

GERMANS FLEEING NORTHWARD AFTER THE FALL OF SOISSONS

French Troops Are Occupying South Bank of Aisne River for a Distance of Five and One-half Miles and German Disaster Grows

ALLIES PICK UP VILLAGES IN RAPID SUCCESSION

Their Advance Further East Has Not Been So Fast But the Indications Are That the Germans Are Giving Up Everything in the Salient

London, Aug. 3.—On the main battle front in the Soissons region, the French, after completing their occupation of Soissons, have occupied the south bank of the Aisne between Pommiers and Vezile, a distance of approximately five and one-half miles, advances received to-day show.

On the easterly side of the Soissons-Rheims front, the line to which the allies have advanced runs, according to the latest advices, from Serzy-et-Prin and Sivigny, both in the Ardre valley, to the highest point on the plateau between the Ardre and the Vesle and thence to Rosnay, Gueux and Thillois and on to the Vesle at St. Brice, which is on the original line.

On the northern end of the plateau, to the southeast of Soissons, the French have advanced from Venizel to a point south of Braque on the Vesle. The advance is continuing on the line farther to the east.

Burning villages in the area north of the Vesle river, between Muzon and St. Thierry, indicate a further withdrawal of the German forces is intended. Fourteen large fires have been observed. The important center of Fismes is in flames, and there are great conflagrations in two villages to the northwest of that town.

The retirement of the forces of the German crown prince now appears to be of a very rapid character.

There has not been a great deal of fighting, certainly not in the area southeast of Soissons, and it is unlikely that any large captures of prisoners will be reported.

To the east of Rheims French forces have made an important recovery of ground near St. Hilaire.

GERMAN RETREAT IS GENERAL ALL OVER THE SALIENT

Allies Are Pressing Close on the Heels of the Fugitives, Says Correspondent Telegraphing at 11 Last Night.

London, Aug. 3.—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 retreating enemy, says Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters, telegraphing at 11 o'clock Friday night.

After the fall of Soisson, the correspondent adds, French headquarters received the names of villages and woods re-occupied 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 center 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 Concois wood, soon were more than a mile east of Willemontore.

"The French army is advancing in pursuit of the enemy with cavalry patrols far in advance, while the horse artillery and engineers accompany the infantry. Rain has fallen heavily all day, and the roads are in a state which sensibly retards the pace of our advance.

"The description given by the correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt of the devastation of towns, villages and farms by the enemy is true, and the destruction the German boasts of is all the Germans gained by three great offensives, which cost them hundreds of thousands of killed, wounded and prisoners.

FRENCH REACHED THE AISNE RIVER EAST OF SOISSONS

Official Report Given Out in Paris This Morning Said the Allies Were Advancing All Through the Night.

Paris, Aug. 3.—Throughout last night the allies continued to advance toward the Vesle, the French war office announced to-day.

East of Soissons the French have reached the Aisne between Soissons and Venizel.

The evacuation of the line of the Vesle, if it has not been brought about before, seemingly is made compulsory by the French advance to the Aisne east of Soissons. Coupled with the French advance north of the Aisne yesterday to Pommiers, northeast of Soissons, it is a

dangerous menace to the line of the Aisne. The French advance points directly toward the important heights at the western end of the Chemin des Dames, which are less than five miles north of Venizel.

RHEIMS GIVEN NEW PROTECTION BY ALLIES GAIN

Advance to Line of Gueux and Thillois Makes the French Stronghold Far More Secure and, in Addition, Cripples the German Retreat Badly.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, Friday, Aug. 2, 11 p. m.—(By the Associated Press).—Much importance is attached to the advance of the allied forces on the easterly side of the Soissons-Rheims front to the line of Gueux and Thillois. It is pointed to as serving the double object of protecting Rheims and placing the allies in a position to cripple still further the already badly crippled German in their retreat toward the Vesle.

EXPLOSION AT KIEV KILLED 700 GERMANS

Plots of the Terrorists Have Been Increasing—Assassin of Ambassador Von Mirbach Is Said to Have Escaped.

London, Aug. 3.—The terrorist campaign against the Germans of the Russian social revolutionists of the left includes an explosion at Kiev which resulted in the deaths of 700 German soldiers in addition to the murder of Field Marshal Von Eichhorn, the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail quotes a leading member of the party as saying.

The total of anti-German crimes, the social revolutionist said, was 60. Munition works at Odessa, Kharkov and elsewhere have been blown up.

