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Ouchy Le Chateau Is Captured By French

Western Jaw of Trap Is Pressed In And Vital Position Taken

Villemontoire Also Falls Into Allies' Hands—Germans Try Twice To Beat Down British on North But Each Time Fail

Paris, July 26—Capture of the towns of Villemontoire and Ouchy Le Chateau is announced by the war office.

The French took four cannon and many hundred prisoners in this fighting.

BRITISH BEAT THEM TWICE

London, July 26—The Germans this morning launched a local attack against the positions recently taken by the British in the Metz sector of the Flanders front.

Last night the Germans delivered an attack upon the new British positions in the Hebuterne sector, on the front between Albert and Arras.

The enemy was driven off with severe losses, leaving prisoners in the hands of the British.

AMERICANS STILL GAIN

Washington, July 26—American forces between the Oureq and Marne continue to press back the enemy, General Pershing reported in his communique for yesterday.

The British Report

London, July 26—The text of the British statement follows:—

"Yesterday evening the enemy attacked our new positions in the Hebuterne sector under cover of a heavy barrage.

His troops were driven off with severe loss, leaving thirty prisoners in our hands.

Early this morning a strong local attack was launched by the enemy against the line recently gained by us at Metzere.

This attack was also repulsed after sharp fighting.

"During the night a party of our troops rushed a hostile machine gun nest in the Merris sector.

It has been seen in the Somme Valley and in the neighborhood of Bevelen.

Paris Papers Well Pleased

Paris, July 26—The newspapers are much pleased over the Thursday success by the Allies and believe that the moment when the pocket dug by the Germans will become so reduced that the position will be intolerable is approaching nearer and nearer.

A majority of the military critics think that the German Crown Prince will not reconcile himself with falling back to the line of the Vesle without giving a further defensive battle on the plateau of Tardenois in conjunction with an offensive battle in the neighboring regions.

It is believed probable that the Germans may also strike simultaneously in Flanders. The critics are convinced, however, that General Foch will not let the initiative be taken from him.

The Matin says that, whether the Germans begin an attack against the French or the British, they will find the Allies well prepared.

The Allies high command awaits in full confidence the expected enemy reaction. Should the Germans meet with another failure, says the Matin, they would be obliged to precipitate the retirement which already appears almost inevitable.

Captured Yesterday Afternoon

Paris, July 26—The text of the French official statement follows:—

"Yesterday afternoon French troops captured Villemontoire after violent fighting and captured 200 prisoners as well as twenty machine guns.

"Further south, Ouchy Le Chateau fell into the hands of the French. The French made progress east of the town and captured four cannon.

During combats yesterday in the region of the Oureq the French took many hundreds of prisoners.

Villemontoire is slightly more than five miles directly south of Soissons, on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry high road.

It is in this region, on the German right flank, that the enemy has been making his most determined resistance to any further advance by the Allied forces, because of the danger in his line of retreat from the Marne salient.

Ouchy Le Chateau is about seven miles south of Villemontoire on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry railway line. This line has been virtually useless to the Germans for some time, however, owing to its having been closely approached, cut by the Allies farther north.

The taking of Ouchy Le Chateau, however, will definitely put it out of business. The capture of this town also represents a further closing in on Fere en Tardenois, about six miles to the east, although the Allies are closer to Fere en Tardenois on the line to the south.

COMMISSION ON LABOR TROUBLES IN SHIP YARDS OF QUEBEC

Ottawa, July 26—The cabinet has passed an order-in-council creating a royal commission to enquire into labor disputes in shipyards throughout the province of Quebec.

Judge J. S. McLean, of the superior court, Montreal, is chairman, and Thomas R. Robb, secretary of the Shipping Federation of Canada, and J. M. Walsh, secretary of the Federated Trades of Quebec are members.

Second Lieutenant Coffard of the French army has broken all records in aerial fighting. He has won fifteen victories in fifteen days.



WANT CITY MEN FOR N. B. FARMS

W. R. Reek Submits Plan to Premier Focher

Increased Acreage and Shortage of Labor Make for Difficulty in Harvesting the Crops—Outline of Plan

A plan for bringing together the city men who are willing to aid in food production and the farmers who are in pressing need for extra labor during the harvest season was submitted to Premier Focher today by W. R. Reek of Prediction, secretary for agriculture.

Recognizing the need for increased production, and the very satisfactory results which have been obtained in the past, Reek proposed that the city men be organized into a corps for the purpose of working on the farms during the harvest season.

Reek believes that many of these men would be willing to take some time off from their other work or to devote their vacations to farm work and his plan is to bridge the gap between the farmers and the men who are willing to help them.

The plan suggested involves the establishment of registration or employment offices in each county where the farmers and the city men can get in touch with each other.

Mr. Reek already has offices available in Woodstock, Fredericton, St. John, Sussex and Moncton and would arrange others in each of the counties.

Consideration is being given to the proposals and a decision will be reached soon.

enough men cannot be secured otherwise, Mr. Reek suggests that the federal government may find it necessary to close some of the non-essential industrial plants during the harvest season to free more men for the vital business of saving the crops.

Phelix and Pherndann WEATHER REPORT

Issued by the Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, H. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Heavy rain fell again yesterday in Manitoba and southeast Saskatchewan but the weather has since cleared and is now fine throughout the west.

The temperature continues high in Ontario and Quebec and is rising in the maritime provinces.

Quebeca Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate south and southwest winds, fine and very warm today and most of Saturday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Some local showers, but mostly fine and warm today and Saturday.

Fine and Warm. Maritime—Moderate westerly winds, fine and warm today and on Saturday.

