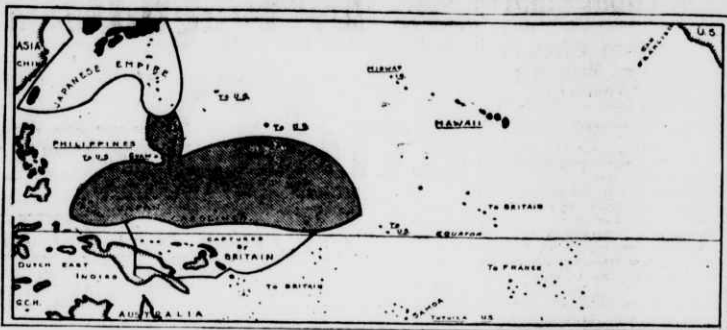


JAPAN GETS DOMINATING WEDGE INTO PACIFIC BY SEIZING GERMAN ISLANDS



The darkened area shows the 100,000 square miles of territorial waters in the Pacific Japan has captured from Germany. Nippon would like to keep these islands to "insure the peace of the East."

BY G. CHARLES HODGES.

San Francisco, Cal.—The 100,000 square miles of territorial waters in the Pacific captured by Japan from Germany give the command of the Pacific to the mikado's land.

Will Japan be able to keep this wedge of empire she has driven into the South Seas—extending from the Philippines nearly to Hawaii and to the equator.

While at first it was not expected that Japan would operate beyond the China seas, the world learned by October, 1914, that Nippon had seized all the German islands in the Pacific north of the equator.

The British already had occupied the portions of the Kaiser's colonial empire north of Australia. Though there was talk of Japan turning some of the island groups she captured over to Britain for joint control until the war's end, today Nippon remains substantially supreme above the equator on the Pacific.

Japan, because of the great war, now holds four groups of islands in the Pacific. Should they be her

spoils of war, these archipelagos would give Nippon command of all access to the east from the Pacific. The northernmost group lies but 200 miles below the southernmost part of the Japanese empire. The Marianas have great possibilities, covering an area of 245 square miles of land, inhabited by only 2,500 South Sea Islanders.

Just east of our Philippine possessions lie the Palau and the Caroline islands. The Palau have an extent of 175 square miles of land, with a population slightly larger than that of the Marianas. The Carolines, double the size of the Palau, contain 36,000 Malayan inhabitants, with Chinese and Japanese blood intermixed.

These archipelagos run out into the Pacific from the far east, connecting with the Marshall Islands, which are but 1,200 miles from Hawaii at the closest point.

The Marshalls turn southeastward toward the equator in two parallel chains. The 33 islands in the two rows total 160 square miles of land upon which live about 15,000 people. The four archipelagos, as one Japanese leader says, afford "a series of

excellent naval bases on which Japan may establish the peace of East Asia. "If Japan were to lose these naval bases she would at once be placed in a perilous position, even in peace time."

Nippon is building up her interests here, anticipating the great economic advantages of the Micronesians after the war. She has taken over the phosphate mines on Angaur. She is making economic surveys.

In the fostering of her interests, Nippon has brought South Sea island chiefs to Japan, where the mikado's land has been shown them.

The possession of the four Micronesian groups brings their holder nearly 2,000 miles closer the Pacific coast of America. The fall of Germany in this quarter of the world has destroyed the balance of power on the Pacific. As Pacific neighbors, the United States and the Netherlands—with her rich Dutch Indies—have a great interest in the attempts of Japan, Britain, and Germany to retain this spoil of the great war.

forced the Germans from the trenches in hand-to-hand fighting.

Many Surrendered.

German resistance on the first day was comparatively weak as a whole and they surrendered freely in many places. Yesterday their lines stiffened and hard fighting followed. German reinforcements from Lens and the two companies of invalids already mentioned were thrown into the line.

The first counter attack came over the ridge from the northeast of Masnières. The enemy advanced in massed formation as in the early days of the war.

Counter Attacks Withered.

