

GERMANS ADMIT ST. MIHEL LOSS

Belittle Importance of American Victory, but Say Prisoners Were Many

AUSTRIANS MENTIONED

Press Sees Initiative With Allies, but Believes Hindenburg Will Strike Soon

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Official reports on the St. Miheil battle in today's Rhenish papers merely mention the fact that Americans co-operated with the French in the attack, and a telegram from Geneva to the Frankfurt Zeitung states that owing to bad telegraphic communication neither the American nor the French report had arrived at the time of going to press. The newspaper says:

"The American-French attack against the salient of St. Miheil is only indirectly connected with the general attack of the Entente. This new point of attack lies in a different direction. The chief aim of the enemy was the moral effect. Regarding this, it is sufficient to say that several times in the last year evacuation of this exposed salient has lain within the bounds of possibility and has been under consideration."

"Since the beginning of the attack on Verdun the German positions by St. Miheil were no longer of importance. Unfortunately the fact remains that the operation of our enemies, especially the Austrians, has been the possibility of portraying the evacuation as an important tactical success—as a link in a chain—especially as the captures in prisoners appear to be considerable. The enemy concentrated and attacked on the flanks of the salient and succeeded in driving a wedge on Combes heights in the center of the northern side of the salient. The German command succeeded especially, owing to the help of Austrian regiments, who are mentioned for the first time, in keeping open the mouth of the pocket and in making troops who were threatened with being cut off and being brought into safety."

"Nevertheless it cannot be denied that the initiative is still with the enemy, which is obvious from the fact that heavy attacks before Cambrai still continue. Just as Foch during the first months after the beginning of the German campaign in March deferred any big strategic decision, which in Germany is often taken as a sign of weakness, Hindenburg has adopted a similar strategic postponement. It will soon be shown whether this is in preparation for a new attack."

"The Vossische Zeitung refers to a 'new attempt' to break through the St. Miheil salient. Behind the German lines the fortress of Metz, the paper says. The French who attacked from the north did not break through, but the Americans, who attacked from the south, broke through near Thiaucourt. Nevertheless, the paper argues, the technique of the retreat, of the front and of the positions had been prepared and seemed out for nearly four years, so that it all happened systematically when the attack began, as already reported by headquarters."

20,000 Insurgent Miners Strike

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Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 15.—More than 11,000 miners in the Shamokin and Mount Carmel end of District No. 9, United Mine Workers of America, suspended work at the mines today, in keeping with the decision of a mass meeting held here yesterday. The men decided upon a suspension of coal production pending action by the Federal fuel administration upon their demands for an increase of wages.

ACTION IS POSTPONED BY ANTHRACITE UNION

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Sept. 16.—Miners who one week ago drafted an ultimatum to Fuel Administrator Garfield demanding an increase in wages and induction into the United States army under the "work-or-fight" rule held two sessions Saturday night and Sunday in Union Hall, finally extending the time limit of their demand to next Saturday night, when they will expect Mr. Garfield's definite proposal.

PART OF DISTRICT KEEPS ON MINING

By the Associated Press Reading, Pa., Sept. 15.—Word received in this city this morning shows that virtually all of the mines in the Shamokin district are idle and that in the other parts of the Schuylkill region, north of Broad Mountain, few of the mines of the Reading Coal and Iron Company are in operation.

MINE STRIKE EFFECT IS MINIMIZED HERE

Confidence was expressed at Federal fuel administration offices in Philadelphia today that the dissatisfaction among the miners who quit work today will not have serious results.

Official War Reports

BRITISH London, Sept. 15.—During the night we carried out a successful minor operation astride the Ypres-Comines canal, advancing our lines over a front of two miles and capturing a number of prisoners and machine guns.

ALLIES WILL KEEP ON WINNING

Gen. Corsi, Italian Expert, Says Failure Has Depressed Germans

Rome, Sept. 15.—General Corsi asks where Hindenburg intends or hopes to make his new line and where he will be able to do it, since many of the strongholds which formed the former Hindenburg line are now in the hands of the Allies.

Germans Turn at Bay Before U. S. Troops

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Our aviators report that the boche is moving lines of troops and supply trains back through Conflans. This must not be taken to mean that he does not intend to hold on the Hindenburg line, for, naturally, a thirty-kilometer withdrawal means a movement perhaps of that distance back to the present line.

From Hattenchatel one got a wonderful view of the new line. From this high point one could see virtually all along the new line with glasses to the Moselle Valley. In the distance boche trains and troops were seen moving to and fro, and one could see the excellent and daring work of our aerial bombers, who wrought great destruction along the lines of communication with small bombs.

The Germans could be seen repairing the lines of the Hindenburg line, which includes three lines of wire and trenches constructed a year ago. Back of this are other elaborate defenses barring any advance up the Moselle Valley. From the heights of Vilscey one could also get a great view of the plain behind the Germans' new line. One could see our shells bursting along the roads. Horses could be seen to drop, and once I saw two bombs make direct hits on a road. An engine of trucks and jamming traffic idled.

Foe Artillery Work Weak

The German artillery got busy yesterday after three days' silence, but did little appreciable damage to our lines. The most impressive was especially of pleasure accomplishment.

Our total of prisoners continues to increase. Saturday some thousands were brought in. They were of all varieties. There were Prussians, Poles, Saxons and Austrians. The Austrians are particularly a sorry crew, and seem to know nothing about how the war was going. They thought they had been captured by English soldiers.

