

SOON TO BE LOCKED IN GIANT CONFLICT

The Germans Are Determined to Make a Desperate Effort to Hold Their Positions-- Franco-Americans Pounding Steadily.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
With American Army in France, July 20.—The Associated Press says the battle zone along the front of the Allied counter-attack between the Aisne and Marne is being extended further south towards Chateau Thierry than the region previously affected, according to information early this morning. The Franco-American forces are continuing the steady pounding of the northern part of the line near Soissons, although the movement is lacking the dashing advance which characterized the first days of the attack. The attempts of the Crown Prince's generals to rally their forces to meet the steady movement of Allies has resulted in such a strengthening of the opposition as to indicate that the battle is approaching a point when the armies will soon be locked in a giant struggle. Both on the northern end of the line and farther south the reinforced Germans are making a desperate effort to hold their positions.

The weather was clear this morning and this gave some satisfaction to the thousands of men engaged on the Allied side. The indications, however, were that the day would be one of exceptional heat.

Piling Up the Prisoners.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, July 20.—As a result of yesterday's operation on the Flanders front the British line was advanced a breadth of 4,000 yards in the Meteren sector. The village of Meteren and the group of buildings southwest of the village, known as Le Waton, are now held by the British troops. The prisoners taken aggregate 436.

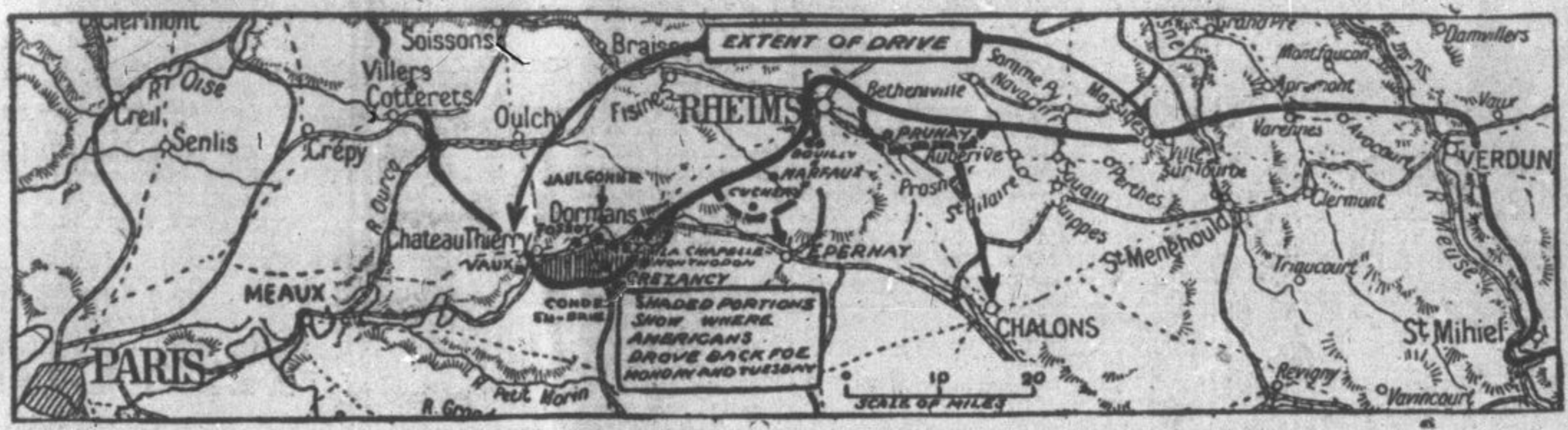
Driving Germans Back.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
With the French Army in France (11 a.m.), July 20.—The Entente Allied troops to-day are driving back the Germans on the southern bank of the River Marne and are now approaching the river embankment.

Making Fine Advances.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, July 20.—The French troops on the Soissons front have extended their advance from Monte De

MAP OF SIXTY MILE BATTLE LINE, WHERE HUN DRIVE IS BEING CHECKED



The Allies have succeeded in checking the Hun in his latest desperate drive. In a sixty mile battle line the Kaiser's troops have suffered severe setbacks, in which thousands of the Teutons were slain by the fierce fire of the allied soldiers.

FIERCE WAR IS WAGING

The Germans Are Now Bringing Up Their Reserves to Fight.

SOISSONS WITH ALLIES

SO FAR SOME 17,000 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

An Additional Mile on Soissons Front Has Been Gained—Meteren Is in the Hands of the British—Good Results Everywhere.
(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Paris, July 20.—A despatch from the French army in the field, filed at 2 p.m. on Friday, said the battle along the Franco-American front, between the Aisne and the Marne, was becoming fiercer. The Germans are bringing up reserves. Despatches indicate that Soissons has been retaken.

