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WAR REVIEW.

The French and Americans are fast driving the Germans out of their positions in Southern Picardy and in the sector between the Vesle and the Aisne rivers. So rapid has been the progress for the Allies, the French in Picardy and the Americans and French from Soissons east towards Rheims, that the retirement of the enemy has the appearance at present of the beginning almost of a rout. Meanwhile Field Marshal Haig in the north from Peronne to Ypres is almost as busily engaged with his troops in carrying out successful manoeuvres, which are only in a slightly less degree of rapidity, forcing the Germans everywhere to give ground. The British men again have made the German taste bitter defeat on numerous occasions, and the end of the punishment for them seems not yet in sight. In the last fighting in the region extending from the old Noyon sector to Soissons, the French have reclaimed thirty villages from the Germans, have crossed the Somme Canal at several points and are standing only a short distance from the important junction of Ham, with its roads leading to St. Quentin and La Fere. On the south they have made further crossings of the Ailette River and are fast skirting the great wooded region which acts as a barrier to direct attack on Laon, the Chemin des Dames and the western Aisne defences of the enemy. Seemingly at the present rate of progress this barrier will shortly have been overcome and instead the entire salient northwest of Soissons obliterated. Already the French south of Presnes on the fringe of the high forest of Courcy, have penetrated the old Hindenburg line. All behind the lines northeast of Noyon, great conflagrations are to be seen, particularly around Jussy and La Fere, which apparently is an indication that it is the intention of the Germans to fall back as fast as they can to the old German lines running southeastward from St. Quentin. The French and Americans are hard after the Germans from the Vesle River and the Aisne, and for more than 8 miles, extending from Conde to Vic-sur-Aisne they have driven the enemy across the Aisne and are now standing on the southern bank of the river. Eastward towards Rheims almost up to the gates of the Cathedral City, the German line is falling back. At the anchor point of the line in the vicinity of Rheims, however, the Germans seem to be holding, evidently realizing that a retrograde movement here would necessitate a straightening of their line perhaps as far eastward as Verdun. In the initial manoeuvre to the retreat along the Vesle front the Americans and French captured both Bancoches and Fiamette. From Bancoches they moved six miles northward to Vitlary, while from Fiamette they

have penetrated more than a distance of three miles into the Barbonval which is only a little more than 6 miles south of the Aisne. In Flanders the British have taken the town of Ploegsteert and positions southwest of Messines and northeast of Wulverghem and repulsed strong counter attacks launched against them. Southwest of Arras all the way down the line to the south of the Somme below Peronne, the British have dug more deeply into the enemy's front on various sectors, especially towards Cambrai in the enemy's rearwards for a considerable distance. The Germans have been violently bombarding the Americans at Frapelle on the eastern end of the battlefield in Lorraine, but have attempted no infantry attacks. More than 3,000 shells, many of them gas projectiles, have been sent into the American line by the enemy.

PRISONERS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Sept. 5. (Official.)—From Neuve Chapette southward to Givency the British have reached the line they held up to the German attack on April 9th last, while to the eastward of Givency sections of the old German positions have been taken. On the battle line in front of Cambrai an improvement in the British positions south of Moeuvres is reported. The positions to the east of Hermettes near Canal Du Nord, just to the south, also have been improved. Still further south the British have captured the village of Neuville Bourjoul, east of the Canal Du Nord. More than 16,000 prisoners and more than one hundred guns have been taken by the British in the past four days.

MARKED PROGRESS.

LONDON, Sept. 5. Marked progress was made by the British last night along the Flanders front, according to to-day's war office reports. Ploegsteert village has been captured, as well as Hill 63, southwest of Messines, on the Lys front. The British hold the general line of Voormeesle, Pulverghem, Ploegsteert, Nieppe, Laventie and Givency.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, Sept. 5. In the Neule region on the Somme front the French crossed the Somme Canal near Yotennes and Offry. Just to the south they have reached the region beyond Homblix, Famery, Hallon and Flavy le Meideux, between the Ailette and the Aisne the towns of Clamecy and Misay sur Aisne have been captured. The operation on the Neule has been extended to the east and a crossing has been effected between Ventaux and Jonchery on a two and a half mile front.

