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P ARIS, July 15 .- In the desperate fighting which is reported in the communication from the war office tonight, the American troops are given the credit for driving back the Germans who had succeeded in crossparts of the front to that battle- ing the Marne southwest of Fossoy, In the long sector between Dor and Rheims Franco-Italian troops are assault valiantly, and east of Rheims the enemy attack has met what in characterized as "an irreducible de-

> "The German attack launched this rning at 4.30 o'clock, o uout the day on both sides of ms with equal viol

"West of Rheims desperate eng ments were fought in the region of Reuilly, Courthizzy and Vassy, south of the Marne, which the enemy ceeded in crossing at several points between Fossoy and Dormans. "A spirited counter-attack carried out by the American troops drove back on the right bank of the river enemy contingents who had reached that Assurance by Government bank southwest of Fossoy. "Between Dormans and Rheims the Franco-Italian troops resisted with tenacity along the line of Chatillonsur-Marne, Cuchery, Martaux and Bouilly. "East of Rheims the enemy attack which extended from Sillery to the up the German dead on the opposite side of the river every time the ene-long_range bombardment of the back till shortly before 11 o'clock tonight, inreducible defence. The enemy multiplied his efforts on Prunay and Lew Marquises, and in the regions north of Prosmes and Souain, but was not able, despite repeated attacks, to cut into our combat positions."

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ompany imited American troops are fighting vali-antly on the sectors they have been holding, and at two points have met with notable success. At Vaux they not alone broke down a violent at-tack by the sneary, but draws birst at-

tick by the enemy, but drove him back several hundred yards, and only re-turned to their former positions when the advance of the Germans southeast of Chateau Thierry, across the Marne, made the reoccupation of their staff. trenches of strategic value. Along the Marne, between the Town

preceded by a verifable half of high explosive and gas shells, have been enabled to cross the Marne at several places. East of the city, however, they have been held for the smallest of gains by the tenacious resistance of the defenders of the line. Altogether the two battlefronts aggregate about

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of Fossoy and the River Surmelin, where the Germans crossed the Marne, the Americans in a strong counter-attack forced back the enemy to the right bank of the stream. At other points along the river they used to the greatest advantage their machine guns against enemy elements which were crossing the river on

pontoon bridges, killing or wounding many of them. In the counter-attack near Fossoy between 1,000 and 1,500 prisoners were taken by the Ameri-cans. The French general in com-mand on this sector sent a congratulatory message to the general in com-

SLIGHT BRITISH GAI mand of the American troops. The Germans, in addition to their tremendous expenditure of explosive and gas shells used numerous tanks against the lines of the defenders and also opened with numerous naval guns bombardments of towns and cities far behind the battle line, dropping upon them shells from 10 and

pieces. in Neighborhood of The details of the strategic scheme Germans have in view have not been unfolded. It seems apparhowever, that the main objective in the first stages of the offensive is London, July 15 .- Another attack the throwing of their lines southward by the British troops in the neighborboth sides of Rheims, enveloping that city and forcing its capitula-tion. The gaining of the southern sulted in a slight advance of the line, tion. The gaining of the southern bank of the Marne and the straightening out eastward of their battle

toward Verdun also may tion issued by the war office this line in the program of the German evening. Enemy troops to the number high command. Success in these of 328 were taken in the fighting at movements would be of great stra-tegic value to the German's if it is Ridge Wood Sunday. The text of the communication ntended by them ultimately to atsays: tempt to drive on te Paris.

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"This morning we again advanced our lines slightly in the neighborhood of Villers-Bretonneux and drove off a While the Germans are making their drive in the south, the British, around Ypres, are pecking away at party of the enemy which attacked one of our posts. "The total number of prisoners the German lines with success as re-gards the gaining of ground and the taking of prisoners; the French and taken in yesterday's operations at Italians in Albania are keeping up their spectacular drive against the Ridge Woo dis 328. "On the remainder of the British Austrians, and the French, and Ita-

front there is nothing of special inlians in the mountain region of the terest to report." Italian theatre daily are harassing the enemy with patrol attacks of con AUSTRIANS SURPRISED siderable violence and bombard-

wents. In the few instances where BY FRENCH IN ITALY Austrians in this region lately have tried to take strategic positions they have met with almost instant Rome, July 15 .- The following official communication was issued by the

repulse. In Palestine Turkish and German troops penetrated British po-Italian war office today: sitions north of Jericho, but almost ammediately were ejected with the "On the Asiago plateau French denorth of Jericho, but almost tachments carried out two surprise attacks into the enemy's lines at Ber-) men made pritigo and Zocchi. Our detachments broke into the enemy's lines north of soner, including 260 Germans. British and American troops are

now in control of the entire Murman Monte di Val Bella. A few prisoners were taken. Enemy reconnoitring parties have been active between the northern Russia, according unofficial advices. It is thru this territory that it is hoped ultimately slopes of Sasso Rosso and the Brenta lend aid to Russia by way of the River. Arctic Oceon. In violent fighting

Villers-Bretonneux.

