

# HUNS HURL VAST FORCE INTO FRAY

German War Council Overrules Crown Prince and Von Boehm, Who Favored Immediate Evacuation.

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Copyright 1918 by the Tribune Association. With the French Armies, July 27.—(Special Cablegram to New York Tribune and the Omaha Bee.) There are three possible reasons for such an unilitary sacrifice of enemy man power as is involved in the decision of the German higher command to try to hold the Marne salient.

The German general staff is too clever to believe it can hold the ground. From the first day of the allied counter offensive all the arguments of military tactics dictated a withdrawal. Therefore possibly, first, the Hohenzollern dynasty's face must be spared as much as possible because the imperial crown prince commands the armies placed in their present predicament by a defeat; second, the loss of great amounts of material and many guns along with much of the gains of ground of the April surprise offensive across the Aisne which created the salient cannot be camouflaged away from the eyes of the war-weary German people if given up simultaneously and therefore as much material as possible must be saved and the ground lost slowly; third, the general staff hopes by holding large allied forces around the salient to strike with some degree of local success elsewhere.

von Boehm's Forces Doubled. There are 30 divisions under General von Boehm, commanding one of the armies in the crown prince's group, and these occupied territory generally located in the salient before the allied counter stroke was launched.

The voluntary retreat of those divisions north of the salient has been stopped, but their number has been almost doubled to hold back the allied forces. According to positive information today, the German war council held on the night of July 27 overruled both the crown prince and von Boehm, who were for immediate evacuation. The idea that the moral effect on Germany may have prompted the decision is upheld by prisoners, who almost unanimously declare the interior of the empire is suffering terrible privations.

That the Germans have not retreated far from the north bank of the Marne in this district is most evident ten miles south of the river. A long range shell exploded in a field 200 yards from our car. We were not molested, however, again until we reached the village of Crezancy and there only visually.

Everything Laid in Ruins. The utter destruction which lay before us spoke volumes for the courage of the men who first withstood the almost crushing weight of metal thrown into the village and then doggedly fought the advancing enemy waves.

Amid the ruins on the roads the hustle and bustle of war continued—trucks, automobiles, side-cars, horses and men each performing his part in continuing the battle behind the hills on the north bank of the Marne.

Leaving the car at Crezancy, we walked a distance of two miles. The sausages hanging lazily in the air behind us, airplanes hovering above, many atmospheric strata pounding and rumbling from the allied guns in our rear and the enemy's in front gave a proper war setting.

The enemy's shells were breaking across the river at first, but as we entered the village, two immediately greeted us there, and the crackle of the machine guns across the river became more intense.

Nature's Power Outstripped. Before the war I saw a plastic reproduction of Messina after the earthquake. This scene, however, was beyond the fondest dreams of reproduction in the plastic art. As the badly destroyed villages are mostly alike, it is useless to give a detailed description. But the outstanding fact was that nature's power of destruction has now been far outstripped by the science of man. Between the villages ran a narrow river, creeping from view around a great curve. The ruins of the village stood out in bold relief against the hillside's green background and the small town on our side simply nestled almost at the water's edge.

A pontoon bridge, one of the several allied crossings, now, however, was what caused excitement. On the village road en route to the bridge we were suddenly assailed with machine gun bullets "putting" around us and we rapidly took to cover. It was one of an advance guard fleet of enemy airplanes come to bomb the bridge which playfully had turned its machine gun on us.

