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U. S. CARRIER TORPEDOED OFF NEW YORK 17,000 PRISONERS CAPTURED BY ALLIES

U-BOATS RENEW RAID ON AMERICAN COAST

U. S. Armored Cruiser Sunk Not Far From the Entrance of New York Harbor, and Other Vessels Are Reported Attacked by German Submarines.

New York, July 19.—German submarines appear to have renewed operations off the American coast. The United States armored cruiser San Diego was sunk not far from the entrance of New York harbor today. Circumstantial reports reaching here indicate that she was torpedoed.

The San Diego was sunk at 11:30 a.m. about ten miles south of Fire Island light, which is off the Long Island shore, about 50 miles east of the entrance to New York harbor, and on the marine in the afternoon.

Seven merchant steamers were reported to have responded to S.O.S. calls of the San Diego, and shore wireless stations, and are said to have stood by to pick up survivors.

Aviator Saw the Disaster. Details of the San Diego's destruction remained wholly veiled tonight except for a story told by an unidentified naval aviator on patrol who apparently witnessed the disaster from the air.

Whether there had been a toll of lives taken on the San Diego was not known up to the late evening hours. Not more than 35 had been accounted for out of a crew of 1,145 men aboard the warship, of which some 300 reached New York on a tank steamship at 10 o'clock tonight.

Altho the navy department announced that the cause of the loss of the San Diego had not been determined, information received from reliable sources in the afternoon indicated that submarines had been operating off the coast and that she had been torpedoed.

The 230 officers and sailors came ashore in three boats between 2 and 7 p.m. at Point O'Woods, which is on a remote sandpit. They were held at a coast guard station where inquiries were barred.

Since the beginning of June at least 21 raids have been made upon Metz-Babkins.

ORDER IS UPHOLD BY SUPREME COURT

Submarine Seen Off Fire Island Sighted by Coast Guard Patrols, and Soon After Firing Was Heard.

New York, July 19.—Coast guard patrols at Fire Island Light sighted a submarine off shore between 10 and 10:30 o'clock this morning, according to seemingly reliable reports received in Bay Shore.

Ottawa, July 19.—By a vote of four to two the Supreme Court of Canada has denied the application of Edwin Grey for a writ of habeas corpus.

The decision puts the government back where it was before the Supreme Court of a Alberta started the writ of habeas corpus in the case of Norman Earl Lewis.

London, July 19.—Scottish troops captured the Village of Meteren, together with more than 300 prisoners and a number of machine guns in an operation in the Bailleur sector this morning.

Under cover of this operation, Australian troops pushed their line forward a short distance south of Meteren and took 80 prisoners and 10 machine guns, the report adds.

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London, July 19.—Striking evidence of the damage caused by the raids of British bombing squadrons upon the German railway system at Metz-Babkins is afforded by an official British photograph published today.

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IMPORTANT FRENCH ADVANCES IN FACE OF STRONG REACTION

Berlin Makes Admission Line Was Forced Back Official Communication Says Counter-Offensive Was Surprise and Penetrated Positions.

Paris, July 19.—The Franco-American offensive between the Aisne and the Marne has yielded thus far 17,000 prisoners, and more than 360 guns, captured by the allies, according to the war-office announcement tonight.

All day the battle raged violently. The French have held their positions on the plateau southwest of Soissons, and have made important advances at various points. The statement reads: "As the battle began yesterday between the Aisne and the Marne continued all day with extreme violence, the enemy reacting along the whole line with large reserves in an attempt to stay our progress."

On the left we maintained the plateau southwest of Soissons, and in the region of Chaudun. In the center our advance exceeded three kilometers at certain points along the line of Vaux-Castille, Villers-Helon, and Novory-sur-Ourocq. On the right our troops occupied after bitter fighting, the plateau northwest of Bennes, and the heights north of Courbaucamps, and advanced beyond Torny.

The number of prisoners counted up to the present exceeds 17,000, including two colonels with their chiefs of staff. We have captured more than 360 cannon, including one battery of 210's.

German Tanks Fail. With the American Army between the Aisne and the Marne, July 19.—The Franco-American troops made an advance late this afternoon on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry front, averaging about two kilometers (about a mile and a quarter). Violent German machine fire southwest of Soissons hampered the advance for only a short period.

In the same section the Germans attempted to use tanks against the Americans, but a hot fire soon compelled the tanks to retreat.

The advance began with a barrage opened at 6:30 o'clock. Tanks were sent in by the allies to assist the infantry and machine gunners, and the Germans endeavored to stem the tide with a heavy shell fire.

Southwest of Soissons the Germans repeatedly attempted to reach the allies big guns. The German firing continued until long after dark, but the French and American guns responded in kind, and gave full protection to the allied forces as they advanced along the line. Several towns were captured.

Heavy reinforcements were rushed up from the north by the German command in a desperate effort to head off the hard-fighting allies, whose rapid advance would, if continued, sever the German lines of communications.

There are still strong German forces south of the Marne.

UNABLE TO STEM ADVANCE. Germans Resist Furiously, But French and Americans Press On.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Germans have thrown large reinforcements into the new battle line between Soissons and the region of Chateau Thierry they nowhere thus far have been able to stem the tide of the onslaughts the French and American troops are making against them.

Friday saw the Americans and French batter their way further eastward into the deep triangular salient which has Soissons, Rheims and Chateau Thierry as its points and successfully withstand a counter-attack by the Germans on the plateau southwest of Soissons, where the allied guns dominate this important strategic town.

The gains on Friday were carried to their greatest depth in the centre of the 25-mile line and on the southern flank northwest of Chateau Thierry. Particularly violent fighting was particularly violent throughout the day around Soissons and in the region of Chaudun, where the

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