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RHEIMS MENAGED BY FOE ADVANCE

Franco-British Fall Back After Having Evacuated Soissons

IN VIOLENCE

Foe Fighting Against Time —Throws Every Ounce of Man Power Into the Struggle

HAS MADE SOME GAINS

Soissons Evacuated by the Allies, and British Fall **Back on Rheims**

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, May 30.—Licreasing vio-lence marks the progress of the fighting south of the Aisne. The Germans are fighting against time and are throwing every ounce weight of man power into the struggle.

On the centre the enemy has again pushed forward, but his efforts to broaden his advancing front have met with less success. Allied wings have been obliged to give some ground. This action was carried out slowly and the full price was exacted from the enemy Soissons has gone and the Brit ish have fallen back toward Rheims but in either case the enemy has only won a couple of miles of terri-

In competent circles there is quiet confidence in the outcome and signs are not lacking that the advancing waves shortly will be stemmed. Unity of command puts the Allies in a better position than they were in the March offensive. On that French reinforcements came into action on the third day and on the eighth the Germans

were stopped definitely. To-day things should go more quickly. The Germans have been obliged to leave their successful in the crossed at all the which can be crossed at all the crossed be crossed at only a certain number of points which are highly vulnerable to allied airpanes. The enemy is thus prevented from reaping the full benefits of his rapid advance.

Meanwhile the Allied reserves are massing at certain points without any of the confusion that attended the similar movement in March So well perfected are the arrangements that an entire division can be moved by motor truck from the Somme to Rheims in forty-eight hours and arrive without a button missing.

As the battle proceeds the enemy's purpose becomes plain. It is two-fold. First of all eighteen uniles south of the Vesle flows the Marne, which forms, with the Oise, one of the great avenues of approach to Paris. Along its course runs the Chalons railroad, the main eastern artery. To gain a footing in the Marne valley or even to approach within artillery range of it, would be an approachable result. That is sufficient to show why the Germans continue to push southward so vigorously. Their advance there yesterday however, amounted to only three and a half miles as against five and a half on the first day of the attack and seven on the second. This indicates the growing force

of the opposition which the enemy is encountering. The second objective, which the German staff considers even more important, judging by the efforts made at Soissons, is to broaden the salient to the westward. By enlarging the action there the German Crown Prince intends to approach nearer to Paris on the direct route. The French command is fully aware of the importance of this movement. Although Soissons was evacuated to

Heavy fighting still lies ahead for isfied that the Germans drive will political and economic spheres.

be stopped in the near future.

WEATHER BULLETIN



May Toronto. 3/0 Few light THE SPIES SEEM TO THE SPIES SE Canada and warmer in the west. Forecasts Light to moderate winds, fair to-

day with stationary or a little higher temperature.

AISNE FIGHT ARE BATTLING HARD TO

The Allied Forces Broke all Enemy Assaults There, and Maintained Defensive Positions-Reserves Pour in and May Result in Turning the Tide of Battle

By Courier Leased Wire.

Bulletin, Paris, May 30-The battle along the fighting front continued all night with the French maintaining the western outlets of Soissons, the war office

Northwest of Rheims, the Franco-British forces broke all the German assaults and maintained the defensive positions.

French reserves are continuing to arrive on the front and the German advance is being resisted with great tenacity The Germans made repeated attempts to break

through the defence in the Soissons region, but were each time held up by the determined French resistance. In the centre of the German advance fighting is taking place in the neighborhood of Vazilly, approximately 18 miles south of the Chamin des Dames, where the German attack was launched on Monday.

The statement follows: "The battle continued with undiminished violence during the night. French troops energetically maintained their western outlets of Soissons, and the enemy, notwithstanding repeated efforts was not able to de-

bauch from the town. "Further south engagements of extreme violence developed in the region of the road between Soissons and Hartennes, and on the front between Fere-en-Tardenois and Vezilly, where French troops, supported by reserves, are opposing the German advance with indomnitable tenacity..

