VESTMORLAND TORIES BREAK PARTIES' TRUCE .

fold Convention and Nominate M. G. Siddall as Candid ate for Seat of Late Mr. Em.

merson.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 26-The Ccative party in Westmorland held aordinary convention in Mo nis afternoon to actually didate for the dominion sed by the death of Hon. H. R. Em

merson. The executive actually met after war was declared, and after Sir Wilfrid Laurier had announced a truce in party strife, because of the war and the es-sential need of unity existing between the two parties at the present time. But the Conservative leaders in Westmor-and are not of that calibre. They hought they could make a little capital out of the war to cover up their politi-al shortcomings.

They propose to run a "flag waving" sampaign in which one half of the people would probably be described as "dis-oyal." The better type of Conserva-ives, however, do not believe that Sir Robert Borden will be recreant to his professions made during the session of parliament in which the urgency of a united country was his praiseworthy inountry was his praiseworthy in-

ervatives held a convention today cton with delegates present from over the county. A very sharp fight as put up between the candidates, M. Siddall and Dr. O. B. Price, M.P.P. secret ballot was taken, and accordto a public announcement 1: Sidall, 152; Price, 51. tood: Sidall, 152; Price, 51. Liberals yould have been well satisfied with ither as nominee, and look forward with confidence to the result. Whether or not a Liberal convention will be held within a few days remains to be seen. They adhered to the Laurier-Borden agreement which is repudiated by Westmorland Conservatives, but find ves compelled in self protection

themselves compelled in self protection to break truce. Delegates for Moncton city will be chosen on Monday or Tuesday next, at a general meeting at which J. T. Hawke, president of Moncton Liberal Club, will deliver a patriotic address upon Great Britain's justification for participating in the war in Europe, and the duty rest-ing upon the individual in promoting the unity of the empire. It will thus be seen that the issue which will be raised will be inferential-ly an adverse criticism of the action of the Conservatives in holding a party political convention during the present imperial crisis.

Bad Bloodis the direct and inevitable result of

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B. SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1914

RUSSIANS THREATEN POSEN, 150 MILES FROM BERLIN, WHILE ALLIES HOLD THEIR OWN ON FRENCH BORDER

CHARLEROI BATTIF British Troops Engaged Numbered 10,000 and Frightful Proportion of Casualties Resulted, With German Losses Much Heavier - Roving Uhlans Play Desperate Game and Pay Penalty of Losing with Their Lives.

FIRST ACCOUNT OF

(By G. H. PERRIS.)

(Special Cable to Daily Telegraph and Montreal Gazette.) Paris, Aug. 26-From the mass of confused details it is now possible to co struct provisionally an outline of the great combat in Belgium. In the first

struct provisionally an outline of the great combat in Belgium. In the liest place it is evident that the first Germans to reach the field of action, came not from Brussels, but from the northeast. All the week the French had been in contact with flying columns of the army of the Muese as far off as Gumblou. It seems probable that the battle of Dinant which has been forgotten in the stress of latter events, although it seemed to be a considerable victory, from which the French artillery in particular emerged with honor, really marked the end of an attempt to relieve and occupy Namur. However that may be the French have since been slowly retiring toward the frontier, and this movement evidently prudential, became decisive when the German troops, thrown southward through Brussels, arrived upon the scene. On Wednesday evening last French troops, including a battation of the line, chas-seurs de'Afrique and Turcos, with some artillery were brought into Charleroi. Wednesday evening last French troops, including a barrand of the seurs de'Afrique and Turcos, with some artillery were brought into Charleroi. By Thursday evening the Allies were engaged against increasing numbers of the enemy to the northeast of the town, but the northwest was still relatively free. The Beussels-Mons railway was, however, cut midway and numerous bodies

The Brussels-Mons railway was, however, cut midway and numerous bodies of Uhlans were found about Nivelles and Hal. Hitherto Mons itself was not threatened.

FIRST COMERS TAKEN PRISONERS.

Early on Friday morning a column of Uhlans broke into Charlerol. They were made prisoners, but by Saturday all the northern approaches to Mons and Charleroi were swarming with bodies of the invaders and the serious fighting had begun. The French artillery to the south of the town checked the first advance and put the German guns out of action. Four French mitrailleuses are said to have kept at bay for three hours 2,000 men coming in by the northern roads. Infantry regiments were brought up but not in sufficient numbers to make pursuit possible. make pursuit pos

Later in the day reinforcements, especially of Zouaves arrived. Some of them were engaged in disposing of German incendiaries in the town, while others crossing the Sambre at Thuin, pursued the enemy as far as Santain-L'Eveque.

