

GERMANS HARD HIT IN BIG NEW DRIVE

Dent Fifteen Miles Wide Driven in Foe's Line Between Plessier and Morlancourt.

100 GUNS WON, SAYS LAW

Berlin Admits Loss of Positions to English Between Amcre and Avre. Thousands of Prisoners Are Reported Captured.

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The allied forces in low rolling, and especially adapted to open warfare.

One new German division which had just arrived in the line before the attack was told to expect local attacks. Prisoners taken from this division said they had heard nothing of a general attack being contemplated.

Where the tanks and the armored car batteries pressed far forward in the rolling country there was much agitation among the enemy. A report came back that a British tank, probably one of the fast little Whippets, had been seen making a frightened German general up the road.

Further south the tanks likewise did excellent work. They also have been taken across the river Luce, under the cover of night, and they did valuable work in the capture of the bridge at Dodo Wood and Hamel Wood and the nearby high ground.

Slightly north of here the British moved forward so rapidly that they were up to their necks in the mud within 15 minutes after midnight, when the infantry went over the top, followed at first in this particular case by the tanks 1000 yards in the rear.

At 6 o'clock the weather was so thick that objects 20 yards away hardly were visible, and the British were not slow to take the opportunity to plunge through under its protection. About 6:35 the first prisoners began coming back. They were surrounded and locked clean, as if they had just come off parade, showing how complete had been the surprise. The British pounced on them before they had the slightest chance to give battle.

Advance Is Rapid. The prisoners that arrived later were not so clean, and they came rearing, carrying wounded on stretchers.

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. The tanks which by 7 o'clock had rolled ponderously into Cerisy, driving off the enemy, and a few hours later, in a difficult maneuver, had crossed the river Luce.

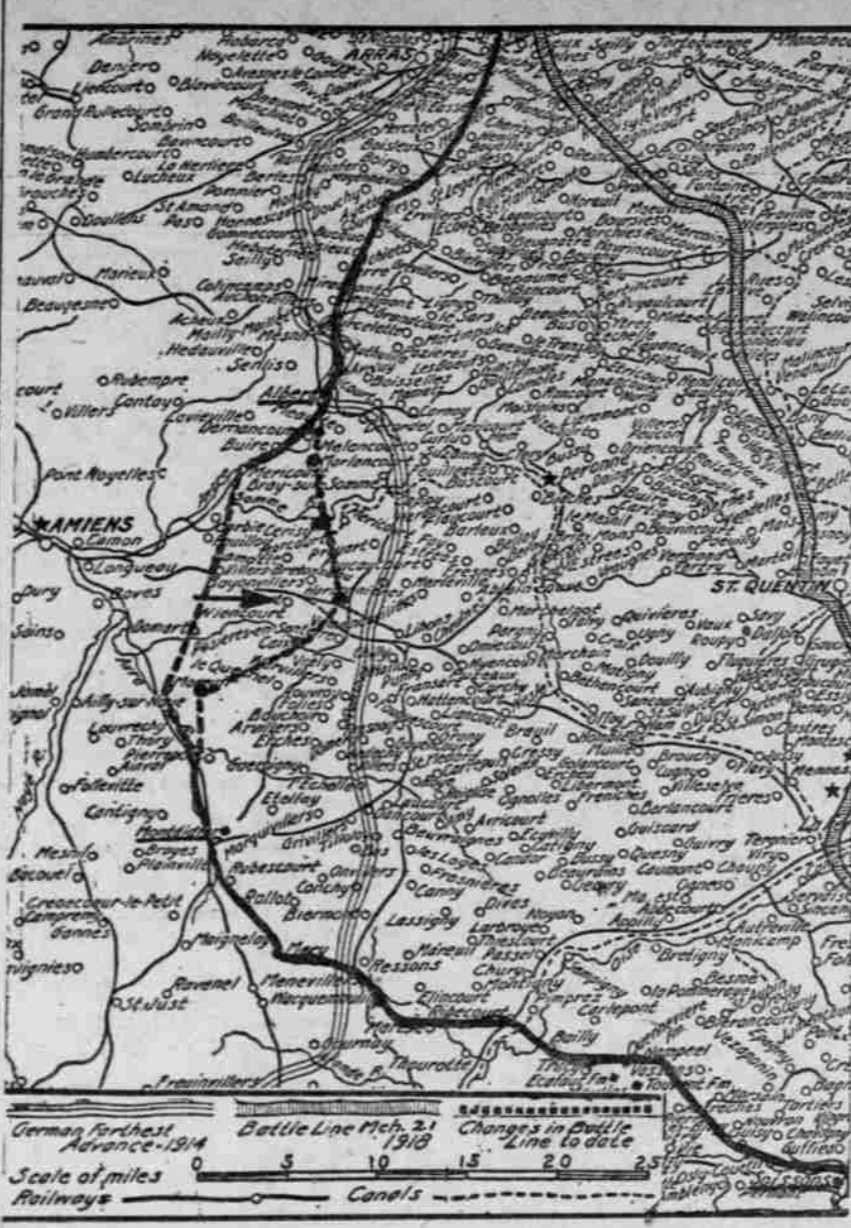
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MAP OF ARRAS-SOISSONS FRONT, SHOWING WHERE BRITISH AND FRENCH LAUNCHED SUCCESSFUL DRIVE.



