FRENCH AND AMERICANS ADVANCE ALONG 28-MILE FRONT

north, but the expected counter-attack had not appeared up to an early hour this afternoon.

American troops continue to hold the plateau southwest of Soissons, where on Thursday the Germans made their first organized counter-attack. This fell down as soon as the American heavy artillery got into action.

This was one of the fiercest struggles in connection with the Franco-American offensive. The battle raged southwest of Soissons for some time. It resulted in the Germans falling back finally under the rain of the heavy gunfire of the Americans.

One of the towns taken by the Americans last night was Vierzy, six miles south of Soissons. Towns to the north and south of this were also taken in the carrying out of the plans for the offensive here to strengthen the entire line on the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry front.

No resistance was encountered at Vierzy or in the neighboring villages taken.

At two villages on the southern portion of the line the hands of the clocks had been stopped by shellfire at 4.45 o'clock, indicating the time the Allies had started their bombardment on Thursday morning.

One of the greatest surprises for the Americans in the opening of the offensive was the flight of the Germans before the attack. The Americans, many of whom were going over the top for the first time, were fully prepared for a stiff fight.

Among the slightly wounded men in the American dressing station was one lad who left a Chicago school to join the army. This youth had been wounded in the leg soon after the start of the attack, and his chief worry seemed to be that his comrades who had gone on would fear he had been killed.

ALLIES PUSHING FORWARD BEHIND A ROLLING BARRAGE; AMERICANS RESCUE FRENCH

Explosions and Fires in Soissons Indicate That the Germans May Be Preparing to Evacuate City.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE CHAMPAGNE, July 19 (United Press).—American and French troops, after organizing yesterday's gains during the night, resumed their offensive between the Aisne and the Marne at 4 o'clock this morning.

The Allies pushed forward behind a rolling barrage on the whole front from Soissons to Chateau-Thierry, driving the Germans before them.

Airmen report huge explosions and fires in Soissons—evidently the destruction of ammunition dumps and supplies by the enemy preparatory to evacuation of the city.

One American unit pressed forward so rapidly yesterday afternoon that they overtook a party of captured Frenchmen who were working on the roads under German guards. They captured the Germans and released the French, who seized the arms of their former captors and pressed forward with their rescuers.

BATTLE INCREASING IN VIOLENCE.

The battle is increasing in intensity on the whole front as this is cabled. The Americans and French are driving forward in an extended advance toward the main highway from Soissons to Chateau-Thierry, which lies from three to ten miles east of the original line.

The Germans, aided by great numbers of reserves, made a heavy counter-attack on the plateau southwest of Soissons. It was bloodily repulsed. Americans and French in that region are continuing to hold the line they established yesterday evening or are advancing eastward.

Cavalry already has pushed across the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry road, and the infantry is driving forward to join them. Uncounted prisoners, guns and material are still accumulating.

The remarkable transport system of the Allies is enabling them to maintain a constant flow of men and supplies to the front. As the line advances, solid miles of motortrucks carrying ammunition and other material rumble forward. They return to the rear with slightly wounded men.

Men and guns, rushed up on trucks, are dumped off and are in the thick of the fighting a few minutes later.

GERMANS ON THE DEFENSIVE FROM RHEIMS TO MONTDIDIER, SAYS FRENCH HIGH COMMAND

Americans Occupy Priez and Seem Able to Envelop Neuilly-St. Front—Every German Salient Now in Peril.

PARIS, July 19.—The Allies have taken the initiative and the Germans are on the defensive everywhere, an official statement issued by the Allied high command declared this afternoon.

"We are taking the initiative and the enemy is on the defensive everywhere," the statement said. "Franco-American forces are exerting great pressure on the enemy salients between Montdidier and Rheims. West of the latter the most interesting movement is happening."

"South of the Ourcq American troops, occupying Courchamps and Priez, seem able to envelop Neuilly-St. Front.

"The number of prisoners and guns surpasses our fondest hopes. Premier Clemenceau watched the battle near Soissons."

[This is the first announcement that the Americans have added Priez to their long list of captured towns. Priez is two miles directly north of Courchamps and eight miles northwest of Chateau-Thierry. Neuilly-St. Front is a town of about 2,000 population three miles due north of Priez.]

LONDON, July 19.—That the Franco-American offensive may force the Germans to retire on the entire Rheims front, where the enemy has used twenty-three reinforcement divisions (276,000 men), or half their total of reserves, was the belief expressed in military circles here this afternoon.

It was also stated that Crown Prince Rupprecht probably will start an immediate offensive on the British front in an effort to retrieve the Rheims disaster.

BENDING LINE THREATENS GERMANS NEAR RHEIMS

The shaded portions on the above map show the ground gained by the French and Americans in their brilliant counter offensive against the German Crown Prince's right flank on the Marne salient. Further advances into this flank may cause the complete retirement of the Germans to a line running from north of Soissons to a point north of Rheims.

