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German Raid Below Lens Fails - Berlin Claims British Reverse.

LONDON, Aug. 31 .- On the front bew Lens General Haig reports the repulse of a German raid on the British lines five miles southeast of the city No mention is made of the activities on the British side, but London war office intimations are that the artillery battle is being carried on in virtually continuous form in preparation for the next forward thrust with every indication that the wearing down process is having its due effect on the Germans General Petain's report from French headquarters indicates the possibility of a speedy renewal of the infantry battle at Verdun. The artillery on both sides of the Meuse is actively bombarding the German lines.

rman lines. The Germans have shown some activin Alsace, making an attack near Hartmannsweiler-Kopf, which the Germans aid Near Lens.

The repulse of a German raid on the front below Lens is reported in today's official communication. The statement

'The weather is unsettled. During the night the enemy heavily shelled our forward positions near Arleux-en-Gohelle (five miles southeast of Lens), and at an early hour this morning at-tempted to raid our lines. The Ger-

SPIRITED CANNONADING.
PARIS, Aug. 31.—The following official communication was issued by the war office this evening:
"No infantry action took place during the day. The cannonade was rather spirited in the region of Cerny (Aisne front), and on the right bank of the Meuse, and also to the north of Hill 344 (Verdun sector).

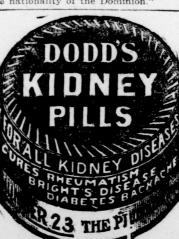
BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Via London.— A rtion of the ground recently gained by e British south of Le Catelet has been captured by the Germans, the war of-

some of the Flanders sectors.

The text of the statement reads:
"Western War Theatre, Front of
Crown Prince Rupprecht: In Flanders
the fighting activity of our own and the
enemy's artillery increased towards
evening on the coast and between the
Yser and the Lys. During the night
there were many encounters in front of ade prisoner. In the Artois, Lens, local encounters developch continued until darkr Eliminate British Gain.

"South of Le Catelet, companies of Jaegars wrested from the British a portion of their recent gain. Numerous prisoners were brought in.
"St. Quentin was again subjected to French five. of the German Crown Prince: On the eastern half of the Chemin-des-Dames ridge, the firing activity was lively.
"Before Verdun the destructive fire on both banks of the Meuse again developed in the evening into a strong artillery duel, but there have been no new attacks up to the present."

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Three Years Ago, Where Berlin Papers Were Shouting Victory, They Are Today Claiming Defensive Lines Cannot Be Broken - Those Lines Have Been Pushed Miles Back in Many Places.

By Frank H. Simonds Author of "The Great War," "They Shall Not Pass,"

[Written for The London Advertiser and the New York Tribune-Copyrighs 1917-The Tribune Association.1

Since I wrote my last weekly article two military events of very great importance have taken place—the Italian attack on the Isonzo front and the French operation before Verdun. Of these two operations, on the military side the Italian is by all odds the more important. It is, moreover, still going forward when these lines are written, and it is impossible to foresee its conseences on such evidence as we yet possess, although it is patent that it may

e one of the great successes of the war. Next week I hope to discuss the Italian operation in some detail, when our eports of the progress shall be more definite. At the moment it is perhaps sufficient to indicate the problem which confronted the Italians when they bened their attack. In August of last year the Italian army faced eastward om the Julien Alps to the Bay of Panzano, the northern end of the Adriatic Sea, in much the same posture that it stood after the first brief advance in the previous year had brought the Italian army to the first position in which Austria had elected to stand.

The Austrian front presented three distinct obstacles, which may be covered in a description of the three divisions of an army—the flanks and the centre. On the north, from Tolmino right down to the neighbor ood of Gorizia, the Austrians occupied very high ground on the east bank of the Isonzo River. which was, in fact, a moat. This high ground, known as the Bainsizzi plateau, culminated a few miles north of Gorizia in several heights approaching two thousand feet in elevation, of which Mounts Kuk and Santo were the more important peaks. This was a position that well might have been deemed impregnable, and it did, in fact, resist all efforts last year. South of the Bainsizzi plateau the Austrian centre occupied some hills just across the Isonzo River covering Gorizia. Southward again between the Winnach River and the see covering Gorizia. Southward, again, between the Wippach River and the sea, the Austrian line stood east of the Isonzo, on the first slopes of the famous

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ench depression were exaggerated en in the eyes of those who saw it est closely. Yet it was a very real ril in the minds of the Allied coun-es for many weeks, and it was in re-onse to the appeal of French officials gnizant of this peril that President ilson very wisely and promptly began e dispatch of American troops to the ench front.

ench front.

The arrival of the first of the Ameran troops coincided with the beginning of the reassertion of French deterdination and French confidence. Genetain, who succeeded to the command the French army, is one of the few freat men the war has produced. Within a very brief period of time his spirit, which was the spirit which defended Verdun, has been infused in the French armies, with results that are now mani-

Chemin-des-Dames, which was one of the really impressive operations of the whole year on the western front, was designed to take advantage of French designed to take advantage of French depression and of suspected breaking down in the morale of the French army. As such it was one of the bloodiest defeats in the whole struggle and one of the least successful offensives. Hitherto, in almost every instance, the concentration of a huge park of artillery and the lavish use of men have enabled the attacker to gain one, two or three and the lavish use of men have enabled the attacker to gain one, two or three miles of territory. Yet, on the Chemindes-Dames, on ground which had only recently been captured and was not yet fully organized, the French halted the German attack in its tracks lost only a few minor trenches along the plateau of Californie and retook these trenches without delay. The Chemindes-Dames battle will yet rank among the important engagements of the war, because it was another instance of the splendid capacity of the French to rally in the face of momentary depression and to hold against odds and in condiand to hold against odds and in condi-

tions fully unfavorable.

A Moral Verdun. The Chemin-des-Dames battle was moral Verdun. It was intended first moral Verdun. It was intended first of all to break the spirit of France, and, even if it failed in its major purpose, to use up French effectives and prevent them from being employed elsewhere, either in Flanders or in Lorraine. The French answer was threefold. First, a terrific defeat of the Germans on the Chemin-des-Dames; second, participation, and effective participation, with the British in the successful advance the British in the successful advance about Ypres; and third, in the superi offensive at Verdun, which not only retook considerable ground, but wrote trook considerable ground, but wrote "finis" to the whole Verdun chapter. The Germans had denied, and still deny, that there was a battle of the Marne, but no denial of the battle and defeat of Verdun could be the still and defeat of Verdun could be set to the still and defeat of Verdun could be set to the still and defeat of Verdun could be set to the still and defeat of Verdun could be set to the still and defeat of Verdun could be set to the still and the still a er each of the positions ter each of the positions whose values had been appraised by the kaiser at the moment they were taken by German troops, have been retaken by French soldiers. Dead Man's Hill, Hill 304, Forts Douaumont and Vaux—these are the four symbols of Verdun. When the kaiser's troops took Douaumont he announced that the key of Verdun had fallen. Three months before his troops

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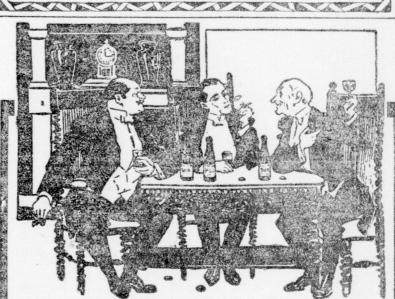
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