

FRESH DRIVE LAUNCHED BY FRENCH

Attacked on the Front Between Sarlepont and Fontenoy Average Advance is Two Kilometres in Depth

SEVENTEEN HUNDRED PRISONERS TAKEN IN SUCCESSFUL STROKE

French Made Progress in Attack Launched Last Night; British Also Gain Ground Near Merville, at Apex of Lys Salient

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—Bulletin.—Between the Oise and the Aisne, French troops attacked at six o'clock last night over a front of 15 kilometres between Sarlepont, about four miles east of Ribecourt and Fontenoy, approximately six miles west of Soissons. They advanced an average distance of two kilometres over the whole front, according to the official issued by the war office today. The French have occupied the plateau west of Nampool, about seven miles north-west of Fontenoy, and the edge of the ravine south of Andignicourt, two miles and a half east of Nampool, according to the statement. Nouvron-Vingre was captured. Seventeen hundred prisoners including two battalion commanders were taken in the operations.

There were violent artillery actions north and south of the Aisne during the night, according to the official statement issued by the war office today.

BRITISH MAKE PROGRESS.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Near Merville, at the apex of the Lys salient, the British have made further progress, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. Fifty prisoners and a few machine guns were captured.

A German counter-attack between Outterstern and Meteren was broken up by the British artillery, the statement says.

The text of the French official statement reads: "During the night there were violent artillery actions north and south of the Aisne."

"The number of prisoners counted in the region west of Roye yesterday exceeds 400."

"Last evening about 6 o'clock, French troops attacked the enemy's front between the Oise and the Aisne. The attack was over a front of 15 kilometres from south of Carlepont to Pontenoy. We realized an advance over the whole line to an average of two kilometres, approximately."

"We have occupied the plateau west of Nampool, reached the southern edge of the ravine at Andignicourt and captured Nouvron-Vingre. Seventeen hundred prisoners, including two battalion commanders, were captured."

"The night was calm on the rest of the front."

British War Office

The text of the statement reads:

ALLIES HOLD INITIATIVE

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, Aug. 19.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following: "The Allies are holding the initiative in the western front."

Fighting on the western front is still confined to local actions with the initiative in the hands of the Allies. Within the last days scenes of most activity are the Picardy battle-field and the Lys salient.

South of the Somme the French and British maintain their pressure against the strong point of Roye, but the fighting is not as general as it was toward the end of last week, when the French moved forward to within a mile and a quarter of Roye. Northwest of Roye the British have made progress between Chilly and Fransart, while south of

"We secured a few prisoners last night in the Aisne sector and also south of the Scarpe, where our patrols entered the enemy's trenches and penetrated some distance into his position."

"North of the Scarpe a hostile raiding party was repulsed with losses."

"During the night our troops made progress in the Merville sector in spite of the opposition of hostile machine guns. They captured 40 and 50 prisoners and a few machine guns."

"Early in the night the enemy launched a counter-attack against our new positions between Outterstern and Meteren. The attack was completely broken up by our artillery and machine gun fire."

"The total number of prisoners captured in yesterday's successful operations in this sector is not yet available."

"The hostile artillery has shown some activity south of the Somme, and has been active southwest and north of Bailleul."

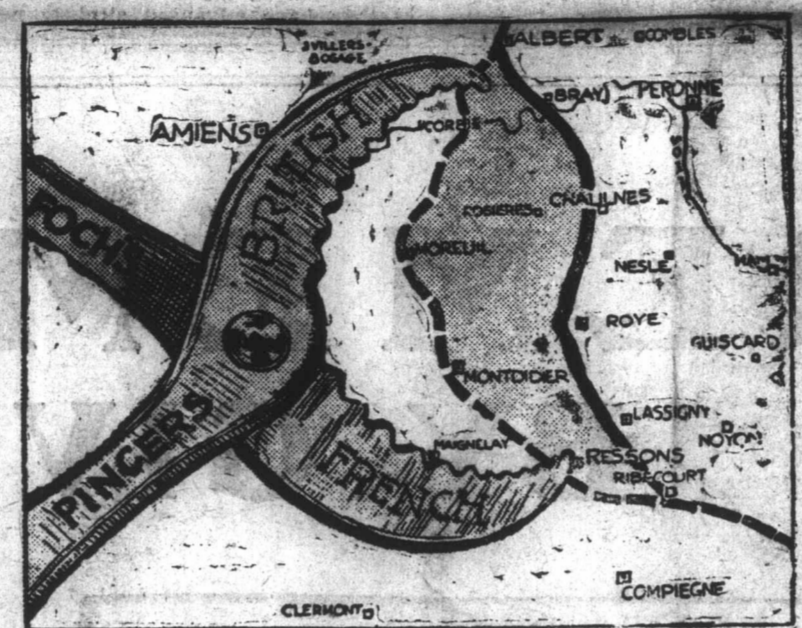
In the town the French have taken 400 prisoners in spirited actions south of Beauvraignes.

