

YANKEES EJECT FOE FROM TOWN AT VITAL POINT

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The German lines is able to concentrate large forces at vital points the loss of which is menacing to the Germans.

Villefontaine is on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road. It is just to the southwest of the town of Buzancy, which has been reported unofficially to have been taken by the allies.

Hun Pivot Is Taken

The fall of Oulchy-le-Chateau takes from the Germans the pivot upon which their retirement further south has been swinging.

The French official statement says the allies have advanced eastward of this town, which should bring them to the vicinity of hill 150, which is the dominating height in that region and which would give the allies an observation point over long reaches of the Ourcq as well as both banks of that stream.

Enemy Retirement Goes On

There is nothing known as to the British progress on the line from Gueux and Mery-Premey, west of Rheims. The reported rapid advance of the British there, however, would seem to suggest that there was plenty of power behind their thrust and that their progress should continue.

On the whole, the German retirement from the Marne salient appears to be going forward. This retirement is quite evident on the western side of the salient, but to the southwest of Rheims, toward the Marne, nothing has been reported as to an enemy withdrawal.

Relentlessly the allies are pressing back the armies of the German crown prince within the pocket between Soissons and Rheims. Allied capitals would not be surprised if the situation changed suddenly and most favorably for General Foch.

Caught as within a vice the Germans are struggling at the height of their strength to stay the steady pressure but apparently to no avail. The French and Americans are advancing in a northeasterly direction from Chateau Thierry and north from the Marne, while the British and French push forward northward up the Ardre toward Fismes and the Vesle.

From east to west at the height of the pocket is now but twenty-one miles, the enemy having been forced back something like sixteen miles since General Foch launched his counter offensive. The German lines of communication are almost gone and the allies are striking with force and moving rapidly toward the two most important bases within the salient, Fere-en-Tardenois and Fismes. Allied guns now command every point in the pocket. With the capture of Oulchy-la-Ville on the east and an advance of more than a mile on the southwest, Fere-en-Tardenois is now within three and one-half miles of the allied line in the Tourneville wood, where the French continue to progress.

Allied pressure maintains its forward movement markedly between the Ourcq and the Marne and the latest gain has averaged more than a mile on the entire front from the Ourcq to Dormans. The forest of Fere and Ris are being cleared of the stubbornly resisting enemy who is taking advantage of every natural obstacle in attempting to hold back the allies.

Reserves Strike Back Heavily reinforced the Germans are striking back with great vigor all along this front as well as on the eastern side of the pocket. They have not been able to hold the allies from advancing, although their resistance has stiffened constantly.

British and French troops are officially reported to have made an advance of two miles toward Fismes in the region of Vignay and have reached Gueux and Mery-Premey which now are the markers of the eastern side. The gain here not only narrows the pocket but also places in great jeopardy the German forces who are north of the markers in the forests west and north of Chateau Thierry. Military observers on the battlefield believe that the crown prince with the possibility of losing a large part of his forces now south of the Vesle, will endeavor to halt the allies by launching a strong attack on a more or less wide front in the region of Soissons. Here, however, General Foch is protected somewhat by the river Aisne and he also holds the high ground southwest of Soissons.

200,000 Casualties Seventy German divisions are reported to have taken part in the fighting already and the enemy losses are now estimated at 200,000. More than 25,000 prisoners have been taken by the allies as well as 500 guns and thousands of machine guns.

Berlin reports that all allied efforts were frustrated Wednesday. Its brief report on Thursday's fighting declares there were "vicious local actions" between Soissons and Rheims.

From Soissons to the North sea there has been little activity except for successful raids by the British near Albert and elsewhere. The artillery has been active on the other sectors in France and Italy.

The Russian Soviet government is facing an acute situation. Premier Lenin reported to have announced. The Czech-Slovak troops continue to advance along the Volga and have captured Simbirsk, 600 miles east of Moscow and the Soviet corn granary. The Czechs now hold Kazan, Simbirsk and Samara on the middle Volga and are reported to be gaining ground west of the river toward Moscow.

CAPITAL THRILLS AT WAR NEWS

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Probably it was this which started wild reports of a sweeping victory. Still later came news of decided gains by Franco-American troops around Fere-en-Tardenois and north Dormans on the Marne. It was evident that the southern and southwestern angle of the German position were yielding to the pressure against them. News came also of important advances along the Ourcq front.

