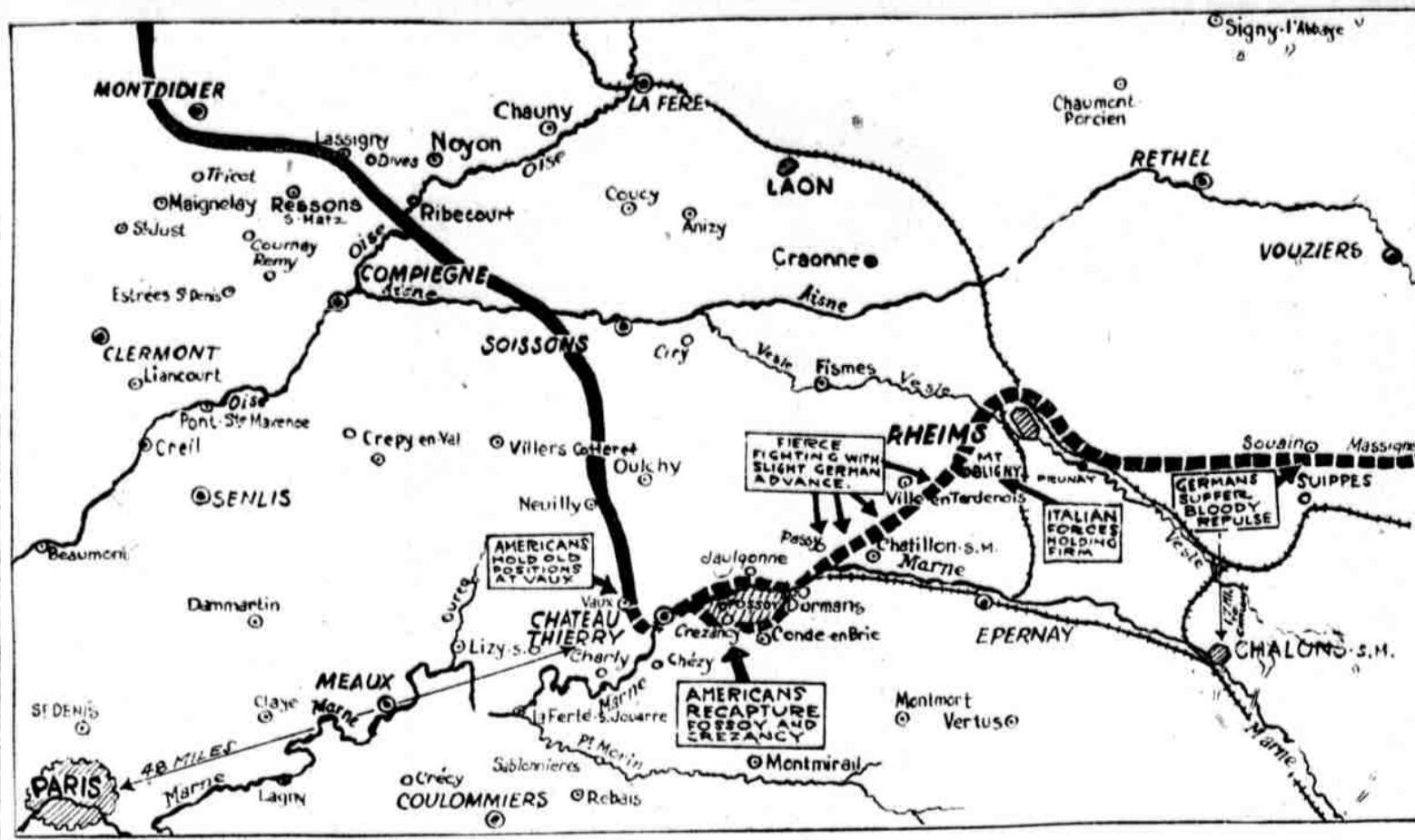


GERMANS CHECKED NEAR STARTING POINTS ALL ALONG BATTLELINE



From Vaux to Massiges, along a fighting front of sixty-five miles, the Teuton advance has been held. At their point of greatest penetration, between Dormans and Chateau-Thierry, the Americans have reacted heroically, recapturing the towns of Fossey and Crezancy.

CRUSHING OF FRENCH, AMERICANS HURL ENEMY BACK ACROSS MARNE; CAPTURE 1500

Paris Military Men View Drive as Germany's Supreme Effort

Official reports on the new German offensive and the part played by American troops in holding up the enemy on the first day began to reach the War Department early today from General Pershing and Bliss.

The fifth phase of the German offensive, which began early yesterday in an attack on a sixty-five-mile front extending from Chateau-Thierry eastward beyond Rheims, appears to be a supreme effort to break through and defeat as large a portion of the French army as possible, without any definite geographical objective.

The morning papers are devotedly optimistic and express satisfaction with the result so far. They are puzzled, however, as to whether yesterday's battle was the main attack, so far as has been learned, no British have yet participated in the drive.

The fighting was almost continuous throughout the day, but toward evening the Germans—thoroughly whipped by the time being—called off their infantry and settled down to an artillery duel that was a battle of some magnitude.

The counter-attack was resumed after a brief pause. This time the enemy assault was conducted with an almost unbelievable ferocity. The boches were caught up in the cyclonic rush and great numbers of them were hurled bodily into the river.

Co-operation of the American artillerymen and machine gunners was perfect. The gunners, firing from far in the rear, dropped shells on the enemy's pontoons with the greatest accuracy. When the boches reached the river bank they were compelled to plunge in and many of them were drowned.

