

JAPAN'S ADVANCE HURLS REDS BACK

Reconnoitering patrols of British troops entering Bapaume, according to reports received here. It is reported that British outposts have reached the fringe of Bullecourt, which lies seven miles northeast of Bapaume.

Soviets Retire in Siberia as Allies Concentrate on East Front

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HAIG'S TROOPS SMASH COUNTER-ATTACKS

With the British Forces in France, Aug. 26.—There also of the river Somme the activity of the British yesterday took ground. In the counter-attacks and got back a slight portion of their losses.

U. S. TROOPS DEFEAT CHINESE BANDITS

Vladivostok, Aug. 26.—American forces which have been landed here are finding that the assembling plant of the big American Normandy works in the outskirts of the city. They chose this which requires much renovation.

AUSTRIANS HAVE BEEN IN WEST FOR MONTHS

Paris, Aug. 26.—(Havas Agency).—The appearance of Austro-Hungarian troops on the western front did not surprise the newspapers, which were waiting for the appearance of the Austrians behind the German lines was actually known for several days.

Ally Victories Only Beginning

Decision has been confirmed by the repeated Allied successes and by gathering difficulties on the field, and in this conservative military view, we have been hurrying a retreat.

LENINE AT KRONSTADT, REPORTS PERSISTING

Washington, Aug. 26.—Nearly all the Bolshevik leaders have left Petrograd and are now in Kronstadt, according to information reaching the State Department.

BELGIANS CRUSH FIVE ATTACKS

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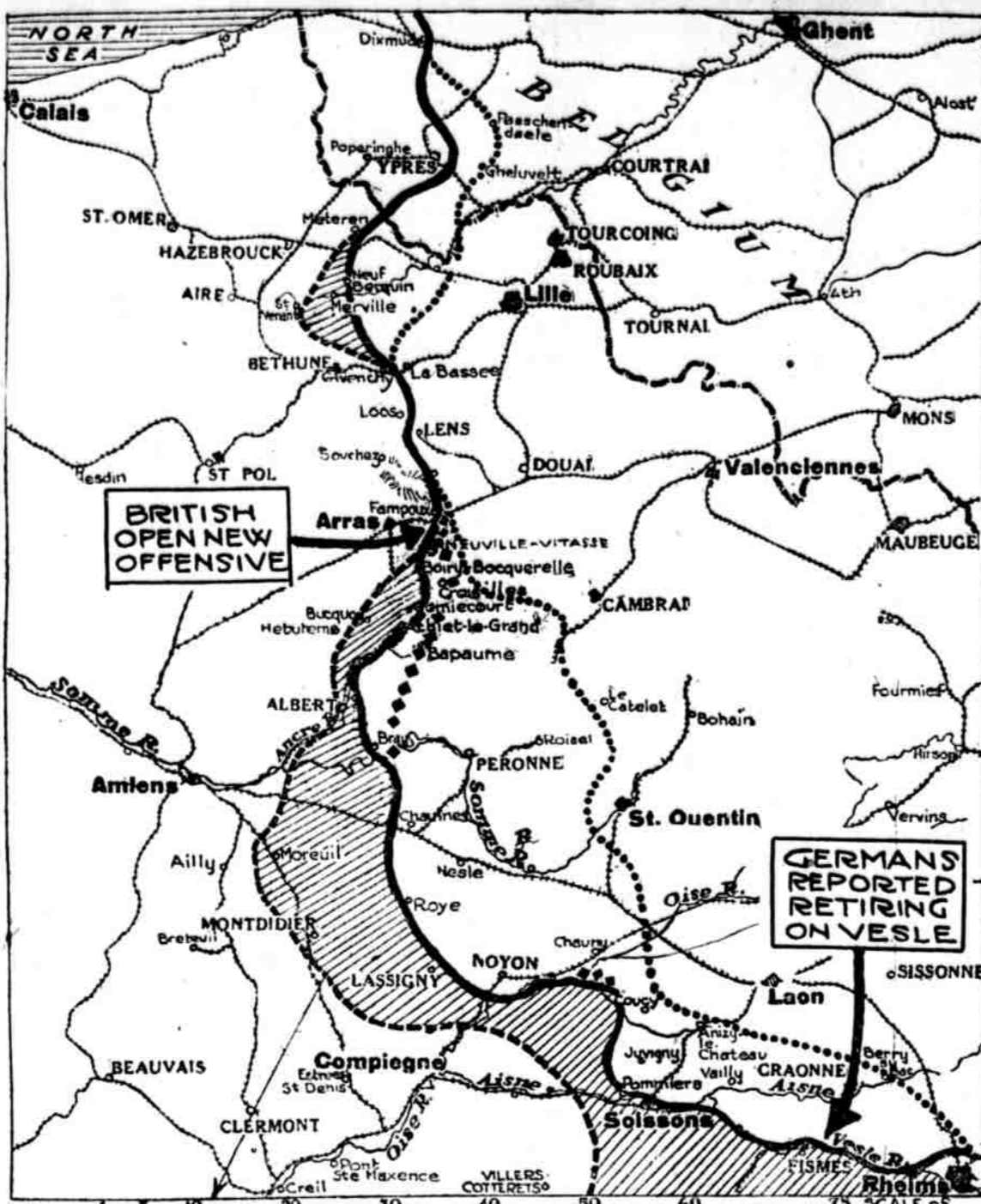
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SCENE OF GREAT WAR DRAMA IN FRANCE



The shaded portion of the above map represents the terrain retaken by General Foch in his series of offensive operations. Southeast of Arras the British are attacking again today and have advanced two miles on a narrow front. Here they are facing the Germans on the old Hindenburg line.

