

War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

GERMAN MUNITION FACTORY BLOWN UP.

LONDON, Aug. 6. According to reports received from the German frontier by the correspondent at Amsterdam of the Exchange Telegraph Co., the explosion at Henningdorf was one of the worst catastrophes of its kind that has happened in Germany since the war began. The munition factory was wiped out and 300 people killed or injured. Enormous damage was done.

SITUATION UNCHANGED ON THE FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Aug. 6. German attacks were made last night on the French front positions east of Noyse Farm in the region south of Boville, at Avocourt Wood, and in Alsace. The French official statement issued this afternoon says that the attacks were crushed by the French artillery. On the French front in Belgium the situation was unchanged.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Aug. 6. The British official statement early last night says the enemy attacked in the neighborhood of Hollebeke, but was driven off before reaching our lines. An attack made under cover of a heavy barrage against our positions at Westhoek was equally unsuccessful. A German raiding party was repulsed during the night east of Epepy.

ADVANCE OF CANADIANS.

Canadian Headquarters, via London, Aug. 6.—Following up the successful advance of Saturday afternoon in the region of Cite Du Moulin, another advance was made last night which carried the outpost to the main line of the enemy's defence on the railway embankment to the west of Lens. The men of two Canadian battalions, in a dashing attack, captured the crater, occupying the cross roads northeast of Cite Du Moulin and the Lievin road, which passes through Du Moulin. The enemy had maintained strong posts in these craters, whence a harassing rifle grenade fire occurred. All our outposts line at the night attack for the most part was carried out with bombs, the approach in both cases being through a maze of partially destroyed houses which did not lend themselves to the use of the rifle. When the bombs began to fall, the enemy did not stay to fight it out, but retired towards his main position, leaving the craters to be incorporated in our advanced line. An attacking party then advanced to two tunnels known to be occupied by the enemy, and bombed them, inflicting a considerable number of casualties on the enemy. A break in the clouds has permitted a resumption of artillery and aerial activity.

GATES CLOSED AND OPENED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. The report that a U-boat has been sighted near the trans-Atlantic lanes, off this port, caused the War Department authorities to close the gates and not protect the harbor mouth here, at one o'clock this morning. The gate was opened again at 6 a.m.

REQUISITIONING POWERS.

PARIS, Aug. 6. The precise terms of the law just passed, giving the civil authorities requisitioning powers, were published to-day in the Journal Officiel. Under the provisions of the Act, these authorities may, during the duration of the war, seize in the first place everything necessary for feeding and clothing the civil population and supplying it with heat and light. In the

second place they may seize all industrial and commercial materials and establishments used in the production, fabrication, manipulation, or conservation of supplies needed for the population. Industrial or commercial establishments may be seized wholly or in part. In the latter case if operators of establishments to be partly requisitioned agree to produce supplies as determined upon by the Minister of Commerce, requisition will be held up.

RUSSIANS AGAIN PREPARING.

BERLIN, Aug. 6. The Russians are preparing to give battle to the Austro-German forces advancing on the Russian front between the Dneister and Prutub, according to to-day's army headquarters announcement. The Roumanian frontier, southwest of Czerawitz is also the scene of Russian resistance.

TO ASSIST AVIATION.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. An official announcement was made by the British recruiting mission tonight that Lieut. Denton, who is in charge of the recruiting for the Royal Flying Corps, will go to Texas shortly to lay out an aviation camp for the Canadians. The plan is to reproduce in Texas the aviation schools like those at Camp Borden, Camp Mohawk, Camp Sesside, Camp Daromor Heights. Lieut. Denton was responsible for the laying out of the Canadian flying grounds. A large number of cadets who were recruited in New York will be sent to Texas to finish their training.

TALKING FINANCE.

PARIS, Aug. 6. The Journal Des Debats in a review of finance yesterday, called attention that it is America's imperative duty to recognize the obligations toward France which it cannot escape and that it must open credits to the Allies as large as may be required, without which they cannot continue the war. The article points out that the status of the United States is different now that she is in the war and says that it must not expect the same securities as when her standing was on a private basis.

RETURNS TO PRIVATE LIFE.

PEKING, Aug. 1, (Delayed.) Li Yuan Hung, former President, who has been in the French hospital since the time of the recent crisis, left the hospital to-day and returned to his private residence in the Chinese city. Acting President Feng Kwo Chang, who arrived in Peking to-day, called upon Li Yuan Hung, after the latter reached his home and urged him to reassume the Presidency. Li Yuan Hung declined, however, to comply with the request of the Acting President, expressing a desire to retire permanently from public life. His hope, he said, was that Feng Kwo Chang would have a successful administration.