BRITISH FORCE READY FOR BATTLE.

Meanwhile Mons had been occupied by the British expeditionary force and on Saturday morning one could see Mr. Thomas Atkins stripped to the waist and taking his morning tub. During the morning a German armored aeroplane flew over the town. A French aviator rose and pursued it, and he is believed to have brought it down near the frontier. All through Saturday night the terval between Saturday morning and Sunday night. The British force is said to have sustained and victoriously repelled six mas scks by different bodies of German troops. That 2,000 out of perhaps 10,000 men should have been put hors de combat during these engagements, to say nothing of the greater losses of Germans, speaks sufficiently of their desperate character.

French Troops in Centre Pushed Forward Advance From RUSSIAN ROLLER Nancy Wednesday, While Readjustment Caused Slight Retirement on Left and Right Wings---Belgian Troops Score Brilliant Victory at Villevorde, Near Malines and Official Statement Says Namur Forts Still in Their Hands---Three Russian Armies Making Rapid Progress From East---French Ministry Reorganized and Strengthened---Naval Duel in Far East.

So far as can be gleaned from official announcements, the great battle line along the French frontier, and in Belgium continues to be the scene of engagements between the opposing armies. The na-ture of these engagements and their result have not been made pub-lic, beyond the admission by the French war office that in the north the French and British lines have been moved back a short distance, as well as the French view of St. Dis as well as the French right in the region of St. Die. The French troops in the centre on the offensive between Nancy and the Vosges are said to be making headway.

From Antwerp comes the announcement that the Belgian troops have compelled the fourth German division, advancing southward, to retrace its steps. It is added in the official statement that the fourth Belgium division at Namur is still holding out, and has fulfilled its task of arresting the German column and allowing the allies to retire.

London reports that Togoland, the German posse west coast of Africa, has surrendered unconditionally.

RUSSIANS MAKE RAPID GAINS.

A Bucharest report says that Tarnopol, an important town in Galicia, has been occupied by the Russians, while the Russians themelves elaim that they have driven the Austrians back to the river flota Lipa, thirty miles west of Tarnopol, and about fifty miles east of Lemberg, the Galician capital.

An unconfirmed report says that the Russians have also reached An uncommend report says that the Russians have also reached Marienburg in East Prussia, an important city only thirty miles from Dantzic, while an afternoon despatch from London says that the Czar's forces are rushing on Posen, an important military post, only 150 miles from Berlin. A military observer gives his opinion that the determined stand of the Germans against the Russian advance the determined stand of the Germans against the Russian advance on Berlin will not be made until the banks of the Oder are reached. Direct despatches from Tsing Tau, capital of the German pro-tectorate of Kiao-Chow, say that there is no evidence as yet of Jap-anese warships or field troops in that neighborhood, but that in a naval duel between a German and British gunboat, the Britisher lost eleven killed and wounded, with the German loss not ascertained. The French ministry under Premier Vivian, presented their resignations collectively to President Poincare, because they believed

cupy Historic Tarnopol, Not Far From Galician Capital-Also Reported That Marienburg is Invested, Thirty Miles From Dantzic-Germans May Retreat to Banks of Oder.

> Rome, via London, Aug. 26-(Midnight)-A despatch from harest says that the Russian columns invading Galicia have ocnied Tarnopol, an important city, eighty miles east, southeast, o nberg, capital of Galicia. Three Austrian army corps are said to be opposing them.

SWEEPS WIDE PATH

Armies Crush Down Austrian Resistance and Oc-

RUSSIAN ADVANCE COVERS THREE TOWNS.

London, Aug. 26, 11.55 p.m.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Reuter Telegram Company says that the Russian troops in eastern Prussia have occupied the towns of Nordenburg, Sensburg and Bischofsburg and the railway station at Rothfliess, and adds that the Russian advance continues

In eastern Galicia the Russians have driven back the Austrian ear guard beyond the river Lipa, which runs north and south, about thirty miles west of Tarnopol.

GERMANS FLEE WESTWARD ALONG VISTULA.

St. Petersburg, via London, Aug. 26, 10.20 p.m.—The Germans in the Elbing district of West Prussia, near the Vistula-river, are fleeing westward before the Bussian advance.

SERVIANS HAVE 8,000 AUSTRIAN PRISONERS.