The British had concentrated a large number of machine guns at this point and were hoping for a counter attack. They permitted the enemy to advance to within a thousand yards of the line before they opened fire. Then the machine guns and artillery were turned on the Germans and they were smashed in a withering storm.

At 1 o'clock an attack on Maroing was attempted by the enemy, but, as in the former case, they were caught in a heavy artillery and machine gun fire and they turned back after suffering severely.

A Bayonet Attack.

An hour later another body of Germans advanced on Noyelles, which was held by one company of British troops. Here some of the stiffest fighting of the battle took place at close quarters. Both sides rushed up reinforcements, and for two hours the battle raged back and forth through the streets and among the buildings. It was a melee in which the bayonet played the principal part. The Germans fought well, but they were not good enough to withstand the fury of the British assault and gradually they were forced back across the canal to the east.

High Officer Taken.

Among the prisoners taken by the British were several officers who were brought in the regimental headquarters. The regimental commander was captured and it is reported that his advent into the British lines was a particularly humorous spectacle. He came tramping back, clad in an elaborate fur coat, followed by two servants who carried more of his finery. He was wearing mud at the turn of events. The sight of a company of British cavalry threw him almost into a frenzy and the lurid language which he directed at the British drew a smile from even the hardened Tommy, who has a somewhat picturesque vocabulary of his own.

Civilians of Masnières.

Civilians who were released from Masnières today told something of their experiences in the last three years. They rejoiced at their new freedom and their joy was expressed still more when they were told the subject of their deliverance was brought up. It was a motley crowd which came out of this place—people in all conditions and from many walks of life. Among them was the mayor, M. Leslin, a middle-aged man, who acted as spokesman. The first learned of the approach of the British from machine gun fire in the distance. They were immediately thrown into a state of excitement and watched for the coming of their friends from every vantage point available.

They had their first sight of the advancing forces at the bridgehead and saw coming with the attacking troops strange monsters which they never dreamed existed. They were the great tanks, and the people stared in amazement at these mighty engines plowed their way forward.

Only 350 Germans were holding the town and all except a few left in the cellars withdrew five minutes before the British entered. With the civilians who greeted the British were two Ger-

Resinol

would help your poor complexion
Does a poor complexion stand between you and popularity—good times—success? Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap do not work miracles, but they do make red, rough, pimply skins, clearer, fresher, and more attractive. Use them regularly, for a few days and see how your complexion improves. Sold by all druggists.

ALASKA BOAT IS HARD AGROUND

Spokane, Which Carries Wrecked People of Phipps, Stranded.

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—Passengers of the Alaska liner Spokane, which was wrecked here today, were taken off by the tugboat May and brought to shore at Idol Point, B. I. The passengers were taken off by the tugboat May and brought to shore at Idol Point, B. I. The passengers were taken off by the tugboat May and brought to shore at Idol Point, B. I.

Spokane, Nov. 23.—Passengers of the Alaska liner Spokane, which was wrecked here today, were taken off by the tugboat May and brought to shore at Idol Point, B. I. The passengers were taken off by the tugboat May and brought to shore at Idol Point, B. I. The passengers were taken off by the tugboat May and brought to shore at Idol Point, B. I.

CARRIES WORD OF HOPE TO THE FRENCH

continued From Page One.)
from the shadow and the sword. We have in material gain. What we want assurance of permanent peace tramp of our soldiers upon the France will be heard ever in until it is achieved. Here that our brave men to mingle our blood with it is here that all come to inspiration from your heroic president and our country see clearly and France may count on every resource which at our command."

SURE WAY.
cut down my wife's al-
leaving any money in my pockets at night."

THE DA BARA IN THE ROSE OF BLOOD

COATS AND DRESSES

—AT—
1/3 OFF

THE FLORENCE CO.
115 West Park A. Musser, Manager

BRITISH SWEEP OVER BIG AREA

Nearly 9,000 Prisoners Taken. Fighting is Still in Progress.

(Continued From Page One.)

the aspect of scenes in wars gone by. It is no longer a conflict of trenches and shell holes, but of men struggling with rifles and bayonets over a virgin battle ground, while the long neglected cavalry sweeps in picturesque charges against the enemy positions over the wide territory involved.

