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CANADIANS ARE IN IT British and French Troops Fight Their

Paris, Friday, Aug. 9.--(4.40 a.m.)---The number of prisoners taken by the French and British in Picardy now exceeds ten thousand, according to the latest news from the battlefront.

ENEMY TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND RAPID PROGRESS MADE Advance Proceeds With As-

Cavalry Passes Thru Infantry and Beyond the Allies' Objectives, Riding Down German, Transport and Limbers in Their Retreat, Capturing Villages and Taking Many Prisoners.

es southeast of Moreuil. It shows eastward over the front of 20 miles

The statement says that no estimate an be made concerning the prisoners. uns and materials captured, but that veral thousand prisoners and many

The text of the statement follows: "The operations commenced this ing on the Amiens front by the rench first army under General Debentry and the British fourth army under Sir Henry Rawlinson are prollied troops was completed under tion, carried hostile defences. over of night, unnoticed by the ene-

London, Aug. 3.-Field Marshal of British tanks, stormed the Germans enemy maintained prolonged resistlaig's statement concerning the new on a front of over 20 miles from the ance. ffensive by the British and French Avre River at Braches to the neigh- "In both localities the fighting was

> rapid progress. of the front attacked. During the morning the advance of the allied infantry continued, actively assisted by British cavalry, light tanks and mo-

tor machine gun batteries. "The resistance of German divisions in the line was overcome at certain points after sharp fighting, and many prisoners and a number of

guns were captured by our troops. "The French troops, attacking with great gallantry, crossed the Avre Riveding successfully. The assembly of er and, despite the enemy's opposi-

"South of the Somme the greater part of our final objectives were gain-"At the hour of assault. French, ed before noon, but in the neighbor-

BRITISH SMOTHER **ENEMY INFANTRY**

tonishing Speed All Along Line.

CANNOT SAVE GUNS

Particularly Large Group of German Artillery Left

London, Aug. 8 .- The Daily Mail's oops shows that the enemy line has borhood of Moriancourt. The enemy heavy, but ultimately our troops broke says that the hardest fighting occurtien driven in about seven miles and at all was taken by surprise and at all was taken by surprise and at all southern wings of the British advance.

Aver River at Braches to the local and heavy, but ultimately our troops broke says that the hardest fighting occurred on the extreme northern and hard fighting and pushed a considerWhere the tanks and the arr the passage of the River Luce and the capture of the southern woods particularly proving very tough operations which checked the advance a while. of the allied infantry and the dash and vigor of their attack had gained during the afternoon the final objec-

tives for the day on practically the while. "But, notwithstanding these checks," says the correspondent, "the advance went with astonishing speed all along "Assisted by our light tanks and ariored cars, cavalry passed thru the the line. The tanks, which did maginfantry and beyond our objectives the line. The tanks, which did magnificent work, helped the speed, but
the prime credit belongs to the dash
and training of the infantry. They
smothered the German infantry as our
gunners smothered the German gunners. Their movement was quick and
concerted. The enemy had little time
training of the infantry.

Artillery Follows Infantry.

The artillery has followed up the
storm troops closely and now is huriimbers in their retreat, and capturing "The general line reached by our troops runs from Plessier-Rozainvillers to Beaucourt, to Caix, to Framer-

to remove his guns.
"It is reported that all along the lint the field guns were overrun, and a ville, to Chipilly and to the west of particularly large group of them were captured north of the Somme near Chipilly, where escape was impossible owing to the sharp bends in the

Somme River.
"I believe that more guns, and o. course machine guns, were captured than can be catalogued in a day or two. Some few of them were used against the enemy quite early in the day.

Germans Guns Smothered.

"The feature of the day was the extinction of the German artillery. It answer to our barrage was rather slow and patchy. It was up to the slow and patchy. It was up to the standard at some places, but it lasted a very short time in the first degree.

British Advancing on South Bank of the Somme, While French Gain Ground

Somme, While French Gain Ground

Further South

the top, followed at first in this particular case by the tanks 1,000 yards to the rear.

