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## ALLIES CUT DEEP INTO GERMAN LINES IN ONE OF WAR'S GREATEST BATTLES

### HAIG BENDS HUN FRONT IN PICARDY

Disaster Reported to Be Threatening  
Who's German Army on Bapaume  
Sector as Result of Rapid Advance  
of British Forces—French Near  
Old Hindenburg Line Above Soissons,  
Threatening to Outflank  
Aisne and Chemis-des-Dames.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—British armies this evening are vigorously following up their success of today, which apparently has been one of the most disastrous ever experienced by the Germans.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 23.—Along the front in northern Picardy a battle which seems to be one of the greatest of the war has developed.

Disaster is reported to be threatening the whole German army on this front and the Germans are throwing great masses of men into the struggle in the hope of checking the tide of battle which dispatches from British headquarters say is setting against them.

The exact line as it now stands cannot be given, but some of the towns taken by the British are almost a mile inside of the positions where the Germans stood yesterday and the greatest advance is said to be two miles.

When it is realized that the fighting along this front is along the lines which were strongly entrenched by the Germans and held by them until the great British offensive before Albert in 1916, the importance of the advance made today is appreciated.

British and German armies are locked in a mighty battle today over a 25-mile front from Lihons, six miles south of Arras.

### FRENCH DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN GERMAN ARMIES

Germans Driven North of Oise and  
Across Ailette Where French Pursue Them—Advance Imperils German Lines East of Vesle—French Cross Oise Along Noyon.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—(Havas.)—Between the Oise and the Aisne during the advance of Wednesday and Thursday, General Mangin's army took 5000 prisoners, according to advices reaching Paris.

TO ISOLATE NOYON  
PARIS, Aug. 23.—French troops have crossed the Oise river and the canal at Manicamp, eight miles east of Noyon and are in the outskirts of the village of Morlancourt on the north side of the Oise, a mile and a half from Noyon station, according to dispatches to newspapers here.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE OISE, Thursday, Aug. 22, 11 p. m.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Mangin now has driven the Germans across the valley of the Ailette on a front of several miles. The enemy's forces on the right wing of the battle line are on the plateau between the Ailette and Soissons and between the Ailette and the Oise.

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ALL ROAD WORK  
IN WEST TO STOP  
AUSTRIANS TRY TO  
ASSASSINATE OFFICERS

### CZECHS DEFEAT BOLSHEVIKI IN TRANS-BAIKALIA

Decided Victory in Russia—Allies  
Capture Petopoff, Commander in  
Murmansk Region—Red Guards  
Hang 300 Czech Prisoners—Allies  
Retreat on Ussuri River.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Lord Robert Cecil, the British under secretary for foreign affairs, announced this evening that reports had been received in London to the effect that the Czech-Slovak forces in trans-Baikalia had captured the town of Beryshneudinsk, south of Lake Baikal and had achieved a decided victory against the Bolsheviki forces.

