

New Offensive Launched With Paris the Objective.

French Make Valuable Recapture, and Berlin Admits Allied Gains.

WAR SUMMARY.

The armies of the Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria again are hitting the Allied line in a new offensive, with Paris apparently as their objective, between Mont Didier and Noyon over a front of about 20 miles, preceded as usual by a heavy bombardment, with shells of all calibres and with noxious gases. The enemy initial manoeuvre evidently has in view the bending back of the Allied front toward the town of St. Just on the north wing and toward the railway junction of Compiègne on the south flank, getting astride the Oise and driving southwest toward the French capital. The French troops are resisting the impact with their wonted valor, but the Germans on their right and in the center have been able to place the line distances from two thirds of a mile south of Mont Didier to relatively two and a half miles at Reims-sur-Meuse in the center. There to Noyon, however, the Allied line is holding strongly. If success should rest with the enemy on the new battle front it possibly might badly affect the stability of the line of the defenders from the Oise to the Marne, northwest of Chateau Thierry, in order to straighten out the deep salient that would then project eastward with the Soissons sector as its apex. The Allied commanders it is asserted were not taken unawares by the new offensive. On the other hand, they had anticipated since the failure of the army of the German Crown Prince to gain its objectives between Soissons and the Marne and thence on the southern part of the line running to Rheims that the German high command would force another manoeuvre to the north and preparations accordingly were made to withstand the shock. The fighting is of extremely sanguinary character and whether it will be confined to the area at present affected remains to be seen. At last accounts it had not spread north of Mont Didier to the village of Cantigny which the Americans are holding. Comparative quiet prevails in the region of the Marne and on that portion of the line in Flanders held by the British. There had been no occurrence of interest according to Field Marshal Haig's latest report. The only attack reported in the French official statement in the region of Rheims was delivered by the Germans, who suffered serious losses, but gained no ground.

NEW OFFENSIVE BEGINS.

PARIS, June 9. A new offensive, begun this morning by the German Army, developed with sustained violence on a front of 35 kilometres (approximately 21.5 miles)

between Mont Didier and the Oise. The enemy in great force multiplied his efforts to drive through our lines, but our troops everywhere sustained the shock. Along the entire battle line stubborn engagements stopped or suddenly retarded the enemy thrust. To the left the Germans did not succeed in crossing our covering zone, and were strongly held by our troops on the line of Rubescourt-Froetoy and Mortemer which they had reached. On the centre the progress of the enemy was more appreciable. After successive attacks, which were murderous for their troops, the Germans succeeded in taking a footing in the villages of Reims-sur-Meuse and Marcell, which our units of the first lines continued to offer defence foot by foot. On the right the enemy met with resistance not less energetic, and despite his repeated efforts we held him on the front comprising Belval, Cannectancourt and Ville.

NEW ATTACK.

PARIS, June 9. The Germans began an attack in force at 4.20 o'clock this morning, to the east of the front of the recent battle, striking along the sector between Mont Didier and Noyon. The official French report says the French are resisting valiantly and that the battle is still raging. On the front between the Oise and the Aisne and also south of the Ourcy the French made gains last night.

SUCCESSFUL ATTACK.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 9. (By the Associated Press).—British troops to-day carried out a well-planned attack west of Voormezele and captured a strong position held by the enemy. The operation was a minor one, but the defence secured greatly improves the Allied line in this sector which has been the scene of continual thrusts and counter-thrusts since Von Hindenburg began his offensive in Flanders. About 50 prisoners were taken. The attack was launched at 5 o'clock in the morning and was successfully completed in a short time.

HOSTILE RAIDS REPULSED.

LONDON, June 8. English troops carried out a successful raid last night south of Beaumont Hamel, and captured 20 prisoners, says to-day's official report. A few prisoners were captured also by the French troops in the neighborhood near Balleuil. Hostile raids were repulsed yesterday and during the night southeast and east of Arras and in the neighborhood of Givenchy-les-Lalasse. The hostile artillery activity has been above normal on the southern portion of our front from Villers Bretonneux to Albert, and also between Givenchy and Robecq.

FRENCH RECAPTURE IMPORTANT POST.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 8.—Loire Hospice, which the Germans captured on Wednesday night was retaken by the French yesterday. They battled their

way to this much contested position and completely reestablished the original line. The French have thus removed a more or less serious threat to the village of Loire which of itself is an important defence for Mont Rouge and other hills lying immediately to the west. The Hospice lies only about five hundred yards southeast of Loire and is on rising ground which is but slightly lower than the site of the village. The enemy has long coveted Loire and the retention of the Hospice would give him a good jumping-off place for another assault in the long list which he has delivered against the village. There were heavy bursts of shelling from German guns at various points along the British front during the night but no unusual operations have been reported.

GERMANS ADMIT GAINS.

BERLIN, via London, June 8. Attacks by Allied troops around Chateau Thierry and counter attacks on the Arde River resulted in important gains of territory, according to the official report from general headquarters to-day.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, June 8. (Official.) South of the Aisne there was great artillery activity, notably in the region of Faverolles. Southeast of Ambleny, the French improved their positions during the night. Southeast of Ourcy they continued their pressure and realized new progress. The French have carried their lines as far as the western outskirts of Dumard and east of Chezy and more than a kilometre north of Vouilly-la-Petriere. They have taken about 1,500 prisoners. Further south the Germans made two violent attacks against the position reconquered by the French on the front from Dourgesche to Je-Thiolet. The French broke these assaults and the enemy suffered heavy losses without obtaining any advantage. On the rest of the front the night was comparatively calm.

