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PROBS: Moderate winds; some sho

Part of Hindenburg Line Near Arras is Captured and Mopped up by British, Who Achieve Great Results on 8000-Yard Front---Peronne Threatened and Line Extends Towards Cambrai---Present Tactics of Allies Making Rapidly for Victory.

GERMANS ROLLED BACK LOSING MANY TOWNS

Villages and Ridges on Scarpe Taken by Canadians --- Road to Peronne Thrown Open by Capture of Strong Points on Somme---Little Resistance Encountered by Australians.

five miles long, and the British with Boche before them, and sweeping constantly eastward.

Nearly in the centre of the battlefield hard fighting has been in progress along the old Hindenburg line, rapidly being overcome. in the neighborhood of Croisilles. fresh ground remains beyond.

Heninel, and the weaker portion of it, northwest of Fontaine-lez-Croisilles, has been captured and mopped up. the enemy might hold up the advance for a time. It was captured, however, after a short but fierce struggle, in which the Germans lost heavily. Montauban Carried.

Another similarly valuable point is Montauban, northwest of Mametz, which fell this morning after the

patrols, and they have been fighting close behind the infantry and the in the streets. The town, therefore, tanks, is a sort of No Man's Land for the seems only a matter of hours.

of the river, are gradually releasing make an effort to save their guns, Plouvain were reached, and the line shown a similar spirit, their principal then ran at an angle slightly wast idea apparently now being to save and due north from this point, with themselves, if that is possible. the British still going rapidly and the enemy resistance decreasing.

Eouth of the Scarpe the British exhibit the greatest contempt for their very definite proof before that German soldiers, and are carrying their there is uncertain. Almost directly feelings right into the releasest contempt for their own people when they have there is uncertain. Almost directly feelings right into the prisoners' cages. been taken prisoner. south of it, however, the Bois du Sart In a number of cages into which thouand surrounding ground have been captured, and thus Pelves cannot sands are pouring, the German soldiers considering the difficulties of the and thus Pelves cannot have gone out of their way to be ex-

Aug. 27.—Having been still further from that town and other indications their views in no uncertain manner. At the same time other troops at- from th swung southward to outflank Croisilles. They are meeting with stiff resistance here, but the Germans are

To the south of this place the Fontaine-lez-Croisilles and Bulle- British have pushed well to the east court, and once thru the Germans of St. Leger and are now fighting strong defenses in this locality, open just northwest of Ecoust-St. Nein, between that town and Croisilles, The Hindenburg line has actually Fighting likewise is in progress in been pierced at one place, east of the outskirts of Vaulx-Vrancourt.

On Line to Cambrai. East of Bapaume the line has Leen extended along the railway to Can- large numbers today. which they can overlook the country hands. Trones station and wood and the battlefield the Boche is slowly but occupied by the enemy for miles the ground to the east, which is valuaround, and have thus attained a able because it is high, were cap- The capture of Roye by the French great advantage. The Bois du Sart, tured, as well as Moulin-de-Fargy, on will help the movement, while between one of these places, lies south of the the Somme River bank, which was in there and the Somme there is every Scarpe, and northeast of Monchy-le- the British front lines at the opening sign that the Germans have had Vaux wood also was occupied and is tion in this locality began to develop

held firmly. tower and town, south of the Scarpe, ish have had less and less difficulty were taken and the important Heninel were captured.

Easy for Australians.

Most of the operations south of the difficult for them to hold. Germans had been given orders to Somme have been carried out by a hold at all costs. These orders were comparatively "peaceful penetration." suddenly changed, and the enemy re- for the Germans in this territory are offering hardly any resistance, and the Still another is Dompietre, south- Australians are simply pushing ahead, east of Cappy-sur-Somme. Dompierre rounding up villages, woods and ground was reached in the forenoon. From without having any definite objective. this point there is low rolling coun- It was to the north of the Somme try all the way back to Peronne. In- that the formidable organized attack cidentally the British at this place was launched by the British on an Heavy Drain Upon Shrinking are only six miles from Peronne, 8000-yard front this morning, and it where the Somme bends to the south. was this that had such good results in Bapaume, having been almost sur- ground gaining. All the British guns rounded, has been entered by British have been moved up and are following

moment, but its complete capture The barrage laid down north of the Somme today was as heavy as any this war, then, indeed, the present The Germans are exhibiting still since the battle began, but the enemy tactics of the allies are making rapidly greater anxiety to get away from the counter-barrage was so thin as hardly for victory. advancing British, and even the mo- to deserve the name. Obviously the "Down to Sunday night it reasonably rale of the enemy machine gunners Germans are trying to save as many can be estimated that the enemy had seems to be diminishing, as they are guns as possible. But, despite this, been forced to use between the Scarpe not holding to their posts with as they lost a considerable number today, and the Aisne at least 70 divisions much determination as early in the One small British formation alone cap- since the British counter-offensive Strong German Counter-At-Various sections of the front saw of these light batteries is very signi- tack behind Arras yesterday morning fresh attacks launched today. No.th ficant. The Germans ran for their probably led the Germans to hurry reof the Scarpe, where the operations, lives when the British suddenly ap- inforcements into the threatened area. taken in conjunction with those south peared close to them, and did not even And so the heavy drain upon their the pressure on Arras, the outskirts of The enemy machine gunners have

