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## BATTLE IS STILL IN PROGRESS FROM ARRAS TO SOISSONS

### German Resistance Shattered by Smashing Allied Blows Thousands of Prisoners and Scores of Guns Taken

#### JAP GENERAL IN COMMAND AT VLADIVOSTOK

Assumes Control of Allied Forces Operating in Siberia

#### COMPLETE HARMONY

Vladivostok, Aug. 19. (By the Associated Press)—The Japanese General Kikuzo Yamai, commander of the entire allied forces in Siberia, took charge of his command today. This fact was announced today at general council of the Allied commanders. The spirit of fullest cooperation was manifested by the council, the officers assuring General Yamai that they were proud to serve under him.

The various elements will retain their identity as separate units concerning matters of administration and supply, but are subject to orders from the generalissimo regarding strategic and military operations. A joint Allied purchasing board has been established for buying necessities in the local market.

General Yamai's staff will consist of General Yuh, chief of the first bureau of operations, General Inaki, who was commander of the first expedition division, who will be chief of the second division of supply and administration and General Naha-zumi.

Thousands Released  
Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—Twenty-three thousand former Russian officers imprisoned in the Alentief barracks, have been released, according to a Moscow dispatch printed in the Rheinische Westfalia Zeitung. The dispatch says the Soviet government was compelled to abandon its plan for the internment of the officers under pressure from the population of Moscow.

Chinese Force Joins Allies  
Peking, Aug. 20. (By the Associated Press.) A Chinese contingent on the way to join the Allied forces at Vladivostok has reached Murden, Manchuria, according to announcement made here.

#### BRITAIN BUYS YEAR'S SALMON PACK FROM B.C.

Arrangements for Purchase Are Completed by the Finance Minister

\$9,000,000 INVOLVED

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, announces that he has arranged with the British authorities to purchase this year's salmon pack of British Columbia. The amount of money required will be eight or nine million dollars which will be furnished by the Dominion Government out of the Victory Loan.

The fact that salmon owing to its high price, is in the second class of foods, has made it impracticable to obtain shipping for private foreign buying. The arrangement will ensure the purchase of the pack and give stability to its financing by Canadian banks.

#### WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Aug. 24.—Showers and thunderstorms have been fairly general from Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and a few scattered showers have occurred in the West. A tropical storm is situated off the Carolina coast. Moderate winds, a few scattered showers, but generally fair today and on Sunday and not quite so warm.

#### BRITISH ATTACKS IN ALBERT SECTOR RESUMED WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS THIS MORNING

During Last Three Days British Have Captured 14000 Prisoners— Large Number of Guns Taken From Enemy

By Courier Leased Wire.  
LONDON, Aug. 24.—Bulletin.—British forces are within two miles of Bapaume, according to dispatches received in London today.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Bulletin.—British attacks in the Albert sector were resumed this morning, according to an official statement issued by the war office today, which says that the British have made progress.

In the fighting during the last three days the British have captured 14,000 prisoners.

**PRISONERS, GUNS AND VILLAGES**  
By the Associated Press.  
With the British Army in France, Aug. 24.—Bulletin.—A large number of cannon, including complete batteries of howitzers and trench mortars have been captured by the British north of the Somme. Immediately south of the river the British have taken twelve cannon.

The villages of Behagnies, two miles and a half north of Bapaume, on the Bapaume-Arras highway, has been reached by the British. British forces are operating east of Bihucourt, within two miles and a half of Bapaume on the west.

British forces are reported to have reached points east of Henin, on the Cojeul river, five miles southeast of Arras. They are in the outskirts of St. Leger, further south, and have captured Evrillers, two miles east of Courcelles. They are still advancing.

**CONFANS BOMBED.**  
With the American Army in France, Aug. 23.—American bombing airplanes flew over Confans, between Verdun and Metz, twice this afternoon and dropped 41 bombs. Six bombs were observed to make direct hits.

While returning from the first raid, the American aviators were pursued by German flyers. The enemy, however, turned back when they got inside of the American line. German anti-aircraft fire was weak and ineffectual.

**BRITISH OFFICIAL.**  
London, Aug. 24.—The text of the war office statement reads: "During the night our troops made progress in the Albert sector and took prisoners. Early this morning the attack was resumed. In the three days fighting since the morning of August 21, our troops on the battle front have captured over 14,000 prisoners and a number of guns. We carried out a successful operation last evening northwest of Neuf Berquin (in the Lys salient). Local attacks by the enemy during the night, north of Bailleul, south of Loree and north of Kemmel were repulsed by sharp fighting.

"This morning fighting took place to our advantage north of the Lebassee canal, in the Givenchy sector."

