

## Cable News.

## WAR REVIEW.

The Allied offensive has slowed but has not been checked. Franco-American troops to-day forced back the Germans a bit further north. The greater part of the fighting is taking place in the big forest north of the Marne, and along the western flank of the salient. The ninth day of the Allied offensive on the Soissons-Rheims salient saw a lessening in the intensity of the fight along the west side of the salient where only mutual bombardments were in progress along the Marne. However, southwest of Rheims the Franco-American, British and Italian troops were at deadly grips with the army. On various sectors the enemy tried hard in the forest region north of the Marne to hold the French and Americans back debouching from the woods in strong counter attacks. The enemy, however, was forced slightly further back to the north and the forests now have been almost entirely cleared of the Germans. Southwest of Rheims heavy reinforcements evidently have been thrown along the front where the British, French and Italians are fighting. In the immediate region of Reull where the line turns sharply towards Rheims the French have captured several important places of vantage, including the village of Reull, and advanced their line northward notwithstanding the violence of the German counter attack. To the north-east where the Germans are facing the British, the Germans have recaptured Mery and Hill 204, but the British have retained the hold on Vignay, and most of the other territory taken in that theatre. Eastward from Rheims in Champagne the French regained their old line positions and are harassing the enemy with counter attacks. Before the fighting died down along the west side of the Rheims-Soissons salient, the villages of Oulchy-le-Chateau and Ville-Montel were captured by Franco-American troops who advanced their lines east of Oulchy. The fall of Oulchy gives the Allied forces the key to the heights dominating Fere-en-Tardenois which lies only a short distance to the east. At Oulchy 40 guns and 100 prisoners were captured by the American and French troops. Big Allied guns have been pulled up in this region and are heavily shelling the sectors before them over which it is purposed to push forward for the capture of Fere-en-Tardenois when the time is ripe. Meantime Allied big guns over the entire salient continue to throw shells from all angles into the German forces inside the big bag. While there has been no attempt by the Germans at a general retreat from the salient, the belief prevails along the front that an indication that a retreat is purposed is shown by the fact that the enemy is using comparatively small forces of infantry on various sectors under attack, depending mainly on his machine gunners to retard the progress of the Allies.

In France and Flanders the British have been compelled to withstand several violent attacks by the German near Hebuterne and in the vicinity of Meteren. The enemy in both sectors was repulsed with heavy casualties. On the other battle fronts the military activity is nominal although considerable fighting continues in Macedonia and Albania with the Allied troops holding the upper hand.

The British Navy has lost the armed cruiser Marmora through a submarine attack, while a torpedo boat destroyer has run aground and sunk.

## PRESSING THEM BACK.

WASHINGTON, July 26. The American forces between the Ourcq and the Marne continue to press back the enemy, General Pershing reported in his communique for yesterday, received to-day at the war department.

## NEWSPAPERS PLEASED.

PARIS, July 26. (Havas Agency.)—The newspapers are much pleased over Thursday's successes by the Allies, and believe that the moment when the pocket dug by the Germans will become so reduced that the position will be intolerable, is approaching nearer and nearer. A majority of the military critics think that the German Crown Prince will not reconcile himself with falling back to the line of the Vesle without giving a further defensive battle on the plateau of Tardenois, in conjunction

with an offensive battle in the neighboring regions. "It is believed probable that the Germans may also strike simultaneously in Flanders. The critics are convinced, however, that General Poch will not let the initiative be taken from him. The Matin says that whether the Germans begin an attack against the French or British they will find the Allies well prepared. The Allied High Command awaits in full confidence the expected enemy action. Should the Germans meet another failure, says the Matin, they would be obliged to precipitate the retirement which already appears almost inevitable.



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GERMANS RETIRING.  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 26. (By the A.P.)—To-day the Franco-American push northeast of Chateau Thierry has resolved itself into a battle of the Wood which abound in this region. Germans are fighting a rearguard action with their artillery and machine guns, retiring gradually before the Allied forces. The German infantry is not in evidence.

