation became more favorable," Rene Renelt, president of the army committee of the Chamber of Deputies, who accompanied Premier Clemenceau to the front yesterday, said to Marcel Huin, of the Echo de Paris, on his arrival in Paris.

FOE TANKS FAILED

With the American Army in France, May 31.—(By the Associated Press).—In one of the counter attacks launched against Catigny, the Germans tried to use tanks. The enemy infantry had no more than shown itself than the American artillery opened a heavy fire. Both the foot soldiers and the tanks were driven back in disorder. The new American positions in Catigny are being improved constantly.

German airmen, flying at a great height, penetrated many miles to the rear of the American lines to-day. They were driven off by anti-aircraft guns and were unable to drop any bombs.

VISITED NIAGARA CAMP

By Courier Leased Wire. Niagara Camp, Ont., May 31.—The Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General, motored over from Niagara Falls this morning and paid an informal visit to the camp at 11 o'clock. He was accompanied by Col. Henderson, military aide. The Duke addressed the men and afterwards met the officers. There was no inspection of the camp nor review of the troops, most of whom are raw recruits. The troops were raw out arms.