

War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

THE CAPTURE OF COMBLES.

LONDON, Sept. 27. The capture of Combles was the most picturesque incident in the whole course of the great Somme offensive and marked the opening to-day of the forward surge of the British and French forces, which reached its climax in the capture of Gueducourt and Thiepval. All night long bitter fighting had been in progress at various points on the front, and with dawn the battles broadened to include the whole of British left. Combles fell as the sun rose on the perfect summer day. Sitting in the midst of high hills the town was isolated yesterday by the seizing of the high ground on either side by the French and British. They took an orchard in the northern outskirts, and then, after a heavy preliminary shelling, they charged the trenches on the edge of the village. The trenches were empty when they reached them. At the same time the French dashed forward on the other side of the village pushed victoriously forward into the heart of the village. In the main street the soldiers of the two nations met and joyously shook hands, calling out to each other, "Parlez-vous," and "how do you do?" Combles had a labyrinth of dugouts and well fortified cellars, but at the last practically no defence was made. Those Germans who had not managed to escape when the town was hopelessly surrounded were taken prisoners. The cellars and dugouts of the village were full of wounded who found security there from the furious fighting on the slopes and ridges. Having cleared Combles of any stray Germans, the British and French moved on side by side to further attacks. One of the most striking features of the fighting last night and to-day was the surprisingly slight resistance offered at Morval and Combles by the Germans, according to all reports made by the British officers.

GREEK TORPEDO BOAT JOINS REVOLUTIONISTS.

LONDON, Sept. 27. The Greek torpedo boat destroyer Louchi managed to leave the fleets and reach the open sea, where it headed for either Canva or Saloniki, to join the national defence movement, says the Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent.

MORE REVOLUTIONISTS.

PARIS, Sept. 27. Greek troops in Canva to the number of 4,000 have joined the revolutionists, according to a despatch from Athens. Only a Colonel, a few other officers and 23 of the men remained loyal to the Government.

FRENCH SUCCESS SOUTH OF THE SOMME.

PARIS, Sept. 27. A brilliant attack east of Verdun-ovillers has succeeded in capturing a strongly fortified wood, according to an official statement issued to-day.

BRITISH TAKE MANY PRISONERS.

LONDON, Sept. 27. Between three and four thousand prisoners were taken by the British in Monday's and Tuesday's fighting on the Somme front, according to General Haig's report of Tuesday night. The report says: The battle continued violently during the day over the whole front between the Somme and the Ancre. Our troops were successful everywhere, carrying out their attacks more brilliantly. During the last 48 hours between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken.

THINK CONSTANTINE HAS BEEN MISJUDGED.

ATHENS, Sept. 27. The French press of Athens, which for the past month has been sharply assailing King Constantine and flouting every suggestion that he could honestly be desirous of Greece giving in to the Entente Allies, was silent this morning. The entire Greece Ex-

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SOLDIERS WANT

Capt. Brooks, of No. 4 Company, 7th Battalion, writing from the front, says: "My men would be very grateful to someone who would send them Zam-Buk."

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ente situation has changed overnight, and it is reported that the entry of Greece into the war has suddenly become a mere question of days on the terms King Constantine indicated to the Associated Press on August 31st, namely the guarantee of the integrity of Greece and a loan sufficient to equip the army and cover the cost of mobilization. The Associated Press learns that the diplomats' indifference and that of their Governments and the bitterness of the press of the Entente Powers was due to their suspicion of the sincerity of King Constantine's desire to enter the war, which was based on a private conversation between the King and the Entente diplomats almost a month ago, and which the Entente Governments are said to have insisted on regarding as revealing the true attitude of the monarch, despite repeated official and unofficial assurances to the contrary. The publication of the King's declaration to the Associated Press first opened the eyes of the Entente representatives to the possibility that they might be misjudging King Constantine and finally led to a franker explanation which cleared up the whole situation. The offer of the present Cabinet to reorganise itself to meet the desires of the Entente by dropping any unacceptable members who might be indicated, to which the Entente merely failed to reply, is said at last to be considered as an earnest of the sincerity of the Greek monarch's intentions, and that the silence which had been inflicted on Greece since the fall of the Zaimis Ministry is to end immediately. An editorial says that war should be declared on Bulgaria without waiting mobilization, unless the matter of the return of the Greek soldiers made prisoners by the Bulgarians and sent to Germany is settled within a period of hours.

SERBIANS REPULSE BULGARIANS.

PARIS, Sept. 27. The Serbians have repulsed three Bulgarian attacks on Katmaklan Hechna, according to an official statement dealing with Salonika.

REFUSES APPOINTMENT.

PEKING, Sept. 27. Former Premier Tang Shao Yi, recently appointed Chinese Foreign Minister, has refused to accept the portfolio. The reason for his declination, he declares, is that the opposition of the military party to him would make harmony impossible in the Cabinet.

AUSTRIANS AT TRIESTE TIRED OF THE WAR.