FRENCH REACH THE AISNE.

PARIS, Sept. 5. The German retreat before the French northeast of Noyon continues. During the night, to-day's war office announcement shows that the French troops kept in touch with the enemy rearwards and pushed after the retreating foe east of the Canal Du Nord. Franco-American forces pursuing the Germans north of the Vesle have reached the line of the Aisne, according to advices from the front this morning. Advancing north of the Vesle, French and American troops reached the crest of the ridge dominating the River Aisne.

IMPORTANT DAMAGE DONE.

PARIS, Sept. 5. (Havas.)—Nearly forty tons of explosives were dropped by 148 British Allied airplanes on the towns of Brancourt and Anis Le Chateau, south of Concy Forest on August 29th in connection with the advance of General Mangin's army, says the Matin. Important material damage was done in the hours of the aerial operations. Fifteen fights took place; six enemy airplanes were shot down; only one Allied machine was lost.

BASEBALL—FIRST GAME WON BY RED SOX.

GOMISKY PARK, Chicago, Sept. 5. Red Sox won the opening game of the 1918 world series here to-day, defeating the Chicago Nationals 1 to 0 in a game marked principally by air tight pitching. The winning run resulted from the first of Vaughan's



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bases on balls, the slip of the Chicago pitcher being followed by two sharp singles by Whitman and McInnis. Sheen scoring on the second hit with the only run of the game. The Cubs had only two good openings for runs, but both of them came with two men out. In the first instance Merkle was passed, and Pick, Chicago's new second baseman, was unequal to the task of driving in the runs. In the second instance, Deal raised the hopes of the Chicago fans by driving a long hit to left, but it fell foul and his next attempt was captured by Whitman. The game lacked almost all spectacular features which usually accompany a world's series contest, but this had no effect on the quality of play, which was worthy of champion teams of major leagues. The fine pitching of the opposing left handers, Vaughan and Ruth, gave the fielders little chance for stunts, and as a consequence the crowd had almost no opportunity to cheer.

THE DYNASTY AND THE CROWN.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 5. In appealing to the constitution committee of the Prussian Upper House to fulfil the Emperor's pledge for reform of the franchise, Chancellor Von Hertling said that in his honest conviction with this serious question the protection and the preservation of the crown and the dynasty is at stake. Count Von Hertling's address was delivered at the opening of the discussion by the committee of the Prussian franchise reform question. The government, said the Chancellor, considers that its task is to bring to fulfilment the royal pledge expressed in the July message. As all the sons of the Fatherland are defending the Fatherland, there is now no question of social discrimination at the next election. The object is one which I undertook to achieve when I accepted office and upon which I intend to stand or fall, but it is no question of ministerial responsibility in the ordinary political sense. My honest conviction is that with these serious questions the protection and the preservation of the crown and the dynasty are at stake. Therefore endeavour to find a road that leads to an understanding. The Government sees no possibility of approving the bill in the form in which it came from the lower House. I fully appreciate the scruples regarding the introduction of general equal suffrage, but at the present time these scruples must give way to greater tasks namely: The protection of the most precious treasures of our political life, the dynasty and the crown.

FIRE DESTROYS CARGO.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 5. An American steamship caught fire at sea and came into port to-day with a hold in flames which had been burning sixty hours, destroying thousands of pounds of sugar, tobacco and fruit taken on at Porto Rico. Fire boats have been pouring water into the hold but it will be many hours before the fire is extinguished.

TRYING TO EXPLAIN.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 5. Apparently it has not been possible to hide from the German people the bitter disappointment among the German military authorities over the evacuation of Kemmel, one of the strategic strongholds southwest of Ypres. The Lokal Anzeiger's military correspondent says the evacuation was effected with a heavy heart and adds that the sole comfort surrounding the withdrawal was that it was voluntary and that it served a tactical purpose affecting the whole army on the west front which does not hesitate at sacrificing a mere place when a purpose is to be attained. More outspoken is Koester, a military writer in the Berlin Vorwaerts, who is completely at a loss to understand why the proud Kemmel bastion was surrendered. This writer says the future alone will tell what purpose the manoeuvre served. He concludes, however, that from the fact that two American divisions had been on that part of the front, some enemy coup had been planned which now had been cleverly frustrated, without casualty.

