

CHAULNES CAPTURED BY FRENCH

Stronghold is Occupied and Further Progress Recorded

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FRENCH CONTINUE PROGRESS TOWARD SOMME; TAKE ALL TOWNS IN LINE OF ADVANCE

British Forces Fighting East of Arras Have Reached Outskirts of Haucourt and Other Towns North of Cambrai Wood; Line in Flanders Battle Area Advanced on Four Mile Front

By the Associated Press. PARIS, Aug. 28.—1.30 p.m.—(Bulletin).—The German retreat on the Somme battlefield has become precipitate. The French first and third armies are at no point losing contact with the enemy. The French are inflicting heavy losses on the retreating Germans.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—(Bulletin).—Chaulnes has been occupied by French troops, according to the official statement issued today by the War Office. Progress toward the Somme was continued this morning by the French, the statement says. Since yesterday thirty villages have been taken by them.

Among the larger villages taken by the French are Omiecourt, about two miles east of Chaulnes; Balatre, three miles northeast of Roye; Reiglise, a mile and three quarters southeast of Roye, toward Noyon, and Verpilleres, south of Roig-lise.

The text of the statement reads: "During the night the French maintained contact with the rear guards of the enemy, and have continued their advance. "North and south of the Avre we have occupied Chaulnes, Omiecourt, Balatre, Roiglise and Verpilleres. "Further south we have penetrated into the wood of Crapeau Mesnil, and have taken Dives. "This morning we have continued our advance towards the Somme, and north of the Avre have reached the general line of Licourt, Potte and Mesnil-le-Petit (just west of the Somme river) and Nesle. "Since yesterday we have taken thirty villages, and have realized at the same time an advance of twelve kilometres at certain points."

BRITISH PROGRESS. LONDON, Aug. 28.—(Bulletin).—British forces fighting east of Arras have reached the outskirts of Haucourt, Remy and Beiry Notre Dame, north of the Arras-Cambrai road, according to the official statement issued by the War Office today. The British line in the Flanders battle area has been advanced on a front of four miles astride the Neuf Berquin-Estaires road. South of the Somme the British have taken Foucaucourt, while north of the Somme they have attacked and taken the greater part of Trones wood.

Our troops took Foucaucourt, south of the Somme, yesterday. The town had been strongly held by the enemy with machine guns. North of the Somme we attacked and captured the greater part of Trones wood, taking a number of prisoners from a Prussian Guard division. South of the Scarpe troops of the First army have improved their positions astride the Arras-Douai railway, forcing our troops back a few hundred yards to the old German trench-

es on Greenland Hill, where the enemy attack broke down under our fire. SERGT. HOLDSWORTH KILLED IN ACTION A Former School Principal Gives Life—Lieut. Orr Believed Killed OTHER CASUALTIES KILLED IN ACTION Sergt. J. A. Holdsworth. Flight Lieut. Edgar Simpson. Flight Lt. Jack Orr (believed killed).

British troops carried out a successful local operation yesterday astride the Neuf Berquin-Estaires road, advancing our line on a front of about four miles, and taking a number of prisoners. ACTIVITY INCREASES With the French Army in France, Aug. 27.—Evening.—Activity behind the German lines on the Aisne and the Avre fronts has increased greatly since the French successes around Roye, and on the plateau north of Soissons. In the region east of Roye the Germans seem to be preparing for an eventual retirement.

WEATHER BULLETIN Toronto, Aug. 28.—Pressure is high over the eastern and western portions of the continent, while a trough of low extends from Hudson's Bay to the southwest states. Except for some showers in the southwestern counties of Ontario, the weather has been fair throughout the Dominion to-night and on Thursday. Forecasts: Moderate to fresh southeast to south winds, unsettled with local showers and thunderstorms, chiefly to-night and on Thursday.

WOUNDED Lieut. H. M. Bell (shell shock) Pte. Wm. Stuart. SERGT. HOLDSWORTH KILLED IN ACTION Sergt. J. A. Holdsworth, member of the 215th Battalion, and formerly principal of the King Edward school, Eagle Place, is to-day officially reported killed in action. Sergt. Holdsworth came to the city from Woodstock, succeeding Mr. Dixon at King Edward school, and, though his stay here was brief, he won the hearts of his pupils and a host of older friends. A large percentage of Brantford's teachers have answered the call of King and country, but Sergt. Holdsworth is the first to pay the supreme price. LIEUT. JACK ORR Flight Lieut. Jack Orr, yesterday reported as having been wounded, has been missing since August 9th. (Continued on page two)

The French pushed on today and reached the edge of Chaulnes, after taking Chaulnes wood by assault. On the south they reached Amy, two miles southeast of Roye. Most noticeable are the enemy movements west of the Somme canal, which joins the Canal Du Nord at Peronne, and runs southward through Ham. The bulk of the German troops on the Chaulnes-Roye line have quickened their retreat since the fall of Roye at 9 o'clock this morning. They are (Continued on Page Three)

DESPERATE EFFORT BY THE ENEMY Germans Went to Greatest Length to Hold Line in Picardy USED LAST RESERVES With the British army in France, Aug. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—The Germans have gone to the greatest length to hold their line in Picardy and have last night and thrown into the line bandmen and men from the transports service. There has been hard fighting in the vicinity of Tadicloy, south of Bapaume.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES ARE RETREATING Have Retired Six Miles Before General Advance of Allies SEMENOFF ADVANCES By Courier Leased Wire. London, Aug. 28.—On the Ussuri front, north of Vladivostok, the Bolsheviki have retired six miles before a general advance by all the Allied forces, according to reports received in Shanghai and transmitted by Reuters. American and Japanese troops, the advices said, are entraining for the Ussuri front.

