

EIGHT THOUSAND PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY FRENCH

Smashing Blow is Struck by Them — Penetrate Deeply on a Front of Over Fifteen Miles.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 21.—The operation begun yesterday morning by General Mangin, fighting between the Aisne and the Oise, southeast of Noyon and northwest of Soissons, looks to-day to be a splendid success. General Mangin has taken from the Germans at Cuts and Mont de Choisy the last heights remaining south of the Oise in that region.

On a Wide Front
Paris, Aug. 21.—The French army, under General Mangin, fighting east of the Oise on a front of about 15 1/2 miles, have advanced to an average depth of about 2 1/2 miles and captured numerous villages, according to the French official communication issued last evening. More than eight thousand prisoners have been taken.

On another area south of Roye, the town of Beauvais was captured by the French after bitter fighting. In this latter area 500 prisoners were taken yesterday. Since the 18th inst. the prisoners taken by the French between the Aisne and the Oise is more than 10,000.

The advance of the French troops endangers the whole German position at Soissons and on the River Aisne.

It is possible that the Germans now will withdraw to the Chemin des Dames.

According to latest information, General Mangin's line now runs from La Queretere, north of Barly, to Champ de Merlier, to Petit Maupas, to Cuts, to Hill 160, to Vezeponin, and to Valprez Farm, five miles northwest of Soissons.

The French have captured Vezeponin, and are on the plateau east of Tartiers. From that point the line is uncertain, but the French are progressing towards Camelin.

The Germans are making stiff resistance at Hill 160, which is the resistance of Le Mesnil. The advance is over most difficult ground, but the attack is still proceeding.

Victory at Every Point
"East of the Oise our troops this morning attacked the German lines on a front of about twenty-five kilometres from the region of Basly as far as the Aisne."

"On our left we have reached the southern outskirts of Carlepoint and Caisnes."

"In the centre we captured Lombray and Berancourdele and gained a footing on the plateau north of Vassens."

"On our right the villages of Vezeponin, Tartiers, Cuisy-en-Almont, Oly and Courtil have fallen into our hands."

"On all the fronts of attack we have advanced on an average to a depth of four kilometres. We have taken more than 8,000 prisoners."

"South of the Aisne we have captured Beauvais after a bitter struggle. In the course of our advance yesterday between the Matz and the Oise we took five hundred prisoners."

"The number of prisoners taken since the 13th between the Oise and the Aisne is more than 10,000."

"Between the Oise and the Aisne French troops occupied the village of Vassens, to the northwest of Morsain, last evening."

Covered With German Dead.
With the French Army in France, Aug. 20.—The attack of General Mangin's forces from Fontenoy on the Aisne, to Pluprez, on the Oise was progressing favorably when this despatch was filed.

Prisoners were continuing to arrive at the rear to add to the several thousand captured before noon and the gain in territory at one o'clock had been from one to two and a half miles. The enemy was retreating with the greatest vigor at vital spots. Where the ground is covered with German dead.

The artillery preparation which was most violent, began yesterday morning, and the enemy, anticipating an attack, hastened to reinforce his lines, sending up two of his best divisions, which were held in reserve. These divisions arrived during the night in motor lorries.

First Line Soon Broken.
An hour and a half after the order was given to attack, infantry men were passing Audignicourt and Vassens, and were followed immediately by batteries of three inch guns. The first line of defence was then breaking.

The Germans on retreating filled the ravine with mustard gas. This, however, proved only a temporary trouble, the entire ravine being turned in a short time, and the French troops progressing toward Berancourdele, eight miles south-east of Noyon.

Further to the right Tartiers, two and one-half miles southeast of Morsain, was entered at 9 o'clock, and columns of prisoners began to appear upon the plateau to the rear.

The artillery reaction was very weak over this part of the front.

French aviators flying way down under the low-lying clouds, kept the Staff regularly informed as to the progress of the attack, and harassed the enemy with machine-gun fire. No German fliers tried to interfere with their work. Few were seen in the air during the morning.

Desperate Fighting in the Hills
The Germans made a desperate defence in the hilly and wooded region south of the Oise around Carlepoint, Caisnes and Lombray, where they held strong positions, which were held strongly dotted with quick-fires. The Four-Vere and Croisette Farm were taken by the French after a violent struggle, which proved very costly to the enemy.

At noon the line had been advanced to the road east of Carlepoint to the Caisnes Wood and Bellefontaine, and south of Lombray and Berancourdele to Zezopoin, and then southward to the east of Tartiers and to Oly.



HUN LINE SUFFERS ANOTHER SHOCK
This map shows where the Allies have sprung another blow against the enemy in Flanders, driving the Germans back two miles on a five-mile front. The British are now in Locon, which is indicated on this map.

YOUR PROBLEM SOLVED.
A student wants to know if many things taught by teachers of New Thought are not extreme. Without doubt, all new movements go to extremes. But on the other hand there is no doubt that some teachings classed as New Thought are undegraded rather than overrated. For example it is hard to conceive an overstatement of the dire effects of worry, of the beneficial effects of always giving ourselves the suggestion of the good, the beautiful and the true.

Temperance—You do not overstate the importance of temperance as applied to alcohol, but there is danger of not spreading the doctrine over the entire range of human passions. The body of a man is an animal, and if left without restraint, will plunge into ruin. The soul should control the body, but alas, I fear that the majority are controlled by their bodies. "The flesh" controls the spirit. Self-control is most difficult, but must be done if we are to save the race from degeneracy; boys and girls must be taught concerning their physical natures; the necessity of self-denial and continence.

