

The Weather.

Partly cloudy Tuesday, probably showers central and western portions; Wednesday partly cloudy east showers west portion.

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THE EVENING STAR

ALLIED ARMIES ARE STILL FORGING AHEAD DESPERATE COUNTER ATTACKS IMPEDING BUT NOT STOPPING ALLIED FORWARD MOVEMENTS

Further Ground, Additional Large Numbers Prisoners and Supplies Taken.

AMERICANS GO FOUR MILES United States Men Pressing Hard On the Heels of the Fleeing Germans.

TO RETREAT FURTHER Signs Indicate They Are Destroying Material.

(By the Associated Press.) The drive of the American and French forces into the Soissons-Rheims salient, between Soissons and the region of the Marne, continues. The Germans at some points are counter-attacking desperately, but their efforts thus far have proved futile in more than impeding the advance.

Further ground has been gained by the allied forces south of Soissons in the center of the line along the Ourcq river and northeast of Chateau-Thierry. Additional large numbers of Germans have been made prisoner and enormous quantities of guns and war material have been captured.

Americans At Their Heels. In the Marne region the American troops on the northern bank of the stream are well on the heels of the fleeing enemy east of Chateau-Thierry, between Chateaux and Gland. At least twenty-four miles from their old positions on the southern bank and they are pressing the enemy northward in the direction of Fore-En-Tardenois, possibly with the intention of endeavoring to link up with the French forces proceeding eastward along the Ourcq. Further east along the Marne the French have been able to throw forces across the northern bank of the stream.

Severe fighting is in progress between British, French and Italian troops where the British have made a serious advance, while in the Champagne to the east of Rheims, the French are reported to have regained all their old front line positions between the River Suippes and the town of Massiges. The German defensive has noticeably stiffened on the southern bank of the Rheme-Soissons salient, but although large numbers of reserves have been thrown into the fighting the manoeuvres seem to be more in the nature of a strong rear guard action designed to help the large force of the enemy in the Chateau-Thierry pocket to escape northward, than a purpose to stand and fight a battle with the ultimate aim of retreating or beating back the Franco-American forces.

Burning Villages Behind Them. That the Germans now realize that the allies have the upper hand in the battle seems apparent from reports that they are burning villages behind them in their retreat. The burning of large quantities of munitions and war materials throughout the entire salient, which they have found it impossible to move, owing to the rapid advance of the allies across various points of their lines of communication, is the indication of others by the allied big guns. These guns now are throwing shells far behind the lines searching for the entire countryside while allied airplanes are harassing the retreating columns with machine gun fire.

Flanking Allies Race With Fleeing Huns From Marne

German High Command Making Desperate Efforts to Extricate Army From Great "Pocket" While Allies On Etc. Flank Strain to Cut Off Germans From Escape—Substantial Gains Made Yesterday.

Washington, July 22.—The German high command apparently is making desperate efforts to hold open the base of the salient between Soissons and Rheims until troops far down the center of the great pocket toward the Marne can be withdrawn. With French and American troops hammering away from the west and French, British and Italian forces battering at the east flank of the German position it was still far from certain that the enemy would be able to get his forces out of the southern end of the salient without terrific losses.

HUNS DESPERATELY CLINGING TO LINE

Americans South of Soissons Have Completed Cutting Of the Railway.

DESTROYING MATERIALS Additional Towns and Prisoners Taken Yesterday—German Resistance Slowing Up But Not Stopping Allies.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, 2 P. M., July 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Germans are clinging desperately to the line south of Soissons in an effort to protect their flanks.

The Americans fighting on this front have completed the cutting of the narrow gauge railway to Chateau-Thierry. The pounding process is being continued by the Americans and their allies in this sector, keeping the Germans uncertain from moment to moment regarding the allied intention.

SIGNS GERMAN DESTROYING MATERIALS

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, 2 P. M., July 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—There were signs everywhere today that the Germans are destroying the material and munitions in the pocket to the north of the River Marne, between Soissons and Rheims, preparatory to the entire evacuation of that area.

CONCENTRATED RESISTANCE IS SLOWING UP THE OFFENSIVE

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American and allied forces. The only estimate from official sources covering the aggregate captures by French, American and Italian troops during the first two days of the counter-offensive, gave 20,000 as the probable total. There are indications that the number captured on Sunday might be greater, although enemy withdrawals from the Marne and Champagne-Thierry sectors probably accounted in some part for the swiftness of the advances made during that day.

AMERICA IS PROUD SAYS GEN. PERSHING

Tells Wounded Americans They Have Done All He Could Have Asked of Them.

AMERICANS VISIT PARIS HOSPITALS American Troops Yesterday Continued Their Valiant and Successful Fighting—Occupied Towns and Hens Vacate Hastily.

Paris, July 22.—(By Associated Press.)—"Your country is proud of you and I am more than proud to command such men as you. You have fought splendidly."

General Pershing thus addressed wounded American soldiers lying in the American Red Cross hospitals in Paris today. In each ward of every hospital south of the Ourcq river, crossed the towns of Secour, Epiedes and Charlevaux, the American units have crossed the Marne and occupied towns on the north bank which the communiques says had been hastily evacuated by the Germans.

TOWNS OCCUPIED BY AMERICANS SHOW GERMAN LEFT HURRIEDLY

Washington, July 22.—Franco-American troops, continuing their advance, the French report, crossed the Soissons-Chateau-Thierry road between the Ourcq and the Clignon Sunday night, General Pershing reported in today's communique.

