

NEWEST ALLIED SPEARHEAD IS DIRECTED TOWARD FISMES Foe Withdrawal From Rheims to Sossions Foreshadowed Today May See Marne Again Cleared of Huns

Increasing Pressure Renders German Positions Ever More and More Precarious; French, American and British Troops Share in the Latest Gains

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(Bulletin).—French successes for the American forces in their drive between the Aisne and the Marne were reported in General Pershing's communique for yesterday, received today at the War Department. The Americans were driving ahead with undiminished vigor and spirit, the statement said.

More than six thousand prisoners, over one hundred cannon, and many trench mortars and machine guns have been taken by American divisions in the last few days on the Aisne-Marne front, General Pershing reported. This was accepted as meaning that the reference in Saturday's statement to 17,000 prisoners, included those captured by both French and American units.

THE SITUATION

(By the Associated Press.) Increasing pressure on the Rheims-Sossions salient is making the German positions more precarious every hour.

Between the Ourcq and the Marne, French and American troops are making rapid progress. On the eastern flank a new allied spearhead has been driven in the enemy lines near Bouilly, southwest of Rheims. Both movements are pointed toward Fismes, on the Vesle, the main German base within the salient.

Despite German resistance, especially from artillery and machine guns, the Allies are steadily pressing forward, and indications that the Germans will finally have to withdraw to a line from Rheims to Sossions, or along the Vesle, are becoming brighter. Only one small piece of railroad still is in use by the enemy, and this section has no connection with the

main bases to the north. The enemy troops are reported to have small supplies of food and ammunition, and no adequate means of getting more.

In the past 24 hours, most progress has been made in the Chateau Thierry sector, and the enemy has been driven back there about five miles eastward from Belleau, and three miles northward from the Marne at Chateau Thierry.

From the Ourcq to the Marne, the Allied line now runs through La Croix, Griselles, Epieds to Mount St. Pierre on the Marne, where the French have crossed the river. The Allied advance apparently is toward Fere-en-Tardenois, which is under heavy artillery bombardment, and if it continues as it has begun, will soon see the Marne again cleared of the enemy. The Germans now hold but a small portion of the north bank east of Charelevs.

SOISSONS USELESS TO FOE

Another spearhead is being driven toward Fere-en-Tardenois as the Ourcq and the French line are within a mile of Oulch-Je-Chateau, the largest point west of Fere. Between the Ourcq and the Aisne the advance has been less rapid, but the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road, except for small sections here and there, is entirely within the Allied lines. Soissons still holds out but the French seemingly are content to dominate with their guns and thereby render the city useless as a base while saving themselves the danger of a flank which might arise if they held the city.

Next to the advance around Chateau Thierry the most notable development has been the forward thrust by British, French and Italian troops southwest of Rheims. On a

front of six miles an average advance of about one mile has been made, the village of Bouilly and St. Euphrasie and the Rheims and Courmont woods being cleared of the Germans. The allies are meeting with strong resistance and the enemy is reported fighting hard to hold the thrust in check as it is a serious threat to the German troops between the Aisne and the Marne.

The French official statement still continues to report the results of the fighting briefly and calmly. There has been no announcement of any increase in number of prisoners, though it is reported from the battle front that many more have been taken. Four hundred machine guns and thirty cannon were found in the German positions south

of the Marne. Berlin admits a withdrawal north and northeast of Chateau Thierry elsewhere, it says, the allies have been repulsed with heavy losses by the German attacks. Admission that General Foch's counter blow was a surprise is made, but the German staff does not mention definite points where fighting is progressing.

Elsewhere on the Western front and in July there has been no fighting activity in Albania resumption of their movements northward. French and Italian troops have taken the crest of a mountain and in the bend of the Devil, south of Elbasan. Rome reports the total prisoners captured up to July 13 as 2,167.

Yanks Take Woods. London, July 22.—American troops yesterday crossed the river Marne between Charleville and Gland, east of Chateau Thierry, and captured the wood of Barbillon, according to an authoritative announcement made here today.

The Germans are stubbornly resisting the French crossing of the Marne, but the French have succeeded in getting two elements over at Mesy and Concelles, which are constructing foot bridges under heavy fire. The Germans are using gas shells in large numbers.

With the French Army in France, July 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Frederick Williams, the German imperial crown prince, has been obliged to call for help from his cousin, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria. Hun divisions from Germany in north have been hurried down to protect the western flank of the defeated army which has been driven back over the Marne and ejected from Chateau Thierry by Franco-American troops.

FRENCH GAINS. London, July 22.—Owing to faulty working of the telegraph line between Paris and London news of the French advance up to 8.30 last night is not detailed. It is learned, however, that the French line now runs from Breny, along the main Chateau Thierry road and then through Lecharme and Epieds to the Marne at Charleville.

The capture of Barbillon Wood by the Americans means that the overseas men have advanced between three and four miles from their old positions on the Marne. Between the Ourcq and the Aisne the Germans again are making violent counter-attacks, but the French are maintaining their lines.

On every front the Germans are retreating desperately and are making violent counter-attacks. Nevertheless the French troops yesterday made progress along the river Marne to a maximum depth of eight

ALLIES BROKE UP STRONG ENEMY COUNTER ATTACKS ON THE OURCQ-MARNE FRONT

Further Ground Gained By British in the Hebuterne Region, on Front Between Albert and Arras—Successful Operation; Also South of Villers

PARIS, July 22.—(Bulletin).—Strong counter-attacks delivered last night by the Germans on the front between the Ourcq and the Marne were broken by the Allies, the war office announced today. The Allied positions have been maintained.

The enemy counter blows were delivered in the region of Griselles, seven miles northwest of Chateau Thierry, and Besu St. Germain, four miles north of Chateau Thierry. North of the Ourcq and between the Marne and Rheims, the enemy's reaction was limited to artillery fire. The fire was particularly notable in the region of the woods of Courton and Roi.

GAINS NEAR HEBUTERNE. LONDON, July 22.—(Bulletin).—Further ground has been gained by the British in the Hebuterne region on the front between Albert and Arras, the war office announced today. The British likewise in conjunction with the French, carried out a successful enterprise to the south of Villers Bretonneux, east of Amiens, in which prisoners were taken.

The German trenches were entered during the night by British raiding parties at several points at the front, including Neuville Vitasse and north of Bailleul, and prisoners were taken.

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NEW SIBERIAN RULER ALLOYS ALLIED FEARS. LONDON, July 22.—(Bulletin).—The text of the War Office statement reads: "Further ground was made by our troops yesterday southeast of Hebuterne and a hostile bombing attack in this neighborhood was repulsed. We captured a few prisoners."

MAX HARDEN SPEAKS PLAINLY IN DISCUSSING HERTLING'S RECENT STATEMENT—INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMANDS GERMANY TO RESTORE BELGIUM TO CONDITIONS BEFORE INVASION. By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, July 22.—"This is a question of decency, morality and honor," says Max Harden, in discussing in Die Zukunft, the recent statement made by Chancellor von Hertling concerning Belgium.

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