"A new German attack attempted th the Bolshevik troops in middle at Cornone was repulsed. North of Monte Grappa and in the Montello Russia, Czecho-Slovak forces have captured the important commercial zone during the day and night the ar-tillery activity has been lively. volga River, 430 miles cast of Mos-"Six hostile airplanes have been

Held Up on the Right of the Bend in the Marne.

SHATTERS ENEMY OFFENSIVE

With the American Army on the Marne, July 15 .- The German pri- they stuck to their post and poured soners captured in the counter-attack by the Americans at the bend of the deadly streams of bullets into the Marne unmber between 1,000 and 1,500. They include a complete brigade enemy, and only withdrew when their

The fighting continues with fierce intensity in this district, while the battle rages with equal ferocity on the right, where the French are reported to have delivered a smashing blow against the enemy. From this section of the battle front it appears that the German offensive, at least for fruitless. The American bullets piled the time being, has been badly shattered.

The Americans now command the river front at the bend. At the left of the bend, the famous German tenth division has made repeated attempts my started to cross. all day to cross, but all assaults have been smashed by the splendidly directed re of the gunners, and not a single German had succeeded in getting over at this point up to 9 o'clock tonight.

POINTS IN BELGIUM

London, July 15 .- The official state-ON LINE OF SOMME ment on aerial operations issued tonight says: "On the morning of July 14, our airplanes completed several reconnais-

Local Attack Advances Positions sances and carried out much observation for our artillery. "The afternoon was wet and stormy

The sidings at Roulers, ammunition dumps at Warneton and Bapaume, "Nine hostile machines were brought down and three balloons were shot according to the official communica- down in flames. Five of our machines are missing."

> AGREEMENT SIGNED TO EXCHANGE CAPTIVES

London. July 15,-A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says the Holland News Bureau announce that the agreement between Great Britain and Germany for the exchange of prisoners was signed Sunday at The Hague, and will be submitted to both governments for ratification. The despatch adds that the agreement

includes a number of provisions regard-ing the treatment of prisoners, and set-tles the lot of interned prisoners in Hol-land and Switzerland.

BORDEN AT CONFERENCE

Important Session Takes Place Be-tween Lloyd George and War Cabinet Members

den was present today at a conference between Lloyd George and some members of the war cabinet. It lasted several hours. Important matters were under consideration. The King today received Premiers Norris, Stewart and Martin.

guns began again this afternoon ac-cording to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from the French capital.

German Advance, for Time Being at Least, is The Vaux district is comparatively in this district is only a small river: heavy fighting is in progress. ed in the early morning mists. Its American machine gunners along loss to the allies, however, deprives the river assisted materially in break- them of a fairly valuable defensive ing up the early Boche plans, for landmark.

At five o'clock this evening the but the only important gain to their

American forces, but were getting crossing of the Marne, and a zone a

shell for shell in return, and their little more than a mile beyond on a

Germans were heavily shelling the credit for the morning's work was the

Wholesale Bombardment. The battle began with a wholesale guns were so hot that they could night along the whole front from not be fired. One group of machine Chateau Thierry to Massiges, except gunners happened to be in a place for a narrow sector around Rheims.

Germans had rather more success,

front of about ten miles. The Marne

where the Germans were anxious to This intensified bombardment of the erect a bridge, but their efforts were French lines with the usual accompaniment of trench mortars by the

Nine-Mile Objective.

fire seemed to be diminishing.

the enemy.

The Germans southwest of Jaul- bombardment was systematically digonne this morning crossed the river rected along the line of Chalons, Mont- way employes in Canada the terms of our with a rush, and promptly started to fight their way to the south, having as their objective a point about nine miles determined from twelve to eighteen miles behind the map shows that this line is located from twelve to eighteen miles behind the south of the date. It is believed that this offer

French held up this advance to such long-range guns of the most powerful an extent that two hours after the and far-reaching variety must have Trades will be averted. The memtime set by the enemy for reaching been used in numbers greater than ever his objective, he was still far away before.