MILAN, Sept. 27. Austrian officers and soldiers who have arrived in Trieste from the Carso plateau are reported from Trieste to have said that they are tired of the war. They say they can stand no longer. News of the fall of Gorizia was received with general gloom by officers and men. They ask what is the use of continuing the war, considering the soldiers want to know what object is to be gained by continuing the conflict. Communication with Austria has been practically severed. Pola has been evacuated by the civilian population, and the people of the entire peninsula are practically without war news. Dysentery and other ailments are rampant in Trieste and other towns.

BERLIN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, Sept. 27. After unusually severe fighting on the Somme front, in which the Allies suffered heavy losses, they captured Thiepval, and gained ground on both sides of Conrolette, the war office announced to-day. Attacks further east were repulsed by the Germans.

PRISONERS TAKEN.

British Front in France, Sept. 27.—The total number of prisoners for what is regarded in all quarters as the best two days the British army has had in France, approaches 8,000. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in Thiepval and the Hohenzollern work. In a military sense this work lying between Thiepval and Conrolette is regarded as more important than the crushed ruins of the village. Here at the hinge of the battlefront, at the old first line fortifications, all the power the guns could command has fought against every art of modern defence. The German dugouts, which were so deep that 12 inch high explosive shells could not penetrate them, had their doors closed in by debris from explosions, indeed, the British shells fired from the front trench eventually locked the Germans in their refuges under cover of their curtain, appeared, at the remaining opening discovered at the moment when they were all connected with underground galleries, and marched out the occupants as prisoners. The tanks, or new armoured motor cars, assisted the attack, overwhelming the machine gun positions, taking Thiepval and the

ZOLLERN WORK MEANS THAT THE GERMAN GUN POSITIONS AROUND GRANDCOURT AND IN THE VALLEY OF THE ANCRE HAVE BEEN REVEALED.

BRILLIANT AIR FEAT.

PARIS, Sept. 27. Sub-Lieut. Nungesser, of the aviation service, whose exploits have made him the best known of French aerial fighters, outdid his previous achievements yesterday by bringing down two German aeroplanes and a captive balloon. This brings up to 17 the number of aircraft destroyed by this aviator, the official announcement says.

ANOTHER WINTER CAMPAIGN.

PARIS, Sept. 27. It does not seem probable that another winter campaign is avertable, says La Liberté. Joseph Thierry, Under Secretary for subsistence in the War Department, the newspaper adds, has made all necessary arrangements for supplying the troops with garments, blankets and other essentials for winter warfare. These have been going to the front at the rate of eight cars a day since September 15th.

THE GREEK MINISTRY.

LONDON, Sept. 27. The Greek Ministerial Council held at Athens yesterday evening, says a wireless from the Greek capital, will be followed by the resignation of the Kalogeropoulos Cabinet, and by the issue of a proclamation from King Constantine to the Greek nation.

NEW WAR LOAN ISSUED.

LONDON, Sept. 27. The British Treasury announces a prospectus for the issue of three-year Exchequer bonds, paying 6 per cent, to be issued soon.

BRITAIN'S REPLY ON THE WAR.

LONDON, Sept. 27. The Foreign Office stated to-day that the British reply to the American note regarding censorship of mails, is on the way to Washington.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Sept. 27. The British steamer Bronwen is sunk, Lloyds announced to-day.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Sept. 27. An official issued to-day by the British War Department regarding military operations in the Balkans, says: Beyond the usual artillery and patrol activity, there were no developments on the Doiran front.

10.30 A.M.

CARPATHIA RETURNS FOR REPAIRS.

LIVERPOOL, To-Day. The Cunard liner Carpathia, which sailed for New York yesterday, returned to dock to-day. Her sailing has been cancelled. It is announced that her return was for examination and repairs. The passengers go forward on another steamer.

MORE GREEK SHIPS GO OVER.

LONDON, To-Day. The Greek battleship Hydra has joined the Allied fleet, according to a Reuter despatch from Athens. There is an unconfirmed report, the despatch adds, that the Greek battleships Spoltza and Phars and four Greek destroyers have also joined the combined Anglo-French naval forces under Vice-Admiral Dufourne in the Mediterranean.

BRITISH AIRPLANES SHELL AIRSHIP SHEDS.

LONDON, To-Day. A British officer issued this evening tells of the bombing of German positions by aircraft as follows: The attacks were carried out this morning on enemy airship sheds at Evers Berchen and at Eiterbeck, near Brussels, by naval aeroplanes. The bombs were observed to straddle the sheds, which were apparently hit. The bombs dropped struck every building, presumably munition stores, in close proximity to the sheds. Explosions were heard and large volumes of smoke evolved. All the machines returned safely.

FUNERAL OF PIRATES.

LONDON, To-Day. The crew of the Zeppelin airship destroyed in Essex during the air raid of Sunday morning last were buried in a village churchyard to-day. The funeral was semi-military in character. Officers of the Royal Flying Corps, including Lieut. Robison, who brought down a Zeppelin during the raid early this month, acted as pall bearers. On the coffin of the commander was an inscription "Killed on service, Sept. 24th, 1916."

