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## TEUTONS HURLED BACK ON 10-MILE FRONT

### BLOW WIPES OUT SALIENT AT OULCHY

German Armies Placed in Dangerous Position By Success of Allied Smash at Oulchy-Le-Chateau On Front Between Buzancy and Seringes—Foe Fights Stubbornly as Americans Advance Near Charmey in Movement to Straighten Lines.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The allies delivered a new stroke over a 10 mile front between Buzancy, about four miles south of Soissons, to Seringes, north of Fere-E-Tardenois. The result was a considerable advance and the wiping out of the elbow in the line at Oulchy Le Chateau, according to advices to the Evening Standard this afternoon.

The allied attack reported from London is along a vital sector of the Soissons-Rheims salient. From Buzancy the allies have held positions running in a southerly direction closely following the course of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry high road. At Grand Rozoy the line bent sharply to the east, running north of Fere-E-Tardenois to the village of Nesles, where it turns south past Meunier forest.

The gain made by the allies has not only wiped out the elbow in the line above Oulchy Le Chateau, but has accentuated the plight in which the Germans in Meunier forest, Roncheres and St. Gemme find themselves.

#### Allies Straighten Line

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, Aug. 1, 8 a. m.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Franco-American forces on the main battle front continued yesterday's progress of straightening out the line. They secured advances in this effort, the Americans pushing beyond Sergy to within two kilometers of Charmey.

The allied forces effected their progress against stubborn German resistance.

Charmey, the town the Americans are approaching, marks the spot where Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt fell to his death recently with his airplane.

#### German Attack Repulsed

PARIS, Aug. 1.—The Germans this morning attacked the French positions in the region of Bligny, southwest of Rheims. The attack was repulsed, says the official statement today from the war office.

### TYPHUS IN BULGARIA KILLS THOUSANDS

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Travelers from Bulgaria, says an Amsterdam dispatch, declare that a serious outbreak of typhoid is raging in the Bulgarian army and at Sofia. The number of casualties is said to run into the thousands.

The departure from Sofia of King Ferdinand, the arrivals at Amsterdam, says, was due to the fact that two cases of typhoid had broken out in the royal palace.

### BOCHE CANNONADE IN SOMME REGION

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The German guns were active last night in the Somme region in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux today's war office announcement shows.

Activity was also displayed by the enemy artillery farther north near Buczany and in Flanders in the Merits-Meteren sector.

### YANKS POURING INTO FRANCE DO NOT SCARE HUNS

Kaiser Wilhelm Tells Army and Navy of His Pride for Them—U-Boats Assail U. S. Troops Enroute to Front, and Teutons Resisting Heroically, He Says.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 1.—The coming of American armies to France and numerical superiority on the part of the allies do not frighten Germany, declared Emperor William in a proclamation to the German army and navy.

"Vital forces which are streaming across the sea to the enemy," he said, "are being attacked by German submarines which are certain of success."

The emperor in his proclamation, which is dated August 1, alluded to the successes which the German forces have won, the bringing of peace to the eastern front and the heavy blows dealt the allies during the present summer. He assured the army and navy, that although they are in the midst of the hardest struggle of the war, they will be victorious.

#### No Fear of Americans

The emperor continued: "American armies and numerical superiority do not frighten us. It is spirit which brings the decision. Prussian and German history teaches that, as well as the course which the campaign has hitherto taken.

"In true comradeship with my army stands my navy. In unshakable will to win the victory in the struggle with opponents who are often superior and, despite the united efforts of the greatest naval powers of the world my submarines are sure of success. They are tenaciously attacking and fighting the vital forces which are streaming across the sea to the enemy.

"Ever ready for battle, the high sea forces, in untiring work, guard the road for the submarines to the open sea and, in union with the defenders of the coast, safeguard for them the sources of their strength.

"Far from offering resistance to our colonial troops is offering brave resistance to a crushing superior force.

"We remember with reverence all who have given their lives for the fatherland.

