

WAR NEWS  
Germans Advance  
In Flanders the British Have Penetrated the Outskirts of Lens

Retreating Columns of Germans Have Been Cut to Pieces—Pershing's First Field Army to Enter Battle Soon

(By The Associated Press.) From Flanders to Soissons the British, French and American forces are keeping up without cessation their strong offensive tactics against the Germans, who are still giving ground, although at certain points not without strong resistance. Somewhat in this full north is prompting the enemy to put forth his every effort to avert a calamitous disaster.

Additional areas of territory which had been held by the enemy have been restored; many thousands of lines to swell the great throng already there in prison camps, and many of the enemy's dead lying upon the battlefield testify to the progress of the retreating columns of the Germans have been cut to pieces by the British artillery from captured vantage points.

From the region around Arras southward to Peronne the British line has moved forward to the famous Drocourt-Queant defense line, which was overwhelmed and left in the rear. Eastward of the Drocourt line the British have been steadily pushing forward. Numerous towns and villages have fallen into the hands of Field Marshal Haig's men, notable among them Quant, at the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant line.

To the south the French, along the Canal du Nord and the Oise-Allette lines in the south and the British thrust eastward from Peronne to the north. The British are giving the enemy no rest and gradually are blunting the remaining portions of the salient north of Noyon. While the British have been steadily pushing forward, the French and American forces are in control of the entire plateau dominating the line. The Chemin des Dames and the roads to Laon and La Fere.

In Flanders the British have penetrated the outskirts of Lens, the famous canal mining city in northern France, and further north in the Vosges salient have taken Richbourg St. Jean and Wissembourg, also in the British hands and thus the great salient is virtually wiped out.

Unofficial dispatches from the region east and southeast of Arras the Germans are retiring to a new switch line running from Brebeire, six miles east of Arras, and extending southward to Meuseux, where it joins the Hindenburg line near Graincourt. If this should prove true, the new British front would be in the line of the Hindenburg line near Graincourt, and the British would be in a position to strike during the present year.

The American army is a picked force composed of the prime fighting units of the United States. It forms officers here believe, an ideal instrument with which General Foch will be able to deal with the German army. The present fighting in this view, is preparatory to the delivery of such a blow and it now is expected to be delivered soon and probably in a region to the east of Helmer or Verdun where the concentration of the German forces is most difficult because of the bitter fighting in Flanders and Picardy.

The United States government has recognized as co-belligerents in the war against the Central Powers the Czechoslovak nation. The British government has been recognized by Great Britain, France and Italy, and Japan, through their participation in the expedition in Siberia. The other allied countries, has given implied recognition.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 3, p. m.—(By The Associated Press.) The British victory at the battle of the Drocourt-Queant line seems complete. Without having developed a single counter-attack, and suffering from a heavy loss of men, they were in full flight to the eastern side of the Canal du Nord. The enemy is trying to save what men and material he can from the wreck in and behind one of the most powerful defense systems ever devised. The much-battered Drocourt-Queant line, or has the Germans called it the Hindenburg line, is being pushed eastward, leaving behind only pockets of machine guns, and even resistance from these is gradually melting away.

Cabled Paragraphs  
Disastrous Explosion at Odessa.

Amsterdam, Sept. 3.—A Kiev despatch received here reports that a disastrous explosion occurred in Odessa last Saturday. The explosion killed a number of Austro-German officers and men were killed and that a portion of one of the suburbs of Odessa, was destroyed.

912 NAMES IN TWO CASUALTY LISTS  
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Condensed Telegrams  
Two Nova Scotian fishing vessels were sunk by U-boats.

The names of 23 Americans were contained on the Canadian casualty list. German ships mined the coast. By women have reached the port of Lulea, Sweden.

The Belgian minister to the Vatican has gone to France for an interview with King Albert of Belgium.

Provost Marshal-General Crowder refuses to interfere with draft board rulings in drafting farm workers.

An official German crop report says the wheat crop area was increased from 10 to 15 per cent. above that of 1917.

A new course will be inaugurated Oct. 1, by the home service branch of the New York County Red Cross Chapter.

Fifty people were killed and 3,500 houses destroyed by a typhoon which swept over the Japanese island of Formosa.

The royal decree more than 500 non-commissioned officers of the Greek army were promoted on the field of battle for bravery.

Experts at Honolulu perfected a process for making hay from sugar tops. The production will reach 50,000 tons each year.

The steamer Eschir bound from Bordeaux to Montreal was torpedoed Aug. 16, about 500 miles off the French coast.

Senator Garza opened the 23rd session of the Mexican legislature with a long address reviewing his achievements and aims.

Serious disturbances at Kyushu, Japan, coal district, among the miners is reported. Fifty buildings were destroyed by fuel.

Arizona Infantry, announces that the entire personnel took an oath not to drink until the war is over.

The National Youth Council of the Y. M. C. A. has formulated a plan to establish colleges abroad for the higher education of our troops.

Organized labor by putting in a full day's work at the coal and iron mines, steel plants and munition plants.

