

COMBLES CAPTURED BY BRITISH

Widespread German Retreat Rapidly Becoming a Rout British Continue Progress Along Whole Front

COMBLES, BETWEEN BAPAUME AND SOMME RIVER, FALLS TO HAIG'S ADVANCING FORCES; WIDE AREAS OF TERRITORY ARE REGAINED

Entire British Line North of Somme Has Been Carried Forward; Advance of Several Kilometres Has Been Recorded; Germans Make Supreme Effort to Retain Their Positions North of Soissons

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—(Bulletin).—British troops have captured Combles, between Bapaume and the River Somme, it was officially announced today by the British War Office.

Advancing British troops have crossed the River Somme, south and west of Peronne.

Between Hedicourt and the Arras-Cambrai road the Canadians attacked the German line and made favorable progress.

East of the Sensee the forces of Field Marshal Haig made progress, capturing Bullecourt and Hedicourt-les-Cagnicourt.

The British also captured Clery-sur-Somme, on the Somme River, between Combles and Peronne.

DRIVE RESUMED

British forces east of Arras resumed their advance this morning, and at an early hour had penetrated another 2,000 yards on a front of seven miles, between Bullecourt and the Scarpe, according to advices received here.

The British forces have reached within a mile of

the Brocourt-Queant switch line, and have captured Reincourt.

FRENCH OFFICIAL

PARIS, Aug. 30.—(Bulletin).—German counter-attacks between the Ailette and the Aisne were repulsed last night by the French, says the War Office statement today. The French maintained their gains east of Pasly, north of Soissons.

South of the Somme, and along the Canal Du Nord, there was no change in the situation during the night.

German raids along the Vesle, where American troops are stationed, and in Champagne, failed. The statement reads:

"Along the Somme and in the region of the Canal Du Nord there was no change during the night.

"Between the Ailette and the Aisne, French troops repulsed several German counter-attacks. East of Pasly we maintained our gains.

"Along the Vesle and in Champagne, German raids were without result. The night was quiet on the remainder of the front."

Still Advancing. With the British Army in France, Aug. 30.—(Noon).—(By The Associated Press).—Blaches on the south bank of the Somme and about a mile from Peronne, has been captured by Field Marshal Haig's forces. British troops have entered Les Bouffis and patrols have passed through Morval to the southeast.

British troops this morning pushed forward in an easterly direction from Bapaume.

The British have made further advances to the north of Lens. At one place they pushed forward for a distance of a thousand yards.

Le Transloy, on the Bapaume-Peronne high road, was reported to have been captured this morning.

Official Statement.

The text of the War Office statement reads: "In spite of the destruction of river bridges our advancing troops crossed the Somme both south and west of Peronne.

"We have taken Clery-sur-Somme and Combles. In this area alone we took over 200 prisoners and a few guns yesterday.

"London and West Lancashire troops made important progress yesterday afternoon east of the Sensee River, capturing Bullecourt and Hedicourt-les-Cagnicourt after hard fighting, together with the powerful German trench systems protecting these villages.

"Between Hedicourt and the Arras-Cambrai road, an attack delivered by Canadian troops early this morning is reported to be developing favorably.

Forecast.

Moderate east to south winds today. Showers or thunderstorms in many localities to-night and on Saturday.

"Astride the River Scarpe, English and Scottish troops continued their advance yesterday and gained valuable ground in the direction of Eterpigny, Hamblain-les-Prez and Plouvain. The village of Remy is held by us. A number of prisoners were captured in these operations.

"In the valleys of the Lawe and Lys Rivers we continued to push forward."

SUPREME EFFORT.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 29.—(By The Associated Press).—The Germans are making a supreme effort to maintain their positions on the plateau north of Soissons. They are throwing fresh troops against both the French and Americans and are disputing the ground foot by foot.

"After the unsuccessful enemy attempts a few days ago to retake the

heights west of the Soissons-Coucy-Le Chateau road, known as the Odme de Monts Couve, prisoners taken by one French division included men from three different divisions of infantry and two battalions of crack mountain troops.

The loss of this height and a further advance made it all the more necessary for the Germans to prevent the Allies from gaining ground on the plateau in the region of Juvigny where the last heights defending the valley of the Ailette, where it runs eastward before turning southward again toward the Chemin des Dames. The enemy has reinforced his line there with some of his best divisions of shock troops.

The French third army met with great resistance to-day along the line of the Somme and the canal Du Nord. The German opposition was

particularly stout in the region of Nesles, where it was necessary to have artillery to reduce some positions. To-night the villages of Roule-Grand and Roule-Petit, east of Nesles, are in the hands of the French, while south along the canal they have Breuil, Moyencourt and La Panterotte. North of Nesles, where General Humbert's troops also are approaching the Somme the Germans launched a counter-attack against Morchain without success. The Germans appear to be strongly reinforced by artillery along the canal Du Nord, where their resistance is stiffening.

