

SHAMMERED THREE FRONTS

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Bombs — Successful Brit-
Bombing Operation.—
French Repel More Ger-
man Attacks.

London, Aug. 27.—Three great Allied drives assailed Teutonic lines, on three fronts today. British and French troops resumed the offensive which they started last Monday.

Italy continued her fierce drive uninterruptedly. In a week the Italians have taken approximately ninety square miles of Austrian territory, close to 25,000 prisoners, a vast store of guns, munitions and supplies, and inflicted stupendous casualties on the enemy, estimated in semi official Rome advices at 75,000. The fighting today was on the comparatively open Bainsizza Plateau. The rugged points of the mountains having been successfully passed Rome looked for more rapid progress, as the troops pressed on to Laibach.

Suddenly changing his point of attack from the left bank to the right of the Mfusa, Gen. Petain was striking another blow at the German defenses out of Verdun. The initial shock carried the French fighters nearly a mile forward on a two mile front.

On the British front, Field Marshal Haig also mixed his blows. He drove successfully against German positions north of St. Quentin, in a sector where there has been little fighting in two months. Powerfully fortified German posts of the "Hindenburg Line" were stormed and taken and the British front advanced half a mile over a mile front.

Big Guns Beyond Ypres

There never was seen so many guns on one battlefield as those on the wide stretch of country beyond Ypres. One walks for miles through concentric lines of batteries. First one finds monstrous 12 inchers and naval fellows with long snouts, which fired at far targets and shook the earth around. After walking over a mile or more of shell one comes to the 9.2's huddled

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together like hippo, and these howitzers were all belching out flames of death. Eight inchers, six inchers and then 4.2's greeted one with blasts of fire. Further towards the lines and then far forward in the ground where men walked cannily, keeping a quick eye for any kind of cover, avoiding certain clumps of branchless trees, going on a winding track toward some rubbish heap where German shells come rummaging in search of men, the field guns beat out their sharp tattoo.

Flights of shells passed overhead, never ceasing for hours, though there was no battle being fought, but only the ordinary day's strife by the artillery. No wonder the enemy has thought out a new method of defence for saving man-power in his front line positions, building concrete blockhouses which hold a score or so men in advanced posts, and keeping his men forces as far back as possible for counter attacks, but even that cannot save him from great casualties, for our guns are far forward and keep his support lines under an annihilating fire. The metal which I saw going over yesterday was not more than went the day before, and what will, I suppose, go tomorrow. It is stupendous in its quantity and our gunners shoot straight.

Another Bombing Expedition.

London, August 27.—Another bombing expedition, was made over Belgium on Saturday night by British aviators.

"The bombing raid was carried out at midnight Saturday by the Naval Air Service at the St. Denis Western Airdrome," the official report says.

"A large number of bombs were dropped. One of our machines is missing."

Today's French War Office Report.

Paris, Aug. 27.—Strong German attacks were made last night on the Aisne and Verdun fronts. The War Office announces that the assaults were broken up by the French fire and that all French positions were maintained. More than 1,100 prisoners were taken yesterday.

Boys From Canada in Military Hospitals.

Ottawa, August 27.—Of the boys whom Canada has sent to the front, 8,840 are now enrolled in the Canadian military hospitals for treatment and re-education, according to the latest report of the Military Hospitals Commission, dated August 15th. Of these 7,046 are in convalescent homes and 1,115 are tuberculosis cases in sanatoria provided by the military hospitals commission for their treatment. The remaining 679 are chiefly in general hospitals. The increase in the total population of the various hospitals over last week is only 29.

The latest returns from the Director of Medical Services in London, indicates that on August 10th the Canadian soldiers being cared for in the hospitals and sanatoria in the United Kingdom were 17,813.

Canadian Officer Tells of Properties of New Gas

Germans Have Produced Deadly Vapor

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 27th. — A vivid description of the new German gas and its deadly effects is given by a Canadian artillery officer in high command at the front. Writing to a friend in Ottawa under date of July 31st. He says:

Everything is going on well here and just how well you will know better when you receive this letter than I do at the present moment.

Down front everybody is going about with his nose in the air. Sedulously sniffing for garlic wherever the enemy is shelling, which is practically all the time. All night the sentries sniff for garlic, the orderly officer sniffs, the patrols in No Man's land sniff, in fact, before the war is over, a new genius hemo. will be produced with a pointed muzzle and lop ears, due to listening and sniffing for garlic.

You might think it was a joke, but it is a grim reality. The Boches have produced a new gas, which is practically odorless, except, as the official states, for a slight odor like garlic. He projects it with shellfire at unexpected times, and you can sniff yourself in eternity without turning the hair. However, if you sniff it in time and get your mask on, it is all right, except that it penetrates through your clothes and raises blisters under your arms or wherever else there happens to be the slightest moisture. Hence the sniffing.

I wish we had a lot of those pacifists and Boche lovers out here. I would put them up in cages like canaries along the front and let them do the sniffing for the whole corps, conscientious objectors would be very useful for the same purpose and could do great service to the state without having to do such a vulgar thing as strike a blow for their country. All they would have to do would be to blow their noses and keep their sniffer in good working order. Would you not enjoy seeing our friend Armand Lavergne put in a cage, giving tongue when the delicate odor of garlic came down the wind from the Boche lines.

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special missions of the Russian
ministry of finance. The mar-
riage will take place quietly in
September.

American Reply To The Pope's Peace Proposals

Washington, August 27th.—
Signs were in evidence today of
the dispatch of President Wil-
son's reply to the peace pro-
posals of Pope Benedict at an
early date. Officials freely con-
ceded the probability of the ear-
ly completion of the communi-
cation indicating that the Pres-
ident and Secretary of State
Lansing at least have agreed
upon the basic features of the
reply, so that what remains to
be done is to put these ideas in-
to diplomatic language. It is
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