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ENTENTE STRIKES HEAVY BLOW ON THREE FRONTS

BREAKS AUSTRIAN LINES---BRITISH AND **FRENCH**

SCENE OF ITALIAN OFFENSIVE

U. S. AND ALLIES PREPARING NO PROSPECT OF PEACE NOW

Washington Reports Says Ent ente Purpose Hammering the Teutons Through Winter Months and Getting Russia on Her Feet for Closing of the Nippers Next Spring-All Powers Expected to Reject Pope's Peace Proposal.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Washington, Aug. 25-America and her allies are preparing for another winter campaign, and a great spring effensive to turn the scale.

The forthcoming reply to the pope's peace proffer, extension of aid to Russia and the outcome of the Moscow conference, now in session, will show this, officials and diplomats said today.

WELL-KNOWN NURSE

MISS JENNIE MCNAUGHTON.

ondon Township girl, daughter of Mrs

largaret McNaughton, and niece of Harry Merritt at the city hall, who

will leave shortly as a nurse for over-

DEGISIVE FACTOR

IN VERDUN BATTLE

seas service with a Buffalo unit.

BRILLIANT FLYING

IS GOING OVERSEAS

Help For Russia.
Between now and late winter the Allies expect to "get Russia on her feet," that she may play her part in the giant nippers to be closed about the Teuton powers next spring. In the wake of the pope's offer and detailed explanations tendered by the Vatican through the United Press, it was re-emphasized today that all the powers will reject peace now. President Wilson will offer a declaration of principles rather tha an outline of peace demands. Each country is expected to reply individually to the pope.

Confidence in Kerensky The Kerensky Government will be en a vote of confidence by the Moscow conference and orders to continue the war with its present policy, the Russian embassy de

This session, representing all ele ment to one less radical, but emseeking this are too small to suc

LORD CECIL SHOWS THE CENTRAL POWERS PROVOKED THE WAR

Makes Clean Guilt on Teutonic Powers.

WOULD NOT ARBITRATE

Minister Makes Telling Reply to Charge That England Started War.

London, Aug. 25.—"I see they again are talking in Germany about how Eng-land started the war," remarked Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, in Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, in an interview with the Associated Press. "It is an old song, but I think the time has come, particularly in the United States, when it is well to restate briefly the bald facts regarding the beginning of this great conflict.

"Frankly, I do not think anyone anywhere can honestly believe that England began the war. If any person had arisen in a public assemblage in this country two weeks before the war began and asserted that in a fortnight we would be plunged into the greatest international conflict that the world has ever seen, the speaker would have been regarded by everybody as a dangerous lunatic. Our people's thoughts were the furthest possible from war and our statesmen were overwhelmingly occupied with domestic affairs, particularly the Irish question, to the almost complete exclusion of international politics.

No Preparations.

Along Meuse.

Paris, Aug. 25.—The brilliant work of French aeronauts was a factor of decisive importance in the battle of Verdam, according to Georges Prade, an aviation authority, who witnessed the French attack this week as a representative of the Journal. He says that Gen. Guillaumat cut all red tape and did away with discouraging delays as regards recognition of valor, and for the aviators placed at the disposal of the aviators placed at the disposal of the aviators placed at the disposal of the vergards recognition of those recognition of the purpose of decisive importance in the battle of Verdam, according to Georges Prade, an aviation authority, who witnessed the French attack this week as a representative of the Journal. He says that Gen. Guillaumat cut all red tape and did away with discouraging delays as regards recognition of valor, and for the aviators placed at the disposal of the aviators placed at the disposal of the rote for the purpose of decisive importance in the battle of Verdam, according to george Prade, an aviation authority, who witnes

markable feat as soon as he landed.

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"It is true that some of our people had been saying for a year or more before that Germany intended to attack us, but their warnings fell on deaf ears, so much so that no preparations were made. Certainly, we did not start the war. Who did? I think the answer is unquestionable. For at least a year ogfore the war began, Germany had definitely made up her mind to fight.

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PETS OF KAISER PETAIN'S CATCH IN VERDUN FIGHT

arge Number of Emperor's Favorite Brandenburg Troops Taken.

