

FRENCH MAKE PROGRESS IN VILLERS-LES-ROYE REGION
Enemy Abandons all Hope of Resuming the Offensive
Fresh Withdrawals Carried Out on Lys Salient

IMPORTANT ADVANCE BY FRENCH ON FRONT OF TWOMILES ABOUT ROYE

Allied Pressure Against German Lines in the Salient is Renewed; Foe Clinging Determinedly to His last Bulwark on Picardy Battlefield

By the Associated Press.

Allied pressure has been renewed against the German line in the neighborhood of Roye, on the Picardy battlefield. The enemy is clinging determinedly to this town as a bulwark for the positions he took up after being driven back from the Amiens region.

London last night reported the British line advanced northwest of the town in the neighborhood of Dammy and Parvillers, while today Paris reports a forward on the part of the French, west and southwest of Roye, on a front of about two and one half miles.

Roye is fast becoming the virtual apex of a salient, which will soon invite a crushing allied stroke if the Franco-British pressure can be effectively maintained as it has been recently.

FRENCH ADVANCE

PARIS, Aug. 16.—The French troops made an important advance on a front of two and one half miles west of Roye, according to the war office statement today. The French progress was in the region of Villers-les-Roye, about two and a half miles west of Roye Staurin and Armancourt.

In Champagne, the French took prisoners and also checked a German raid.

BRITISH ADVANCE LINES

London, Aug. 16.—Bulletin.—South of Albert the British have advanced their line slightly in the region northeast of Morlanquet, says the official statement today from Field Marshal Haig.

On the eastern bank of the Ancre, local fighting took place last night on the outskirts of Thiepval Wood, west of Thiepval.

The French statement reads: "On the Aisne front French troops have made progress in the region of Villers-les-Roye and Staurin. East of Armancourt our troops have occupied the old first lines. In Champagne we took prisoners in the sector of Perthes-les-Hurlus and repulsed an enemy raid east of Maisons-Champagne. Elsewhere on the front there was no activity"

The text of the British statement says: "During the night we advanced our line slightly northeast of Morlanquet. A hostile attack upon one of our posts in this vicinity was repulsed after sharp fighting. Local fighting took place in the northeastern outskirts of Thiepval Wood, where our patrols have crossed to the left bank of the Ancre."

FIGHTING ACTIVITY HAS BEEN RESUMED

By the Associated Press

Fighting activity in Picardy of more than a local character has again been resumed. French troops, making an important advance on a front of two and a half miles west of Roye, while south of Albert the British have advanced their lines slightly in the region of Morlanquet, according to the official announcements from Paris and London today.

On the line between Chauhines and Roye, where the Germans are said to have a large number of men, Canadian troops have completed the occupation of the villages of Parvillers and Dammy. These points are about two miles west of the highway and railroad running north and south through Chauhines and Roye.

Apparently the enemy has completed his withdrawal movement in the Hebuterne sector, north of Albert.

Berlin announces officially that German troops were withdrawn from small salients. However, it is not yet clear how far the Germans have retired. The enemy still holds Albert but the British are in the western outskirts.

Between the Oise and the Matz the French continue their steady pressure and have gained additional high ground west of the Oise and northwest of Ribecourt. The Germans fought hard to hold Monolithe and Attiche Farms, but were finally driven out by General Hubert's men. The farms are east of Thiescourt wood and are on the high ground dominating the river Divette, a small tributary of the Oise.

Appointment of General von Bohn, who led the retirement from the Marne to the command of the German group in Picardy is confirmed officially from Berlin. It is believed in London that because of the sharp place of German reserves, the Germans will fight on the defensive on their present line. Fifteen reserve divisions already have been thrown in between the Ancre and the Oise and the enemy is said to have only 16 fresh divisions on the entire front from the North Sea to Switzerland.

Unofficial estimates in London place the Allied captures since August at 34,000 men and 670 guns. It is declared the proportion of German to Allied losses has been greater in the recent fighting than at any time since 1914. The total Allied casualties may not be as large as the number of German prisoners captured.

