

MANY BATTLES MARK SOMME OFFENSIVE

Ludendorff Tries to Gain Time to Withdraw Guns and Stores

By the United Press With the British Army, Aug. 12. Von Ludendorff is obviously trying to gain time to bring up more reserves in place of the heavy artillery and stores to the front of the Somme.

The Americans are with the British before Bray as this is written. South of the Somme the Australians are pushing on slowly, despite steadily increasing opposition.

Unless Von der Marwitz's army is able to make a stand, the situation may become critical. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Germans are massing beyond Procyart (a mile and a half south of the Somme at Bray).

The Canadians have progressed beyond Chilly (two miles southwest of Chaulnes), cutting the Chaulnes-Roye railway at Hallu, while below this, at Damery (three miles northwest of Noye) I personally witnessed the taking of the last portion of high ground before Noye the English and French co-operating.

The attack began at 9:30 with half an hour's barrage of the British heavy guns, the German reply in kind. The enemy's counter-battery work yesterday showed he has brought up reserve artillery.

Four tanks came up from behind us and charged the woods in plain sight. Enemy shells fell to the left and right, but none of the tanks were hit.

Machine-guns on our left began pouring bullets into the wood, the Germans retaliating blindly. The French began advancing up the hill, crossing the wood in short bursts and then retreating. Meanwhile the British were approaching Damery wood. The tanks were now close up and our barrage was lengthening as it fell in the wood itself.

Since Thursday ten divisions of his already thinned reserve have been identified, making a total of thirty-one divisions engaged since the start.

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Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 12.—German journals refer with indignation to the fact that the President of the Swiss Confederation has declared that the influx of strangers, especially Germans and Austrians, who come to Switzerland, is dangerous to Switzerland itself.

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Two Mangled by Train Bodies Found in Fragments on Reading Track

Mahanoy City, Pa., Aug. 12.—Straw mangled bodies of Cap. Povolitsky, twenty-three years old, and Paul Zuba, thirty-two, were found just above the station here at Mahanoy yesterday.

The bodies were separated by a distance of 200 yards. Povolitsky was recently arrested for attempted housebreaking.

Sumner Reports Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 12.—Westminster Ky. av. B. H. Elev. to water. \$12.50 weekly. CHAS. BAIRD.

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First Session of I. T. U. Devoted to Patriotic Mass-Meeting

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 12.—With delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada in attendance, the annual convention of the International Typographical Union opened in this city last night, when a patriotic mass-meeting was held at the Strand Theatre.

Deaths

Leahy, David J., 210 N. 10th St., died of pneumonia, Aug. 11, 1918, at the age of 65. Buried at St. Ignace Cemetery.

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