

WEATHER FORECAST
Light: Generally fair,
Generally fair and cooler.

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MONTANA—Generally fair tonight and
Thursday, cooler east of divide tonight.

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BRITISH BY SURPRISE ATTACK WIN GREATEST VICTORY

PUNCE ON HINDENBURG LINE TO 5-MILE DEPTH

BRITISH TANKS LEAD THE WAY; INFANTRY FOLLOWS IN SPECTACULAR 5-MILE DASH

With Their Lines Weakened by
Withdrawals, Are Taken Completely by
Surprise. First Attack Without
Preliminary Cannonade.

Thousands of Prisoners Are Taken and Half a
Dozen Towns Restored to France—A Sudden
Push Is Made from St. Quentin to the Scarpe
River, a Sector Which Has Been Compar-
atively Inactive for Months—Attackers Pen-
etrate Two Defensive Systems; Are Stopped
Temporarily by the German Reserves.

British Army Headquarters in France, Nov. 21.—
(The associated press).—The Germans are fight-
ing on their last line of defense at one point of the
British attack. The number of prisoners taken
is far by the British is given at about 5,000 in a
later dispatch filed today at British headquarters.

London, Nov. 21.—The Hindenburg line has been
broken to a depth of four to five miles, the war office an-
nounces. The British troops stormed the first system of
Hindenburg line defenses on the whole front between
St. Quentin and the Scarpe river, a distance of thirty-two
miles. The British infantry and tanks pressed on and
broke the second system of defenses, over a mile be-
hind. The attack was begun yesterday by the third
army. There was no artillery preparation and the Ger-
mans were taken completely by surprise. The second
system of German defenses captured by the British is
known as the Hindenburg support line. The British cap-
tured Benavis, Lameau wood, LaVacquerie, the defenses
known as Welsh ridge and Ribecourt village. Their op-
erations are continuing.

Thousands of prisoners have
been taken. The whole German line
from the Canal Du Nord to the
Cambrai road has been
broken.
Byng in Command.
The British also fought their way
through the Canal Du Nord to the
Cambrai road. The British
Byng is in command of the at-
tack.
The number of tanks moved for-
ward in the advance of the infantry
was opened and broke
successive belts of German
defenses, which were of great
strength.
The towns of Havincourt, Mar-
tin, Graincourt and Anneu and
had been captured by the

Charge of the Tanks.
Announcement follows:
Yesterday morning the Third Army,
commanded by Gen. Sir Julian
Byng, delivered a number of attacks
on the Hindenburg line. The River
Scarpe was crossed and the
These attacks were carried
out without previous artillery prepara-
tion. In each case the enemy was
completely surprised.
The British troops have broken into
the Hindenburg line to a depth of be-
hind and have captured several thou-
sands of prisoners, with a number of
Our operations are continuing.
The hour of assault on the prin-

TANK ORIENT BEATEN AND ROBBED; WIFE LOSES GEMS

Bandits With Guns Steal
Diamonds, Oriet
Severely Wounded
Because He Was Slow
Putting Up His Hands.
Granite street these four men jumped
out. There were two guns in the
crowd. One of the men told us to
throw up our hands. My right hand
was in my pocket and I got caught
in the line. Because I was slow one
of the robbers hit me in the back of
the head with the butt of his gun.
I remember that they tore a
diamond ring from my finger and two
from my wife's fingers. I had presence
of mind enough to drop my watch
down the leg of my trousers and I
saved that. Someone helped me to my
feet and I woke up at the hospital's
statements. She mourns the loss of
her rings, which are said to be worth
about \$450. Oriet's ring was valued
at about \$250.
The police are investigating and expect
to make arrests shortly.

IRON GIANTS AGAIN PROVE THE MASTERS

Gladiators of Steel, the British
Tanks. Sweep Over All
Obstacles.

INFANTRY SWARMS BEHIND
THE ADVANCING MONSTERS

At Late Hour Today the British
Advance Was Still in
Progress.

British Army Headquarters in
France, Tuesday, Nov. 20.—(By the
associated press).—The redoubtable
Hindenburg line in the Cambrai sector
was broken in many places today by
the great force of the British tanks,
and this afternoon the infantry which
followed through the gaps is still bat-
tling its way forward.

The surprise attack was launched at
dawn over a wide front. In the first
few hours its progress was marked
with evident success and up to the
latest reports received at this time
(4 p. m.) had been moving along
regularly according to schedule.