The Prussian officers, of whom there are a considerable number, are immaculate in appearance, and one chap appeared on the scene at American headquarters with a dog. He had it at the front for three years. One of these Prussians was a graduate of Oxford, and wore a monocle. I asked him what he thought of the war, and he replied sarcastically that with America in it, of course the Allies would win quickly.

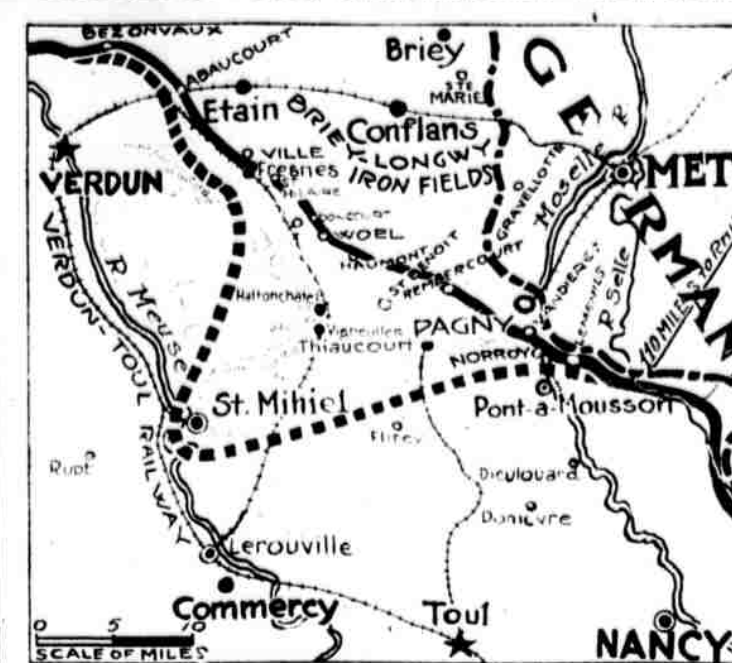
What most impressed the prisoners was the fact that they were fed with white bread—the first they had had in three years, they said. Nothing did more to convince them of the good condition of the Allied armies. The prisoners generally appeared to be perfectly satisfied to be captured, and the majority wore broad smiles.

Gas Expert Made Prisoner

Among the prisoners brought back was a former university president officer, who had much to do with the German development of gas warfare. He was found at Thiaucourt, where he had a trainload of gas projectors and shells, which he had brought for export to the United States.

We have evidence that the German command is placing new troops back of the line it now holds. Of seven divisions holding the St. Miheil front we captured nearly half unharmed and killed a large number by our artillery fire. But the German effort appears to be not only to replace them, but to put extra forces in front of the First American Army. Back of the line lies a broad plain upon which the Germans do not want us to enter.

SCENE OF THE AMERICAN VICTORY



AMERICAN-FRENCH LINE TODAY AMERICAN-FRENCH LINE WEDNESDAY

AMERICANS HURL FOE BACK ON 8-MILE LINE NEAR BORDER

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Reports from different points along the line show that the number of guns and the general material captured by the Americans is increasing. An entire artillery park was captured at Jaulny.

BOTH AMERICAN WINGS MOVE AHEAD

By the United Press With the Americans on the Metz Front, Sept. 15.—Both American wings are pushing forward their lines, and are organizing their positions along the late St. Miheil salient.

The Germans are digging in far to the rear, rather than attempting to displace the American gains effectively.

U. S. CAVALRY CHARGES ENEMY WITH SABRES

With the American Army on the Lorena Front, Sept. 15.—(By E. N. S.)—American cavalry detachments charged with their sabres and fought as dismounted light infantry in mopping up the final boche resistance at Housvignot in the Forest-la-Montagne.

HAIG PUSHES ENEMY BACK IN FLANDERS

By the Associated Press London, Sept. 15.—The British in the West Indies have had a successful minor operation on both sides of the Ypres-Comines Canal on a front of more than two miles, War office announces today.

ALLIES IN CONTACT WITH KRIEMHILD LINE

By the Associated Press With the American Army in France, Sept. 15.—The role of the French divisions engaged in the St. Miheil battle to attack the head of the salient and assist the Americans in their drive against its western front while the main body of the Americans was mauling through the southern side of the salient.

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Roma, 16 settembre. Dalle notizie giunte dal fronte di battaglia si rileva che un'altra brillante azione è stata compiuta dalle truppe italiane nella Valle del Brenta e precisamente a Grosvenlo. Tutte le difese nemiche in detto settore sono state catturate dagli Italiani.

NUMEROUS GERMAN PLANES ARE FELLE

By the United Press With the Americans on the Metz Front, Sept. 15.—The activities of the German aircraft are being checked.

To the left of the Moselle the boche attempted a raid Saturday night, as the result of which the Americans took six prisoners. Late yesterday afternoon the enemy made a counterattack in the same region.

BERLIN CHEERS PEACE DEMAND

Members of Council Insist War Should End Now

By the Associated Press Amsterdam, Sept. 15.—Socialist members of the municipal council of Berlin asked the food question in a public debate, according to advices to the Telegram.

STEEL MEN BACK TO WORK

1200 Who Struck Put Demands Before War Labor Board

Reading, Pa., Sept. 15.—The 1200 or more employees of the Carpenter Steel Works, who went out on strike Saturday morning, pending a wage adjustment, which amounts on the average to about 25 per cent, returned to work this morning.

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