On the French Front, Aug. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Men from the German emperor's favorite units from Brandenburg were captured in the latest French attack at Verdun. The prisoners taken in the preceding days comprise 1.145 men and 30 officers of the 20th Regiment; 1.089 men and 2 officers of the 24th Regiment; 556 men and 17 officers from the 35th Regiment. The number of officers taken was surprisingly high, showing that the morale in the higher ranks also is diminishing. The attack began early in the morning eastward from Avocourt Wood to the west of L2 Fayet, but the enemy thought the assault would occupy a larger front as the artillery was busy on both sides. When Gen. Petain's Saint Morels division went over to storm Hill 304, the Germans were taken completely by surprise, and lost ground immediately. Before time was given them to recover, the position was won, although the Frenchmen had to wade through water waist high. The prisoners rounded up were calculated at 100, while the main body of Frenchmen dashed onward through Death Ravine and attained the objectives set for them after two hours. In some places the advance reached a depth of 2,000 yards.

MANY HUN OFFICERS TAKEN BY FRENCH.

Paris, Aug. 25.—One of the striking chases of the Verdun fighting on Monay was the large proportion of German fficers captured 201 being taken with bout 6.500 men. This is in sharp con-

BULGARIAN PREMIER WANTS EARLY PEACE, BUT THINKS ALLIES **WILL REFUSE OFFER**

Threatens Entente With Dire Things If They Do Not Make Peace.

Sofia, Thursday, Aug. 23—Via Berlin and London, Aug. 24.—"We want peace and desire to end this terrible bloodshed," said Premier Radoslavoff in an interview on the papal peace note. "We have been emphasizing this attitude for more than a year," he continued. "Last ore than a year," he continued. "Lass ecember we offered peace to the En-nte, but it preferred to seek its for-ne in a continuance of the war. In

French Aeronauts Performed

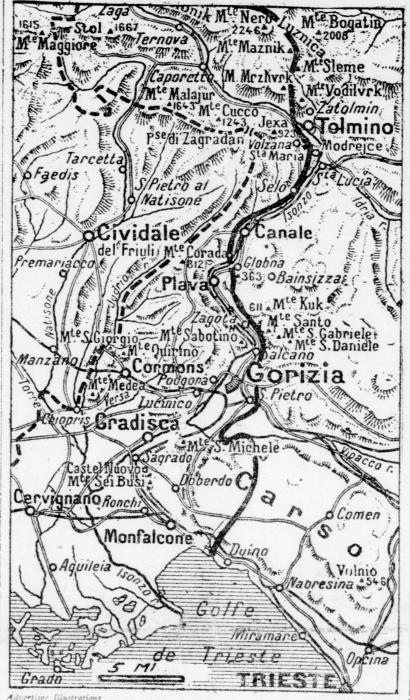
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IN SEVEN MORE DAYS GREAT VOTING RACE WILL HAVE BEEN WON

It Is Yet "Anybody's Race" - Each District Has Equal Chance for Grand Prize and Each Candidate for the Honor of Leadership and Becoming Donor of Patriotic

"There is no question but that Germany had made up her mind that somewher about the summer of 1914 would be the best time for war, this because the string for war, this because would not have become effective and the new French military service act would not have become effective and the several hundred candidates in The London Advertiser's \$16,000 prize at causing no end of enthusiasm in Russian strategic rallways would, not yet be ready. Moreover, they knew theroughly the conditions of corruption in Russian official life, and they hoped the ready. Moreover, they knew the own of the conditions of corruption in Russian official life, and they hoped the conditions of corruption in Russian official life, and they hoped the county will win the grand prize. Alisa to so on with their plans whether we stayed out or not. The very country there are men of the conditions of the Russian armies, demanded the while takes German papers construct which the latest German papers constructed which the stickles of the Russian armies, demanded the militarization of rallways which will per causing no end of enthusiasm of the structure of the Russian armies, demanded the distance which will take votes to win. The only way active to get ne



which already over 35,000 prisoners have been taken.