The resistance offered by the dazed
Germans this morning was negligible
and by noon British pioneers already
were at work laying roads across the
old front line trenches while prisoners
in considerable numbers had begun
to come back from various directions.
The casualties of the attacking forces
thus far have been light. Great num-
bers of German dead lie before the
main Hindenburg trench, where the
hesitant enemy, taken unawares,
made a half-hearted attempt to stem
the onrushing Britons.

An Innovation.

The battle was an innovation for
the western front, for it was begun
without any preliminary artillery
work. Upon the army tanks rested
the responsibility for opening the de-
fense and they fulfilled all expecta-
tions. The iron giants went through
tremendous lines of barbed wire en-
tanglements in front of the main
Hindenburg positions and over the
trenches as though they were on
parade.

Swarm Behind the Tanks.

The tanks started forward at 6:20
o'clock and by 11:30 the British in-
fantry which had swarmed into the
holes made by the mighty engines was
engaging the enemy in open fighting
along the Hindenburg support line.
Up to noon today there had been
no hard fighting and the Ger-
man artillery fire had been very
weak.

The Germans surrendered freely in
numerous places and several hun-
dreds were brought in during the first
few hours of fighting.

Two attempted counter attacks were
smashed by the British infantry in
the early hours, where one company
of Germans essayed an advance.

Still Going.

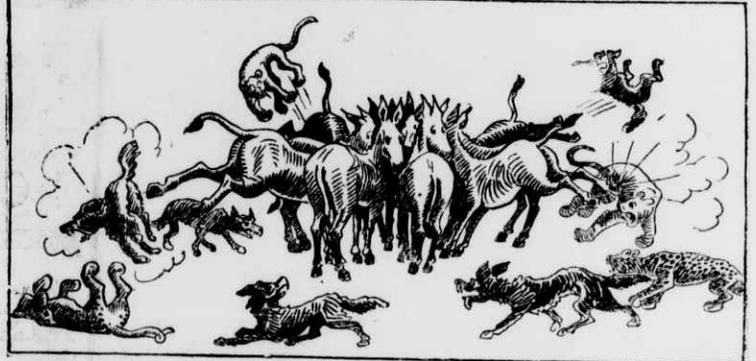
The tanks this afternoon, followed
by infantry, were continuing their
journey into enemy country.
Prisoners admit ruefully that the
attack was a surprise to them and
caught many of them in their digouts.
The secrecy with which the British
made their preparations was one of
the most striking features of the of-
fensive. Guns, tanks and troops were
moved into the Cambrai sector at
night and carefully hidden during the
day.

GERMAN ACKNOWLEDGES AMERICA'S GREAT PART

But for This New Hope, He
Says, Entente Would
Break.

Amsterdam, Nov. 21.—Theodor
Wolf, in the Berlin Tageblatt, con-
cludes a long article on France's re-
liance in America by saying:
"Inasmuch as France probably will
be unable to tap fresh resources,
Clemenceau, too, must pin his faith on
America's aid. If hope on America's
did not exist, there not only would
there have been long since outbreaks
of moral crises in all the entente coun-
tries, but an unmistakable readiness in
the direction of peace would prevail."
"It is now shown how foolish were
the German arguments that America's
entry into the war was immaterial
and would not prolong the war."

STRATEGY



The South American mules, writes Ernest Dugas, when attacked by wolves and panthers, have developed the instinct to form a ring, putting their heads together and their heels to the enemy.



The Russians put their heels together, bray at the enemy, and kick one another.

8,000 NATIONAL ARMY MEN HAVE BEEN SENT EAST FROM CAMP LEWIS

Nearly All the Montanans of the First, Second and Third
Contingents Were Among Those Who Have Already De-
parted for Eastern Camps. They May See Fighting in the
War Zone Before Members of the Ninety-first Division.

Tacoma, Nov. 21.—A heavy percentage of drafted men from Mont-
ana are no longer at Camp Lewis but have been sent to eastern
camps. Very few of the first, second and third contingents sent
from the Treasury state remain here. Official release has been made
at the office of Maj. Gen. H. A. Greene, in command of the Tacoma
army camp, of the fact that 8,000 men drafted from the Western
department have been transferred from Camp Lewis to other camps,
and may see service in France before those of the 91st division.

The places to which the western men
have been sent are being withheld.
The movement being now completed,
the men at the destination, per-
mission to publish was given.

Movement Completed.