The roads everywhere for two days have been swarming with advancing troops and with prisoners and civilians coming back from the front. Many rejoicing non-combatants, men, women and children, have been pouring out of the captured towns under the guidance of their deliverers from German bondage.

Refugees Coming Back.

This has been a battle of strange sights, but no more striking spectacle has been witnessed than that of these people marching toward homes and comfort back of the British front. Through the very gaps which the tanks had torn in the famous Hindenburg line, mothers yesterday and today were pushing baby carriages containing infants or tramping happily along with their babies clutched to their breasts. Beside them toddled other youngsters, many of them carrying their treasured dolls and not a few clinging determinedly to squirming puppies which they dared not trust to run on the ground. Old men and women were bringing away all the household effects they could pack on pushcarts or carry on their backs.

Charging a Battery.

Hard fighting has taken place today at Masnières, southeast of Maenieres. The British were holding a high ridge in front of this place and some troops had forced an entrance into the western part of the town. The Germans were still holding the eastern section. A German battery here which had been giving trouble was charged and captured by dismounted cavalry men. The battery was surrounded by heavy barbed wire entanglements precluding the use of horses, so the soldiers stormed the position on foot and annihilated the gun crews.

Still Fighting on.

In the region of Rumilly heavy machine gun and rifle fighting was proceeding last night and this morning. West of Cambrai tanks, cavalry and infantry were pressing the attack vigorously about Fontaine Notre Dame and the strong position in Bourlon wood. Fontaine Notre Dame has not been officially reported captured, but the story goes that tank crews were served with hot coffee by the civilians in this place this morning.

(Field Marshal Haig's official report Thursday night said the Germans had retaken Fontaine Notre Dame.) Further north, Bullecourt the British were in possession of the entire underground fortification known as the tunnel trench, which had been famed for its supposed impregnability. At least five determined counter attacks have been smashed in this region. Southeast of Bullecourt hard fighting occurred at Moeuvres last night and a strong counter attack was repulsed. The last line of trench defenses in the region of Cantain has been broken and the British today were firmly established at many points in the Masnières-Beaurains line south of Cambrai.

The Fight at Masnières.

It is now possible to give more details of Tuesday's battle. In the advance south of Cambrai the first hard fighting occurred at Lateau wood, which lies on the Cambrai highway south of Masnières. This wood finally was cleared of Germans and the advance continued toward Masnières. Some opposition was encountered in a suburb, but by 1 o'clock this had been overcome and the British had crossed the L'Escaut canal at a lock. The small German garrison fought bitterly to retain Masnières. The whole place was undermined with dugouts in which the enemy was hidden with machine guns, but the Germans were forced to give up this place after a sanguinary struggle, although some of them were still holding out in the cellars today.

Maroing was taken with small resistance on the part of the enemy and this gave the British a second crossing of the canal. The advancing troops forced a passage here at the same hour as Masnières was entered. The Masnières-Beaurains trench line north of Masnières apparently had been reinforced by Germans from Cambrai, and this front held up the advance temporarily with rifle and machine gun fire, but the British alternately

Special Thanksgiving Sale Aluminum Utensils

That Are Guaranteed for 20 Years

Seamless, one-piece, no joints or solder to leak or give away. The kind that saves time, fuel, food and money. The first cost is more than enamel ware, but once purchased it will last a lifetime. This 20-Year Guaranteed Aluminum Ware has a smooth surface and when polished looks like silver.



Aluminum Tea Pot Like Illustration \$2.75

Tea pot with tea ball and ebony handle. Special \$2.75

Aluminum Rice Boiler Like Cut \$2.25

Two and a half quart size pure aluminum 20-year guarantee rich boiler.

It's impossible to properly cook rice or other cereals without a double boiler. This combination gives you two separate pans. Special at \$2.25

Aluminum Percolator Like Cut, for Only \$2.25

Octagon shape, and it's worth \$3.00. Can't be excelled by any on the market for its delightful and healthful coffee-making.

