

# HUNS HELD UPON FLANKS; MADE GAINS IN CENTRE

### But Those Gains, While Small, Were Brought at a Terrible Price—Fiercest Fighting of War Rages as Foe Comes On in Dense Waves.

London, Cable.—The Germans, according to advice from the battlefront, have thrown in upwards of 200,000 men in the two days' fighting. The enemy knew when they opened the attack that their task would be difficult. Therefore they sent into the fray only chosen divisions, which had been specially trained for the assault. It is estimated that they engaged approximately twenty divisions on the front line for the first shock, while behind these, ready to take the place of the exhausted divisions, there were probably a similar number, perhaps even greater.

London Cable.—The Germans in the centre of their new attack on the front between Montdidier and Noyon have gained additional ground against the French, but on both the right and left wings they are being held. In violent successive attacks Monday they captured the villages of Mery, Belloy and St. Maur and also pressed forward and gained a footing in the villages of Marquieglise, the last named place representing the deepest point of penetration since the offensive began, between five and six miles.

The French still are exacting a heavy toll in lives from the Germans as they deliver their attacks in waves, and are giving ground only when forced to do so under superiority of numbers. Nowhere has the enemy been able to pierce the front, which has been bent back in perfect order whenever the necessity arose.

The battle is described by correspondents as one of the most furious that has been fought since the war began, with the enemy unusually reckless in wasting life to gain his objectives.

#### WITH UNABATED FURY.

"Throughout the night and morning the battle raged along the new front of attack with unabated fury," says the Reuter correspondent at French headquarters, whose despatch was filed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. "On the wings the enemy was still held on practically the same line in spite of his persistent and reckless attempts to advance.

"On the extreme left the village of Courcelles changed hands six times. On the extreme right Pleumont, although almost in the first line, was still holding out, the little French garrison having beaten off a wave of German infantry. Mont Renaud is still ours.

"In the centre of the battlefield by pouring in fresh battalions the enemy succeeded in pushing deep into our line and are pressing southward between Cuvilly and Thiescourt. The fighting was of the bloodiest character, hand-to-hand, over the ruins of every village, hamlet and farm. The enemy's losses were extraordinarily heavy, there having been this time no surprise in the attack.

"The enemy has from 18 to 20 divisions in his attacking lines. Behind this line his reserves are ready to replace shattered divisions. We must reckon on a prolonged and desperate struggle, and may have to meet the shocks of von Hindenburg's disposable reserves before the enemy breaks off.

"Further losses of ground need not discourage us. The enemy, instead of sweeping on victoriously as in the first days of the Aisne battle, is advancing painfully yard by yard, paying the full price for every step. His main effort for the moment is towards the Oise, with the object of turning the salient we hold in his line, with its apex at Pont-l'Evêque, on the Oise, which comprises Carlespont and Ourcamp forest in an angle in the bend of the river.

#### AIRMEN CO-OPERATING.

"On Sunday the British flying squadron, co-operating with the French on the Noyon-Montdidier battlefield, worked continually from dawn till dark," says the official statement on aerial operations to-day. "Our bombing airplanes impeded the enemy's advance and harassed his troops and transport with constant machine-gun fire. Strong patrols of scout machines swept the battle area throughout the day, while high-flying airplanes protected these below from air attacks.

"Among the targets hit were an airfield near Roye, where hostile machine on the ground were set afire; an ammunition dump at Montdidier, which went up in a sheet of flames, canteens and wagons at Couchy, lorries at Laguy and Hainvillers, and infantry in trenches and on the roads along and behind the whole fighting line.

"On the British front there was little enemy activity in the air, but our machines carried out a good deal of artillery observation work until stopped by rain. One of our artillery machines forced a two-seater German machine to land and surrender at the airfield to which our machine belonged.

"Fourteen other German planes were downed and four disabled. A hostile balloon was shot down in flames. Four of our machines are missing."

#### PLAN OVER-AMBITIOUS.

French Headquarters, Cable says—The scene of the in-cess offensive is a wooded, hilly country, bisected by the River Matz, which, flowing south, joins the Oise at Montmacq. The enemy's principal progress yesterday was along the course of the Matz. His first objective was probably to reach the Oise, and therefore take in the flank of the whole French salient north of the Oise, which might result in our withdrawal to the south bank.