"On the right, Franco-British troops along the front between Brouillet and Thillois, and also northwest of Rheims, broke all assaults and maintained their positions.

ATTACK IN FLANDERS REPULSED LONDON, May 30.—Bulletin.—A German attack on a strong Allied position in Flanders, northwest of Festubert, has been repulsed completely, it is announced officially. The statement follows:

"During the night, the enemy attacked the strong point known as 'route-a-keep' northwest of Festubert and was completely repulsed. We carried out a successful minor operation in the neighborhood of Marris, and improved our line slightly. We captured a few prisoners and a machine gun in these encounters.

"A party of our troops raided the enemy's trenches last night, near Locon, and brought back a few prison-

"The hostile artillery has been active east of Villers-Bretonneux, and in the Hinges and Robecq sectors."

SAYS AUSTRIA CANNOT ACCEPT GERMAN TERMS

New Alliance Impossible, Declares Max Harden-Reasonable That Austria Should Desire Peace And Goodwill of U.S.

By Courier Leased Wire

London, May 30 .- Austria-Hungary cannot accept the new alliance prevent needless sacrifice of men with Germany, says Maxmilian Harden, in an attack on the agreement the French hold all the roads lead- in Die Zukunft, according to The Times. The German editor pours contempt upon what he calls "The brilliantly organized madness" the Allies, but those most competent which consists in trying to make people believe that after the war to express an opinion are now sat- will arise "a German and Austro-Hungarian community of wills" in the

Austria-Hungary, in Harden's opinion, will have something more Bulletin, Paris, May 30 .- An en- urgent than nonsense of this sort tothink about. He continues;

emy airplane was brought down by French anti-aircraft guns during an not be forced on any battlefield by any victor to grant this accommodation and residual control on the so-called switching withhold the money even the so-called switching attempted raid on Paris last night
None of the German machines was able to fly ever the city.

Afew of war, will become impossible. On the day that firing ceases, that arbombs were dropped in the bubtificial inflation of wages can no longer be maintained, and an abyss will yawn and open wide. Is it not intelligible that Austria-Hungary should long for a termination of the war that will leave her the possibility of an understanding with America. More than the good will of anybody else, Austria needs the good will of the United States."

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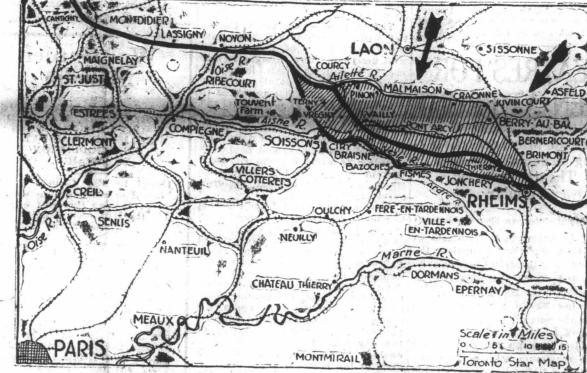
Bulletin, Paris, May 30 .- Premier Clamenceau had the narrowest possible escape from falling into German hands yesterday, according to The Petit Journal. He left a certain point

on the front only a few minutes

before the arival of a patrol of

40 Uhlans. When the Germans entered the little town the Premier had just quit it. They cornered a few of the French who had remained, including a general who was examining positions with a field glass, the newspaepr add. The general was killed in the

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THE GERMAN GAINS IN THE ADVANCE ACROSS THE AISNE AND VESLE. widened out to nearly 40 miles. It is more than 12 miles in depth enemy's front of advancing has The allies are striving to hold the heights south of the Vesle River. Rheims has become almost untenable for the allies. Vregny now is held by the foe, following French counter-attacks yesterday. North of the Aisne the French south bank of the Aisne bet ween Soissons and the south of the Vesle River.

