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CANADIANS WON BRILLIANT VICTORY BY LAUNCHING A SURPRISE ATTACK ON HUNS

Forces From the Dominion Moved to Battle Area Secretly and Kept Hidden For Days in the Woods in Preparation Against Drive On the Germans.

By J. F. B. LIVESAY, Correspondent of the Canadian Press. With the Canadian Forces, Aug. 12.—It is now possible to say that the Canadian forces, having secretly taken over that part of the Australian line running south of the railway at Villers-Bretonneux to the Avre, reached on the first day of the offensive their objectives at 14.00 yards, and that on Saturday evening they had attained the line marked out for them several thousand yards further on.

Originally this drive covered a width of twenty miles, in which the Canadians and Austrians still side by side, fought in the centre. On the Australian left an English force was set a very hard task between the Somme and the Ancre, where progress was necessarily more difficult and fighting extremely stiff. The French south of the Canadian line has met similar difficulties, but have not greatly widened the area of attack by extending their operations southeast of Montdidier. The very brilliant results they thus far have attained are the happiest augury for the future.

Greatest Success in War. Speculation as to the future is idle. Here, at least, is a great initial success. It is quite likely that the enemy will throw in reserves with a view to checking our advance by a strong counter-attack. In the entire course of the war effort of the Allies there has been no such magnificent achievement as that of the past four days, gathering its momentum from an initial success.

FISHERMEN CAST ADRIFT BY HUNS WHO SANK SHIP

Crews Working Off Atlantic Coast Report Thrilling Experiences.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.—A British merchant steamer was sunk recently off the North Atlantic coast by the German submarine, which sent nine fishing schooners and Sunday. This report was given members of the crew of the Kate Palmer, a fishing schooner, when they were taken aboard the U-boat, prior to the destruction of their vessel. The fishermen did not learn the name of the U-boat, but were informed that it had two decks, and that the crew were brought here early today aboard the auxiliary schooner Helen Murray, after having been set adrift in a dory shortly before nightfall by the submarine's commander. They report that probably 50 fishermen were cast adrift in small boats after the U-boat's attack on the fleet. Naval and marine men expected, however, that most of them would be picked up before the day was over.

The crew of the Palmer reported that probably thirty sailing vessels were in the immediate vicinity of the time of the attack. They said they heard firing from the fleet at 10 a.m. and that of the sinkings occurred on Saturday rather than Sunday, as early reports had indicated. German hands, they said, were seen on the U-boat's deck. They were picked up about 12 hours later by Murray.

The fishermen reported the submarine was 300 feet long and carried a crew of 70 men, all brawny sailors of less than 30 years. A six-inch gun was mounted forward and a smaller one astern. The second officer told them the submersible could make 21 knots on the surface.

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 84; lowest, 67.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 82; lowest, 64.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.
Toronto, Aug. 12—8 a.m.

Today—Light winds; fine and warm. Tuesday—Moderate to fresh westerly to southwest winds; mostly fair and warm. But some local showers or thunderstorms.

Temperatures.
The following are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 86. 50. Fair.
Calgary. 84. 50. Cloudy.
Winnipeg. 64. 50. Cloudy.
Port Arthur. 64. 52. Fair.
Port St. Joseph. 64. 52. Clear.
Port Stan. 64. 52. Clear.
Toronto. 82. 64. Clear.
Kingston. 80. 64. Fair.
Ottawa. 80. 64. Clear.
Montreal. 78. 64. Clear.
Quebec. 70. 58. Fair.

Since Saturday showers or thunderstorms have occurred very locally in Ontario and Quebec, and rain has fallen heavily in nearly all portions of the Western Provinces.

TROTSKY AND LEONINE FLEE

London, Aug. 12.—Premier Lenin and his chief assistant, Leon Trotsky, have fled to Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd, according to a dispatch sent out by the semi-official Wolff Bureau of Berlin, and printed in Zurich newspapers, says a Havas report.