GERMANS BRING UP RESERVES, BUT AMERICANS AND FRENCH DRIVE ALONG ON WHOLE FRONT

Gains Also Made Below the Marne and Southwest of Rheims at Five Points.

[FRENCH REPORT]

PARIS, July 19.—Between the Aisne and the Marne, in spite of new arrivals of German reinforcements, the Allies are making sensible progress and are capturing a large number of prisoners, according to the official statement issued by the War Office, to-day. Along the whole front between the Aisne and the Marne the battle continues with violence.

On the front between Rheims and the Marne the French have recaptured Montvoisin and made progress in the Roi Wood and the Courton Wood, capturing four cannon and 400 prisoners.

Between Rheims and the Marne Italian troops have taken Moulin d'Ardre, south of Marfaux and northwest of Pourcy.

South of the Marne, by a vigorous attack, the French have ejected the enemy from the outskirts of Oeuilly.

FULL TEXT OF WAR OFFICE REPORT:

Following is the text of to-day's War Office report:

"Between the Aisne and the Marne our troops, surmounting the resistance of the enemy, which was increased by the arrival of new reserves, realized sensible progress at the close of yesterday. The number of prisoners counted is being augmented. The battle continues with violence along the whole front.

"West of Rheims and south of the Marne our troops yesterday, by a vigorous attack, retook Montvoisin and threw the enemy out of the outskirts of Oeuilly.

"To the north of the Marne we have made progress in the Roi Wood and the Courton Wood and carried our line a kilometre to the westward.

"Further north the Italians have taken Moulin d'Ardre and conquered ground in the region of Bouilly. In the course of these actions the French have captured four cannon, 30 machine guns and 400 prisoners.

"Between Montdidier and Noyon and also in the Woevre region in raids against the German lines, we captured 100 prisoners.

OFFICIAL BRITISH REPORT.

LONDON, July 19.—German raids last night in the Villers-Bretonneux and Morlancourt sectors, on either side of the Somme, were driven off by the British, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig to-day. The British captured a few prisoners in successful raids in the regions of Bucquoy, Willerval and Locre.

FRENCH DEPUTIES REPORT ON GERMANS' MAY GAINS

PARIS, July 19.—Deputies Abel Ferry and Louis Deschamps have made an important report to the Army Committee of the Chamber of Deputies concerning the Government inquiry into the German offensive of May 27 (when the Germans captured the Chemin des Dames and advanced to the Marne).

The committee adopted the recommendations made by the deputies which invite the Government to inform them of the disciplinary measures taken and to introduce a bill by which general officers seriously at fault in the future can be punished.

AMERICAN AND FRENCH TROOPS ONLY A MILE FROM SOISSONS; EIGHT MILE GAIN AT ONE POINT

One American Division Captures Vierzy in an Advance of Three Miles—Soissons-Thierry Road Cut.

PARIS, July 19.—More than 100 guns have been captured in the Allied attack on the Aisne-Marne front, according to the Herald to-day.

L'Homme Libre, without intending to divulge the number of prisoners and guns captured, says it is fully equivalent to the number announced by the Germans as having been captured on July 15.

[The German official statement on Tuesday announced that 13,000 prisoners had been taken Monday.]

According to the Gaulois the number of prisoners exceeds 10,000.

LONDON, July 19.—The French and Americans are within a mile of Soissons it was learned authoritatively to-day. They have moved forward all along the line between the Aisne and the Marne, their greatest penetration, at last reports, being eight miles.

One American division took Vierzy and is reported to have advanced three miles beyond.

[Vierzy is six miles south of Soissons and about three miles east of the original line. A three-mile advance beyond this would take the Americans across the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry road.]

The Allied troops have cut or have under fire the highroad from Soissons to Chateau-Thierry, says a Reuter despatch from the French front dated 11 o'clock Thursday. The railway from Soissons to Villers-Cotterets also has been cut.

24,000 GERMANS CHECKED BY FEW THOUSAND AMERICANS BELOW MARNE

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battalion, travelling a hundred miles at top speed, went into action and prevented the Germans from crossing the Chateau-Thierry bridge.

The machine gun work of the Americans defending the south bank of the Marne at the opening of the great German drive on the 15th showed wonderful accuracy. A Sergeant in charge of one of the guns, his left hand blown off by a fragment of German shell, saw a German platoon advancing at an angle which would not permit him to get the right elevation with his machine gun. He opened fire with his automatic pistol, held in his remaining hand, and drove the advancing Germans into the proper range for his heavier weapon.

Then he opened up on them, operating the trigger with his right hand while the shattered left hand hung useless. He killed or wounded every man in that German platoon.

The accuracy of the American rifle fire dismays the Germans. The execution done by them with this weapon has caused a recrudescence of the use of the rifle by the British and French, who had almost abandoned it as a factor in attack or defense.