GERMAN MINISTERS RESIGN.

BERLIN, Aug. 6. An official announcement was made to-day that five Ministers of State, including Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and four Secretaries of State including Finance Minister Lentze, and Interior Minister Von Loebell, had resigned their portfolios. Dr. Richard Von Kuehlmann, German Ambassador to Turkey has been appointed Secretary for Foreign Affairs in succession to Zimmermann.

GERMAN PRESS DISAPPOINTED.

BERLIN, Aug. 6. The liberal press of Germany is outspoken in its disappointment over the selections Chancellor Michaelis has made of his colleagues. The new Imperial and Prussian Ministers which are held show the change effected is in name only, not system. All the papers of his class agree in the view that there is not a trace of parliamentarism in the new order of things.

CHANGE IN GERMAN MINISTERS.

BERLIN, Aug. 6. Graevintz has been appointed to succeed Arnold Wahnschaeffe, as Chief of the Imperial Chancellery.



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The Ministry of economics will ultimately be separated from the Ministry of Interior, and Herr Waldraff, Mayor of Cologne, will be appointed Minister of the Interior, and Herr Schwander, Mayor of Strassburg, Minister of Economics, with the titles of Excellency. In addition to the appointment of Dr. Von Kuehlmann as Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Herr Redlin will be made Director of Railways, and Von Kraude, Minister of Posts and Privy Councillor, is named as Secretary of Justice, over President Von Waldow, who is appointed Chief of the Department of Army Nourishment. The vacant Prussian ministerial posts were filled as follows: Minister of Justice, Dr. Peter Spahn, leader of the Catholic Centre Party in the Reichstag; Minister of the Interior, Herr Drews; Under Secretary and Minister of Instruction, Herr Schmidt; Ministerial Director and Minister of Agriculture, Essen Hartrath; Minister of Finances Dr. Herz.

SOCIALIST CONFERENCE.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 6. The date of the International Socialist Conference to be held in this city has been definitely fixed for Sept. 9th.

CHINA DECLARES WAR.

PEKING, Aug. 2 (Delayed.) Acting President Feng Kwo Chang today approved the unanimous decision reached at a special meeting of the Chinese Cabinet to declare war on Germany and Austria-Hungary. The Ministers of the Entente probably will meet at the Chinese Foreign Office on Saturday to discuss China's declaration of war, which is expected to be issued next week. Prominent Germans in Peking are conferring with the Dutch Minister to China with the object of making arrangements to go to Java. The Spanish Minister will probably take over the interests of Austria-Hungary. Premier Tuan Chi Jui and his followers insist that Feng Kwo Chang as Vice-President automatically became President when Li Yuan Hung declined to resume office. Parliament is assembling to organize a military government with sanction of the Parliaments and to elect President. Kwo Chang has asked for liberal appropriation to be used in suppressing the southern military elements.

RUSSIAN GENERAL ORDERED TO BE SHOT.

LONDON, Aug. 6. General Masovisky, Commander of the Guards Corps, which headed the Russian retreat on the southwest front has been ordered to be shot, according to a despatch from Petrograd. This sentence came after court-martial which was ordered by General Korniloff, Commander-in-Chief for non-compliance with his orders.

THE GERMAN SUBS.

BERLIN, Aug. 6. It is officially declared that contrary to rumors of overwhelming losses in submarines, the monthly average is not likely more than three under water boats lost during the period from February 1st to August, while the monthly increase in submarines constructed is many times larger.

Men Enlisted for Week Ended August 4, 1917.

Electoral District.	REGT.		NAVY.	
	Accepted.	Rejected.	Accepted.	Rejected.
St. John's East	0	4	0	4
St. John's West	0	4	0	4
Harbour Main	2	12	4	1
Port de Grave	0	1	1	1
Harbour Grace	0	1	1	1
Carbonear	0	1	1	1
Bay de Verde	0	1	1	1
Trinity	0	1	1	1
Bonavista	1	0	1	0
Pogo	0	1	1	1
Twillingate	0	2	2	2
St. Barbe	0	1	1	1
St. George	0	1	1	1
Burgoe and LaPelle	1	0	1	0
Fortune Bay	0	1	1	1
Durin	0	1	1	1
Placentia & St. Mary's	0	2	2	2
Perryland	0	1	1	1
Labrador	0	1	1	1
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ENJOYABLE DANCE.—A very enjoyable dance was held at Smithville last night, about sixty couples attended. Miss K. Furlong furnished the music to the delight of all present.

