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OF WAR'S GREATEST BATTLES NOW RAGING

SPIRIT OF THE **ALLIED NATIONS** AT ITS HEIGHT, SAYS PREMIER

Sir Robert Borden Arrives Home From Overseas.

FIGHT TO A FINISH

Savagery of Germany's Purpose Is Now Vividly

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 23.-Sir Robert L. Borden, premier of Canada, arrived here today after an extended trip abroad, during which he attended trip abroad, during which he attended the imperial war conference and visited the battlefront. The premier was in excellent health and enjoyed an un-eventful voyage. Included in his party were General the Hon. S. C. Mewburn, minister of militia and defence for Can-ada, and Col. the Hon. C. C. Ballan-tyne minister of payal service for Canminister of naval service for Car antic just ten weeks, and I return with the conviction that never was the spirit of the Allied nations more steadfast or more resolute than at present. "The greater portion of my time was spent in England, where I arrived just after the Germans had conducted a successful offensive, first against the British and then against the French. British and then against the French; during the spring. The effect of that success has been completely dissipated by the recent defeat of the Austrians

that I visited. It is impossible to over-estimate the increased confidence with which the arrival of those mighty arm-ies has inspired the Allied nations. All Europe is impressed by their splendid their resourcefulness and adaptability, the rapidity and thor-oughness with which they have acquir-ed necessary training and, finally, the magnificent fighting qualities which they have displayed in every battle in which they have been tested. It is beyond question that the victories of the past four weeks would not have been possible except for the American divisions which have taken their place

Effective Co-operation.

"There is most effective and harmonious co-operation between the armies
of the United States, Great Britain and
France. From Sir David Beatty, as France. From Sir David Beatty, as well as from Admiral Sims and Adniral Rodman, I know that this is equal-

portunity to fight side by side with their kinsmen of this commonwealth. The vitizen soldlers of both countries are essentially of the same type, and the Germans have already found them equally formidable. During the German offenzing in the acris spring months the offensive in the early spring months, the Anadian divisions were comparatively alle, but during recent weeks they have won as conspicuous a victory as ever fell to their lot since the outberak of the war. Driving forward on a considerable front, they hurled back the Germans courted and considerable and control of the courted and control of the courted and courted and control of the courted and front, they nuried back the German fourteen miles and captured nearly 10, 000 prisoners and more than 150 cannon Their casualties numbered considerably less than their prisoners, and they hole all the ground which they captured. people must learn it.

Mastery of the Air.

"As the mastery of the air passes more and more completely to the Allies, the German people will more and more realize, through war carried to their realize, through war carried to their pwn territories, the martyrdom to which they relentlessly subjected other nations. It may be a hard lesson, but they cannot be saved from themselves unless they are compelled to learn it. It is equally the duty of the allied nations to purge Germany of her madness by unsparing use of pressure until she has given convincing manifestation of savely the savely sav given convincing manifestation of san-ity and a clean spirit. Let no selfish purpose or divergence of interest im-pede united action to this end. An as-sassin state must be barred from the society of decent commonwealths until they are convinced of its sincere re-pentance."

AUSTRIANS ATTEMPT LIVES OF OFFICERS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—An of-ficial dispatch from Switzerland today day filed suit here for a divorce from







Thousands of returned soldiers and their families from Western Ontario, were present at the grand picnic held at Port Stanley Thursday. (1) Pte. F. Gilling, walking the greasy pole in approved style, winning first prize. (2) The crowd round of comedy.

LESSARD BELIEVES SUB COMMANDERS

Inspector-General of Opinion Huns Are Getting Little Information.

St. John, N.B., Aug. 23 .- "I do not in Italy, and of the Germans in France.

Since I left Ottawa on the 24th of May about one million troops have crossed the Atlantic from the United States. I have seen many thousands of them on board ship and in the camps that I related. It is impossible to the I related to the ada, who arrived in the city last night. "The majority of the U-boat commanders are men who were formerly employed in shipping activities on this during the occupation by the Czechs. ir the south the Allies are dashing upon

"and this is one of the reasons why they impress our seamen with the idea that they are well informed of activities, military and naval, in Canada." Major-Gen. Lessard, who came to St. John in order to meet Prince Arthur of Connaught, due to arrive here on Friday, and escort him to Halifax, said that the British and United States navies, combined now, had a most effective flotilla of submarine chasers at Halifax, and thay ware working in all fective flotilla of submarine chasers at Halifax, and they were working in all their power to reduce the submarine menace here. He expressed the opinion that the German submarines in these waters had little inclination to attack our transports, and it was only the peaceful and unprotected merchantmen and fishing vessels they challenged to the unequal battle.