After the capture of Noyon French troops advanced eastward to the southern slopes of Mont St. Simon.

EAST OF COMBLES.

Bulletin, Paris, Aug. 30.—The British line north of the Somme has been carried beyond the points indicated in last night's statement from Field Marshal Haig and the British are now several kilometers east of Combles, according to reports to the newspapers here. The advance continues and the fall of Peronne is predicted.

Correspondents of Paris newspapers at the front agree that the Allied losses in the present operations have been comparatively light. They say that the Allies have never taken so many prisoners and guns and so much material and territory at so slight a cost.

WOMEN STRIKERS WIN.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Aug. 30.—The departmental committee to which was referred the question of wages for women workers on the buses, trams and underground railways, after the women has refused to work, has awarded the women virtually what they demanded. Their new rate of pay will be equivalent to 25 shillings a week above what it was before the war. Some claims, however, it is declared, can only be decided on a national basis after a full inquiry. The government, therefore, has appointed a committee to investigate and report as to the scales that should be maintained between the wages of women and men having regard to the value of both as well as to the value of their work.

One woman on the committee is Mrs. Sidney Webb.

NEW DUTCH PREMIER.

By Courier Leased Wire. The Hague, Aug. 30.—Queen Wilhelmina has asked Jonkheer G. L. M. H. Ruijs De Borenbrouck to form a cabinet. He is considering the proposal.

SHORTEN DEFENSE AND USE FEWER RESERVES

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, Aug. 30.—Commenting on the German withdrawal The Frankfort Zeitung finds comfort in the assurance that a shortened defense line will require fewer reserves, but it acknowledges that the retirement "means a painful setback."

It declares that the surrender of Roye, which is a mere heap of ruins, was unimportant from a military point of view and concludes:

"Marshal Foch may again let the British and French, possibly also the American divisions knock their heads against a brick wall. He will not however, break through the German wall of defense on French soil. Neither will he throw it back over the Rhine. Our front holds firm."

The Cologne Volks Zeitung says:

"The mobility of German tactics quickly found fresh means of countering the enemy's perfected battering weapon 'the tank.' It then pays tribute to the German skill by which retreats are managed 'so adroitly that they are unobserved by the enemy.'"

GERMANY NOT FORCING DISJUNCTION OF RUSSIA

Copenhagen Aug. 30.—The principle laid down by Germany in the supplementary agreements to the Brest-Litovsk treaty signed in Berlin Tuesday will not cause or support the forcible disjunction of the former Russian territory, explains the semi-official North German Gazette. The independence of the Baltic provinces is assured, it says, and Russia has consented to recognition of the independence of Georgia, is

the Caucasus. The newspaper adds that Russia has agreed to pay Germany six billion marks for German losses due to Russian revolutionary confiscatory legislation. Of this sum the Ukraine and Finland jointly will pay one billion marks.

Germany has obtained concessions in the old fields around Baku. Forces opposed to the Central powers, including British troops, are in control of Baku.

HARD PRESSED GERMAN ARMIES ARE STILL WAVERING BEFORE UNREMITTING ATTACKS



The Big Gun: "One thing about this war—We're more like bruvvers now than ever we was. Nah, suppose you turn out yer pockets, bruvver, an' see what you get."

Foe Retreating in Central Picardy ALLIES GAIN

Moving Ahead on All Parts of the Line

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, Aug. 30.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following:

Germany's hard pressed armies still waver before the attacks of the Allies. In central Picardy from the Somme north to Bapaume, the enemy is retreating eastward toward St. Quentin. Large numbers of prisoners, many guns and much material are falling into the hands of the British.

Elsewhere the apparently unretreating British, French and American forces are maintaining their pressure against the enemy, who now has lost all his important bases west of the Hindenburg line, except Peronne, Ham and Tergnier. The British now are within two miles of Peronne on the southeast, and the French are five miles west of Ham. The important railroad junction of Tergnier is not threatened very seriously, but the French crossing of the Ailette bodes ill.

On the extremities of the battle line the Allies are moving ahead slowly against desperate German resistance. North of the Scarpe the British have retaken Greenland Hill and maintain their other positions east of the Hindenburg line against counter-attacks. The Germans here evidently hope to prevent the British from over-running the Queant-Drocourt line as they have the one to the west. South of the Scarpe heavy fighting is in progress in the region of Bullecourt.

