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CABLE NEWS.

WAR SUMMARY.

The historic background between Amiens and Mont Didier again is the scene of a mighty contest. This time the British and French are the aggressors, and under their fierce onslaughts on the first day of the battle they have penetrated deeply into the German positions over a front of more than twenty miles, reaching from the region of Braches to the neighborhood of Morlancoeur. Following short but intensive artillery preparation, and aided by misty weather the Allied attack took the Germans completely by surprise, and they fled almost everywhere, pell-mell before the tanks, motor machine gun batteries, cavalry and infantry sent against them. All the objectives set for the Englishmen, Australians, Canadians and French were attained in remarkably quick time. At last accounts on Thursday night the Allies were still making progress. Wherever the enemy turned to give battle he was decisively defeated. Thousands of Germans were made prisoners, large numbers of guns were captured, great quantities of war materials were taken, and a score of bare villages and hamlets were occupied. In addition heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy. At its deepest point the penetration of the German line was about seven and a half miles eastward from Villers-Bretonneux to Framerville, while from two to five miles were gained all along the front from northwest of Mont Didier to the region around Morlancoeur. The fighting extended from Morlancoeur to the Albert sector, but no official details concerning it have been received. The advance of the Allies in the centre places them well astride the railway leading from Villers-Bretonneux to the important junction at Chaumes, where the lines radiate northeastward towards Peronne and southward towards Roye to Compiègne. The railway running north-eastward to Barays was crossed when the Allies took Framerville well out on the plains and are pressing forward seemingly with great rapidity. The present offensive of the French and British gives promise of seriousness menacing the entire German front from near the sea to Rheims.

NEW OFFENSIVE.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Aug. 8. (By the A.P.)—A combined attack by the French and British was begun at dawn to-day along the front between Albert and Mont Didier. Satisfactory progress was made despite strong enemy resistance. The assault began exactly at dawn along a front of between 40 and 50 kilometres and a success was scored at the same time in the direction of Domus and Auboisourt. The French advanced towards Coriville Cally on the south side of the Somme

east of Sullylaurete and Marcellois. Aroum-Morilal and Moroull the German resistance is terrific. Along the French front the artillery preparation lasted for forty minutes after which the troops left their trenches with wonderful dash. Before eight o'clock considerable progress had been recorded and all the first objectives had been attained.

TOWNS TAKEN.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 8. (By the A.P.)—In their offensive on the front east of Amiens to-day the British have taken Mameur Wood, Dodo Wood and probably have possession of the towns of Marcellois and La Motte, En Sarterre. An advance by the British to Marcellois and La Motte, En Sarterre would represent a penetration of approximately two miles into the German lines. The latter town is about three miles east of Villers-Bretonneux, slightly to the east of which the former British line ran. Marcellois is two miles southwest of La Motte, En Sarterre and about two and a half miles southeast of Villers-Bretonneux. The woods named do not appear on available maps. The advance indicates that the principal force of the British broke was exerted in the Villers-Bretonneux area, slightly to the southeast of Amiens where Field Marshal Haig's troops had an advantageous jumping off place from the Villers-Bretonneux ridge.

TANKS AND INFANTRY.

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 8.—The main weight of the Allied blow was directed against Von Mutters 18th army. Some hundreds of fighting tanks advanced as the infantry waves advanced.

PROGRESS MADE.

LONDON, Aug. 8. A very considerable number of villages have been captured in the Franco-British offensive and substantial progress has been made, according to news received here this afternoon.

PRISONERS AND GUNS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Aug. 8. Seven thousand prisoners and 100 guns have been captured in the Franco-British offensive, Andrew Bonar Law announced to-night. Harbourniers, six miles east of Villers-Bretonneux, has been reached.

ENEMY LINE DRIVEN IN.

LONDON, Aug. 8. Field Marshal Haig's statement concerning the new offensive by the British and French troops shows that the enemy line has been driven in about seven miles and a half in the center. At Plessier, which lies southeast of Moreuil, it shows that goodly gains also have been made eastward over the front of fifteen miles, lying between Plessier and Morlancoeur.

AVRE SLOPES CARRIED.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 8. (By the A.P.)—

The slopes of the Valley of the Avre have been carried and the Allies have reached the plateau beyond. They are making further progress and overcoming every obstacle along the line.

WOMEN TURNED DOWN.

