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THE ALLIES COMMAND WHOLE AREA NORTH

Latest Advances in Marne Salient Turning Point of the Whole War--Germans Will Have to Retreat Beyond Vesle--Ville-en-Tardenois Encircled.

London, Aug. 2.—The advance by the Allies along the western side of the centre of the salient is described as extremely important, possibly the most important thing the Allies have accomplished since the Germans retired from the Marne. The importance of the victory, it is explained, lies in the fact that the Allied positions command the whole area to the northward and take in the flank and rear entire western gate through which the Germans have been retiring. This area is a nest of German reserves and field artillery. Goussancourt itself has been taken by the French, advises add.

Paris, Aug. 2.—On the battlefield north of the Marne French troops continued to press back the Germans farther toward Vesle, says to-day's War Office statement. The important town of Ville-en-Tardenois, on the easterly side of the Marne salient, has been encircled by the Allied forces.

London, Aug. 2.—Yesterday's Franco-British attack on the westerly side of the Marne salient was on a front of five miles and penetrated to a maximum depth of three miles, according to news received to-day. It resulted in the capture of the entire ridge, which forms the watershed between the Ourcq and the Aisne, the advances indicate. The French also captured the entire Neufmire wood on the line to the north of Goussancourt at about the centre of the salient.

London, Aug. 2.—A few prisoners were captured by British patrols yesterday in the neighborhood of Festubert. During the night, English troops carried out a successful raid north of Albert, capturing eighteen prisoners and a machine gun. Hostile artillery has shown somewhat increased activity south of the Somme and south of Ypres, and has been active also north of Bethune and on our front east of Hazebrouck.

London, Aug. 2.—The position of the Germans in the Aisne-Marne pocket is daily becoming more precarious. Last night's communication shows that the Allied grip on the neck of the salient is tightening. A Reuter despatch from French Headquarters says General Mangin commanded the Allied attack north of the Ourcq. Its results were very interesting because it gives us views on the enemy's rear as far as Flennes and puts the Germans in the Hartennes-Croisy salient in a most awkward position.

London, Aug. 2.—The whole American line moved forward to-day, while the armies along the flank from Soissons to Rheims pressed hard against the sides of the German salient. Their gains were made almost without resistance. Hammered as they have been for days, the Germans withdrew during the night, so that when the Americans, who were supported on their right and left by French, started early this morning they did not encounter the usual machine gun fire. In open order the men laughed their way through the rain-soaked fields for almost a mile. Indications are that the Germans will not make a stand until they reach the watershed north of Neules forest.

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VOLUNTARY SYSTEM OF RATIONS

Suggestions Made by Provinces to Be Promulgated. Ottawa, Aug. 2.—A system of volunteer rationing, suggested by the different provinces, will be promulgated shortly by the Canada Food Board. It was stated here to-day. Some months ago the board asked the authorities of the various provinces to make suggestions for such a system of rationing as they considered suitable in view of provincial conditions. Most of them replied and made recommendations which have been gone over by the board and with certain suggestions have been returned for final approval.

London, Aug. 2.—The New York Evening Post has been sold to Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., by Oswald Garrison Villard and his fellow-stockholders.

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And Give Rise to Misconception and Disappointment Because of the Little Headway Made--Attacks Are Small But Valuable.

London, Aug. 2.—A Reuter's correspondent on the American front, telegraphing on Thursday night says: "There may be some danger of misconception or disappointment arising from certain rather flamboyant accounts of the fighting on the American front, since these give the impression of a tremendous effort with little headway, and the conclusion may be drawn that the director of Allied advance is finding a successful accomplishment beyond his means. Although no praise is too high for the way the Americans are fighting, that fighting is on a comparatively small scale as things are measured on this front and does not suggest any hurry on the part of the Allied command to reach a particular destination. If the commander's purpose required speed, more guns would be needed, for by comparison with past fighting the present operations might be almost called gunless so large has the role of infantry been. It has been as bitter as possible, and the Americans have won imperishable laurels in it, but the scale of fighting would not entitle one to expect greater progress than it has in fact, more than a mere folding up of ground. It would be a mistake to suppose that the tremendous struggle is producing inadequate results."

DELIVERED NEW STROKE

The Allies Made a Decidedly Good Move. London, Aug. 2.—The Allies delivered a new stroke over a ten-mile front between Bazancourt and Serignes, four miles south of Soissons, and north of Pere on Tardenois, fighting continues on the western side of the Soissons-Rheims salient.

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GEORGE E. DRUMMOND



Who recently retired from the Canadian Car and Foundry Board as a protest against the Hicks charges.

MAY MEAN RENEWAL OF PEACE OFFENSIVE

Kuehlmann and Bethmann-Hollweg are Reported to be in Holland. London, Aug. 2.—The German Foreign Minister, von Kuehlmann, and the former Chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg, are rumored to have appeared in Holland, the Mail announces.

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FOCH'S SMASH WAS WELL TIMED

Leading German Correspondent Discusses Causes of Crown Prince's Reverse.

THE PREPARATIONS HIDDEN

FROM THE MOST CAREFUL AERIAL OBSERVATION. Moment of Attack at Dawn was Psychologically a Good Choice--Unpleasant Feeling in German Army.

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—Dr. George Wegener of the Cologne Gazette, one of the best German war correspondents, has much that is interesting to say in one of the longest and most complete messages, which has yet appeared in the German press from the front. He begins by admitting that, as the factor of surprise was lacking in the German offensive, the attack did not progress as was expected. He says: "When the German Command saw that it immediately stopped the advance, so as to avoid sacrifices which would not have been consistent with what might have been achieved. At this vital moment the enemy began his offensive at another point. On that day I was on the east front of the wedge when the first news of the enemy's offensive came."

"Unquestionably, the first and not very definite news created a very uneasy feeling, as the attack was to some extent in the rear of our positions. The wooded country on their front of attack gave our enemies the best opportunities to assemble masses of artillery and other necessities of attack, together with their storm troops and to keep them concealed. These preparations were hidden even from the most careful aerial observation. The enemy has brought the art of camouflage to the very highest development. In that he was materially helped by the fact that he possessed greater supplies of necessary materials and of labor in this respect, as in so many others, matters are much more difficult."

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EX-CZAR COLLAPSED BEFORE RIFLE SQUAD

He Had to be Propped Against Post, Says German Newspaper. Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—Given two hours in which to prepare for the end, Nicholas Romanoff, former Russian Emperor, was taken out by his executioners in a state of such collapse that it was necessary to prop him against a post, says the Lokai Anzeiger of Berlin, which claims to have received from a high Russian personage an account of the ex-Czar's last hours.

LESS GRAIN BUT MORE COAL

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There was 58,731 tons of hard coal brought down--Produce Showed Excess Over 1917. Montreal, Aug. 2.—In the month of July cargo carried on the Lachine Canal showed a marked decrease on the whole as compared with the corresponding month in 1917. Less than half the amount of grain was carried, although, with the exception of eggs, more produce of other kinds was brought down. Coal also showed an increase, 9,520 more tons being brought down.

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