

The Weather.

Showers Sunday; cooler in northeast portions. Monday partly cloudy in east; thundershowers in west portion. Light northeast winds becoming variable.

**GERMAN FORCES ARE IN FULL RETREAT
 CRUSHING BLOW DELIVERED BY
 BRITISH, FRENCH AND AMERICANS
 BETWEEN ALBERT AND THE OISE**

Germany Streaming Back Toward the Somme and the Nesle-Noyon Canal.

ALLIES TAKE MONTDIDIER
 Chaulnes, Paris Reports, Has Been Reached By French Patrols.

IS SERIOUS FOR ENEMY
 Rapid Allied Advance Makes Escape Difficult.

(By the Associated Press.)
 Crushed by the impact of the British, French and American offensive on the battle line from Albert, northeast of Amiens, to the Oise river, north of Compiègne, German forces are streaming back toward the Somme river and the Nesle-Noyon canal. So far as can be determined, the enemy is in full retreat all along the front against which the allies flung themselves on Thursday morning. It is reported from Paris that French patrols are in Chaulnes, the principal German center west of the Somme.

Montdidier, at the tip of the German salient in Picardy, has been taken by the allies, who cut off large numbers of the enemy when they sought to beat a retreat from the city. Thousands of prisoners were taken there by the allies, it is reported.

North of the Somme, stubborn enemy resistance at Chilly spur, a height which dominated the whole valley of the Somme in that region, has been broken and the Germans south of it are reported to have joined their comrades in retreating.

South of Montdidier, the French have plunged through the German lines on the hills west of the Matz river and are reported to be in the valley of the stream at Marquessie.

When the situation is studied on a map it can be seen that the Germans are in a serious position east of Montdidier. The allies have closed in on Chaulnes and have had the railroad junction south of that town under artillery fire for two days. If Chaulnes is lost to the Germans, they will be forced to make a long, perilous march eastward over country roads toward Noyon. The rapid progress of the French below Montdidier has placed even this road under fire and made it almost impossible as an avenue of escape for the harassed enemy.

In the center, the Germans are reported to be in full retreat. Allied airplanes have seen roads filled with German motor lorries and have been active in bombing these lines of transport. The bridges of the Somme river south of Peronne are under fire and the one at Peronne is reported to have been broken. This will throw new complications in the German high command's task of extricating its shattered forces from the field where they have been defeated.

Many Germans Taken When French Capture Montdidier

French Advance to Depth Of Six Miles on 20-Mile Front; Take 8,000 Germans
 (By the Associated Press.)
 The French have driven the Germans before them for an important gain east of Montdidier in Picardy. That city, which was the apex of a German salient that now has been wiped out, fell to the French first army at midday Saturday. Before nightfall, according to the French war office statement, the victorious French forces had carried the battle line onward to an average depth of six miles on a front of approximately 20 miles.

FRENCH PATROLS REACH CHAULNES

Town is Principal Railway Center of Germans West of the Somme.

DRIVE SIX MILES DEEP

Petain's Men Continue to Advance Eastward After Capturing Montdidier—Official Statement on Operations.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 10.—(Havas Agency)—French patrols are in Chaulnes, the principal railway center of the Germans west of the Somme river. Many thousands of prisoners were taken when Montdidier was captured.

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON OPERATIONS IN PICARDY.

Paris, Aug. 10.—The French, advancing eastward after their capture of Montdidier at midday have advanced their lines to an average depth of six miles on the front extending from Andechy, which is seven miles northeast of Montdidier, to Elincourt, lying 10 miles southeast of the captured city. The French are showing that after four years of war they have lost none of their dash and courage. They have also proved that the Germans are not always able to plead surprise as an excuse for defeat.

SUDDENNESS OF ATTACK OVERWHELMED GERMANS.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 10.—The French attacked this morning in the section east of Montdidier, between Courcelles-Epaves and the Matz. There was no artillery preparation before the attack.

