

BLOODY BATTLE FOR IMPORTANT FISMES CENTER

French Reserves Being Rushed Into Conflict At Center of Aisne Line Which Is Yielding—Allies Striking Back On Both Flanks

THE Allies lost valuable ground yesterday along the Aisne front, being forced to give way everywhere along a twenty-mile front between Vailly and Berry-au-Bac. The retirement was made in good order, however, and every yard gained by the Germans was at the cost of many lives. The Allies left no supplies or guns behind, saving the greater part of their material and destroying the rest as they retreated.

The Germans, according to unofficial estimates, had twenty-five divisions along the twenty-mile front, or nearly twenty thousand men to the mile, this force vastly outnumbering the British and French. At no point was the Allied line pierced and at no point were the Germans able to gain without making great sacrifices. The greatest German advance was made eight miles east of Vailly, where they crossed the Vesle River, near Fismes. A terrific battle is now raging for the possession of that city, which is the Allies' main center of communication on this front.

Reports from Paris last night state that the latest official news from the front is more reassuring, as while the enemy's efforts are unabating their progress has been checked at all points except in the center, and here there are signs of slackening. The Allies are reacting effectively on the wings, countering from Soissons and Rheims.

MOST RAPID ADVANCE SCORED YET ALONG WESTERN FRONT

NEW YORK, May 29 — (Associated Press) — Defeated and driven back with heavy losses in Flanders in the lesser of the two attacks that mark the resumption of the grand offensive, the Germans made great progress yesterday on the main battlefield, that extending from Soissons to Rheims on the Aisne. Here, despite tremendous slaughter inflicted upon them, their advance in overwhelming numbers is rapid, the most rapid advance yet recorded on the west front.

London despatches, while emphasizing the heavy losses being inflicted upon the Germans, admit that the setback given to the Allies is severe, all the ground won in desperate fighting along the Chemin des Dames last October being now lost again to the Germans.

A tremendous battle is raging around Fismes, which is the center of the Allied communications on this front.

TEN TO ONE ADVANTAGE

Reports from Paris state that the Crown Prince has a force which enables him to throw ten men into the attack for every one the French and British have for the defense, with the result that the Allies were forced steadily back throughout yesterday, their front last night having retired at one place for a distance of twelve miles.

The Allied line, which had stretched in an outward curve from Prouen, ten miles northeast of Soissons, around to the north of Craonne and thence curving south to Rheims, is now bent into a reverse curve, extending from a point north of Bray southeast through Fismes and thence to north of Rheims. Into this front General Foch is now rushing his reserves, who are arriving in ever increasing numbers, and the despatches of last night state that these reserves are now commencing to make their presence felt, the German progress being materially checked.

FLANKS HOLDING WELL

While the center has been forced to bend through the weight of the enemy forces dashed against it, the Allies' flanks before Soissons and Rheims are holding well, the most desperate efforts to secure these important centers of communication being repeatedly repulsed. The Germans are paying a terrific price for what they have gained, a price that no army than the Germans would ever be required to pay by its commanders. From Paris and London come reports of the general satisfaction of the military authorities over the situation, as while the loss in territory is of recognized importance the casualties reported are very small in proportion to the tremendous losses being dealt out to the man power of the German armies.

"They have gained enough ground to bury their dead; that is all," said one French military authority yesterday, his summary of the situation fairly representing what is reported in detail from Paris and London.

NO SUPPLIES ABANDONED

The retirement of the Allies has been orderly and no material has been abandoned to the enemy. Supplies which the speed of the German advance made it necessary to leave behind were destroyed. At no point along the Aisne front are the Allies in any manner disorganized but at all points a steady resistance is being offered and the ground held up until the last minute. The battle so far has been a repetition of the drive along the Somme Valley, the French and British killing steadily while conserving their own men and in few instances surrendering any part of their force for the sake of holding any particular terrain.

The latest report from this front, supplied from the headquarters of the French army by the correspondent of La Liberté of Paris, states that the Germans are attempting to force the passage of the Vesle River at Fismes, a fierce battle raging just for the city. The ebb and flow of the desperate conflict at this point favors one side and then the other, the French making a heroic stand. Last night reserves for the defenders of Fismes were arriving and were hurrying into the battle.

