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AMERICANS AND FRENCH PURSUE, FLEEING HUNS GERMANS IN RETREAT TO NEW POSITION NORTH OF THE MARNE

TIDE OF GERMAN INVASION EBBING

Fact of General Retreat Not Questioned, Only Question is Where Will Enemy Make a Stand.

EVERY INDICATION IS THAT HUNS ARE ESCAPING POCKET

While This Goes on British Strike on Each side of Bray-Coble Road, Using Australians.

(By Associated Press.)

North of the Marne the tide of German invasion is fast ebbing. The fact that a general retreat in this region is going on is not questioned and the only question of moment remaining to be cleared up is the location of the position at which the enemy will turn at bay.

Since Saturday morning there have been important changes in the battle line between Soissons and Rheims. Today it runs almost directly from Oulchy-Le-Chateau to Fere en Tardenois, then crosses the Ourcq and continues eastward until it reaches Dormans-Rheims road northwest of Rheims mountain.

It had been contended by military experts that the Germans might elect to stand on the line of the Ourcq river from which heavy cannon might dominate the Paris-Challons railroad along the Marne but this idea is now proved erroneous. It appears that there will be no defensive position south of the Vesle river to which the Germans will retire and organize a resistance to the allied pressure.

The only other defensive position seemingly possible is the one that follows the Aisne and Vesle rivers from Soissons to Fismes and from that point follows the course of the Andre river toward Rheims.

Burning villages along the Aisne and Vesle from Soissons to Bazoiches are reported and tend to confirm the impression that the Germans do not contemplate an organized resistance south of that

MR. THOS. H. VANDER- FORD, JR., DIES FOLLOWING OPERATION

Prominent and Well Known Young Lawyer and City Attorney Died This Afternoon After Operation for Appendicitis.

Mr. Thomas H. Vanderford, Jr., died at the sanatorium this afternoon at 12:45 o'clock after a desperate illness of several days, having undergone an operation the first part of last week for appendicitis. Tom Vanderford, as he was familiarly known to a large circle of friends and acquaintances, would have been 12 years old in October. He was a native of Salisbury the second child of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Vanderford, Sr. He is survived by his parents and three sisters, Mrs. P. H. Meroney, Mrs. Max L. Barker and Miss Alice Vanderford. Also a wife and little son survive.

Mr. Vanderford received his early education in the city public schools and later attended the University of North Carolina, but before completing the academic course he took up the study of law and completed this study at the University. He at once opened an office in this city and had built up a splendid practice. He was a prominent lawyer and a most successful worker of more zeal for his clients. His practice in the country was larger than that of any attorney of the Rowan bar. Although only in years he was ripe in legal experience and was well versed in all acts of the general assembly and rulings of the Supreme court and not only in preparing cases and examining witnesses was he one of the best but he could argue a case with greater force and ability than many lawyers his superior in years.

Some years ago Mr. Vanderford was chosen city attorney by the board of aldermen of Salisbury and his services in this capacity were faithful and unceasing and he had been called upon numbers of times to pass upon important matters and seldom were his rulings amiss. Noting his fitness for this position he was re-elected in May last year to succeed himself as city attorney.

Mr. Vanderford was a man of big heart, generous, polite and sociable. He had a large circle of friends both in Salisbury and throughout the county. He was one of the most cheerful personages one cares to meet and his personality and his loyalty to his friends made him companions and associates who were glad to have his acquaintance and friendship. To his friends he was loyal to the core and to all he was charitable and kind and of pleasing nature.

Some years ago he was married to Miss Vivian Ross, daughter of Mr. A. J. Ross, of this city, and in addition to the wife his immediate household includes a little son.

The funeral will take place from the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Vanderford, Sr., 220 North Fulton street, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. A. Lambeth of the First Methodist church, and the interment will be in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

North of the Somme and took two lines of German trenches on over a mile front. The Australians also captured 100 prisoners. This operation is just to the north of Hamel and Villers Bretonneux, where the Australians and Americans early in June won a local victory over the enemy.

Farther south is the line over which the French have recently advanced to a dominating position along the Avre river.

The allies hammered heavy this morning and the enemy fled in like manner and the fighting shifted back and forth through Sergy, three miles southwest of Fere-en-Tardenois. Up to Monday the Germans had been unable to force a recrossing of the Ourcq.

RETREATING GERMANS ARE OFFERING STIFF RESISTANCE TO THE ALLIES

The French and Americans are Still Pursuing the Enemy and Slashing at his Retreating Columns--Huns are Destroying Villages and are Supposed to be Retreating to Positions Beyond the Vesle River on Rheims, Soisson Line--Australians Take Position and Prisoners.

(By Associated Press.)

London, July 29.—The German retreat is continuing all along the line and the allies are in pursuit, according to the latest reports from the Rheims salient today at noon.

