

FRENCH GENERALS PRAISE YANKEES

Army Commander Over U. S. Marine Contingent Calls Work Splendid GERMANS CANNOT PASS

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"I am particularly delighted to have American troops under my command. They have fought splendidly, and as a mark of our appreciation, Belleau wood will be henceforth called the wood of the Americans in all army orders."

Reading for Anything Now "A present I can say we are ready for whatever may come. We should launch a big attack on this sector. They will not pass with their canes in their hands. All of us, Americans and French, have taken part in the operations that have been holding the road to Paris. We will not fall in our turn."

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"The brigade commander requested me to order an immediate riposte. I replied, 'I have enough confidence in my men to know that no such order is necessary.' It was not. Before my message could be transmitted to the zone of action, the same troops that had taken the positions were again attacked, and again recaptured the Sepulchre and over 200 prisoners, including the commander of the boche battalion."

"This is the sort of completely surprised. The boche was so surprised by the rapidity of the attack that in some cases he had not time to open fire, and one group of about eight was captured around a wounded man whose arm two of them were in great haste to amputate. The enemy countered, we had time to organize a stout resistance and the result was that the Germans failed completely and left another 150 prisoners behind them."

BEQUESTS TO CHARITIES Will of Samuel B. Vrooman Probated. Estate Valued at \$10,000.

VASE MADE FROM CAST-OFF SHELL



From a shell sent to her from France, Miss Helen B. Niesley, 1239 North Fifty-third street, has had fashioned a holder for flowers



HAIG SMASHES COUNTER BLOW OF GERMANS TO REGAIN HAMEL

Continued from Page One Plans were so perfectly successful that the whole action was completed in an hour or so after its start. Hundreds of prisoners had been sent down under escort, and the road of a brilliant little victory was already being written.

Tanks Aid in Surprise. The tanks, which co-operated with the infantry, were one of the main causes of the surprise and overthrow of the German defenders. The German prisoners, including a battalion commander and two adjutants, are very sick men because they are now in our hands. They confess that up to 3 o'clock they had not the faintest idea they were going to be attacked.

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They were all on the top note of confidence and enthusiasm in believing that victory was going to be easy and quick as soon as the guns got to work. As one of the bombs burst in the German works called the Pear Trench, which bulged out in a small salient, the Australians had to creep up close and lie there before the trench.

They were only a few places where the German machine gunners were to get to work. The infantry followed in waves, loose and close, and gave trouble. One of those positions was in the Pear trench, where no man could get into position, and here the enemy fought stubbornly, firing machine guns with a persistent tattoo until they were crushed by Australians.

Elsewhere some German anti-tank guns fired some rounds, and three or four of the British tanks were put out of action for a while, but the casualties were small, and most of them rounded up large numbers of Germans, sweeping the country with their fire, manœuvring over all this ground with infantry in their wake, and returning safely to the British side of the lines when their morning's work was done.

Charged in Early Dawn. All this happened in a kind of twilight. At 3 o'clock there was a faint light of dawn over the trenches and woods and ten minutes later there was full visibility for 200 yards ahead, as tested by Australian staff officers. In this half light fogged over certain lines by smoke wreaths the Australians made their way, shouting for the enemy to surrender.

In some cases the Germans gave no trouble but held their hands up meekly, coming out of their trenches and dugouts, huddling together without their weapons and showing no sign of fight. They had been utterly surprised and caught so quickly that the Australians were through them and beyond them before they could put up defenses with any hope of holding their ground. They submitted to the inevitable fate that was on them, and were glad to follow their escorts in the area of their own guns should annihilate them.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS ARRIVE IN SIBERIA. Washington, July 5.—American railway engineers have entered Siberia through Vladivostok and Harbin, and are making preparations to begin their work on the Siberian railway, according to advice received today through diplomatic sources.

Great Day for Australians. Meanwhile, on the ground north of the attack other bodies of Australians made raids and demonstrations and small attacks, and in this work of support to the main thrust captured a good many prisoners and machine guns, although that was not really part of their program.

It was a great day for the Australians, and it was a great day for the British army. It was a great day for the Allies. It was a great day for the world.

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AMERICANS DOWN SIX BOCHE PLANES Win Clean Victory in Thrilling Air Fight Near Chateau-Thierry B E A T RICHTHOFFEN

By EDWIN L. JAMES Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. With the American Army on the Marne, July 5.

American aviators have met the Kaiser's best fighting airmen in a sensational scrap near Chateau-Thierry. Six German planes were brought down. We had no losses.

Finland Ready to Fight Allies. Moscow, June 28 (Delayed). The internal situation of the Russian Soviet republic is not a new, but a very serious one. It is a situation of a kind that has not been known in the history of the world.

200,000 UKRAINIANS BATTLE GERMANS. Moscow, June 30 (Delayed). A sanguinary battle is reported to have been fought between German troops and Ukrainian White Guards on one side and peasants on the other. The peasants are said to have numbered 200,000 and to have been equipped with artillery and machine guns.

First Launching at Duluth. Duluth, Minn., July 5.—Three merchant ships were launched from the head of the Lakes Shipyard, as Duluth's and Superior's quota to the Emergency Fleet Corporation. These included the S. S. "Duluth," "Superior" and "Soo."

Newfoundland Loan Floated. At Johns, N. F., July 5.—A \$2,000,000 Newfoundland loan which Newfoundland was asked to issue in six weeks, and which was popularly subscribed in six days. It was announced today that the amount probably would be doubled.

PHOTOPLAYS. STRAND. Sessue Hayakawa in "THE BRAVEST WAY."

THE STANLEY BOOKING CORPORATION. The following theatres obtain their pictures through the STANLEY Booking Corporation, which is a guarantee of early showing of the finest productions.

Wilson Foils New German Peace Drive. The whole event deeply stirred the foreign-born representatives who participated, and marks the beginning, they say, in American Independence Days.

U. S. Artillery Blotted Out Vaux. Continued from Page One. He had seen the ruins of Arras and Bapaume, but that neither ruin was so complete as this.

U. S. PRESS LAUDS PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. Following are newspaper comments on President Wilson's Independence Day address at Mount Vernon.

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His Busy Day. A corpse that won't stay dead. A lovely lady burglar. A reporter who is offered a \$100,000 bribe.

Everybody's MAGAZINE. Begin where it begins in the July Everybody's Magazine.

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