Supposing the enemy's objective to be Paris, he would naturally thrust a tentacle down the Oise valley and another westward from the Ourcq line, thereby encircling the vast mass of Aigle, Compiègne, Villers-Cotterets forests, which being impregnable to frontal attack, the enemy probably intended to pass north and south thereof, bringing the tentacles together. This enemy plan is over-ambitious and impossible of accomplishment. As soon as its impossibility is realized, the enemy's efforts will probably be directed at Amiens or toward Calais.

Meanwhile the German battalions are being depleted in the constant fighting from Noyon to Chateau Thierry, and from Verneil to Rheims. His reserves of manhood are declining. Out of 200 prisoners taken in the first few days of June, over one fourth belonged to the 1919 class, and the class of 1920 made its appearance on the battlefield among the prisoners captured at Bligny by the British, a considerable proportion being lads of this class.

#### FRENCH REPORT.

Paris Cable.—Several small villages were occupied by the Germans on the centre in the Montdidier-Noyon sector, including Mery, Belloy and St. Maur, according to the War Office announcement to-night. This was done by repeated assaults and at a cost of great sacrifices.

South of Reconnaitre-Matz the Germans gained a footing in Marquieglise. Further to the east the battle continues in the southern outskirts of Elincourt. The text of the statements read:

Night—"On the second day of the offensive the enemy sought by powerful attacks in large forces without cessation by new effectives to advance in the direction of Estrees, St. Denis and Ribecourt. Our troops fulfilled with tenacity their mission of resistance.

"The enemy was able to take successively by repeated assaults and at the cost of heavy sacrifices the village of Mery, Belloy and St. Maur. The plateau of Belloy was the theatre of heroic engagements.

"South of Reconnaitre-Matz the Germans gained a footing in Marquieglise, and further east the battle continues, in the southern outskirts of Elincourt.

"On our right the enemy succeeded in debouching from Thiescourt Wood. On our left, between Courcelles and Ruesscourt, we broke down the enemy attacks and held our positions. East of the Oise a German attempt to retake a fort failed."

#### "8,000 PRISONERS. SOME GUNS"

Berlin Cable.—The German War Office, in its official communication to-day, claims the capture of 8,000 prisoners and some guns in the new offensive in France. The text of the statement reads:

"Artillery firing revived between Arras and Albert, south of the Somme and on the Aves. Lively reconnoitring activity continues.

"In a powerful attack yesterday we penetrated into the hilly district southwest of Noyon. West of the Matz River we have taken a French position near Mortemer and Orvillers and pushed forward beyond Guvilly and Riquebourg.

"East of the Matz River the height of Gury was captured. In spite of the stubborn resistance of the enemy our infantry fought its way through the woods of Riquebourg and Lamotte and threw the enemy back beyond Bourmont and Mareuil.

"South and south-east of Lassigny we penetrated far into Thiescourt Wood. Violent counter-attacks by the French were repulsed.

"We have captured about 8,000 prisoners, and some guns.

"On the front between the Oise and Rheims the situation is unchanged. Local engagements north of the Aisne, north-west of Chateau Thierry, and in the neighborhood of Bligny brought in prisoners.

"Thirty-seven airplanes and six captive balloons were shot down yesterday."

Night—"South-west of Noyon we have made progress in fighting, with newly-brought-up French forces."

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# DEFIES U-BOATS.

### U. S. Will Keep Troops Going, Says Daniels.

London Cable.—American forces in Europe were not being kept in readiness for the transportation of troops to Europe, Secretary Daniels says, in a cablegram published to-day by the Times. The message follows:

"The activities of German submarines on our own coast, the country has remained calm in the face of Germany's attempt to bring frightfulness to our doors. In fact, the enemy effort has stimulated recruiting and strengthened the determination of our people to use every resource to defeat the enemy."