The Germans were on the alert, but were completely overwhelmed by the suddenness of the attack. By 8 o'clock tanks were in Reson-Sur-Matz and by 11 o'clock the French had taken Morvillers, Cuvilly and Marquessie. At some points the advance was nearly five miles.

ENEMY MYSTIFIED UNTIL AMERICANS WERE DISCOVERED

Were At a Loss to Know Why Resistance Was So Stiff At Chateau-Thierry.

THEY HIT A BRICK WALL

Brilliant Work of Americans Told in Letter From Officer Of the Marines.

MUCH MATERIAL TAKEN

French, Despite Four Years of War, Have Lost None of Former Dash.

GERMANS ON THE ALERT

Expected Attack But Were Unable to Check It.

GERMANS CAUGHT BETWEEN JAWS OF FRENCH VISE

With the French Army in France, Aug. 10.—(Non.)—The Germans at Montdidier are caught between the jaws of a vise which were closing in this morning. Converging attacks from the north yesterday and from the south this morning had succeeded in virtually encircling the town.

COMMANDER OF U-BOAT THAT SANK LUSTANIA IS DEAD

London, Aug. 10.—Lieutenant-commander Schweiger, who commanded the submarine which sank the Lusitania, is dead. His death occurred in September, 1917, according to reports received here. Schweiger, in command of the U-88, was in the Bight of Heligoland with another submarine. Both U-boats submerged and the other commander felt a chain sweeping along the side and believed he had run into an unknown British mine field. A terrific explosion followed. The second boat rose rapidly and signalled for the other. There was no reply. The U-88 has not been heard from since.

FRENCH PENETRATE DEEP INTO THE AUSTRIAN LINES

Roma, Aug. 10.—French troops penetrated deep into the Austrian entrenchments on Monte Sisimol this morning, capturing 250 prisoners, according to an official statement issued by the war office.

AMERICANS PLAY A BRILLIANT PART IN NEW ADVANCE

Allied Forces Now Beyond Their Objectives North of the Somme.

FIGHT BESIDE BRITISH

The British Army in France, Aug. 10.—North of the Ancre the British have firmly established their positions and are pushing out patrols toward Bray.

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Desperate Fighting Takes Place in the Region of Fismette Village, in Which the Americans Are Victors.

WILMINGTON PROMISES RELIEF FOR NORFOLK

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NORFOLK, VA., AUG. 10.—TEMPORARY RELIEF FOR THE ICE FAMINE WAS IN SIGHT

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 10.—Temporary relief for the ice famine was in sight tonight when Wilmington, N. C., and Salisbury, Md., promised daily shipments to aggregate 150 tons. Government officials also announced that it would immediately take steps to bring down several cargoes of Hudson river natural ice to lessen the daily demands of the naval and army bases and depots. The return of warmer weather added to the distress of hundreds forced to do without cool drinking water.

CHINA REFUSES TO RECEIVE THE VATICAN'S APPOINTEE

Peking, Aug. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Chinese government has declined to receive Monsignor Petrelli, recently appointed papal nuncio to China on the ground that he is a personal friend of Admiral von Hintze, German secretary of foreign affairs, and late minister to Peking.

CONTRACT FOR WOODEN SHIPS.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Contracts for 18 wooden cargo vessels and 16 wooden barges were let last week, the shipping board announced today. Fourteen vessels of 3,500 tons each will be built, four of them by John H. Fahey, Jacksonville, Fla., who recently bought the Hillier Steaming Dunn Company's yard. Six of the barges also will be built by Mr. Fahey.

NOW IS THE TIME TO STRIKE THE GERMANS THE GREATEST BLOW

German Peace Offensive Will Have No Bearing On The Attitude of America

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"Keep the Enemy Running," Says March in Statement to Newspaper Men.

Suppress Peace Talk. Says "We Have the Enemy Guessing Now Instead of Guessing Ourselves."

REVIEWS WAR SITUATION

Describes Effect of the Allied Operations.

GERMANS TRY TO REGAIN POSITIONS

Launch Repeated Counter-Attacks Against Franco-Americans Near Fismes.

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