At six o'clock the weather was so thick that objects twenty yards away hardly were visible and the British average was rather to the rear. excellence.
"One isolated shot deserves mer

"One isolated shot deserves mention. It his one of our ammunition lorries' engine, but it did not explode a single shell or hurt the driver.

"Such partial successes are few, and as soon as the infantry was well on the move the enemy's gunners began to pack up. Many of them must have had little chance of saving their bat-

Complicated Confusion. "As the sun conquered the mist our airmen saw scenes of complicated confusion much further afield. Bat-

The fighting extended north of Morslaughts in the first day's battle they
lancourt to the Albert sector, but no
have penetrated deeply into the
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FIGHT THE HOT WEATHER.

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Way Thru Germans, Who Flee Before Advancing Infantry and Tanks, Leaving Guns Behind--Large Numbers of Prisoners Captured and Heavy Casualties Inflicted on Enemy.

rmans at dawn on a front of over way to help them. 15 miles astride the River Somme,

morning belonged to the enemy. The Prussians and Bavarians fled tanks, leaving many of their guns be-

Thus far everything has been accomplished with excessively losses to the allies.

Of one entire British corps, for instance, two hours after the attack

storm troops closely and now is hurling shells down upon the enemy forces, which, taken by surprise and the enemy shelling was experienced fiercely attacked, must be in a more after the attack got well under way,

What tomorrow holds for the ene-

British and French troops this after- my cannot be forecast, but the out- fare. soon had reached points from five to look is not a promising one under six miles inside lines which this present conditions.

before the advancing infantry, and taken by the French, while the Bri- from this division said they had heard tish have captured the Dodo and nothing of a general attack being Hamel woods and Marcelave after contemplated. tish have captured the Dodo and

Especially hard fighting was experienced and is still in progress, on the

North of the attacked zone the barrage began at 4 o'clock this morning and lasted four minutes. Tanks ther lines. These lines were reached and

passed as a mist started to roll in. Little Enemy Shelling. All along the line, except possibl northward on the left flank, very lit-

Moreuil and the country front ad-joining Villers-Aux-Erables have been pect local attacks. Prisoners taken

had been seen chasing a fri termon ceneral up the wood But th a hurry during the middle of the day Further south, the tanks likewise

did excellent work. They also has under the cover of night, and they did valuable work in assisting at the capture of Dodo Wood and Humal ood and the nearby high ground

Slightly north of here the British hatteries moved forward so rapidly that they were up and firing in their Of Important Villages new positions thirty minutes after midnight when the infantry went over he top, followed at first in this particular case by the tanks 1,000 yards

were not slow to take the opportunity to plunge thru under its protection About 6.45 the first prisoners began With the French Army in France, and toward Marcelcave, on the coming back. They were unwounded and looked clean, as if they had just come off parade, showing how complete had been the surprise. The British came upon them before they had the slightlimits of the infantry fighting are not Noyon high road. The fighting is est chance to give hattle.

The prisoners that arrived later were raging in the outskirts of Morisel and not so clean, and they came rearward

Many Guns Taken. The British army, which had started off with a thunderous roar, by 7 o'clock had quieted down to a virtual silence. This was because the artillery had ceased firing while it was being advanced to keep up with the infantry and the tanks. It was the tanks which by 7 o'clock had rolled ponderously into Cericy, driving out the and a few hours later, in a difficu

anoeuvre, took the woods opposite. excellent work here, too, with the in fantry. On the peninsula between the Ancre and the Somme the British cap-

tured many guns. Reports from the south say that things are going in splendid fashion there, and that the French have been

ther enemy counter-strokes will develop, either organized from the forces now in front of the allied troops or from fresh forces that Crown Prince Rupprecht undoubtedly will try to hurry up from other sectors. Further reports of heavy fighting may, therefore, be expected.

Canadian, Australian and English di-visions, assisted by a large number court (Moriancourt?) parties of the have fallen into our hands." GERMANS FLEE PELL-MELL BEFORE ADVANCING ALLIES

All Objectives Set Attained in Remarkably Quick Time and Last Accounts Show That Progress Still is Being Made, With Germans Decisively Beaten Wherever They Turned to Fight.

German positions over a front of more keen received.

