

# SCHOONERS SUNK BY U-BOAT

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# THE ADVANCE CONTINUES, 40,000 GERMANS TAKEN

## THE ENTIRE ENEMY DEFENCE IN WIDE MONTDIDIER SALIENT HAS COLLAPSED BEFORE GREAT DRIVE

**Allied Push Has Now Become Straight Ahead Drive in Which the Divisions of Crown Prince of Germany and Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria Are Fleeing Headlong For Safety To the Line of the Somme and Nesle and Noyon Canal—Between the Aisne and the Oise the Allies Have Driven a Hole in the German Line With a Width of Fifty Miles.**

**More Than Forty Thousand Prisoners and Five Hundred Big Guns Have Been Captured—Allies Take Numerous Towns and Villages—Airmen Tell of Tremendous Confusion Behind the German Line—Enemy Troops on Fifty Mile Front Compelled To Withdraw Through a Gap of Not More Than Thirty Miles.**

London, Aug. 11—The wings of the salient which the Allies have driven into the German positions in the Somme area have crumbled away and with them the entire enemy defense in the Montdidier salient has collapsed. The Allied push has now become a straight ahead drive in which the divisions of the Crown Prince and those of Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria are fleeing headlong for safety to the line of the Somme and the Nesle and Noyon Canal. Between the Aisne and the Oise, the Allies have driven a hole in the German line with a width of fifty miles. Within the area between these rivers many hundreds of Allied tanks are ambling about, smashing machine guns and stampeding the foe wholesale and taking thousands of prisoners, while cavalry squadrons are careening to and fro reconnoitering and cutting up enemy detachments. Behind the tanks and the horsemen follow Allied infantry in waves "mopping up" the enemy rear guards and weaving the somewhat patchy advance of the tanks and cavalry into the solid infantry line.

Allied mounted forces and tanks now have pushed fully fifteen miles into enemy territory from the original line. According to latest reports, they have passed both Chaules and Roye. Airmen tell of tremendous confusion behind the German lines. Enemy troops and material assembled on a 50-mile front in the Montdidier bulge have been compelled to withdraw through a gap not more than 30 miles as the crow flies. Before the Allied offensive comes to a halt, many more German prisoners and guns are likely to be taken. The total number now is more than 40,000 prisoners and 500 cannon.

The northern section of Von Hutier's army between the Somme and the Roye is falling back upon the curve of the Somme River. It is expected the Germans will send in great bodies of reinforcements from the Peronne sector and make a desperate effort to hold up the Allied advance here while the bulk of his troops and material are being withdrawn over the river.

The Germans between Roye and the Oise also are in dire difficulty being greatly hampered by lack of good roads.

**Extension of Battlefield.**

Interest now centres chiefly upon the success of the Allied wings. Enemy forces have now nearly flattened out the enemy pocket between the Aisne and the Oise, and if Foch plans his operations on a large scale further interesting developments cannot be delayed. One of the possibilities is the extension of the battlefield northward to Arras. Another might consist of an extension southward and eastward to Soissons. A successful attack on either of these fronts might set the entire German line rocking from Rheims to the sea. The post- (Continued on page two)

## SUBMARINE SINKS NINE AMERICAN Schooners

**Massachusetts Fishing Fleet on Georges Banks Hard Hit By German U-Boat—Four Survivors of Raid Picked Up and Search Being Made For Others.**

Bulletin—Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 11—Nine fishing schooners were sunk off Georges Bank today by a German submarine, a vessel which put in here tonight reported. The vessel picked up word of the raid from the auxiliary fishing schooner Helen Murley which had rescued four survivors and was taking them to port. Other vessels are searching for other survivors.

The Georges banks are fully sixty miles from the island of Nantucket, and are the favorite fishing grounds of Boston, Provincetown, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and other fishermen. Occasionally there are scores of vessels on the banks at once, and fishing craft are usually easy marks for submarines.

It will be recalled that the submarine captain who sunk several schooners at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy informed one of the crews that he

was under orders to sink the fishing fleet. Whether the U-boat which operated off Nova Scotia is the one now near Massachusetts waters is a question, but as there have been no sinkings in eastern waters for several days it is possible she is the identical vessel.

There were probably more than 100 men on the nine schooners.

### CONVENT OPENED

Bathurst, Aug. 11—Five religious of the order of Jesus and Mary, at St-Jeremy, Quebec, have opened a convent at Lamont. Five sisters will comprise the community for the present and they will occupy a well finished building prepared for them by the energetic pastor of the parish, Rev. Alfred Trudel, and his generous people.

## British Forces Repulse Strong German Attacks, Announces Marshal Haig

London, Aug. 11—Strong German attacks, delivered with fresh reserves, against the British at Lihons and north and south of that village were repulsed today and in the fighting the Germans suffered great losses, according to the British official communication from Field Marshal Haig.

The text of the communication follows: "This morning the enemy delivered strong attacks with fresh divisions brought up from his reserves against the British positions at Lihons and to the south and north of that place.

"All these attacks have been repulsed after severe fighting in which our troops inflicted great losses upon the enemy's advancing line.

"At one point, immediately to the north of Lihons, German assault troops broke into our positions and penetrated to the west side of the village. They were then counter-attacked with determination by our troops, and in the course of fierce fighting over the difficult ground were driven back to the east and north of the village.