Foch's Trap Closing In The outstanding fact to-night appeared to be that the enemy's front was being forced back along the sixty-mile battle line. Of the gains recorded, the Franco-British drive probably has the greatest possibilities for it means that the eastern part of General Foch's gigantic trap is closing in. Other reports show that the German high command has massed reserves and concentrated artillery to prevent movement at this point of its counterpart, near Soissons, where the western jaw had already been driven ahead in a week's fighting.

Many Escape Northward To the cool judgment of army officers, however, the situation did not warrant on the basis of any information available at a late hour last night, the assumption that the time had come when the jaws of Foch's great vice might be crushed together. Knowing what the news of the strength of the Germans massed to hold back the menacing flank attacks they believed it entirely possible for the enemy to escape northward.

The question in their minds was whether he had finally determined to retreat and surrender all the ground gained in his efforts since he struck across the French lines on the Chemin-des-Dames last May, or had resolved to fight it out to a finish where he now stands, or on lines slightly withdrawn from their present positions near the Marne.

Yesterday's advances indicated that further withdrawal was in progress along the southern loop of the line. France and the United States in the opinion of the allied press, are now in a position to which the enemy has clung tenaciously for days are being taken. Pressure all along the line from Jastromog to Ourcq probably has made these most southerly German positions untenable, it was said.

The situation cannot be clearly gauged until further information is received as to the Franco-British operations west of Rheims. If the attack is pressed successfully, it seems impossible that the enemy can stabilize his lines south of the Aisne. The situation on both sides of the Ourcq is equally obscure, but the clear purport of all reports coming in is that the Germans have been unable to stem the tide of the attack and must now either fall back swiftly along supply lines that are under constant shell fire or hurt the whole weight of their available reserves into the fight in a desperate attempt to halt Foch's armies in a pitched battle.

No Word on American Losses Secretary Baker has so far received no word of the American losses in the present fighting. There is no doubt, that he commends General Pershing's silence on this point as

meaning that the cost has not been greater than the numbers engaged or the effort made would justify. German press reports of tens of thousands of American dead before their lines are put out as a sop to the German people, it is believed.

"We have no reports on our own casualties as yet, but our people have always better opportunity to know our losses than the Germans have, because we are taking ground they have been giving up in that vicinity, we have a superior opportunity for observation."

JAPAN AND U. S. AGREE ON ACTION

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ing. It is war. The enemy is numerous and well organized. If the fall of Foch means that the eastern workers, may the fall of Simbirsk make the proletariat tremble for the fate of the proletariat revolution."

Simbirsk is on the right bank of the Volga, 600 miles east of Moscow. It is an important trading center. Kazan, 150 miles north on the Volga, was reported captured by the Czechs on July 15.

Washington, July 26.—The reply of the Japanese government to the American proposals for economic help and military aid to the Russian people was received at the State Department yesterday, and a definite promise by President Wilson of the allied aims in Russia may be expected within the next day or two.

While administration authorities continue to maintain their reticence of the last two months, it was generally understood in Washington last night that Japan has responded favorably to President Wilson's proposal, and that the way is opened for immediate action. The Japanese note, in effect, closes three months of negotiations between the entente powers, the United States and Japan.

President Wilson called at the State Department during the afternoon, soon after it became known the Japanese answer had been received. He was accompanied by some time with Frank P. Rowland, acting Secretary of State. The President completed his address to the Russian people several days ago.

Japan is understood to be in full agreement with the United States and the allies on the principle that there shall be no interference in the internal affairs of Russia. In this respect the allies and the United States will follow the policy of the Czech-Slovaks, who are doing all that is in their power to liberate and to keep the Germans and Austrian prisoners of war in check, while at the same time co-operating with the Russian governments wherever they are found.

Under the terms of the agreement about to be entered into by the United States and the entente powers, Japan will furnish a greater part of the military contingents which will enter Siberia as part of the program for extending economic and industrial aid to the Russians.

President Wilson's utterances will be emphatic in this respect—that all the troops sent into Russia at this time will be withdrawn unconditionally upon the fulfillment of the purpose of the allied commissions.

It was stated in well-informed circles yesterday that while the acceptance and accomplishment of the Czech-Slovaks had made the allied and American problem in Russia much less difficult, the relief to be extended to those troops who are scattered throughout the vast empire of the far east will be withdrawn unconditionally upon the fulfillment of the purpose of the allied commissions.

TURKISTAN JOINS RUSS IN REPUBLIC ALLIANCE

Amsterdam, July 25.—The fifth national congress of Turkestan has proclaimed Turkestan to be a republic in alliance with Russia, according to dispatches received from Cologne Gazette. The executive body comprises eleven Mohammedans.