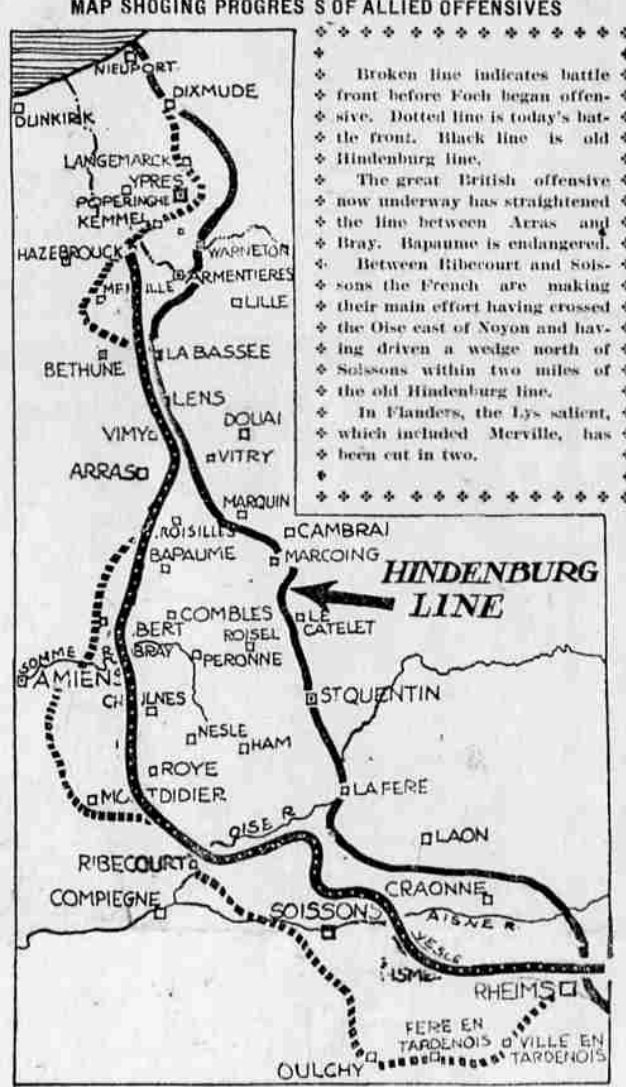
AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23.—General Petopoff, commander in chief of the Red Guard army in the Murmansk region, is a prisoner in the hands of the allies, says a Petrograd dispatch to the Weker Zeitung of Bremen. He was caught by peasants while attempting to flee, and handed over to the British.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS HANGED  
AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23.—Russia Red Guards, in the capture of Simbirsk, on the Volga, according to a Moscow dispatch, to the Hamburg Nachrichten, publicly hanged in the market place 300 Czech-Slovak prisoners. The hangings, it is declared, were a reprisal for "atrocities committed in the town during its occupation by the Czechs."

ALLIES OUTNUMBERED  
LONDON, Aug. 23.—Allied troops on the Ussuri river front north of Vladivostok outnumbered by the enemy, have been forced to withdraw after heavy fighting, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Harbin dated Wednesday.

COMMANDER PRICE  
KILLED IN EXPLOSION  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Explosion of a depth charge on board the United States ship Orizaba at sea on August 17 killed Lieutenant Commander William Price Williamson and three enlisted men, and wounded commander R. D. White and 18 men.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—An official dispatch from Switzerland today says that attempts on the lives of officers are increasing in Austria. It is reported that several commandants of Austrian corps have advised officers in the rear to have revolvers with them always.



### ALLIES REAPING FRUITS OF FORMER BIG VICTORIES

PARIS, Aug. 23.—The allies are reaping the fruits of the victories of July 18 and August 8 in the present critical situation in which the German command finds itself. The German retreat around Noyon, it is held here, is the logical consequence of those victories.

General Mangin's pressure between August 18 and 20 resulted in the capture of more than 10,000 prisoners and on the 22nd he forced the enemy to beyond the Ailette. The army of General Von Ebon is in such a predicament that he is bound to make a formidable counter attack or to withdraw to the Chemin Des Dames.

In the north the British third army has pushed the Germans so dangerously near Bapaume that the German command has found it necessary to counter attack in force. The loss of Bapaume in the present circumstances will amount to a disaster, according to opinion here.

BRITISH STEAMER  
U-BOAT VICTIM  
AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 23.—The British steamer Djomed has been torpedoed and sunk off the Atlantic coast. More than 100 of her crew, many of them Chinese, some severely injured, were rescued and brought here today by another British steamer.

### SENATE VOTES ON MAN POWER MEASURE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—General debate in the senate on the man power bill closed unexpectedly late today and Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee proceeded with formal consideration of the measure with the committee's amendments having precedence.

The house agreed to vote at 6 o'clock on the McKenzie amendment, written into the bill by the military committee, providing that registrants between 18 and 20 shall be put into a separate class to be called last.