WOMEN IN UNIVERSITIES
Associated Press
Birmingham, England, Aug. 21.—The effect of the war is more marked in the big English Universities this year than ever before. In the University of Birmingham, all the graduates receiving degrees of Bachelor of Arts this year were women. On the science side, the degrees of Bachelor of Science were equally divided between English girls and Japanese students. Two thirds of the Masters of Science were Japanese, and four-fifths of the Bachelors of Medicine were girls. The University of Birmingham is one of the newest and most modern of English Universities, specializing in scientific training along modern lines. Practically all the graduates this year will become teachers.

Pauper Worth \$1,700.
There is an old man in Stratford Workhouse in England who has £200 in the local post office savings bank, £150 invested in a co-operative society and, besides being chargeable to the ratepayers, is in receipt of an old-age pension.

Provost Marshal Resigns.
Baron Athumey has resigned the office of provost marshal for the London district, which he has held almost continuously since the beginning of the war. The provost marshal is practically chief of the military police of the district, and his jurisdiction includes all matters relating to the conduct, and deportment of army officers who may be in London either on leave or on station. The duties are somewhat difficult, delicate and complicated and require intimate tact. Lord Athumey made a success of the job. His experience as full-back of the Harrow football eleven taught him early the art of managing young men.

Kit of British Tommy Would Not be Complete Without Big Jack-knife

EVERY soldier in the British army in France is provided by the Government, as part of his overseas kit, with a jack-knife. The military jack-knife is built for service. It has only three parts—a big blade of Sheffield steel, a can-opener, and a "marlin-spike."

The whole thing clasps into a solid steel or bone handle, four inches long, which is provided with a ring so that it can be hung to the belt.

The can-opener is an indispensable part of the provision for a soldier's well-being at the front. Several important items of his daily menu are supplied to him in sealed cans.

The Sheffield blade has numerous uses. It is used for cutting, but it is noticeable that Tommy Atkins frequently used it for purposes of eating in preference to the table knife in his kit.

The knife-blade is also used constantly as a wood-cutter. In the trenches the lighting of a brazier is frequently a difficult operation owing to the vital necessity of avoiding smoke. The Germans have a strong antipathy to smoke, and the sight of braziers in them is convincing evidence of envy, hatred, malice and uncharitableness. It is well, therefore to avoid smoke. So the wood for the braziers must be split up in thin sticks and shavings, and for this purpose the official jack-knife is the ideal instrument.

When the soldier is withdrawn from the trenches it is his first duty to make himself and his belongings clean and presentable for inspection. Tommy hangs up his uniform, his "shaves" it with the knife blade.

The marlin-spike attachment is useful for prying open wooden boxes, for cleaning his coat, for pulling the horses' hoods, for adjusting belts and harness. Braziers for the trenches are made from biscuit tins punched full of holes to admit a draught.

The Germans were, for a long time, greatly puzzled by the marlin-spike attachment which they found on every prisoner's jack-knife. They made great capital out of a story that it was used to gouge out the eyes of German wounded. In the official report of the British Prisoners of War Commission several instances of this fable are recorded.

Captain Beaman testified before the commission that he was benighted by a German colonel for permitting his men to use their marlin-spike on the eyes of German wounded. Captain Beaman told the commission of a similar incident which was giving a lecture and who exhibited a British jack-knife, showing the marlin-spike attachment and describing it as used for torturing German prisoners. The story appears to have been deliberately cooked up by the German military authorities for the consumption of their troops.

Aged "Post Boy" is Dead.
There has just died at Leicester, England, John Peacock, who claimed to be and probably was, the oldest of the post boys of coaching days. Peacock, who was 94 years of age, was in the saddle in the years when, before the advent of railways, Grantham was a famous meeting place of the fashionable world for permitting his men to use their marlin-spike on the eyes of German wounded.

On one occasion, at the Angel and Royal at Grantham, he helped to change the horses of the coach in which sat a very noisy and noisy and did not suit him he would lean out of the coach window and whip them up himself, at the same time voicing some pungent criticisms of the post boy's horsemanship. A generous tip was always forthcoming.

Peacock drove scores of runaway couples to Great Green, and had the experience of being fired at more than once by irate parents "hot in pursuit."

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CHARGE OF B.G.T.A. AGAINST CONSTABLE

Ingersoll Police Chief Makes Raid on County Official
Ingersoll, Aug. 20.—A charge of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling, has been preferred against County Constable John Haycock. Haycock, who is also a bailiff, is employed as night watchman at the plant of the Ingersoll Gas Company. Chief of Police Holmes and Constable Gould paid a visit to the gas plant last night, the former armed with a search warrant. After making inquiries as to whether there was liquor on the premises he began a search which resulted in the finding of a partially-filled bottle of whiskey in Haycock's car, which was nearby. To-day the hearing of his case was adjourned until August 27th.

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FALL WHEAT SEED

VIEW of the partial failure of the Fall Wheat crop in this Province this year, it will be necessary for farmers to make early arrangements for the supply of seed which they will need for Fall Sowing. Under these circumstances farmers who have on hand quantities of wheat suitable for Fall Seeding are urged to conserve them for this purpose. If there is no demand locally, the information should be supplied to this Department, or to the Local Office of this Department in your County, so that every effort may be made to have an equitable and satisfactory distribution. The need for foodstuffs justifies a large acreage of Fall wheat in this Province again this year, and the co-operation of the farmers in the mobilization and distribution of the available seed supplies is invited.

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