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GERMANS IN PRECIPITATE RETREAT ALONG THE ENTIRE BATTLE FRONT

Soissons, Western Anchor of the Salient, Entered by French—Thence to Three Miles West of Rheims Allied Troops Have Driven Foe Back—Guns Dominate Attempts to Get Back to Line of Vesle River.

FOE MAY SEEK REFUGE NORTH OF THE AISNE South of Soissons Entire Crise River Has Been Forded by Allied Troops. DOMINATED BY GUNS Numerous Towns and Hamlets Captured and Crisis Has Been Reached.

Angry Crowd Wrecks Several Restaurants Returned Men Incensed Over Treatment Accorded Comrade Make Raids Upon Eating Houses and Attract Many Spectators.

GERMAN ARMIES THROWN BACK FROM SOISSONS TO NEAR RHEIMS

CONSTANT AIR RAIDS UPON DARDANELLES British Aerial Forces in Mediterranean Attack Oriental Railway—Assist Italian Advance.

Allies Compel Another Retreat on All Sides of Salient, Capturing Soissons, Ville-en-Tardenois, and Compelling Enemy to Abandon Entirely Important Chaudun Plateau—French and British Reach Valley of Crise—Three to Four Mile General Advance is Achieved, With Taking of Many Villages and Strong Points.

The crisis in the allied offensive on the Soissons-Rheims front apparently has been reached. French troops have entered the town of Soissons, the western anchor point of what remains of the famous salient, and all along the thirty-six miles of curving battle line from Soissons to Thillers, which lies about three miles west of Rheims, French, American and British troops have pushed in the entire enemy front and sent the Germans backward everywhere in precipitate retreat.

However, not very long after this, the raiders entered the cafe and proceeded to wreck everything in sight. Occupants of the restaurant having fled, the soldiers made short work of everything in the cafe. The plate glass windows were smashed as were 22 mirrors which lined the walls, expensive marble tops of tables were taken off and thrown on the ground and smashed. The counter came next, everything around it being a veritable wreck. The kitchen came next and here the raiders did their worst work. Boxes of foodstuffs of every description were hurled over the floor, cans of milk were split, the floor was running in milk. No efforts were made by the police to stop the work of destruction, and the soldiers, now reinforced from 200 to 400 members, proceeded jubilantly on their way.

Direct Hit on German Destroyer Causes Columns of Smoke to Arise.

WITH the French Army in France, Aug. 2—The Germans are in retreat on all sides of the salient between the Aisne and the Marne. On the west the French and British troops, continuing their push of Thursday, have reached the valley of the Crise, a little river which joins the Aisne at Soissons.

Over the battlefield the allies by quick and forcible methods of onslaught have deeply indented the German defence line for splendid gains, which seemingly foreshadow the necessity of the eventual retirement of the forces of the German crown prince to more tenable ground in the north. The plains behind the northwestern portion of the battlefield now are entirely dominated by the allied guns; in the south the French and Americans have negotiated almost all of the hills and forest country and are encroaching perceptibly toward the Flines railway, while on the east the British and French are almost astride the Rheims-Soissons railway and have their guns now so placed that the enemy is driven to be severely tried as he endeavors to press back and gain a haven of refuge along the Vesle River.

After the wrecking of the second White City Cafe, the soldiers, now growing into an ungovernable mob, made their way to the Star Lunch at 441 Yonge, which had been closed by the police as soon as they concluded that the mob would make more trouble. Having entered the cafe the men (Continued on Page 4, Column 3).

WORK IN HOME WATERS London, Aug. 2.—An admiralty statement on aerial activities, issued to-night, says: "Detailed reports have been received from royal air force units, working with the navy in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and the Aegean. Anti-submarine and escort patrols have been well maintained in the Mediterranean and the Adriatic. As indicated in recent Italian official communications from Rome, our Adriatic formations have closely co-operated with the Italian air forces in raids on the Austrian naval ports of Cattaro and Durazzo, and in the land operations at Valona (Avlona). One of our machines was forced to land within the enemy's lines, but both the pilot and observer were rescued the following day on the allies advancing and capturing an Austrian airdrome.

The German crown prince's offensive on the Marne has failed as signally as that of Von Kluck in 1914, and the last word is with the allies.

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VETERANS RESENT VANCOUVER STRIKE

AMNESTY GRANTED TO ALL EVADERS

Break Into Labor Temple and Throw Books and Records Into the Street.

Paris, Aug. 2.—Because Albert Goodwin, alleged draft evader and once prominent in labor union circles, was shot by a Dominion policeman who is now charged with manslaughter, about four thousand union workers of Vancouver laid down their tools at noon today and say they will remain idle 24 hours as a protest.

Penalty Will Not Be Exactod if They Report Before August 24.

LAST CHANCE BEFORE THE HOLIDAY MEN'S STRAWS AND PANAMAS HALF PRICE.

TROUBLE OVERCOME; INSURGENTS RETURN

Harmony Again Reigns at the G.W.V.A. Convention, and Business Proceeds.

A Match Between Heavyweights.

The Dineen Company intend making a final clearance today of all Straw and Panama Hats and with that object have decided to clear them all out at half the regular price.

The feature of yesterday's proceedings at the Dominion convention of the G.W.V.A. was the return of the Ottawa and Winnipeg delegates to the floor of the convention. The question of proportional representation was freely discussed, and it was decided that the scheme of the Ottawa delegates to vote upon important subjects on the basis of paid-up membership would be adopted at the next convention. It was also decided that the present convention should not decide upon any general policy of membership in general terms, an compromise was effected between the two opposing factions, with Toronto generously yielding points to the Ottawa-Winnipeg delegation to bring about harmony among the delegates.

FRENCH AIRMEN DROP BOMBS ON BATTLEFIELD

On Ten-Mile Front.

London, Aug. 2.—The advance on the front of Gen. Mangin's army continues, according to a despatch from Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters. "In the main battle sector, between Hartennes and Taux,