Danski or Danzoff, the assassin of Eichhorn, was a sailor before the revolution, the member said. He was elected to represent the sailors of Kronstadt and opposed Premier Kerensky. After the Brest-Litovsk treaty, which is strongly opposed by the social revolutionists of the left, it was decided to combat the Germans by terrorism.

The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company transmits a report that the assassin of Ambassador Von Mirbach has escaped from Russia.

AMERICAN ATTACK PAVED THE WAY

While the German crown prince made strong efforts to maintain a front between Fere, en-Tardenois and Ville-en-Tardenois, his position was made untenable by the allied successes of earlier in the week in which the Americans played no small part. His center was smashed at a vital point and the southern end of the western flank was turned by French and British capture of the Chalmont spur northeast of Fere.

Retreat was inevitable with allied pressure giving no sign of letting up. So, the allies are moving northward along the whole front, capturing guns and material and probably many prisoners cut off in the valleys and woods which fill the terrain between the Aisne and the Marne.

Fismes, the main German base on the Vesle, is six miles north of Moine wood, through which French cavalry are reported to have penetrated. Large fires have been seen at various points within the German lines, especially near Fismes. Heavy explosions also have been heard, indicating the Germans are preparing to fall back still farther north.

Southeast of Soissons the French and British have been advancing against more or less opposition. The French and Americans in the center are reported to have met with slight German resistance after the stubborn fighting of previous days in the region of Fere. Southwest of Rheims the advance also has been slower than in the center.

The fall of Soissons, which had been in the hands of the Germans since May 29, is a serious menace to the line of the Vesle and even to the line of the Aisne, as the French also have moved forward three miles on the north bank of the Aisne to Pommiers. At no place are the troops of General Mangin, General Degoutte and General Berthelot more than seven miles from the railway line paralleling the Vesle and allied guns are hammering it hard on the ends and probably in the center.

In the first battle of the Marne the Germans found a tenable position between the Aisne and the heights of the Chemin des Dames. From present indications it is not unlikely General Foch can drive them back at least that far this time. The elimination of the flanks apparently does away with any hope of capturing any great portion of the German force, as seemed likely two weeks ago.

The Marne salient probably will be blotted out and the German defense in the west seriously weakened. Most important has been the number of German divisions used up in the fighting and which has not ended.

"Desultory fighting" is the way in which Berlin officially described the present situation. The German war office declares that in the fighting of Thursday, which paved the way for the present advance, the allies were repulsed.

Elsewhere on the western front and in Italy and Macedonia there has been no change in the situation. Aerial activity on the British front continues intense. Admiral Von Holtzendorff, who several days ago apologized for the failure of the submarines to stop the flow of American troops to France, has been retired as chief of the German admiralty staff. His place is taken by Admiral Scheer, commander of the battle fleet.

GERMAN LOSSES SAID TO BE HEAVY

French Troops Have at No Point Lost Contact with the Enemy's Rear Guards—Paris Newspapers Think Germans Will Retire to Aisne.

Paris, Aug. 3.—(Havas).—French troops, which are pursuing the Germans between Rheims and Soissons, have lost touch at no point with the rear guards of the enemy. The losses of the Germans are declared to be heavy, according to the Petit Journal.

The newspapers of Paris, commenting upon the importance and significance of the battle, say its result surpasses considerably the highest hopes. The occupation of Soissons has made it certain that the Germans will be obliged to retire to the Aisne as they did in September, 1914, the newspaper says.

CALLS HIS ENEMIES WICKED, UNSCRUPULOUS

Kaiser Declares They Committed an Execrable Crime in Assassinating "My Field Marshal," Von Eichhorn.

Amsterdam, Aug. 3.—In a telegram thanking General Skoropadski, hetman of the Ukraine, for his expression of the sympathy of the Ukrainian people and government over the assassination of Field Marshal Von Eichhorn, Emperor William has telegraphed as follows, according to Berlin advices:

"An execrable crime was committed by cowardly assassins against my field marshal. The unscrupulousness of our enemies, who are at the same time enemies of peace and order in the Ukraine, does not shrink from wicked means to realize their sinister plans. I hope the assassins and their supporters will meet condign punishment."

MANY CAPTURES IN SOISSONS

But Part of German Garrison Escaped by Fleeing Northward

CITY WAS ENTERED AT 5 P. M. FRIDAY

An Hour After the Germans Had Been Driven Out of the Suburbs

Paris, Aug. 3 (Havas).—Many prisoners were taken by the French at Soissons, which was occupied at 5 o'clock Friday evening, one hour after the Germans had been driven from the suburbs. Those of the garrison not captured escaped by fleeing northward.

