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IN DRIVE BY BRITISH TROOPS

U. S. PATROL BOAT SUNK IN MISTAKE FOR GERMAN SUB

LUDENDORFF'S "VICTORIOUS
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TEUTON CRITICS GUESSING

Writer in Kreuz Zeitung Frankly Admits That the German Scheme Has Gone Wrong, While Others Continue to Howl That Kaiser's Army Is Unbeatable.

Amsterdam, Aug. 27.—German war experts are hopelessly at odds in trying to explain the present situation on the west front. Twice each day, Gen. Ludendorff's communications announce "victorious repulses," but a glance at the map shows each successive locality mentioned as the scene of fighting lies a few miles further eastward.

This, says the Hamburg Nachrichten's military expert darkly, is a bad sign for the enemy, because it shows that his attempts to pierce the German front have failed, and that he seeks to substitute width for depth. He further argues that "the earlier German thrust toward Amiens forestalled the enemy and now, even if the Germans are losing ground, it is no absolute gain for the enemy, but merely the recovery of earlier losses."

These sophistries are not wholly shared by the Kreuz Zeitung's critic, who frankly admits that it is the German scheme that has gone wrong. He says that "the enemy has successfully evaded little on both sides of Rheims and therefore the German plan to tip up and split the enemy reserves has failed." He says incidentally that Marshal Foch "has happened to flow somewhat free than anticipated, and Marshal Foch is thereby able to deliver his blow."

RELEASED GERMAN
PRISONERS FROM
RUSSIA RESENT
ARMY DISCIPLINE

Many Desert Before They
Reach Battalions on the
Western Front.

With the French Army in France, Sunday, Aug. 25, German soldiers released from captivity in Russia have begun to arrive on the western front. It has been learned from prisoners captured in recent battles.

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BY FIRE FROM
U. S. STEAMER

Guns of Allied Merchant Vessel Turned On U. S. Patrol Boat.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 27.—American submarine-chaser No. 229, operating out of Philadelphia, was mistaken for a submarine by a merchant steamer off Fire Island, N. Y., early this morning and sent to the bottom. Seventeen members of her crew, including the commander and the executive officer, are missing.

The chaser was mistook by naval reserves. Eight of the survivors, some of them wounded, have been landed at New York, and one had been landed at Lewis Del.

The merchant ship was the American steamer Felix Tausig. In the darkness her naval armed guard mistook the chaser for an enemy submarine and opened fire, destroying the little craft before the mistake was discovered.

HENRY FORD OUT
FOR ALL HONORS IN
SENATORIAL RACE

THANKSGIVING MAY
BE ON LATER DATE

Cabinet Is Now Considering
Question of Deferring
Day.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Thanksgiving may fall on a different date in Canada than usual this year. There has been a strong movement in favor of distributing the three holidays—Labour Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day—with more even periods between them.

The cabinet has the matter under consideration, and it is probable that Thanksgiving may be deferred toward the month of November on a parity with the American day.

HUN BATTALIONS
NEARLY WIPED OUT

Allied Offensive Plays Havoc
With Man Power of
Enemy.

At British Army Headquarters, Aug. 25.—This morning's attack eastward of Arras carried our battle flank towards the Scarpe at a moment when the eyes of the Germans were turned nervously elsewhere. Consequently the enemy was rudely surprised when dense waves of British swept forward after only a few minutes' rest.

This morning's attack has progressed in the most favorable way and at the moment of writing it is going well.

As regards the enemy casualties, official figures show the terrible grueling to which the enemy was subjected. Some battalions have been reduced to a hundred men and even to fifty. The old animosity between infantrymen and artillerymen broke out in the prisoners' cages, where the infantry accused the artillery of ignoring the barrage signals and withdrawing their guns to a safe distance from the heat of battle. The latter were suffering heavily from the splendid courage of the King's Company Grenadier Guards.

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ITALIANS HOLD BACK
SUPERIOR FORCES ON
THE ALBANIAN FRONT

Rome, Aug. 26.—The Italian troops in Albania, in the region of the Senari and Osma Rivers, after checking superior enemy forces in several days of fighting, have retired undisturbed to prepared defences, says an official statement issued today. The Austrians suffered a sanguinary defeat on August 21 and have not renewed their attacks since.



KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING.—Detroit News.

WHAT BIG ALLIED DRIVE MEANS

London, Aug. 27.—Interesting comparisons between the results achieved on the British and French fronts in the Somme area with those of the first battle of the Somme are made by a military expert here. He points out that in four months, from July 1 to October 31, 1916, the British won forty-four square miles of land. In four days, between August 21 and 25, the British won 116 square miles, with casualties amounting to only 23,000. In other words, he says, between two and three times as much ground has been taken at an infinitely smaller cost. In the four days under discussion, the British won much more territory than both the British and French armies recovered in the whole first battle of the Somme.

WILL MANOEUVRE
GERMANS OUT OF
BAPAUME TOWN

Plan Adopted by British Will
Conserve Manpower.

Paris, Aug. 27.—Canadian Press dispatch from Reuter's, Limited, London, military critics all pay a tribute to the great value of the present British operations, especially in pinning down huge enemy forces. They point out that Bapaume could have been taken two days ago, but that the British prefer to manoeuvre the Germans out of it.

