

YANK ENGINEERS DESERVE CREDIT FOR BIG VICTORY

Build Bridges Over Meuse Under Heavy Machine Gun Fire at Two Places. Sixty Feet Wide.

SHELL DAMAGES ONE SPAN

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By Newton C. Park

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 10—(I. N. S.)—(Delayed)—To the engineers belong considerable credit for the success of the Franco-American attack east of the Meuse on Tuesday, when over 2000 Austro-German prisoners and the towns of Brabant, Consenvoye, Haumont and Beaumont were taken.

Under heavy fire from Austrian and German machine guns the American engineers bridged the Meuse at two places where it was 60 feet wide.

The replacement of these bridges enabled the Americans to throw troops across to the eastern bank and carry out the advance according to schedule. At the same time other American forces pushed forward from Samouigneux.

A signal corps lieutenant from Chicago with three volunteers swam the Meuse river near Brabant and the four were captured. Later they were liberated when the Austrians withdrew.

Hun Fire Falls to Half Tanks

Engineers began bridging the Meuse at Brabant at dawn, but were vic-

lently shelled. The German gunners evidently failed to take into consideration the stiff wind which was blowing, for all of the shells missed the bridge.

The first American battalion crossed the Meuse at 7:30 a.m. and the Austrians out of Brabant had pushed northward along the river bank to the outskirts of Consenvoye, cleaning out machine gun nests. In the meantime infantry had been massed on the western bank to cross as soon as possible.

Consenvoye was swept clear of Austrians and Germans in a 15 minute battle.

Engineers then commenced the construction of another bridge. The Boche gunners were more effective this time, one shell destroying the central span, but the Americans had crossed over. It was quickly rebuilt and the other battalions swarmed across into Consenvoye.

Austrians Easy Victims

American artillery and machine gunners on the western bank of the river silenced the Austrian gunners.

Before evening the doughboys had captured all of their objectives, while the French and Americans on the left of the main attacking force were overcoming strong resistance in wooded ground.

This was the scene of historic fighting in the Great War, beginning at Verdun in 1916, and there was some bloody hand to hand fighting there on Tuesday, as well.

The Americans and French found the Austrians easy victims when it came to grips at close quarters.

I saw more than 2000 prisoners, most of them Austrians, but with a few Germans scattered among them. They were mostly a poor looking lot. One of them was in his bare feet and had no coat.

HUN DIVER SINKS AMERICAN STEAMER

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More Hun Aircraces Told

An English Port, Oct. 11.—(U. P.)—Tales of atrocities rivaling the most piratical deeds of German submarines were told here today as the story of the sinking of the Japanese ship Mikato Maru was pieced out from the pitifully small number of passengers and crew who were saved.

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The attack of the submarine was without warning. Not a boat could be swung over the side of the stricken vessel in time for anyone to get aboard. Only the swift response of an American destroyer to the call for help fired the crew to save the men left to the wireless, made it possible for 23 persons to be taken from the cold water. The submarine remained in the vicinity and fired two torpedoes at the destroyer which ignored the pirate until the crew picked up the struggling victim. Then she dropped depth bombs, hit the U-boat, fed. She soon declared they were fast becoming exhausted when the destroyer appeared.

The sight of bodies of passengers and crew who failed to escape, was lowering their powers of resistance.

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to the U-boat, which was less than a quarter of a mile away, begging the German lieutenant to stop. He was commanded to swim away by the lieutenant, who leveled a revolver at him.

Boat Tied to Diver

The boat was then ordered alongside the raider, which tied it by a line. Conversation was in progress, it was said, when suddenly the officers disappeared into the U-boat and the submarine submerged. Only the parting of the line saved the diver from being drawn down after the pirates.

Naval intelligence officers refused to allow the soldiers and sailors who were saved to tell the story after they were landed, but they had told it before they landed, while aboard a British ship which brought them to port.

Irish Ship Torpedoed

An Irish Port, Oct. 11—(U. P.)—Four hundred and eight persons are believed to have been lost when the Irish Mail steamship Leinster was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast Thursday. The ship was torpedoed twice in succession and disappeared within a short time.

The Leinster was proceeding from Dublin to Holyhead.

An officer surviving, declared, all aboard who had been saved had not seen the second torpedo struck. It smashed the boat to splinters, many passengers being injured by the flying pieces. There was time to launch only four boats.

The Leinster was a packet, the property of the City of Dublin Steam Packet company and was registered at Dublin. She was of 2846 gross tons.

London, Oct. 11—(I. N. S.)—Among the missing passengers on the steamship Leinster is Lady Phyllis Hamilton. One hundred and ninety persons were saved. Many of them had been in the water for more than an hour, clinging to bits of wreckage. Heavy seas wrecked several of the lifeboats as they were being lowered into the water.

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AMERICA NOT ONLY A NATION, BUT SPIRIT, DECLARES MINISTER

Dr. Stansfield Tells W. C. T. U. Delegates Americanism Is Permeating World.

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The great work of America is not the mere Americanization of the foreign, within our own boundaries, but the Americanization of the world. For America is no longer a nation only, it is a spirit, a spirit that is permeating the world," said Dr. Joshua Stansfield, pastor of the First M. E. church, in his address at the Americanization meeting of the state W. C. T. U. convention Thursday night.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "America." Dr. Stansfield offered the invocation. Miss Goldie Peterson sang, W. F. Woodward, chairman of the State Council of Defense, detailed his experiences on the draft board showing the need for the teaching of American ideas and ideals. Mayor Baker spoke briefly. Bishop Sumner gave a strong address declaring efficiency to be the first requirement in Americanization, loyalty the second and action the third. He declared the public school to be the greatest instrument in Americanizing the foreign born. V. W. Tomlinson, United States naturalization officer for Oregon, gave a forceful address showing the small percentage of foreigners who became Americanized and pointed out that of those many are naturalized in form but not Americanized, as they continue to live according to old habits and ideals and to read the foreign language newspaper, which he declared to be greatest menace to Americanization.

Mrs. Jane Burns Albert and Walter Gillette gave solos, with Miss Mamie Gillette at the piano.

Mrs. Daniel F. Quinn, chairman of the patriotic work of the W. C. T. U., reported that over 1,000,000 articles had been made by the women of the Oregon W. C. T. U. and sent to the camps, cantonments and naval bases during the past year.

On account of the quarantine the closing sessions of the convention, which were to have been held today, have been cancelled.

FALL OF OTTOMAN MINISTRY SIGNALS COLLAPSE OF TURK

By Frank H. Simonds

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Good for Saturday

Don't have to follow

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