The Germans have succeeded in checking, but not stopping the allied advance.

The French on the north bank of the Ourcq river have secured the whole road between Rheims and Dormans. The Germans are resisting stubbornly and burning villages as they retire.

Heavy fighting is in progress to the south of Soissons in the neighborhood of Buzency. So far the French have made no progress in these villages between Soissons and Bazoiches. About 14 miles to the east, however, they have cut the lines in the villages indicate that the Germans are making further retreat and destroying the villages as they retire.

Since yesterday the allies have advanced two and three miles on a twenty mile front.

The enemy has definitely abandoned the line of the Ourcq and now there seems little doubt but that he will retire to a line beyond Vesle, a thirty mile line between Rheims and Soissons. They will probably entrench here where it is considered they will have a good line of communication. The retreat has been orderly, this being shown by the fact that the allies in pursuit have taken only 4 big guns.

The Americans who are taking part in this fight are pressing the Germans most vigorously. Two Lines of Trench Taken East of Dray-Corbie.

London, July 29.—Two lines of German trenches on a two mile front astride the Dray-Corbie road east of Amiens have been taken by Australian troops, the war office announces this morning.

In carrying out the operation the Australians took 100 prisoners.

French and Americans Slashing at Retiring Line.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, Monday morning, 8:30.—(By the Associated Press.)—French and American troops are slashing vigorously at the stiff resistance of the German rear guard today with fair prospects that before night the fall of the advance line will advance close to the river Ardre which is only a few kilometers away.

The German base at Fere en Tardenois has been captured.

Four Hundred Prisoners Taken During Sunday.

Paris, July 29.—In the fighting on the north of the Marne Sunday 400 prisoners were captured, the war office announces. There was no change during the night in the general situation.

Germans Resisting Very Strenuously at Some Places.

With the French Army, Monday morning.—The forward pressure of the allies continued uninterrupted throughout Sunday. On Saturday the progress of the allies was rapid with slight resistance from the enemy, but on yesterday the Germans everywhere

developed power and showed that they are still capable of strong resistance.

On the streets of Fere en Tardenois heavy hand to hand fighting was observed, but the allies developed the upper hand and late last night the fighting for the mastery of the village was in progress.

The German strong point is on the southeasterly side of the salient, but there the allies are gaining today. They are establishing themselves in the southern portion of the town and have beaten off all efforts of the Germans to dislodge them.

Teutons Settle Down to Hard Resistance.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, July 29.—Reinforced by two crack divisions of Bavarian guards the Teutons today settled down to the hardest resistance they have displayed against the American forces north of the Ourcq river.

Allies Make Strategic Gains.

London, July 29.—What seems a most valuable strategic result of the allies offensive against the Germans is the gain to the allies of the great Paris-Chateau Thierry-Challons railway, by means of which the Champagne front is best visited and served.

The action may now slow down and stabilize for a time between Soissons and Rheims where the Germans are gathering great forces, but the fact remains that the enemy is badly beaten. He did not only not hold a single inch of the ground gained since July 15th, but within a fortnight he has been forced to abandon nearly half the ground he gained on May 27th.

The question now is will the enemy settle down in the plateau south of the Vesle or will he continue his retirement to the heights between the Vesle and the Aisne.

Town Taken by the Allies in Crossing the Ourcq.

Washington, July 29.—The crossing of the Ourcq by the Americans in pursuit of the enemy north of the Marne is reported by General Pershing in his communique of yesterday received this morning.

The capture by the Americans of the towns of Seringes, Et Nesler, Sergy and Roncheres beyond the Ourcq is reported.

With the French Army in France, July 29th.—noon.—The allies pushed on beyond Fere-en-Tardenois this morning and made new positions everywhere in the face of strong German resistance. The village of Sercy southwest of Fere-en-Tardenois changed hands four times, finally remaining with the allies.

There was an extremely heavy duel this morning north of the Ourcq.

Hindenburg Is Dead.

Amsterdam, July 28.—An official communication received here from German main headquarters denied the recent rumors concerning Field Marshal Hindenburg's health. The communication says Hindenburg's health is excellent.

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO MAGNATE, DIED EARLY TODAY

After a Year's Illness Head of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Dies at His Country Home Near Winston-Salem.

(By the Associated Press) Winston-Salem, July 29.—Richard Joshua Reynolds, head of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, after a year's illness, died at his country home, "Reynolds" early today, aged 68 years.

Mr. Reynolds was one of the most successful business men in the South. His estate is estimated at \$10,000,000 or more. He is survived by a wife and four children, four brothers and a sister. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning.

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STRIKING WORKMEN
RETURNING TO WORK

Situation in British Munitions Plants Very Much Improved Today. Mass Meeting Held and Work Being Resumed.