GERMAN POSITION IN DANGER.  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 26. (By the A.P.)—The entire German position within the Marne salient is such that it may fall at any instant as the result of some sharp forward movement by the Allies affecting a vital part. It is for this reason that the German Commanders have ordered their men to hold on at all costs, while a defensive position is prepared upon which the German army can fall back day after day. The Allies, now the French, now the Americans and now the British are encroaching upon the triangular salient at some places making deep dents in the enemy positions and at others progressing upon which the German army can fall back day after day. The Allies, now the French, now the Americans and now the British are encroaching upon the triangular salient at some places making deep dents in the enemy positions and at others progressing upon which the German army can fall back day after day.

PREPARING FOR WITHDRAWALS.  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 26. (By the A.P.)—The indications already to-day were that the enemy was making preparations for a further withdrawal. He has been struggling to hold the northern half of the Forest of Fere and of the Forest of Ris, but the Allies are making progress on the work of rushing him from the remainder of these woods. The Allies moved up their heaviest artillery to-day and were throwing shells into the German lines as far as Saponay-le-Chateau (two miles southeast of Oulchy-le-Chateau), Aubry and Fere-le-Chateau (two miles southeast of Saponay) the districts to the south were also being peppered by Allied shells. The Germans have been using

much blue cross or sneeze gas, but ineffectively. The Poplar and Oak Forests of Fere and Ris are filled with underbrush and the Allied forces are having a stiff job to get through them, but are continuing the push night and day, the German machine gunners and artillery are desperately contending for every inch of ground before giving it up. This morning the battle in the woods was still in progress.

NEARIN THE SUMMIT.  
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 26. (By the A.P.)—With the capture to-day of the town of Oulchy-le-Chateau, the Allies are nearing the summit of the plateau overlooking Fere-en-Tardenois. Further north the capture of the Ville Montel was effected after sharp fighting in the streets and in the deep caverns nearby.

STILL PROGRESSING.  
LONDON, July 26. On all sides of the German salient the Allies are reported to-day to be continuing to make progress, except on the heights behind Soissons. The German resistance to the French pressure have been very determined on this latter sector. The advances reported elsewhere are for the most part slight. On the other side of the salient just to the west of Rheims, the Allies lost the town of Mery and Hill 204 to a German counter attack, but retained Vignay and the greater part of the line thereafter looking towards Fismes. The Allies in this sector hold Marfaux, Bouilly, Stenphraisi and Courton Wood. Between the Ourcq and Chateau Thierry the Franco-American line now shows an advance beyond the line of a week ago from six to eight miles.

MOVING THE LINE FORWARD.  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 26. (By the A.P.)—Franco-American troops on the front northeast of Chateau Thierry moved their lines further forward to-day. The Allies along the front to the east likewise made progress at places. The Americans at one point attained an objective a kilometre distant, clinging desperately to the hills and woods. The Germans are using their machine guns, their artillery and their air forces and quantities of gas in an effort to hamper the advance.

IMPRESSION ON THE GERMANS.  
AMSTERDAM, July 26. The impression that the Allied counter offensive has made on the Germans at home is best illustrated in an article written by Deputy Traub of the Prussian Lower House in the pan-German paper the Tagliche Rundschau. Traub fiercely lashes the croakers, "who dare doubt the official headquarters reports of victory." He makes a desperate appeal for "more nerve" and "more faith" and blusters thus: "If the late Fritz-Frederick the Great walked the streets to-day and saw the people's long faces he would say: Remember the seven years' war when fortune was often dead against us, why grumble because affairs on the Marne are not going as well as expected. Devil take you, you ought to be ashamed of yourselves."

MUST RETREAT OR FACE DISASTER.  
PARIS, July 26. (Havas Agency.)—The latest news from the Aisne-Marne front is considered by the afternoon papers to be particularly favorable. The Allies' progress, it is believed, has not yet come to an end despite stubborn resistance. The enemy has been obliged to give up Oulchy-le-Chateau, and it is thought that the Teutons cannot hold long Fere-en-Tardenois. La Liberté says the Germans must be considering a retreat to the banks of the Vesle as fires and explosions are multiplying in the German lines and the Teuton provisions and other stores are in flames. The Germans, the papers add, either must retreat or face disaster.

NO BREAD IN PRAGUE.  
WASHINGTON, July 26. Further revolts at Prague, caused by famine, were reported in a diplomatic despatch from Switzerland. It was reported there has been no bread in Prague since July 7.