BIG FORCE; MANY TANKS

Along this front the Crown Prince employed in yesterday's attack a total of twenty-five divisions, approximately 350,000 men. Numerous tanks have been brought into the action, while the infantry is supported with a tremendous artillery concentration, the Anglo-French lines being hammered incessantly with high explosive shells. The German infantry is also provided with an increased number of machine guns over those heretofore used by like numbers.

Commenting on the results of the first day's gains by the Crown Prince a competent military critic at Paris says that the Allies are paying the price not only that they have gained and that they are losing, but also that they are paying a price for a desperate struggle and with ruinous sacrifices of men.

Berlin Exultant Over Gains By the Crown Prince

Official Report Recites Long List of Towns Captured and Claims Complete Victory South of Laon—No Mention of Casualties Nor of Loose Reverses

BERLIN, May 29 — (Associated Press) — An official report on the battle of the Aisne issued by the war office last night states that so far fifteen thousand prisoners have been taken by the Crown Prince, who has completely defeated the French and British forces south of Laon. The report says: "The Germans have stormed and taken Pion, Chavignon, Fort Malmaison Courteon, Cerny, Winterberg, Craonne and Villersberg. The fortifications near Berry-au-Bac have been reduced and captured and the British driven back." "Against the Vailly heights, north of the Vesle River, an attack was delivered and the French and British were ejected between Sapigney and Brimont. "Our troops have crossed the Aisne Marne canal and have stormed Cormicy, Caurey and Lohrye. "We have captured the southern bank of the Vesle River on both sides of Fismes and are now fighting for possession of the sector between Soissons and Rheims. We have continued yesterday's attacks across the Aisne and are extending our earlier successes."

Great American Soldier Is Not Entirely Shelved

Baker Will Not Relegate General Leonard Wood to Western Department — Is Expected To Train Another Division

WASHINGTON, May 29 — (Associated Press) — Major General Leonard Wood, estimated by European war experts as the greatest of American soldiers today, may not be tucked away into the clerical job of being commander of the Western Department. It is understood that the war department will grant his request that he be assigned to more active duty than that to which it was proposed to relegate him. He is expected to train another division of men for service in France and will probably remain as commander of Camp Funston.

FOUR BIG EXPRESS COMPANIES MERGE

Thirty Million Dollar Consolidation Formed Under Authority of Secretary McAdoo

WASHINGTON, May 29 — (Associated Press) — The four big express companies of the United States have been merged into one huge company under a single head, according to an announcement made here yesterday. The consolidation has been effected under the sanction and authority of Secretary of the Treasury and Railroad Administrator McAdoo. The capital stock of the new company amounts to thirty million dollars. The four companies which have consolidated are the Adams Express Co., American Express Co., Wells Fargo Express Co., and Southern Express Co. (George Taylor, president of the American Express Co., has been selected as head of the big merger. The name of the new company will probably be the Federal Express Co. The four companies which have combined do virtually all the express business of the United States, in addition to a huge money order business. Through overlapping to some extent, each has its own well defined area of operation. The consolidation of the four into one company will, therefore, give the Federal company control of practically all the express business of the United States. The consolidation will go into effect July 1.

FOOD BOARD CALLS SPRECKELS ON CARPET

Wants To Know Why Sugar Company Reports Not Filed

WASHINGTON, May 29 — (Associated Press) — Claus Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, must appear before the federal food board tomorrow and explain why the company failed to file with the board the required monthly reports of its business for the months of November, December, January, February and April. Mr. Spreckels was called on the carpet before the food board yesterday and asked why the reports had not been filed. He said he didn't know. The board told him he would have to find out, and gave him until tomorrow to investigate and report back to the board.

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MAKING OF SWIPES NO VIOLATION OF LAW, HUBER HOLDS

No Way To Prevent Every Man Being His Own Brewer, Provided He Doesn't Sell Product

SITUATION RENDERS "DRY HAWAII" A FARCE

Suggestion That Legislature Enact Statute Comes Too Late On Account of Adjournment

Oahu has a presidential "dry" order; the Sheppard prohibition bill passed by congress has been approved by the President, and there are numerous federal, territorial and county laws and regulations to check the sale, transportation and use of alcoholic liquor, but there is no legal act to stop the manufacture of swipes—the native brew and substitute for all other intoxicating drinks, when circumstances make the securing of gin, whiskey, beer and wine impossible. So long as swipes is made for home consumption of the family and bona fide guests, other than members of the military force of the United States, the native drink will be the last of which there will be a shortage in Hawaii, for despite all the legislation to make this Territory "dry" there is said not to be a single legal restriction to its manufacture.