The French and American troops between the Aisne and the Marne yesterday took 16,000 German prisoners, advices state.

Still On The Advance.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Paris, July 20.—French and American troops are to-day continuing their advance between the Aisne and Marne. South of the Marne the French have thrown back the enemy between Fossey and Reully and have retaken ground towards the Marne. The Allied advance has reached Verzy, beyond the wood of Mauby, east of Villers Helon and Neuilly St. Front.

The Germans have been forced to bring up one hundred thousand reserves to the army of the German Crown Prince as a result of yesterday's fighting. The French and Americans, after fluctuations, have been enabled to strongly fortify the newly gained positions south-west of Soissons, says Mariel Hutin in the Echo de Paris.

Happiest Man in World.

Paris, July 20.—"Last night when he saw his troops on the heights dominating Soissons on the southwest, Gen. Mangin smiled," says the correspondent of the Liberte. "Premier Clemenceau was there and warmly shook the general's hand."
On his return from the front Premier Clemenceau said to his friends: "I have shaken the hand of the happiest man in the world."

Verzy Captured.

With the American Forces on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 20.—One of the towns taken by the Americans was Verzy, six miles south of Soissons. Towns to the north and south of this were also taken in the carrying out of the plan to straighten the entire line on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry front.

No resistance was encountered at Verzy or in the neighboring villages taken.

An Additional Mile Added.

London, July 20.—The Franco-American drive still continues. German reinforcements have not stopped them. Seventeen thousand prisoners are so far accounted for and three hundred and sixty guns. An additional mile on Soissons front has been gained.

Meteren was captured by the British yesterday morning. Eighty prisoners were taken and ten machine guns. Three hundred prisoners were taken in Baillif operation.

WOUNDED FILL RHINE CITIES.

German Empire Broke Down on Seeing Them.
Geneva, Switzerland, July 20.—The German Empire, accompanied by Prince Joachim, has been visiting the hospitals in the Rhine towns since Sunday, says a despatch from Strasbourg by way of Basel. The hospitals are said to be crowded with wounded, mostly Prussian soldiers from the zone of the German offensive along the Marne. Bavarian and Saxon wounded are being sent into the interior.

Russians Would Help Italy.

So Declare Italians Now En Route Home Across America.
San Francisco, July 20.—En route to Italy to re-enlist, a party of 200 Italian soldiers who escaped being pressed into the service of Austria by surrendering to the Russians, arrived from the Orient, under the care of the United States War Department.

According to members of the party, there are 50,000 Czechoslovaks, Lithuanians and Hungarians in Russia desirous of reaching the Italian front.

MUST HAVE MONARCHY.

Otherwise, Finnish Government Will Resign.
London, July 20.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen says advices from Helsinki are to the effect that the Finnish Premier informed the Landtag that the Government intended to resign if a monarchy was not instituted immediately. The despatch adds that two Socialist members of the Landtag have been arrested, accused of having conspired with the Russian Red Guard.

THE U. S. CRUISER SAN DIEGO SUNK

It Was At First Thought That a Submarine Did It.

BUT THIS VIEW CHANGED

IT WAS EITHER MINE OR AN INTERNAL EXPLOSION.

What the Survivors Say in regard to the Affair—Sailors Said a Torpedo Had Struck the Warship Amidships.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
New York, July 20.—The cruiser San Diego was sunk off the New York yesterday morning by a submarine. There is no report of a loss of life as yet.

Positive information as to the cause of the sinking as well as to the loss of life, if any, was lacking today. Thirty-one sailors, who were landed at Point O'Woods, on Long Island, yesterday, said that a torpedo had struck the warship amidships, following which two explosions occurred. Other survivors, among the 300 who arrived at this port on a tanker last night, were reported to have said that either a coast defense mine or an internal explosion caused the disaster. Other steamships, with survivors aboard, were expected to arrive at New York or other nearby ports during the day.

Hit by a Torpedo.
(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Washington, July 20.—The belief that the cruiser San Diego was sunk by a torpedo is expressed in a despatch to-day from the chief of staff of the cruiser forces to the Navy Department. The despatch follows: "The captain of the San Diego reports that he is inclined to the belief that the ship was sunk by torpedoes. There are no conclusive factors, however, on which to base a definite opinion at present."

