

BRITISH SWEEP TO WITHIN THREE MILES OF CAMBRAI

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A few days ago a leader would have been dubbed insane had he figured on utilizing mounted forces against trench works.

These British infantry poured and spread out, favorite behind taking yard after yard of the "impregnable positions" from the rear.

HINDENBURG DEFENSES SMASHED TO FLINDERS BY TERRIFIC ASSAULTS

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
THE HINDENBURG LINE, Nov. 22. Victorious Britain "carried on" today with her triumphant smashing of the Hindenburg line.

Tanks, cavalry, infantry—all were closing steadily around Cambrai, the great war machine rumbling over the enemy just as the tanks first crushed the way through the German lines.

The Tommies are now almost within reach of the German depot of Cambrai as this dispatch is written.

Every hour makes the British victory more significant in scope, more astounding in its conception and execution.

In some sections of the battle front the fighting is virtually in the open. British troops have been in action. The vast and intricate trench defenses of the Hindenburg line and its subsidiary lines have, in many places, been stormed and the enemy forced into defense from the open.

Literally delirious with joy, 500 civilians repaired to France by the British stroke came back from the front today.

They had been hurriedly removed to Maanere by the Germans and then abandoned. They welcomed the sweating Tommies as they streamed into the town.

With their stories and the tales wrong from German prisoners, still dashed with the surprise of the British blow, it was possible today to piece together some idea of conditions in the luxurious and—surprisingly—impregnable Hindenburg line when General Byng loosed his surprise party.

Not a German had any knowledge of the attack until tanks loomed over their heads. Then they literally "blew up" in panic.

French civilians in towns just behind the lines described the officers and men as running around "like chickens with their heads cut off." The whole army quivered and shook with the suddenness of the thing; the ghostlike steel monsters that battered through cement and earth and human walls, were fearsome giants; the screeching, yelling fiends who followed them were gnomes who suddenly sprang to life out of the ground.

SURPRISE CLOSE TO PANIC
It must have been hours before this pathe of surprise, of fear and of what almost amounted to superstitious panic that something supernatural had occurred passed away among the Germans.

HERD OF CAMOUFLAGED TANKS

The correspondents were summoned to the line during the night. We stood that memorable morning in every light just before dawn, in the midst of great drives of tanks—all camouflaged and bedizened—a veritable multitude of the things.

They were a great herd of gentle-looking stolid creatures that seemed to brood on the grass-covered battlefield, sheltered somewhat by trees whose branches showed some abandoned farm in the Kentucky grass region. One could imagine the tanks either as bovine herds or as cluttered up, dingy looking neglected farm machinery scattered about.

It was still, only a few desultory shells exploded in the distance—the regular, monotonous evening preparations on all the gigantic front. Column after column, mass after mass of men and machines and horses and parapetals had slid through the oily night shadows and were lined up at that moment for the greatest of the war dramas then about to start.

THEN THE "KICK-OFF"
Of a sudden the moment came. It was the "kick-off." Nothing but the tense moment when the ball is put into play no aptly expressed that period.

A little while—and hell broke loose. It was almost preposterous that the Germans in a great many places on their lines did not awaken with the first snorting of the tanks as they crunched great swaths through the British wires. But there were countless instances where it was not until the behemoths themselves, their tongues flaming ahead, their steel bellies flattening the earth, actually came to life.

No wonder he was gazed. The inferno of British artillery did not start until the tanks were well over their first objectives. Then it came, a deluge, a sudden flame, it seemed. From Lens to St. Quentin, I am told today, the British artillery speeded up to feverish violence.

THE POSITION OF TANKS FOUND IT EASY GOING. The general command of the land levathans had sent word to all his crews. "The tank corps expects every tank to do its damndest—and the tanks did. The ground over which they wriggled was almost flat. There were few shell holes. Mighty few of the monsters got stuck. A few were knocked out around Ploegsteert later on when a heavy field gun, muzzle depressed, fired pointblank at a range of 150 yards.

Behind the tanks trooped the infantry, taking it easy, laughing in glee at the astonished Boches and their frenzied cries of "Kamerad" or disregarding staccato machine-gun fire that the more wide-awake—and courageous—of the enemy insured in Nobody else had—that is, against firmly fixed trench defenses.

The cavalry carved itself a niche in the war's history by the two days' work just past. Today they were still carving. Their speed gives them the edge. In several towns captured yesterday the mounted troopers swarmed in while the Boches were lurching.

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TANKS USED IN VICTORY OF UNPRECEDENTED SIZE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22. American army officers who have returned to Washington knew the British were planning to use tanks on an unprecedented scale in the Arras offensive and kept the secret.

The latest improvements in the British tanks will be found on American levathans now being prepared for General Pershing's expeditionary force. Originally adapted from the American caterpillar tractor, the American tanks, which later will lead the Tommies in just such onslaughts as Haig's surprise smash, will be even greater fighting machines, officials intimated.

BRITISH DRIVEN BACK UPON FONTAINE AND ANNEUX, SAYS BERLIN
BERLIN (via London), Nov. 22. "On the western bank of the River Scheldt, the enemy was driven back on Fontaine and Fontaine Notre Dame," declared today's official statement.

FRENCH HURL BACK COUNTER-ATTACK WITH STAGGERING LOSSES
PARIS, Nov. 22. A German counter-attack around Juvin-court was thrown back with staggering losses by the French fire, today's official report asserted.

of the Aisne River, advancing nearly 500 yards toward Laon over a front of about half a mile. Numerous German prisoners were taken. (Advices from Paris today, showing that the French are attacking north of the Aisne River, mean that the defenses of both ends of the Hindenburg line are under assault.