German efforts to hold their line in the sector between Roye and Lassigny have been challenged by the French and with success. Since the general fighting in Picardy died down, the French have been pushing relentlessly north-eastward between Roye and Lassigny with the evident purpose of outflanking both positions. The Germans have been pressed back in violent combats as a salient driven in here might easily prove disastrous for the entire enemy's defense system on the present line.

From Bailleul, which is on the northern side of the Lys salient, to the apex of the salient near Vieux Berquin, the British have been pressing back the Germans steadily and now apparently have them off all the high ground on this sector. The latest British gain was on a front of four miles between Bailleul and Vieux Berquin for a distance of more than half a mile. The enemy also lost 400 prisoners.

Field Marshal Haig's men re-occupied Outterstern about three quarters of a mile of Merville, which probably marks the maximum progress in this region in the last week. South of the Bailleul-Vieux Berquin road the terrain slopes gradually to the valley of the Lys, on the eastern bank of which it rises again. Apparently the Germans have been pushed across the road. Further British progress towards the Lys would endanger the German hold on Mont

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BITING IT OFF.

How Marshal Foch is applying the allied pincers to what is left of the German salient on the Somme. The British are applying pressure to the upper jaw, while the French lower jaw is nipping pieces off the salient at Lassigny.

TEUTON PROPAGANDA SOWED BEFORE WAR

Germany Plotted Against America as Early as 1908, German Agent Confesses—Ramifications Of Teuton Intrigue Revealed

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, Aug. 9.—A detailed statement intended to show some ramifications of Germany's scheme to include America in a world-wide propaganda campaign launched even before the outbreak of the war, was issued last night by Alfred L. Baker, deputy state attorney-general, who declared his department is fast welding together the evidence.

George von Skal of New York, who worked under Captain von Paken, military attache of the German embassy, had been arranged with as early as 1908, he has admitted, according to Mr. Baker.

I happened to be in Berlin in 1909, and met the chief of the intelligence office, Mr. Becker says von Skal stated. He told me he had often thought of me, because if a war broke out they wanted to have somebody here in the military attache's office who could be in touch with the press, and who could tell them what might be done with the

press. von Skal, who is a naturalized American, agreed to do the work as long as America did not become involved in any way, according to Mr. Becker.

Evidence also has been secured, Mr. Baker declared, showing that Germany began propaganda work in Turkey at least a year before war was declared on France and Russia.

Sali Gurdji, now living in New York, but formerly president of the Ottoman Telegraphic agency, the official news organization of the Turkish government, was approached by the German ambassador in Constantinople and offered 40,000 marks to exploit German propaganda through the agency. He later was offered 100,000 marks but refused both offers.

Then, according to Mr. Becker, he was summoned before the chief of police and ordered to close his agency, which was taken over by German agents. Gurdji fled for his life and it took all the skill of neutral diplomats to save the lives of his family.

FRENCH TENTH ARMY ADVANCES TO DEPTH OF NEARLY 2 MILES

Penetrates Enemy Lines Between Oise and Aisne, Despite Desperate Resistance of German Guns and Aircraft—Progress Continues

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Bulletin.—The French Tenth Army, which attacked the German positions between the Oise and the Aisne last night, has penetrated to an extreme depth of nearly two miles. The enemy machine gunners are resisting desperately, and the German air service is also very active.

St. Mar les Troit, a little over a mile southwest of Roye, was taken by the French yesterday, according to reports from the battle front. The French also captured the town of Beauvraignes, two and three quarter miles south of St. Mar, according to dispatches.

The new French line runs from Fontenoy to the ridge south of Andignicourt. From there it runs to Nampool, which the French have surrounded, and extends to the edge of the Montagne forest. It passes about fifteen hundred metres south of Carlepont, and finally joins the old line north of Tracy-le-val. The French now hold rather important high ground to the south of Andignicourt.

Counter Attack Beaten Off

With the British Army in France, Aug. 19.—Bulletin.—By the Associated Press.—British troops, after capturing Outterstern ridge, in front of the town of Merville, have beaten off a vicious counter-attack, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. More than 500 Germans were captured by the British.

The ridge was captured by the British yesterday, and the Germans counter-attacked last night and this. The position which overlooks considerable ground held by the enemy in the direction of Bailleul is now firmly in British hands.

"SECTOR TROOPS" TO FORE

By Courier Leased Wire.

With the French Army in France, Sunday, Aug. 18.—(By The Associated Press).—The victories of the French armies on the Aisne and at Thiesscourt were won by some of the best renewed divisions, which generally are known as "sector divisions."

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meaning divisions charged with holding parts of the line while the duty of attacking the enemy was assigned to units that had earned the title "shock troops."

