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Allies Are Closing in on Soissons-Rheims Salient

Retreating Germans are Being Hard Pressed---Enemy Retreat is General on Three Faces of the Salient---London Elated Over the News.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Aug. 3.—Allied forces are now pushing inward on both flanks of the Soissons-Rheims salient, the French War Office report says today. The statement follows:

"During the night the French continued progress toward the Vesle river. On the left they reached the Avre river, between Soissons and Venizel, three miles east of Soissons."

Many prisoners were taken by the French at Soissons, which was occupied at five o'clock Friday evening, one hour after the Germans had been driven from the suburbs. Those of the garrison not captured were driven out to the northward.

THE HUNS ARE ON THE RUN AND ARE BEING HOTLY PURSUED BY THE ALLIED TROOPS

The German retreat is general on all three faces of the salient conquered by the Germans in May, and the Allies are pressing close on the heels of the retiring enemy, says Reuters' correspondent at French headquarters telegraphing at 11 o'clock Friday night. After the fall of Soissons French headquarters received the names of villages and woods reoccupied by the Allies with almost monotonous regularity.

"Plessier wood," he continues, "which abuts on the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry road, was turned early in the day and the defenders surrounded. This wood was the centre of the enemy resistance and the fight for it was extraordinarily bitter. Farther north, the British troops crossed the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry road, and, pressing through the Concrois wood, were soon more than a mile east of Ville Montoire."

BRITISH PRESS ELATED, BUT GIVES REMINDER THAT THE ALLIES HAVE STILL A LONG WAY TO GO

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The advance of the entire Allied line in the Soissons-Rheims salient is commented on here with elation, although not without reminders that Allies yet have a long way to go. Official and other despatches are regarded as revealing a transformation of the situation, coincident with the arrival of American detachments which give the Allies a numerical advantage in reserves, and justifying high hopes for the future.

In some instances whole villages, such as Brouillet, a mile and a half northwest of Ville en Tardenois, are afire, lighting the northern sky line and low clouds with sinister effect.

GERMAN GENERALS ARE SKILFULLY EXTRACTING THEIR MEN FROM AN EXCEEDINGLY TIGHT PLACE

The Germans are slowly withdrawing from the whole pocket. Their generals are skilfully extracting them from the hottest hole into which any crown prince ever ordered an obedient army—with or without father's blessing.

Horse, foot, airplanes, trucks, ambulances, tanks—they are working their way northward before the avenging French, British and Americans.

Yesterday's Allied accomplishments eliminated the possibility of the boches making a stand on the high plateau positions straying across the salient below Fismes. Pressing home the advantage obtained Thursday, when they gained a foothold on the plateau, together with gun positions sweeping the plain, the French, despite a terrific downpour of rain, pushed relentlessly forward all day yesterday.

PRAISES FOR CHAUTAUQUA

(Sydney Record.)

Sydney's first Chautauqua week, coming to a close today, has brought great pleasure to the city's people. The programmes have been of exceptional merit, of even more merit than had been anticipated, and they have been thoroughly appreciated. The lectures have brought instruction and inspiration and the entertainments unalloyed pleasure. Chautauqua came to Sydney as an experiment. There were perhaps doubters here. There are no doubters now. The life of the city has been enriched, and the announcement that the city is to be upon the circuit in 1919 will be received by the people with the greatest satisfaction. The Chautauqua programmes are not for one class or section of the citizenship alone, but for all citizens. In the United States Chautauqua has long been an institution having a very real place in the life of the people, and doing the nation good. Sydney will be glad that it is to have its place in the life of this city in the future.

Mr. Donald Fraser of Plaster Rock is in the city today.

Miss Mary Cogger of Woodstock and Miss Bertha Doucett of Richibucto are visiting friends in the city.

FAMOUS INN DESTROYED

Historic Hostelry at Torryburn, on Kennebecasis, Well Known to Sporting Men of Past.

The Clairmont House, Torryburn, near St. John, for many years a celebrated hostelry especially well known to sporting men, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning, and the furniture of the house, at present under lease to James Lawson, practically all consumed in the flames.

With the burning of the Clairmont House passes one of the interesting suburban landmarks of St. John, remembered by many as the place where the Tyne crew trained for their famous race on the Kennebecasis with the Paris crew, and the place where the body of Renforth was carried after he was stricken. Edward Hanlon also stopped there when training for his race with Ross, and many other oarsmen have made it their temporary home.

Old Order Changeth
Wesleyan: It is said that "lightning never strikes in the same spot twice." This is disproved by the report that in the violent electrical storm of the 23rd inst., the steeple of the Methodist church at Fredericton was struck twice at an interval of only two minutes.