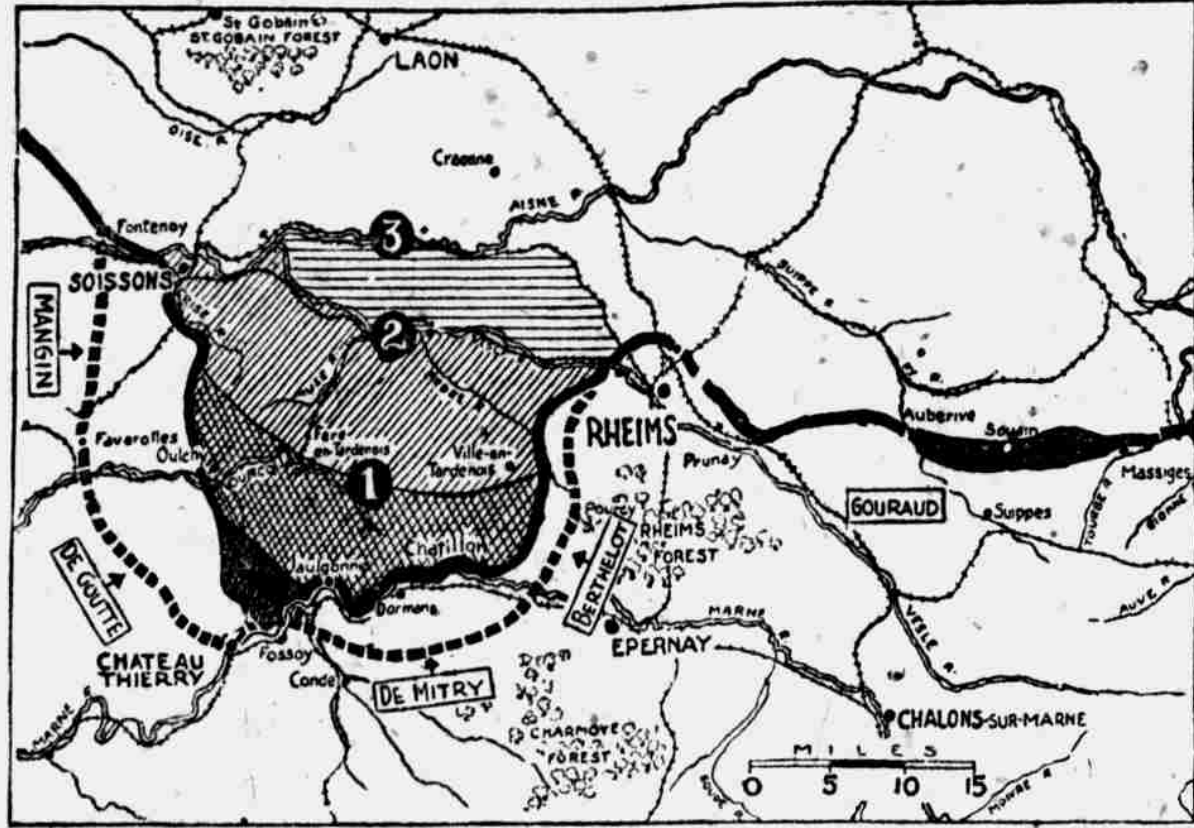
The whirr of the shell was the next distinction, its explosion and fragments coming all too close. In the meantime the machine gun fire on the opposite side was beginning a hurry job of riveters on a New York skyscraper, only they were outdoing any hurry job of the riveters' union in noise by about twentyfold.

Air Fighting Grows Intense. Above was a fleet of enemy bombers, fighting machines of a convoy now linked in combat with allied planes which hurried from every direction. While the battle was going on the bombers forged ahead, dropping heavy missiles. It is difficult to recall how many, but the main facts now are that none hit the bridge.

One German fighting plane broke off combat suddenly and dove on one of the several rapidly descending sautes. We saw the observer jump, his parachute open safely, and a moment later the balloon was enveloped in flames. It fell in a remarkably brief time, leaving a black trail downward.

The fight swayed down the river and when it was a mile away we saw another fall from the sky with a suspicion of a smoke trail behind him. All this is one of the little acts seen many times in a day, according to the doughboys and poilus there. What is most significant is that they were entirely cheerful and happy.

## Germans' Line of Retreat From the Marne and Lines They May Choose to Defend



The solid black areas represent allied gains up till Friday, Saturday the Germans were in full retreat along the entire front north of the Marne. Prisoners have said they plan to fall back to a new line of defense before Fere-en-Tardenois, on line

### GERMANS SEEKING ESCAPE FROM TRAP FOCH MAY SPRING

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deepest penetration. The Germans have held their ground on the north side of the Marne along most of the line from Dormans east of Reuil and only here and there have yielded ground between the Marne and Rheims. The line, as at present, starts from Fontenay, on the Aisne, and runs southeastwardly through Pernant to Montagne De Paris, on the hills overlooking Soissons. At that point it turns south and passes through Courmelles, Berzy, Villemontoire, Hartennes Et Taux, Le Plessier Heleu and Oulchy-Le Ville. There it turns to the southeast of Oulchy-Le-Chateau and Armentieres and passes through northern edges of Tornelles, La Fere and Ris forests and reaches the Marne near Dormans. From Dormans it follows the north bank of the river to near Reuil and then turns to the northeast and passes through the Roi and Courton woods, continues through the line of Bouilly, St. Euphrase and Vigny and joins the old battle line near Coulommès La Montagne.

Huns Give Ground Slowly. The principal fighting of the past few days has taken place along the Oulchy-Le-Chateau, Villemontoire and Bouilly sectors. At Villemontoire the allies succeeded in pushing ahead slightly and near Bouilly the British on Thursday began an attack that promised well but it was stopped and the British are driven back slightly from their advanced positions.

The fighting at Oulchy-Le-Chateau and to the southeast through the wood country has been steady and the Germans have been compelled to give ground, but it has been a slow process that the allies have carried on in turning the enemy out of this section and forcing them to withdraw toward Fere-En-Tardenois.

Guns Sweep Salient. The situation in the interior of the German salient must be uncomfortable for the enemy. Long range guns in the hands of the allies are sweeping nearly every part of the salient and this fire is doubly severe over that portion of the German position which is within range of the medium calibered cannon. There is, however, little to justify the belief that the Germans are in serious straits, or that their retreat is being unduly hurried. There have been, moreover, indications that the Germans may decide not to retreat from the salient, but will try to hold it indefinitely.

