

THRILLS ALLIES STRIKE
Washington Views Drive Now Aisne as Foch's Shift to Offensive

SOLDIERS ENGAGED

French on Left of Front Sweep That Imperils Enemy's Front

By the Associated Press
Washington, July 18.—Word that French and Americans were attacking the Germans on a twenty-five-mile front below the Aisne sent a wave of enthusiasm through the War Department today, when the first bulletin came in. Every official accepted it as proof that the long days of purely defensive operations are ended, and that General Foch, largely because of the million American soldiers, that have reached Germany, now is able to use aggressive tactics.

8500 STATE RESERVE POLICE

Many Others Will Be Commissioned for Emergency Service

By the Associated Press
Sarasburg, July 18.—Nearly 8500 men have been commissioned as members of the state reserve police for service during the war. More than half of the commissionees have their names on the list of the state reserve police. The appointments were approved by the State Council on National Defense. The appointments will probably be acted upon by the Governor this month.

American Troops Hit Back for the Honor of Old Glory

Paris, July 18.—"We regret being unable on this occasion to follow the counsels of our masters, the French, but the American flag has been forced to retire. This is undurable and none of our soldiers would understand their not being asked to do whatever is necessary to re-establish a situation which is humiliating to us and unacceptable to our country's honor. We are going to counter-attack."

BIG ALLIED DRIVE THREATENS TO FORCE GERMAN RETREAT

By the Associated Press
General Foch, the Allied commander-in-chief, has taken the aggressive on an important scale, attacking this morning on a twenty-five-mile front between the Aisne and the Marne—the westerly side of the Germans' Marne salient.

The attack appears to be a significant counter-stroke to the German drive along the Marne-Rheims-Champagne front. From various sources come reports that the battle is progressing favorably to the Allied forces, which include American troops.

The front of the attack runs from Fontenoy, six miles west of Soissons, to the town of Belleau, on the Clignon River. The main fact officially stated is that at various points along this front progress of from a mile and a half to two miles has been made and that prisoners have been taken.

Behind the Allied lines is the forest of Villers-Coterets with a network of strategic wagon roads and three railway lines. In front of them there is an important railroad line running southward from Soissons to Chateau-Thierry, presumably used as a supply artery for a large proportion of the enemy troops along the Marne River. This railway was about four miles from the Allied front when the attack was started today.

If the attack of the Allies is what it appears to be, it is a serious threat to the whole German position south of the Aisne. Rapid progress by the Allies to the eastward would compel the abandonment of the German offensive, which is now apparently directed toward Epernay, to the south of Rheims mountain. It might, if successful, even bring about a German retreat from the whole Soissons-Marne-Rheims salient, with potential disastrous results to the enemy in the loss of men, guns and material.

ALLIES FOIL ENEMY DRIVE AGAINST SECTOR OF RHEIMS

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forty-five German divisions (520,000 men) are being used on the entire front. American aviators have brought down another plane, raising their bag to seven.

By the United Press
Paris, July 18.—The French War Office last night issued the following statement:

The battle continued today with stubbornness along the whole front. West of Rheims, despite the efforts of the enemy, we were able to make further advances. Our troops by their heroic resistance and incessant counter-attacks checked, with alternative advance and retirement, the thrust of the enemy.

South of the Marne the fighting proceeded along the wooded slopes north of St. Agnan and La Chapelle-Monthodon. Very spirited actions north of Combligny and Fosseux enabled us to hold the enemy on the southern outskirts of Bouquigny and Chataignères. East of Rheims the Germans succeeded in regaining a footing in Montvoin.

Between the Marne and Rheims the battle continued north of Reuilly and in the Bois du Bol, which the Germans penetrated and which our troops defended foot by foot.

The forest of Courton likewise was the theatre of violent engagements. The enemy holds the line west of Narbonne-la-Fosse (three miles southeast of Marfaux).

Pourcy (about a mile southeast of Marfaux) the objective of powerful attacks, several times renewed, could not be reached by the Germans. A brilliant counter-attack by the Italian troops west of this village drove back the enemy into the Ardre Valley. Numerous enemy dead before our lines testify to the heavy losses suffered by our adversaries. The situation is without change in the sector of Vignay and southwest of Rheims.

East of Rheims we broke up an attack between Beaumont-sur-Venise and Sillery. Our positions remain intact along the whole Champagne front.

ALLIES SUSTAIN SHOCK WITHOUT USING RESERVE

London, July 18.—A semi-official report from Paris reads:

While the enemy losses were frightful ours were quite light, especially east of Rheims. If we were allowed to state the figure, it would be most reassuring. Whereas, during the previous offensive we had to send for reinforcements from other parts of the front, this time those on the spot sufficed to sustain the shock. This is partly due to the constant arrival of Americans, which reduces the unequal proportion of the forces.