STOCK MARKETS.
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	Open 2.45 P.M.
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C. P. R.	148 1/2 149
N. Y. C.	72 1/2 72 1/2
Reading	88 89
Southern Pac.	84 84
So. Railway	122 121 1/2
Union Pacific	23 1/2 23 1/2
Marine	27 1/2 27 1/2
Marine-pfd.	98 98 1/2
Studebaker	46 1/2 46 1/2
Am. Smelters	79 78 1/2
Baldwin Loco	90 91
Anacosta	82 83 1/2
Int. Steel	31 30 1/2
Inter. Nickel	31 30 1/2
Impr. Copper	53 53 1/2
Rep. Steel	92 92 1/2
U. S. Steel	107 107 1/2
Midvale	52 52 1/2
Am. Sulphur	128 130
Mex. Pete	100 100 1/2

Canadian Stocks.	
	Open
Bra. Milan	34 1/2 35 1/2
Can. Cement	60 61
Can. Steamship	40 41 1/2
Can. Car	34 35 1/2
Can. Cr. Prof.	85 88 1/2
Maple Leaf	108 114 1/2
Steel or -Canada	65 65 1/2

CHICAGO GRAIN.	
	Op'n High Low Close
July	151 1/2 151 3/4 148 1/2 149 1/2
Aug.	152 1/2 153 149 1/2 151 1/2
Sep.	155 153 150 1/2 151 1/2

Oats.	
	Open High Low Close
July	74 1/2 74 3/4 73 1/2 73 3/4
Aug.	70 71 69 1/2 69 1/2
Sep.	69 70 68 1/2 68 1/2

BRITISH GAVE ADVANCE

On a Mile Front South of Hebuterne.
(Canadian Press Despatch.)
London, July 20.—British troops last night advanced their line on a mile front south of the town of Hebuterne. A successful raid was carried out by the British near Beaumont Hamel. Hebuterne, in about midway on the front between Albert and Arras. Beaumont Hamel is two and a half miles south of Hebuterne.

DEATH OF MRS. F. C. MCGUIN.

She Was One of Napanee's Most Beloved Citizens.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Napanee, July 20.—One of Napanee's most beloved citizens in the person of Mrs. F. C. McGuin passed peacefully away at the ripe age of eighty-one years. Deceased was only ill a few days. Two daughters survive, Miss Sarah McGuin and Mrs. Robert Perry, Boston. The funeral took place Friday afternoon. The remains were taken to Morven for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lacey and family, Toronto, are guests of Mrs. Lacey's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard. Chief Barrett is attending the police conference in Hamilton this week.

St. Mary Magdalene's Sunday school held a very successful picnic in the driving bar on Wednesday afternoon last. A splendid programme of games was carried out, after which an abundance of ice cream was indulged in by the children. In the evening a visit to the movies was enjoyed by the children.

Miss Marjorie Flach, Pembroke, is the guest of Miss Helen Wallace, Piety Hill. Miss Margaret Daly and Miss Elizabeth Waller are spending a week with Mrs. Godfrey Bartlett, Hamilton.

Miss Lulu Charters, trained nurse, Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. William Charters, Sillsville. Mrs. Margaret Whiteman, Lonsdale, spent a few days this week with friends in Napanee.

METHODIST HIGH COURT.

Quadrennial Meeting in Hamilton in October.

Toronto, July 20.—Official announcement has been issued by the Methodist General Conference special committee that a strong committee of arrangements has been organized at Hamilton for the quadrennial meeting of the Methodist High Court.

It will open at Hamilton on October 2nd under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Chown, general superintendent, and hold meetings regularly for three weeks. The homes of the Methodists of Hamilton will be thrown open to the hundreds of delegates.

WORK OR BE INTERNED.

Sydney, N.S., Aliens Give Up Idea of Strike.

Sydney, N.S., July 20.—An entirely new development in Cape Breton, and perhaps in Canada, occurred yesterday when about fifty aliens who were employed as firemen quit work without, it is said, having given the Steel Company notice that they intended to do so, and were ordered by the military authorities to either return to work or be interned. They returned to work.

WHOLE GERMAN OFFENSIVE KNOCKED INTO SMITHEREENS

Ludendorff's Plans Were of the Most Ambitious Character—No Less Than Fifty-Six Divisions in Line or in Reserve.

By Lieut.-Col. Repton.
London, July 18.—Information which has reached us from France during the last 24 hours reveals more completely the ambitious character of the German plans. It is now believed that not less than 56 and possibly more German divisions are in line or in reserve from Chateau Thierry to the Argonne forest, and among them are many of their best storm troops and crack divisions, including three of the Imperial Guard.

The new army under Gen. von Mudra, whose army detachment previously held the Mierthe sector in the east of France, with headquarters at Strasburg, is found fighting alongside von Einem's Third Army in the Champagne, and the French officially report these latter combined forces 25 divisions strong.