"The road to France will be kept open for the transportation of our troops and the delivery of munitions and food supplies for our forces and those of our allies. There is being no weakening of our naval forces in European waters as a result of the new activity necessitated."

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by LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will cure catarrah. It is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of these ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in catarrah conditions. Druggists The Testimonials, Free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, Ohio.

# THREE U-BOATS WERE SMASHED

### British Aircraft Continue to Get the Wasps.

### Long Hours of Daylight Fatal to Foe.

London Cable.—Reuter despatch—The accounts of the destruction of the three enemy submarines by British aircraft were published yesterday. It is explained that the longer hours of daylight enable seaplanes, airships and kite balloons to assist methodically in hunting down U-boats.

Summer conditions favor the submarine-hunters, whose incessant searching of the seas forces German craft to seek deeper waters. An observer in a British towing balloon sighted certain things which, to his trained eye, indicated the presence of a U-boat, at a great depth. Depth charges were dropped and the submarine was obliged to shift its position. The balloon was towed rapidly to the spot and in the meantime the U-boat was forced to submerge by shots from the towing vessel. Under the direction of the balloon observer the towing vessel got over the track of the U-boat and dropped nine depth charges. A large quantity of oil came to the surface, spreading gradually until it covered an area of a square mile.

A British dirigible sighted a U-boat attacking a merchantman. The dirigible reached the spot just after the U-boat submerged and dropped a bomb three feet astern. A quantity of oil came to the surface. The dirigible dropped a second bomb, scoring a direct hit and lifting the submarine to the surface momentarily, after which it disappeared in a pool of oil. A seaplane sighted a U-boat submerging and dropped a bomb, which brought a quantity of air bubbles to the surface. The seaplane dropped a second bomb into the centre of the churned water and a great quantity of oil came to the surface. The disturbance continued for so long a time it was evident the submarine was mortally wounded.

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# NATURE BLOCKS ZEEBRUGGE BASE

### Entrance to Harbor is Rapidly Silting Up

### Following the Blockade by Britain.

London Cable.—(Reuter Despatch) The plight of the Germans at the Belgian submarine base of Zeebrugge, in consequence of the measures taken by the British navy to blockade the port, is even more serious than has been believed heretofore. Photographs just taken from airplanes show that the entrance to the harbor is rapidly silting up, and that accordingly the British effort to close the channel is being reinforced by nature.

The sunken vessel inside the breakwater which was at first believed to be an enemy destroyer, now appears to be a large dredger. The loss of this ship evidently has crippled the Germans in their attempts to clear the channel.

Low priced tea is a delusion for it yields so poorly in the teapot that it is actually an extravagance compared with the genuine Salada Tea, which yields so generously and has such a delicious flavor.

# FOE IN SLAUGHTER-HOUSE WHERE MAJORITY WILL DIE

### Dense Masses Surge Up to Be Wiped Out by French Machine Guns—Every Foot of Advance Increases His Peril—Allies Confident.

(By Robert Berry, Staff Correspondent Associated Press.)

With the French Army in France, Cable.—Fighting in this war probably never has been more severe than that going on to-day in the great battle of French and German armies between Montdidier and Noyon.

The Germans attacking on a ground where the Entente allies were ready to receive the shock have found themselves thrown into a slaughter-house, whence most of them will never make an exit.

When the German infantry began coming over in the densest masses they encountered immediately an extremely hot fire from both machine guns and artillery, which mowed them down. Ever since, as fresh waves entered the conflict, they were subjected to similar punishment.

The German progress must not be taken to mean that the German forces have overcome the defenders, who intended from the beginning to retire to their actual lines of combat as soon as the action developed.

Some idea of the determined nature of the fighting may be gathered from the struggle on each wing. The village of Courcelles changed hands numerous times and when this despatch was sent was in the possession of the allies. At the other end of the line Mont Renaud was still making a magnificent defence, and last reports showed that Le Pleumont was yet in allied hands.