The well known writer, Col. Babry, shows why it is essential for the enemy to be driven out of the town. He says that the British prefer to manoeuvre the Germans out of it. He says that the British prefer to manoeuvre the Germans out of it.

MAY REQUISITION
ALL VESSELS FOR
GOVERNMENT TRADE

Madrid, Aug. 27.—The Spanish Government is considering a plan to organize the maritime service in Spain under Government control. It is intended to requisition all vessels for the transport of articles for national consumption.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT
IS AWARDED THE
MILITARY CROSS

London, Aug. 27.—The award to Capt. Kermit Roosevelt, son of Col. Roosevelt, of the M. C. for services in Mesopotamia, is announced in the official gazette. Until he joined the American forces in France, Capt. Roosevelt was attached to the British army in Mesopotamia on special duty.

HAG'S FIGHTERS
PENETRATE THE
HINDENBURG LINE

British Forces Are Advancing
to the South of
Bapaume.

GERMANS ARE RESISTING
Enemy Launches Counter-
Attack in the Longueuil
Region.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 27.—Troops of Field Marshal Haig today are advancing astride the River Scarpe, and are pushing forward to the south of Bapaume. Elsewhere along the British front their progress also continues.

There has been heavy fighting at Longueuil, and the adjacent ground, where the Germans launched a heavy counter-attack with fresh forces brought up especially for the purpose from Sedan.

In the face of this counter-attack the British fell back to the edge of Longueuil.

FRENCH YOUTH
CAPTURED 700
BOCHES ALONE

Discovered Germans Ambushed in Cave and Bagged All.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The capture of 700 Germans is the exploit attributed to Pierre Cellier, aged 23, a corporal in the French tank corps. Among the prisoners were a colonel and four other officers. Two field pieces also were taken.

Cellier has been awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honor, a reward rarely given to anyone but a commissioned officer.

Cellier was in command of a tank "manned" by fifteen Americans in the recent fighting in the Marne salient. A shell struck the tank and rendered it useless. The men then advanced on foot. Cellier discovered the Germans ambushed in a cave. He kept guard at the entrance for an hour, and then a German appeared with a white flag. Behind the first came the rest of the 700, one by one. The Germans threw down their arms before Cellier and marched to the rear at his direction.

FIGHTING POILUS PUSH AHEAD
ON FRONT SOUTHWEST OF ROYE

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BAPAUME STILL IN
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British Forces In Great Battle In
Northern Picardy Reach Village
of Beugnature—French Have
Extended Lines Along the River
Aisne and Captured 1,100 Huns.

HINDENBURG LINE PENETRATED.
With the British Army in France, Aug. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Hindenburg line has been penetrated by British troops at a point east of Henin.

BRITISH AT EDGE OF BAPAUME.
London, Aug. 27.—British forces are established in the northern outskirts of Bapaume, according to the official statement issued at the war office today.

HAIG'S FORCES HAVE PENETRATED
THE OUTER DEFENCES OF BAPAUME
London, Aug. 26.—British forces in the great battle in northern Picardy are making progress toward the village of Beugnature, 2½ miles northeast of Bapaume, according to the official statement issued at the war office today. There is hard fighting around Croiselles.

Since last Wednesday the British have taken 21,000 prisoners. "The British have pushed through the town of Montauban, three miles north of the Somme, and, capturing the wood near that place, have reached Longueuil," the statement says.

"Australian forces have made substantial progress toward Dompierre, south of the Somme, and east of Suzanne, north of the river."

"North of the Scarpe River Scottish troops renewed their attack against the Germans last night and have advanced towards Plouvain."

"Severe fighting took place on the field of the old Somme battle between Maricourt and Bapaume, and also north of the latter town, yesterday afternoon and evening. The enemy counter-attacked repeatedly in strength, incurring great losses from the fire of our troops, but being unable to arrest our progress."

"English and Welsh troops pushed through Montauban and advanced along the crest of the ridge, capturing High Wood and reaching Longueuil. In the village we were heavily counter-attacked and forced back toward Bazentin-le-Grand and High Wood. On this line we broke the enemy's attack, and, again advancing, established ourselves well to the east of High Wood."

"Early in the night, a second enemy counter-attack was driven off by rifle fire before the Germans reached our position."

"North of High Wood, the enemy twice counter-attacked in the neighborhood of Ligny and Thillois, pressing back our advancing troops some 400 or 500 yards. There his infantry was stopped and driven back."

"At Bapaume the New Zealanders, after fierce fighting, established themselves in the northern outskirts of the town."

"Further north English troops progressed toward Beugnature. We have had hard fighting about Croiselles."

"On the right of the battlefield the Australians continued their advance astride the Somme and made substantial progress towards Dompierre and to the east of Suzanne."

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East of Bagnaux, north of the Aisne, the French have advanced their line about three-quarters of a mile. German counter-attacks were repulsed in this region.

"South of the Aisne French troops accentuated their progress this morning in the region of St. Mar, after having repulsed a number of enemy counter-attacks. We have taken more than 1,100 prisoners during these combats. Of these 36 are officers, 2 of whom are battalion commanders."

"Between the Oise and the Aisne, German counter-attacks, west of Clagny, broke down last evening. Thirty prisoners remained in our hands. In the region east of Bagnaux we have advanced our line about 1,200 metres."

"During the night there were lively artillery duels between the Ailette and the Aisne."