

NEW DRIVE BY FRENCH "TENTH"

LOCAL OPERATIONS BY ALLIES PREVENT Foe FROM PREPARING COUNTER-ATTACK

Minor Operations Keep Germans Ever on the Alert GET NO REST

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Aug. 20.—Apart from the tactical result obtained, the objects of which will be seen more clearly in the future, the Allied attacks between the Somme and the Aisne in the last two days, modestly called local or line-straightening operations in the war office communiques, have the important effect of keeping the enemy on the alert and preventing him from preparing a counter-offensive.

The attacks have made it impossible for General Ludendorff to re-group his troops. They have obliged him to maintain more than 140 divisions in the first line, which have to be relieved constantly. At several points it has been necessary for him to increase the density of the first line. The army of General von Eiben, which holds the line from Carlepoint to Misy-sur-Aisne, had only ten divisions in the first line on Aug. 15. The recent French operation on that front, it is believed here, will make it necessary for General von Boehn to send him reinforcements.

THE SITUATION.

London, Aug. 20.—The situation on the main fighting front in France is summed up by the Reuter correspondent with the French army as follows: "We have arrived at the stage in this battle corresponding to that which Germany reached at the end of March and early in June, after long, bloody and exhausting advances on the heels of interior opposing numbers. We counted firmly on the arrival of the moment when the reserves would be able to check the German advance and prepare the flank attacks which have by their success restored the initiative to us."

"The enemy in turn is using that weapon against us. His reserves are not yet exhausted and however he may grudge the necessity of having to waste them in a defensive battle which in the end, can only be a prelude to a retreat, he may still possess thirty fresh divisions as well as 400,000 youths of the class of 1920. Our successes must be carefully planned and manfully won."

Enemy Very Weak. London, Aug. 20.—It is believed in Cologne that the Germans are weaker on the western front than even the Allies claim, says The Daily Mail correspondent at The Hague. He does not vouch for other sections of Germany but gives this resume of conditions in the Cologne district.

All leaves from the front have been reduced to one half. Men are sent to the front from hospitals before completely fit.

Letters from the front have been discontinued.

Deserters are being sent to the front punishment camps.

Wounded horses are hurried west with bandages still in place. The correspondent adds that it is reported the Germans have stolen food parcels sent to French prisoners in order to feed neutral laborers who are on strike because of inadequate food.

Oats and barley are yielding as high as 60 bushels to the acre around Fingal.

Winnipeg coal dealers assert that hard coal will likely reach the \$15 mark there on Sept. 1.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Aug. 20.—A few scattered showers... Zimmie

STEAMER BEAT OFF U-BOAT ATTACK

Shelled Sub And Finally Made Escape Under a Screen of Smoke

By Courier Leased Wire. A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 20.—The mysterious cannonading off a port east of here has been explained by the arrival of a fishing schooner at a port still further east, reporting that on Saturday afternoon a steamer was seen about 15 miles off here engaged in vigorously shelling some unseen object. The captain of the schooner reported that after a dozen shots had been fired by the steamer, she became enveloped in smoke and disappeared from view. He believes that the steamer was either engaged in target practice or else was shelling what was thought to be a submarine and that finally the ship made use of a smoke screen to escape from the supposed U-boat.

RESUMPTION OF AUSTRIAN DRIVE NEAR

Offensive May be Renewed by Foe on the Italian Front Soon

HUN RULERS CONFER

By Courier Leased Wire.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Resumption of the Austrian offensive on the front is to be expected at any time, according to the military critic of the Italian newspaper Corriere d'Italia, says a dispatch received here from Rome. Undoubtedly the Austrian high command now is actively re-organizing the Austrian armies, the military critic writes, and bases his prediction on such recent events as the closing of the Swiss frontier, the visit of Emperor Karl to the Trentino, and the conference at German military headquarters.

Commenting on the meeting of the German and Austrian emperors, the Italian newspapers almost universally agree that it must be taken as new proof that the hope of separating Austria from Germany is a mad delusion.

The Idea Nationale says the meeting of the emperors is in direct consequence of the steps taken by the Allies in Russia.