ENEMY MELTING AWAY BEFORE BRITISH ONSLAUGHT IN STRUGGLE FOR LENS

Paris, Aug. 25 .- Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency .- The special correspondent of the Petit Journal, describing the investment of Lens, says the German troops are falling under the British artillery fire, bombs from airplanes, waves of gas, avalanches of burning oil, fire of rifles and machine guns, and the hand-to-hand pressure of the Canadians, who are qualifying themselves to rank among the famous combatants of this great

Lens is still resisting from all its cellars, subterranean galleries, fragments of wall and concrete refuges, but whenever the Germans make a sortie blood pours and the killed and prisoners are counted in hundreds. Trains bring up reinforcements after reinforcements and the enemy divisions are melting away. Lens is being sucked by a leech which It

The Matin says the Canadians continue to justify more and more every day the nickname which the enemy have given them, namely, "butchers of the Germans."

GERMAN PRISONER HAILS LONDONER IN FRANCE

'Hello, Billy! How's the Queen's Hotel?" Was Shouted at Gunner Friend by Teuton Who Formerly Lived in London.

That a former Londoner was captured fighting with the German forces at Vimy Ridge is the statement made by Gunner William Friend, 29th Battery, in a letter to his uncle, Thomas Cook of the Richmond Hotel. While employed at Queen's Hotel here, Friend often saw the man, whom he describes in the letter, but never learned his

He was with his battery when the batch of German pusoners swung past, and was decidedly startled when somebody called out, "Hello, Billy, how's the Queen's

He described the man minutely, but Mr. Cook was unable to identify him from the description. Several Germans who left the city soon after war broke out were known around the Queen's Hotel.

MICHAELIS IS EVASIVE; CANNOT BE PINNED TO

KORNILOFF DEMANDING RAILWAYS FOR THE ARMY

A PROGRAM OF PEACE Copenhagen, Aug. 25.—Yesterday's session of the main committee of the Reichstag was productive of further declarations and discussions regarding Chancellor Michaelis' attitude on peace which the latest German papers construe variously. A careful perusal of the mass of reports and comments on the committee meetings yesterday and Wednesday show that Dr. Michaelis throughout conferences with party leaders did not conferences with party leaders did not change his attitude regarding the word.

CADORNA BREAKS FOE LINES, HAIG GAINS AGAIN AT LENS, PETAIN STORMS 3 POSITIONS

THE WAR SITUATION

front has been broken at several points by the Italians, it is announced officially at Rome. The Italians continuing their furious assaults between Tolmino and the Adriatic, are now pursuing the re-treating Austrians, who are defending the difficult ground yard by yard.

A Brilliant Feat.

One of the most brilliant feats of the Italians was the capture of Monte Santo, 2,245 feet high. This peak, seven miles north of Gorizia, dominates the broad plain beyond that city, and occupancy of it has enabled the Austrians to hold up the Italian advance to the east since their capture of the city. The brief official recital gives little idea of the struggle which attended the storming of the Austrian stronghold on the mountain top, but it doubtless will have an important bearing on the development of the Italian campaign. French Progress.

Having gained their principal ob-jectives on the Verdun front, the French are completing their victory by local attacks to round out and secure their new lines. Profiting by the capture of Hill 304 yesterday, they advanced last night to the north of it. Three fortified works in the vicinity of Bethincourt were

Renewal of fighting in the Cham-pagne may be forecast by the statement in the official French report that violent artillery engagements are in progress there. In Belgium also, in the vicinity of Bixschoote, the big guns are heavily engaged.

German Trench Taken.

No further infantry actions on a

large scale are reported by the British, although they were such cessful in minor operations last night. A German trench position west of Lens, of considerable im portance, and a post near Lombaertzyde were captured, with prisoners. Near Epehy, northwest of St. Quentin, there is increasing activity, with heavy artillery fighting under way.

ALL ALLIED BUYING PLACED IN CONTROL OF U.S. COMMISION

Wilson Will See That Entente Are Charged Same Prices as United States.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—All British, French and Russian Government purchases in the United States will be handled by an Allied purchasing commission, composed of three American officials. The agreement providing for the commission is the initial step in the president's policy of seeing to it that the Allies get their war supplies at the same prices charged the American Government.

Members of the commission are Bernard M. Baruch, Robert S. Lovett and Robert S. Brookings, all of the war industries board, recently created to nego-

SUBMARINE ROUTED BY RESCUE VESSEL

Paris, Aug. 23-(Delayed).-A French steamer went to the assistance of the American steamship Campana, which was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine on August 6. The French vassel was attacked by both torpedo and gunfire, but replied energetically and, notwithstanding losses, compelled the submarine to abandon the fight.

