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Was Made by Allies in 1914-_Allies Make Gallant Fight on Plateau South of Vesle River, But Are Forced Back by Overwhelming Numbers---Foch Sets Reserves in Motion at All Points Towards Battlefield---Germans Claim 25,000 Prisoners.

T ONDON, May 29.- The British people have received the serious events in France with - their characteristic quiet and confidence. Their morale appears not to have been After digesting the late editions of the morning newspapers the people went quietly about business as usual. Their grave and solemn manner, however, indicated that they appreciated the seriousness of the battle situation. Wherever the latest developments were
discussed the predominant view was that the allied reserves would turn the tables on the enemy at General Foch's chosen time, and that there was no reason for alarm.
In their violent attacks on the thirty-mile batle. front, running
fidence that the allied cause will triumph over the methods of terrore man armies are continuing to drive the French and British forces be-cannot turn the nation away from its sacred duty.
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 According to the German official compmunication 25,000 prisoners, among thom a. French and Britich general, have been taken and

Seemingly Rheims, like Soivons, also is doomed to fall into the
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Germans have obtained nothing to be compared with what took place
in the first days of the March offensive, all
says the high French command is absolutely convineed it can overt
come the serious difficulties which it has to meet. lis confidence
founded on the power of resources and the morale of its army, whic remains intact.
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bette, France has no fear for the future, and stands erect in the con.
aid, were worthy of all praise. During his trip, the premier, with hit Allies Retire With Creat Precision With the French Army in Fronce, May 29.-The Germans advanced against the French lines again today after throwing further
macees of troops into the bettle, Both flanks of the battle line were he scene of very heavy fighting by inferior numbers against superior overal points.
Beesides Von Boehm's and Von Below's armies, many divisione
Von Hutiers troops were engaged. These especially trained unito been reconstituted. An enormous number of light machine guns were employed by
the Ger minans as well as a al large fleet of tanks and much heavy and
ight artilery, white the German aviators were extremely aetive, From the plai ntowards Juvincors were extremely active. nd Berry-aul-Bac, numerouss tanks came into aille-aux-Bois, Pontavert. For a consider.
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olonial troops, held fast and are still firmly sticking to theith French atho they have been compelled to rearrange part of their front in In the direction of Soissons a rearjiustment of the front line also here the Germans were pushing hardest. Tho days, thru a country composed of a series of chalky plateaux, with winding valleys, whose lopes are half clothed with trees, and containing many caverrs. ANos
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Daines, from which valieys spread angurly towards the Aism. The
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man southern flank.
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Entering on Crucial Stage of Battle French Army Hendquarters, May 29 . The expanion of the ance of Soisons while his left has reached an alignment which form Last night the poition of the Franco-British holding the extreme ides from the old German line between Coucy and Rheims and from the new lines which the Germans had established in pacoing them to We south, so they were now obliged to face east, north and west. of our alrmen is sumperb
The Germans had the choies of the point of attuck and were choice of the real line of resistance will be ours. Marne where the enmy's triumphant rush was broken in September
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With the British Army in France, May 29.-Further enemy counter-attacks against the American troops, who yesterday stormed verseas men were holding their positions in the shell toppors villege London, May 29 -"A hostlie ralaing party was driven back during
the night in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel," says the British omil俍 repulsed by the Frence troops.
"There is nothling further to report from the British front AMERICAN
Another Gas Attack at Lunẹville With thie American Army in France, May 29. The enemy sector early this morning and attempted to reach our line at throe places. They were repulsed with comparatively heavy lovest Washington, May 29 . Consolidation of positions tateen yesterday b the Americans in the cantigny salient and the repulee of renewed ciounter
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Report from German Headquarters.




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raise a large army in so short a time, would be un-
able to transport it across the ocean, has been dis. proven. French and British preparedness, com-
bined with American ingenuity and unlimited energy, have solved the problem, and only yesterday
the news of a successful counter-attack by the Chis is the answer to the Hun boast.

American troops. According to the President, the United States, having entered the war, is determine over will be determined only by the requirements of
the Allies to give the knockout blow to German mill tarism and all it stands for. Is it any wonder that
the enemy is endeavoring, with all his waning strength, to breach the Allied line and win

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