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Subscriptions may be sent to Lady Davidson, President; Mrs. Emerson, Hon. Treasurer; or any of the following members of the Finance Committee: Mrs. John Ayre, Mrs. Garrett Byne, Miss Browning, Mrs. T. J. Duley, Mrs. T. J. Edens, Miss Hayward, Mrs. Archibald Macpherson and Mrs. Herbert Rendell.

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Entertainments consisting of Songs, Dances, Recitations, &c., by our best artists, will be given during the afternoon and evening at the Orphanage Garden Party at Govt House on Wednesday, Aug. 8th. These entertainments will be under the able direction of Miss Mabel LeMesurier.—jly30.aug2,4,7

Good and Bad Reports

(From Upper Amherst Cove to Cape L'Argent).—Prospects are good especially for hook and liners on the off-grounds. The trap fishery is nearly over and a few have been taken in, but on the whole the voyage is particularly good. The catch is 37,500 qts. and for last week 3,500. One hundred traps and 205 dories and skiffs are fishing, employing 558 men. From W. White (Trouty to English Hr).—The catch is 1400 qts. and for last week 100. Sixty traps and 50 dories, skiffs and boats are fishing. There has been a little improvement over the previous week, but on the whole the outlook is very discouraging. Squid is plentiful. From T. Hogan (Carbonear to Crocker's Cove).—Twenty-four traps and 4 punts are fishing. Squid is plentiful but codfishery prospects are very poor. The catch is 650 qts. with 10 for last week.

Help the Orphans.

Great preparations are being made for to-morrow's Garden Party to be held at Government House in aid of the C. of E. Orphanage. This is the second annual event to be held for so worthy a cause, and with such an excellent programme of events there should be a large attendance. Candies, ice cream, plain and fancy work will be offered for sale. One of the finest exhibitions of war relics yet seen in the country will be shown, while numerous side shows will be operating.

A Pouch Cove Hero Writes From Germany.

The following extracts were taken from a letter written by Sergeant Horatio Grouchy, prisoner of war in Germany, to his brother, Mr. Alex. Grouchy of Pouch Cove. The letter was dated May 25th.

"I wrote you some time ago; I wonder if you got the letter. It was written April 24th and I was captured on the 14th. We are allowed to write, I think, about once a month. I am short of paper and was given this by a friend. This letter will have to do for all. I often think of you all at home, but don't worry about me. Tell father and mother (D.V.) I will see you all yet. I am without razor, soap or towel, so a parcel would come in fine, also with some eatables. Often I think of a smoke, but then I guess one must wait. Tell my friends in St. John's I am well and will write them the first chance, perhaps a postcard; I think that can be done once a week. One does not know what they have to go through in life, but God is good and will bring me through safe. Mr. Baird's son Sandy (Lieut. Baird) is also captured. He is an officer; you know him. He is not with me, but speak to Mr. Baird about him. Another you can speak about is Sergt. Edward Caldwell, son of Rev. Caldwell. You may write his father, Rev. Mr. Netten will know him. Wishing you all well, with kind regards,
From your affectionate brother,
RAISH."

Said Germany Banked on Neutral Exports.

Erzberger Proclaimed "the Terrible Fact" That America Would Stop Them.

London, July 23.—That the German high command had based its calculations on food supplies which America had been sending to neutrals became known, according to The Daily Mail, through the famous speech by Matthias Erzberger, head of the Catholic Party in the Reichstag, made at a secret session of that body. The newspapers referred to his address as a "bombshell." Herr Erzberger remarked that, although America's entry into the war was of little military value, it was important, owing to the extent to which Germany was dependent on the neutrals for food and other supplies.

He said that America had decreed that she would not permit exports to neutrals as long as these neutrals exported to Germany. Consequently, Herr Erzberger said, Germany would very shortly lose her source of supply. The terrible fact, he said, had to be faced that the military authorities had entirely figured on these supplies, and that nobody in authority could find any answer or give any idea whence the supplies were to come.

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ERRATUM.—In the acknowledgment of gifts to the Naval and Military Convalescent Hospital published yesterday, the boxes of Grape Juice acknowledged should have read from Hon. John Harvey and not as published.

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