SECOND YANK TRANSPORT AT VLADIVOSTOK

More American Troops Land to Reinforce Allies There

JAPS ALSO ARRIVING

Allied forces in Vladivostok have been reinforced by the arrival of a second American transport, and a third transport is expected. North of Vladivostok the Czech-Slovak troops have been engaged in heavy fighting with the Bolshevik forces on the Ussuri front. The Czechs have been driven from their outposts. London, Aug. 20.—Reuter's Vladivostok correspondent cables that a contingent of Japanese marines has disembarked at Nikolaevsk on the Amur. A fierce fight between the Czechs Continued on page three

Four German Attacks Against British Positions at Chilly Repulsed; French Make Progress on Front Between the Oise and the Aisne

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—Havas Agency.—Military observers in their comment today, lay stress on the operations carried on Monday, east and west of the Oise. They believe that Lassigny is about to fall, and The Echo de Paris considers that the town virtually is in the power of the French.

L'Homme Libre says that notwithstanding the stubborn German resistance, the enemy is being forced to give up territory, and declares that before the operations are completed the Germans will be compelled to make another retreat. The paper says that the enemy probably will qualify such a movement as wise or strategic from his point of view.

BRITISH REPULSE ATTACK. LONDON, Aug. 20.—Bulletin.—Four German attacks against British positions at Chilly, about six miles north of Roye, were repulsed during the past night, according to the official statement issued at the War Office today. The British lines were advanced in the neighborhood of Vieux Berguin and Outtersten, in the Lys salient, according to the statement, which says that 182 of the enemy were made prisoner.

VASSENS OCCUPIED. PARIS, Aug. 20.—French troops during the past night occupied the village of Vassens, northwest of Morsain, between the Oise and the Aisne, according to the official statement issued at the War Office today.

There was reciprocal artillery fire in the region of Lassigny and Breslincourt, west of the Oise, the statement says. A German aerial bombardment of Nancy was carried out. Six of the civilian population were killed, and a score injured, the statement adds.

British official. London, Aug. 20.—The text of the war office statement reads: "A successful minor operation was carried out by us last evening between Vieux Berguin and Outtersten, to the right of our recent advance in that sector. Our line was brought forward to the neighborhood of the Vieux Berguin, Outtersten road. We took 182 prisoners."

"Last night the enemy four times attacked posts established by us northeast of Chilly. On each occasion he was repulsed. "We successfully raided a German post west of Bray. "Our patrols made progress during the night in the area between the Lawe and the Lys rivers, and are now east of the Paradis-Merville road."

French Official. The text of the French statement reads: "There were reciprocal bombardments in the region of Lassigny and Breslincourt during the night. "Between the Oise and the Aisne, French troops occupied the village of Vassens, to the northwest of Morsain, last evening. "A surprise attack by the enemy west of Maison-de-Champagne was without result. "The night was calm on the rest of the front. "German airplanes bombarded Nancy last night. It is reported that six of the civilian population were killed and a score wounded."

NOW FIGHTING ON OLD SOMME BATTLE FIELD

Terrain is a Network of Abandoned German Trenches

WITH THE CANADIANS

By Courier Leased Wire (By J. F. B. Livesey, Canadian Press Correspondent.) With the Canadian Forces, Aug. 19.—(Via London, Aug. 20)—We are now fighting on the old battle-field of the Somme of 1917, a difficult country networked with abandoned trenches and wire left by the Boche when he fell back to the Hindenburg line in the spring of 1917. Whether he intends now to make a determined stand this side of the Somme remains to be seen. His losses, not only of men, but of guns and all kinds of material in the battle of the Marne and the second battle of Amiens, have been so enormous that it is doubtful whether he can undertake anywhere a strong offensive and he has had recently a too ruinous experience of the passive defense.

Captured official documents give some idea of his confusion of mind and proof of his low morale. How different is the spirit of the Canadian force, fully up to strength after ten days of hard fighting, with splendid reserves to draw upon, enriched by many batteries of enemy guns, both heavy and light and above all convinced of its invincibility. Here is a story told of a Quebec battalion that won imperishable fame at Courelette. It was directed to throw out a strong patrol. The officer was wounded and the patrol returned with nine men missing. On Continued on page three