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TWO LOCAL OFFICERS KILLED IN ACTION; OTHER CASUALTIES

Lt. Douglas Hamilton and Lt. Lorne Rehder Make Supreme Sacrifice—Chums for Years, Were Killed Together—Pte. P.W. Caudle Dead of Wounds—Other Casualties

Word of the death in action of two gallant young officers, Lieut. Douglas Hamilton and Lieut. Lorne Rehder, was received in the city on Saturday, and brought sorrow to their many friends. The two young men had been close chums at college, and were in the 125th and later in the 54th Battalion, until the day of their death, together.

Lieut. Douglas K. Hamilton was the eldest son of the Rev. R. D. Hamilton, pastor of Wellington Street Methodist Church from 1912 to 1915. He was educated at the Collegiate Institute here, and at Toronto University, and became attached to the first Brant County Battalion in December, 1915. Lieut. Hamilton was a young man of exceptional scholastic attainments, in addition to being an enthusiastic athlete, and was one of the most popular officers in his battalion.

Lieut. Rehder.

Paris, Aug. 18.—Another Parisian boy has paid the supreme sacrifice in the person of Lieut. Lawrence H. Rehder, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rehder, word being received on Saturday morning that he had been killed in action, on August 17. Lieut. Rehder was in his 27th year and was born and educated here. He graduated from Toronto University two years ago, with the degree of B.A. He was a young man of high attainments and was loved and esteemed by all who knew him. He took a keen interest in the Y.M.C.A. and was also an active member of the Methodist Church and Sunday school. He took out his commission in the 125th Brant Battalion, in November, 1915, and had been in France since April 10. Pte. P. W. Caudle Dead.

Word has been received by G. M. Gilloch, 22 Cayuga street, of the death in hospital of Pte. P. W. Caudle, a veteran of the South African war. Pte. Caudle was employed as shipping clerk at the Massey-Harris factory prior to enlistment, and went overseas with the 275th Battalion. On July 21 he was wounded in both legs and one hand, and succumbed to his injuries while undergoing an operation. A sister, residing in England, is his next of kin.

CAPT. BINGLE WOUNDED. Capt. Thomas Bingle of the 125th Battalion was admitted to hospital on Sunday, August 11, wounded, according to word received on Saturday by Public School Inspector E. C. Kilmer. Capt. Bingle was formerly principal of King George school, and was second in command of a company of the 125th Battalion, and is the eldest officer of that unit whose name has appeared on the casualty list in the past week. No particulars as to his injuries have been received.

CAPT. N. F. MACDONALD. Capt. Norman F. MacDonald, wounded in the last arm, is at present in hospital at Eggon, England, and doing well according to word received today by his father, G. A. MacDonald, secretary of the Soldiers' Aid Commission. Capt. MacDonald was attached to the 4th Battalion, and has already been injured more than once. He enlisted as a private in the motorcycle corps, and rose to his present rank, also winning the Military Cross for valor.

PTE ROBERT YOUNG. Mr. Adam Young received word yesterday that his son Pte. Richard Young has been admitted to hospital in France, suffering from gunshot wounds in the face. His injuries were received on August 11.

Pte. C. Hutchison Wounded. Mrs. Hutchison, 26 Edward street, has received official notification Continued on Page Six

GERMAN PRESS FINDS ALIBIS FOR RETREAT

Is Reassuring Public That Retirement is Mere Strategy

OFFENSIVE COMING
Ludendorff Simply Wants More Room to Start a Fresh Drive

Paris, Aug. 19.—(Havas Agency)

The German press is attempting to reassure its public that a general retreat is necessary on the western front to allow General Ludendorff room to manoeuvre and to assume the initiative on a vast scale, the newspapers report. A German retreat, the newspapers say, would be a direct result of the recent Allied success. The newspapers assert that even if the Germans receive reinforcements from Austria, they have lost the power to command and create. Marshal Foch has the initiative and will keep it.

German propaganda insists on the initiative by forcing premature engagements on the American army and thus wearing it out before it is fully prepared. L'Homme libre says that the American forces taking part in the Picardy offensive could not be compared in size with those of the French and British. It says that America will soon have a first class army in France and that it will have airplanes which the German aviators will have reason to fear.

Rupprecht Takes Holiday. Amsterdam, Aug. 19.—The Munich correspondent of The Berlin Tageblatt, announces the arrival in Munich from the front of the Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria. The Prince, the announcement states, is undergoing a brief vacation.

In a recent announcement from Paris it was stated General Hans von Boehn, the German "retreat specialist" had been appointed to supreme German command on the Somme front. The German withdrawal north of Albert was looked upon in Paris as the first move by General von Boehn in the application of his retreat tactics.

Count Ernst von Reventlow, chief editorial writer of The Tages Zeitung of Berlin, recommends an "effective counter-offensive against the extension of the propaganda contained in masses of pamphlets spread over Germany aiming at the confusion, and excitement of the incompetent masses."

Count von Reventlow mentioned pamphlet entitled: "The happiness of the future—A peace league of nations." And another containing articles, one of which praises the negotiations of Prince Lichnowski, while a third reproduces the letter from Dr. Wilhelm Meulhorn, former director of Krupp's, former chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

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