BATTLE IN PICARDY AND ARTOIS CONTINUES WITH UNDIMINISHED VIOLENCE— ALLIES PROGRESS KAISER AT EMPRESS' BEDSIDE Her Condition is Worse— People Do Not Know the Truth By Courier Leased Wire. London, Aug. 28.—The German Emperor, who has been ill for several days, has taken a turn for the worse, according to a message received in Amsterdam from Dusseldorf and forwarded to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Press Foe Hard on North and South Wings of Line STILL ADVANCE New York, Aug. 28.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following: The great battle in Picardy and Artois continues with undiminished violence. Allied troops, particularly on the northern and southern wings of the 57 mile line, from north of the Scarpe to south of Roye, are pressing the Germans steadily eastward.

Battle Still raging. On the centre of the battlefield, the battle is raging with greatly increased violence. The Germans are reported to be digging in along the line the general direction of which may be reckoned as starting at the North bank of the Somme to the rear of Guillemont and then north-east through Guichy. It is believed the enemy intends to make a desperate stand on this line. Once driven from this line the next logical place for a strong stand would be in the rear of the canal Du Nord which runs in a northeasterly direction from Peronne to west of Cambrai. In the south the Germans have preparations for strong resistance on the east bank of this canal. South of the Somme the Germans are also in some force at Foucaucourt, which sticks forward in a salient that has gradually become most dangerous for the enemy. Counter Attacks. There were vicious counter-attacks early this evening in some places as must be expected, the British also gave up their foothold on Maltzorn Farm, near Guillemont, east of Albert. South of the Scarpe the British and the Russians gained possession of Fontaine les Croisilles.

Supplementary Treaties. Copenhagen, Aug. 28.—German and Russian plenipotentiaries Tuesday, according to an official telegram from Berlin, signed three treaties, supplementary to the Brest-Litovsk treaty. The new treaties include a treaty supplementing the treaty of peace as well as a financial agreement and one dealing with the civil law. The treaties are the result of negotiations which have been going on in Berlin for several weeks between the Germans and the Russians. The treaties were signed at the German ministry of foreign affairs.

British and French Gains Place Foe in Precarious Position DANGER ON ALL SIDES Germans Fighting to Stay Bapaume By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Aug. 28.—The British and French gains are placed the Germans in a precarious position and, it is believed here, have forestalled the plan of Ludendorff to fall back on the old Hindenburg line. The fall of Roye to the troops of General De Beney undoubtedly will hasten the German retirement between the Somme and the Oise. Equally menacing to the Germans are the British gains toward Combles and along the Scarpe.

Every means known to modern warfare are being used by the enemy to stay the on-rush of the British and French, but the Allied machine moves on. Heavy reinforcements have been thrown into the fray by the Germans, mostly in the centre around Bapaume. The one desire of the enemy appears to be to find a line where he can stand long enough to make an orderly retirement. Marshal Foch, however, is giving the enemy no rest. There is no let-up in the allied pressure, and each day the active fighting front is being extended on the north and south. Each extension is marked by further gains, adding to the peril of the enemy center, which fights desperately to prevent the British from breaking through.



Hard Fighting is reported around Croisilles, north of Bapaume. The possession by the British of the highest ground north of Croisilles places the German in a very uncomfortable position.

U.S. SENATE VOTES ON MAN POWER BILL

Washington, Aug. 27.—The final vote in the Senate on the Man Power Bill was recorded amid uncheered applause from the gallery filled with spectators, who attended the session to witness final congressional action of the measure that will add approximately thirteen million men to the potential military strength of the nation and provide in the opinion of War Department officials the army that will enable the Allies to defeat Germany next year. In conference the differences in the drafts of the bill, as passed by the Senate and as enacted Saturday by the House by a vote of 336 to 2 are expected to be compromised speedily, and the bill in its final form transmitted to President Wilson for his signature late this week. Preparations being made by Provost Marshal General Crowder to carry out the provisions of the measure was expected to insure the registration of all men within the ages of 18 and 21 and 31 and 45 within a week or ten days after the President attaches his signature.

LUDENDORFF'S PLAN HAS BEEN FORESTALLED

On the north, astride the Scarpe, the British have broken through the Hindenburg line on a front of ten miles or more and continue their push after an advance of three miles Tuesday. They have reached Vis-en-Artois, in the rear of the Hindenburg line and have broken through, or almost reached, the reserve line known as the Quant-Drocourt switch line. The British here are advancing on the main roads to Douai and Cambrai and before them is terrain untouched by previous battle of the war. Gavrelle on the main road from Arras to Douai, is only eight miles from Douai. Among the ruins and shell craters of the old Somme battlefield about Bapaume the Germans are putting up a stiff resistance. Bapaume itself is now part of No Man's Land, but the Germans are clinging to every foot as long as possible. North and south of Bapaume the British have made only slight progress against the enemy defense. Great confusion is reported behind the German lines on this sector and the enemy is digging a trench line to the east of Bapaume. North and south of the Somme the British press onward toward Peronne. They are approaching Comblès after 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. Reuppre, south of the river and six miles west of Peronne, has fallen to General Rawlinson's men. The intervening terrain to Peronne is fairly level and open, but the Germans are struggling to hold the British to check. French troops have moved eastward in the Roye sector, an average of nearly two miles on a front of twelve and a half miles. Roye, one of the principal points of the German defense south of the Somme, (Continued on Page Six)