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HUNS FIGHT DESPERATELY TO STEM ALLIED AVALANCHE

ALLIES HAVE TAKEN 40,000 PRISONERS IN FOUR DAYS

WOUNDED BUT HAPPY

SURPRISE ATTACK

Forces From the Dominion Moved to Battle Area Secretly cept 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 14,000 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 Canadian and Australians, 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 front of attack by extending their operations southeast of Montdider. The very brillian results they thus far had attained are the happlest 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 advance at the of advanced dreasing stations, and continued on Page Three.

Crews Working Off Atlantic

Coast Report Thrilling

Experiences.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

FISHERMEN CAST GERMANS FELLED TREES IN ROAD IN EFFORT TO CHECK

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.-A British an Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.—A British merchant steamer was sunk recently off the North Atlantic coast, according to the second officer of the German submarine, which sent nine fishing schooners to the bottom off George's Banks Saturday 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 Britisher, but were informed that she had two smokestacks. The fishermen were brought here early today aboard the auxiliary schooner Helen Murley, after having been set adrift in a dory shortly before nightfall by the submarine's commander. They report that probably 60 fishermen were cast adrift in small boats after the U-boat's given members of the crew of the Kate

HON. DR. H. S. BELAND SING HYMNS ON adrift in small boats after the U-boat' attack on the fleet. Naval and marine men expected, however, that most of these would be picked up before the day was over.

The crew of the Palmer reported that probably the transfer of the palmer reported that LAUDS 40,000 FRENCH CANADIANS IN WAR The crew of the Palmer reported that probably thirty sailing vessels were in the immediate vicinity at the time of the attack. They said they heard firing all day Saturday from 10 a.m. Most of the sinkings occurred on Saturday rather than Sunday, as early reports had indicated. The men brought in included Capt. Edward Russell of the Kate. Palmer, and Erzderick. Outpless

Tells Citizens in His Home Town of Troops' Heroic Deeds in France.

cluded Capt. Edward Russell of the Kate Palmer and Frederick Quinlan, one of the crew, and two Nova Scotia fishermen. They were cast adrift in their dory about 6 o'clock Saturday night. They were picked up about five hours later by Murley.

The fishermen reported the submarter was 300 feet long and captide against the submarter was 300 feet long and captide against the submarter was 300 feet long and captide against the submarter was 300 feet long and captide against the submarter was 300 feet long and captide against the submarter was 300 feet long and captide against the submarter was submarter to the submarter than the submarter ne was 300 feet long and carried a crew of about 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. told the people of his native town, who yesterday turned out in thousands to welcome 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 and 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.

My God, to Thee" and others of similar strain at the dock. Upon closer observation could be seen six men, some in khaki, handcuffed in pairs, standing on the wharf under military guard, all singing sacred songs. They were conscientious objectors, who were being taken across to Toronto on the boat en route to Kingston, where they will serve a long term for refusing to obey military orders. The men were marched to the boat before the crowd was allowed Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 c'clock last night: Highest, 94; lowest, 67.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were Highest, 82; lowest, 64.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.
Toronto, Aug. 12—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today—Light winds; fine and warm.
Tuesday—Moderate to fresh southeast
to southwest winds; mostly fair and
warm, but some local showers or thunderstorms. papers are asking pointed questions concerning reverses in the west and concerning reverses in the west and warm, but some local showers or thunderstorms. Temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

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TROTZKY AND LENINE FLEE

London, Aug. 12.—Premier Lenine and his chief assistant, Leon Trotzky, have fled to Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd, according to a dispatch sent out by the semi-official Wolff Burean 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 lends 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.

Lenine and Trotzky have been in Lenine and Trotzky have been in power since the overthrow of the Ker-ensky cabinet last November. They ne-

But Simonds Warns That the Allied Salent 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. ALLIEO ADVANCE

New York. Aug. 12.—The fourth day of the great anglo-french offensive, which will unquestionably be known hereafter as the third battle of the mining of the great anglo-french offensive, which will unquestionably be known hereafter as the third battle of the mining of the great anglo-french offensive, which will unquestionably be known hereafter as the third battle of the great anglo-french offensive, which will unquestionably be known hereafter as the third battle of the great anglo-french offensive, which will unquestionably be known hereafter as the third battle of the great anglo-french offensive, which will unquestionably be known hereafter as the third battle of the great anglo-french offensive, which will unquestionably be known hereafter as the third battle of the great anglo-french offensive, which will unquestionably be known hereafter as the third battle of the great anglo-french offensive during transport and other branches of the great anglo-french offensive during the propose of Ludemodra, and the great anglo-french offensive during the propose of Ludemodra, and the great anglo-french offensive during the propose of Ludemodra, and the great anglo-french offensive during the form and the great anglo-french offensive during the propose of the great anglo-french offensive during the on the other hand, he adds, the enemy's haste prevented the mining of the
roads and the setting of death traps as
he did in 1917. It is possible, therefore,
to explore abandoned towns and viilages without fear of being blown to

