

HEAVY BATTLE IS RAGING ON FRONT OF TWENTY FIVE MILES

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British Advance at Many Points Along the Line

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BRITISH AND GERMAN ARMIES ARE LOCKED IN MIGHTY BATTLE

Over Twenty Five Mile Front Fight Continues; British on Aggressive Along Whole Line, and are Overcoming Teuton Resistance



BRITISH SOLDIERS READY FOR INSTANT SERVICE. The group of 17 British bombardier airplanes with the pilots in their places, shown in this picture, are ready to take the air. These squadrons are always prepared, and are ready to leave the ground as soon as the call is received.

French Troops Advanced Their Lines During the Night Between Oise and the Aisne; Now Hold Right Bank of the Ailette

By Courier Leased Wire. LONDON, Aug. 23.—Bulletin.—A battle is being fought on the line between Lihons, south of the Somme, to the Cojoul river south of Arras, a front of more than twenty-five miles, according to official statement issued at the War Office today.

The British troops are making progress at a number of points, the statement says, and adds that two enemy attacks east of Beaucourt were repulsed during the night.

On the Lys front, the statement says, the British line was slightly advanced east of Le Touret, northwest of Neuf Berquin and east of Outersteun.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—Bulletin.—Between the Oise and the Aisne, French troops advanced their lines during the night to Gony and Pont St. Mars, just south of the Ailette river. They hold the right bank of the Oise and the Ailette from Semigny to the railroad west of Courcy-le-Chateau, according to the official statement issued by the war office today.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT. During the night there was a violent bombardment between the region of Beauvraignes, south of Roye, and the Oise, notably at Plemont, Passel and Chiry-Ourscamp. We hold the southern banks of the Oise and the Ailette from Semigny to the railroad at Courcy-le-Chateau.

British Official. London, Aug. 23.—The text of the war office statement reads: "Fighting is taking place along virtually the whole front between Lihons, south of the Somme, and the Cojoul river. Our troops are reported making progress at a number of points."

ALLIES ARE NOW REAPING FRUIT OF PAST VICTORY. Paris, Aug. 23.—The Allies are reaping fruits of the victories of July 18 and August 8 in the present critical situation in which the German command finds itself.

The German retreat around Noyon, it is held here, is the logical consequence of these victories. The French and British are pressing the enemy so close that he is obliged to throw in his best troops to save himself from disaster.

General Mangin's pressure between August 18 and 20 resulted in the capture of more than 10,000 prisoners, and on the 22nd he forced the enemy to beyond the Ailette. The army of General von Eiben is in such a predicament it is believed that he is bound to make a formidable counter attack to halt General Mangin or be obliged to withdraw from the Aisne and Vesle to the Chemin

des Dames. If the enemy does not counter attack along the Ailette, it is thought here.

In the north the British third army has pushed the Germans so dangerously near Bapaume that the German command has found it necessary to counter attack in force. The loss of Bapaume in the present circumstances would amount to disaster according to opinion here.

The front from Lassigny to the Somme remains stationary. Expected fall of Roye has not yet occurred, but there is no hurry about that as Roye has lost its importance now that all the roads leading to it are under the fire of the French artillery and useless to the enemy.

Prisoners Hanged. Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—Russian Red Guards after the capture of Zimbrisk, on the Volga, according to a Moscow despatch to the Hamburg Nachrichten, publicly hanged in the market place 300 Czechoslovak prisoners. The hangings, it is declared, were a reprisal for "atrocities" committed by the Czechs during the occupation by the Czechs.

NEW WOODSTOCK BAND. Woodstock, Aug. 22.—For some weeks past a number of local musicians have been working quietly on the organization of a band, and now under the leadership of John Edgington, with 22 skilled musicians, they announce they are ready to fill engagements. The city has been without a band for two years.

AVIATOR DROWNED. By Courier Leased Wire. Beausville, Ont., Aug. 22.—Cadet N. S. Frizzle, of the aerial school of gunnery here, was drowned yesterday afternoon when his airplane dived into Lake Ontario. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. A. B. Frizzle, Toronto.

GERMAN EMPRESS IS ILL FROM OVER-WORK. Kaiser Hastens to Her Side—Princess "Prevented by Service Obligations"

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany is ill at Castle Wilhelmshohe, Hesse-Cassel, the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says, owing to over-strain from her war relief work. Physicians in attendance promise her full recovery within a few weeks.

ALLIED FORCES OUTNUMBERED BY BOLSHEVIKI. Troops on Ussuri River Front, North of Vladivostok, Withdrew—FIGHTING IS HEAVY

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Aug. 23.—Allied troops on the Ussuri River front, north of Vladivostok, outnumbered by the enemy, have been forced to withdraw after heavy fighting, says a despatch to The Daily Mail from Harbin, dated Wednesday.