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PHILADELPHIA PRODUCE

Table with columns for Philadelphia produce items like Wheat, Corn, Eggs, etc. and their market prices.

Big Aviation Depot at Middletown Complete in Few Days, Officials Say

The big aviation supply depot at Middletown will be completed within a few days and the Ordnance Depot there within a month, officials of the two plants announced today. Hundreds of workmen employed at Middletown already have been transferred to assist in the construction work at the Quartermaster Department's supply headquarters at Marsh Run.

Others will be transferred from time to time until the work is completed. Five warehouses and contract buildings have been constructed at the Aviation Depot, covering several hundred acres, and a railroad tracks connect the different buildings. Complete sewerage, telephone and telegraph systems have been installed. Large ammunition dumps will soon be established at the Ordnance Depot.

Simultaneously with the announcement that the work at Middletown is almost completed, comes the announcement that Major William H. Garrison, who had been in charge of the Middletown Ordnance Depot since its installation, will be transferred to Washington. He will be succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel George E. Nelson, of the Regular Army, who has been stationed at Detroit. It is expected Major Garrison will soon be transferred to San Antonio, Texas.

CHICAGO CATTLE

Chicago, July 26.—(U. S. Bureau of Markets).—Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; slow, mostly 15c to 20c lower than yesterday's average; butchers, \$18.45@18.75; light, \$18.60@18.85; packing, \$17.50@18.35; rough, \$17.20@17.45; bulk of sales, \$17.85@18.75; pigs, \$17.25@18.00.

Commander of Cruiser Sunk Off Long Island



CAPT. H. H. CHRISTY was commander of the United States cruiser San Diego, which was sunk off Fire Island, Long Island, N. Y. He gave it as his opinion in his report to the Navy Department that he had been surprised by the torpedo of a submarine. That opinion was to some extent confirmed by the later appearance of a German U-boat off the Massachusetts shore two days later.

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MIDDLETOWN

Miss Deimler Engaged to Baltimore Man

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Deimler, of Kingston, north of town, announced the engagement last evening of their daughter, Miss Sarah Rebecca Deimler to Robert McKenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. McKenna, of Baltimore, Md. Miss Deimler is a graduate of the Middletown High school, class of 1915, and also attended the School of Commerce at Harrisburg for several months prior to accepting a position as clerk at the Pennsylvania freight station here.

Mr. McKenna is a graduate of the University of Maryland and is employed on the office force at the aviation grounds west of this borough. The wedding will be an early fall event.

Poketo Tribe, No. 315, Improved Order of Red Men, will take a trip to Lebanon August 9, when they will visit a brother tribe. The tribe will be made in the auto truck of A. H. Luckenbill.

Asa Dennison, of Bridgeport, N. J., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Lindemuth, of South Union street, for the weekend. This is Mr. Dennison's first trip to town since 1898. He was a former resident of town for many years.

The steel department of the local car plant, resumed operation this morning after being shut down for a week to make repairs.

Mrs. A. Hoblit, of Camden, N. J., is visiting her sisters, Mrs. F. Condran, Emma street, and Mrs. Newton Shreeman, Hilledale. The Sunday school class of A. S. Quicke, of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, will picnic at Paxtang Park to-morrow.

The Social Circle met at the home of Mrs. Webster Weaver, North Union street, yesterday afternoon. Guests present were: Mrs. A. H. Condran, Camden, N. J.; Mrs. Sherman, Hawthorne, Harrisburg; Mrs. Lizzie Welty, New Jersey; Mrs. John Baxter, daughter, Pittsburgh. The main feature of the afternoon was knitting and a social hour had been spent. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kurtz and daughters, Margaret and Emily, and son Dale returned to their home in Ann street after visiting the latter's parents at Lebanon for a week. The steel department at Middletown and Mrs. Charles Stipe, Nisley avenue, has returned home from a three weeks' trip to Atlantic City. Paul Stipe, of South Union street, left this morning for Philadelphia, where he has secured a position.

Fifteen of Middletown's young men who are in the draft consignment will leave Harrisburg this evening for Camp Lee, Va. They are: P. O. Hershey, John Deibler, Ira Brinser, Merle Stipe, James Arnold, Adam Shroy, A. A. Updegraph, Charles Kauffman, Charles Johns, J. E. Kruger, Elmer Manberger, Marmon Painter, W. E. Detweiler, Fred Lutz, James Erisman, Benjamin Slesser.

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