Heavy Line Marks Present Front. Dotted Line at Left Marks Start of Yesterday's Franco-British Drive. Progress to Dotted Line Farther East. Double Line at Right Marks Start of German's Spring Drive.

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 River and, despite the enemy's opposition, carried hostile defenses.

"North of the Somme the great part of our final objectives were gained before noon, at in the neighborhood of Chipilly and south of Lancourt (Morlancourt) parties of the enemy offered prolonged resistance.

"In both localities the fighting was heavy, but ultimately our troops broke down the opposition of the German infantry and gained their objectives.

"South of the Somme the gallantry of the allied infantry and the dash and vigor of their attack had gained during the afternoon the final objectives for the day on practically the whole of the front.

"Assisted by our light tanks and armored cars, cavalry passed through the infantry and beyond our objectives riding down the German transport and limbers and their retreat, and capturing villages and taking many prisoners.

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STEAMER MERAK SUNK BY U-BOAT

Small American Craft Shelled and Torpedoed Off Cape Hatteras.

CREW OF 43 MEN SAVED

U. S. Ship Lake Portage and British Vessel Berwind Sent to Bottom by German Submarines in French Waters.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Within less than 24 hours after the Diamond Shoal lightship off Cape Hatteras, N. C., had been destroyed by shellfire, the small American unarmed steamer Mera was shelled, torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine near the North Carolina coast Tuesday afternoon.

Announcement of the destruction of the ship—the third sent down in that vicinity since last Sunday—was made today by the Navy Department.

The Merak's crew of 43 men got away in small boats and were landed safely, 23 at Norfolk and the remainder at Elizabeth city, N. C.

Complete details of the sinking of the ship were lacking tonight, but it was assumed that, as in other cases, the submarine probably would first give the crew time to lower small boats.

Naval officials feel certain that the submarine which counted for the Merak was the same that sank the tank steamer O. B. Jennings Sunday off the Virginia Capes and the Diamond Shoal lightship Monday afternoon.

Secretary Daniels said today that he had nothing to add to his former opinion as to the operations of the raiders on this side of the Atlantic—that they are instructed to hinder commerce as much as possible without exposing themselves to danger.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 8.—Twenty survivors of the crew of the American steamship Merak, sunk by a German submarine off the North Carolina coast Tuesday night, were landed here today, accounting for all persons aboard the vessel.

German submarines operating off the East coast of the Atlantic—first, the small American steamships Lake Portage and Berwind.

A detailed official report received here today told of the sinkings without details.

The Lake Portage, of 1938 gross tons, was built last year at Duluth, Minn.

The Berwind, 2589 tons gross, owned by the New York & Porto Rico Steamship Company and formerly engaged in the sugar carrying trade between Porto Rico and New York, was requisitioned by the Shipping Board last September and consigned to the U. S. Army.

Since that time she has been plying between British and French ports. The vessel was built in 1923 at Sunderland, England, under the name of Boston.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The British mercantile fleet at the outbreak of the war amounted to 18,500,000 tons gross and the figure at the present time is 15,000,000 tons gross, Sir Leo C. Chiozza, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, announced in the House of Commons today.

Official Casualty List. WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Army and Marine Corps casualty lists announced today contained a total of 142 names.

Killed in action, 14; died of wounds, 18; died of disease, 1; died of other causes, 1; missing in action, 55; undetermined, 51; wounded, 108.

The list includes Private Bruce McMillan, Boise, Idaho, killed in action; Corporal Albert S. Averell, 309 Fifth avenue North, Seattle, wounded degree undetermined.

Fatalities among officers follow: Killed in action—Lieutenant Fred H. Beck, Waterloo, Ia.; Robert J. Hutchinson, El Paso; Roy E. Parrish, Clarkburg, W. Va.; Fred D. Pollard, North Adams, Mass.; George A. Fletcher, Baltimore.

DIED OF WOUNDS—Major Howard W. Beal, Lewistown, Pa.

DIED OF AIRPLANE ACCIDENT—Lieutenant Roger H. Clapp, Salt Lake City.

EDITORS FLOCK TO COOS

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TAXED BY CONVENTION CROWD.

