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German Offensive Has Begun; Rheims Centre of Attack; Enemy Cross Marne

Mighty Attack Along Front of 50 British Land Men Miles or More

London Reads in News That Developments Are Quite Satisfactory - Tremendous Bombardment Precedes Assault-Americans Heavily Engaged Near Vaux, Counter Attack And **Drive Enemy Back**

Paris, July 15—A new offensive by the Germans was begun last night in the region between Rheims and the Argonne. The war office reports:

"After violent artillery preparation, the Germans attacked this morning from Chateau Thierry as far as the Main de Massigse. French troops are meeting energetically the shock of the enemy on a front of about fifty miles. The battle is in progress."

London, July 15—M. Tchitcherin, Russian foreign minister, has addressed a note to Great British detachments now on the Murman coast be re-embarked without delay, says a Central News despatch today from Amsterdam relaying a Moscow despatch.

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London, July 15-The Germans have crossed the Marne at several places in their offen- Capture of Kasan. sive begun this morning, according to advices received here.

ALONG LINE OF 55 MILES. London, July 15—Advices received here regarding the MOST AMBITIOUS
German offensive state that the attack began on a front of thirty miles between Chateau Thierry and Bligny, southwest of Rheims. The Germans also attacked east of Rheims, between Prunay and Maison de Champagne, on a front of twenty-five miles.

With the American Army on the Marne, July 14.—The Germans at day-light to-day launched a violent attack against the American positions west of Chateau Thierry, especially near Vaux. The attack came after a most violent ent of high explosives and gas shells throughout the night. When the

An enemy bombardment of towns in the rear of the lines began soon after

The latest reports say that the Amer icans are holding their own in the

Heavy shells from German naval gun s are falling in regions far behind the actual battle area. Many of these pro jectiles have fallen in the City of Maux, twenty-five miles from Chateau Thiery. In many of these towns the German shell fire is constant, the projectiles being from ten and twelve inch naval guns. "HANDLING THE ENEMY WELL."

were "handling the enemy well," in the desperate fighting which is continuing. In this locality it was not known whether the Germans in this attack had begun another offensive, but the intensity of the fighting indicated to those near the scene that the operation was a renewal of the general attack that had been ex-

At 8.51 a. m. it had not been determined how the battle in the vicinity of Vaux was progressing. The whole line in both directions from that town was dense with smoke and gas fumes. The roar of the cannonade was punctuated

Evidently Hoped to Find Our Forces Least Prepared in Section Where Attack Was Made Today-Rheims Seems to be The

SINCE THE BLOW

In German Drive

On Murman Coast

Russian Foreign Minister Demands Withdrawal-Port of Kem Has Been Occupied

Great Naval Guns New Factor

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Paris, July 15.—Havas Agency.)—Alexander F. Kerensky, former premier of the Russian provisional government, yesterday declared to a committee of the French Radical Socialist party, that the repeated attempts made by the Russians to shake off the German yoke, not only in Siberia but along the Volga and even north of Moscow, are being carried out according to a plan formulated while he was in Russia.

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Kerensky suggested that all the Entente nations should give aid by each sending a small number of troops to Russia but above all munitions of war were needed in that country. The Allies must hurry, he declared, because three months from now, it would be too late.

Shafts of Light in All Directions Particularly Noticeable Out of

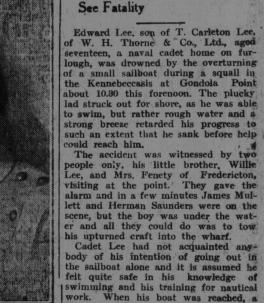
vantagepoint after nightfall. During one of the few clear nights of late a Times man, standing near Manchester's corner on the Manawagonish Road, saw dozens of startling shafts of light dodging in and about, not only from the roadway in the direction of Spruce Lake, but the branch road leading to Lorneville and elsewhere, while to the right a number of cars heading for town on the river highway shot their beams of white illumination from hiltop to hilltop, only now and again being lost to view as they dipped into a valley or under a knoll. It reminded one of the old days when gala events in the city were marked by man-o'-war illuminations in one harbora criss-crossing of searchlights. There is really nothing more conspicuous after dark than an auto light bobbing up and down, now on the ground, now in the sky, as the car speeds over the country road. In fact even in the city the illumination of cars is getting to be a big factor. Some car-owners have been employing shading devices for keeping the lights directly on the ground and minimizing the upward sway which casts the light far into the air, by darkening the upper half of the lenses.

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Drowning In Kennebecassis

GIVING HER VERY LIFE Boat Capsized by Squall and He Fails in Effort to Reach Land-Little Brother and Mrs. Fenety



The late Nursing Sister Anna I Stamers, whose life was sacrificed in the topedoing of the hospital ship Lland overy Castle. In her honor a memorial service was held last evening in Central Baptist church.

ROBBERIS IN KING STREET

There was a daring robbery between Saturday and Sunday nights when the store of A. O. Skinner in King street was broken into and a small amount of change stolen. The culprits are supposed to be boys. The entry was made from the rear of the building. The cash drawer had been ransacked, but only about fifty cents in stamp money was found missing.

A similar break was made in Frank Skinner's millinery store in the adjoining building about ten days ago. That time the culprits made off with \$38.

BODY OF LIEUT. JARVIS O.

MCLELLAN TO BE BROUGHT HOME

A cablegram received by J. Verner McLellan, to-day, announced that armached the state of the same very limited—a mere lug-sall—it was never suspected there was any danger.

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