CASUALTIES IN DISTRICT STILL HEAVY

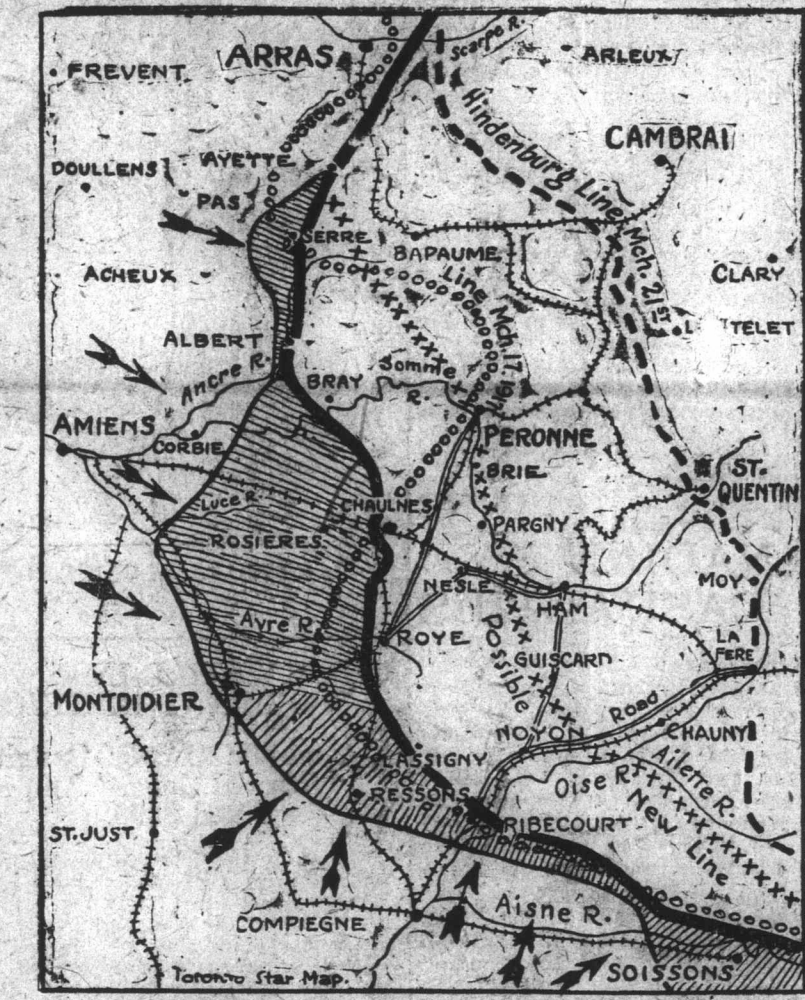
Lt. R. M. Knowles of Dundas is Killed in Action

MANY MORE WOUNDED

KILLED IN ACTION. Lt. R. M. Knowles, Dundas. Pte. Wm. McLaren, 185 Marlboro street. Pte. Reg. Allen, 23 Gibson street. Pte. E. Owen, 27 Leonard street. Pte. G. Thomson, 116 Dundas street. Pte. George Hanley, Cainsville. Pte. Clarence Graham, Cainsville. Pte. W. F. Young, Hatchley. Pte. F. F. Sinden, Simcoe

Heavy casualty lists in which Brantford and Brant county names are numerous, are still being issued from Ottawa. While it is evident that Brantford men, and in particular those of the first Brant county Battalion, bore a prominent part in the Plearly drive two weeks ago it is gratifying to learn that in the great majority of the casualties yet reported the men have been only wounded. The proportion of deaths is very small. Lt. R. M. Knowles of Dundas, well known in the city, is to-day reported to have made the supreme sacrifice.

LIBERT KNOWLES KILLED. Mrs. T. S. Wade, Brant Avenue, has received the sad news of the death at the front of her nephew, Lieut. Knowles. The family live in Dundas, but he was in the West when he enlisted, and was a member of the 7th Canadian Engineers at the time he fell heroically in action. He was about thirty years of age, well known to many in Brantford, and known to many in Brantford, and Continued on page six



POCH'S SMASH LINKS UP TWO BATTLEFRONTS. The shaded area in this map indicates the Allied gains between Arras and Soissons since July 18. The Allies have linked up their two offensive fronts south of the Aisne and south of the Marne by attacking on the ten-mile front lying between them east of Ribecourt and west of Soissons.

STATE COUNSEL THANKS TROOPS OF ALLY ARMIES

Gratitude and Admiration For Soldiers And Leaders Expressed by General Counsel of French Republic

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Aug. 20.—(Havas Agency).—Resolutions expressing gratitude and admiration for the Allied soldiers and the French and Allied military chiefs for their gallant efforts and successful results obtained were adopted by the council of state or general council of the republic, at a meeting yesterday. The councillors reaffirmed their unshakable faith in the final victory of the Allies. A special greeting to the American army, which is fighting on European soil for the first time in the struggle for justice, liberty and humanity was adopted. A vote of confidence in the Government of Premier Clemenceau was passed by a large majority.