All other sectors of the western front appear to be affected by a fighting lull. The German artillery continued on page three

GERMAN LOSSES DURING WAR TOTAL 6,000,000

270,000 Killed in Three Months From March to June—Manpower is Dwindling Rapidly—Combing-Out Ordered by Ludendorff

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—Bulletin.—The total of German losses from the beginning of the war to the end of July 1918, are understood to be 6,000,000, according to the morning newspapers.

The figures include, 1,400,000 killed up to the beginning of the German offensive last March. From March 27 to June 17, the Germans are said to have lost 270,000 killed alone.

With the British Army in France, Thursday, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press).—Germany has acknowledged that her man power, once so freely wasted, now is dwindling in proportion to the number of men actually to the high command. The toll taken particularly in recent fighting by the Allied armies, and the prospect of being confronted by ever growing American forces, has caused General Ludendorff to issue most imperative orders for a vigorous, immediate comb-out in the German army in order to recover from auxiliary units all men capable of entering the trenches.

In the comb-out, says the order issued by General Ludendorff, first consideration will be given to men over 43, who have served in the first line longer than six months. He announces that commissions have been appointed to investigate the entire situation, including men of every rank. All men available for the infantry must be sent to depots in Belgium, the special purpose of the high command being to get more infantry reserves.

AUTOCRACY IS NOW IN GRIP OF ALLIED ARMIES

Military Machine of Germany Badly Battered, Says Food Minister

LABOR MUST FIGHT Negotiations Impossible Until Democratic Peace is Assured

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Aug. 16.—The military machine of Germany, the aggressor in the war, now is badly battered and the autocratic designs of Prussian militarism are held in the grip of Allied armies representing the democratic nations of the world, said John R. Clynes, food minister, at the first annual conference of the National Federation of General Workers, of which he is president, in London today. Labor must fight for the principle and spirit of democracy or surrender to the Kaiser notion of rule by divine right, claimed for his throne, Mr. Clynes said he had never believed in any claim for or appeal to what has been called the German moral conscience.

Negotiations for peace are impossible until unmistakable signs are given by Germany that the peace for which labor is fighting are to take the place of autocracy. Only the German people, he said, could destroy Kaiserism and Prussian militarism, but the speaker believed that the Allied armies had to fight on to convince the German people that they must do it themselves.

PARIS BOMBED BY THE ENEMY; DAMAGE LIGHT

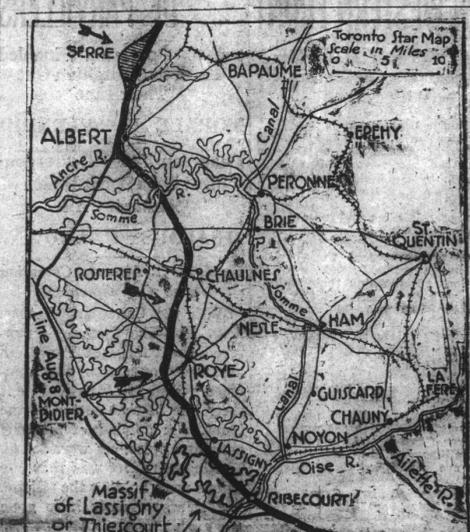
Several of German Planes Shared in Attempted Air Raid Last Night

ATTACK BEATEN OFF Machines Were Shelled by Defence Batteries of the Capital

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Aug. 16.—Several bombs were dropped in the Paris region late last night by German airplanes, says an official statement issued early today. The airplanes were violently shelled by the defense batteries. Several bombs were thrown in the Paris region. There were a few victims, and some material damage. "All clear" was sounded at 12.36 o'clock Friday morning.

With the American Army in France, Thursday, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press).—American aviators successfully bombed the railroad yard at Dommary-Baroncourt in the Verdun-Metz area this morning. Longroyon, north of Verdun and Thiaucourt were attacked on Wednesday. Several bursts were observed in the central and southern parts of the yard at Dommary-Baroncourt, and the installations there are believed to have been wiped out. Three direct hits were made on the track in front of the station at Longroyon, and twenty-five bombs fell on surrounding warehouses. Certain military objectives were bombed at Thiaucourt.