LONDON, Aug. 8. Women are not entitled to become candidates for Parliament, according to a decision reached by the law officers of England, Scotland and Ireland, who were unanimous in their ruling, Andrew Bonar Law said in the House of Commons to-day. This settled the controversy which arose out of extending the franchise to women. Some have held that this gave them the right to sit in Parliament, and several women have announced their candidacy for office at the next general election.

DRAFTING HOME RULE BILL.

LONDON, Aug. 8. In reply to an inquiry by John Dillon, the National Leader, concerning the Government's Irish policy, Edward Shortt, the Secretary for Ireland, announced in the House of Commons to-day that he would be engaged during the recess in helping to draft a Home Rule Bill which would likely pass the House.

PETAINE ISSUES ORDER.

PARIS, Aug. 8. General Petaine, Commander-in-Chief of the French armies, has issued the following order of the day to the French troops: "Four years of effort with our staunch Allies, four years of trial, stoically endured, began to bear fruit. His fifth attempt in 1918 smashed, the invader retreats, his man-power decreased and his morale wavers, while at your side your American brothers have no sooner landed than they have made a baffled enemy feel the weight of their blows. Incessantly placed in the advance guard of the Allied people you have prepared the triumph of tomorrow. Not long ago, I said to you: Abnegation, patience, your comrades are arriving. To-day, I say: Tenacity, audacity, you shall force victory. Soldiers of France I salute our banners illumined with new glory."

RUSSIA AND ENGLAND AT WAR.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 8. The Russian Government has issued a declaration that a state of war exists between England and Russia, according to a despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, which prints it "with reservation."

BONAR LAW'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

LONDON, Aug. 8. Bonar Law announced to-night when addressing the House of Commons that up to three o'clock this afternoon on a twenty kilometre front between Morlancoeur and Mont Didier, we had reached all our objectives and captured 100 guns and 7,000 prisoners. The advance was reported to be between four and five miles, and at the point seven miles. The statement says that no estimate can be made of the number of guns and material captured, but that several thousand prisoners and many guns have been taken. The text of the statement follows: The operations commenced this morning on the Amiens front by the French first army, under command of General Deberty, and the British fourth army, under Sir Henry Rawlinson, are proceeding successfully. The assembly of Allied troops was completed under cover of the night unnotified by the enemy. At the hour of the assault French, Canadian, Australian, and English divisions, assisted by a large number of British tanks, stormed the Germans on a front of over twenty kilometres from the Avre River at Braches to the neighborhood of Morlancoeur. The enemy was taken by surprise, and at all points the Allied troops have made rapid progress. At an early hour our first objectives had been reached on the whole of the front attacked. During the morning the advance of the Allied infantry continued actively, assisted by British cavalry, light tanks and motor machine gun batteries. The general line reached by our troops runs from Plessier Rezal-Nullie to Beaucourt to Calx to Framerville to Chipilly, and to the west of Morlancoeur. No accurate estimate can be given concerning the number of prisoners or guns or the amount of material captured, but it is known that several thousands of prisoners and many guns have fallen into our hands.

TANKS ACROSS THE RIVER.

LONDON, Aug. 8. Franco-British tanks have crossed the Uccouere Valley in the drive begun against the Germans this morning.

GERMAN AIRMAN KILLED.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 8. Capt. Strasser, one of Germany's most successful squadron commanders in Zeppelin attacks, and the entire crew of the Zeppelin which led the attack toward the British east coast Monday night, perished when the dirigible was shot down over the North Sea. An official communication from Berlin dealing with the attempted raid on the East English coast was received here yesterday. It said the raiders caused heavy damage in bombing attacks, but that Strasser

and his crew probably met a heroic death. All the other airships participating in the attack are reported to have returned without losses or damage.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

LONDON, Aug. 8. Earl Curzon, Government leader in the House of Lords, in a speech yesterday, said the Imperial War Cabinet had not yet discussed the subject of Imperial preference. The Government, he added, would act in the matter in concert with its Allies, and especially the United States. At the end of the war the British Empire and the United States would control the greater part of the raw material of the world, Earl Curzon continued, and if it were necessary to use this power against the enemy it could only be done to advantage by a general agreement among the Allies. When Parliament reassembled, the speaker said, a full statement would be made. In the meantime he said there would be no final discussion with the Dominions and still less with the Allies.

CONTINUES WITH SUCCESS.