UPSET GERMAN PLANS.  
PARIS, July 26. President Poincare yesterday visited many of the recaptured villages in the battle zone, including Longpont, Corcy and Couvres-Valseray, and decorated many heroes. The President also saw a batch of prisoners. Many German prisoners say that their plans have been betrayed, otherwise they assert their defeat is inexplicable, as everything had been so carefully planned for a German advance which was to wedge itself between the French forces lying before Paris and those holding the east frontier to enable the Germans to turn in whatever way they might decide and smash each force in turn.

OFFICER SURPRISED.  
PARIS, July 26. Among the prisoners taken in the Aisne-Marne battle was a nephew of Prince Von Buelow, the former German Imperial Chancellor. The officer, who was a battalion commander, was surprised to hear that there was a large American army in France. He

said he had been convinced, as had all Germans, that the American soldiers in France didn't exceed 50,000. Among the heroes decorated by President Poincare in his present visit to the battle zone, was a nephew of Premier Clemenceau.

ANOTHER TEST CASE.  
WINNIPEG, July 26. The Galicians of Canada will launch in the Winnipeg court next week a test case to decide whether Galicians can be drafted in Canada for any kind of military service, combatant or non-combatant.

NAVAL LOSSES.  
LONDON, July 26. The British armed cruiser Marmora was sunk by a German submarine on Tuesday, according to an announcement by the British Admiralty tonight. Ten of the crew are missing, and it is presumed they were killed. The Admiralty also announces that a British torpedo boat destroyer ran ashore Wednesday and later sank. Thirteen of the crew are missing and presumed drowned. Naval records contain no cruiser named Marmora and it is possible the ship sunk was the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. steamer Marmora, of 10,500 tons gross. She was built at Belfast in 1903, was 530 feet long and had a beam of 60 feet.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.  
PARIS, July 26. Our artillery activity prevailed south of the Ourcq River Friday, the infantry of both sides remaining in their trenches, according to the French official statement issued tonight. Several advances have been made southwest of Rheims.

RIOTING IN RUSSIA.  
WASHINGTON, July 26. Rioting by the peasants in the occupied regions of White Russia, is increasing, and many German soldiers have been killed, says an official despatch to-day from Stockholm.

PEASANT REBELLION.  
LONDON, July 26. A peasant rebellion has broken out in the Ukraine on a formidable scale. According to information received to-day, 75,000 peasants, fairly efficient troops, with their officers and instructors are advancing against the German detachments, many of whom have withdrawn before the hostile advance, retreating to Kiev. The peasants are well armed.

WIND THEM UP FOREVER!  
LONDON, July 26. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The House of Commons to-day gave a third reading to the trading with the enemy bill, which finally winds up German banks in London and prevents them reopening for a period of five years after the war.

Here and There.

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### NEW ARMY COMMANDER.

I now hear it said that General Sir William Birdwood is to take over the command of the Fifty Army, whose last chief was Sir Hubert Gough. I saw General Birdwood chatting to the Queen at the Grafton Galleries during the Royal visit to inspect the famous Red Cross pearl necklace and he looked very fit. Talking of this Red Cross necklace reminds me that 2,500 pearls have been so far collected for it. In the above-mentioned show at the Grafton Galleries each is exhibited apart on a silk thread against ivory velvet, with the name of the donor attached.

### A GREAT GARDEN PARTY.

By their unpaid work for war charities the London actors and actresses are said to have raised something like three million pounds (\$15,000,000). It is only fair that they should have had a chance at the theatrical garden party on June 25th to get some money out of the public for their own special charity, the Actors' Orphanage. The garden party—it was in the Botanic Gardens, Regents Park (in the north-western district of London) again this time—has proved to be the hardest survival among London frivolities, and now that the race meetings have become attenuated business events it is not surprising that the noisy and gaudy avenue should be overcrowded. So much so that one was almost immune from buying anything, as there was no room to sell. Princess Mary made the round, the popular actor, Gerald du Maurier, acting as showman. The stars were working harder at being funny than they do in the theatre and if the humor was primitive there was a good deal of it. The effect was rather like that of a well-dressed Hampstead Heath on Bank

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