



FOCH STARTS FRESH DRIVE ON WIDE PICARDY SECTOR; HAIG IN COMMAND

SCENE OF NEW DRIVE SET WHERE GERMANS SCORED SUCCESSES

ALLIES GAIN IN JOINT MOVE ON KAISER'S ARMY

Franco-British Troops Start Offensive at Daylight Southeast of Coveted Town; Attack Develops Under Favorable Conditions, War Office Reports

By Associated Press

GIVING the Germans no time to catch their breath after their crushing defeat on the Aisne-Marne front, Marshal Foch has launched a fresh blow against them in a new sector.

The attack started at dawn to-day on a wide front in Picardy, East and southeast of Amiens. The French first army and the British Fourth army are engaged in this new offensive, which is under the immediate direction of Field Marshal Haig, the British commander in chief.

Drive Starts Satisfactorily

Both the Paris and London official statements announce the opening of the attack and report satisfactory progress in its early stages.

According to advices received in London, the French and British forces which attacked this morning in the Picardy sector have advanced at some points to a depth of more than three miles.

The field of the fighting is the scene of the most pronounced German success in this year's series of enemy offensives. It was in the first German blow, delivered against the British front between Cambrai and La Fere on March 21, that the enemy broke into the allied lines and was not stopped until he had pushed the head of his assaulting columns down to the region of Montdidier.

He swept over a wide stretch of territory, including the districts the Germans had devastated in their retreat of March, 1917, and established the vast salient that has since stood virtually intact, with its apex at Montdidier and its base roughly extending along the line from Albert, near the Somme, on the north, to Noyon, on the Oise on its southern side.

Drive 20 Miles in Length

The front under attack is not definitely defined, but it seems probable that its length is at least twenty miles from the Somme south to the Montdidier region.

Marshal Foch's object in striking here may well have been based upon the idea of breaking up the enemy line between Montdidier and Soissons before the Germans had time to stabilize the Soissons-Rheims front.

French Follow British Attack

German positions just south of the Ancre river were heavily attacked by the British. Their assault extended to the south where their right wing joins the French lines. Three quarters of an hour after the British attacked the Germans, the French took up the battle.

Tanks Clear Way For Drive

The greatest secrecy surrounded plans for the attack. During the night the Germans heavily bombarded the British lines, but their shells were ineffective. An extraordinarily large number of tanks accompanied the storming troops, clearing the way for them in the gray light of dawn and helping to overcome enemy strong points.

London, Aug. 8.—News from the Soissons-Rheims front this afternoon is that the Germans are holding the north bank of the Vesle in considerable strength with a large number of guns.

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HAIG TAKES HUNS AND GUNS IN DRIVE

By Associated Press

On the French Front in France, Aug. 8. (11 a. m.)—A combined attack by the French and British was begun at dawn to-day along the front between Albert and Montdidier. Satisfactory progress was made despite strong enemy resistance.

The assault began exactly at dawn along a front of between 40 and 50 kilometers and a success was scored immediately. The British advanced toward Cerisy-Gailly, on the south-

side of the Somme east of Sully-Laurette and Marcelcave. The French advanced at the same time in the direction of Demuin and Aubercourt. Around Morisel and Moreuil the German resistance is terrific.

Along the French front the artillery preparations lasted forty minutes, after which the troops left their trenches with wonderful dash. Before 8 o'clock considerable progress had been recorded and all the first objectives had been attained.

British Take Hahner and Dodo Woods

With the British Army in France, Aug. 8.—In their offensive on the front east of Amiens to-day the British have taken Hahner wood, Dodo wood and probably have possession of the towns of Marcelcave and La Motte-en-Santerre.

Details of the fighting are coming to the rear slowly. "Going fine," constitutes the best available information. The British launched their attack in a mist after only three minutes of artillery preparation. The British attacked over a twelve-mile front on both sides of the Somme. They gained all their objectives within four hours and have captured a considerable number of prisoners and guns.

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG



SIR DOUGLAS HAIG English Battle Chief in Charge of New Franco-British Offensive

85 FROM CITY AND COUNTY TO LEAVE TONIGHT

Will Train at Camp Wadsworth; Practically All 1917 Class One Men Called

Eighty-five men from the city and county will leave at 3:10 this evening for general military service in the National Army. The men comprise the quotas the three city boards, and first and second county boards were called upon to furnish during the August 5th five-day movement. They will go to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., for training.

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Attack Aims to Wipe Out Hun Position in and About Montdidier

Paris, Aug. 8.—Franco-British troops at 5 o'clock this morning began an offensive in the region south-east of Amiens, the war office announces.

An attack southeast of Amiens probably is aimed at weakening, if not to wipe out, the German position in and about Montdidier, where the battle line swings to the north. The British troops hold a sector south of the Somme which joins up with the French lines south of Villers-Bretonneux. Late last week the Germans withdrew to the east of the Aisne in the region west and north-west of Montdidier. Since then the French have been gaining ground on the same front.