FRENCH AIRMEN'S PART RESULTED IN CAPTURE OF TOWNS WAGES OF WOMEN

Paris, Aug. 23 .- The work of the French aerial forces in the fighting all the ground which they captured.

"The men from both countries have learned to realize most vividly the savagery of Germany's purpose and method. They are determined that this war shall be fought to a finish and that there shall be no repetition of its horrors. The shall be no repetition of its horrors. The possessed must be cast out; the spell with which they have bound the German people must be broken. Until then German people must be come regenerate. It may be a hard lesson, but the German people must learn it.

I UBE INUKEASED

I WO DAYS OF FIGHTING

London, Aug. 23.—The ministry of munitions has ordered that the wages of women munition workers be increased five shillings weekly after September 1. Girls under 18 in munition in the enemy ranks. The tanks opened the way for the offensive, it is declared, and the bombing airplanes hurried the

BIG PLANE CARRIES NINE PASSENGERS

London, Aug. 23.—A big British airplane carrying its crew and nine passengers, has made the trip from France to England, it is announced here. The whole journey from an airdrome in the interior of France to one in the interior of England occupied but little over half an hour. The test was made under routine conditions, with an ordinary service airplane of the largest type. The passengers carried the normal amount of baggage as they would if they had traveled by train and boat.

SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 23.-Mrs. K. L. manifectory of the New York. New Haven and Hartford Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York. New Haven and Hartford Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York. New Haven and Hartford Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York. New Haven and Hartford Railroad. Cruel and abusive treatment and attempts to damage her character were charged.

THREE HUNDRED CZECHO-SLOVAKS

Executions Were Carried Out After Simbirsk's Capture.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.-Russian Red Guards, after the capture of Simbirsk, on the Volga, according to a Moscow commanding Military Department No. 6, dispatch to the Hamburg Nachrichten, consequence of those victories. The and inspector-general for Eastern Can- publicly hanged in the market place 300 Czecho-Slovak prisoners. The hangings, it is declared, were a reprisal for "atrocities" committed in the town self from disaster. In the north and

BRITISH AIRMEN BOMB NUMBER

London, Aug. 23 .- Five important towns in Germany and five hostile aerofromes were heavily bombarded by British aerial squadrons on the night of August 21-22, according to an official statement issued today by the British air ministry. Military objectives at Frankfort and Cologne, the statement adds, were heav-ly attacked and good results were ob-

MUNITION WORKERS

sald.:

REDS DISASTER TO HUNS **WOULD FOLLOW THE** FALL OF BAPAUME

German Retirement Around Noyon Result of Allied Successes.

Paris, Aug. 23 .- The Allies are reap ing the fruits of the victories of July 18 and August S, in the present critical situation in which the German command finds itself. The German retirement around

Noyon, it is held here, is the logical French and British are pressing the enemy so close that he is obliged to the Germans and snapping up prisoners and booty, sometimes getting into the main enemy defence positions. Gen. Mangin's pressure between August 18 and 20 resulted in the capture

of more than 10,000 prisoners, and on the 22nd forced the enemy beyond the Allette. The army of Gen. von Eben is Allette. The army of Gen. von Eben is in such a predicament it is believed that he is bound to make a formidable counter-attack to halt Gen. Mangin or be obliged to withdraw from the Alsne and Vesle to the Chemin-des-Dames. If the enemy does not counter-attack along the Allette, it probably will mean that Gen. von Eben is in a sadder plight than is thought here.

In the north the British third army has pushed the Germans so dangerously near Bapaume that the German command has found it necessary to counter-attack in force. The loss of Bapaume in the present circumstances would amount to a disaster, according to opinion here. to opinion here.

