

French and British attack and all observers believe that the Germans will retreat to a wide scale probably to positions far back of what was known as the Hindenburg line.

ZIGZAG ACTIONS WIN FOR BRITISH Varying Pressure Forces Enemy to Retire.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 19.—In response to pressure applied first at one and then at another part of the line, the Germans opposite the British on several portions of the front continue to give ground.

The German troops which have been encountered in the last few days, especially during the operations of last night in which Outerterren Ridge was captured and consolidated, seem to have lost great part of their fighting efficiency. They appear ready to retreat, apparently wanting to be pushed a little, because in pushing operations they may be afforded an opportunity to get in their deadly work with machine guns.

ADVANCE THREATENS ENEMY'S RETREAT

German at Noyon Have Narrow Path for Flight.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 19.—In brilliant local operations carried out by Gen. Mangin's troops from the Oise River near Ribecourt to the north, northeast and Sunday important positions were wrested from the Germans who left 2,200 prisoners in the hands of the Allies.

PERSHING HONORS SEVEN WITH CROSS

Three Officers and Four Men Rewarded.

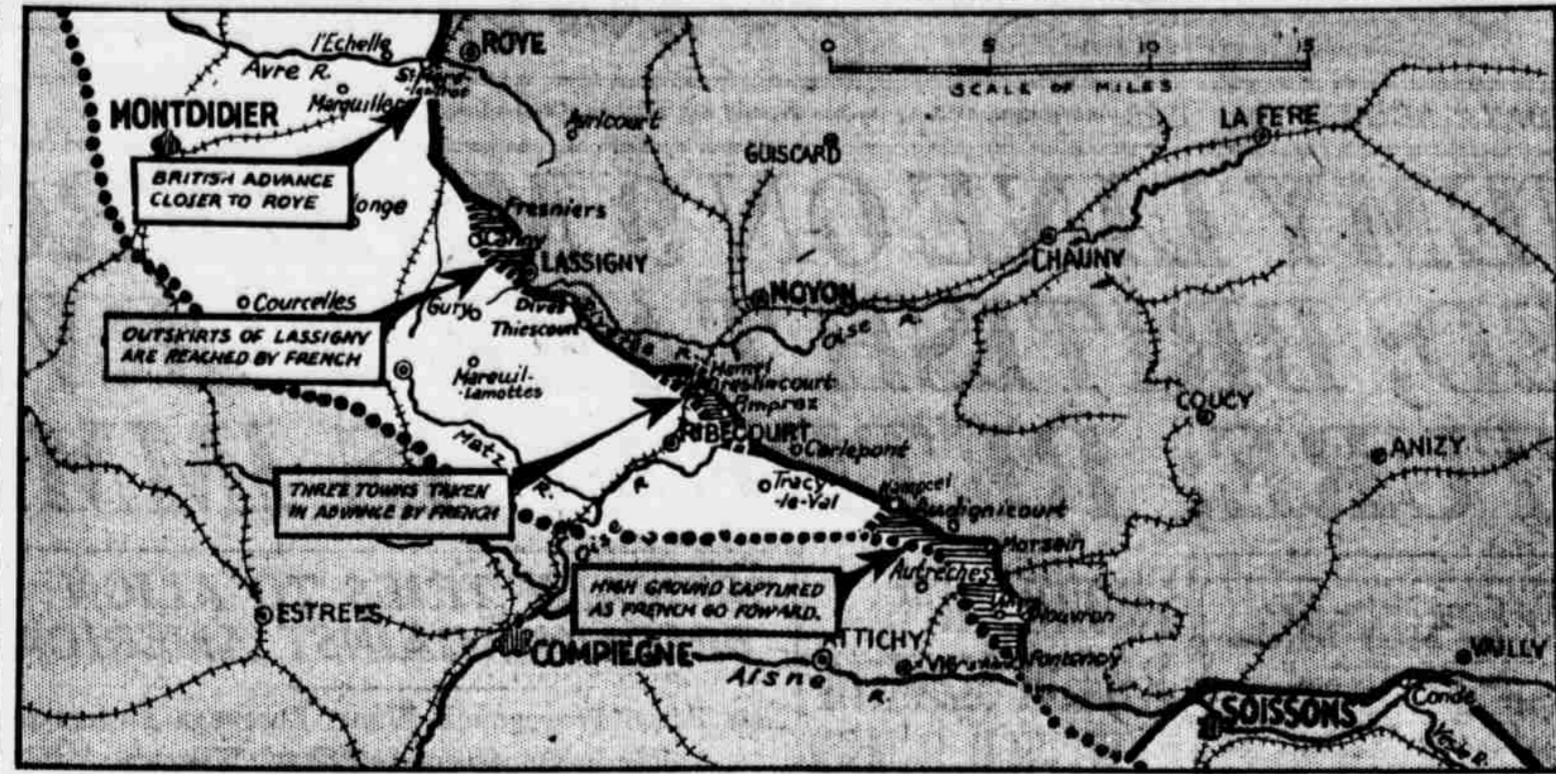
WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to three officers and four men for gallant conduct at the front was announced today in Gen. Pershing's report for Sunday, which follows:

FRENCH PRESS ON IN PICARDY SECTOR

Take One of Key Positions to Lassigny.

By GERALD CAMPBELL. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun from the London Times Service. Copyright, 1918, all rights reserved. WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, Aug. 19.—Except for a more or less intermittent artillery bombardment there was a Sabbath stillness over the front yesterday. As a rule lately these temporary lulls have been preludes to increased activity on a big scale.