A line from the Somme to the Aisne and thence south along the river faces fairly open country and the region of Picardy in front of it is part of the region devastated by the Germans in their retreat from the Somme in March, 1917. A break through in the Montdidier region would have a menacing effect on the German lines from Rheims to Ypres. American troops have been holding part of the French line at Cantigny, west of Montdidier.

Russia and England Are at War, Announces Hun Paper

Stockholm, Aug. 8.—The Russian government has issued a declaration that a state of war exists between England and Russia, according to a dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, which prints it "with reservation."

AMERICAN GUNS AND BAYONETS SCATTER ENEMY WEST OF FISMES

Stiffest Resistance Faces Yankees From Knoll North of Bazoches, Where the Huns Cling Desperately to Hill, Despite Fire

BOCHE MACHINE GUN COMPANIES ACTIVE

In Bitter Fighting Men From Overseas Use Bayonets Effectively on Foe Under Heavy Fire Take Prisoners; Huns Retire

With the American Army on the Vesle, Wednesday, Aug. 7.—(10 P. M.)—The river Vesle was crossed east and west of Fismes late today by additional American infantrymen. West of Fismes the Americans are breaking up counterattacks by German infantry and are holding their ground despite the enemy efforts.

In support of the Americans who had crossed the river during Thursday night and Wednesday morning a detachment of infantry crossed the Vesle under a Franco-American barrage just before noon to-day. Two other detachments reached the north bank during the afternoon.

The Germans counterattacked the Americans west of Fismes this afternoon but were scattered by the American artillery fire. The Americans have advanced under a heavy

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FIRST TROOPS AT MARSH RUN WILL ARRIVE AT BIG CAMP ON SEPT. 1

Big Warehouse There Near Completion; Civilians Are to Be Employed; Enlisted Men Will Do Most of the Trucking

RAILROAD SPURS TO REACH BUILDINGS

Reservoirs With Million-Gallon Capacity in Course of Erection; Development to Reach Nearly \$12,000,000; Lack of Labor Delays

The first of the great warehouses of the quartermasters department of the United States Army at Marsh Run is practically completed and will be in full operation about September 1 when 400 or more soldiers will be detailed to the development there for guard, police and fire duty. Most of the trucking will be done by enlisted men but the warehouse work will be largely in the hands of civilians.

There will be in all ten warehouses, each 1,060 by more than 100 feet, one-story, built of tile, concrete and steel, with loading platforms on each side and railroad spurs running into them. Only one of the warehouses will be of temporary construction, and even it will be built to stand the wear and tear for twenty years. In addition to these buildings there are barracks now nearing completion for the accommodation

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TRIO OF SOLDIERS FROM STATE BURY FALLEN COMRADES

MESSAGE LISTS SERGT. RUSSELL AMONG MISSING

Parents Notified That Their Son Has Not Been Located After Recent Fight

His father born in Germany, Sergeant F. J. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Russell, 1530 Fulton street, is reported missing in action in France. Official notice was received by his parents last evening, but his name has not yet appeared in the casualty list. He had been attached to Company M, One Hundred and Ninth Infantry.

Tiring of German autocracy, the father left Germany some forty odd years ago and to-day is very proud of what his boy has done in the fight for democracy, waged against his fatherland. With impressive stoicism, he said: "I am very, very tired and in bitter fighting in which the men from overseas used their bayonets effectively. A few Germans were taken prisoners, while the others retired."

The stiffest resistance now facing the American infantry north of the

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Brookville Soldier Utters Words of Burial Service With Fellow Townsman and Pottsville Fighter Standing By in Unforgettable Picture

By RAYMOND G. CARROLL Special Correspondent of the Public Ledger and Harrisburg Telegraph. Officially Accredited to the American Expeditionary Forces Abroad.

With the American Troops Under Foch, Aug. 8.—In successive relays, after the fashion in which the mail was carried by pony express, so has victory been tandemed by the French and Americans north and northwest of Chateau Thierry until our lines now press upon the south bank of the Vesle, our patrols having crossed streams and quickly built foot bridges at various points.

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GROCERS' PICNIC TAKES THOUSANDS TO HERSHEY PARK

No Special Trains Because of War, So Crowds Use Trolleys and Automobiles

Every street car moving toward Hershey this morning was filled with Harrisburgers bent on attending the annual Grocers' picnic which is being held at Hershey Park. Thousands upon thousands of picnickers thronged the beautiful park with the sole purpose of forgetting for a moment all their troubles while merriment reigned.

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SUGAR SURVEY SHOWS COUNTY WELL SUPPLIED

More Than 500 Grocers File Cards; Large Wholesale Stock May Be Shipped

The survey of sugar conducted by the food administration of Dauphin county is nearly completed with more than 500 cards in the offices in the Dauphin building. Five hundred and eighty-two of the grocers are registered, and 503 of them had returned their cards to the offices before noon to-day.