"Filled with care for their brothers in the field, the people at home are, in self sacrificing devotion, placing their entire strength at the service of our great cause. We must and shall continue to fight until the enemy's will to destruction is broken. We will make every sacrifice and put forth every effort to that end.

"In this spirit the army and the homeland are inseparably bound together. Their united stand and unbending will is certain to bring victory in the struggle for Germany's right and Germany's freedom.

"God grant it."

#### Kaiser's Speech Is Joke

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The theory of the submarine as a determining factor in the war has been exploded, Secretary Daniels declared today after reading the boast of the German emperor that German submarines are "tenaciously attacking and fighting the vital forces which are streaming overseas." Mr. Daniels pointed out that not a single American transport carrying troops to Europe had been sunk.

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### U. S. ORDERS 22 NEW STEEL CARGO SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Contracts for 20 additional steel cargo vessels and 10 tugs were awarded last week by the Emergency Fleet corporation, the shipping board announced today.

Fourteen of the cargo steamers will be built by the Ames Shipbuilding company, Seattle, and the other eight by the Long Beach Shipbuilding company, Long Beach, Cal.

Four 10,000 ton steel cargo ships will be built in the Chinese government yard at Shanghai.

The 22 vessels to be built at Long Beach and Seattle will be of 8,800 deadweight tons each.

### SCOTS HELP TO HURL FOE BACK BELOW SOISSONS

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 1.—(Morning, by the Associated Press.)—Gallant work was done by the Scottish division which participated with the French and the Americans in the attack on the western pivot of the German line below Soisson. This division, composed of famous Highlanders and lowland regiments, entered the line to relieve an American division. It took its place after three days and nights of incessant traveling in lorries and a march of 10 miles with full packs. The Scots immediately launched an attack and drove back the Germans on their front.

The conduct of the division has called forth high praise from the French general.

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### ALLIES STRIKE ON BOTH SIDES OF HUN ARMY

French and Americans Start Turning Move East and West of Foe Which May Force His Retreat On Wide Front—Boche Attack at Bligny Repulsed—Kaiser Claims Captures.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 1.—The American and French troops have begun a turning movement which, if successful, will compel a German retirement over a wide sector east of Fere-E-Tardenois at the center of the Soissons-Rheims salient. They have attacked over a front of over three miles on each side of Nesles, the apex of the allied wedge north of the Ourcq. Their greatest advance was toward the east, where the Americans pushed on some distance from the town of Sergy and approached Charmey.

Advance Endangers Foe

Altho the announced purpose of the attack was the straightening of the line, this is really secondary to the outflanking of the Germans to the southward. The enemy is holding very strong positions at Roncheres and St. Gemme, where this line is still less than five miles from the Marne and a continued advance between Nesles and Clerges would force him to fall back to escape being cut off from the rear.

This seems to be the only sector where the allies are attacking with their infantry. Reports from the front tell of heavy artillery fire along the most of the line between Soissons and Rheims.

German Attack Repulsed

The Germans attacked the allied lines on the heights of Bligny, southwest of Rheims, Tuesday night, but were repulsed.

Along the front the German artillery has been active. The enemy's heavy guns have carried out especially heavy bombardments at Villers Bretonneux, east of Amlens; near Buczany, on the northern side of the Pearly salient, and in the neighborhood of Meteren and Merris, on the western side of the Lys sector.

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### BERLIN MAY RECALL ENVOY TO UKRAINE

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Germany is contemplating the recall of Ambassador Von Munin from the Ukraine and the handing of passports to the ambassador of the Ukraine in Berlin, pending the clearing up of the situation in Kiev, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam under Wednesday's date.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Serious riots are reported from the country districts in the Ukraine, according to a Kiev dispatch to the Fremden Blatt of Hamburg, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam reports. The inhabitants are offering organized resistance to the "German usurpers" as they are characterized.