Reports received in London Sunday that the Bolshevik leaders intended to flee to Germany lands color to the German report that they have already gone to Kronstadt. Copenhagen dispatches Sunday said that the anti-Bolshevik movement in Russia was growing rapidly and that the Bolshevik Government virtually had gone to pieces. These reports were taken from Russian newspapers.

Constant Blows on Foe's Flanks Will Drive Him to "HINDY" LINE
But Simonds Warns That the Allied Salient Must Not Be Sunk Too Deep.

LUDENDORFF IS NOT IDLE
Likely to Check Drive Soon, Unless Driven Out of High Ground at Bapaume.

BY FRANK H. SIMONDS, Copyright, 1918, by the Tribune Association.
New York, Aug. 12.—The fourth day of the great Anglo-French offensive, which will unquestionably be known as the battle of the Hindy line, is now being fought in the Somme valley, and the progress of the offensive is being watched with keen interest.

HON. DR. H. S. BELAND LAUDS 40,000 FRENCH CANADIANS IN WAR
Tells Citizens in His Home Town of Troops' Heroic Deeds in France.

Boulevard, Que., Aug. 12.—Commenting on the dispatch to the Post of the bearing of the 40,000 French-Canadians in the war, Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, formerly postmaster-general for Canada, told the people of his native town, who yesterday turned out in thousands to rejoice him, how proud they might be if they had sons or other relatives at the front fighting for the cause of righteousness, humanity and justice, against barbarity. His direct plea to their sense of right and justice stirred his great audience to an inspiring demonstration of sympathy for the speaker, for the cause he urged. The demonstration was most striking, after Dr. Beland had shown how the war was forced on the Allies by Germany.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS DEMANDING THE TRUTH
The Hague, Aug. 12.—German newspapers are asking pointed questions concerning reverses in the west and are caustic in their comment.

KAISER'S GENERALS ARE CASHIERED FOR NEGLECT OF DUTY
London, Aug. 12.—Three German generals recently commanding near Montdidier have been cashiered for neglect of duty, according to Belgian reports received in Amsterdam and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

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WOUNDED BUT HAPPY



Two United States soldiers, wounded in France, are having a happy time in a hospital in England.

VOLUNTEERS AND DRAFTEES WILL COMPRISE CANADIAN FORCES GOING TO SIBERIA

Units From Dominion Will Be Brigaded With the Japanese and American Armies Under a Central Command Arranged by Allied Governments.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Aug. 12.—The new Canadian expeditionary force to be sent to Siberia as a part of the Allied army to join forces with the Czech-Slovaks against the German occupation of Russia shall consist of both volunteers and draftees. A call will be issued for recruits for the new force which will comprise units of infantry, artillery, medicals, transport and other branches of the service, at the same time the department will draw on the other occasions upon the draftees already under training in Canada.

Details as to the composition of the force and personnel of the staff have not yet been determined by the military department, as the final order for mobilization has not been given until Saturday. It is probable, however, that the commanding officer will be one of the brigadier-generals who has already had experience at the front. Announcement as to commands and units will be made within a few days by military headquarters.

BRITISH STEAMER REPORTED SUNK BY SUB OFF U. S. COAST

New York, Aug. 12.—The Associated Press carries the following dispatch: Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 12.—Sinking of the British steamer Penelope by a German submarine off Georges Bank was reported here today. The Penelope, a vessel of about 4,000 tons gross, apparently was sunk by the same U-boat that destroyed nine fishing schooners Saturday. First report made no reference to the crew's safety, and gave no details of the attack.

CLEMENCEAU SEES FIRST LINE ATTACK

On the French Front in France, Aug. 12.—Premier Clemenceau during his visit to the front Sunday saw the line attack carried out by a certain French division. He also congratulated personally the commanding French and British generals.