The Railroad Administration is taking a census of cars owned by millionaires. The cars may be commandeered and converted into sleeping cars.

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Thirty motorists were fined \$5 each, for driving automobiles in Harrison, N. J., a suburb of Paterson, N. J., against the request of Fuel Administrator Garfield.

D. W. Cooke, New York State fuel administrator, does not fear a coal shortage in New York providing there is reasonable care taken to prevent hoarding.

President Irigoyen sent a bill to the Argentine Congress encouraging shipbuilding. The government will assist and offer rewards for rapid completion of ships.

Wage increases aggregating \$15,000,000 annually will be granted to 30,000 men in railway shops throughout Canada.

H. B. Walker, president of the Old Dominion Steamship Line, was placed in charge of the line by the Railroad Administration.

The French steamship Pampa, 471 tons, was struck by a torpedo on the night of August 26-27 while on a voyage from Bizerta to Saloniki. Four Serbian soldiers, out of 35 persons on board, are missing.

The resignation of John D. Ryan as president of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, so that he might devote his entire time to the war effort, was announced yesterday.

Sixty cities of the east, south, middle west and Pacific coast will have their Industrial War orders cut down because of congested housing and transportation facilities.

Orders assigning brigadier General Douglas MacArthur to a brigade of the newly formed "Lafayette Division" at Camp Meade, Maryland, have been revoked.

All persons in Petrograd and Moscow who are not actually residents are ordered by a decree issued by the government to leave within 24 hours.

Government war expenditures in August broke all monthly records by more than \$100,000,000, amounting to \$1,740,000,000 for the month of August. Later reports may raise this to \$200,000,000.

Whitman and Smith Win in New York Primaries  
New York, Sept. 3.—Charles S. Whitman will be the republicans' candidate for a third term as governor of New York. He will be opposed in the coming campaign by Alfred E. Smith, president of the board of aldermen of New York, and the choice of the unofficial democratic convention.

The party candidates were determined at the primary election today.

Attorney General Merton E. Lewis, backed by several of the republican leaders of the state, who sought the nomination in opposition to Mr. Whitman, was literally spouted under. With about half of the districts in the state missing, his vote was 25,507 as compared with 95,785 for Whitman.

Mr. Whitman had the endorsement of the Anti-Saloon League and the "dry" forces in general.

Mr. Smith's victory was even more decisive than that of Mr. Whitman. He was opposed by William Church Osborn, running independently without organized support. The Osborn vote was virtually negligible.

Special interest in the election centered in the participation of women for the first time in a statewide primary. It was comparatively light.

Way of determining tonight exactly what percentage of the 675,000 women enrolled took advantage of their hard won franchise.

Leaders of the feminine element in both parties asserted that the women voters had made fully as good a showing as the men.

"Suffragists are pleased at the showing made by the women voters at the primaries," declared Miss Mary Garrett Hay, chairman of the Woman Suffrage Party of New York. They have been given opportunity and conscientious in their devotion to duty."

Cardinal Farley Sitting Up.  
Mamaroneck, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Cardinal Farley is able to sit up for an hour every day. Monsignor Carroll, his secretary, said today.

Drought Disastrous to the Cotton Crop  
Harvest Will Be 4,098,000 Bales Less Than Was Forecast Early in the Season.

Washington, Sept. 3.—A disaster unparalleled in the history of the cotton growing industry of the United States befalls the cotton crop. An eleven year drought in July and August. The government's September cotton report, issued today, forecasts a production of 11,137,000 equivalent 500-pound bales—4,098,000 bales less than was forecast at the beginning of the season. An eleven million bale crop would be slightly smaller than the crops of the last three years.

Cotton growers planted this year the second largest acreage on record and prospects seemed bright for one of the largest crops ever grown. Drought during July, however, reduced the crop by 1,615,000 bales, and dry weather in August caused the greatest deterioration ever recorded in a single month, there being a decline of 2.9 points in the condition on Aug. 25 as compared with July 25.

The entire cotton belt was affected, but in Texas and Oklahoma and the western part of the region it was greater than in the east.

ROUND-UP OF SLACKERS IN NEW YORK AND VICINITY  
New York, Sept. 3.—More than 10,000 suspected draft evaders had been herded tonight into the armories of New York and nearby cities after the most vigorous slacker hunt since the United States entered the war. It was estimated officially that from 25 to 30 per cent. of this number were without slackers.

The drive, started early today in this city, Westchester county and nearby New York counties, will continue until it is believed all draft evaders have been caught, according to Charles F. DeWoody, chief of the New York State military police, of the department of justice. It is expected that the 25,000 government agents enrolled for the work, including military police, will find almost as many slackers tomorrow as today.

Tonight hundreds of mothers, wives and sisters besieged the "corra" in many instances, where prisoners had simply left their registration and classification cards at home, the women would not let the police go until they had secured their relatives' release.

As the task of housing, feeding and guarding the suspects became hourly more serious, Mr. DeWoody conferred here with Governor Whitman regarding the problem.

It was said that at the conference the question of mobilizing the state guard was discussed, for it had been found that the number of armed guards had to be increased during the day, not only to patrol streets near the armories, but to accompany batches of prisoners to restaurants near by.