FROM THE ITALIAN FRONT.

ROME, June 9. There has been increased reciprocal artillery fire astride the Piave and the region of the coast, says an official statement issued yesterday by the war office. Our aviators surprised an aviation camp between Piave and Lovenza and the railway station at Caldonazzo while in full activity, and effectively bombed them. Ten hostile machines were downed.

NEW PROGRESS.

PARIS, June 8. New progress was made by the French last night in the region between the Marne and the Ourcy, north west of Chateau Thierry, the war office announced to-day. In this sector French troops have pushed their way through Chezy to its eastern outskirts and have reached the western edge of Damard village.

TAKING NO CHANCES.

The Government has made just in time an excellent decision, says the Temps, regarding the decree establishing a defence committee for the entrenched camp of Paris. This committee will be charged with the following: "The control and execution of measures relative to the organization of armament and provisioning of the camp. At one point at least the experience of 1914 will have borne fruit. The German army is not approaching so menacingly to Paris now as toward the end of August, 1914, but we hold the enemy army in respect. Wise heads, not blinded by foolish optimism, estimate that notwithstanding the gravity of the situation, the peril will be averted from the capital. Whatever comes, it is the heart of good government to prepare for everything. It is the best means of saving all. Feeble brains alone believe that death is invited by the writing of wills or that a man's house will burn down because he insures. Amid the garb and unknown fear, it is good that the Government makes heard its clear and virile word."

U. S. CASUALTIES.

WASHINGTON, June 9th. The first official summary of casualties to date in American expeditionary forces announced to-day, shows a total of 7,815. Killed in action numbered 1,032 including 291 lost at sea and died of wounds, 310 died of diseases, 1,192 died of accident and other causes, 392 were wounded in action,

and 4,046 are missing, including prisoners 342. The army casualty list of to-day contained 198 names, the largest number thus far reported by General Pershing in a single day. The name of Chris Lee Nanton Albert appears among the severely wounded.

RESULT OF BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, June 8th. The bye-election at Gravesend resulted in the election of Richardson, Coalitionist, with a vote of 1312. Davis, Independent Coalitionist, polled 1106, and Minkley, Independent Laborite, 552.

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LONDON, June 8th. Sixty leaders in war work of various kinds are made Knights of the newly established Order of the British Empire as part of the King's birthday honors, the first list of which will be issued Monday. They include Shirley Benn, M.P. for Plymouth and Chairman of the Belgian Relief Committee; Harry E. V. Brittain, one of the founders of the Pilgrim Society and for some years an active promoter of Anglo-American relations; Henry Japp, one of the British War Mission to the United States; Albert Stern Liasson, officer of the British and American Camp Department, and Hall Caine, the author. Viscountess Harcourt is one of the seven dames of the Order. Sir Charles B. Gordon, Montreal, of the British War Mission to the United States, is made a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order.

CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE.

PARIS, June 8th. A despatch to the Temps from the Spanish border says the newspaper Elsol learns from a private source that the naval officer commanding the port of Palamos has been arrested as one of the Allied Powers, on a charge of espionage, following the torpedoing of the Spanish steamer, Le Provence, which sought refuge in that port. The Spanish officer is suspected of holding communication with German agents. Other arrests have been made, and may uncover numerous plots and shed light on many recent sinkings.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, June 9th. The official report from headquarters this evening says—West of the Oise we have captured the height of Gury and adjoining enemy lines.

CONDEMNED MURDERS.

LONDON, June 8th. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—A conference of the Transport Workers' Federation at Newcastle unanimously passed amid cheers a resolution, moved Havelock Wilson, condemning the submarine murders which have been justified by prominent German trade unionists. It was also resolved to have no intercourse with the German nation after the war unless the German people take full parliamentary control over the Kaiser and his Government and make full reparation for their crimes.

HOPES FOR RUSSIAN VICTORY.

WASHINGTON, June 8th. Hope for complete victory over Germany is expressed in a communication received by President Wilson yesterday from the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce of Moscow. The Russian people, it is declared, rely on the economic support of the Allies for the reconstitution of the power of Russia. An Associated Press official statement issued by the Japanese military agreement declares that this agreement relates only to co-operation between the two nations in defense of the peace and welfare of the far east and explicitly denies various rumors to the contrary.

NEWSPAPER PLANT DESTROYED.

WINNIPEG, June 9th. The Telegram building was destroyed by fire on Saturday and the printing plant of the newspaper damaged. The loss is about \$150,000. Until they can re-establish the plant, the Telegram management will probably print a limited edition through the courtesy of the other printing firms in the city. Nobody was injured.

GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL.

PARIS, June 8th. Heavy counter attacks launched by the Germans around Chezy and Darnard to the northwest of Chateau Thierry, broke down under the French guns, according to the war office announcement to-night. The enemy suffered serious losses.

DEATH DEALING EXPLOSION.

MOSCOW, June 8th. (By Associated Press).—Four hundred persons are dead as the result of an explosion of munitions near Jussy, May 30th.



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