

German Forces Expect to Be Pressed Back to Meuse

Are Now Engaged in Fortifying Positions Along That River --- British Making Progress in Albert Sector ---Byng's Campaign a Great Success

LONDON, Aug. 24.—British attacks in the Albert sector were pushed this morning, according to official statement by the War Office today, which says that the British have made progress. The Germans evidently expect to be pressed back to the Meuse, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express, as they are fortifying positions along that river in Belgium. The Germans are digging extensive trenches between Dinant and Givet. Thousands of prisoners and Belgian civilians are being used in the work. Givet is ninety miles directly east of Bapaume.

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT REPORTS ARTILLERY ACTIONS BETWEEN OISE AND AISNE

PARIS, Aug. 24.—Artillery actions near Lassigny and between the Oise and Aisne rivers are reported in the official statement issued at the War Office today. Raiding operations in Lorraine are also reported. The statement follows: "In the region of Lassigny and between the Oise and the Aisne the night was marked by very vigorous artillery actions. French detachments penetrated enemy trenches in Lorraine at many points and captured prisoners. The night was calm on the rest of the front."

BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURE COMPLETE BATTERIES OF GERMAN HOWITZERS AND TRENCH MORTARS

With the British Army in France, Aug. 24.—A large number of cannon, including complete batteries of howitzers and trench mortars have been captured by the British north of the Somme. Immediately south of the river the British have taken twelve cannon. The village of Behagniers, two miles north of Bapaume, has been reached by the British, and these forces are operating east of Bihucourt, within two miles and a half of Bapaume on the west. British forces are also reported to have reached points south of Henin, five miles southeast of Arras. They are in the outskirts of St. Legers, further south, and have captured Ervillers, two miles east of Courcelles. They are still advancing.

Germans Lost Heavily.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—General Byng's attacks of the past two days are regarded here as having been a great success, though the enemy tried tactics of withdrawal in order to avoid battle. The Germans lost more than three thousand prisoners, besides great numbers in killed and wounded, and the total British casualties, according to latest reports, have been well below the number of German prisoners taken.

American Bombers Busy.

With the American Army in France, Aug. 24.—American bombing airplanes flew over Conflans, between Verdun and Metz, twice this afternoon, and dropped forty-one bombs. Six bombs were observed to make direct hits.

BRITISH WILL PURCHASE B. C. SALMON PACK

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Sir Thos. White, Minister of Finance, announces that he has arranged with the British authorities to purchase this year's salmon pack of British Columbia. The amount required will be eight or nine million dollars, which will be furnished by the Dominion government out of the proceeds of the Victory Loan.

DEPOSITS ARE PILING UP

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—Notice deposits in Canadian banks are still increasing. The bank statement for July issued by the Finance Department today, shows that as compared with the previous month there was an approximate increase of notice deposits of \$26,000,000. As compared with July last year there was an increase in notice deposit of over \$62,000,000. Call loans in Canada dropped during the month two and a half millions. Call loans outside Canada decreased almost three millions. There was an increase in current loans in Canada and a decrease in current loans outside Canada.

BERNHARDT'S CORPS GETS A DRUBBING

London, Aug. 24.—The present series of German defeats have involved a German officer who is perhaps better known to the reading public of the Allied nations than almost any of the German generals. He is General Bernhardt, the author of the famous book which so frankly revealed Germany's war aims. He commands the 55th Corps of the 6th Army, which had been steadily driven back by the British across the plain of the Lys toward Arrmentieres. The 55th Corps has been sadly hit in endeavoring to hold the Merville salient confronting the forest of Niepe. It lost many positions and was badly shaken by the enflading fire of the British batteries as it retired.

HUN CAUSE IS IN DANGER

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,

U. S. STEAMERS TORPEDOED

Washington, Aug. 24.—Sinking of three American vessels in foreign waters by German submarines were announced today by the Navy Department. The steamship Lake Edon, an army chartered cargo transport, was sunk on August 21; the U. S. steamer Westbridge, of 8,800 tons, on Aug. 16, and the U. S. steamer Cubore, of 7,300 tons, on Aug. 15. Sixteen of the crew of the Lake Edon are missing. Three men were reported lost in the sinking of the Westbridge. There was no loss of life among the crew of the Cubore.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—There were 679 casualties in the afternoon list yesterday. Among the Maritime Province names are the following: Wounded—T. A. Jack, New Glasgow; F. W. Holmes, Halifax; A. Allingham, St. John; T. E. Purdy, Amherst, N. S.; F. J. Hartnet, Cape Bald, N. S.; L. Ayotte, Campbellton, N. B.; W. Alward, St. John.