It was estimated that from 15,000 to 20,000 men between the ages of 21 and 31 were stopped and questioned during the day. Hundreds of them were rounded up at the entrances to theatres and motion picture houses and it was found that many of the 10,000 arrested were from out of town.

This feature was explained by Captain David Asch, assistant to the director of the draft in this district, who declared that "New York is the greatest slacker's retreat in America" and that "men who want to evade their duty have come here in droves from all over the country."

"Women aided in the raids by driving many of the hundreds of automobiles used in transporting prisoners from police stations to armories."

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RAPID PROGRESS IN PRODUCTION OF GUNS  
From 6,000 to 7,000 Heavy and from 8,000 to 9,000 Light Browning Guns Per Month Are Now Being Delivered—Output of Rifles Is Steady at About 200,000 Per Month.

Washington, Sept. 3.—In an informal summary of the army munitions situation today, Assistant Secretary Crowder stated that rapid progress was being made in the production of rifles, machine guns and some types of artillery. The majority of the twenty-four plants at work on artillery contracts, however, he said, the flow of manufacture had not yet reached the production level of the war.

The output of 155-millimeter howitzers is an exception to this rule, approximately 500 weapons of this caliber having been produced in the past few weeks. Mr. Crowder pointed out that the Bethlehem Steel Company was the only experienced ordnance manufacturing concern at work on these orders, being wholly new to this industry. In all of them, however, the raw material is being secured in large quantities and the time is nearing when it will emerge at the opposite end in completed guns of all sizes.

In this connection Mr. Crowder said the new government plant on Neville Island, near Pittsburgh, was designed for the manufacture of the smaller high power guns only and will turn out nothing smaller than 14-inch guns. The plant is owned by the United States Steel Corporation, which is erecting and will operate the plant for the government without any special contract. The plant has an expenditure of \$150,000,000 on this project alone. The plant has a ground area of 1,000 acres in addition to large housing projects for the employees.

The assistant secretary would admit the estimate of the relative strength in artillery between the allied and American forces and the Germans which the completion of American projects could give. He said, however, that it seemed evident that the American troops or the allied forces would be able to make good use of all the guns that are turned out and shipped.

Polish Falcon Alliance of American Alliance  
Pikesbarre, Pa., Sept. 3.—Delegates to the national convention of the Polish Falcon Alliance of America which is being held here today, President Poincaré and other officials of the two republics thinking them for the support of the movement to establish a Free Poland after the war. Addresses were also sent to generals in command of the Polish army on the western front assuring them of the hearty support of the Polish people of America. An appropriation of \$15,000 was made for the erection of a Polish soldiers' home in the city of Pikesbarre, Pa.

Baltimore was selected as the convention city for 1920, the delegates going to hold biennial conventions in that city every four years hereafter. National officers elected for two year terms are: President, Dr. T. A. Szarzynski, Pittsburgh; vice president, J. S. Trumbull, manufacturing company, Erie; secretary, K. J. Wolowick, Pittsburgh; treasurer, J. S. Trumbull, manufacturing company, Erie; and executive committee, J. S. Trumbull, manufacturing company, Erie.

It was stated by officials of the local union that other shops have since closed their doors and that they have agreed to pay the minimum wage. The possibility of the men returning to work in shops that have agreed to meet the demands of the strikers will be taken up at a meeting of the strikers tomorrow afternoon.

Members of the Manufacturers' association, which includes all the largest plants here, and some of the smaller ones, are still determined that they shall not accede to the strikers' demands, saying that the case has been decided by the national war labor board.

WAGE INCREASES FOR NEARLY 1,000,000 RAILWAY EMPLOYEES  
Washington, Sept. 3.—Nearly one million men, or half the railroad employees in the United States, share in additional wage increases approved to-day by the national war labor board. The increases, which will add nearly \$100,000,000 to the annual payroll of the industry, are effective from August 1. Details of the new order will be announced tomorrow.

Pay increases for railroad telegraphers are the subject of another report to be made soon to the director general.

MADDOX TO MAKE TRIP THROUGH NEW ENGLAND  
Washington, Sept. 3.—Director General Maddox plans to leave tomorrow for a ten day trip through New England and Pennsylvania. At New York on Thursday he will meet district directors and federal managers of the eastern operating region, and later will inspect the Boston and Maine, the New York and New England, the New York, Haven and other railroads at Boston and the Cape Cod canal.

Probably the next meeting of railroad officials from the Allegheny region will be held at Pittsburgh, before returning. Mr. Maddox plans to visit roads in the Potomac region.

600 MEXICAN FEDERALISTS ARE PURSUING VILLA  
El Paso, Texas, Sept. 3.—A force of 600 Mexican federalists are pursuing Francisco Villa as the result of an all-day engagement last Thursday when about 200 men were killed at Pilar de Guzman, S. P. Mexico. The regulars by a rise, according to an American arriving here today. The federalists are said to have lost about 120 men.

German Staff Changes Headquarters.  
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