Where Marshal Foch Links Tigher the Somme and Aisne Fronts



CONTINUING his operations begun last Saturday, Marshal Foch launched yesterday a new offensive between the Oise and the Aisne rivers on a nine mile front and penetrated the German lines for a maximum depth of two miles. By this operation the French captured several strategic positions which will be valuable in causing a further German retreat. The advance of yesterday is part of the welding operations bringing the Somme and Aisne fronts into closer union and effectually seals the two against a German advance where the armies join.

ENEMY FIGHTS FOR TIME TO RETREAT

Desire to Conserve Man Power Reason for Retirements in Flanders.

By H. SIDEBOTHAM. One of the foremost military critics of Europe. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun from the London Times Service. Copyright, 1918, all rights reserved. LONDON, Aug. 19.—We have certain facts to build on in connection with the Germans in the west. We know they have been defeated badly in recent battles and that they are running short of man power. The rest is merely conjectural, and while our inferences may be more or less plausible they are fallible.

OFFICIAL REPORTS OF THE BATTLES.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The official statements of to-day on the fighting on the western front follow: FRENCH (NIGHT)—Between the Matz and the Oise we continued to make progress during the day. Our troops, in spite of stubborn resistance by the enemy, have captured Fresnières and reached the western outskirts of Lassigny.

4 MORE SHIPS WITH U. S. MEN IN SIBERIA

Continued from First Page. stating that Russia's position is alarming.

NEW GERMAN POLICY IN RUSSIA IS SHOWN

Capture of Kronstadt Is Move to Dominate. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. Copyright, 1918, all rights reserved.

WILSON UPHOLDS SENTENCE

Lieut. Frank Must Serve Prison Term—Clemency for Capt. Tiffany. WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Sentence of imprisonment at hard labor imposed by court-martial upon Lieut. Milo A. Frank at Camp Sheridan, Ala., has been approved by President Wilson.

PHILIPPINES FEEL GASOLINE SHORTAGE

Price Reaches \$2 a Gallon, Hampering Plants. MANILA, P. I., Aug. 19.—The gasoline shortage in the Philippines has become acute and it is not for sale in the islands except on contracts, which also are jeopardized by the arrival of shipments from America.

PRO-GERMANS TALK CIVIL WAR IN SPAIN

Threat Shows Fear of Rupture—Note Is Denied. By The Associated Press. MADRID, Aug. 19 (delayed).—Germanophile newspapers, such as the A. B. C. de los Tribuna and the Nation, in commenting upon the note from Spain to Germany, the text of which is unknown, publish articles reflecting a threat of civil war in case of a rupture in relations with Germany.

U-BOAT SINKS NORSE BARK

Makes Attack Off Virginia Capes—Crew Saved. WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The Norwegian bark Nordway was sunk by a German submarine 125 miles off the Virginia Capes Saturday noon. Her crew of twenty-six escaped in small boats and have been brought into an Atlantic port by an American warship.

STEAMSHIP PROTEUS SUNK BY COLLISION

Crew Rescued Off Hatteras by Other Vessel. WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The merchant steamship Proteus, of 3,000 tons, was sunk last night in a collision with another steamship about thirty miles southwest of Diamond Shoals, off Cape Hatteras, N. C., the Navy Department was informed today.

CAPT. BIDDLE WINS AIR FIGHT

Kills Observer and Wounds Pilot but Gets Machine Intact. WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Capt. Charles J. Biddle of Andalusia, Pa., was the American aviator who brought down a German airplane in the Lorraine, mentioned in Gen. Pershing's official communique August 17. Additional details are contained in section B of the communique for that day, made public today. It follows:

U. S. FLIERS DOWNED 76 PLANES TO AUG. 1

First Pursuit Group Report Shows 58 Aviators Got One to Five Each.

RAOUL LUFFBERY HAD 17 Campbell, Rickenbacher, MacArthur and O'Neill Scored Five Apiece.

By The Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 19.—Statistics covering the activities of the first American pursuit group of aviators up to August 1, comprising only four of the American squadrons now in operation, show in a striking way the strides made by American aviators since the United States entered the war.

ALLIES BAG 11 MORE AIRCRAFT IN WEST

French Shoot Down Two on Macedonian Front.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Bad flying weather restricted aerial operations on the western front yesterday and only nine German machines were reported destroyed.

COAST PATROL WORK

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GERMANS PRESS FOR PEACE OFFENSIVE

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A SUIT OF CLOTHES COSTS \$400 IN VIENNA

Thieving Is Rampant—Ironworkers Drink Champagne.

VIENNA, Aug. 19.—Public insecurity is greatly increased in Vienna because of the war, according to a traveler just returned here from the Austrian capital.

ATLANTIC CABLE CUT BY U-BOAT CREW

Continued from First Page. been operating recently are described in official circles as of the cruiser type, similar to the modern submarines of other navies.

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN PRINCES

Selected for Poland, Finland and Lithuania.

WILLIAM HOLDS SWAY

"Solution" of Vexed International Questions Greeted Coldly by the Press.

GERMAN PICK KINGS FOR THREE STATES

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. Copyright, 1918, all rights reserved. LONDON, Aug. 19.—One outcome of the conference of the two Teutonic emperors at general headquarters, according to dispatches from Holland and Switzerland, is that Poland, Finland and Lithuania are to have German or Austrian kings.

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