It seems the enemy did not expect to be chased from Soissons. There were no indications that preparations had been made for retirement and no fires were discovered anywhere.

On the left, Friday, French cavalry and tanks kept in close pursuit of the enemy and inflicted heavy losses.

GERMANS GIVE UP WEST BANK OF ANCRE RIVER

Local Retirement Carried Out Where British Have Been Making Short Steady Advances in the Albert Region.

London, Aug. 3.—The Germans are executing a local retirement to the east banks of the Ancre, in the region of Albert, on a front of three or four miles, according to news received in London to-day.

The German hold on the west bank of the Ancre in this region has been precarious, and it seemed to be tenable only if it were intended to be made use of in the starting of an offensive. The retirement appears to indicate the abandonment of any attempt at an offensive in that quarter at present.

OVER 500 ARRESTS AFTER ASSASSINATION

Martial Law Has Been Proclaimed Throughout the Province of Kiev—German Reinforcements Constantly Arriving.

London, Aug. 3.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich to-day says: "Telegrams from Cracow state that after the assassination of Field Marshal Von Eichhorn in Kiev, more than 500 persons were arrested, including ex-Premier Winniechinska, Secretary Mikuloff and many members of the constitutional democratic party. Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the province of Kiev.

"German reinforcements continually are arriving at Warsaw. "Ten German soldiers have been found murdered in various parts of Kiev and revolts among the Ukrainian peasants continue to be reported.

"The Germans have discovered a plot to overthrow General Skoropadski, the Ukrainian hetman, and make Archduke William, son of the Austrian Archduke Charles, Stephen, king or hetman, of the Ukraine."

MONTPELIER

Don DeColaines Second Assistant Chief of Fire Department.

Don DeColaines has been appointed second assistant chief of the Montpelier fire department, the vacancy being caused by the promotion of V. B. Persons to chief. This fills up the vacancies in the department.

The body of Percy Brown will be taken this afternoon to Waterbury and the funeral will take place from the Methodist church in that village Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gochie, William Douglass and Carrol Gochie, who were injured in the same automobile accident in which Mr. Brown was killed, are making good progress towards recovery. It is feared that Mrs. Brown will not retain the sight of one eye. William Douglass is making the faster progress, and Mrs. Douglass, his mother, hopes to be able to take him home next week.

NO SHORTAGE IN MANPOWER

To Fill Up the American Armies, Says General March

THERE IS NO DANGER AT PRESENT TIME

Senate Military Committee Was Told During Conference

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—There is no present danger of a shortage in manpower to keep the American armies filled up, members of the Senate military committee were told to-day during their weekly conference with General March, chief of staff, at the war department.

PVT. HENRY RIVERS, ST. JOHNSBURY, DEAD

Three Other Vermont Men Were Reported To-Day as Being Severely Wounded, Private R. S. Parker of Chester Being One.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—Private Henry Rivers of St. Johnsbury, Vt., was reported by the war department to-day as killed in action. Three other Vermont soldiers were listed as severely wounded, they being Corporal Edwin H. Bruce, Rutland, Corporal Raymond B. Dickinson, South Shaftsbury, and Private R. S. Parker, Chester.

The New England men on to-day's list were as follows:

- Died of Disease. Pvt. R. E. Perkins, York, Beach, Me. Among Severely Wounded. Corp. Edwin H. Bruce, Rutland, Vt. Corp. Raymond B. Dickinson, South Shaftsbury, Vt. Corp. Joseph M. Gleason, Boston. Pvt. Michael D. Barriata, Providence, R. I. Pvt. Edward E. Hart, Boston. Pvt. R. S. Parker, Chester, Vt. Pvt. Arthur C. Sorel, East Hampton, Mass. Pvt. Walter M. Swornburne, Hartford, Conn. Missing in Action. Lieut. Roland W. Edwards, Arlington, Mass. Killed in Action. Lieut. Charles H. Strambert, Moreville, Mass. Corp. James H. Bissel, Keene, N. H. Corp. Leo A. Desillet, Keene, N. H. Corp. Allen J. Fitzmorris, Skowhegan, Me. Corp. James P. Shaw, New Bedford, Mass. Corp. Lawrence C. Williams, Boston. Mech. Eli Bouley, Nashua, N. H. Pvt. Evan Evans, Cambria, Me. Pvt. Alfred B. Gornel, Boston. Pvt. Grant H. Gordon, Nashua, N. H. Pvt. James Hammond, Springfield, Mass. Pvt. Rosario Riosardi, Milford, N. H. Pvt. Henry Rivers, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Pvt. John Warsoski, New Bedford, Mass. Pvt. Mike Yaps, New Britain, Conn. Died of Wounds. Sgt. Walter Janson, Waltham, Mass. Corp. Crowell G. Fish, West Lynn, Mass. Pvt. Donald A. Henry, Millinocket, Me.

