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48 Hours Will See German Drive Stopped

Gen. Foch Now Has Situation Well in Hand and Drive Will be Crushed

French Reserves Gaining on German Advanced Forces—Allied Communications Not Yet Threatened—Drive Likely to be Stopped in 48 Hours, Say Those on the Scene—Germans Made Very Slight Progress Yesterday—Right and Left Flanks of Allies Held Firm Against Overwhelming Odds—Americans Deliver a Successful Attack.

FOCH NOW CONTROLS THE SITUATION

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
PARIS, May 29.—General Foch now has the situation well in hand and French troops are beginning to gain on the German drive in a contest of speed. No important line of communication is yet threatened by the advance of the German crown prince. Those on the scene declare it is not too much to say that another forty-eight hours will see the German drive definitely stopped. High praise is given the French reserves for the perfect order in which they are coming into the fighting line.

RUNS MAY BE IN AWKWARD PREDICAMENT

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
LONDON, May 29.—The French Army in France, May 29.—Tuesday night the German offensive made only slight progress today. Seeing heavy masses opposed to them, the allies gave way in the center and in some places the enemy crossed both the Aisne and the Vesle. The allied command perceived when the German offensive began that resistance on the lines then held would be impracticable and effected a withdrawal towards the stronger positions in order to give the reserves time to come up. The enemy found both flanks were holding however. The Germans pushed forward as quickly as possible with all the troops at their disposal. The allies gave way, fighting hard. Both French and British troops on the flanks fought with extraordinary courage and succeeded in holding on, notwithstanding great odds against them. The enemy has now the Aisne at his back and may find himself in an awkward position when the allied reserves come into action.

ITALIANS CARRY OUT BRILLIANT OPERATION

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
Italian Army Headquarters, Tuesday.—One of the most brilliant mountain operations since the beginning of the war was carried out by the Italians in the Tomale region, northwest of Trent, early this week, particulars regarding which are now being received. The basin of Preseña Lake was captured by the Italian Alpini, after forty hours of fierce fighting against a numerically superior enemy at a level of 12,000 feet above the sea.

PARIS AGAIN UNDER FIRE

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
PARIS, May 29.—Long-range bombardment began again early this morning.

MORE MEN RETURN FROM OVERSEAS

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
A Canadian Atlantic Port, May 29.—A British steamer, having on board nine hundred civilians and one hundred officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, arrived here this morning from an English port.

FATAL FIRE AT SOUTH CAROLINA ASYLUM

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
COLUMBIA, S. C., May 29.—Fire early today destroyed a ward at the State Hospital for the Insane, resulting in the burning to death of at least sixteen patients. Eleven other patients are missing and five were badly burned, one of whom afterwards died.

SOME OF THE MINOR ACTIVITIES

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
LONDON, May 29.—German artillery is active north of Albert and in Flanders east of Robecq, the war office announces. The enemy fire increased east of Arras and south of Lens. We carried out a successful raid last night southeast of Arras and took prisoners and machine guns. Prisoners were taken by us also during the night west of Merville. A raid attempted by the enemy at Givenchy les La Basse was repulsed. An attack on

our posts at Ypres was repulsed after fighting. The artillery has been active north of Albert in the neighborhood of Ailette east of Robecq.

GERMANS CLAIM 15,000 PRISONERS

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
With the French Army in France, May 29.—At least 25 German divisions took part in the attack on the British and French yesterday and forced the allies back. Tanks, machine guns and poison gas were used by the enemy. The Germans claim to have taken 15,000 prisoners. The battle is still raging.

AMERICANS DELIVER AN ATTACK

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
British Army in France, May 29.—American troops delivered an attack against the Germans near Montdidier, and fought their way through all objectives, captured 240 prisoners and advanced one mile. The American troops west of Montdidier repulsed two German counter-attacks against the village of Cantigny. The fighting is still going on with varying success on the southern bank of the Vesle river where the French troops are bravely and admirably defending their positions.

