

Hun Line Crumbles Before The Allied Attack

NUMEROUS POSITIONS WRESTED FROM RETREATING GERMANS

French Attacks Launched by the British Succeeded in Taking Advantageous Positions and Numerous Towns, Including Croisilles—Heavy Fighting Is in Progress South of Lens Across the Scarpe River to the Arras-Cambrai Road.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 28.—The British captured the town of Croisilles northeast of Bapaume and obtained control of all of the village of Pelvies east of Arras. To the southeast patrols entered Remy and Hancourt while southwest of Peronne the British have taken Fay and Ablaincourt.

British Headquarters in France, (Reuters) Aug. 28.—Hard fighting continued today. Canadian troops delivered another attack in the course of the morning on a front of about five miles, even flanking the Arras-Cambrai road. The fighting is carrying them right into the area of the Hindenburg line.

British Headquarters in France, Aug. 28.—(Reuters).—The British carried Croisilles, Ablaincourt, and Fay and the French captured Marchepot today.

With the British Army in France, (By A. P.) Aug. 28.—South of the Scarpe the Canadians captured all of Pelvies after brisk street fighting. Their advanced patrols entered Remy and Hancourt. The British are well east of Fontaine and the main body of the Germans has retired from Hedencourt. Heavy fighting is in progress from a point south of Lens northwest across the Scarpe River to the Arras-Cambrai road, the first

enemy troops have shown themselves to be excessively numerous which is as it should be considering the pounding they have had and the still settling from the British cannon and the defeats they have suffered at the hands of advancing infantry.

With the British Army in France, (A. P.) Aug. 28.—On both sides of the Scarpe river hard fighting continues today, the British launching fresh attacks and wresting from the desperately resisting enemy additional valuable stretches of ground, many more advantageous positions and numerous towns, including Croisilles.

In the center of the wide battlefield on which three British armies, the first, third and fourth are operating, there seems to be a slight pause. South of Somme, Fay and Ablaincourt were taken by the British without much difficulty, for the Germans being hard pressed south of these points, by the French, were ready to go with slight persuasion.

Since early this morning storm after storm has been sweeping across this section of France but despite unfavorable weather forces in the north have driven deep into hurriedly arranged enemy defense smothering hordes of Huns. These Huns have been thrown into the fighting

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GERMAN ARMY IN DIRE PERIL

On Almost Every Sector of the Extended Battlefield the Enemy Line Continues to Crumble Under the Allied Attack.

(By the Associated Press). The Germans facing the Allied forces from Arras to Soissons everywhere are in dire peril.

On almost every sector of the battlefield the enemy line continues to crumble before the Allied attack, notwithstanding the violence, born of desperation of counter offensive tactics. Near Arras the old Hindenburg line is now well outflanked from the Scarpe to the Somme, and the hostile line gradually is falling back, while from the south of the Somme to Soissons the enemy front has literally been smashed and the German hosts are caught in two distinct traps, escape from which without heavy losses in men made prisoner and guns and material captured seems almost impossible.

Scores of additional towns have been captured by British, French, and American troops, the Americans having entered the fray with the French northwest of Soissons while all of the old German salients in the Allied lines have now been flattened out, and the Allies themselves have dug deeply into the enemy's terrain.

The first trap in which the enemy finds himself is a triangle formed by a sharp curve of the Somme river, with Peronne its apex and with Curin on the Somme and Fresnois respectively, its northern and southern bases. This triangle is little more than three miles deep and six miles wide and in it the Germans are being with their backs to the line on both north and east sides

ed the enemy in order that his men may have time to reach a haven safely across the stream, but the British are hard after their quarry, and with the French a little to the south almost up to the river, to aid them by an outflanking movement, it would seem that the odds are heavily against the Germans.

It was French troops who sprang the other trap. With the fall of Chaumes the French forces routed the enemy over a front of about 15 miles, and penetrated the region to a depth at some points of nearly seven miles. From north of Chaumes to Neule penetration of the French reached the heights on the left bank of the Somme southward. The advance left the French along Canal du Nord at various points between Neule and the outskirts of Noyon. South and southeast of Noyon gains were made and Noyon and the entire region between Neule and Soissons are now in a great pocket and with the French pinners working hard to close upon it.

The Americans are fighting with the French northwest of Soissons in an operation which has in view the blotting out of the Noyon sector and the outflanking of the Aisne and the old Chemin des Dames positions. Official reports have the Americans and French fighting violently with the enemy around Jurigny and Chavigny, where they gained some ground. The Americans successfully sustained several heavy enemy counter attacks in this region. The Americans and Germans also engaged in bitter battles around Bazoches and Fismette, on the Vesle.

The Germans endeavored to force the Vesle south of Bazoches, but were held by the Americans. Likewise, an enemy assault against Fismette was stopped.