WILSON FAVORS BIG TAX ON WAR PROFITS

Inform House Ways and Means Committee, Which Is Framing New Eight Billion Dollar Revenue Bill.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—President Wilson has let it be known to members of the House ways and means committee, which is framing the new eight billion dollar revenue bill, that he is interested in a heavy tax on war profits. The president has given careful study to the present tax system and also to the English system, which imposes a flat tax of 80 per cent on such profits.

BECOMES A LIEUTENANT.

Rev. Chauncey A. Adams, Formerly of Danville.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 3.—Rev. Chauncey A. Adams, who resigned the pastorate of the Congregational church of Danville to enter the American army and navy field service, has been made chaplain of an American regiment with the rank of first lieutenant. Mr. Adams went across in May, 1917, and was an ambulance driver for a year. For the past few months he has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work. He is the son-in-law of Mrs. Henry Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, and his family has been in St. Johnsbury since he went overseas.

DIED AT BELFAST, ME.

Robert Thompson, Unionist Member of Parliament.

Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 3.—Robert Thompson, Unionist member of Parliament for the north division of Belfast, died here to-day.

OPEN HEADQUARTERS FOR LABOR RECRUITING

Office in the Morse Building in Barre Has Been Fitted Up for Government Service.

Barre is now one of the four centers in Vermont for recruiting skilled and unskilled labor. The other bureaus are located in Burlington, Rutland and Bellows Falls. Locally, the department of labor, which has organized the entire United States into districts with a view to making the labor program during the war more effective, has established its agency in the middle apartment of the Morse building on North Main street. George N. Tilden, who recently resigned as a member of the Washington county local board, has been appointed chief examiner, and the assistant examiner is Miss Margaret Roberts.

Barre is the headquarters of a district which embraces considerable territory in this section of central Vermont, and the seat of the employment office will remain here indefinitely. The biggest problem of the department is to create maximum production of ships, food, munitions and all materials necessary for our army at home and overseas. This means the "right man for the right job" in every single unit of activity on the part of the industrial army of the United States. The labor turnover since our entry into the war has been enormous, and in establishing 20,000 labor recruiting bureaus throughout the country the department of labor aims at the maximum efficiency in disposing of labor where it is most needed.

Hereafter persons seeking employment in essential as well as non-essential manufacturing are expected to apply through their local employment bureau. The bureau has on file calls for help from industries all over the country, and in turn is ready to file applications for work of any kind. The bureaus are closely connected, and the man seeking work will find it very much to his advantage to leave his name and a record of his qualifications at the local office.

Among a number of interesting and informing features of the new service is the following: Non-war industries should not offer superior inducements or in any other way undertake to compete with the government for labor needed. The requirement that unskilled labor must be recruited through the sole agency of the United States employment service does not at present apply in the following five cases: Labor which is not directly or indirectly solicited; labor for the railroads; farm labor (to be recruited in accordance with existing arrangement with the department of agriculture); labor for non-war work; labor for establishments whose maximum force does not exceed 100.

None of the rules operates to the elimination of individuals who are seeking work of any kind. For instance at the local office this morning a bulletin from the Burlington office referred to concerns needing stenographers, stewards, cooks, gardeners, etc. The Barre office is to remain open daily. Persons wishing to confer with the examiner or his assistant may call the office by telephone.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Lena Giletti of Blackwell street is at the City hospital for treatment.

John A. Cross and M. W. Cross of Northfield were business visitors in the city yesterday.

Atty. W. E. C. Stickey of Rutland is registered at Hotel Barre while transacting business at the capital.

William Murray of Kingston, N. Y., arrived in the city last evening to spend a few days. Mr. Murray is a former resident of this city.

Mrs. Thomas Hyland of Burlington arrived in the city this forenoon from Burlington, to spend a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Orrin Hughes of Washington street.

Alden Burke and Clarence Burke of Summer street left the city this forenoon by automobile for Burlington, where they will spend the week-end visiting with friends.

Manager William Rees of the Homer Fitts store returned to the city last evening, after spending a business visit of the last few days in the Boston and New York markets.

John O'Keefe of Upland avenue left the city this forenoon for Burlington, where he will spend a two weeks' vacation from his duties at the Homer Fitts store, camping at Queen City park.