Business Meeting and Visits to Big Industrial Plants Features for Friday.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—The first contingent of editors from over the state commenced their visit this afternoon by automobiles from the distance south of Marshfield and tonight the Coos Bay Limited brought in 50 more from Portland and other sections of the Willamette Valley.

On account of the tremendous demand for quarters for travelers, the Chandler Hotel, headquarters for the visitors, was unable to supply accommodations for all, and the overflow is being entertained at private homes.

The editors generally brought their wives with them and some unattached ladies were among the arrivals this afternoon. Families in some instances came by automobiles.

The opening event of the programme is the reception this evening at the Mill Bend Club in Marshfield, where a mixed programme of song and music followed the welcoming address by Dorsey Kretzer, of the First National Bank. Refreshments were served the guests at 11 o'clock.

The events of Friday are to be handled by the people of North Bend and will include, besides a business meeting, visits to all the leading industrial plants. The women are to be entertained by the ladies of several instances with rides about the most interesting points in the Coos Bay vicinity and receptions in the cities.

YANKS IMPROVE POSITION

(Continued From First Page.) endeavoring to drive the Germans from the knoll.

Among the prisoners taken by the Americans today were an officer and several privates from a fresh division which has just arrived from the German front in Flanders.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—News from the Soissons-Rheims front this afternoon is that the Germans are holding the northern bank of the Vesle in considerable strength with a large number of guns. They are believed to have destroyed some of the bridges over the line and to have sent their heavy guns across that river.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Wednesday, Aug. 7.—By the Associated Press.—French peasants found by the American soldiers in a cave near the Vesle, just south of the Vesle, had been told by the Germans that if the Americans discovered them the men would be killed and their women mistreated. The Germans gave the peasants a letter dated August 2, addressed to French Army Headquarters and purporting to be signed by "the artillery commander." The letter said in part:

"We have received the announcements from airplanes. Thanks. We are not Russians, however."

A reference to the American troops was contained in the letter and was written in French. It said: "Do not count on the Americans. They will be your masters. Germany has so many soldiers that you will never win by force of arms. On the other hand, Germany is ready to make peace with France any time. France is her enemy which merits it the most."

Sixteen Americans Prisoners. WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Names of 16 Americans held prisoners of war in Camp Karlsruhe, Germany, were given today by the War Department. They are:

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A closing out of broken lines of Stamped Runners, Centerpieces, Laundry Bags, Pillow Tops, Dollies, Children's Dresses in sizes 2 to 4 years, etc. Also a variety of Lace Trimmed Art Pieces. Those who attend this sale will save a third to a half on their purchases.

A Special Sale of Bath Towels Friday 48c Ea.

Fine Colored Border Bath Towels of good size and quality, priced for this sale at less than today's wholesale cost.

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Sizes 7 to 11 years At \$1.25 Sizes 12 to 16 years At \$1.75 Made of good quality material in khaki color.

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Midnight prowlers invade homes along Capitol Avenue.

Midnight prowlers at the home of T. Brouillette, 822 Capitol avenue, took among other things some valuable papers which could be of no value to anyone but the owner.

The prowler invaded several other homes in the vicinity, including those of Mark Tucker, 826 Capitol avenue and J. H. Abbott, 821 Capitol avenue Northeast.

Illinois Veterans Meet Tomorrow. Illinois veterans of the Grand Army will meet at the assembly hall in the Courthouse tomorrow morning at 10:30 for the purpose of perfecting final arrangements for participation in the National encampment. Illinois headquarters will be established on the southwest corner of Postoffice square, where tents will be erected.

Plant Soon to Produce Lime. SALEM, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—

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Creed C. Hammond, formerly Commander of the Oregon Coast Artillery, who has been stationed at Fort Stevens, passed through Eugene this morning on his way to San Francisco, where he has been ordered to undergo an operation at a military hospital.

Colonel Hammond's condition is such that it is not regarded as serious, but the operation was regarded as necessary to make him fit for possible overseas service.

Fairs Get Special Rates.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 8.—The Railroad Administration has made a general order fixing excursion rates to state fairs at one and one-half fares for the round trip.

Army Orders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—The following orders were issued by the Western Department of the Army here today:

First Lieutenant David F. Love, Medical Reserve Corps, Fort Stevens, Or., will proceed to Fort St. Michael, Alaska, for duty.

First Lieutenant Raymond E. Davis, Engineer Reserve Corps, Ogden, Utah, will proceed to Salt Lake City for duty.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard W. Walker, 15th Cavalry, and Majors Edwin Harvey and John E. Lewis are appointed to meet at Fort L. A. Russell, Wyo., to regrade reserve officers there.

Colonel Creed C. Hammond and Major William L. Coppernoll, Coast Artillery National Guard, Fort Stevens, Or., will proceed to the Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, for observation and treatment.

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