Following short but intensive aratteries, cavalry and infantry sent merville. gainst them. All the objectives set or the Australians, Canadians, Engnen and Frenchmen were attained in remarkably quick time, and at last ounts Thursday night the allied ces were still making progress. Wherever the enemy turned to give battle he was decisively defeated. Thousands of Germans were made

prisoner; large numbers of guns were materials were taken and a score or cupied. In addition heavy casulties were inflicted on the enemy. At its deepest point the penetration Dames.

The historic battleground between miles, eastward from Villers-Breton | the menace to the channel ports also Amiens and Montdidier again is the scene of a mighty contest. This time the British and French are the agto the region around Morlancourt. where Crown Prince Rupprecht had "All the prisoners agree that the laughts in the first day's battle they improve the theory is a contract to the region around Morlancourt. Where Crown Prince Rupprecht had attack was an overwhelming surprise to the region around Morlancourt.

illery preparation and aided by misty Chaulnes, where lines radiate north-Weather the allied attack took the castward toward Peronne and south-ward thru Roye to Compiegne. The prisoners were very laker on the front lines owing to the devastations of the cross-channel service.

The prisoners were very laker on the new offensive, it is apparent that Rupprecht will have to defer his campaign to cut off the cross-channel service.

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The prisoners were very laker on the front lines owing to the devastations of the cross-channel service. before the tanks, motor machine gun was crossed when the allies took Fra-

Menace to Enemy Front.

Well out on the plains and pressing forward, seemingly with great rapidity, the present offensive of the French and British gives promise of seriously menacing the entire German front from near the sea to Rheims. If the drive should proceed eastward to the armies of the German crown prince now fighting between the Aisne and ticable a stand by them even north of

the German line was about 7% Under the pressure of the offensive Nationalist members.

German positions over a front of more than twenty miles, reaching from the tegion of Braches to the neighbor-bood of Morlancourt.

Wellowing about the front line, were for the in on the Soissons-Rheims salient badles in the centre places them well astride the ly shattered and unable to lend him aid when his own forces north of did most of the Germans fight well neux to the important junction at Montdidier are in a rather precarious in the centre. position as a result of the new offen-

whole of the battlefront.

villages and taking many prisoners.

concerning the number of prisoners or

guns or the amount of material cap-

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL DISARM ULSTER

the drive should proceed eastward to ed today in the house of commons any great depth it cannot but affect the government's determination to seize 50,000 rifles which are said to be in the hands of Ulsterites. Mr. fore of villages and hamlets were the Vesle, and possibly make imprac- be in the hands of Ulsterites. Mr. Shortt added, significantly, that if the Short added, significantly, that if the government could get them without trouble so much the better. This statement was loudly cheered by the store is 140 Yonge street, cor. Temthe Aisne along the Chemin des trouble so much the better. This

The British are advancing along the Moreuil. omme in the direction of Cercy-Sall- All the first line objectives had been carrying wounded on stretchers. y, on the south bank of the stream, reached by 8 o'clock this morning.

Further South.

Fighting in Outskirts

Advance Continues in Good Order Paris, Aug. 8 .- "The attack made this morning by our troops southeast of Amiens, in conjunction with British troops, continues in good

order," says the official communication issued by the war office this eve-"The details are given in the British communication."

Slopes of the Avre Are Captured

With the French Army in France, Aug. 8 .- The slopes of the valley the Avre have been carried and the allies have reached the plateau beyond. They are making further progress and overcoming every obstacle

Attacking on 25-Mile Front

London, Aug. 8 .- Reuter's correspondent at French army headquarters, states that at noon today the Anglo-French were attacking on a

Edward Shortt Announces Intention of Seizing Rifles in North of Ireland.

London, Aug. 8.— Edward Shortt, chief secretary for Ireland, announced to day in the house of commons the government's determination to seize 50,000 rifles which are said to seize 50,000

Berlin, Aug. 8 .- (Via London) .- The English have forced their way

into German positions between the Ancre and the Avre, according to a statement issued this evening by the German war office. The text of the communication follows: "In an attack by the English between the Ancre and the Avre, the

nemy has forced his way into our positions."

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