A new German offensive against some other section of the line for the purpose of relieving the pressure on the crown prince's armies north of the Marne is expected by some military experts, but it has not developed as yet. It appears to be the consensus of opinion that the German attack when it comes, will be launched against the British fronts in Picardy or Flanders.

In Albania the French and Italian offensive has slowed down considerably, but still is making ground around the right wing of the Teutonic armies in Macedonia. They have not as yet reached a point where they can menace the Austrian and Bulgarian positions further east.

### Mooney Is Reprived Until Next December

Los Angeles, Cal., July 27.—Gov. William D. Stephens announced today he had decided to grant a reprieve to Thomas J. Mooney, which will operate as a stay of execution until December 13, 1918. The governor announced that he took this action that all persons might be assured the fullest consideration will be given the case by the executive and judicial branches of California.

San Francisco, Cal., July 27.—The action of Governor Stephens should meet with the approval of every right thinking person, said Maxwell Mc Nutt, Mooney's counsel, upon being informed that his client had been granted a reprieve.

### Government Takes Supervision of Markets for Live Stock

Washington, July 27.—Regulations providing against extortionate or excessive charges for the maintenance of adequate facilities for handling live stock and prohibiting unfair dealing and deceptive practices were issued today by the Department of Agriculture. Market supervisors will be stationed at the principal markets and in regional offices.

### Bee Milk and Ice Fund Helps Many Like This

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Austria Makes War Loan. Amsterdam, July 27.—The lower house of the Austrian Parliament has passed the provisional budget for the ensuing six months by a vote of 215 to 196, as well as authorizing a war credit of \$1,200,000,000.

### BALLOON DUTY OVER THE HUN FIRING LINES

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The message from the sausage telling of what the two observers can see behind the German lines. Finally the cable stops paying out and the sausage stands still. There it is, the favorite target of German airmen and a prize for enemy artillery. Around the waist of each of the observers is a parachute which they will use if a boche's incendiary bullet hits their big bag. Then we hear the telephone man talking and see him busily writing, and we turn away, as it seems that the observers have settled down to their allotted five hours' stunt. Suddenly the sharp whistle of the M. P. guard sounds. It means "under cover." The general and I move quickly under the bough of a low-hanging tree and just then there were many muffled explosions. We knew which way to look, and far up in the air could be seen myriad puffs of white smoke, looking for all the world like so many cotton balls as the shrapnel burst in a line which played tag with a grayish white buglike thing which was a boche avion on its way to shoot down our balloon.

mixed with the whirr of the motor of the windlass as it hauled the balloon downward.

"The shrapnel burst and burst, tracing a white line around the German flyer. For a moment he was lost behind a cloud and then there went up a shout from a hundred or more officers watching. I looked and strained my eyes, and shooting down along the under edge of the cloud was a mass of smoke and flame. Our gunners had bagged their game. The smoking avion traced a line downward toward the German lines. We walked to the general's office as a lieutenant was taking down a message from an outpost to the effect that the German machine had fallen in flames three kilometers behind our lines and the aviator had been burned to death before he reached the earth.

"And then the windlass creaked and I saw the balloon come up from behind the trees again, its rudders flapping in the breeze like elephant's ears, going again on its dangerous but valuable mission. Perhaps the next time, which would come within an hour or so, the boche flyer would get close before our gunners saw him—and then perhaps he wouldn't. It was all just one little sideplay in the great game of nations."

## GUNS BLAST WAY THROUGH MASSES OF Foe IN POCKET

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present their identity will not be disclosed.

Summarizing what has already been accomplished in the hard driven counter attack on the Aisne-Marne salient, General March pointed out that the German lines are today 11 miles farther away from Paris than they were when the assault was launched. American troops have advanced from Chateau Thierry that distance and the chief of staff said they were still advancing.

The general also brought out the fact that the line surrounding the salient has been shortened by 10 miles through American and allied advances being now 64 miles long. French advances today on the Marne equal will further shorten the battle front and restrict the enemy's field of maneuver.

Divisions in Action. In announcing the formation of two

more army corps, General March explained that the divisions comprising them and other corps are assigned before leaving this country to be mobilized as corps when their training has been completed. With this understanding, he said, the 83d national army (Maj.-Gen. E. F. Glenn), 89th national army (Brig.-Gen. John S. Winn), 37th national guard (Maj.-Gen. William S. Farnsworth); 29th national guard (Maj.-Gen. Charles G. Morton); 90th national army (Maj.-Gen. Henry B. Allen); 92d (negro) national army (Maj.-Gen. C. C. Ballou), have been assigned to the Fourth corps.

General March has announced the composition of the first four regular army divisions, among the first to be sent to France, as follows: First division, 16th, 18th, 26th and 28th infantry; Fifth, Sixth and Seventh field artillery.

Second division, Fifth and Sixth marine regiments, Ninth and 23d infantry, 12th and 17th field artillery. Third division, Fourth, Seventh, 30th and 38th infantry; 10th, 18th, 26th field artillery. Fourth division, 39th, 47th, 58th and 59th infantry and 13th, 16th and 77th field artillery.

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