DOESN'T KNOW SHE'S WIDOW

Woman, Hurt in Collision, Kept in Ignorance of Husband's Death
RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 22.—Fearful that the news might impair her chances of recovery, doctors are said to be keeping Mrs. Guston Mueller, of Pittman, N. J., in ignorance of the death of her husband, a contractor and builder, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident at Merry Oaks, N. C.

Mrs. Mueller, who also was seriously hurt, was removed to a hospital and she called repeatedly for her husband, but the doctors have succeeded in keeping news of his death from her. Mueller and his wife were motoring from Florida, when their machine was struck by a Seaboard Air Line train.

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MORE WORK FOR POSTMASTER

Norristown Official Made Accountant for Montgomery County
NORRISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 22.—Postmaster Kneule, of Norristown, has been made central accounting postmaster for Montgomery County. This means that all of the third and fourth class postoffices, numbering 125, become district offices under the supervision of Postmaster Kneule, who is a presidential appointee, and the postmasters of these places must render account to the Norristown office, instead of to Washington, and also get their supplies in Norristown.

BARRACKS FOR DESERTERS AT ARSENAL

Special barracks in which army deserters will be housed pending action by army authorities are to be erected at the Frankford Arsenal at a cost of \$3800. The barracks will accommodate more than 100 men.

MAGISTRATE RAPS BLACKJACKING COP

Watson Tells Policeman He Was Too Free in Use of His Club
Policemen who blackjack citizens on the slightest provocation were severely criticized today by Magistrate Watson. The Magistrate vented his opinion on this practice in the course of the hearing of John Kehoe, of Eleventh street and Columbia avenue. The prisoner wore bandages and several cuts as evidence against Policeman Pachelli, who arrested him.

TEACHERS MUST KEEP POSTED

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Nov. 22.—A teacher who cannot tell her pupils about the world's series or Jess Willard is not doing her full duty, declared Dr. Ezra Lohman, head of the Shippensburg State Normal School, in addressing the Franklin County Teachers' Institute.

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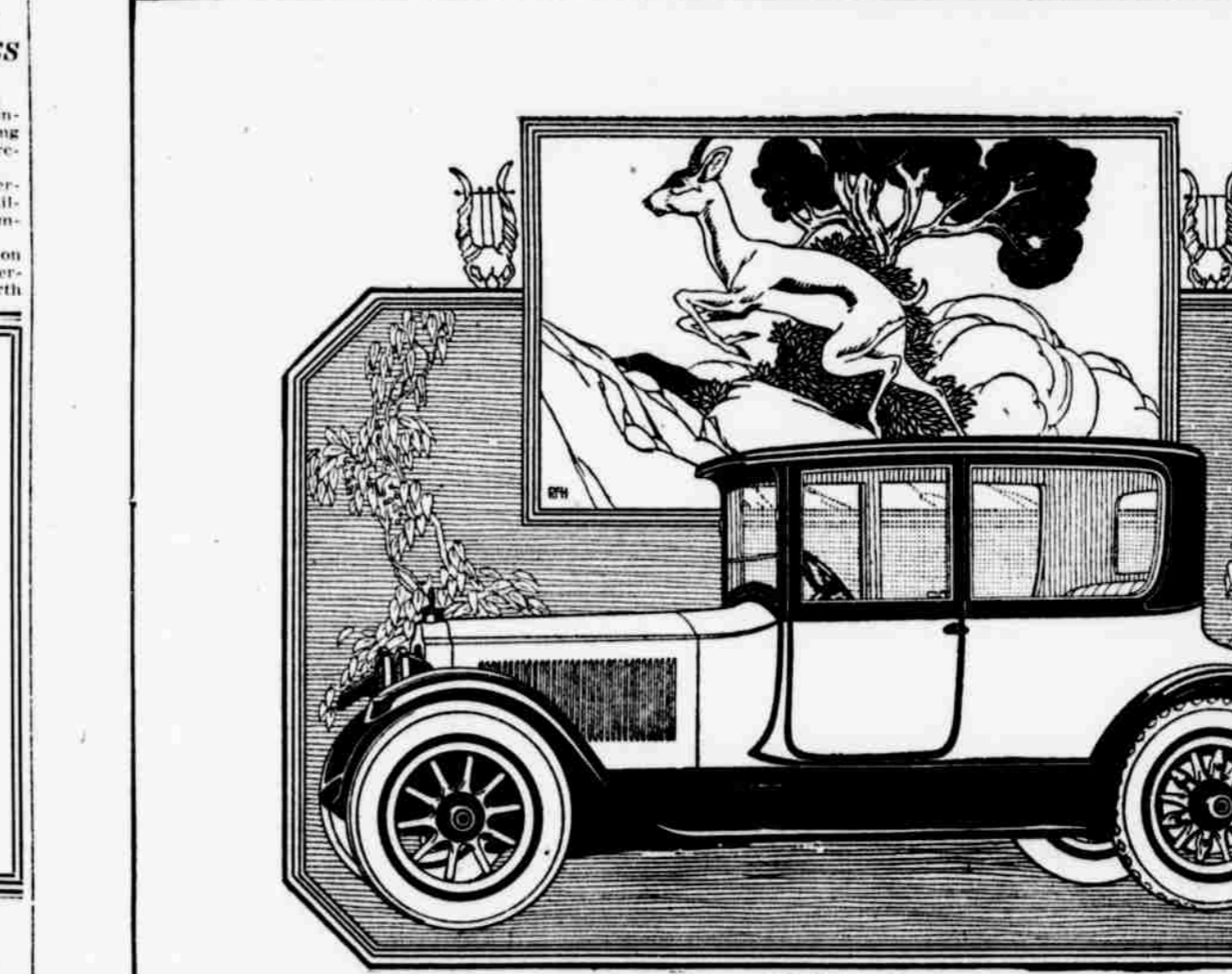
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