> Contempt of Officers. German soldiers also have begun to the place spitefully

With the British Army in France, Croisilles, but a hot machine gun fire ing at them and loudly proclaiming extended by attacks launched north of that it was held by a large garrison, Going to such length would undoubt the River Scarpe, the battle today was well protected in prepared positions, edly result in courtmartials and firing raging along a field almost forty- caused them to pause for a monent- squads in Germany, and it is gathered renewed vigor were rolling up the tacked to the north against Fontaine- as far as they dare even on their side lez-Croisilles. Having reached the of the line. All the prisoners, men outskirts of that place, they then and officers, express their longing for peace by agreement.

Disaster to Division. The German 214th division is the latest to meet with disaster. One of its battalion commanders, his adjutant and what remained of the staff were captured, while the unit itself was virtually wiped out.

The Canadians in their operations yesterday south of the Scarpe took more than 2,000 prisoners, and they continued their work of capturing

surely going back over the Somme. into resistance by rearguards alone. After an all-night fight Wancourt three nights ago. Since then the Brit in getting on. Continued success north ridge as well as Heninel Village also of the Scarpe would soon leave the deepening salient, which it would be beating the Germans in the battle posi- out of Montdidier.

TACTICS OF ALLIES **MAKING FOR VICTORY**

German Man-Power Goes on Steadily Day After Day.

London, Aug. 27.-Reuter's corres-France says:

"If attrition is really going to end

tured two complete .77 German field started on Aug. 8. An extension of batteries since yesterday. The capture the battlefront northward by the atshrinking man-power goes on.

> that we had about 2000 prisoners and some guns, taken in the new zone. While some prisoners were passing thru a town on the'r way back from the front the enemy artillery shelled

"Up to 9 o'clock last night I hear

CANADIANS GAIN ON SCARPE FRENCH ADVANCE TWO MILES BRITISH TAKE MORE VILLAGES

12-Mile Front and Force Enemy to Hasten His Retreat From Both · Sides of the Avre River.

D ARIS, Aug. 27.—In an advance reaching two and a half miles at certain points on a twelve and a half mile front today, the French captured Roye and seven villages, according to the war office announcement tonight. The statement says:

"The enemy was forced today to hasten his withdrawal on both sides

kilometres at certain points. We occupied Hallu, Franzart, Cremery, Gruny, Carrapui, Roye, Baucourt (Laucourt?) and Crape-au-Mesnil. "The artillery fighting continued lively in the region of Lassigny and many prisoners. between the Oise and the Aisne."

During the day's fighting the brai. Maricourt and the ground to British captured high ground from the east of it are well in British that at least on the southern end of the battlefield the Roche is slowly but From Hallu to Roye

Preux, and it was feared that here of the first battle of the Somme. enough. As a matter of fact, the ac-System of Defense by Profuse Use of Machine Guns.

> With the French Armies in France, ond line of defences of /1914, upon tions before Roye, took the town to-

Debeney's men were in the region of planes. Hattencourt, from where the line

Roilylise and west of Verpillieres. fence by the profuse use of machine several miles east of the town. gens. Strongly protected and heavily pondent with British headquarters in the other until the enemy was obliged men are going ahead with the ardor to abanden the first and then the sec- and enthusiasm of fresh troops.

Germans farther north in a continually Aug. 27.-The first French army after which he fell back after being driven The Germans are now relying on day, and is now pursuing the Ger- their aviation to protect their retreat.

mans, who are in retreat on a line ex- Their airplanes were out in great tending from Hallu to the region number today, attacking the pursuing columns and engaging the French At 4 o'clock this afternoon General squadrons of observation and pursuit The final break in the German second

passes just west of Cremery and Gruny line came this morning when, after reby Carrapul and to the west of Julsing a counter-attack upon St. Mard, the French infantry resumed The French encircling tactics over- the offensive. They completely encame the new German system of de- circled Roye and threw the enemy back In spite of fatigue from the long. armed positions were turned one after hard campaign, General Debeney's

tacks Are Repulsed by the French.

morning. Strong German counterattacks were made from Roye near French started a new offensive at five

stiff resistance, Laucourt was cap- great National Exhibition to

British, which accentuated the menace to Roye itself. The capture of Fresnoy, the Croisille Wood and St. Mard was a considerable achievement, because the battle was fought on old fortified

them in absolute alignment with the

TWO GREAT EVENTS.