ENEMY HAS EVACUATED VIEUX-BERQUIN, VILLAGE NEAR MERRIS



BATTLE LINE AS IT STANDS TODAY. On This Map the "islands" of high ground, more than 100 metres high are shown, including the Massif of Lassigny, which is now in the hands of the French. The enemy's retirement on nine-mile front, north of Albert, is also indicated by the shaded area.

And Has Retired Nearly Two Miles on Front of Nine Miles HARD PRESSED Foe Likely Intends to Abandon The Offensive

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Thursday, Aug. 15.—Further slight enemy withdrawals from the Lys salient were announced in London today. The enemy has evacuated the village of Vieux-Berquin, south of Merris, and has retired between one and two miles on a front of nine miles.

ABANDON OFFENSIVE

London, Aug. 16.—The withdrawals on the western front by the Germans in the past few days it is believed there, indicate that the enemy intends to abandon the offensive. It is said to be doubtful whether he will be able to resume the offensive since 35 divisions now are necessary between the Oise and the Ancre, of which fifteen are on the reserves. There are now only 15 fresh enemy divisions in reserve on the entire western front, and only eleven of these belong to the army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

Military observers say that there is every indication the Germans intend to stand on their present line. There is a possibility however, that they may fall back to the Divette, a small tributary of the Oise, and which joins it south of Noyon. The French now hold all the high ground in that region. It is said the British are so close to Chauhines that the enemy cannot use the town. Almost all the rail communications in the Peronne region have been rendered useless by the Allies.

KAISER AND KARL WILL SOLVE POLISH PROBLEM

London, Aug. 15.—The Polish question will be discussed at the conferences now proceeding between Emperor William of Germany and Emperor Charles of Austria at the German main headquarters, the Vienna correspondent of The Berlin Tageblatt states definitely, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam, to Central News. Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian foreign secretary considers that the Austrian solution of the question is the only one acceptable to Austria-Hungary, but it is understood that this solution is not acceptable to Germany. Interesting developments are expected, the dispatch says.

LEFT BANK OF DON CLEARED BY COSSACKS, WHO ARE MARCHING VICTORIOUSLY UPON SARAGIN

Situation in the East Grows Daily More and More Menacing to Enemy; Allied Troops Make Good Progress From Archangel Southward

In the East, from Moscow to Vladivostok, and from the White Sea to the Caspian, the situation daily becomes more interesting and more menacing to Germany. From Archangel Allied troops have made good progress southward toward Vologda, and apparently are operating in three columns against the Bolshevik, whose opposition is reported to have been fairly determined. The occupation of Baku by British troops who came north through Persia from Bagdad is a blow to German and Turkish pretensions in the Caucasus.

To the north the Czecho-Slovaks are in force along the Volga, under the command of experienced Russian generals. In eastern Siberia the position of the Allies apparently is improving, as more troops are landed at Vladivostok.

CLEAR BANK ON DON RIVER. Amsterdam, Aug. 16.—Bulletin.—The Don Cossacks have cleared the left bank of the Don of their opponents, and are marching victoriously on Saragin, from which they are only one day's march distant, says an official statement issued by the Don Cossacks staff, and received here from Kiev.

CHILDREN'S COURT. Judge Hardy held a special meeting of the children's court this morning, in which six cases were disposed of, involving 30 children.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Forecast, Aug. 16.—Shows have been more or less general in the western provinces, and they have occurred very locally in Quebec. Otherwise the weather in Canada has been very fine.

FORCASTS.—Light to moderate winds, fine to-day and on Saturday.



IMPORTANT NOTICE. The 24th of AUGUST is the LAST DAY upon which PARDON IS GRANTED to those who are deserters or who have failed to report to the Military authorities. The EXTREME PENALTY OF THE LAW will be visited upon defaulters AFTER THAT DATE.