Mrs. Joseph Movalli and children, Miss Laura Movalli and Amerigo Movalli of Howard street, left the city this forenoon for Buffalo, N. Y., where they will join Mr. Movalli, who is employed there. They expect to take up their residence in Buffalo.

Guy Smith, who has been visiting in the city during the past few days, returned this forenoon by automobile to Woodsville, N. H., where he is employed as a night clerk at one of the Woodsville hotels. Mr. Smith was a member of the 1918 graduating class of Spaulding high school.

G. A. Bemis, city hall janitor, is exhibiting a whale's tooth recently presented him by a seafaring friend. The tooth has a saw edge capable of making an impression on granite. It is heavier than stone, and after the enamel has been penetrated it is found that the interior composition resembles hornblend or other hard rock substances.

U-BOAT AT WORK OFF MAINE COAST

Four-Masted Schooner Was Sunk by the Enemy Last Night

CREW OF NINE MEN WERE LANDED TO-DAY

Attack Was Made Between Briar Island and Grand Manan, N. B.

Eastport, Me., Aug. 3.—The crew of nine men from a lumber-laden four-masted schooner were landed at Grand Manan, N. B., to-day. They reported that their vessel was sunk by a submarine last night between Briar Island and Grand Manan.

Grand Manan island is eight miles east of the eastern extremity of Maine, and Briar Island, N. S., is 35 miles southeast of Grand Manan on the eastern side of the bay of Fundy.

The schooner was bound from St. John, N. B., for a port to the westward. The crew escaped in one of the boats and landed at the life-saving station on Grand Manan Island. The name of the schooner and details of the sinking were withheld.

The submarine was lurking at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy, through which shipping from St. John, N. B., arrives in the open sea. The mouth of the bay, which extends between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, is 40 miles wide, but the passage, which is deep, also is comparatively narrow. Submerged ledges extend far into the bay from either coast and the channel is a dangerous one for skippers to whom it is not thoroughly known.

SUNK IN BAY OF FUNDY

According to Report Received by Naval Authorities in Boston.

Boston, Aug. 3.—Naval authorities here received word of the sinking of a schooner by a submarine in the Bay of Fundy last night, but withheld details. It is understood here that the schooner was owned in St. John, N. B. Grand Manan is 20 miles from Eastport.

SET FIRE TO VESSEL

After Removing a Quantity of Provisions from the Boat.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—After removing a quantity of provisions from an American lumber-laden schooner near the Maine coast last night, the crew of a German submarine set fire to the vessel, the navy department was informed to-day. The name of the schooner was not given.

DEATH OF PLAINFIELD WOMAN.

Mrs. Clinton Bartlett Had Been in Failing Health for Some Time.

Mrs. Mand L. Bartlett, wife of Clinton Bartlett of Plainfield, passed away suddenly in Waterbury soon after noon Friday, the end following a long period of failing health. The deceased is survived by her husband, to whom she was married around eighteen years ago; by her sister, Mrs. Gay, and by her mother, Mrs. Julia Austin, both of whom reside in Grandville, Me. Mrs. Bartlett was born Mand Lydia Austin, in 1878. Until her marriage she lived in Morrillville, although latterly she had made her home in Plainfield.

The funeral will be held at her home in Plainfield Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MILITARY HONORS.

Were Paid by Meriden, Conn., to Leroy Chester Higginson.

Meriden, Conn., Aug. 3.—Military honors were paid by the city of Meriden to-day to the memory of Leroy Chester Higginson, first class carpenter mate who died at Queenstown, Ireland, on June 17, and whose body was buried there. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Higginson. At the funeral the state guard, city and town officials, police and fire departments were represented. The bearers were from the naval reserves at New Haven.

FIRE AT BRISTOL, CONN.

Caused Loss in the Vicinity of Six Thousand Dollars.

Bristol, Conn., Aug. 3.—An early morning fire destroyed the Gaylord homestead on Burlington street. The tenants, Albert Newcity and John Murgel, employed by C. E. Gaylord, the owner, lost effects valued at \$1,800. The house was worth \$4,000.

One-Half Pound Sugar a Person.

Beginning Monday, one-half pound sugar per person will be sold on sugar cards in Barre.

Miss Pitkin, district nurse, is taking a much needed rest of two weeks, beginning Aug. 1. The committee of the civic department of the Woman's club has secured the services of Mrs. Katharine McDonald. Any of the doctors or citizens knowing of any patients needing the services of the district nurse can telephone Mrs. W. F. Shepard or Mrs. W. H. Richardson. Mrs. McDonald's address is 70 Washington street. Telephone 718-11.