It is thought that sugar purchase certificates may be issued to the grocers following the completion of the registration. Many of the grocers are already without sugar, not having been able to secure any during this month.

Wholesalers Have Large Stock The wholesalers have a large stock of sugar on hand, but as grocers cannot purchase their supplies without

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THUNDERSTORMS WILL END HEAT WAVE, FORECAST

Weather Man Promises Relief For City; Moderate Temperature Tomorrow

Thunderstorms which may reach the city late to-day will end the heat wave of the last few days which caused a total of six deaths, scores of prostrations and much suffering. E. R. Demain, local government forecaster, predicts fair and slightly cooler weather to-night, with moderate partly cloudy with moderate temperatures.

Three deaths were reported to-day making a total of six since the wave began earlier in the week.

Storm Sends Mercury Down The windstorm with its light showers last evening brought decided relief to the blistered and sweating city. The showers scheduled for late to-day will give an opportunity for the soars of the citizens to heal up somewhat.

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QUICK-WITTED YANKEE TAKES 82 GERMANS BY RUSE IN BELLEAU WOOD

(From the Stars and Stripes) The Stars and Stripes is the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. It is published at one of the great military bases in that country entirely by soldiers. The accompanying account is therefore to be regarded as official and true in every respect, remarkable as it may appear.

This is the story of Private Frank Lenert, a sleepy-looking, flat-footed, 19-year-old Marine from Chicago, who emerged from Belleau Woods with 82 Boches as his personal prisoners.

It happened on the night the Americans in that sector rounded out their possession of the woods,

Huns Delude French Peasants With Idea of American Cruelty

With the American Army on the Vesle, Aug. 7 (Wednesday).—French peasants found by American soldiers in a cave near Ville-Savoie, just south of the Vesle, had been told by the Germans that if the Americans discovered them the men would be killed and the women mistreated. The Germans gave them a letter dated "Fismes, August 2," addressed to French army headquarters and purporting to be signed by "The Artillery Commander." The letter said in part: "We have received the announcements from airplanes. Thanks. We are not Russians, however." A reference to the American troops was contained in the letter and was written in French. It said: "Do not count on the Americans. They will be your masters. Germany has so many soldiers that you never will win by force of arms. On the other hand, Germany is ready to make peace with France at any time. France is her enemy which merits it the most."

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SECRETARY WILSON HERE

Harrisburg—Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson was in Harrisburg for several hours to-day on his way home from Washington to Tioga county by automobile. The secretary expressed the greatest satisfaction at the progress of the Allied offensive to-day but declined to discuss the situation in the anthracite coal mining field.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF MEATS NEXT

Washington—Government acquisition and control of all the principal stockyards, cold storage plants and warehouses and both refrigerator and cattle cars has been recommended to the President by the Federal Trade Commission to destroy a monopoly which it declares Swift and Company, Armour and Company, Morris and Company, Wilson and Company, Inc., and the Cudahy Packing Company exercise not only over the meat of the country but other necessary food supplies.

Harrisburg—The mercury stood at 92 degrees at 3 o'clock this afternoon weather bureau officials reported. At 2 o'clock it was 88 degrees.

WILL TRY FOR GUN

Harrisburg—Mayor Keister, who applied for one of the guns captured by Americans troops for exhibition purposes in Harrisburg, to-day received a reply from the War Department that these trophies would be turned over to the Treasury Department for Liberty Loan purposes. Mayor Keister will ask to have one sent here in time for the next Liberty Loan drive. "I think Harrisburg should have one of these guns and I shall do my best to procure it," said the mayor to-day.

LOUISIANA VOTES "DRY"

Baton Rouge, La.—Louisiana has ratified the federal prohibition amendment. Ratification was voted to-day by the House, 69 to 51, following favorable action early in the week by the Senate.

COLUMBIA PRESIDENT INAUGURATED

Bogota, Colombia—Marco Fidel Suarez was inaugurated president of Colombia to-day with imposing ceremonies. It is reported there is an increasingly favorable sentiment toward the allies throughout Colombia.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Bruce Crumlich, Steelton, and Christine Naomi Reigle, Middletown; Thomas Jefferson Cuffman, Steelton, and Florence Pearl Peters, Dauphin; George Price, Steelton, and Mary Etter Tognan, Harrisburg.

STEELWORKERS — Put Your Extra Earnings Into War Stamps Now Watch 'Em Grow By 1923

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Thundershowers this afternoon; fair and slightly cooler to-night; Friday partly cloudy, with moderate temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Thundershowers this afternoon; fair and slightly cooler to-night; Friday partly cloudy, with moderate temperature; light, west winds.

THE WEATHER

The upper portion of the main river will rise slightly this afternoon and to-night. General Conditions Thundershowers have caused some moderation in temperatures over the Great Lakes and generally in the Middle and Upper Ohio States and the Upper Ohio Valley, where falls ranging from 2 to 10 degrees have occurred. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 104. Lowest temperature, 70. Mean temperature, 82. Normal temperature, 74.