Lowering of the proposed maximum draft age to forty years was urged by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts in senate debate today on the man power bill. He said military necessity demanded the calling of youths over 18 but that he could not see the wisdom of taking men over forty years old when the number secured would be so small.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Assurances reached the state department today that the anti-Bolshevik governments at Omsk and Vladivostok are in full accord, which officials said meant that all Siberia virtually is under one government with a small portion near Irkutsk controlled by Bolsheviki forces aided by former German and Austrian prisoners.

### LODGE WARNS AGAINST GERMAN PEACE EFFORTS

Peace Must Be Dictated to and Not  
Negotiated With Germany to Place  
Her in Position Where She Can  
Never Again Disturb Peace of the  
World.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—An earnest warning against "insidious and poisonous" German peace propaganda and a declaration that peace must be dictated to and not negotiated with Germany to place her in a position where she never again can disturb the world's peace, were made in the senate today by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, ranking republican of the foreign relations committee.

Peace terms which must and will be forced on Germany were specifically detailed by Senator Lodge in addressing the senate in support of the manpower bill to extend the army draft ages. They included complete restitution of Belgium, unconditional return of Alsace-Lorraine to France and of Italia Irredenta to Italy, safety for Greece, independence for Serbia and Rumania, and independent Poland, independence of the Slav peoples and freedom of Russia from German domination, including return of Russian territory wrested by Germany in the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

Further Senator Lodge declared Constantinople must be made a free port and Palestine never restored to Turkish rule.

Victory Worth Having  
"These are the principal conditions," he said, "which will give a victory worth having. No peace that satisfies Germany can ever satisfy us. It cannot be a negotiated peace. It must be a dictated peace and we and our allies must dictate it."

Safe for Democracy  
"But what is a just and righteous peace? We intend to make the world safe for democracy. But what exactly do we mean by democracy? If we mean, as we undoubtedly do, the democracy of England, France, Italy and the United States, we can all understand it, but the Bolsheviki masquerade under the name of democracy and the Bolsheviki by a combination of treachery, corruption and ignorance, have reduced Russia to servitude under Germany and have engendered a form of democracy as dangerous to the world as the government of Hohenzollerns."

FIVE RHINE CITIES  
BOMBED BY ALLIES  
LONDON, Aug. 23.—Five important hostile airbases were heavily bombed by British aerial squadrons on the night of August 21-22, according to an official statement issued today by the British air ministry.

### BRITISH WIN MANY TOWNS FROM HUNS

Prisoners Taken So Rapidly it is  
Impossible to Count Them—Rapid  
Advance Made on Wide Front—German  
Reserves Thrown in Fail to  
Check Onrush—Third Army Gains  
a Mile and Fourth Army Two  
Miles Each on Seven Mile Front.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Boiry Beaucourt, Boyelles, Hamelincourt and Gomlecourt are now held by the British third army, according to a report. The British are pushing their attack toward the southeast from Gomlecourt in the direction of Bapaume.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A battle is raging today in France on one of the widest fronts of the war. It extends for about fifty miles north from Soissons. Everywhere, according to news received here this afternoon from the battlefield the battle has been going successfully for the entente allies.

Spreads Rapidly  
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 23.—(Reuter's limited.) The British offensive so vigorously resumed on Wednesday morning, has spread so rapidly that it is difficult to keep pace with the development of it. What now is being witnessed is the unfolding of a brilliant tactical scheme which must be causing the deepest concern to the German high command.

Both Armies Gain  
LONDON, Aug. 23.—The British third army has gained more than a mile on a front of more than seven miles.

Many Towns Taken  
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—British troops this morning are reported to have captured Chignolles and Herleville, south of Soissons.

JEWISH BATTALION  
GOES TO PALESTINE  
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Men who enlist in the Jewish battalion of the British army were assured service in Palestine in a statement issued today by Major C. Brooman White of the British and Canadian recruiting mission. Major White declared recruits "will fight under the Jewish flag until their services are no longer required."