No Law Applies

This became known to the federal, territorial and county officials when it was ascertained that there was no law under which a Chinaman, arrested by License Inspector W. H. Hatton, who had two barrels of the native drink at his home could be prosecuted. There was no evidence of sale or transportation of the liquor, and so an appeal was made to the internal revenue laws to see if the manufacture of the brew was not illegal.

As an investigation revealed, the Chinaman had gone to the unnecessary precaution of securing a license for the sale of the swipes to protect him from what he presumed was the menace of the internal revenue laws. However, it was learned that swipes came under the classification of a brewed liquor, which it is not an offense against the internal revenue laws to make so long as the brew is not sold. This also applies to the making of wines, a fermented liquor.

Under the internal revenue regulations it is only a violation of the law to make a distilled liquor. Even the possession of a still constitutes an offense in this case, but such is not the same as regards the making of a fermented or brewed liquor. When District Attorney S. C. Huber was asked yesterday if there was any law to prevent the manufacture of swipes, which is becoming once more a pest, especially among the Hawaiians, since Oahu went "dry," he replied that there was none of which he knew. He then explained how so long as the liquor was made for the legitimate home consumption, and none of the liquor was sold or transported in violation of the presidential proclamation, there was nothing to stop the makers from continuing "to brew their own drink."

It was the district attorney who gave the interpretation of the internal revenue laws, when the case of the Chinaman with the two barrels of swipes was referred to him for prosecution. "Something of this legal predicament was realized over a week ago by workers for a "dry" Territory, when it was suggested that the special session of the legislature pass a bill making the manufacture of swipes illegal. The suggestion was disposed of in the legislature by the misinformation that "the federal laws covered the case."

Now it is too late to draft and pass such a bill as the legislature is to adjourn on Friday, and it appears that until "home brew" is the drink, the makers of swipes will not be in the thirdest straits.

TO ASK PRESIDENT TO RE-OPEN ROBINSON CASE

Draft Board Wants Matter Fully Investigated

A request will be made of the President of the United States to reopen the case of Axilmer Robinson, of Kani, to have additional evidence introduced at a hearing by the District Draft Board, to determine whether or not Robinson shall not be placed in Class 1 of the draft, instead of in Class 2. Chairman J. A. Hulch has prepared a resolution which will be offered at a meeting of the board to be held this week, which he will ask the board to pass, in which case it will be laid before the Governor with the request that he cable the President to reopen this case. The board is practically prepared to hold a meeting to discuss the case of Selwyn Robinson, brother of Axilmer Robinson. The Selwyn Robinson case is being reopened at the request of Aubrey Robinson, father of the two young men. Selwyn Robinson was placed in Class 1 by the district board.

"WORK OF FIGHT" RULE TO APPLY TO ALIENS

WASHINGTON, May 29 — (Associated Press) — The "work or fight" rule is to be applied to interned aliens, it is announced, and since they can't fight they are going to be made to work. Many of them will soon be put to work in gardens and at army camps.

TWO ARE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Each Victim Has Thigh Broken; One Is Schuman Employee, Other Small Chinese Lad

Two automobile accidents with serious but not fatal injuries to two persons occurred yesterday afternoon so close together that one patient immediately followed the other upon the examination and operating table at the emergency hospital. Another coincidence was that both the injured persons received fractured thighs. Those injured in the automobile accidents were John Fernandez, an eighteen-year-old employee of the Schuman Carriage Company, and Mon Chong, a five-year-old Chinese boy, whose parents live at 1924 King Street. Fernandez was run into at the corner of Fort and Merchant Streets at twenty-five minutes past two o'clock by a private car driven by E. E. Bowler, a Seventh Company, Fort Kamehameha, as he was riding along Merchant Street towards the postoffice from the office of the Schuman Carriage Company. "Thigh is Broken." The accident was caused by Bowler making a sharp turn as he came down Fort Street into Merchant Street, and because he did not continue beyond the street intersection, according to the police report. Fernandez was knocked from his bicycle and when treated at the emergency hospital he was found to have received a fracture of the right thigh. Fernandez was later removed to the Queen's Hospital and Bowler was booked for investigation at the police station.

