

GEN. HUMBERT OCCUPIES SOUTHERN PIVOT HUN LINE

Gen. Mangin's Troops Cross Oise and Capture Morlincourt—French First Army Seizes Quesnoy Wood to West Canal Du Nord. German Effort to Hold Noyon Bitter.

Paris, Aug. 29.—French troops today occupied Noyon. With the French Armies in the Field, Aug. 29.—(A. P.)—(10 a.m.)—Noyon was occupied this morning by the troops of Gen. Humbert.

Gen. Mangin's men crossed the Oise river and took Morlincourt.

The French First army took Quesnoy wood, just to the west of the Canal Du Nord. The wood was a strongly fortified position, and from it the Germans endeavored to check the French pursuit.

Even Own Retreat Out of Hand. The rapidly succeeding military events not only confirm that the Germans have lost all control of their operations in the regions of the Somme, Avre and Oise rivers, but they indicate that the enemy's own retreat is getting out of hand.

The effort to stem the French pursuit by fighting rear guard actions with machine gun sections, leaving a section at intervals of about 400 yards, was only locally successful. On ground especially favorable for that sort of a resistance, such as the terrain around Roye, it gained some time for the enemy, enabling him to move a great many guns and a considerable part of his material behind the Canal Du Nord and north of Noyon. But, once this system of fighting was mastered, the strength of the German rear guard dwindled to almost nothing. The Germans, hustled violently by the French advance guard, were obliged to risk an engagement with important forces or to quicken their retreat. The Germans adopted the latter plan, and, since yesterday morning, they have been making all possible haste on the road leading to St. Quentin La Fere and the Hindenburg line.

Heavy Blow to Germans.

The full of Noyon comes as a heavy blow to the Germans, who were thought during the early days of the Picardy offensive to be planning to hold Noyon as the southern pivot of the old battle front. Noyon is situated on the right bank of the Oise river at the confluence of that stream and the little river of Oise. To the south and east, the Oise, while to the north is a wind-blew valley. To the southwest are Mount Renaud and the Lassigny massif, which dominate the whole region. To the northeast a range of hills juts out into the valley.

Great Highway Center.

Noyon is a great center. One road runs to the north, one to the east, one to the northeast, one goes up the Oise valley and another leads down into Carlepont forest to the southeast. Another goes down the Oise valley to Compiègne. Noyon is a very ancient town, being known to the Romans. Charlemagne was crowned king of the Franks at Noyon in 768 and Hugh Capet was elected king there in 987. The Noyon place of John Calvin, who was born July 10, 1509.

Too Strongly Entrenched.

French Headquarters in France, Wednesday, Aug. 28.—(Reuters).—The Germans are putting up a bitter fight for possession of Noyon and have strongly entrenched machine gun positions on the southern and southeastern flanks. The French have successfully outflanked Porqueriecourt mountain, west of Noyon.

Gen. Humbert's Army Has Crossed the Oise.

Gen. Humbert's army has crossed the Oise-Noyon road north of Noyon, and the Germans are energetically defending the hills to the east. The strong position of Quesnoy wood to the west of the Canal Du Nord, from which the Germans tried by means of the heavy fire of all calibers of artillery to check the French troops advancing on both sides of the Noyon-Noyon road, was captured this morning.

Pressure from Gen. Humbert's Army on the West and from Gen. Mangin's Men on the East.

Pressure from Gen. Humbert's army on the west and from Gen. Mangin's men on the east, has forced the Germans to the south and took Morlincourt this morning while other French troops were entering Noyon, adds greatly to the difficulties of the enemy. The increased danger from these directions will oblige the Germans to make additional sacrifices in order to save Gen. Von Hutler's army from disaster.

The Somme Line Having Been Made Difficult for the Germans by the Rapidity of the Entente Allied Pursuit.

There now is a question, with the French troops ready to cross the Somme at the enemy's heels, as to where he will be able to make a further stand.

GOV. RYE OVERLOOKS SQ. BORK'S COMMISSION

Justice Made Race on Contention City Was Entitled to Four J. P.'s.

County Court Clerk Charles E. Watson is in receipt of the commission of the justices of the peace elected at the last election. They are signed by Governor Tom C. Rye and Secretary of State Ike B. Stevens. The commissions received however did not include the name of Squire J. J. Squire, who ran at the last election and was elected a member of the court as representative of the city of Chattanooga. Mr. Watson said he did not know why they did not send Squire Bork's commission unless the election commission had not certified to his election.

Squire Bork, it will be remembered, made the race on the contention that the city of Chattanooga was entitled to four representatives, making four squares from the first district. This contention was adhered to by the democratic executive committee, which ordered that it placed on the official ballot. Squire Bork won out at the election. However, there seems to have been some slip as to the commission of the justices of the peace incident regarding the receiving of the commissions by Clerk Watson was that included in the list was the commission of Squire Walter Hampton, who died several days ago. Squire Hampton, who was a democrat, was elected justice from across the river, running an excellent race in a republican district. Mr. Watson stated that he would turn the commission of Squire Hampton over to his family.