GERMANS PUSH 3 MILES DOWN VALLEY OF MARNE

London, July 18.—Dispatches received in London say that at only one point did the Germans succeed in advancing yesterday, and then at enormous cost. The dispatches assert that at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, after two unsuccessful attempts, the Germans, on a front of six miles, pushed into the French lines to a depth of one and a half miles at its deepest point at the Montagne de Rheims.

Forces of the German Crown Prince

By the Associated Press
With the French Forces in France, July 18.

The Germans have been throwing their utmost efforts northward of the Marne in the direction of Manteuil-la-Fosse, which fell momentarily into their hands, but shortly afterward was retaken by the French in a brilliant counter-attack. The situation is generally regarded as excellent for the Allies, who, instead of having to meet an offensive on a grand scale, now are being forced to ward off only local attacks.

South of the Marne numerous German attacks were repulsed, while the Allies in counter-attacks regained some ground north of St. Agnan.

Among the Allied soldiers the feeling prevails that they have regained the ascendancy over the enemy, and they go forward with the greatest confidence when ordered to carry out counter-attacks, even when their numbers are con-

GERMANS NOW CENTER EFFORTS ON RHEIMS

May Possibly Compel French to Evacuate City, Says Maurice, but Loss Would Not Be of Vital Importance

By MAJ. GEN. MAURICE
Former Director of Military Operations of British Army

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger
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London, July 18.

During the last twenty-four hours the enemy has been making desperate attempts to recover from their first checks and have evidently thrown more troops into the battle, which is all to the good, as the gains they have made with the help of these additional forces have not changed the situation materially and the German reserves are by so much reduced.

The Crown Prince has evidently abandoned for the present, any idea of attempting a drive forward on the whole front of attack and is now endeavoring to exploit such successes as he has gained at points well forward to a secondary objective. Attempting to encircle Rheims by pushing along the Marne valley toward Epernay, the German forces are being held by French military officials thus summed up the situation today:

"This is the first time an attack of such weight has collapsed so quickly," he declared.

French and American hammer blows have crashed into the enemy lines at every point since the objective began to be reached during the night. The Germans had started an attack on the line Fosseux to Combligny, but were driven back sixteen miles, along the Marne. This battle takes in some of the ground recaptured by the French and French counter-attacks earlier in the week.

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On the eastern portion of the battlefield he is still making very little progress.

PERSHING WIRES HOPE LT. ROOSEVELT IS SAFE

Message to Colonel Expresses Possibility That Quentin Landed Uninjured

By the Associated Press
New York, July 18.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, just before leaving the city for Saratoga, N. Y., to attend the Republican State Convention today, received a cablegram from General Pershing, in which the American commander expressed the hope that Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, the Colonel's son, reported killed in an aerial battle in France, may have landed safely.

The cablegram read:

"Regret very much that your son, Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, reported as missing. On July 14, with a patrol of twelve planes, he left on a mission of protecting photographs. Seven enemy planes were sighted and attacked, after which enemy planes returned and our planes broke off combat, returning to their base. Lieutenant Roosevelt did not return. A member of the squadron reports seeing one of our planes fall out of the combat and into the clouds, and the French report an American plane was seen descending.

I hope he may have landed safely. Will advise you immediately on receipt of further information.

PERSHING
Colonel Roosevelt in reply cabled the following message:

"We are deeply grateful for your thoughtful kindness and we will never forget it."

Colonel Roosevelt's attitude seemed more hopeful than upon receipt last night of word sent from Paris by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., stating reports of Quentin's death were "absolutely unconfirmed" there.

The former President, after remaining overnight at a New York hotel, left at 8:25 o'clock for Saratoga.

GOLD STAR PLACED IN OYSTER BAY FLAG

By the Associated Press
Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 18.

A ray of hope that Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt may not have fallen to his death in a combat with a squadron of German airplanes, was brought to Colonel Roosevelt and his wife last night in a cable message sent from Paris by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., in which she said the report was "absolutely unconfirmed" there. The former

FOE MAIL PLANE FALLS

Two Occupants of Machine Are Killed in 2000-Foot Drop
By the Associated Press
Amsterdam, July 18.—A biplane carrying mails between Budapest and Vienna fell from an altitude of 2000 feet, according to advice received here. The two occupants of the machine were killed.

City Has \$3,694,696 in Cash
City Treasurer Shover's report for the last week shows \$448,240.05 was paid into the city and \$1,293,150.45 was paid out, leaving a balance on hand, not including the sinking fund account, of \$2,891,696.40.

Boy and Rescuer Drowned
Bloomsburg, Pa., July 18.—Attempting to save sixteen-year-old Ralph Longenberger, son of Miles Longenberger, of Beaver Valley, from drowning in Catawissa Creek, Jesse Lynn, aged twenty-five and married, was caught around the neck by the youth and both were drowned while fellow workmen stood on the creek bank afraid to go to Lynn's aid. Both were employed by the Tidewater Pipe Line Company.

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By the United Press
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