The front from Lassigny to the

Somme remains stationary. The expected fall of Roye has not yet occurred. MANGIN'S ARMY TOOK TO BE INCREASED 5,000 PRISONERS IN

ADMIRAL VON HINTZE SEES THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—"Our cause is an exalted one, but it is it great danger," Admiral von Hintze, the German foreign secretary, told a conference of German journalists in Berlin, according to the Cologne Volks Zeitung. He asked them to co-operate with him. After asserting in what high esteem he held the press, the admira

"In these times the Government, the press and the nation must hold together with one aim-to win the war. If these factors do not hold to "The post of foreign secretary is by no means a desirable one. Al objections I had made to my appointment were dispelled, and I have undertaken this responsible post. I am not tackling my task with a bow-

"I shall always show the greatest consideration to the gentlemen of the press. You will hear nothing but facts from me, but I cannot always give all the facts. The entire truth at certain times does not serve, but harms, the public Interest.

"I am not at all concerned regarding attacks either on my person or against the imperial policy. I am merely concerned with our cause cause is an exalted one, but it is in great danger. I, therefore, cal "The foreign secretary then had a confidential talk with the news

papermen, who represented the most important papers in Germany

OF TRANSPORTS

Vladivostok, Aug. 22. — German agents, of which Vladivostok is full, have made futile efforts to hamper the unloading of transports. Twice they have called strikes of laborers engaged in the handling of stores. The transports, however, have been successfully unloaded by soldiers. The German agents even have gone to the extent of approaching the men and attempting to dissuade them from participating in military activity "for

BE UTILIZED FOR TRADE CONQUESTS

German Propaganda in Circulation in U.S. Is Nailed.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—German propaganda designed to create dissension among the Allies with stories that the United States will use its enormous fleet of transports and food ships for trade conquests after the war, was the subject of a statement today by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board. He said every nation lined up against autocracy can be depended upon to autocracy can be depended upon to detect the source of these suggestions and discount them.

"In building her merchant fleet, America plans first of all to win the war, and after that to overcome her

war, and after that to overcome her own neglect to provide octan transportation for her own trade," said Mr. Hurley. "To this end the people of the United States are preparing to develop transportation for their own tade routes, without disturbing the trade rights of other nations. It is unthinkable that a nation fighting shoulder to shoulder with other democracies should turn its resources after the war against them for trade conquests, the nature of which were largely instrumental in causing the war."

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BABY SMOTHERS TO **DEATH IN HAMMOCK**

Lindsay, Aug. 23.—One of the saddest accidents to happen in this vicinity was recorded yesterday when the ten-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall of Toronto, who are spending the summer at Cameron Lake, was sleeping in the hammock and had turned over with its face buried in the pillows. When found it had smothered and life was extinct.

U. S. AVIATION FIELD ON THE POTOMAC IS TO BE ENLARGED

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23 .- Botting aviation field, on the eastern branch of the Potomac River, is to be enlarged as a base for aero patrol and the protection of Washington and to serve at the same time as an officers' training post. Approval of an expenditure of \$\frac{1103,000}{2}\$ at the field was announced today. of the Potomac River, is to be enlarged

HAIG TAKES HUNS, **GUNS AND TOWNS** SOUTH OF SOMME IN TODAY'S DRIVE

"GIVE EVERY SOLDIER GOING INTO BATTLE A COPY OF THE BIBLE"

New York. Aug. 23.—"The Bible is certainly the best preparation that you can give to an American soldier going into battle to sustain his magnificent ideel and faith," writes Marshal Foch in a letter to the American Bible Society, in appreciation of nearly 250,000,000 copies of the Scriptures distributed among soldiers abroad.

OUT TO ANNIHILATE FISHING FLEET OFF THE EASTERN COAST

Commander of the Sub Made Statement to Triumph's Captain.

Portland, Me., Aug. 23.—A boast that the American cruiser San Diego was torpedeed and not mined was made by the commander of the submarine which captured the steam trawler Triumph and used her as a raider on the fishing and used her as a raider on the fishing banks this week, according to word re-ceived here from Capt. Myhre of the Triumph today. The German officer also asserted that he sank the tank steamer O. B. Jennings, and that the captain of the Jennings was a prisoner on the submarine while Capt. Myhre

on the submarine while Capt. Mynre was on board.

A number of Boston, New York and Portland papers were taken from the Triumph, and the commander said he had been much amused in reading rehad been much amused in reading reports of how many times his vessel had
been rammed and sunk by steamers
arriving at American ports.