CHARGE OF TREASON WAS WITHDRAWN

Paris, Aug. 3.—Attorney General Merillon summed up in the high court of justice today the government's case in the trial of Louis Malvy, former minister of the interior in several French cabinets.

The attorney general said Malvy was not a traitor as Leon Daudet, leader of the Royalist Association, had charged, and had not really betrayed his country.

The attorney general did not wish to compare Malvy either with Bolo Pasha or M. Duval, both of whom were shot as traitors, and he would withdraw the charge of treason in Malvy's case.

The attorney general maintained, however, that M. Malvy was partly responsible for certain mutinies in the French army which he attributed to pacifist propaganda, the he stated that the accused should be punished in this connection.

SOLDIERS VS. STRIKE LEADERS

Vancouver, Aug. 2.—Strike leaders of Vancouver, by a resolution at a gathering of more than four hundred soldiers, were given two hours in which to call off a strike evoked as a mark of sympathy for Albert Goodwin, draft evader, who was killed by a Dominion constable a few days ago, or suffer the penalty of being driven out of the city.

The many friends of Mr. Jacob Hazelton are pleased to see him out again after his recent severe illness.

THE GERMAN HOSTS ARE DRIVEN FROM SOISSONS AND ARE BEING PUSHED BACK ALL ALONG LINE

Another Glorious Victory for the Allies on the Western Front —Huns Compelled to Give Up Important Positions on the Line Between Soissons and Rheims—Little Now Remains of the Marne Salient.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

The crisis in the Allied offensive on the Soissons-Rheims salient apparently has been reached.

French troops have entered the town of Soissons, the western anchor point of what remains of the famous salient, and all along the thirty-six miles of curving battle line from Soissons to Thillois which lies about three miles west of Rheims, French, American and British troops have pushed in the entire enemy front and sent the Germans reeling backwards every where in precipitate retreat.

Over the battle front the Allies by quick and forcible methods of onslaught have deeply indented the German defence line for splendid gains, which seemingly foreshadow the necessity of eventual retirement of the forces of the German Crown Prince to more tenable grounds in the north.

The plains behind the northwestern portion of the battle front now are entirely dominated by the Allied big guns; in the south the French and Americans have negotiated almost all the hill and forest country and are encroaching perceptibly toward the Fismes railway, while on the east the British and French are almost astride the Rheims-Soissons railway and have their guns now so placed that the enemy is sure to be sorely tried as he endeavors to press back and gain a haven of refuge along the Vesle River.

May Go North

Just how far the retreat of the Germans will go cannot at present be forecast, but with the southern line swinging northward in conjunction with that on the east toward the Vesle and with the French dominating the Aisne eastward from Soissons, it is not improbable that the Germans may be compelled to take refuge north of the Aisne.

Numerous towns and hamlets have been captured by the Allied troops during the latest fighting, and at some

SING O CANADA INSTEAD OF GOD SAVE THE KING

Toronto, Aug. 3.—The Great War Veterans' Association of Canada have decided to replace the British national anthem "God Save the King" with "O Canada" at the close of branch meetings.

It was moved by an English clergyman, now an adopted son of Canada, and carried at the convention yesterday morning.

"It seems to be a very serious omission not to sing 'O Canada' at branch meetings," Mr. Davidson said. "We are Britains and British subjects, but we are all Canadians and are here to further the interests of our own country."

DRAFT EVADERS GIVEN IMMUNITY UNTIL AUG. 24

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—An extra of the Canada Gazette, issued at 7 o'clock in last evening, contains a proclamation removing deserters and absentees under the Military Service Act from liability to punishment if they report for duty between now and August 24. It is recognized that many men who failed to report because of lack of proper understanding of the act will be glad and willing to do so if a period of grace is allowed. It is believed that the establishment of such a period will bring to the colors many men whom it would be difficult to otherwise reach.

Men who are still classed as deserters and absentees subsequent to Aug. 24th will, the proclamation states, "be pursued and punished with all the vigor and severity of the law, subject to the judgments of our courts-martial, which will be convened to try such cases, and other competent tribunals."

On Motor Trip.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Palmer, Miss Mary Palmer and Mrs. R. P. Allen left today on a motor trip to Houlton, Fort Fairfield and Edmundston.

SOISSONS CAPTURED BY FRENCH TROOPS IN A BRILLIANT DASH

Germans on the Run all Day Along the Line---Many Villages Retaken From the Enemy---The Allies' Line Has Been Straightened Out.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the French Armies in France, Aug. 2.—Soissons has been retaken and the valley of the Crise has been crossed.