The centre, about Reconnaitre-Matz, where the Germans made their most obstinate effort and formed a pocket tending south-eastward, is the only part of the line against which the Germans have been able to report a real gain. Their intention is to try

was later set on fire by its five occupants, all of whom waded ashore, and gave themselves up for internment. The crew included two Canadians. The British machines were a squadron of five seaplanes which started Tuesday afternoon on a reconnoitring expedition off the northern Dutch coast. During the afternoon they had met a squadron of five German airplanes, which they drove off without difficulty in three successive encounters.

The Germans, however, returned reinforced by seven seaplanes. A lively fight ensued, and in addition to the German machine which fell in flames, another German machine was brought down.

A British machine commanded by Robert Paul, of Buffalo, N. Y., a member of the Canadian flying corps, developed engine trouble, and was forced to descend to the surface. Ensign Joseph Eaton, a New England man, who was senior pilot of another of the squadron, was detailed to protect the disabled plane, and circled about it for an hour, while the Germans were continuously attempting to attack the cripple. During Eaton's defensive work his machine was riddled with bullets but he was able to keep the air until the Germans were driven off. He then descended, his machine wrecked, but all the crew got ashore safely.

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to reach the banks of the Oise and threaten the allied salient which extends to the vicinity of Noyon.

Every foot the enemy advances now brings him farther into territory which is thoroughly well known to the allies and prepared for defence. Therefore his task becomes momentarily more difficult.

The allied staffs are prepared to meet every eventuality and display the most perfect confidence in the outcome.

#### FIRST DAY'S FIGHTING.

With the French Army in France, Cable.—At the conclusion of the first 24 hours of the new battle between Montdidier and the Oise the impression gained is that the powerful German smash has not brought the enemy the result he expected. The allied line is bent in the centre quite insignificantly and the resistance the French are opposing on the actual position of the combat appears to be efficacious.

Extreme violence was the dominant note of the battle on the first day and desperate assaults with huge masses of troops seem likely to continue, at least for some days.

With the concentration of troops such as the Germans had been enabled to bring into line at the point chosen for the attack it was physically impossible for the defenders to resist in their advanced positions.

When the masses of German infantry came over the entente Allied troops spread lightly in the forward works fell back coolly, fighting yard by yard, to the actual line of resistance. They held back the enemy just sufficiently to make him show his strength and to permit the main body of defenders to make the proper disposition to meet him.

Only at one point was the real French line forced to recede and that was in the neighborhood of Reconnaitre-Matz.

After the German infantry had started four hours of the most intense fighting had brought them only partly across the allied advance zone. They were battered thoroughly by the allied artillery, whose target was so plain that the enemy's losses must have been frightful, with very little to compensate him for his sacrifices.

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# NO HANDSHAKING

### When Briton and Hun Met to Confer.

London Cable.—Describing the meeting between the British and German delegates, held at The Hague to arrange an exchange of prisoners of war, Reuter's correspondent at The Hague says they did not shake, but merely bowed to each other. A moment before Jonkheer Loudon, the Dutch Foreign Minister, received the delegations separately in adjoining rooms and then brought them face to face, delivering a speech, in which he wished success to their mission.

A safe and sure medicine for a child troubled with worms is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

# ARABS RAIDED LINE IN EGYPT

London Cable.—An official communication issued to-night says: "An Arab column of Sheriff Feisal's army raided the El Hasa and Farafreh railway stations (Egypt), May 25. Both stations were temporarily occupied. The station buildings were wrecked and the permanent way very seriously damaged over a length of 45 kilometers.

"One hundred and twenty-five prisoners, including three officers, and four machine guns were captured."

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#### PARIS-LONDON AIR POST.

Paris Cable.—An aerial post service between London and Paris has been successfully inaugurated. The aviator, Loranque, concluded his third round trip yesterday in five hours and fifteen minutes. The return voyage was rendered difficult owing to the strong headwind and dewy air-conditions.

"My observer and myself were really seasick, as though pitched and tossed in a heavy sea," said Loranque after landing.

#### DOPE FIEND'S SUICIDE.

Vancouver, B. C., Report.—Barney Martin, a crook whose specialty was the robbery of sailors aboard lumber carriers from Vancouver, yesterday committed suicide in his cell, at the city jail. A dope fiend, penniless and friendless, Martin could not face the prospect of six months without his ration of opium.