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Swift and Sharp Offensive Against Germans Effective—Another Armed American Steamer Sunk -War Summary.

An American armed steamer—the oil tanker Vacuum—has been sent to the bottom by a German submarine, and it is feared that an American naval dieutenant and some of his guncrew of nine men perished in the disaster. The captain and several of the crew of the Vacuum are known to have been drowned.

Returning from the United States from a trip to Europe, the Vacuum succuntered, off the coast of Ireland, the submarine which gave her a death wound. Scant details of the sinking are available, and it is not known whether the Americans were able to bring their guns into play, or if the vessel was torpedoed and sunk unwarned.

This is the second armed American vessel that has been sunk in the war zone, the steamer Azetec having cone to the bottom April I as the result of an explosion. Whether she was the victim of a torpedo or a mine has not been definitely established. One member of the American naval crew on board the Azetec was lost.

Champagne Battle Broken.

The expected battle in the Champagne very control of the coast of the sinking days of acute gun preparation by the French forces which was answere almost shot for shot by the Germans, at last has broken. Seemingly synchronizing it with the somewhat lessened activity on the part of the British against the Germans on the Arras front, the French Monday, eastward from Rheims, launched an attack over a front of about four miles from the south of Bein to the east of Mont. Arras front, the French Monday, eastward from Rheims, launched an attack over a front of about four miles from the south of Bein to the east of Mont. This is the defendance of the service o



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