AMERICAN INDIANS HAVE A BRUSH WITH THE GERMANS

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American Indians in France quickly adjusted themselves to the conditions of the country. They soon became just as cunning as in their native western haunts. This is illustrated by an incident which occurred when the Germans were withdrawing across the Marne. Indian scouts, with Americans, were sent over the river to ascertain the German movements and other details.

HARD FIGHTING ON ALL SECTORS WITH ALLIES AGGRESSIVE

Germans Struggle Bitterly To Save What They Can Before the Onrush.

HUN COUNTER ATTACKS English Pay Tribute to Fighting Qualities of American Troops in the Big Battle.

London, July 22.—Hard fighting is proceeding in all sections of the line from Soissons to Rheims, according to dispatches reaching London this afternoon, but always with the allies on the offensive and the Germans fighting desperately to save what they can before the onrush.

The French gathered up 45, more guns, including six of large calibre, in the fighting along the Marne where the Germans were compelled to retreat very hastily, leaving behind large quantities of material of all kinds.

With the district south of the Marne cleared of Germans, the allies are busy constructing bridges and getting large bodies of troops and supplies across for pursuit. The Germans undoubtedly will continue to fight in the most stubborn manner for the salient, but if things continue to go well with the allies in their attack, the enemy is likely to be forced back to the line of the river Velle, which offers good defenses and has good communications.

General Pershing talked to the physicians, surgeons and nurses, and thanked them for the work they were doing in caring for the wounded. "No one can ask more of any fighting unit than the men. He should do as well as you have done," he said to his troops. The general added that he wished he could talk personally with each and every man in the hospital, but this was impossible. He asked Major James H. Perkins to repeat his message and say to each individual man "The American people are proud of you."

BRITISH DIVISIONS ON MARNE SALIENT

Reinforcements Equal in Number the Bavarians Sent.

English Troops Now Occupy Same Positions They Held Before May Offensive—Reinforcements Are Picked Troops.

Paris, July 22.—When the Bavarian crown prince answered the German crown prince's appeal for help and sent some of his divisions from the Picardy front to aid the Germans in the Marne salient, an equal number of British divisions were detached from the northern front and moved to the battle sector southwest of Rheims. The British divisions are composed of picked troops.

Another Ship Reported In Distress in Vicinity of Sub Operations Sunday

Nantucket, Mass., July 22.—An airplane which landed at the village of Wauwinnet tonight brought word that a steamer was in distress near Great Round Shoals, about five miles off the eastern end of the island. The vessel was described as in need of immediate assistance, but the nature of her injuries was not disclosed.

PLANS FOR RUSSIA SOON BE ANNOUNCED

President Expected to Publish Statement Relative to United States Participation.

A MILITARY EXPEDITION IS AKIN TO WILHELM Set Forth Plans for Giving Russia Military and Economic Aid—Joint Campaign With England, France and Japan.

Washington, July 21.—Plans of the United States for participation in the expedition to give military aid to Russia are expected to be announced in a public statement by President Wilson, probably before the end of the week.

GRAFT DISCLOSED IN ARMY CONTRACTS

Officers of Fifteen Manufacturing Concerns Arrested.

Conspiracies Involving Bribery and Fraud Discovered in Connection With Army Contracts for Estimates—Officers Suspected.

TEN PER CENT INCOME TAX INCLUDED IN REVENUE BILL

Washington, July 22.—Inclusion in the new revenue bill designed to raise \$8,000,000,000 by taxation of a 10 per cent normal tax on all incomes of individuals after deduction of \$1,000 exemption for unmarried persons and \$2,000 exemption for married persons has been tentatively agreed upon by the house ways and means committee. This was understood today after the second session of the committee which is framing the bill for presentation in the house when congress reconvenes the last of August.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION WINS BOUT FROM GOTHEM BOKER

Jersey City, N. J., August 22.—Benney Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, scored a technical knockout over Young Gradwell of New York in the fifth round of an eight round match here tonight. Leonard knocked Gradwell down twice in the fifth round and the referee stopped the fight to save Gradwell further punishment.

METAL COMBINE IS SMASHED BY TAKING OVER ENEMY FIRMS

Alien Property Custodian Seizes German Concerns Doing Millions Yearly.

BOSSED WORLD MARKET Transfer to Cover Up Alien Ownership Was Disguised But "Too Thinly."

Washington, July 22.—German control of the metal industry in America has been wiped out by Alien Property Custodian Palmer in the seizure of several of the largest metal concerns in the United States with ramifications into South America, Mexico and Canada.

GERMAN CONSPIRACY TO USE RESERVISTS

Von Strensch's Letters Reveal Plan For Attacking U. S. and Canada.

New York, July 22.—That Teuton conspirators planned, even after this country's entrance into the war, to use German reservists to invade Canada and Mexico is indicated in the seized correspondence of the German agent, Richard Von Strensch, officials of the department of justice declared here today.

WANTS REASON FOR FAILURE OF BOMBS

Those Dropped on Sub at Cape Cod Worthless.

Secretary Daniels Starts Investigation of Failure of Naval Aviators to do Damage to U-Boat Sunday Morning.

REAR ADMIRAL WOOD DENIES AIRCRAFT WRENT ON JOB

Boston, July 22.—An investigation was started today to determine why bombs carried by naval aviators failed to explode when dropped on or near the German submarine which attacked the tug, Fort Amby and her barges off Cape Cod yesterday.

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