SECOND LIEUT. HEINTZMAN KILLED AT RATHBUN AVIATION CAMP TODAY

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)
DESERONTO, Ont., May 29.—Second Lieutenant T. H. Heintzman of Toronto, was killed and Cadet S. Rosenthal, of New York City, was seriously injured in an airplane accident one mile south of Rathbun Camp here today.

ALLIED TROOPS HAVE FALLEN BACK SLIGHTLY

PARIS, May 29.—French troops have fallen back to the eastern outskirts of Soissons where the battle continues with bitterness, the French war office announced this afternoon. The statement further adds that French and British forces have fallen back to southeast of St. Thierry, where they are now holding positions between Vesle and Aisne canals.

SUCCESSFUL COUNTER ATTACKS RE-ESTABLISH THE ALLIED LINES

LONDON, May 28.—The text of the official report from Field Marshal Haig reads: "Counter-attacks carried out early this morning by French and British troops successfully re-established our line east of Dickebusch Lake. Several prisoners were captured. In the enemy's attacks yesterday morning in the sector and to the south as far as Loere, four German divisions are known to have been engaged. "In the course of the fighting heavy losses were inflicted on these divisions. The allied line has been maintained at all points. On the remainder of the British front there is nothing to report beyond artillery activity on both sides on the different sectors."

BRITISH AGAIN WIN IN AFRICA CAMPAIGN

LONDON, May 28.—Reporting recent military operations in East Africa, an official statement issued tonight by the British war office says:

"East Africa: German troops remaining in the field have been driven southwards of the Lurio river with substantial casualties. In addition to war material captured in an action midway between Nanungu and Mahud we have taken a machine gun, a three-pounder gun and the entire equipment of four enemy companies. Thirty Portuguese native soldiers, prisoners with the Germans, have been released.

"At the same time, as the result of an attack by our patrols on the enemy near Morende, we released one British officer and two British non-commissioned officers, who were also prisoners in the hands of the Germans."

Allies Raid Station of Mannheim-Metz

British Down Eighteen German Aircraft—Sixteen Tons of Bombs Dropped

(Special to The Ontario)
LONDON, May 28.—Fifteen German airplanes have been destroyed by British aviators, and three others driven down out of control, according to the British official communication on aviation issued tonight. The communication says also that five tons of bombs have been dropped on the Mannheim-Metz railway station. The text of the communication follows:

"Monday the weather generally was cloudy, and the visibility was not good. However, a full day's work was done by our airplanes, both in co-operation with the artillery and in photography and bombing.

"Sixteen tons of bombs were dropped in the course of the day on various objectives, including billets between Arras and Lens, and the docks at Bruges.

"Fifteen German machines were destroyed, and three driven down out of control. "Five tons of bombs were dropped on the Mannheim-Metz railway station."

Air Raid on Liege Does Much Damage

Bombs Dropped Produce Casualties Among Germans—Munition Works Suffer Damage

(Special to The Ontario)
THE HAGUE, May 28.—Details of the British air raid in the Liege district of Belgium, are published today in Les Nouvelles. A score of machines participated in the action, in dropping about 20 bombs. One bomb fell in the middle of the important railway station of Kinkempols, killing or injuring a large number of German soldiers and civilians. The explosion set fire to the building and part of it was destroyed.

Another missile fell close to the Meuse ironworks, which were occupied by Germans, and it produced a panic among the workers. Bombs also were dropped at Herstal upon the Pieper munition works and the national arsenal, which is now German controlled. The damage here was small. Another bomb fell on an industrial plant at Chenee.

The raid, according to the newspaper, completely surprised the Germans. No defence airplanes went up, and the anti-aircraft guns had not been supplied with suitable ammunition.

On the same day this British air squadron also successfully bombed and set on fire factories at Aix-les-Chapelle.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. S. Vandervoort and family wish to thank their friends for their kindness and sympathy during the recent illness and death of a loving husband and father.

Capt. H. Hart left Monday for Frankford where he has commenced his season's operations on the Trent Valley Canal.

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GERMAN ADVANCE STOPPED NEAR SOISSONS
(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)

PARIS, May 29.—Germans succeeded in crossing the Vesle river in the region of Bazoches and Fismes but their advance was stopped on the heights northeast of Soissons.

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