SOISSIONS CAPTURED AND RHEIMS NOW IN GREAT DANGER

LOSSES ENORMOUS

Large Part of German Reserves Used in Offensive Across the Aisne

By Courier Leased Wire. Sweeping onward in dense lasses the Germans have advanced 15 miles in the centre of the line between Soissons and Rheims. On the Allied left Soissons has fallen, while Rheims, on the right, is in grave danger, the Franco-Brit-

ish troops having retired to within less than two miles of within less than two miles of the famous city.

Desperate as has been the resistance of the French and British, especially the French on the left, and the heavy loss-es suffered by the enemy, the German advance has not been healted greatly. Unofficial rehalted greatly. Unofficial re-ports of the Allied reserves being hurried up are not confirmed officially and there is no sign of their presence in the line. Despite their forced retirement the Allies' troops have held the ground remarkably well while contesting every

foot of the way.
NO GREAT EFFECT. Soissons fell to the Germans after a fierce fight in the streets of the city for several hours and the French were last reported holding tenaciously to the western suburbs. The en-emy advance to Soissons has not yet affected greatly the French line eastward from Montdidlier which the Germans apparently hope to bend back by their success on the Aisne. The curve in the battle line northwest of Rheims has been wiped out and from Soissons eastward the line runs southeast and then east

into the Champagne.
In the centre of the 45-mile front where the German progress has been greatest the enemy forces are no:7 near Loupeigne, four miles north of the River Curcq, 12 miles north of the River Curcq, 12 miles north of the Marne. The fighting is almost entirely on territory untouched by the war since 1914. Berlin, in its latest report, claims the number of prisoners has increased to 25 000 has increased to 25,000.

FOE USED RESERVES. Apparently the Germans have used a large part of their reserves in the offensive across the Aisne as they have not taken advantage of the movement here to strike elsewhere bin the northern front as might have been expected. The course of the fighting Wednesday indicate the possibility that the German Crown Prince will try to strike westward along the Aisne, instead of attempt to force his way near the Marne. Except for some sharp fighting at Cantigny where the Americans have repulsed Ger-man counter-attacks against their new positions, there has been little fighting on the line north from Soissons. A local German attack against the French north of Mont Kemmel,

on the Lys battlefield, was re-

Fifteen Mile Advance Made by Enemy Between These Two Cities GOVERNMENT HOPES IRISH

Will Refrain From Action Tending to Renew Agitation; Ireland Reported to be Settling Down to a State of Calm Once More-Home Rule Bill Coming

By Courier Leased Wire London, May 30.-Via Reuter's Limited)-With the recent changes in the government of Ireland and the arrest of Sinn Fein leaders, the parliamentary correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says he understands the British government considers it desirable to refrain from pressing forward at this time anything calculated to produce a disturbance. A more settled feeling prevails in Ireland, and it is hoped the improve-

ment will grow in every direction.

The Irish Home Rule bill is not expected to be ready for introduction for a few weeks, and until then conscription will remain in abeyance. This is believed to be the policy in which the lord lieutenant and the chief secretary are in agreement with Walter Hume Long, secretary for the colonies, and the war cabinet.

Ireland seems to be settling down in a wonderful manner, despite the short time the new regime has been in existence, continues the correspondent, who has just returned from Dublin. The Nationalists, and even some Sinn Feiners accept the coming of Lord French as lord lieutenant, with relief. Edward Shortt, the new chief secretary, has made an excellent impression.

HOW BRITISH DIVISION FACED FEARFUL ODDS

Made Gallant Effort to Stem Onflowing German Tide at Craonne-Enemy Tanks in Fighting - Foe Also Uses Poison Gas Once More

Wednesday, May 29 .- (By the As- until the last extremity. sociated Press.) — One of the most brilliant actions Monday was carried heaviest forces against the region be- than ever before, says Reuter's corline and against the French along the day. Chemin des Dames

fearful odds. This attempt, although German combers." carried out with spirit failed because of the entrance of enemy tanks on the division to the right of the 50th.

by side with French territorials. The end the 57th was obliged to fall back Allied troops resisted the Germans toward the river.

