

according to a statement of the Navy Department, was 25 per cent. less than during the preceding winter months. The figures showed that only 220,709 tons of British shipping and 84,393 tons of other Allied and neutral shipping were sunk during the past month.

May 22.—London dispatches announce that while waiting for the German drive, which is believed to be imminent, the Allied forces are becoming more and more aggressive in minor attacks and raids.

May 23.—A dispatch from the British Army Headquarters in France states that German airmen heavily bombed British hospitals behind the lines killing and wounding hundreds including patients.

May 24.—In an address in Edinburgh Premier Lloyd George states that Germany is straining every nerve to strike a decisive blow before the full force of the American armies can be brought into the field.

May 25.—A dispatch from Mexico City confirms the report that Mexico has severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

May 26.—A dispatch from Geneva states that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is in a Strassburg hospital suffering from typhoid fever and that his condition is critical.

London reports that on May 25 more than 300 bombs were dropped on billets near Armentieres and Merville an ammunition dump at Varsseenaere and the Bruges docks.

May 27.—London reports that the great German offensive is resumed on practically the entire front. Terrific blows were struck on Flanders and on the Aisne. Heavy bombardments and gas attacks are reported from other points. The Allied line was generally intact.

May 28.—London reports that the great German offensive made rapid progress during the day in the Aisne sector and at night continued apparently unchecked. The enemy crossed the Vesle River at two points and gained wide stretches of territory on either side. Numerous towns have been taken by storm and Berlin claims the capture of 15,000 prisoners. The French and British are retiring steadily but giving battle for every inch of the ground.

May 29.—London dispatches state that an enormous number of fresh troops thrown into the German lines extended and widened the drive on the Aisne front pushing the point of the new salient five miles farther south, making the maximum penetration of the enemy for the three days seventeen and one-half miles.

May 30.—London dispatches state that the Allied reserve are apparently in action as the army of the Crown Prince has failed to gain any considerable ground, and on the flanks of the forty mile fighting front the Allies refuse to give up further territory despite the persistent enemy attacks. In the center, about seven miles north of the Marne, the French reserves have checked the German thrust toward Chateau Thierry.

May 31.—The French report that the enemy who succeeded in crossing the Oise east of Sempigny was repulsed on the right bank of the river. Despite vigorous counter attacks the enemy wins some ground to the west of the road from Soissons to Chateau Thierry, having passed Oulchy-la-Ville and Oulchyle-Chateau. Weak German forces reach the north bank of the Marne between Chartèves and Jaulgonne. The position remains unchanged in the northwest and to the north of Rheims.



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