

Gasoline Exhausted, Germans Attempt to Capture One, but British Save Comrades

ONE SOLVES BIG PROBLEM

Silences Germany Defending Cellar; Thispyal and Ridge Found to Be Mass of Underground Defenses.

By Frederick Palmer. (Accredited Correspondent with the British Army of the Press of the United States.) the British Front, Sept. 28 .- (1 N. S.)-On Wednesday with the arrival of a lull after two days of battle in which the British have gained five villages and taken 5000 prisoners, the correspondent gleaned from the participants many stories, not only of courage and impulse, but of humor and paradox possible only in such complicated and remorseleses warfare as that of the grand offensive.

Most wonderful of all, perhaps, was that of one of the "tanks" or new armored motor cars, which started for Berlin "on its own." This monstrous land ship, ambling and lumbering along, did not wait on the infantry the taking of Guedecourt, but plodded over shell holes and across lots looking for food like some prehistoric lizard, for mooner or later it its machine guns.

Gasoline Supply Exhausted.

of gasoline. When the Germans found this strange creature with its steel sides impenetrable by bullets stalled, curiosity and desire of revenge was a fillip toric man after a wounded mammoth of its deadly tusks.

bizarre fighting is seen.

According to an account veraciously this hinge, given by officers, while the tank's ma-Yesterday when chine guns were blazing right and left Thiepval and the Zollern redoubt, as and taking a heavy toll, some of the cne captured German said, there was Germans managed to creep along the a British soldier at the door of the trenches under the fore legs and hind dugouts following the bursting of the legs of the crushing beast, and then last shell of the preparatory bombard-swarmed over it, looking for an open- ment. ing through which to strike at its

vitals, Infantry Saves "Tank."

They fired their rifles into its joints and bombed it, but all to no more avail than burglars trying to reach the inside of a battleship turret with a ilmmy.

the while its machine guns All were kept busy at the human targets within reach. Its crew, chosen daredevils, concluded to stick until they proper kind of a can opener to get them out.

Finally, the British Infantry, seeing the tank was in distress, did not wait on any general's orders to remain at their objective, which was gained They were out to save that impounded comrade.

With a cheer they rushed the Ger mans and overwhelmed them, and when the crew heard laughing and shouting in English they opened the door and called out:



At left, J. W. Van Matre; at right, H. H. Jones, and the spoils of their hunt.

Promoter Plans to Make Res-

mer and Abert Lakes.

idence Near Scene of Sum-

J. W. Van Matre of the Packard Their Packard roadster with their were killed Saturday night and brough Motor company and H. H. Jones of the Jones Lumber company came in town Monday afternoon from an eight days' was bound to find another German hunting trip with four black tail deer, fork of the Umpqua river with a guide ing in the city hungry and tired at trench and engage the occupants with averaging about 125 pounds each, and three pack horses. Two of the deer 2:30 in the afternoon

the British charged across only to In this it succeeded, but it ran out find the Germans appeared out of the the British charged across only to find the Germans appeared out of the earth in their rear. The 180th had cudgled its brains to make the Thiepval sector an example literally of the wizardry of defense. It was this sort of preparation which stoped the Britto their courage. They went after it ish attack on Juty I when, as the with the stalking cupidity of prehis- British infantry charged, after the artillery bombardment was over, the that has had its bulk fast in one of Germans popped their machine guns the alleys of "Cave Dwellers' row," out of their hiding places and swept thile they tried to avoid the thrusts their spray across the lines of khaki. Bit by bit since July 1 the British

No such game was ever seen on this have worked their way forward to western front, where all kinds of transverse the old line trenches in the course of their swinging movement on

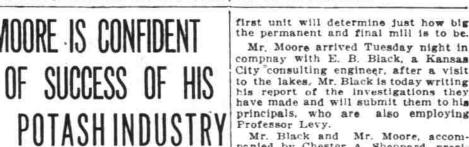
they went after

Fish Stock to Go in Coos County Waters

State Fish and Game Commission Car the soda and potash deposits of Sum-Passes Through Marshfield on the mer and Abert lakes. He said yester-Way to the Cognille Valley. day at the Oregon hotel that work on Way to the Coquille Valley.

