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Blame For War Fixed by Robert Cecil on Germany

Bulgaria is Anxious For
Peace, Says Radoslavoff

French Again Successful Upon the Verdun Front

# Fortified Works in Bethincourt Region Taken 

 Last Night; Large Number of German
Officers Among Prisoners Taken--British Also Successful at Lens

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By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris. Aug. 25.-.-The French scored a new victory on the Verdun front last night north of Hill l 04. Three fortified works near Bethincourt were captured. The state-
ment follow: ment follows:
"In Belgium there were rather violent artillery engagements in the region of
Bixschote "South of St. Quentin our detachiments penetrated a German trench yesterday ev-
ening and brought back 31 prisoners. Another raid west of Pantheon also resulted in ening and brought back 31 prisoners. Ano ther raid west of and
the taking of prisones.
"Enemy surprise attacks near Vauquois and northeast of Avocourt were repulsed. On the elett bunk of the Mesuse our troons mand new parogress north of Hill 3004. In a
brilliant action last night they carried three fortified works in the vicinity of Bethinbriliant action last night they carried three eortified works in the vicinity of Bethin-
court. The number of- inwounded prisones taken on the left bank of the River yesterday was 450 . This brings up the total to 6,101 .
On the French Front, Aug. 25.-- (By the Associated Press) --Men from the. Ger-
man Emperor's favorite units from Brandenburg were captured in the latest French man Emperor's favorite units from Brandenburg were captured in the latest French
attack at Verdun. The prisoners taken in the proceding days comprise 1,145 men and
 fourth regiment; 556 men and seventeen officers from the Thirty--fiftr hegiment. ranks also is diminishing of Lafayette Creek, but the enemy thought the assault would occupy a larger front, the artillery was busy on both sides. When General Petain's Saint Morals Decision went
over to storm Hill 304 the Germans were taken completely by survise and lost ground immediately. Before time was given them to recover the position was won aled up were calculated at 700 , while the main body of Frenchmen dashed onward through De up were calculated Revine and attained the objectst set by them after two hours. In some places
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the advance reached a depth of 2,00 varrts.
 the large proportiontrast with the number of officers taken in the French attack last December. At that time 208 oficers and 11.1000 men were captured.
Three regiments forming the German Sixth Reserve Division were annihilated as fighting units. losing 69 officers and ahout 2,800 men as. prisoners. This was a Bran-
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The newspapers recall that at the time of the great German attack last year sev-
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Desire to End Bloodshed as Have Already Emphasized; Central Powers Soon to Make:Concrete Proposals

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Chancellor Will Not Give Clear Definition of His Attitude on Peace Programme


England Had Nothing Farther From Her Thoughts in 1914; Her Very Un. preparedness an Exoneration From Respoasibility for the War
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Aug. 25.--"I see they again are talking in Germany about how England started the war," remarked Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, in an interview with the Associated Press. "It is an old song, but I think the time has come, particularly in the United States, when it is well to re-state briefly, the bald facts regarding the beginning of this great conflict. Frankly England began the war. If any person had arisen in a public assemblage in this country two weeks before the plunged into the greatest international conflict that the plunged into the greatest international confict ree are
world has ever seen, the speaker would have been regardt ed by everybody as a dangerous lunatic. Our peoplés thoughts were the furthest possible from war and our statesmen were overwhelmingly occupied with domestic affairs, particularly the Irish question, to the almost complete exclusion of international politics.

It is true that some of our people had been saying for a year or more before that time that Germany intended to attack us, but their warnings fell on deaf ears so much ao thst no preparations were made.
"Certainly we did not start the war. Who did? I think the answer is unquestionable. For at least a year before the war began, Germany had definitely made up
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