North of Soissons the Germans have thrown in fresh troops to stop the advance of the French and Americans toward the heights dominating the Chemin des Dames, allied possession of which would compel the enemy to withdraw from the Vesle. The Allies have the more favorable positions and have but one more plateau to overcome to reach their objective.

As the fall of Roye compelled the Germans to retire to the line of the Somme, south of Peronne, the capture of Bapaume by the British made it necessary for the enemy to retreat north of the Somme. Whether the enemy will attempt to make a stand here is problematical, but his best line would seem to be that of the Canal De Nord, which runs north-east from Peronne. The canal crosses east five miles east of Bapaume and crosses the old Hindenburg line near Harrincourt, 7 miles east of Hepsuame.

May Stand At Canal. The Canal De Nord extends across the Hearty Battlefield in a general north and south direction and the fact that the Germans are offering stout resistance to the French south of Peronne, where the canal parallels the Somme, would indicate the probability that they may attempt to stand on the line of the canal. Noyon, the southern outlet of the canal was carried after heavy fighting and the Germans are contesting bitterly the possession of the heights north and east of Noyon. The French are on the southern slopes of Mount St. Simon, an important height east of Noyon.

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SEMENOFF CONTINUES HIS ADVANCE ON CHITA

By Courier Leased Wire

Harbin, via Peking, Aug. 27.—(By The Associated Press).—General Semenov, the anti-Bolshevik leader, continues his advance toward Chita and has captured Dawus station and Karanor siding. The Bolsheviki have retired to Sekatuisiding.

General Semenov's cavalry is engaged with the Bolsheviki rearguard five versts west of Karanor. The enemy main force is concentrating at Borsa station.

ANOTHER REVOLUTION.

Amsterdam, Aug. 30.—Nizhni-Nov-

gorod has been chosen as a temporary headquarters by the military revolutionary committee, the town being cleared of counter-revolutionary elements, according to a Moscow telegram to The North German Gazette. Eleven of the counter-revolutionaries have been executed.

LEAVE MOSCOW.

Amsterdam, Aug. 30.—The Japanese consul-general and the embassy staff the last Entente representatives at Moscow, have left for home under a special safe conduct provided by the Bolsheviki Government, according to a Moscow dispatch to The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

GOMPERS AND PARTY WELCOME IN ENGLAND

Declaration of American Labor Leader in Favor of War to Finish Without Compromise Received With Marked Approval

By Courier Leased Wire

London, England, Aug. 30.—The newspapers all print editorials welcoming Samuel Gompers and his party, and give marked prominence to the declaration of Mr. Gompers that the labor men of the United States are in favor of a war to a finish without compromise, and will have no part in unofficial negotiations with Socialists of enemy countries.

The Gompers party confronts a situation in the British labor world which on its face appears to be a delicate one. Spokesmen for British workmen are sharply divided on the question of peace terms, and particularly on the question which has arisen several times in the past year as to whether British labor representatives should meet representatives of the German majority Socialists at some neutral capital to

discuss war questions. There is no doubt that a large majority of British workmen are with the Americans on the main issues.

The annual Trades Union Congress which represents a great majority of union men will be held in Derby next week. Mr. Gompers and some of his colleagues are accredited to it as fraternal delegates. Mr. Gompers also will make a speech at the Inter-Allied Labor Conference, which meets in Paris in September. The conference was called by the secretary of the French Labor Confederation to consider international problems, especially war questions.

Another meeting in which the Americans will participate will be the Inter-Allied Labor and Socialist conference to be held in September, principally to consider replies of enemy Socialists to the Allied Socialist war memorandum.

POLICE COURT.

In the Police Court this morning May Flaherty on a charge of using insulting language was fined \$1 and costs, amounting to \$3.85. Four foreigners were fined \$2 each for the privilege of riding on the sidewalk and \$2.85 each for not carrying their registration cards with them. A case of bigamy, adjourned twice before, was laid over till tomorrow and the defendant was let out on bail.

HELD CORN ROAST. A very enjoyable time was spent last evening at the home of Mrs. W. R. Patterson, North Park Road, when a number of young friends gathered to bid farewell to Miss Edith MacDonald of Stratford, who

leave for home to-day. For a few hours the merry young people passed the time by roasting corn and devouring it before a huge fire. When they had grown tired of this they retired to the spacious verandah where refreshments were served and dancing indulged in.

NEW PREMIER PRO-ALLY.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Aug. 30.—The new Dutch premier, says The Daily Mail, probably will be Jonkheer G. M. L. H. Ruijs De Borenbrouck. He is a Roman Catholic and the Queen's commissioner for the province of Limburg. His sympathies, it is added, are said to lie with the Entente Allies.

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