Superior—Moderate winds, unsettled with showers and local thunder storms today and on Saturday.

Western Provinces—Fine, becoming warmer. New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; gentle to moderate east to south winds on the coast.

CRISIS MAY COME AT ANY MOMENT

Whole German Position in Marne Salient May Fall—Fighting Hard to Get to New Standing Ground—Allies Now Have Biggest Guns at Work

With the French army in France, July 26—Morning—(By the Associated Press)—The entire German position within the Marne salient is such that it may fall at any instant as the result of some sharp forward move by the Allies affecting a vital part.

It is for this reason that the German commanders have ordered their men to hold on at all costs while a defensive position is prepared upon which the German armies can fall back.

Day after day the Allies, now the French, now the Americans and now the British, are encroaching upon the triangular salient, at some places making deep dents in the enemy positions, and at others progressing more slowly.

Every line of communication within the German salient is under bombardment night and day, either from the Allied artillery or airplanes. It is only with the greatest difficulty and with heavy sacrifices that the enemy is able to hold on within this area.

All the while his men are suffering terrible privations, owing to the uncertainty of obtaining supplies.

In consequence of the Allies commanding virtually every way and every path the fatigued German units cannot be relieved even when they are sorely tried.

ALLIES BIGGEST GUNS AT WORK

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 26—(By the Associated Press, 8 a. m.)—The Franco-American push northeast of Chateau Thierry has resolved itself into a battle of the woods, which abounds in this region.

The Germans are fighting a rear guard action with their artillery and machine guns, retreating gradually before the Allied forces. The German infantry is not in evidence.

The indications early today were that the enemy was making preparations for a further withdrawal. He has been struggling to hold the northern half of the forest of Fere and of the forest of Ris, but the Allies are making progress in the work of ousting him from the remainder of these woods.

The Allies moved up their heaviest artillery today and were throwing shells into the German lines as far as Saponoy (5 1/2 miles northeast of Ouchy Le Chateau) and beyond Fere en Tardenois (two miles southeast of Saponoy). The districts to the south were also being peppered by Allied shells.

The Germans have been using "blue cross" or "meuse" gas, but ineffectively.

The poplar and oak forests of Fere and Ris are filled with underbrush, and the Allies forces are having a stiff job to get through them, but are continuing to push night and day.

The German machine gunners and artillery are desperately contending for every inch of ground before giving it up. This morning the battle in the woods was still in progress.

TWO BIG FACTORS IN FAILURE OF GERMANS IN THEIR OFFENSIVE

London, July 26—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—It is now clearly proven that the Germans, from the beginning of the offensive, were completely deluded with the idea that the French army was exhausted, and they left the possibility of a counter-offensive on their right flank out of their calculations.

They failed also to reckon with the Americans, whose presence enabled the French commanders to take measures which they might have hesitated to take with their own resources alone.

CZECHS ENEMY OF AUSTRIA TO THE END

Amsterdam, July 26—The Czechs declare they will hate and fight Austria forever and, God willing, they will in the end destroy her completely, because Austria embodies a century old crime against the liberty of mankind, said Deputy Stransky, a Czech socialist, in moving in the Austrian lower house an indictment of the ministers for their decree ordering the partition of Bohemia.

"The highest national duty of the Czechs is to harm Austria whenever possible," continued Stransky. "This we owe to the Czech people and to our loyalty to the Bohemian crown, which justly can be put in practice only by betraying Austria. Therefore, we are determined to betray her whenever we can."

AMERICANS ASKED TO EAT LESS SUGAR

Washington, July 26—The American public was asked by the food administration yesterday to go on a sugar ration of two pounds per capita monthly beginning August 1, to meet a shortage of sugar in this commodity and to care for the immediate demands of the Allies and American military forces.

The American public at present is on a three pounds per capita ration monthly.

ST. JOHN GIRL GOES OVERSEAS AS AMERICAN NURSE

Miss Ellen Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turner, Paddock street, has been appointed a nursing sister in a special American unit to cross overseas. Miss Turner is a graduate nurse of the Newton Hospital, Newton, Mass., and a very popular young lady. Many friends wish her all success in the great work she is taking up.

JAPAN ACCEPTS, SAYS LONDON

News of Yesterday Officially Confirmed

SIMBRISK CAPTURED

Soviet Troops Beaten There—Republic's Position Becomes Serious—Ukraine Abandons Claim to Bessarabia

London, July 26—It is announced officially here that Japan has decided to accept the American proposal to assist the Czechoslovak armies in Siberia.

Paris, July 26—(Havas Agency)—No statement regarding Japanese intentions as to intervention in Siberia has reached Paris, says the Petit Parisien. A statement, it adds, is expected next week.

Amsterdam, July 26—Czechoslovak troops have captured the important town of Simbrisk, about 600 miles east of Moscow, according to an official telegram from Moscow via Berlin. The Russian Soviet troops have kept up a desperate resistance.

AUTOISTS FINED; ALSO MAN FOR ALLOWING BOY TO DRIVE TEAM

Some local automobile owners and drivers appeared in the police court this morning to answer charges of driving on the wrong side of Hothey's avenue. They were Harry Coffey, R. Tobias, William McCallum, Edward Labeley, Sydney Morrison, J. Jacobson, E. N. Wilson, W. A. Lawton and M. Robinson. J. E. McVey was charged with speeding at the same place and an additional charge of speeding was laid against Mr. Wilson. Messrs. Lawton, Tobias and Coffey contested their cases, but the others pleaded guilty. A fine of \$10 was struck.

A fine was also struck against George Becharof of 78 Erin street for allowing a boy of thirteen years of age to drive a team.