On the arrival at an American port this week of 46 survivors of the tanker Campana it was reported that the submarine which sank the vessel and took prisoner her captain and five of the gun crew, was destroyed on the same day by a French patrol cruiser.

ALL REICHSTAG TO HAVE PART IN ANSWER TO POPE

(By JOHN GRANDENS, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)

[Special to The Advertiser.] Berlin, Aug. 25.—Germany's answer to Pope Benedict's peace sented in accordance with their Announcement today said the Announcement today said the sub-committee would include two Socialists, two members of the Centrist party and one delegate each from the Conservative, National, Liberal and Progressive parties. Allied Troops Deliver Heavy Blows, French Taking Three Fortified Works, British Extending Advance at Lens and Italy Capturing Stronghold and Tearing Holes In Austrian Defence.

Berlin, Aug. 25 .- Via London .- The German line on the northern fringe of Herenthage Wood, in the region of the Ypres-Menin road, has been pushed back somewhat by the British, the war office announces. The Germans are reported to have captured Gillemont Farm, south of

London, Aug. 25 .- The capture of a German position near Lens was announced today by the war office. The statement follows:

'By successful attacks carried out with slight casualties last night west of Lens, we captured a short length of German trench of some local importance. We also captured an enemy post during the night in the neighborhood of Lombaertzyde and secured a few prisoners and a machine gun. There was considerable ar tillery activity early this morning east of Epehy."

THREE FORTIFIED WORKS FALL INTO HANDS OF THE FRENCH

Paris, Aug. 25 .- The French scored a new victory on the Verdun front last night north of Hill 304. Three fortified works near Rethincourt were captured.

The statement follows:

"In Belgium there were rather vio- | Vauquois and northeast of Avaco | were completely repulsed. On the | "In Belgium there were rather violent artillery engagements in the region of Bixschoote."

"South of St. Quentin of detachments penetrated a German ench yesterday evening and brough back 31 prisoners. Another raid west of Pantheon also resulted in the taking of prisoners.

"In the Champagne the artillery fighting became intense in the region of the

ITALIANS BREAK FOE'S LINES AND ARE IN CLOSE PURSUIT

Rome, Aug. 25 .- The tricolor of Italy has been flying since yesterday on the summit of Monte Santo, which was an Austrian stronghold on the Isonzo front, according to the official statement issued today by the Italian war department.

The Italian second army, General Cadorna reports, has broken through the Austro-Hungarian line of defenses at several points, and is closely pursuing the Austro-Hungarians, who are retiring and defending the difficult ground yard by yard.

CANADIANS ASTRIDE RAILWAY AT LENS; CLOSE TO STATION

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.] With the British Armies in the Field, Aug. 25.-The Canadians con tinued hammering at Lens today, chipping off bits here and there During the night they advanced astride the railway in the city, and captured a trench a thousand yards from the station itself. It was littered with German dead. Fierce resistance was encountered over every step of this gain. As a result of cold-blooded sacrifice of men, headquarters reports today showed the enemy had retaken Iverness Copse, forcing back the British extreme right on this battleground a short distance As this is cabled reports at headquarters say fighting is developing on the extreme British left front, near the junction of the British and

Medals and a Kiss For 3 English Women Honored By French

Crosses Pinned on Them by Minister of War Painleve.

Paris. Aug. 25.-Three women yesterday received the legion of honor for their work in connection with the war. They are Lady Michalham, founder of the hospital in the Astoria Hotel, Paris; Mrs. Borden Turner of Chicago, who has maintained a hospital in Belgian territory since the beginning of the war, and Miss Ivins, of the Scottish Women's Hospital at Royamount. Minister of War Paainleve pinned the crosses on them saluting pinned the crosses on then

day an action for damages to the St. Lawrence Valle mount of \$800 against Le Canada of Rain has been almo Montreal. treal. The action is the result, it is Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, of articles published in the Le while in Southern Ontario and the

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 74; lowest, 60.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 60; lowest, 49. TOMORROW-FINE AND WARM. Forecasts.
Today—Fresh west and northwest vinds; cloudy and cool.
Sunday—Moderate winds; fine and a Sunuay little warmer. Temperatures. Weather Notes.