VISITED FRONT Paris, May 30.—(By Havas, agency)—Premier Clemenceau, who has just returned from the battle fron', declared the morae of the Allied soldiers was admirable. French and British soldiers, the Premier said, went singing into battle. M. Clemenceau paid a high tribute to the Allied commanders who, he said, were worthy of all praise.

More Tanks Than Ever Before London, May 30.—In their initial out by a British territorial division at onslaught Monday the Germans are Craonne. The Germans threw their believed to have used more tanks tween Craoune and Bermericourt, respondent with the British forces where the British were holding the on the French front, writing Wednes-The 50th British division near

The British division at Craonne Craonne withstood a gas attack of nade a most gallant effort to stere three hours and held the Germans in the on-flowing tide and even vigor- the attempt to reach the Aisne until ously counter-attacked against the "the men were drowned under the French and the British in the retire-The same fate overtook the French

After falling back the 50th made a One brigade of this division fought heroic rearguard action at Ville but was defeated by machine gun since yesterday evening's announceheroic rearguard action at Vitle but was defeated by machine gun aux Bois, southeast of Craonne, side fire from the enemy tanks. In the ment, to make any reference to them

> During his trip, the Premier went near the front lines. A general was killed at a crossing where the Premier had passed only three minutes be-

Three hundred Mexicans engaged by the Dominion Sugar Company for work in the sugar beet field the line of battle and that confidence of this district have arrived in is everywhere felt that the German tide will be stemmed,

Arrival of Allied Reserves **Expected to Turn Tide** of Battle

CONFIDENCE REIGNS

Reserves Now in Field Form a Barrier to Further **Enemy Progress**

ENGLAND IS ANXIOUS News From Front Regarded With Utmost Gravity

By Courier Leased Wire Paris, May 30.—The German flood will soon be dammed says a semi-official note issued to-day, summarizing the situa-tion between Rheims and Sois-

in London

sons. The note says: The note says:

The Germans again progressed yesterday, but while on one hand, they failed to pierce our lines, on the other it is comforting to observe that their march was slackened consider. march was slackened considerably by the arrival of our re-

"As these come into play the balance will gradually be restored, and soon the German flood will be damaged."

RESERVES IN FIELD With the French Army France, Wednesday, May 20 (By the Associated Press)—Allied reserves are now taking up positions in the battle line. They are being thrown in to strengthen the defending forces where they are weakest in preparation for the placing of a barrier to a further German ad-

Fresh enemy divisions have been brought forward hastily to take the places of those exhaust-ed by the fighting of the last three days, and continue the pressure on the Allies.

The territory south of the Vesle River, which the Germans have crossed at several points is more difficult for the attack. Now that the Allied command has reached the conclusion that enemy intends this rush to be his chief attack, prompt meas-ures are being taken to stay the

England is Anxious. London, May 29.—The news from he front to-night is regarded here with the utmost gravity. With Soissons in the hards of the enemy and Itheims closely threatened the question whether the enemy's original intention was to make the thrust on the Aisne front his main operation hardly arises. Yesterday the situation seemed to be more hopeful from the fact that the two wings of the Allied line were holding firmly, but the enemy has developed attacks of such strength on both the right and left that this is no longer the case.

The salient created at the outset is being widened swiftly and, as one

icorrespondent describes it: "The new battle is flooding over the ground of the Marne battle." The Germans are in possession of Fismas. an important railway and highway junction. They claim 25,000 prischers, although thus far they have said nothing about the number of guns captured.

Despatches from the front speak men. Considerable comment has been caused by the fct tahat Field Marshal HHaig who in the opening of

Perfect Fraternity.
Paris, May 30.— (By Havas Agency.)—The Havas correspondent at the French front quotes ar example of the fraternity in arms of the British and French forces. At Craonne a British division which had been sorely tried, joined a French colonial division, and viciously counter-attacked four German divisions. The correspondent says that perfect harmony exists between the French and British troops all along