"Our line was completely restored. "On the right of the British troops, French forces acting in co-operation with them, have made progress southwest and south of Roye.

"On the remainder of the British front a few prisoners have been captured by our patrols during the day."

London, Aug. 11—Today the situation south of the Somme was becoming more stabilized. There has been no important Allied advance in the last twelve hours, and at some places a slight retirement has been necessary.

The fighting has been desperate and of a ding-dong character and for the moment any big advance on this front is not expected.

The enemy apparently is calling upon his reserves to help him save all material possible.

## CANADIANS WILL GO TO RUSSIA

**Dominion Will Be Represented  
By Force of About Four  
Thousand Men.**

Ottawa, Aug. 11—That Canada will be represented by a military unit of considerable strength in the expeditionary force which the Allied governments will send to Siberia to assist the Russians and the Czech-Slovaks in their struggle against the Central Powers was officially announced here tonight by the government.

The statement was a brief one conveying the information that the special force to be mobilized would be about four thousand strong, but a more detailed announcement is promised later on.

London, Aug. 11—An official communication issued by the air ministry this evening announces that an air raid has been made on Karlsruhe, and that there was an explosion on the Karlsruhe station.

## ENEMY IS IN FULL RETREAT

**Armies of Von Der Marwitz  
and Von Hutier Rapidly  
Retiring on Peronne, Nesle  
and Ham.**

Paris, Aug. 11—The Allies tonight are fighting their way forward and the armies of Generals Von Der Marwitz and Von Hutier are in full retreat in the direction of Peronne, Nesle and Ham. Important rear guards are being sacrificed by the Germans to insure the safety of the main armies and there is a well-defined feeling among military critics here that the German reserves are not as important or numerous as was originally thought. The recklessness with which the Crown Prince threw them into the battle of the Marne, drawing also from the stock of his royal cousin, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, is believed to be causing General Ludendorff some worry.

## CHAULNES, IMPORTANT CENTRE IS CAPTURED BY ANZAC -- CANADIANS

**Gallant Lads From the Dominion Participate in Taking of the Key To the Southern Line of German Salient—British Make Further Progress on Left Flank—French Push Forward on South Bank of Avre.**

**Fall of Chaules Follows Desperate Struggle With Strong Forces Rushed Up To Cover Retreat of the Invaders—British Encounter Fierce Opposition North of the Somme—Enemy Contests Ground on Vesle Front.**

London, Aug. 11—Chaules, the important railway town in the heart of the Somme battlefield, and the key to the southern line of the German salient, has been captured by the Allies. The capture was effected by Australian and Canadian troops.

Further progress was made last night by the British on their left flank on the Picardy battlefield, north of the Somme. The line was advanced here between Etinehem, one and a half miles southwest of Bray, and Dernancourt, four and a half miles to the northeast, the war office announced today. On the right centre of the Allied front the French have pushed forward on the south bank of the Avre and have reached the outskirts of L'Echelle-St. Aurin, seven miles northeast of Montdidier.

A local German attack north of Kemmel on the Flanders front was repulsed after sharp fighting.

### Splendid Progress

The Allies continued to make splendid progress this morning along the whole front between the regions to the south of Arras and the river Oise, according to reports reaching London this afternoon. There have been large captures of guns and material and the number of prisoners is increasing.

The fall of Chaules is said to have followed a desperate struggle with strong forces rushed up to cover the retreat.

The British encountered fierce opposition north of the Somme but they are now advancing down the long slopes toward Bray, if they have not already succeeded in reaching that town.

Between Arras and Albert the enemy is showing signs of great anxiety and apparently is anticipating a wide extension of the fighting front to the north.

On the Soissons-Rheims front the enemy is contesting every inch of ground all along the river Vesle with the Americans, who are fighting with superb heroism. The struggle cannot last long, however, and a German retreat to the river Aisne or beyond is clearly imminent.

**French Statement.**

Paris, Aug. 11—The Germans tonight are holding the Chaules-Roye-Noyon line, but the Allies are making progress south of Noyon. The enemy's reserves are coming into action and the defence is stiffening all along the battlefield from Noyon to Chaules.

counter-attacking savagely west of Noyon and seems determined to hold the town at all costs.

Paris, Aug. 11—Notwithstanding the resistance of the Germans the French troops Sunday gained further ground between the Avre and the Oise rivers, taking several villages from the west and south of Roye to the Oise, according to the official statement issued by the war office tonight. The text follows:

### Continue to Gain.

"Our troops have continued to gain ground between the Avre and the Oise, in spite of the resistance of the enemy.

"To the south of the Avre we occupied Marquilly and Grivillers, and have reached the line of Arancourt and Tilloy and progressed north of Roye-Sur-Matz, about two kilometres as far as the outskirts of Canny-Sur-Matz. Further to the south we captured and passed the village of Le Perlier.

"Between the Matz and the Oise our advance has assumed a more pronounced character north of Chevry court, Macheumont and Cambonne are ours.

"Army of the East. The artillery and patrols have been very active on the Struma and Vardar rivers and on the Serbian front. An English detachment has made a successful raid on the Bulgarian lines west of Lake Doiran."

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 11—Lieutenant Ernest Auld, son of the late George E. Auld, of this city, and stepson of A. A. Pomeroy, formerly manager of the Queen Hotel, Halifax has been killed in action. He enlisted in Halifax.