### AMERICA'S PLANS FOR BIGGER WAR PROGRAM RUSHING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Plans of the war department for an enlargement of the military program, including the extension of the draft age limits in both directions, have been virtually completed, Secretary Baker announced today. He anticipates that the war department bill will be introduced in congress next week, enabling the military committee to begin consideration without delay.

Mr. Baker would not reveal the age limits to be recommended by the department. He said, however, that published reports that the limits were to be set at from 19 to 40 years were incorrect. The 19 to 40 years suggestion was among those considered and rejected, he added.

The age limits most generally discussed here, as being the most acceptable to the war department were 19 and 36 inclusive, but Mr. Baker would not give any intimation that these had been accepted.

He said that so far as the department was concerned presentation of the bill in congress would be the only publicity given it. The secretary would not say how large a man power reserve it was desired to create.

#### Tacoma Milk Higher.

TACOMA, Aug. 1.—The wholesale price of milk advanced to 35 cents a gallon today, an advance of 10 cents. Retail prices will be 10 cents a pint or 15 cents a quart. The wholesale price of cream also advances 10 cents a gallon to \$1.30.

### SERINGS WON BY YANKEES IN BLOODY BATTLE

German Guards Overpowered in Hand-to-Hand Struggle in Streets—Americans Retreated From Town Then Closed In On All Sides and Slaughtered Kaiser's Fighters.

LONDON, July 31—Yesterday was a day of hard in-and-out fighting on the American front, telegraphs Reuters correspondent on the front north of the Marne. He says that the final capture of Seringes by the Americans was an especially creditable achievement.

After the Americans took the village Monday, the Germans kept up a constant artillery and machine gun fire to drive them out. This continued all day on Tuesday and toward evening the enemy began to emerge from the Nesles forest in a way that seemed to forecast a fresh attempt to take the village. Of the fighting which ensued the correspondent writes:

Yanks Trick Germans

"The Americans after three days of to-and-fro fighting thru villages, had learned subtly and were determined to have a real fight to a finish. They consequently withdrew as if retreating from Seringes and the Germans crossed down from the high ground convinced they had their opponents beaten. Additional German troops came pouring in until the town was occupied as it never had been before.

"But as they began to organize their defenses, they found that bullets appeared to be coming in from three sides of the village and it was not long before they discovered that the Americans, while withdrawing from the front of the town, had commenced an encircling movement on both sides, thus forming a ring almost complete around it.

Tragic Fighting Ensues

"Then came tragic fighting. The Prussian guard had voted not to surrender and their opponents were just as anxious to see the thing thru. It was an affair of small arms, but the Americans proved to be the better shots and slowly picked off men here and there.

"Then the Americans began to advance and slowly their encircling ring closed about the village. As the ring drew closer and the defenders saw their doom approaching they re-

traced.

"The German artillery reply consisted chiefly of shells from 77's and 105's. The machine guns, with the heavier pieces, were active in an effort to prevent an allied advance.

Allies May Cut Off Wedge

The American and French attack, which was in a northeasterly direction is probably for the purpose of outflanking the Meunier wood and in cutting off the blunt edged salient in the line between Romigny and Clerges. This salient was made more acute by the American advance north from Clerges to Seringes.

45 Divisions Oppose Allies

PARIS, Aug. 1.—(Havas Agency.) In the fighting on the Soissons-Rheims front July 15 to 31 the Germans used 45 divisions, according to the Echo de Paris. Many of these divisions were used several times, after a rest of only one or two days.

55 WOMEN ARRESTED IN VICI CRUSADE

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—To stamp out alleged immorality near the Brooklyn navy yard, the police early today raided a number of dance halls and arrested 55 women.

Army officials in an investigation of intoxication of soldiers and sailors at Coney Island, discovered that some soldiers donning bathing suits, had been able to procure drinks. Orders have been issued that enlisted men patronizing the beach resorts wear bathing suits marked "U. S."

YANKS SNATCH A SNOOZE BETWEEN BATTLES



During the recent fighting in France, American troops occupied a destroyed village. This photo shows them snatching a little rest between fights.