GERMAN PRESS ADMITS COURAGE OF AMERICANS

Confesses Allied Resistance Is Stronger and Will Require Several Days to "Break."

AMSTERDAM, July 19.—The war correspondent of the Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung of Essen, telegraphing from main headquarters Tuesday, says:

"The enemy, composed of French, Italians and Americans, fought very bravely."

The correspondent asserts that a squadron of sixty French bombing airplanes burst forth from low-lying clouds and pelted the roads of the Marne valley with a hail of explosives.

The newspaper, commenting editorially on the battle in the Rheims region, says it is to be assumed that the Allied resistance will grow considerably stronger and that some days will elapse before the resistance is fully broken.

P. Goss, President of Scoville Manufacturing Co., Dead.

WATERBURY, Conn., July 19.—Mauncey P. Goss sr., President of the Scoville Manufacturing Company, died at his home in this city to-day.

RESIDENTS OF RHEIMS SEND DEFENDERS 50,000 BOTTLES OF CHAMPAGNE

Inhabitants Show Gratitude to Poilus Protecting the City From Germans.

LONDON, July 19.—Fifty thousand bottles of champagne were sent to Poilus defending Rheims by the grateful inhabitants of that city, despatches from the French front to-day said.

$217,841 on Hand to Meet Proved Claims of $662,827.

The Fidelity Trust Company, as trustee of the Daily Advertising Publishing Company, today filed an accounting with Vice Chancellor Lane at Newark, showing $217,841.29 on hand to meet proved claims amounting to $662,827.98. Out of the first named amount the administration expenses of conducting the newspaper controlled by the company will have to be met.

GERMANS ARE STILL BEHIND THEIR FIRST DAY'S OBJECTIVES AFTER FOUR DAYS OF BATTLE

Have Accomplished Little East or West of Rheims on Field of Their Own Selection—American Troops Confident of Success.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Thursday, July 18 (Associated Press).—With nightfall of the fourth day of the battle east and west of Rheims a feeling of confidence pervades the Allied lines. After eighty hours of assault along lines of his own selection the enemy's offensive seemingly has failed. He is still behind the objectives set for the first day's attack. Furthermore, his gains during the entire operation were considerably smaller than those of any of his previous offensives during the present year.

While the American force engaged in the present battle is small in comparison with the total Allied strength it may be said that it is greater than any participating in a battle since the Civil War, and the conduct of the men is eliciting the commendation of the French. They have performed the part assigned to them with steadiness, courage and skill.

To a large portion of the Americans these four days have been their first real fighting. Reports from along the lines indicate a great deal of clean, open warfare, some spontaneous localized actions being undertaken without a preliminary barrage, and it is in actions of this character that the American units have won the praise of the French.

The tone of Thursday's communiques and likewise the success of the counter-attacks begun early today have infected the French and American troops with high confidence in the outcome of the great enemy offensive, which is now believed not only to have been effectively checked but in at least a small measure thrown back.

The American transport, both of munitions and of the hospital service, is working smoothly and efficiently. Behind the line the correspondent encountered ambulances and trucks filled with what are known as sitting cases, which had already been attended to at the advanced dressing stations. These were on their way to the rear, and frequently in their passage they forced to the roadside groups of German prisoners being escorted to the pens.

The wounded were comfortable and cheerful. The men in one truck were making an attempt to sing as they passed. Further to the rear long American railway hospital trains, shining with their newness, moved slowly through the ripening wheat fields and the cool forests to the bases, the wounded waving cheerfully from the windows.

PERSHING REPORTS VICTORY OF FRENCH AND AMERICANS

Confirms Press Accounts of Complete Success of Attacks Between the Aisne and the Marne.

[AMERICAN REPORT]

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Gen. Pershing's communique for yesterday confirms press reports of the complete success of yesterday's attacks between the Aisne and the Marne by combined American and French forces.

The despatch follows:

"Section A—American troops, co-operating with the French in an attack on the enemy's positions between the Aisne and the Marne, penetrated his lines to a depth of several miles, capturing many prisoners and guns.

"Section B—On the night of July 15 to 16 a platoon of our troops operating east of Rheims was attacked by a raiding party of twenty-one Germans. Our men went over the top to meet them and killed the entire party with the bayonet without loss to themselves.

"One of our regiments in this same region reports that a party of Germans with French helmets and coats attempted to penetrate one of our trenches. The leader succeeded in approaching our machine gunner posted at this point, saying that he was French. When within a short distance of the gun the German threw a grenade which wounded our gunner. The gunner's teammate seized the gun, turned it on the Germans and put them to flight.

"Another of our regiments in the same locality reports that an officer in a French helmet and coat approached an outpost guard, saying that he was bringing back a detachment of French from further front and requested the guard not to fire. The detachment proved to be Germans in French helmets and coats."

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