The Allied line this evening runs from Pommiers to Soissons, thence to Belleau, the valley of the Crise, Chaloise and Arcy St. Restitute, through the centre of the forest of Nesles to the village of the same name, and through the centre of the forest of Rheims to Lagery, Lheroy and Tramev.

North of the last named three places French cavalry has advanced about another mile to the Bois Le Merne and Treston. Bruillet is still in the enemy's hands, in flames, and further east near Rheims, Thillois has been retaken.

The day was one of continued success for the armies of Generals Mangin, Degoutte and Berthelo. All along the line the Germans have been forced to hurry their retreat on the west and centre of the salient. The enemy is completely devastating the country as he retires, carrying out the German settled policy in that regard.

HUN EXPERT ADMITS THAT FROM A STRATEGIC POINT OF VIEW BATTLE HAS BEEN A FAILURE

The French are now on the edge of the plateau between the Crise and Vesle, after an advance which at some places was three miles deep, within seven miles of Fismes. The enemy, it now seems certain, must retire to the Vesle, and very likely to the Aisne, and within a very short time.

A copy of the Berlin Tageblatt received behind the French line, contains the following article written recently by Herr Hegeler, its war correspondent:

"From the strategical point of view the seven days battle has been a complete failure. Nevertheless, success has been gained which I can register today. A new part of France has been laid waste. Everywhere are ruined towns, villages and farms. Fires light up the nights, and all day thick clouds of smoke, caused by violent explosions, float over the ravaged corn fields and destroyed forests."

THE NEWS CAME AS A SURPRISE TO LONDON

London, August 3.—The Times headlines for Saturday are indeed cheerful. They read: "Capture of Soissons—Rapid German Retreat—Tardenois Line Abandoned—Great Allied Advance."

The official French news of the fall of Soissons came as somewhat of a surprise, even although the latest information here did not refer to a "rolling up" of the enemy line on the heights south of Soissons.

The main position of Soissons is understood here to consist of the heights north of the town. The taking of these would involve fresh operations not previously reported in the official statements, and for this reason the exact position there is vague and developments are awaited with the keenest eagerness.

Won Pictures in Raffles

In raffles recently conducted by J. Benison Rainsford pictures were won by two soldiers, the winners being Private E. J. Spooner, a patient at the military hospital, and Gunner Gordon Garvie of this city.

At Camp Mittell

Mrs. Phillip Mittell and daughter Miss Sibella Mittell of New York, are in the city today. They are spending the summer at Camp Mittell, Davidson Lake, with a party of fourteen boys.

Red Cross Concert

The American boys at Camp Mittell Davidson Lake, are to give a concert at the school house, Dumfries on Wednesday, August 14th. The proceeds will be devoted to Red Cross work.

Had Good Sport.

Messrs. R. F. Randolph and H. G. Chestnut returned last evening from a ten days' fishing trip to the Southwest Miramichi. They had a very pleasant outing and killed nineteen salmon and grilse.

THINGS GOING WELL WITH THE CANADIANS

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—A despatch from General Sir Arthur Currie, commanding the Canadian corps at the front, to Sir Edward Kemp, overseas minister of militia, has been cabled to the militia headquarters. It is as follows:

"Everything here is going very well. We have taken up again our policy of continually worrying the boche and have put on quite a number of raids with success. We have taken a number of prisoners and machine guns and have killed quite a lot of Germans."

"So active have we been that the boche has considerably reinforced his line opposite to us, so that if we are not actively fighting we are keeping a fair share of his men from taking part in the battle. Prisoners tell us that they suffered quite a lot from our fire and are moving their line somewhat."

At Presque Isle Races.

At Presque Isle, Me., yesterday, Pat Doherty, with Jennie Frisco, was fifth in the 2.16 trot and pace and his horse Vanza, with Stewart driving, was fourth in the 2.14 trot and pace.

Field Crops Competition

S. J. Moore, of Truro, representative in the Maritime Province of the Seed Division of the Federal Department of Agriculture will be at the Dominion Experimental Station in Fredericton on Tuesday next for the purpose of instructing the men who will go out through the province as judges in the Standing Field Crops Competition. They are to go out earlier than in the average year on account of the advanced condition of the crops.

Had Fine Trip.

Messrs. W. T. Chestnut, William Walker and Uncle Henry Braithwaite, who have been companions on many a hunting and fishing expedition, have returned from an enjoyable canoe trip on the Southwest Miramichi. They took the river at Half Moon Cove and made the sixty mile run to Boiestown, fishing and camping along the route. Uncle Henry, despite his 78 years, wielded the stern paddle of the canoe with his old time skill. A number of salmon and grilse were taken on the trip.