British and French troops were engaged in the battle, but the brunt of the fighting fell on the Cossack and Czechoslovak troops. Japanese aids in the retreat.

Bolshevik monitors, operating on Lake Hanka are harassing the Allied left and have detained additional Czech forces. Commanders are being given the Bolsheviki in German.

The Ussuri River forms the eastern boundary of Manchuria. Vladivostok, Aug. 23.—(By The Associated Press).—German agents of which Vladivostok is full have made futile efforts to hamper the unloading of transports.

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SUBS ARE NOT GETTING MUCH INFORMATION

Commanders of U-Boats Operating Along the Atlantic Coast Were Formerly Employed in Shipping Activities.

By Courier Leased Wire. St. John, N.B., Aug. 23.—"I do not believe that the German U-boat sea boats operating along the Atlantic coast are securing any appreciable amount of information as to conditions in the Maritime Provinces," said Major General Lessard, acting officer commanding military district No. 6 and inspector general for eastern Canada, who arrived in the city last night.

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British and German armies are locked in a mighty battle today over a twenty-five mile front, from Lihons, six miles south of the Somme river, to the Cojoul river, south of Arras.

This combat, which began with the British attack against the enemy positions east of the Ancre river on Wednesday, has now spread into one of the greatest battles of the Allied offensive in Piacardy. It is officially reported from London that the British are making progress at some points and that German attacks east of Beaucourt, at about the middle of the battle front, were repulsed.

The British are apparently still on the aggressive along the whole line.

French troops have occupied the southern banks of the Oise, and the Ailette between Semigny, south of Noyon, to the railroad bridge west of Coucy-le-Chateau.

South of Coucy-le-Chateau they have reached the outskirts of Gony and Pont St. Mars. This progress brings them still further toward the rear of the German forces holding the hills north of Soissons and within three miles of the German positions north of Chemin des Dames, as they stood before the offensive of May 27.

By the Associated Press. Bulletin. With the British Armies in France, Aug. 23.—British troops this morning are reported to have captured Cignolles and Herleville, south of the Somme River. More than a thousand prisoners were taken in this operation, which eliminates the bend in the line.

Field Marshal Haig's forces also are reported to have taken Boyelles and Berry Bequerelles and to be still pushing forward. They are piling prisoners and guns.

The British have reached Gommecourt, which is considered to be the chief point of the German defence positions. South of Gommecourt the British this morning were attacking and pushing forward all along the line.

A battle has developed which seems to be one of the greatest of the war. The town of Meaulte, southeast of Albert, fell early in the British drive. The British troops pressing on here are crossing the Bray-Albert road.

Happy Valley, to the north of Bray, was taken by Field Marshal Haig's troops after hard fighting. Three German battalion headquarters have been taken in the locality of Happy Valley. Additional guns also have fallen into the hands of the British.

A number of new fresh German divisions have been identified. They were rushed up in the hope of saving something from the disaster which threatens the whole German army on this front.

The French airplanes are as numerous as ever and the Boche machines are being harried mercilessly by bombing squadrons which fly ahead of the infantry and attack the German columns on the march.

Greatest Fight of War. New York, Aug. 23.—The Associated Press issued the following this afternoon: Along the northern front in Piacardy a battle which appears to be one of the greatest of the war, has developed.

Disaster is reported to be threatening the whole German army on this front and the Germans are throwing great masses of men into the struggle in the hope of checking the tide of battle which despatches from British headquarters say is setting against them.

Foreign Secretary Hintze's Statement to Journalists in Berlin ASKS CO-OPERATION

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—"Our cause is an exalted one, but it is in great danger," Admiral von Hintze, the German foreign secretary, told a conference of German journalists in Berlin, according to The Cologne Volks Zeitung. He asked them to co-operate with him.

After asserting in what high esteem he held the press, the Admiral said: "In these times the government, the press and the nation must hold together with one aim—to win the war. If these factors do not hold together we shall be beaten."

"The post of foreign secretary is by no means a desirable one. All objections I had made to my appointment were dispelled and I have undertaken this responsible post. I am not tackling my task with a bowed head or a heavy heart."

"I shall always show the greatest consideration to the gentlemen of the press. You will hear nothing but facts from me, but I cannot always give all the facts. The entire truth at certain times does not serve but harms the public interest."

"I am not at all concerned regarding attacks either on my person or against the imperial policy. I am merely concerned with our cause. Our cause is an exalted one, but it is in great danger. I therefore call on you to co-operate."

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