COAL STRIKE AT SYDNEY, N. S.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 24.—Because four employees promoted to official rank considered it their duty to withdraw from the Amalgamated Mine Workers, all the colliers at Sydney Mines have gone on strike pending a miner's meeting to be held some time next week. Meanwhile the country faces the loss of over 2,000 tons of coal daily. A sympathetic strike of all Amalgamated Mine Workers on the island is feared.

Mr. N. M. Jones of St. John arrived in the city last night. Mr. G. H. Alpratik of Campbellton is registered at the Queen.

SOLDIERS PUT ON THE JOB

Montevideo, Aug. 24.—The long paralysis of port activities has been broken by the government putting soldiers to work loading vessels. This action was taken after striking workmen had refused to obey a government order to return to work.

HUNS ENTER SHARP PROTEST

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—Germany has vigorously protested against the intention of Spain to replace sunken Spanish tonnage by interned German ships, according to an official statement from Berlin.

FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT

Rome, Aug. 23.—Following is the text of the Italian official statement issued today: "In the Brenta valley we have captured the village of Rivalte. Other detachments have occupied Sasso Stefani, taking thirty-eight prisoners. In the region north of Col Del Rosso two enemy thrusts were arrested by our troops. "Enemy airplanes have bombed Treviso, wounding a child and damaging buildings slightly. An enemy machine fell into the sea south of Venice. Eight hostile airplanes have been brought down in aerial fighting."

BRITISH TROOPS CARRY ON THE OFFENSIVE WHILE THE FRENCH TAKE A BRIEF BREATHING SPELL

Marshal Foch Believes in Striking First in One Sector, Then in Another—Important Positions Near Soissons Have Been Seized—Huns Will Soon Have to Retire, Abandoning All Ground West of Soissons-Chauny High Road.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—French troops on the southern part of the battle line apparently are taking a brief breathing space after days of continuous fighting under a broiling sun, leaving the British to go ahead with the offensive movement. This is in accordance with the Foch system of striking first in one sector and then on another sector of the line. The Germans on the part of the front along the Divette, between Lassigny and the Oise, appear to be putting up stout resistance. General Humbert will need time to make arrangements for overcoming the German artillery in this section. The German guns thundered all day Friday, but failed to prevent Humbert's men from crossing the Divette in force at Ervicourt.

MANGIN HAS TIGHT GRIP.

Between the Oise and the Aisne, General Mangin has made more secure his hold on the left bank of the Ailette from its confluence with the Oise to Pont St. Mard, west of Coucy-Le-Chateau. His right wing continues to work eastward, its object being to clear the region north of Soissons. The troops here already have seized the heights east of Bagneux and further north have reached the outskirts of Crecy-au-Mont. This advance brings them within reach of the main highway from Soissons to Chauny, and enables them to threaten with encirclement the strong German force occupying the high ground at Chavigny and Juvigny. It is believed here that the Germans at Chavigny and Juvigny will be forced to retire eastward, abandoning all the ground west of the Soissons-Chauny high road.

HUNS REPEAT OLD CHARGE THAT LUSITANIA CARRIED MUNITIONS

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 24.—German newspapers again dwell on their former charge that the Cunard liner Lusitania was carrying ammunition when she was sunk. The revival of the charge, which has been officially proved to be untrue, is due to a report received in Germany by way of Stockholm, that disclosures in a lawsuit by survivors of the Lusitania against the Cunard Co. had established the fact that the steamer carried explosives. "We told you so," and "that's what we wanted to know," appear in the headlines of some of the German newspapers received here. Dr. George Barthelme, former Washington correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, contributes a particularly violent article to his newspaper, in which he asserts that the Lusitania also carried guns. Barthelme goes so far as to make the statement that it is within the knowledge of officials in Washington that the Lusitania was sunk by design, the steamer's water tight bulkheads and port holes having been intentionally left open.