Following the German retreat, the Americans pressed forward. Their advance was irresistible. They drove the Germans back more than two kilometers (a mile and a quarter) before there was any slackening of the attack.

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Amsterdam, July 16.—Attempts to enlighten the German rank and file on the American front by the distribution of informative printed matter by American aviators or by French balloons and guns has aroused apprehensions in the Pan-German press which are poorly concealed.

German Offensive Proves Big Failure

Continued from Page One. ing, while of the utmost violence, was unfruitful, and the enemy during the last day and night has not been able to penetrate the French zone of defense.

U. S. HAS HUGE PART IN GREAT BATTLE

American troops are participating on a huge scale in their first battle of great importance. Soldiers of the United States are holding a surprisingly large portion of the line along which the German borders are endeavoring to break through to Paris.

ATTACK ON MARNE MADE BY 490,000 MEN

London, July 16.—(By I. N. S.)—Thirty-five divisions (490,000 men) were employed by the Germans in their attack on the Marne River, it was learned here today.

RICH BREWER DROWNS

Henry Roth, Brooklyn, Dies at Neponset Beach. New York, July 16.—Henry Roth, sixty-six years old, treasurer of the Welz & Zerweck Brewing Company, was drowned while in bathing less than 200 feet from his summer home at Neponset, Queens Borough.

Puts Ban on Slot Machines

Chief of Police Charles J. Van Meter, Gloucester City, yesterday notified every storekeeper in that city to eliminate the use of the small slot machines.

Charge From Cable

Washington, July 16 (By I. N. S.)—Ensign Edward L. Houtz, U. S. N., of Salt Lake City, has been commended for bravery by Secretary Daniels in following up a cable to which a depth charge was fastened in the lazaretto and rolling around in a heavy sea, it was announced today.

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Yankees Drive Foe Back Across Marne

Continued from Page One. Chateau-Thierry was preceded by intense artillery bombardment, beginning at midnight. It was predicted in these dispatches ten days ago that the offensive might start on July 14.

An hour after midnight the whole countryside caught up with the flare from thousands of cannon in action. Not only did the enemy heavily bombard the front line, but, evidently using a new long-range gun, he shelled points twenty, twenty-five and thirty miles behind the line.

By noon the Germans had crossed the Marne where the river makes a salient northwestward, and had advanced three and one-half kilometers (two miles). This was held partly by Americans and partly by French troops.

The salient was exposed to fire from three sides. From midnight till 7 o'clock in the morning the German gunners poured thousands upon thousands of their explosive and gas shells into the area, putting down heavy barrages for the purpose of hindering the bringing up of reinforcements.

Three times the American guns balked the enemy's efforts, but finally he was successful, and soon his troops were making their costly way across the bridges.

CZECHS TO SPEED WEST TO IRKUTSK

Vladivostok Army Seeks to Use Chinese Rail Route Across Manchuria

General Horvath, London, July 16. Vladivostok, July 13, has expressed willingness to facilitate the movement of Czechoslovak troops toward the Franco-Balkan region over the Chinese Eastern railway.

The Czechs propose to immediately attempt to reach Irkutsk, with a view to resuming communication with their compatriots in western Siberia, and will formally ask the Chinese government for permission to traverse Manchuria.

There are indications, the dispatch adds, that some of the Austrian prisoners in Siberia are anxious to join the ranks of the Czechs.

ASKS WILSON TO SEND RUSSIAN COMMISSION

Appointment of an American commission to make a thorough investigation of actual conditions in Russia was today urged upon President Wilson.

The American commission was proposed by the Senate committee chairman because of what he said, are conflicting reports regarding military, economic, political and social conditions in Russia. His opinion to the President was that it is most desirable, as soon as possible, to locate the actual conditions in Russia in all phases.

SMALL U. S. FORCE LANDED AT MURMANSK

The United States force ashore with the Allies on the Murmansk coast is a small landing body of about 1,000 men, according to the State Department today.

Further east the French reports indicate that Franco-Italian forces are holding stubbornly along the line generally about two miles back of their original positions.

Officers here are inclined to look upon the fighting east of Rheims as more a diversion than as a real attack, with little doubt it would have been pressed had it met with success; but its real purpose is thought to have been to draw French reserves in that direction while the line from Rheims to the Marne was being broken.

The fact that the battle is going forward with increased intensity, the German reports indicate that fresh German reserves were rushed up to this front during the night in the effort to overcome the check American forces.

YANKEE TROOPS ANNIHILATE ONE GERMAN DIVISION With French and Italian Forces Help Cut Up Three Others

Paris, July 16.—(By I. N. S.)—Terrific losses were inflicted on the German offensive on the Marne-Champagne front, which began yesterday morning.

Between Dormans, on the Marne River and Rheims, the Franco-Italian forces lost only 500 yards at the greatest depth, but they immediately launched a series of savage counter-assaults, and at latest reports were retreating all they had been compelled to give up.

The Americans fought with the valor of the Spartans, as declared Colonel De Thomassin. He added that the German journalist would ever regret the snobbish sneers at the Americans' fighting qualities.

Advertisement for Cinco cigars, featuring the text 'Cinco contains more Havana tobacco than any other cigar at anywhere near the price.' and 'STICK TO Cinco - IT'S SAFE'.

Advertisement for Bonwit Teller & Co. Pre-Inventory Sale, listing various clothing items and their prices.