Guaranteed for 20 years. Sale \$2.25

Wire waste paper baskets; 14 inches high with opening at top of 13 inches \$2.25



Guaranteed Motor Washer \$22.50

Vernis Martin all-gold finish motor; extra well made; family size; run by city water pressure; turn on the water and back and forth goes the tub; \$3 down delivers it \$22.50

Coal Hods at 45c

All-new japanned coal hods; worth 75c; on sale for only 45c



5c for 10c Fire Shovels—japanned fire shovels with good length handle; sale price is only 5c

\$1.95 for a \$3.50

Genuine Cut Glass

Fruit Bowl

Similar to the Cut.

Made of good quality, genuine cut glass, new flower designs in rock crystal effects and all over cuttings in neat designs; new designs in 8-inch berry bowls of genuine cut glass; worth \$3.50. \$1.95

New Patterns Genuine Cut

Glass 1-2 Usual Prices

Genuine Cut Glass Sugar and Creamer, Similar to Illustration; Worth \$2.00. Special Only 95c



They are made of the finest quality genuine cut glass, satin finish, flower and lily design, and all hand-cutting, in the popular rock crystal effects; a novel design and brand new patterns; all perfect and genuine cut glass; it's a \$2.00 value our price is below the usual wholesale cost. Two pieces, sugar and creamer, only 95c

50c for 8x13-Inch Blue Steel Covered Roasters

Shiners FURNITURE-HARDWARE

\$1.75 for Oval Shape 10x16-Inch Covered Roasters

WITNESSES TELL OF DE SAULLES SHOOTING

(Continued From Page One.)

the room for little Jack, her son. She said she had come to take the boy with her, Ward testified. A conversation ensued, witness said, in which both parties contended they were legally entitled to custody of the boy during August. Ward said he heard De Saulles make positive refusals to yield custody of the youngster whereupon, he declared, Mrs. De Saulles said:

"Then there is only one thing to do." "Then I saw the flash of the shots from Mrs. De Saulles' revolver," said the witness.

"What did you do?" he was asked. "As soon as I could collect myself I rushed over to Mrs. De Saulles and grasped her arm," he answered. "What did she say?" was the next question.

said Mrs. De Gener. "I was four steps from the bottom when Mrs. DeSaulles entered. We spoke to each other and she said she wished to talk to her husband."

This was in contradiction with the testimony of other witnesses who declared the defendant's first inquiry into entering the home was about her son. Constable Leonard Thorne, who arrested Mrs. De Saulles an hour after the shooting, testified she exclaimed: "My God, My God!" when told her former husband had died.

Maj. Arthur B. De Saulles of South Bethlehem, Pa., father of the dead man, testified that Mrs. De Saulles said, "Then take that," as she fired the revolver shots. A controversy over the possession of the boy had immediately preceded this remark, he said. This terminated when De Saulles turned away from her, saying it was "no use to discuss the matter any further."

De Saulles testified that he received a note from the jail physician the morning after the shooting, advising him not to confine Mrs. De Saulles in a cell "because of her extreme nervousness."

"Since she has been in jail, has Mrs. De Saulles ever asked for her boy?" asked the witness.

"Many times," replied Seaman. "The witness said Mrs. De Saulles was 'very pale' after the shooting. He added that her calmness in consideration of the circumstances greatly surprised him."

GREAT NUMBER OF TANKS IN GRAND FLEET

London, Nov. 23.—Nothing has been announced here officially or unofficially concerning the number of machines constituting the "grand fleet" of tanks employed in Tuesday's advance, but the number apparently has been greater than in any one previous action. Casualties of the tanks are described as slight.

One writer says that "a number" were knocked out by direct hits from German big guns. Another says that some were overturned by shell fire and others were bogged. One or two buried their noses in the soft earth or turned over in trying to climb down steep banks. One fell into a canal, but it is evident that the great majority plunged ahead unhindered.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE POST

SKIN TROUBLES
That Itch and Burn
Quickly Relieved by
CUTICURA SOAP
and Ointment 25c. Each