FIND GERMAN ARMS HID IN ITALIAN VILLA

Strange and significant discoveries have just been made at a sumptuous villa overlooking the famous battlefield of Mentana. The villa was constructed about a decade ago, according to the designs of the Dresden magnate, Heinrich Karbeck, who himself superintended the dwelling for a time till the exigencies of war hurried him back to the Fatherland.

LODGE PEACE SPEECH AROUSES ENEMY PRESS

Senator Lodge's statement of our war aims expressed the sentiment of our officers and soldiers now in France. The general feeling in these circles is that unity and efficiency would be promoted by the Republicans adopting a strong policy and leadership.

SOLDIERS WANT T. R. ACTIVE IN THE WAR

At the front I heard many calls for Theodore Roosevelt's more active participation in war affairs. Men who are doing such work as falls to the lot of our soldiers need all the inspiration that can be given.

GERMAN WAITS ON ALFONSO

Spanish King Declines Interview. Ship Seizure Stirrs Berlin

Santander, Spain, Aug. 26.—The German Ambassador, arriving from San Sebastian on Friday, has been interviewed by King Alfonso, regarding a most urgent matter, it was learned today.

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repulsed enemy partial attacks before our lines. Between Arras and the Somme the British continued their attacks. Strong infantry forces, led by tanks, were between Neuville-Vitasse and St. Lezer.

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BRITISH MAY COMPEL BIG ENEMY RETREAT

Hammering on Left Likely to Cause Yielding of Entire Line—Foch Strategy Brings Optimism

By WALTER L. DURANTY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. With the French Armies, Aug. 26.

"It depends on the British" was the phrase wherein an officer summed up the military situation for your correspondent yesterday. If the enemy yields before the terrific hammering that has developed into a second battle of the Somme on a front of fifty kilometers he will be forced to abandon also the formidable positions, strengthened by old fortifications, which confront the armies of Debeny, Humbert and Mangin.

True to his policy of never sacrificing lives unnecessarily, Foch is marking time in the center and on the right of the vast battlefield during the progress of the maneuvers on the left.

"You cannot overemphasize," continued this officer, "the value of the single command at the present juncture. Already the plan has saved the Allies in defense, if by nothing more than the possibility which it afforded to replace reserves with perfect freedom and utilize the British, French, Americans or Italians without distinction of nationality wherever they were most needed."

Advantage of United Command "But it is in offensive operations where the mind of the commander has full scope for combined maneuvers on a grand scale, wherein each move is coordinated and co-related to the rest, that the advantage is most evident and striking. You have only to compare this with the results already attained in the second battle of the Somme with the laborious plugging of the 1916 conflict to appreciate their immense differences in the Allies' favor."

"I venture to say without exaggeration that optimism is justified today to a degree never hitherto approached."

The speaker's last words illustrate the remarkable change which the events of the last six weeks have produced. Your correspondent has drawn attention on several occasions to the unbalanced manner in which the most competent French soldiers have judged each phase of the military situation.

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AMERICANS WIN VESLE POSITION

Drive Foe Back Third of Mile and Clear Railroad

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American troops advanced their line 500 meters (a third of a mile) on a front of two kilometers (a mile and a quarter) immediately east of Fismes yesterday, driving the Germans from the railroad and capturing what had been an advantageous enemy position.

As this is a cabled sharp infantry fighting is keeping the whole Vesle front stirred, but the boche counter-attacks are fruitless.

The Americans in the last few days have begun a systematic clean-up of objectionable positions. The tanks were first taken. Then an attack on a more pretentious scale was launched yesterday.

The boche had dug in along the railroad, skirting the south bank of the Vesle and had established numerous machine-gun nests. The Americans were a dip south of the main Soissons-thambray highway. They had to advance across high ground on which the road ran, then over a country toward the railway.

A stiff barrage was put down on the railway at 5 a. m., the infantry starting their advance simultaneously.

The Americans now hold the railway on both sides of Fismes. The boches are extremely nervous and are constantly sending up rockets at night. American patrols are maintaining constant contact with the German line, harassing the enemy positions day and night.

Teutons Trample Kaiser's Picture

Continued from Page One battle for the German fortress, and laments that, unlike the Entente, Germany is unable to stand alone, because she has no help coming from the west. He expresses themselves in a similar strain and shout loudly for strong nerves during the great double battle.

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U. S. TO DICTATE PEACE TERMS

Rome Newspaper Says Germans at Home Foresee This Possibility

Philadelphia today made its first contribution in the three-day draft movement to Camp Lee, when 1281 eager selected men entrained at North Philadelphia station this morning.

1281 LEAVE FOR CAMP LEE

The first section of the troop train drew away from the station shortly before 11 o'clock amid the cheery farewell of many hundreds of friends and relatives that were on hand to bid the new soldiers good-bye.

YACHT VEGA CLOSELY GUARDED

Those on Board Not Allowed to Leave Vessel

An Atlantic port, Aug. 26.—The steam yacht Vega, brought into port late yesterday by naval authorities for investigation, lay at a closely guarded wharf today. No one was allowed to leave the vessel.

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Vienna, Aug. 26.—The official communication from the Austrian War Office yesterday says: "Our attack progressing successfully in Albania. After a bitter struggle yesterday Italian bridgehead positions north of Pier were taken. During the pursuit which followed our troops crossed the Semeni. We also made progress near Berat and in the Roca Mountains. The bombing attacks of our airmen against Avlona are continuing."

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