NEWBERRY'S LEAD OVER FORD GROWING

Five Republican and One Democratic Congressmen Nominated in Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 29.—The six congressmen who were opposed for renomination at Michigan's primary election Tuesday have all been renominated, according to virtually complete unofficial returns today. Five are republicans and one, Representative Doerr, a democrat. In the republican contest nearly complete returns only added to Commander Truman H. Newberry's already large lead over Henry Ford, Detroit manufacturer, and former Gov. Chase S. Osborn. Ford won the democratic nomination.

SHIP REPORTED SUNK BY U-BOAT TOWED TO SHORE

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 29.—The New Foundland three-masted schooner Bianca, which was reported yesterday to have been captured and sunk by a German submarine off this coast, was towed into port today. The Bianca, bound from Bahia with tobacco for this port, was held up several days ago and her crew, which was landed Monday, was forced to abandon their vessel. The Germans had exploded a bomb in the ship's hold, but it failed to sink her.

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It is charged that these organizations and scores of individuals named in the search warrants have not only "committed the felony of causing insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, and have fully obstructed the recruiting and enlistment service of the United States for the transmission of mail matter advocating treason, insurrection and forcible resistance to the laws of the United States concerning the carrying on of the war with Germany."

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"COME ACROSS AND GET YOU"

Stern Warning of Gen. Cabell, U. S. A., to Gen. Elias Calles, of Mexican Forces.

American Commander Says He Is Tired of Nonsense—American Soldier Wounded.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 29.—"If another volley is fired by you people will take every man I have and come over and get you. We are through with this nonsense."

American troops are straining at the leash on the Mexican border today. The foregoing message is an indication of the tension. It has been sent to Gen. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, by Brig.-Gen. Cabell, U. S. A., as the result of more shots fired at Americans late last night, only a few hours after the general had expressed profound regrets for yesterday's clash in which two United States soldiers were killed and many wounded.

More and more American troops are being rushed to the danger point. The outbreak last night followed a conference between Calles and Cabell, at which it was supposed the incident had been closed. The general met on a bridge spanning the international line.

One American enlisted man, whose name has not been given out, is said to have been wounded last night. A machine gunner of the Tenth cavalry went to the aid of the wounded man, firing eighteen shots back across the border. Cabell's troops today are quiet, but American troops were ready for instant action.

It has been officially reported to Washington that the Mexicans lost 13 killed, 15 wounded, while the American casualties were 3 killed, one a civilian, and 27 wounded. The third, an American, death occurred last night. It being that of Gaston Reddoch, a customs guard.

American and Mexican officials agree that yesterday's shooting began on the Mexican side of the border and that Mexican customs guards and civilians were the aggressors, which were being viewed by the situation.

Situation is stabilized. Washington, Aug. 29.—Latest reports from the Mexican border indicate that the situation is stabilized.

This was the statement today of a high war department official in commenting on the second outbreak at Nogales.

It was learned that Secretary Baker had the night passed comparatively quiet, but the night passed comparatively quiet.

The British are maintaining their pressure on the enemy south of the Somme and are advancing eastward. North of the Somme the night was quiet.

British Withdraw Posts. British posts west of Oppy were slightly withdrawn in the face of repeated attacks by the enemy.

North of the Somme, as far as the neighborhood of Fontaine-les-Croiselles, the British are maintaining their pressure on the enemy south of the Somme and are advancing eastward.

In the recent fighting south and north of the Somme, tanks have taken an active part on all possible occasions, and have rendered very valuable and gallant service in co-operation with the infantry and other arms.

Civilian Mexicans Responsible. Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 29.—Drunken civilians on the Mexican side of the border were held responsible today for the shooting which occurred in last night's outbreak.

Brig.-Gen. Cabell announced today that everything was quiet throughout the night and no more trouble was anticipated. Reinforcements have arrived here and are going into camp near the border. Rumors that Mexican federal reinforcements were arriving in Nogales today, which were being denied here today.

AMERICANS CAPTURE TWO HUNDRED BOCHES. Battle Continues Fiercely in Region of Juvigny—Eight Officers in Bag.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Vesle front, Aug. 29.—American troops continued to battle fiercely with the enemy in the Juvigny region early today, capturing 200 prisoners, including eight officers.

Even these prisoners it was learned that the Germans have rushed the Seventh Prussian division into the action to reinforce the Juvigny, which were being sorely pressed by American troops.

PLAN NEW RETREAT TO "WEAKEN" ALLIES

Paris, Aug. 28.—(Copyright, N. Y. World.)—The purposes of the German headquarters staff in the present campaign are referred to in astoundingly judicious terms by the Berlin National Zeitung, which says: "A fresh retreat, which may be one of large proportions, has obviously been decided upon. The Germans seek to weaken the enemy by retreating far to the rear."

Tremendous Failures. Amsterdam, Aug. 28.—The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, in an attempt to reassure his readers regarding the battles, declares the allies have failed everywhere: in their object of breaking through the German lines, and concludes: "Tremendous failures on all parts of the front give the German command and their troops reason to look forward with entire confidence to the further heavy battles which are expected."

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POULTRY ASSOCIATION TO MEET THURSDAY NIGHT. The poultry association will meet Thursday evening at the Manufacturers' Association building, the meeting place having been changed from the Chamber of Commerce building on account of the meeting of the automobile school here on the same night.

Those in charge announce that very important matters will be brought out at the meeting which will interest all poultry raisers. They also urge that those who are interested in poultry raising attend this meeting.



The weather? Fair, with no decided change in temperature tonight and Friday.