#### ALLIED FORCES ARE ADVANCING BETWEEN ARRAS AND SOISSONS.

Enemy Resistance Overcome With Smashing Blows, Menace to Foe Positions increasing— Thousands of Prisoners Taken

By Courier Leased Wire  
New York, Aug. 24.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following:

Overcoming enemy resistance with smashing blows, the Allied forces between Arras and Soissons are moving steadily forward. The menace to the German positions on the 50-mile front increases hourly as the Allies take thousands of prisoners and inflict heavy losses.

On the north, having buried the Germans from more or less important positions on a 30-mile front, the British are nearing Bapaume and threatening the outlying defences of Peronne. The fall of Bapaume, it is said, would be a disaster to the enemy. Field Marshal Haig's men are about to hit more than two miles away on the northwest, having taken Achiet-le-Grand and Bihucourt in determined fighting.

West of Noyon the French have forced a crossing of the Divette at Evrcourt, three miles from Noyon, and they maintain their strong presence on the south and east. Between the Aisne and the Ailette, north of Soissons, General Mangin's troops are pressing close to the heights dominating the Chemin des Dames from the west, increasing the menace to the German positions along the Vesle.

The British Third and Fourth armies are fighting over the old battlefield of the Somme and are making marked progress in fighting which resembles in intensity the first days of the drive of July, 1916. They have crossed the Albert-Arras road over most of its length. They have seized the high ground north, west and southwest of Bapaume and have surrounded the important position of Thiepval on three sides.

North and south of the Somme the British are closing in on Bray. They hold the heights to the northwest. South of the river they have taken two villages east of Bray, which lies on the north bank. In the area of Lihons the British are east of Herleville.

From Chaulnes to south of Rove the battle line remains unchanged. French and British guns are pouring a heavy fire into and behind the front there, the stability of which is seriously shaken by the Allied progress to the north and south. Noyon is still in enemy hands but its usefulness wares as the French artillery bombard it and the armies of General Humbert and Mangin move toward it. On the front north of Soissons, General Mangin apparently is giving most attention of sharpening of the salient which has its apex immediately behind the old post office building.

#### HUNS PROTEST AT THREAT OF RETALIATION

Object to Spain's Replacing Lost Tonnage With the German Ships

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—Germany energetically protested against the intention of Spain to replace sunken Spanish tonnage by interned German ships, according to an official statement issued in Berlin.

A Madrid dispatch of August 21, stated that the Spanish ambassador at Berlin had been instructed to inform the German Government that Spain will utilize German vessels now in Spanish ports in place of Spanish ships sunk by German submarines. It was said that this decision was announced in an official statement issued after a meeting of the Spanish ministry at San Sebastian.

**NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.**  
Paris, Aug. 24.—(Havas Agency).—Negotiations between Berlin and Madrid over Spain's decision to replace sunken Spanish ships with German interned vessels have failed, according to The Petit Parisien. Imperial Chancellor von Hertling does not desire to furnish any guarantees against submarine warfare, it is said, and the Maury ministry of Spain is maintaining its position.

#### ITALIANS CAPTURE RIVALTA

Progress Recorded in Brenta Valley And on Other Sectors

By Courier Leased Wire  
Rome, Aug. 23.—Following is the text of the Italian official statement issued today.

"In the Brenta Valley we have captured the village of Rivalta. Other detachments have occupied Sasse Ste. Fani, taking 30 prisoners. In the region north of Col del Rosso two enemy thrusts were arrested by our fire.

"Enemy airplanes have bombed Treviso, wounding a child and damaging buildings slightly. An enemy machine fell into the sea south of Venice. Eight hostile airplanes have been brought down in aerial fighting.

"In Albania on the lower Semeri River to the heights of Mall Tomories our advance lines were attacked yesterday by the Austrians. The attack was repulsed. West of point I,150, one of our advanced posts was obliged to withdraw."

#### SHOOTING AFFRAY ON DALHOUSIE ST.

Italian Drew Gun And Drove A Compatriot to Cover

As sensational a bit of gunplay as could be found anywhere save in the movies or between the covers of a wild west novel, was staged on Dalhousie street this morning, when Nick Blimont, Italian, drove Sin Ponsis, a fellow countryman, to cover behind the old post office building.

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#### Artillery Actions Between Oise and Aisne Rivers Took Place Last Night; French Penetrate Foe Trenches

By Courier Leased Wire.  
PARIS, Aug. 24.—Artillery actions in the region of Lassigny and between the Oise and the Aisne rivers are reported in the official statement issued at the War Office today. Raiding operations in Lorraine also are reported. The text of the statement reads:

In the region of Lassigny, and between the Oise and the Aisne, the night was marked by vigorous artillery actions. French detachments penetrated enemy trenches in Lorraine at many points and captured prisoners.