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, To-Day. The Duke of Connaught who with the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia, is making a week's sojourn well visit to Montreal, this afternoon unveiled a bronze tablet on the new Victoria Pier. The tablet commemorated the reign of Queen Victoria and the Duke's regime as Governor General of Canada. In the Art Gallery this morning, Princess Patricia unveiled an oil portrait of her father, the painting being the gift of the local chapter of the Empire of Commerce to the Art Association, Montreal. It was painted by a Montreal artist, Miss Gertrude Des Claves.

GREEK MINISTERS AND KING.

LONDON, To-Day. The council of Greek Ministers has decided upon an agreement with King Constantine upon military co-operation with the Entente Powers, says a Reuter despatch from Athens dated Wednesday.

MORE FRENCH SUCCESS.

PARIS, To-Day. A strong French counter attack on the new German positions from Bouchavesnes to the south of Bois

Labelz farm was repulsed with heavy losses, according to an official issued by the War Office to-day. The French extended their positions E. S. E. of Rancourt and penetrated St. Pierre Vaast Wood.

HOLLWEG'S SPEECH.

BERLIN, To-Day. The address of the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, upon the assembling of the Reichstag to-morrow, according to a press report, contains no sensational variations from previous utterances. Concerning the peace question, it probably will be touched upon without more explicit language than was used in previous discussions. The Polish question may be extended. It is intended to have no discussion of the Chancellor's speech at the public session but only at committee.

THE BREMEN ARRIVED.

BERLIN, To-Day. Berlin newspapers to-day are acclaiming enthusiastically the arrival of the German submarine Bremen at New London, Connecticut. The town has jumped to the point of prime interest. The papers have found it necessary to describe it by the aid of a map. They are also dilating on the history of the town. This looks like a case of premature jubilation in view of the fact that the Bremen has not yet arrived at any American port so far as the United States authorities are aware, although her arrival has been anxiously awaited for some time by the German agents. The despatch apparently is confirmatory of the reports that the Bremen had sailed for the United States and that she is now due or overdue there.

LONDON BUDGET.

LONDON, To-Day. The twenty mile battle area running from the Ancre to the Somme is rapidly being transformed by the great offensive of the Entente Allies into an irregular triangular wedge in the German line, with its bases respectively on the front of Thiepval and west of Perrone, and the point projecting across to Betuene road into St. Pierre Vaast Wood. On the British end of the line in the region of Thiepval and eastward to north of Fiers, the British in Wednesday's fighting gained further successes over the Germans. Likewise the French east and south-east of Rancourt, drove their troops forward and entered St. Pierre Vaast Wood. To the south of this region from Bouchavesnes to the southern edge of Bois Labba farm the French were compelled to face a violent attack by the Germans, which was beaten off, the Germans being thrown back in disorder, according to Paris. The British gains included German trenches on a front of 2,000 yards north of Fiers and a strong redoubt on a hill 2,000 yards northeast of Thiepval. To the northwest across the Ancre successful raids were carried out by the British opposite Beaumont Hamel; 10,000 prisoners have fallen into the hands of the British in the last fortnight, and the German front, according to London. There is still little news coming from the Russian and Austro-German officers concerning the fighting on the eastern front. Petrograd asserts that aside from skirmishes at various points there is nothing to report. Berlin, however, records the repulse of Russian attacks in Galacia near Ludova, with heavy casualties to the Russians. On the Roumanian front battles are taking place at various points near the Transylvanian border. Berlin reports progress for the Teutonic Allies near Giernastadt, while Bucharest chronicles the defeat of Austro-Germans in the J.I.A. Valley and their hasty retreat north and northwest. Quiet prevails in the Dobruja region. According to the Bulgarian War Office the Bulgarians have forced back the troops of the Entente Allies over the whole front in Macedonia. Paris, however, says three violent Bulgarian attacks at Kaimakelani Hill, were repulsed with heavy losses. Artillery duels continue along rest of the Austrian front. What is to be the final attitude of Greece in the war is still uncertain. Latest unofficial opinion from Athens, however, is that the Greek Government in agreement with King Constantine has decided on military co-operation with the Entente Powers.

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Bay Roberts Mystery.

Numerous are the reports being circulated as a possible solution to the Bay Roberts mystery. A gentleman who arrived in the city yesterday from that place informs us that a strange motor car was seen outside of Bay Roberts on the night Perino disappeared; while others are of the opinion that the missing man crossed in open boat to Bell Island, there connecting with one of the two ore boats which arrived Monday morning. If such is the case, the letter received by Constable Wells would be the nearest to the truth, for no open boat could have survived a violent storm such as was experienced in Conception Bay.

Amusements.

AT THE CRESCENT.

Davy Don the celebrated Lubin comedy man features in "The Butcher" at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. Linda Arvidson, Charles H. Malles and Robert Drouet features in "The Smuggler," a thrilling sea drama produced in three reels by the Biograph Company. "The Golden Supper" is a great spectacular old world drama with superb staging and photography. Mr. Sam Row sings "There's a Broken Heart for Every Light One on Broadway." Professor McCarthy

COAL CARGOES DUE.

About a half dozen cargoes are due to arrive here from Sydney about the end of this week.

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