The German official communication asserts that the Americans have suffered severe losses, and lost more than 250 prisoners in the battle along the Vesle.

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CHARMER ARRIVED FROM VANCOUVER

With the arrival from Vancouver last night of the S.S. Charmer, carrying freight, mails and passengers, Nanaimo and the rest of the Mainland since the inception of the steamboat strike several days ago. The Charmer arrived here shortly before midnight, and will leave for Vancouver this morning at 8.30, making the single return trip each day until the return to the run of the "Pat," which is expected back on Friday or Saturday.

SERGT. G. JONES KILLED IN ACTION

Sergeant Gordon P. Jones, D.C.M., a native of Qualicum District, and well known in Nanaimo, was killed in action on August 24th. Word of Sergt. Jones' death was received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jones, for many years residents of Qualicum District, operating one of the largest and most successful farms in that section.

Sergt. Jones, who has thus made the supreme sacrifice is one of three brothers who donned the khaki and responded to their country's call at the opening of hostilities. He returned home last January after taking part in a number of engagements, the loss of a leg incapacitating him for further service, and Victor, who is in France, having strong after four years' absence.

Gordon, with the 48th Battalion, was transferred to the 1st Battalion, and was given well

deserved commendation which decoration reached Mr. and Mrs. Jones two days after being advised of their son's death in action. He was but 21 years old, and had been overseas three years.

BRITISH AND FRENCH TAKE SMASH AT HUN LINE

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North and south of the Somme the British are pressing onward toward Peronne. They are approaching Comblancq, overpowering the Germans around Montauban and in the woods of the neighborhood, and are east of Maricourt, which gives them possession of the high ground north of the river. Domplaire, south of the river and six miles west of Peronne, has fallen to General Rawlinson's men.

The intervening terrain toward Peronne is fairly level and open, but the Germans are struggling to hold the British in check.

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GLORIOUS DAY FOR THE FRENCH

Vigorous Thrusts by French Armies Hurled Back Enemy on a Thirty Kilometer Front With Loss of War Material and Men.

Paris, Aug. 28.—The official statement issued by the French War Office tonight reads as follows:

"The enemy under our vigorous thrust retreated precipitately on a front of about thirty kilometres. We have gained heights on the left bank of the Somme from Cizancourt to the region east of Neule.

"Further south we reached the west bank of Canal du Nord on the greater part of its course between Neule and Noyon.

"North of the Oise we occupied Suzy, Pont l'Evêque, Vauchelles, and Pequeurcourt.

"Our advance today exceeded 10 kilometres at certain points. Since morning about forty villages have been retaken. We captured three trains loaded with war material and took prisoners.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne were spirited engagements. In the region of Jurigny the Americans valiantly repulsed several enemy counter attacks. A powerful German attempt to cross the Vesle south of Bazoches and Fismette likewise was arrested by American units."

THE BOSTONIANS PLEASED

A CROWDED HOUSE

With the tuneless musical play, "The Girl from Over There," the Bostonians pleased a crowded house at the Opera House last night, the singing of the pretty chorus being especially good and was given well

last time, there being a change of bill for tomorrow, and anyone out to spend an enjoyable evening should not miss hearing the Bostonians at the Opera House tonight.

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FORTY VILLAGES RE-CAPTURED BY VICTORIOUS FRENCH

Advance by French Troops at Some Points Reached a Depth of Six Miles, and Reached the Left Bank of the Somme, Between Cizancourt and Neule—French Army Has Reached the Outskirts of Noyon and in Conjunction with American Troops Has Progressed Northeast of Soissons.

Paris, Aug. 28.—In a salient advance today covering more than six miles at certain points the French troops south of the Somme recaptured forty villages, the War Office announced tonight.

The left bank of the Somme has been reached between Cizancourt and Neule, as well as the west bank of the Canal du Nord, between Neule and Noyon, over a greater part of its course.

American troops in the region of Jurigny repulsed numerous German counter attacks and broke up an enemy attempt to cross the Vesle south of Bazoches.

With the French Armies in the Field Aug. 28.—French cavalry this morning entered Neule, and French infantry occupied the town of Crespy 2-1.2 miles southeast of Neule. The French third army today captured the armies of Generals Deney and Humbert.

ward reached the outskirts of Noyon. The retreat of the Germans was much quickened at some parts of the front today while southeast of Roye the entry into action of German guns of all calibres slackened the French pursuit.

Paris, Aug. 28.—According to advances received from the Aisne battlefield this afternoon, French troops in co-operation with American forces continue to make progress northwest of Soissons in the direction of Chavigny.

The German forces have been thrown into disorder by the advance of French troops towards the river Somme. The retreat of the enemy in the direction of east and north-east on the whole front held by the French troops between Chaulnes 2-1.2 miles southeast of Neule. The French third army today captured the armies of Generals Deney and Humbert.

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