CANADIAN CONTROL OF TROOPS IS EXTENDED

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa Ont. Aug. 20.—Excellent matters of discipline and military operations Canada now has complete control over all her troops overseas. Recent inter-imperial developments which have brought the change about are regarded here as the most important since confederation. "They indicate," remarked one cabinet minister today, "that the imperial conference, that recognition is now given to Canada's status as a nation."

The change in control over Canadian troops comes after continued negotiations with the imperial government. From the outbreak of war, Canada has controlled her troops until they were dispatched overseas. On arrival in Great Britain, they were taken over by the War Office. Now, except as regards military operations and discipline the dominion government retains control.

ALLIES ARE AGAIN MAKING PROGRESS ON IMPORTANT SECTORS OF WESTERN FRONT

Enemy Will Likely be Forced to Re-adjust His Lines on Entire Front Between Ypres and Rheims—The Situation in Review

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Aug. 20.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following: Allied forces again are making progress on important sectors. Further successful development of the present operations doubtless will force the enemy to readjust his line at least locally, if not over the entire front from Ypres to Rheims.

French successes on a twenty-mile front east and west of the Oise are becoming a serious menace to the German line from the Somme to Rheims. West of the Oise, Roye and Lassigny appear to be doomed. The stability of the present German line from the Somme to Rheims depends greatly upon the holding of the Noyon salient, whose western outposts are Roye and Lassigny. British troops are reported to have ground between the Aisne and the Oise, southeast of Noyon.

In Flanders the British have made additional appreciable gains in the Lys salient and the German situation within the salient appears more difficult daily. Driving against the head of the salient the British have won ground on a front of nearly six miles and entered the important town of Merville, where the Clarence River enters the Lys. Noyon east is becoming the central point of a salient such that which centered around Montdidier at the beginning of the Plearly offensive. The stability of the present German line from the Somme to Rheims depends greatly upon the holding of the Noyon salient, whose western outposts are Roye and Lassigny. British troops are reported to have ground between the Aisne and the Oise, southeast of Noyon. Continued on page six

PENETRATE TO DEPTH OF TWO MILES

Attack Made on Ten Mile Front Between Oise And Aisne GOOD PROGRESS

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Aug. 20.—Bulletin.—The French Tenth Army attacked again this morning on a front of ten miles, between the Oise and the Aisne, and reached a maximum depth of two miles, according to a dispatch from the battle front.

The advance of the French troops endangers the whole German position at Soissons and on the River Aisne.

It is possible that the Germans now will withdraw to the Chemin des Dames.

Before nine o'clock this morning the French had captured 500 Germans in the sector attacked.

North of Roye the French have taken the Braque Mont and Fendu woods, and have occupied the greater part of Beuvraignes, according to advices. It is also reported that they have made progress to the southeast of Beuvraignes.

THE SITUATION

The attack of the French yesterday between the Matz and the Oise was on a front of 12 miles, and although the Germans offered a stubborn resistance, the French made an advance of about a mile.

At six o'clock last evening the battle line ran as follows: La Pravin Farm, which is northwest of Fresnières, Arbede-Canny, the western outskirts of La Lassigny, La Rue des Boucandes, the southern outskirts of Orval, Le Hamel, the southern outskirts of Dreslincourt and Pimprez. Though the advance was a small one, it is regarded as important, as it carried the French line further down the slopes of Lassigny Massif. The French also moved the valley of the Oise; the line being between five and six miles from Noyon.

FOE IS HURLED BACK. New York, Aug. 20.—The Associated Press at noon today issued the following: The German forces holding the vital sector of the battle front between the Aisne and the Oise rivers have been hurled back over a ten-mile front this morning by the French, according to reports reaching London. It is stated that the French have penetrated the enemy positions to a depth of two miles.

This attack, which is a continuation of the assault made northwest of Soissons on Sunday night, it said to endanger the whole German position at Soissons and the Aisne. It is added that the French success will probably be followed by a German retirement from Soissons to the Chemin des Dames.

No details of the fighting are as yet available, but an advance of two miles in this sector would seem to place the Germans, both along the Aisne and before Noyon, in a serious position, from which only an immediate retreat would appear to be possible.

Unofficial dispatches, also state that significant local successes have been achieved by the French from the Oise northward to well past Roye. The line as it is traced in dispatches, seems to be very close to the important town of Lassigny, from which the French have been fighting for the past week or more.