The bombardment lasted until 4.30 from it. While fighting in the open continued o'clock. Then came the German at-

heroically, the counter-attack was or-ganized. Light artillery was hurried into position. It concentrated a heavy fire at short range, and when this fire had ceased, the infantry dashed from cover and met the oncoming Boche. Machine gunners moved forward, morning and news of German pene. docks at Bruges and dredging parties at Zeebrugge were heavily bombed. Machine gunners moved forward, and lying prone on the ground poured a stream of bullets into the enemy. morning and news of German pene. The fierceness of the fire brought the Germans up short. They could not proper dispositions of the reserves to face the steel and, hesitatingly at first, finally broke and fell back. be made, rapidly and accurately. Germans Lose Punch

ed them.

Within three hours the Americans had driven them 21-2 miles to the Marne.



British Take Over Five Hundred timistic, altho the danger was not yet Prisoners in Repulsing Enemy in Palestine.

London, July 15 .- Turkish troops on Saturday night attacked the British positions in Palestine commanding the for General Foch knew of the German crossings of the Jordan and on the ridges north of Jericho. In the ridge region, the war office announced today,

French made their plans for it last the British completely restored by a week. counter-attack the positions that had been penetrated. More than 500 pri-Germans made their most important

soners were taken. The text of the statement reads: "On Saturday night enemy attacks ground south of the Marne, which is developed against our positions cover- strategica(ly very important.

OPERATORS' WALK-OUT

Increase.

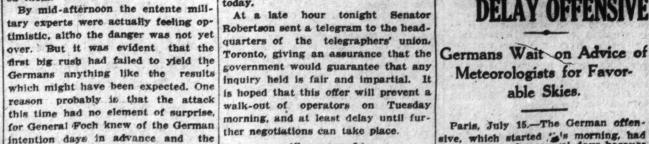
May Keep G.N.W. Men at Work.

Ottawa, July 15.-Subsequent to a conference between members of the cabinet council and members of the areas on a scale greater than ever the announcement was made that the heretofore attempted. This back area war board on the recommendation of

BOMBED BY BRITISH miles distant. The Americans and the French front. This is evidence that will be accepted and that the threatened strike of the Railway Federated Trades will be averted. The mem-bers of the war board returned to Take Time to Build. bers of the war board returned to

was not acceptable to the men at the probably 40 0. They are just com-mencing the installation of the water-The general view of the men who watched the progress of the battle present stage of the dispute, altho it present stage of the dispute, altho it would have been acceptable earlier. The men claim that officials of the company have stated that inquiry ed. from afar was that the Germans have lost some of their punch since their company have stated that inquiry last big attempt, for nowhere did the would be tantamount to dismissal and

present attack gain the sweeping sucthat, in view of this statement, they cess which their previous efforts yieldcould not agree to the proposal made today.



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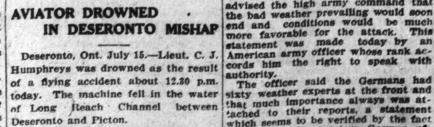
bers of the war board returned to Montreal at a late hour tonight where conferences will be resumed tomor-row. Contrary to the general expectation, there was no settlement tonight of the difficulty between the Great North Western Telegraph Company and its employes. During the day the representatives of the company offered to reinstate the two employes whose dismissal led to the trouble and to have an inquiry made into the matter. The proposal was not acceptable to the men at the

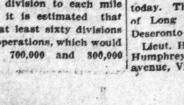


Meteorologists for Favorable Skies.

Paris, July 15 .- The German offen-ATOR DROWNED IN DESERONTO MISHAP IN DESERONTO MISHAP

te veroped against our positions cover-ing the passages of the Jordan and on the Abu Tellul ridges north of Jericho. Our positions about Abu Tellul, at first penetrated, were entirely restored by a counter-attack by Australians and New Zealanders. "More than 500 prisoners were taken, including 260 Germans. By nightfall, 510 prisoners had been counted." strategically very important. In their previous attacks the Ger-mans used one division to each mile of front, hence it is estimated that in the present operations, which would mean between 700,000 and 800,000 the server of Long Reach Channel between including 260 Germans. By nightfall, 510 prisoners had been counted."





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London July 15 .- The bombardment of Paris with the German long-range

London, July 15 .- Sir Robert Bor-