Marshfield, Or., Sept. 28 .- The state the lakes is already virtually under starved or the Germans found the fish and game commission car passed way. By the time Prof. W. H. Levy, through

scene of endeavors.



City consulting engineer, after a visit to the lakes, Mr. Black is today writing his report of the investigations they have made and will submit them to his principals, who are also employing Professor Levy. Mr. Black and Mr. Moore, accom-

panled by Chester A. Sheppard, presi-dent and counsel of the new Pacific Chemical i company, will confer at Salem Friday with the state land board relative to the final terms of he lease.

"I am not going to ask for any more extensions," said Mr. Moore. All I want is to learn definitely what the board has in mind regarding the lease outside of the formal part of it.

Jason C. Moore has tentatively ar- want their point of view, in other anged for a cottage at Paisley and words.

Until the Strahorn railroad is built resently Mrs. Moore and Miss Moore through the Central Oregon lake region, will arrive from the fashion and sothe product of the soda and potash ciety centers of New York to join him plant will be taken to market by motor in permanent residence near als new truck either to Bend of to Lakeview. It is probable that a short connecting Mr. Moore is just that sure of the spur will be built when the main line atcome of his project for developing is ready.

Charged With Selling Liquor. constructing test commercial plants at Charged with introducing liquor on the Umatilla Indian reservation, near Pendleton, Basil Parr, an Indian was through here Wednesday on the a chemist employed by his financial brought to the Multhomah county jail way to Coquille valley. While in Coos backers, has completed the final analy- last night by Deputy U. S. Marshal



NICOLL The Tailor WM JERREMS' SONS



Supply Is Replenished.

"We are all right if you will only get us some gasoline. Let the old girl have a guzzle of her proper drink and we can take the road again.'

So the infantry formed a line in front of the tank, determined to detend her to the last man, while a runner was hurried back for a can of gasoline, which arrived safely.

The beast, having taken a swallow, ambled back into the reserve amidst more cheers. It left behind it 250 dead Germans.

Another tank which did well in this fight assisted in the taking of Thiep-

There was once a chateau in Thiepval. The cellar is still there, roofed by the remains of its brick, stone and mortar, in a thick, shell-pummelled layer, which protected it from penetration by even the 9 and 12 inch high explosives.

"Tank" Silences Defenders.

Here the Germans waited, smoking their mild cigars and drinking soca water, brought up through shell-proof underground tunnels, while the ruins over their heads were belabored by the

British artimery. They had the sense of security of the early Kansas settler when he went below and closed the coor during a cyclone.

Of course, they had a machine gun all ready for business instantly the British bombardment ceased as a welcome for the British infantry.

When it begin rattling, Mister Thomas Atkins took cover and considered vays and means of silencing it as, uspal.

Then "Let me at it." with elephant-ine deliberation appeared the tank crossing trenches and dipping its limber vertebraed ponderosity in and out of shell holes and took the job off Mister Atkins' hands-and having finislied it looked for another.

Defenses Are Ingenious.

wonderful business was the taking of Thiepval and the Zollern redoubt. which lies between it and Courcelette. Thiepval 'was held by the 180th German regiment. For a long time this regiment had held this stand, according to prisoners' accounts. They had fortified it and the commanding ridge by dint of beaver industry, making ramified tunnels and dugouts in the chalky earth until they were safe from shell fire, which would have easily turned a fort like Maubeuge or Liege, or other pre-war type forts into a grave of wreckage for its occupants.

They asked that they might be allowed to remain and defend it, giving their word that it would never be taken from them, and the German army commander consented.

Not only in this village but all along the ridge-that part of this old front line on which hinges the whole Anglo-French movement with its right on the Somme - they had the same kind of a maze of warrens with all the comforts of home. There was a mystery corner which

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