The last of the 8,000 troops left Camp
Lewis a week ago. For eight days
previous to that date the movement
had been in progress. The men were
drawn from the depot brigade training
battalions, and hence were of the third
and fourth quotas in main part. The
depot brigade has consequently been
considerably reduced and the entire
brigade is now housed together on the
north side. The arrival of the Four-
teenth and Forty-fourth infantry reg-
iments, regulars, brought the total
of men in camp back to about 40,000.
John A. Walsh, a member of the
military police at Camp Lewis, shot
himself through the head last night
following several days of illness and
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AUSTRIANS AGREE TO SPARE CITY OF VENICE

Announcement is Made as Re-
sult of Appeal From
Vatican.

Paris, Nov. 21.—The Matin says that
the Austrians have agreed to spare
Venice, in response to an appeal from
the Vatican, but say that all authority
must be left in the hands of the
patriarch. It is certain, the newspaper
adds, that Venice will not be defended
in the event that a further retreat of
the Italian forces becomes necessary.
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BEGIN WITHOUT FIRING SINGLE ARTILLERY SHOT

AMERICA STOPS SUPPLIES FOR THE RUSSIANS

Big Sugar Cargo is Seized in
an American Port and
Turned Back.

MAXIMALISTS SAID TO
HAVE WITHDRAWN IN WAR

Cossack General is Approach-
ing Moscow With a
Big Force.

The Russian Maximalist govern-
ment has declared Russia out of
the war, according to information
from German and Scandinavian
sources. A dispatch to Copen-
hagen from Berlin says that the
belief is held in German sources
that the prospects for a peace of
conciliation are far better than
previously.

The United States government has
taken action to stop for the present the
export of further supplies on behalf
of the Russian government. Cargoes
of supplies destined for Russia were
seized by government officials today.

COSSACK GENERAL IS MARCHING ON MOSCOW

Washington, Nov. 21.—Swedish press
reports on the situation in Russia
received today said General Kaledine,
with an army of Cossacks, was moving
against Moscow, where 8,000 persons
were reported to have been killed in
plots. The state department has an
official information to confirm the
reports.

10,000 TONS OF SUGAR TURNED BACK

New York, Nov. 21.—Ten thousand
tons of sugar which had been pur-
chased for the imperial Russian gov-
ernment before the revolution and
stored in a warehouse here was seized
today by Federal Administrator George
M. Rolph. It will be placed on the
market immediately and will be dis-
tributed to retailers by the American
Refiners' Sugar committee.

GERMANS MUST QUIT CAPITAL BY MIDNIGHT

Those Who Went There Since
War Began Must Leave
Before Midnight.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Today is the
last that natives of Germany who have
not obtained their final naturalization
papers, and who have come to Wash-
ington since war was declared on
April 6, may remain in this city. Ger-
mans whose residence at the national
capital antedates the war declaration
will have until Dec. 31 to pack up
their goods and go away.

After midnight tonight every Ger-
man remaining here against these or-
ders will be arrested and held for in-
terment. There was a rush of un-
naturalized Germans to the courts to-
day for information as to their status.

GUARDING DOCKS.

Private guards went on duty at im-
portant docks and piers today on or-
ders of Attorney General Gregory un-
der President Wilson's proclamation
barring Germans from water fronts.

Department of justice officials said
troops would not be used generally as
guards. They probably will be em-
ployed at Boston, New York, Baltimore,
Philadelphia, Newport News, Norfolk
and a few other ports.
A movement of alien enemies from
(Continued on Page Six.)

BUTTE PRISONERS TO BE INTERNEED IN THE EAST

Harloff Will Be Taken to New
York Along With a Carload
of Other Suspected Germans
Gathered Up in Northwest.

Bernard C. Harloff, German subject
and companion of Carl Pohl, held here
under internment, will be taken to
Helena tonight by Immigration In-
spector Thomas Topping. During the
week Harloff will be sent to New York
for internment for the period of the
war. Harloff is to go to New York
in a special car carrying interned Ger-
mans from the west. About 20 men will
be in the party bound for internment.
The special car with Germans whose
internment has been ordered will pass
through Helena the latter part of the
week, the movement being kept secret.
Men in the car and under guard of
federal secret service agents will be
from San Francisco and other coast
points.
Inspector Topping today gave no
word as to the time of the Pohl hear-
ing, which has been indefinitely post-
poned. The hearing was originally set
for Nov. 15. Inspector Topping says
it is hardly possible that the hearing
will be set for some time yet, as he
intends to make a trip to the Atlantic
coast for further evidence before the
hearing.
It is not known whether the spe-
cial car of Germans will contain men
from Montana other than Harloff. It
is declared that Pohl will not be taken
from the state for the time being.