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GERMANS HAVE EVACUATED THE TOWN OF ROYE AFTER FIGHTING DESPERATELY TO HOLD THIS VITAL POSITION

Unconfirmed Report of Taking of Important Place Is Announced—Over 40,000 German Prisoners Have Fallen Into Allied Hands In Four Days.

Rome, Aug. 12.—Among the messages dropped into Vienna by Gabriel d'Annunzio, the author, is a report that the Italian air squadron over the Austrian capital, was one in which the American effort was emphasized. "The whole world," reads this message, "is against you, while your Government, after its defeat last June, is hopeless of victory. Today more than one million Americans are fighting in France, and America is building twice as many ships as the submarines are sinking."

With the British Army in France, Aug. 12, 2:16 p.m.—There is an unconfirmed report this afternoon that the town of Roye, which the Germans have been defending so desperately, has been evacuated.

British tanks have been seen operating a considerable distance east of that town.

SOME HARD FIGHTING AHEAD, WITH ENEMY PREPARING TO OFFER STRONG RESISTANCE

London Military Experts Warn People Not To Be Too Optimistic of Continued Advances.

London, Aug. 12.—The entry of the French third army under Gen. Humbert into the battle on the line south of the original front of the allied offensive and the strengthening of the German resistance are recorded by the commentators in the morning newspapers as the two outstanding features of the Franco-British offensive during the week-end.

The brilliant and rapid stroke of the French third army is recognized fully, and important results are expected from it. The German reaction had been foreseen, and the commentators at present see nothing in it as a cause for anxiety. Nevertheless, warning against raised against overconfidence and exaggerated anticipations. It is recalled that Gen. Mangin on the Marne turned the German offensive into a defeat and that the British victory at Cambrai last November was converted into a grave reverse.

Should von Hutier succeed in holding on sufficiently to get his guns and material away, his next move probably would be back toward the Somme, pivoting on Roye. He would swing his right back on the line of Nesle and Noyon.

40,000 GERMAN PRISONERS ARE TAKEN IN ALLIED OFFENSIVE

Paris, Aug. 12.—Nearly 40,000 prisoners and 700 guns have been taken by the Allies in Picardy, according to reliable information here.

FRENCH TAKE L'ECHELLE-ST. AURIN

London, Aug. 12.—The French are continuing their advance between the Avre and the Oise, according to news received in London today, and have captured the town of L'Ecaille-St. Aurin, three miles directly west of Roye.

GERMANS BLAME DEFEAT ON FOG

The Huns Found Themselves Isolated, and Were Captured.

Amsterdam, Aug. 12.—Commenting on the allied successes in Picardy, the Cologne Gazette says that the reasons for the regrettable occurrence are not yet clear up, adding: "At any rate, a dense fog enshrouded the enemy's front lines. Our troops there found themselves isolated, and were unable to cut through the enemy masses in the wake of the tanks, and were captured. The enemy, although unable to carry out a complete breakthrough, was able to advance his lines ten kilometers. The Cologne Volks Zeitung says that as far as can be learned, the Allies suppose that the fog and the mass attack of tanks caused confusion in the German ranks. It concludes that it is useless to hide the fact of the German defeat, south of the Somme, 'this is hard,' in view of the number of prisoners and guns lost.

BRITISH TAKE PRISONERS

London, Aug. 12.—French troops have advanced nearer to the important point of Roye from the southwest by the capture of the villages of Armanecourt and Tilloy, according to the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today.

South of the Somme British troops have captured 200 prisoners. British positions east of Mericourt, south of the river, have been linked with the British lines east of Etinehem, north of the river.

FRENCH AIRMEN HARASS HUNS

Paris, Aug. 12.—French airmen have been very active in harassing the retreating enemy, says an official statement on aerial activity. Enemy concentration points around Lassigny were bombarded heavily, causing heavy German losses. French airplanes to the number of 120 dropped 23 tons of bombs in the battle area Sunday.