NOYON IS MENACED BY THE FRENCH ARMY FROM TWO DIVISIONS

Furious Fighting is Being Waged Along the Whole Front From Albert to Coucy-Le-Chateau --- The Huns Are in a Desperate Plight

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The latest advance of General Mangin's army, while not completely turning the Chemin des Dames position, menaces it seriously, and the fate of the German troops between the Vesle and the Aisne remains uncertain, according to military observers here.

It is decidedly against Noyon that the principal effort of the French armies at present is being aimed. Noyon is menaced from the northwest and northeast and also from the south, and the enemy is reduced to fighting from its left flank, from which the guns are pouring a tremendous fire incessantly.

Along the whole of the battle front from Albert to Coucy-Le-Chateau the fighting has been waged most furiously, especially against the armies of the British generals, Rawlinson and Byng, on the extreme left wing, which is encountering the Germans' most desperate resistance. It seems that the Germans are withdrawing before the armies of Generals Debeney, Humbert and Mangin without counter-attacking, apparently being satisfied not to lose contact with the French troops while retiring.

DIFFICULTIES OF GERMAN AIR FIGHTERS ARE LIKELY TO BE INCREASED IN THE NEAR FUTURE

LONDON, Aug. 24.—British air fighting on the western front during the past week provides a striking indication of the difficulty now confronting Germany in the air, which must increase in the near future as the growing air security of the Allies makes itself felt. In the battle area, probably owing to the recent heavy German air losses over the Somme battlefield, enemy scouts are compelled to operate in large formations at a much greater height than formerly. Notwithstanding this, the British airmen continue to take a heavy toll of them. Severe air fighting has occurred on the front between Albert and the Amiens-Roye road, resulting, according to latest reports, in the destruction of sixty-two enemy machines and the driving down of twenty-one airplanes out of control. Twenty-six British machines have been reported missing.

NUMEROUS SUCCESSFUL RAIDS MADE ON THE GERMAN POSITIONS FAR BEHIND THE LINES

This superiority has been attained without any diminution of the aerial activity in other sectors, a large number of raids having been made against enemy positions far behind the German lines in which more than 120 tons of bombs were dropped, and attacks on the Rhine provinces pressed with the utmost vigor. Coupled with a virtual cessation of German air raids on London, the increasing number of bombing raids into Germany, of which there were twenty-two during the past week, must be demoralizing, showing Germany that, in spite of her utmost defensive efforts she is unable adequately to protect her air frontier. The effect of the Allied air supremacy is seen in various captured German orders, one of which directs that "within ten miles of the front small groups only of five to ten men are to proceed together."

TELEGRAPHERS WILL TAKE A STRIKE VOTE

Montreal, Aug. 23.—A strike vote will be taken at each divisional point within the next three days among the commercial telegraph operators in the employ of the C. P. R., according to a statement of members of their organization who are in this city, and who have for some time been negotiating with the head office in regard to wages and other conditions of employment. This statement was made as a result of the announcement from Ottawa of the findings of the board of conciliation appointed to inquire into these matters. The operators are asking an increase of 25 per cent. over the old scale, and an eight hour day; also overtime pay at the rate of one and one-half, instead of merely pro rata.

Can Join Siberian Force It has been received in official orders at district military headquarters, that men liable under the Military Service Act are to be allowed to enlist voluntarily with the Siberian contingent provided that they have not already received orders from the register to report for duty with the depot battalion.

STEAMSHIP GOT THE BEST OF A U-BOAT

Toulon, Aug. 24.—The British passenger steamship Bandy, while on a voyage between Malta and Sicily, was torpedoed by a German submarine, and although the explosion tore a gaping wound in her starboard side, the vessel succeeded in reaching the harbor here today. The U-boat which fired the torpedo was attacked by patrol boat escort and was sunk. The submarine's crew, numbering sixty-five officers and men, were saved, including the first mate. The admirable conduct of the crew of the Bandy was responsible for the safety of all the passengers. Two men were wounded when the torpedo exploded.

COMBATting HIGH PRICES

Buenos Aires, Aug. 24.—The municipal authorities of Buenos Aires have taken over the supervision of the sale of meat to the public in an effort to combat high prices.