Continued on Page Nine. **WAY TO PRISON**

Conscientious Objectors Sentenced at Niagara Taken by Boat to Kingston.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Aug. 12.-Hundreds of To-Bouisvell, Que., Aug. 12.—Commenting on the magnificent spirit and heroic 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 wasterday turned out in thousands to tary orders. The men were marched to the boat before the crowd was allowed on the dock, and after being lined up on the dock a few minutes were marched aboard. They were sentenced on Saturday to ten years' imprisonment



and American Armies Under a Central Command Arranged by Alli ed 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 Czecho-Slovaks understood preliminary

be made within a few days by militia headquarters. Under Central Command. The Canadian force with which it is inderstood will also be associated a preliminary British force will be bri-

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

VIENNESE ORDERED TO HAND OVER ALL

MUST CONSERVE SUGAR OR PAY THE PENALTIES

CABLE STEAMER TORPEDOED.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 12.—
Local newspapers publish reports to the effect that the cable steamer Mackay Bennett has been torpedoed. One version is that the ship was sunk off the Irish coast, while another newspaper says that the MacKay Bennett was torpedoed off this coast. The reports have not yet been verified. Both ship are safe.

CLEMENCEAU SEES

FIRST LINE ATTACK

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

The Dally News says that the allied progress continues to exceed every reasonable hope, and thinks the coming month may hold possibilities of change ingress continue to exert a Hallfax oversion. A Hallfax of the Was The Times, while emphasizing the German reaction and predicting that the position was made today that E. Emad. propriet tor of a confectionery at 317 Third avenue, Prince Rupert, B. C., has been ordered to discontinue the manufacture of candy at once, and not to purchase or use any sugar for that purchase or

AVIATOR IS KILLED

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

"THE WHOLE WORLD IS AGAINST YOU"

Rome, Aug. 12.—Among the messages dropped into Vienna by Gabriel d'Annunzio, the author, in his recent flight with an 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."

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

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 Stubborn Defence Expected.

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What hapepned before conceivably may happen again, says the Daily Mall, and the same note is struck elsewhere.
Even if Gen. Ludendorff cannot regain the offensive this year, he can, it is contended, put up a very stubborn defence. Accordingly it is held, it behoves the Allies to go waifly, remembering there are still difficult corners to be passed. New York, Aug. 12.—The Associated Press carries the following dispatch:
Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 12.—Sinking or the British steamer Penistone by a German submarine off Georges Bank was reported here today. The Penistone, 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.

CABLE STEAMER TORPEDOED.

To be passed.

Sanguine reports of the capture of Chaulnes and Roye seem to have been the examples of the tendency in some quarters to imagine that the progress is disaster than it is in face of stiffening enemy resistance. Those places still are apparently in German hands, though their fall seems possibly not far off. On the whole, however, the situation is regarded as extremely favorable for the Allies.

The Daily News says that the allied progress continues to exceed every reasonable hope, and thinks the coming month may hold possibilities of changprogress continues to exceed every reasonable hope, and thinks the coming month may hold possibilities of changing the whole face of the war. The Times, while emphasizing the German reaction and predicting that the position

Isolated, and Were Cap-

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

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 evacu-

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

SOME HARD FIGHTING BRITISH CAPTURE WESTERN EDGE OF THE TOWN OF BRAY

London, Aug. 12.—The British have captured the western edge of the town of Bray, on the Somme, the advices state.

Apparently the attack on the southern part of the front wa Units From Dominion Will Be Brigaded With the Japanese STRONG RESISTANCE being continued by the French this morning. Main interest centred in the sector around the Lassigny Mass. It is difficult to say whether the French are on the crest, but they must be close to it.

GERMANS ARE PUTTING UP STIFF RESISTANCE TO CHECK ALLIES

Paris, Aug. 12.—Extremely bitter resistance is being encountered from the Germans along the line of Chaulnes-Roye-Noyon The enemy is bringing up strong reinforcements, while the Allies are preparing for a further advance.

The Germans are reacting on the Allied left with a certain amount of success, having had time to get into line divisions rushed frantically from the north. It is believed here the fresh troops are being thrown into the fighting in a desperate endeavor to block the Allied advance toward Nesle

Gen. von Hutier, who escaped much damage from the Monta didier pocket, is now trying to halt temporarily on the Roye-Noyon line. He is strong enough at the Noyon end, where his flank rests on the Oise, but should the British succeed in debouching from the villages of Lihons, Chilly, Fransart, Fresnoy and Govencourt, in the general direction of Nesle, von Hutier's right at Roye would be not only turned but he would be cut off and hopelessly lost. The entire line, it is believed here, would then go down,

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 Noyon. He would swing his right back on the line of Nesle and Noyon.

The Germans are now fighting for time to make this possible. and the fighting is likely to be even more desperate today than it was Sunday. The Germans so far have done no more than check the Allied left north of the Avre. It is believed to be certain that they will spare nothing in an endeavor to push it back.

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 infor-

FRENCH TAKE L'ECHELLE-ST, AURIN.

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

The line on this front now runs from L'Echelle-St. Aurin outheast throughout Armancourt and Tilloloy, three miles south west of Roye, and continues in a southeasterly direction through Gury, eleven miles southeast of Montdidier. It then curves more to the east and passes through the Montigny quarry to the hill north of Antoval, just northwest of Ribecourt, on the Oise

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 Armancourt and Tilloloy, according to the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today.

South of the Somme British troops have captured 200 prison-

British positions east of Mericourt, south of the river, have been linked with the British lines east of Etinehem, north of the

FRENCH AIRMEN HARASS HUNS.

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