The night was calm on the rest of the front. **8,000 PRISONERS**

PARIS, Aug. 24.—Havas Agency.—Bulletin.—In the three days ending Friday, the British troops have captured 8,000 prisoners, says The Petit Journal. Friday, it adds, they captured 3,000 of this total.



WHERE THE ALLIES HAVE THE ENEMY ON THE RUN. On this map the principal roads behind the enemy front are shown. The arrows indicate the points between Chaulnes and the Cojeul river, opposite which the British made progress today. The arrows on the south suggest the direction of the principal attack to be made next by the French.

#### CITIZENS NEED NOT WORRY OVER THE COAL SITUATION

Reserve Supply of Fuel Will Protect all Against Shortage; More Coal Needed Yet, But There Will be no Famine

Mayor MacBride issued the following statement this morning: "So far as Brantford's coal supply is concerned, the situation is just this: "With the additions to our factories and the consequent increased demand, we are going to require more coal than we had last year. With the United States in the war on such an extensive scale, getting coal is a much harder proposition than it was last year.

"We realized this early in April and since then there has been putting forth every effort to rush shipments. It is true that we now have in the city considerably more than we had this time last year, but there is plenty of hard work ahead before we are over the winter.

"I regret that there has been so much talk about our reserve supply as it only results in other cities complaining, when as a matter of fact, every city was warned some time ago to look to the future. Were it not for the fact that two of our dealers are handling independent coal, Brantford would be faced with a serious shortage.

"It is a mighty good thing that we have a reserve supply. Every pound of it will be required, and we must still keep after additional shipments. "Over half of the coal in Brantford has come from independent shippers. The large mining companies are all away behind in shipments to their dealers, and prospects from them are not very bright. Independent coal costs more. That is a matter which is settled by the United States Fuel Controller. Continued on page five

#### LULL IN FIGHT ON THE FRENCH BATTLE-FRONT

Troops Pause for Breathing Spell After Days of Fighting

#### BRITISH ADVANCING

Plan in Accord With Foch's Scheme of Keeping Foe Active

#### RESISTANCE STRONG

By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, Aug. 24.—The French troops on the southern part of the battle line apparently enjoy a brief breathing spell after days of continuous fighting under a boiling sun, leaving the British to go ahead with the offensive movement. This is in accordance with the Foch system of striking first on one section and then on another section of the line.

The Germans on the part of the front along the Divette, between Lassigny and the Oise appear to be putting up stout resistance. General Humbert will need time to perfect arrangements for overcoming the German artillery in this section. The German guns thundered all day Friday, but failed to prevent Humbert's men from crossing the Divette in force at Evrcourt.

Between the Oise and the Aisne, General Mangin has made more secure his hold on the left bank of the Ailette from its confluence with the Oise to Pont St. Mard, west of Coucy-le-Chateau. His right wing continues to work eastward, its object being to clear the region north of Soissons. The troops here already have seized the heights east of Bagnoux, and farther north have reached the outskirts of Crecy-au-Mont. This advance brings them within reach of the main highway from Soissons to Chauny and enables them to threaten with encirclement the strong German force occupying the high ground at Chavigny and Jugny. It is believed here that the Germans at Chavigny and Jugny will be forced to retire eastward, abandoning all the ground west of the Soissons-Chauny high road.

Another Local Advance  
By the Associated Press  
With the American Army on the Vesle front, Friday, Aug. 23.—American troops to-day carried out another local advance in the same region where they increased their holdings along the Vesle on Thursday. Hand grenades and flame throwers were used by the Germans in an attempt to check the attackers. The flame throwers had little effect, and were forced by artillery fire to retire with losses. The Americans overcame a detachment of German infantry and took twelve prisoners.

East of Flannes, an American patrol and a German patrol clashed during the night, the Americans taking four prisoners.

With the American Army in France, (By the Associated Press.) Aug. 23.—A number of fires were reported late Thursday and during Thursday night within the German lines between the Vesle and the Aisne. American officers are of the opinion that the Germans are burning buildings and material which they do not want or have time to move. French and American observers several days ago reported heavy movements of enemy infantry and truck northward. Prisoners captured by the Americans in the last few days, declared they knew nothing about troop movements between the rivers.

The continued pressure of the French and British on the 50 mile front north of Soissons and other developments lead American officers to believe that the Germans will be forced to withdraw from the line of the Vesle.

German prisoners say that the general opinion among the German soldiers is that Germany will win a decisive victory. They believe that Germany will endeavor to hold on in an endeavor to obtain a peace by negotiation.

**Every Man Summoned.**  
The Hague, Aug. 13.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The German Government has summoned every available man to the colors, says a letter just received here from a newspaper correspondent in Germany. Of the 200,000 workmen at Krupp's, between 30,000 and 40,000 have been called up for service at the front. Elsewhere, the correspondent adds, the comb out has been even more vigorous. Continued on page four