London, July 29.—At a mass meeting held today the striking workers in the munitions plants decided to return to work at once.

Munitions Strike is Distinctly Improving.

London, July 28.—The ministry of munitions announced tonight that reports received from all parts of the country indicate that the strike situation in the munitions industry "has distinctly improved and that a majority of the strikers in all probability will return to work tomorrow."

As a result of mass meetings in Birmingham and West Bromwich today it was decided by the district committees of the strikers' organizations that the men should return to work Monday morning. A majority of the men at the Birmingham meeting favored a continuation of the strike, but as a two-thirds vote was necessary and this was not obtainable, the committee advised a resumption of work.

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PHILADELPHIA SCENE
OF SERIOUS RACE RIOT.

One Policeman Killed, Another Badly Wounded and Sixty or More Persons Injured.

Philadelphia, July 28.—One policeman was shot and killed another so badly wounded that he will probably die, and 60 other persons were injured, a score of them seriously, today in street fights between whites and negroes in the southern section of the city. More than 50 persons were placed under arrest.

The trouble started over the killing of a white man by a negro shortly after midnight and the wounding of two others. It continued intermittently from 9 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock tonight. At one point 200 marines aided in quelling the disturbance.

In addition to the police, more than 100 members of the home guard patrolled the streets tonight.

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BLOWN TO PIECES.

ITALIAN SHIP IS

Pomb on Board the Ship Exploded and Six Members of the Crew Were Killed, German Is Suspected.

(By the Associated Press) Roi De Janeiro, July 29.—The Italian steamer Giuseppe Garibaldi, of 4000 tons, was destroyed by an explosion, two hundred miles off the Brazilian coast. Six members of the crew were killed by the explosion and the remainder were saved by an English vessel. The officers reported that they believed the exploding bomb was placed there by a German.

Companies fought for three full days. Drivers operated their tanks for 30 hours in the two day period of July 18-19.

SO. CONFERENCE LUTHERAN SYNOD

Closing on Sunday of a Most Interesting and Helpful Church Conference.

A SERVICE FLAG IS RAISED WITH CEREMONY

Red Cross Will Hold Suitable Exercises in Raising Service Flag.

(By A. W. Hicks)

Spencer, July 29.—The Southern Conference of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod which has been in session in Spencer for the last three days came to a close Sunday night with interesting exercises. The next session will be held at Center Grove church near Kannapolis in November. There were about 100 clerical and lay delegates in attendance from all parts of the conference domain on the south side of the main line of the Southern Railway and good reports were heard from all charges represented. The closing day of the conference was given to missions, the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod conducted the closing exercises. At 11 a. m. Sunday the confessional sermon was preached by Rev. C. R. Pless, and in the afternoon a missionary cantata, "The Christian Cross," was staged. A score of young folks from Christian Lutheran congregation. The program of songs and other exercises included a representation from various nations where missionary work is being done. The missionary address was by Rev. G. O. Ritchie. The officers for the ensuing year elected Sunday include Miss Daisy Lingle president; Mrs. F. A. Brown vice president; Miss Ivey Efrid recording secretary, and Miss Ruth Brown treasurer.

During their stay in Spencer the delegates were entertained by the people of the town and the conference is said to have been a most profitable one. Rev. Floyd B. Lingle is pastor of Calvary congregation where the conference was held and has been a very busy man during the past week. Spencer Division No. 363 of the G. L. A. has raised a service flag with appropriate ceremonies. America was sung by the crowd and a solo, "Should Stars in Your Flag Turn to Gold," was rendered by Dr. F. G. Sigman. The flag was presented by Rev. W. W. Way and accepted with appropriate remarks by Rev. Jno. S. Wood. Mrs. D. R. Fargart sang a "Song to the Flag," while a chorus rendered "We'll be waiting when the boys come home."

Arrangements are being made by the Red Cross for a Service Flag in Spencer. The plan is to have elaborate exercises from the band stand in Spencer park with patriotic addresses by several leading speakers, music by a band, entertainment by good local talent, and refreshments by the Red Cross ladies. It is learned that Spencer has over 100 young men now in some branch of the army service and it is in their honor that the flag is to be unfurled. The names of all known to be in the service will be read at the gathering.

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TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, July 29.—The army casualty list shows:

Killed in action, 47.
Died of wounds, 17.
Died of disease, 4.
Died of accidents and other causes, 11.

Wounded severely, 93.
Wounded, degree unknown, 7.
Missing, 20.
Total, 199.

The list included two North Carolina officers, Captain James H. Holmes, of Hendersonville, and Lieutenant J. C. Loder, of Wilmington, both killed in action.

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One man about whose right to be considered an essential worker it there can be no question is the coal miner.—Washington-Star.