London, Aug. 26, 8.35 p.m.-With the re-occupation of Shabats by the Servians, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Cettinje, the four thousand Austrian prisoners have been doubled, four thousand additional men have been captured between Losauza and Shabats during the Servian march to occupy the latter town. The Servian casualties in retaking Shabats are admitted to have

een very heavy.

CAPTAIN RONALD A. McAVITY, a popular officer of the 62nd regiment, whose personal offer to take a post with the Canadian contingent was ac-cepted on Saturday. Captain McAvity left at once for Valcartier.



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BATTLEFIELD BLOCKED WITH DEAD AND WOUNDED.

At many points the battlefield is described as being blocked with masses of killed and wounded, so that the cavalry found it difficult to charge, while the perpetual flight of shells made, especially during the night, a wonderful and ter-rible spectacle. It seems that the British on their side were more than hold-ing their own, but although reinforcements were continually brought forward the position in Charleroi on Sunday evening was much more serious. Charge after charge was made by one side and the other, while the French and German artillery kept up an unceasing bombardment. By then the Germans had evidently fired a large part of the buildings,

and the fact that the place was no longer habitable even if it could have been held, may have been one of the reasons for the decision to effect a general reirement on the frontier.

tirement on the frontier. While the allies gradually fell back in perfect order, the line of fire moved southward until the allied army rested upon the base it now holds. That the Germans had been so far in superior numbers would seem to be shown by the very large area covered by their raiding patrols. One such body of the Uhlans, coming from the neighborhood of Mons, actu-ally crossed the frontier near Conde, on the Scheidt, Monday evening. All

through the night they traversed the neighboring towns and villages and tore up some of the railways.

CAUGHT AND WIPED OUT.

RUSSIANS THE

ALLES ANVL

allies in their present entrenched posi-

tions are as the anvil to the Muscovite

hammer," declared the Daily Graphic's

"It is good news," he continues, "that

the concentration of the allies on en-

trenched lines within the French fron-

tich's complete and that the positions

thus held are little less than impregnable The Germans will find that their next

nove against the allies will be much ore difficult than that which confront-

'General Joffre's troops will now be levoting all their energy to a stubborn fensive. They are the anvil. The scovite hammer is gathering all its

mense force for a crushing blow in

osnania. Hence it is most important

"The hammer is doing excellently, although the preliminary work is necessarily slow, on account of the Russian's

that the allies' forces should stand firm

lack of facilities for mobilization. Never

military correspondent.

ed them a week ago.

After overrunning twenty miles of French territory at about 4 o'clock they were caught and wiped out by a French artillery regiment. On Sunday morning a similar patrol of German dragoons was caught to the north of Lille.

London, Aug. 27, 1,50 a. m.-"The the Austrian troops are not putting up an effective resistance."

GOVERNMENT HAS

POWER TO SEIZE AND

(Canadian Press.)

Canadian Press.) Ottawa, Ang. 25 – Sir George E. Foster, minister of trade and com-merce, stated today that a broad general survey of price changes in Canada will be undertaken, and where extortion is found action will be taken by the government. It is understood district com-missioners will be appointed to watch the course of prices in the various centres. Weekly reports on price changes are being secured by the Labor Department, instead of the watch worthin with

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It is estimated that in the three days' battle the German losses were in the proportion of three to one to those of the allies' troops.

FALL BACK ON WINGS; GAIN IN CENTRE.

theless the progress thus far made by Russia has exceeded the most optimistic expectation, and the Germans are likely to pay dearly for their under-valuation of the Russian efforts. "The outstanding fact is that the ham-mer is well poised for action. If the anvil only stands firm the energy must be speedily crushed between them. "Here is the situation of the three-sided Russian advance: At present East Prussia is in process of being clear-ed of German troops, while in Posen an-other Russian army is moving almost unopposed and will soon be within 150 miles of Berlin. Meanwhile, in Galcia the Austrian troops are not putting up

resignations collectively to President Poincare, because they believed that in the present circumstances of the country the ministry should have a wider scope and comprise the best of all the republican groups. Premier Viviani, at the request of President Poincare, immediately formed a new cabinet in which Alexandre Millerand took the place of Adolphe Messimy as minister of war, and Theophile Deleasse as sumed the portfolio of foreign affairs, which previously was held by M. Viviani himself. The new cabinet includes ex-Premiers 12 ciand, Donmergue and Ribot. RALL PACK ON WINGS: CAIN IN CENTRE

noon that Russian troops yesterday occupied Marienburg, in West Prussia, twenty-seven miles southeast of Danzig. This news has not been confirmed from any other source. atrocities as related in the statement giv-

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