LONDON, Aug. 8. According to advices received in London the French and British forces which attacked this morning in the Picardy sector, have advanced at some points to a depth of more than three miles. The attack must have taken the Germans by surprise as the weather has not been such as would generally be chosen for the commencement of no operations. On Monday there was a continuous downpour of rain along the Amiens front, but advices state the British troops were congratulating themselves that the ground was not as bad as they had experienced in Flanders where shell craters were filled with water and there was no means of draining them.

FRENCH TOWNS RECLAIMED.

LONDON, Aug. 8. According to reports received this afternoon the Allies have captured the towns of Moreuil, Demuin, Ablancourt and Morlancoeur, the heights west of Cerisy and the heights south of Morlancoeur.

THE DEATH OF THE SUB!

LONDON, Aug. 8. The Secretary of the Admiralty in announcing the amount of the merchant ships constructed for the three months ending June 30th, says the output of the United Kingdom and Allied and neutral countries exceeded the losses from all causes by 296,695 tons, the total output was 1,242,274 tons against 945,579 tons for the first quarter of the year. The United Kingdom built 442,965 tons as compared with 320,280. During July the United Kingdom constructed 141,948 tons as compared with June 134,159 tons which compared with July 1916-1917 shows an increase of 174 per cent and 71 per cent, respectively. The United Kingdom total output for the first seven months of the year was 995,194 tons for the year ending July 31 the output was 1,490,025 compared with the same period of the previous year 865,147 tons. The Secretary says the July figures were not as high as usual owing to the holidays. The influenza epidemic had a transient but marked effect on shipbuilding as it caused the absence of from 35 to 50 per cent of the employees of the yards. "Having regard for all circumstances I consider the July output reasonably satisfactory," the statement concludes.

BULGARIA TALKING PEACE.

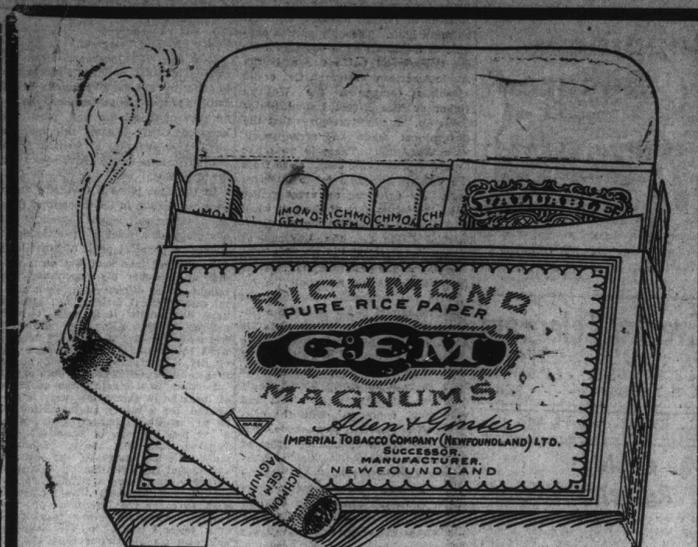
ATHENS, Aug. 8. Bulgaria is engaged in a peace offensive synchronizing with the German movement in the same direction according to Alexander Garapanos, former Minister of Foreign Affairs. She is playing particularly upon the friendly sentiment existent at least on the part of Great Britain and the United States, he asserts.

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Women Workers Organization.

Last evening's meeting of girl-workers, in the British Hall, was well attended and girls from many employments were present. Mr. P. Bennett, President N. I. W. A., was in the chair, and members of the Executive attended. The President explained the purpose of the meeting and announced that Mrs. A. B. Barle, wife of an Executive member of the N. I. W. A., would deliver an address on the subject and send of the girl workers organizing, and her interesting address was listened to with attention. Messrs. Warwick Smith, A. E. Barle, T. H. White, hacco Co., F. B. Wood Co., Standard Manufacturing Co., Nfld. Clothing Co., Knitting Mills, Colonial Cordage Co., Browning's Biscuit Factory, said also a representative from the domestic employees were present, and from these representatives were elected members to compose an organizing committee.

The newly elected officers were congratulated by various members of the male portion of the N. I. W. A., after which some detail work was gone through with. The new branch will be assisted and championed in every way possible by the N. I. W. A., and Southern will meet with every success. The next meeting will be advertised in the Press.



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