James McInerney, who was an eye witness of the accident, says the blame for the accident was about evenly divided, although he verifies the report that the soldier made a rather sharp turn. He says, however, that Fernandez "wobbled" around on his bicycle, making it difficult for the auto driver to avoid hitting him. This witness thinks Fernandez was struck twice and that his injuries were caused in the second collision when the wheels of the automobile ran upon the sidewalk in front of the Bank of Hawaii.

Chinese Boy Hurt

In the second accident, which happened at ten minutes past three o'clock in Kalili, Chuck Look, a tailor was the driver of the automobile which ran into the small Chinese lad. He is credited by the police with doing everything possible to avoid the accident and with being a slow and careful driver.

As reported to the police, Mon Chong jumped off of a Palace of Sweets' truck and ran across the street directly in front of the Chuck Look automobile. To avoid directly hitting the small boy, the tailor turned his machine sharply to the left, but the right light of the car caught the boy in the face, knocking him to the ground, which fractured the thigh. Chuck Look in his haste to get the injured boy to the emergency hospital had to run his machine upon the sidewalk near the corner of Nuuanu and King Streets to avoid a second accident. In attempting to avoid the first accident the Chuck Look car was brought to a stop up against a telephone pole.

After Mon Chong was treated at the emergency hospital he was removed to the Children's Hospital. Chuck Look was not booked by the police yesterday afternoon.

DRAGGED TO DEATH BY CRAZED HORSE

Hit by Foot for More Than a Mile and To His Death

HILO, May 26 — To be dragged by the foot for more than a mile and to his death such terrible injuries that he was dead when found was the fate of David Puna, an employe of the Park Hotel, on Friday last, shortly after the noon hour. Puna had been working in the corn fields at Waiki and had been driving the horse he afterward mounted to ride to the stables so that the animal might get its midday meal. On the trail the animal began to buck for some reason, and Puna was dislodged. As he fell he became entangled in the near side trace and when he was at the mercy of the started horse.

The animal dashed off at top speed and the man was dragged behind the necked horse. For more than a mile the horse continued its flight and then the trace chain snapped and allowed the body to drop to the ground. The horse had kicked and mangled the unfortunate man so much that when he was picked up he was dead. The head and chest were crushed and other injuries in fatal.

Puna was twenty-seven years of age at the time of his death. His father resides in Waimea and the family is well known. An inquest was held on Friday and a verdict of accidental death was rendered by the coroner's jury. The funeral was held yesterday at Waimea and there was a large attendance.

THIRTY-EIGHT NAMES ON CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON, May 28 — (Associated Press) — The casualty list of the American army in France, as reported today by General Pershing, contains the names of thirty-eight soldiers. Of this total, fourteen were reported as dead, eighteen severely wounded and six missing. Of the deaths, seven were killed in action, one died of wounds, one was drowned and five died of disease.

BRITISH RAIDERS TERRORIZE GERMANS

Cologne Given a Taste of What Londoners and Parisians Have Suffered

LONDON, May 29 — (Associated Press) — Reports from The Hague tell of the alarm in many of the German cities caused by the recent British raid made against Cologne and Mannheim in retaliation for the raiding and bombing of Paris, the recent raid made upon London, and the latest one made upon Cologne. The British threat to carry out no reprisals in future having been given great point by the destruction caused in Cologne. The announcement made in the house of commons yesterday by Bonar Law that in bombing a hospital behind the British lines the Germans killed three hundred wounded and sick men and hospital attendants has steered the British into welcoming news of punishment raids, one of which was the raiding of Cologne. Here the British bombs caused widespread destruction and death, eighty-eight victims having been buried in one grave. Yesterday the British raiders fought numerous engagements, shooting down eighteen enemy machines. Last night another raid was carried out against Mannheim, the city in which is located one of the principal poison gas plants of the Germans, and numerous bombs were dropped. The British raiders also followed along the line of the Metz-Mannheim railroad, bombing the stations and depots, dropping in all five tons of explosives. Paris reports the resumption of the long range bombardment from the St. Gobain forest guns and an attempted air raid which was made on Monday night. This raid was a failure, none of the German machines being able to penetrate the air barrage and reach the city. A few bombs were dropped in the suburbs.