The Exhibition is now on-it's the big event in Toronto's year. There is another equally important item in the fall catalogue, and that is Dineen's WITH the French Army in France. Fur Opening. This year the fall Aug. 27.—There was heavy fighting opening at the big fur store will be in the Roye region last night and this Fur Coats, Fur Wraps, Capes, Neck Pieces and Muffs can be seen in all the new styles for fall and winter. midnight, but were repulsed. The Prices on all furs have advanced fully 50 per cent., and are still going up. The Dineen Company were fortunate in procuring their stock of South of St. Mard and the region skins early in the season, when pelts burg line, northwest of Fontaine-lezof Laucourt, the French at first made were at the lowest point, and it will interest Toronto ladies as well as tured at 8 o'clock in the morning after into the Dineen Co. Store at 140 the Town of Maricourt and the of Bapaume the British line has been Yonge street, and view this superb

French Take Roye and Seven Villages on Notable Advances Made By Canadians, Who Take Two Villages and a Wood, While British Capture Many Places and Take 21,000 Prisoners.

> the Scarpe River today, according to Field Marshal Haig's report, occupying Cherisy, Vis-en-Artois and the Bois du Sart, and taking many prisoners. Scottish battalions also made excellent progress.

The statement reads: "This morning our troops, operating astride the Scarpe, again attacked. Overcoming the resistance of the enemy in his "On a front of twenty kilometres our troops advanced more than four old front line defences held prior to his offensive on March 21, the Canadians penetrated deeply into the German positions between the Sensee and Scarpe Rivers, and captured Cherisy, Vis-en-Artois and Bois du Sart, with

"On the right of the Canadians, Scottish troops crossed the Sensee and seized Fontaine-lez-Croisilles, establishing themselves on the slopes of the spur south of the village, and taking several hundred prisoners.

"North of the Scarpe other Scottish battalions carried Roeux, Greeland and Gavrelle, and English battalions gained possession of Arleux-en-Gobelle and the other German line south of this

"Between Croisilles and Bapaume and to the south, English and New Zealanders again in heavy fighting repulsed numbers of determined counter-attacks delivered by German divisions recently brought up to reinforce the battlefront. Heavy losses were inflicted on these divisions in their

"Despite their efforts to prevent our advance, our troops stormed the Village of Beugnatre and progressed at several points between Beugnatre

"South of Bapaume also, English and Welsh troops gained ground in the face of strong opposition. We reached the western outskirts of Flears and have driven the enemy from Longueval, the Delville Wood and Bernafaye Wood. Counter-attacks by the Prussian Guard in this area were repulsed. "Astride the Somme some Australian, English and Scottish battalions

forced the enemy back on the whole front of our attack. Our troops gained the high ground east of Maricourt. "Fontaine-les-Cappy and the woods between there and the Somme

have been taken, with some hundreds of prisoners, and Vermondvillers is

Capture of Bapaume A Matter of Hours

British Approach the Town and Reach Outskirts of Plouvain, Advancing Also to Dompierre, Six Miles From Peronne.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 27.—The British have overrun Moulin de Fargy. Maricourt, Bernafaye and the Frones Wood, have cleared the Vaux Wood, and are now in entire possession of the massif overlooking the course of the Somme right into Peronne. It is clear that the British pressure is compelling the enemy to carry his retirement much farther than was originally intended.

With the British Forces in France, of a few hours. Aug. 27.-A portion of the Hinden- Plouvain have been reached. Wan-

Croisilles, southeast of Arras, was an all-night fight. good progress, but everywhere met with those outside visitors attending our captured today by the British troops Fighting is going on in the outstep and mopped up.

and ground to the east were captured by the British, and the Town of Moa-

lin de Fargy also was taken. North of the River Somme Field Marshal Haig's troops this morning attacked along a front of 8000 yards They gained great results. Montage tan, northwest of Mametz, was seen to be falling this morning. The British reached the neighborhood of Dompierre. This point is only six miles from Peronne.

The capture of Bapaume by the British apparently is only a matter of a few hours. The outskirts of court tower and the Town of Wancourt were taken by the British after

skirts of Vaux-Vrancourt. To the east The steady French advance in the collection of high-class furs now on hands.

The Town of Maricourt and the of Bapaume the British line has been ground to the east of k are in British extended along the railway toward hands.