From numerous captured orders it appears to be almost certain that the plan was for parts of the armies hitherto commanded by Below and Boehm to cross the Marne on the Chateau Thierry-Dormans front and penetrate to Montmirail, while the armies of von Einem and von Mudra were to sweep across the Champagne district to Chalons, and thence march eastward to Semagne. These interesting objectives were all to be reached in two or three days.

Embraced Paris Defences.
The plan evidently involved nipping Rheims and the Montane de Rheims region between groups of forces, and so avoiding the difficult and costly process of taking the town and hills by assault. If there be, as I think there may be, an intention to attack from St. Mihiel with Gallwitz's group in order to move a ring around Verdun and protect the rear of von Mudra when he reaches the Marne, the failure of

FOCH'S CHANCE HAS NOW COME

Dramatic Counter-Blow is Thing For Which Allies Have Waited.

BAD HOURS FOR HUNS

ENEMY IN QUANDARY AS TO WHAT STRATEGY TO PURSUE.

Philip Gibbs Says the Fate of the World Will be Decided Before the Leaves Turn Brown on This Year's Trees—End May Come Even Quicker.

"The fate of the world will be decided before the leaves turn brown on this year's trees, and perhaps before the harvest is gathered in. I believe it will be decided in our favor." Philip Gibbs.

War Correspondent's Headquarters, July 20.—While the battle in Champagne is being fought by French and American troops, the British armies from Flanders to the Somme remain on the alert. The morning's news between Soissons and Chateau Thierry, with its menace of turning the enemy's right flank, will have a great effect on our men.

It is what we have been hoping for. It is in the traditions of the Foch school of strategy, by which he has had to deny himself so long because of enemy superiority in numbers at the beginning of the offensive. But now at last the balance of numbers on the western front has begun to tip in our favor, and Foch is able to use his reserves with greater freedom and surety of striking power.

The enormous patience of the French general, whose motto is "attack," was put to the severest strain after March 21, when for many weeks he had to husband his forces and remain on the defensive. But this morning the hour of waiting has passed, and after checking the enemy at enormous efforts on each side of Rheims, he seized the psychological moment to strike him on the right wing of the German

salient, between the Aisne and the Marne.

Our own future depends intimately on the progress of the French counter-stroke and on the necessity of the German Crown Prince for more men to replace all those dead and bleeding soldiers who lie on slopes and in the valleys east and west of Rheims. He is as deeply engaged now as he was at Verdun, and cannot call off the battle which he began after months of preparation.

Twenty-four hours more of history may decide which plans the German high command thinks best, but to-day, anyhow, they must be thinking hard, filled with doubt and apprehension. They are playing all but the last cards so far as offensive action and initiative may carry them. They must do whatever they do within the next two months or so, and after that they will be forever on the defensive, because their reserve power cannot maintain the same level as ours, with Americans legions behind us. The fate of the world will be decided before this year's leaves turn brown on the trees and perhaps before the harvest is gathered in. I believe it will be decided in our favor. "Philip Gibbs."

AGREEMENT MADE.

Czecho-Slovaks Proceed Westward Via Manchuria.

Peking, July 20.—Gen. Horvath, commander of the anti-Bolshevik forces in Siberia, is reported to have reached an agreement with the commanders of the Czecho-Slovak forces. The latter, it is stated, will proceed to the westward by way of Manchuria.

PLAN TO COLONIZE ERIN.

Settle Country With English, Scotch and Welsh Soldiers.

London, July 20.—A newly proposed solution of the Irish problem is reported to be under consideration after the war. It is claimed the Isle will support three times its present population if proper agriculture and industries are introduced.

Saskatoon Phoenix Sold.

Saskatoon, Sask., July 20.—The Saskatoon Phoenix has been bought by the Northern Publishing Company, Ltd., a new company represented by Charles O. Smith, formerly of the Port Arthur Chronicle, and the London Advertiser. The new owners have already taken over the Phoenix. Mr. Smith will be managing editor.

Curious Food Hoard.

Amsterdam, July 20.—A curious food hoard has been discovered at Eimbeck, says the South-Holland Gazette, in the parish church baptismal font. Investigation following a denunciatory letter revealed six hundredweight of oats and a hundredweight each of rye and beans.

The National Division Sons of Temperance re-elected C. E. L. G. Hohenbenthal of South Manchester, Conn., Most Worthy Patriarch.

DIED AFTER OPERATION

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Major Astor, son of Viscount Astor, of Hever Castle, will succeed J. R. Cross as Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Minister.