HUNS IN FLANDERS BADLY SMASHED

Anglo-French Counters Sweep Them Back and Reestablish the Line Held Monday

LONDON, May 29 — (Associated Press) — The German drive upon Ypres, which was renewed in heavy force on Monday, was brought to a standstill in a complete defeat for the time being yesterday, with the Huns driven out of all the territory they had gained in the first day of the battle. Last night, the reports of General Haig state, the Entente line had been completely re-established and the Germans had been defeated with particularly heavy slaughter. After being repeatedly repulsed by both the French and British along a line extending from Loere to Voormezele throughout Monday, the Germans penetrated the French front to a depth of more than half a mile, this gain being made east of Diekalkou Lake. Yesterday the Germans attempted to enlarge this gain and a desperate hand-to-hand battle was fought within this shallow pocket. Holding the German assault throughout the morning, the British and French countered heavily, smashing back the Germans and sweeping them from all their new positions. The German offensive on this sector has thus been made a costly failure. On the south side of the Armentieres salient, along the Lys Valley, there was local fighting yesterday.

RED CROSS TOTAL REACHES \$148,000,000

WASHINGTON, May 29 — (Associated Press) — The huge total rolled up during the second Red Cross drive which ended last Monday night still continues to grow as returns come in. It has now reached nearly one hundred and fifty million. The exact amount reported is \$148,000,000, which is \$48,000,000 more than the amount the Nation was asked for.

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SPAIN RAVAGED BY EPIDEMIC OF GRIPPE

MADRID, May 29 — (Associated Press) — All Spain is being ravaged by a severe epidemic of grippe, which is spreading with great rapidity. In the north of the country, the epidemic has been particularly severe, and in some places it has been accompanied by influenza. The epidemic has been particularly severe in the north of the country, and in some places it has been accompanied by influenza. The epidemic has been particularly severe in the north of the country, and in some places it has been accompanied by influenza.

SAMMIES WIN FIRST BATTLE ATTACKING ON A MILE FRONT

Capture Cantigny With Two Hundred Prisoners and Inflict Heavy Losses In Killed and Wounded Upon Enemy

BRITISH PLEASED AT BRISKNESS OF ATTACK

Americans Tore Into Huns To Get Revenge For Attempted Destruction of American Hospitals On Sunday

WASHINGTON, May 29 — (Associated Press) — Taking the offensive yesterday, the Americans in nearby snatched a brilliant victory from the Huns, engaging in their first battle alone and making their first offensive in any force. Along a front of a mile and a quarter they struck, the scene of the affair being near Monthlizer. The American objective, says General Pershing in his report, was the village of Cantigny, into which the Sammites swept, capturing the town and taking two hundred prisoners. While the fighting was fierce and the Germans suffered heavy casualties, the American losses were relatively small.

The Americans consolidated their gains and beat back two German counters.

BRITISH WELL PLEASED

Reporting on this battle, despatches from the British Army headquarters say that it took the Americans just three-quarters of an hour to launch their attack and capture Cantigny, an exceptionally short time for the carrying through of such an important operation. This victory, as well as that of Monday, when the Americans repelled three raids and then charged and captured the raiders' own front line trench, has heightened the already favorable impression the Allies have gained of the fighting qualities of their latest allies.

SAMMIES EAGER

The opportunity to assume the offensive was particularly welcome to the American soldiers, who have been longing for the chance to strike back in retaliation for a form of German frightfulness recently attempted. What was apparently a deliberate attempt to wreck American field hospitals was carried out on Sunday, the German batteries concentrating in a bombardment of high explosive and gas shells against these hospitals, the shells falling within a few hundred yards of two buildings containing American sick and wounded. Fortunately some of the shells exploded close enough to do any damage and a funeral being held was not broken up, the soldiers remaining calm but highly indignant, later making it plain that they desired the chance to strike a man's blow at such foes.

BUSY IN LORRAINE

On the eastern section of the front the Americans have been busy, repulsing a German raid upon their lines before Lunelle, in which five Germans were killed and a few American casualties sustained and taking part in the aerial fighting. A number of American machines have been rendered substantially aid to the French in fantry engaged in the Woivre section, north of Pont-a-Mousson, the Yankee flyers swooping over the German trenches and dropping these with machine gun bullets, while the American last times have been pouring shells into the German trenches along this front.

North of Toul the American armies are busy over the German lines to seek battle. In one spectacular fight, south of the city, an American machine shot down a German adversary, the fight taking place over Essy, still within the German lines. At another point, three Americans engaged and drove back four German machines, two with high explosives.

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