The commander said he had been out
three months and intended to remain
two months longer in order to annihilate the fishing fleet on the banks.

STRUGGLE WITH TRUTH TOO MUCH FOR HUN PRESS

German Newspapers Now Admit the American Army Figures Correct.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.-At last the Ger man press has given up struggling against the truth. In a short notice. which appears in virtually all the papers. the identical nature of which suggests official inspiration, the reluctant admission is made that Secretary Baker's figures regarding the strength of the American forces in France are about

correct. One or two papers add the lame explanation that their former fig-ures were based on the position prior to May, and that the really big shipments of men from American began since

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.
Toronto, Aug. 23—8 a.m.
Forecasts. Today—Moderate to fresh west winds; partly fair and decidedly warm, with showers and thunderstorms in many localities.

Saturday—Fair and not quite so Temperatures.

The following were the highest and owest temperatures during the 24 hours

Kingston

British Troops Capture Ciegnolles, Herleville, Boyelles, Boiry-Becquerelle and Other Places In Big Attack On Wide Front.

OFFENSIVE RAPIDLY SPREADING.

British Hadquarters in France, Aug. 23.—The British offensive, so brilliantly resumed on Wednesday morning, has spread so rapidly that it is difficult to keep pace with the development of it. What is now being witnessed is the unfolding of a brilliant tactical scheme which must be causing the deepest concern to the German

The rapid advance of the British patrols along the Albert-Bapaume road toward where the old German lines dip near Tara Hill is threatening to flank any counter movements against the British gains further to the north. Some British batteries advanced several times in the past two days. No longer do the limbers bring

ammunition at a week. They come up at a gallop in a cloud of dust. The French airplanes are as numerous as ever, and the Boche machines are being harried mercilessly by bombing squadrons, which fly ahead of the infantry and attack the German columns

BRITISH EXTEND LINES FIVE MILES.

With the British Armies in France, Aug. 23.—In the fighting south of the River Somme, the British have extended their line on a front of more than five miles, pushing into the German defences at the greatest depth for about two miles.

Details of the fighting just north of the Somme, which continues, show that Albert actually was stormed by the British, who crossed the river to the south and struck, anticipating the probable German intention to withdraw from the pocket, which was rapidly being created here.

The Germans now are fighting desperately in the region of Gommecourt.

South of Gommecourt the British also began an attack this, morning and are pushing forward all along the line. Reports from all points say that the battle seems to have

developed into one of the greatest of the war from the standpoint of men and guns engaged. The latest report from the battleline says that the British are reaching out in the direction of Tarahill, which is a thousand yards

beyond Albert. Field Marshal Haig's men are killing great numbers of Germans and are making steady progress everywhere in spite of resist-

ance from the enemy, who, if he retreats, acknowledges that he is beaten, and if he stays and fights it out is bound to suffer the heaviest casualties.

HAIG ELIMINATES BIG BEND IN LINE WHEN HE OPENS ATTACK

With the British Armies in France, Aug. 23.—British troops this morning are reported to have captured Ciegnolles and Herleville, south of the Somme River. More than a thousand prisoners were taken in this operation, which eliminated the bend in the line, Field Marshal Haig's forces also are reported to have taken Boyelles and Boiry Becquerells and to be still pushing forward. They are piling up prisoners and guns.

The British have reached Gommecourt, which is considered to be the chief point of the German defence positions. South of Gommecourt the British this morning were attacking and pushing forward all along the line.

A battle has developed which seems to be one of the greatest of the war.

The town of Meaulte, southeast of Albert, fell early in the British drive. The British troops pressing on here are crossing the Brav-Albert road.

Happy Valley, to the north of Bray, was taken by Field Marshal Haig's troops after hard fighting.

Three German battalion headquarters have been taken in the locality of Happy Valley. Additional guns also have fallen into the hands of the British.

A number of new fresh German divisions have been identified. They were rushed up in the hope of saving something from the disaster which threatens the whole German army on this front,

BATTLE IS NOW RAGING ON A 25-MILE FRONT SOUTH OF ARRAS

London, Aug. 23 .- A battle is being fought on the lines between Lihons, south of the Somme, to the Cojeul River, south of Arras, a front of more than twenty-five miles, according to the official statement issued at the war office today.

The British troops are making progress at a number of points,