FRENCH SUCCESSES.

PARIS, Sept. 5. The French troops made important advances to-day along the Canal Du Nord, and north of the Vesle according to the War Office announcement to-night. During the course of the day thirty villages were retaken along the Ailette river. The statement says:

Our troops continued their pursuit of the retreating enemy to-day along the Canal Du Nord and the Vesle and made important advances despite resistance at certain points. On the north bank of the Somme Canal we hold Taly and Offry to the south and we have brought our lines nearer to the road to Ham, along which our front extends from Plessis Patee Dole to Berlancoort, southeast of that village. Our front passes through the outskirts of Givency and Gallionel, Crespien, north of Marest Dancourt and the southern outskirts of Abbecourt.

HUNS BURNING SUPPLIES.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 4.—The Germans are appearing to burn supplies and are blowing up ammunition dumps in the region north of Oise River and east of the Noyon-Guiscard road. Many conflagrations have been seen as far east as Ternurion and explosions at Nogy, north of Chauny.

ON THE EASTERN FRONT.

EASTERN THEATRE.
On the right bank of the Vardar British troops on the night of August 30 completed their success of the preceding evening, taking new enemy works. The total of prisoners captured was 87, of whom one was an officer. In the Cerma Bend and in the region of Monastir the enemy attempted two surprise attacks, both of which were unsuccessful.

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL.

VIENNA, via London, Sept. 4. The following official statement dealing with operations on the Italian front was issued to-day by the War Office: On the northern part of the Tonale Pass our mountain detachments by a surprise attack wrested from the enemy Punta San Matteo and Monte Montello and a summit glacier. This feat of arms among the eternal ice and snow is a remarkable testimony of the fighting capacity of the attackers who are equal to the severest Alpine conditions.

GUISCARD CAPTURED.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 4. (By the A.P.)—Guiscard, north of Noyon, was captured by the French this afternoon following a general advance of from four to seven miles from St. Simon to the Canal Du Nord. French cavalry advanced this afternoon from Baboucy to the region of Mondescourt on the Noyon-Chaunay Road and midway between the two towns, while Mercourt southeast of Guiscard, was occupied this evening. Officers taken prisoners in the wood between this point had received orders to retreat to Bethancourt, northwest of Chauny. The officers received these orders at 1.30 p.m. just before the arrival of the French troops. There are indications that the Germans proposed retreating from this part of the line to the line of Berthecourt, Ham and Han-court. The speed of the French advance, however, is delaying the schedule for retreating so much that possibly the enemy will not find leisure to stop at Ham. The manoeuvre which forced the retirement of the enemy over the front of Mont St. Simon and the Canal Du Nord began Tuesday morning with an attack upon a strong position fortified and protected by wire entanglements and machine gun nests. The attack was preceded by an artillery preparation of four hours. The infantry then went forward only to find that many centres of resistance

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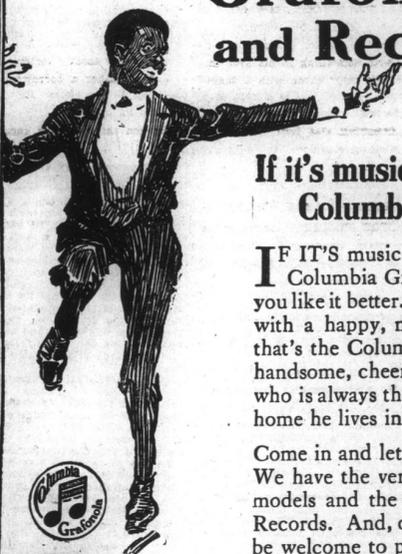
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had survived the shelling and the hardest kind of fighting ensued, the men often coming hand to hand, overcoming the resistance of the German foot by foot. General Humbert's men broke the line and to-day forced ahead rapidly. The advance at three o'clock being from four to seven miles in depth. Guiscard fell into their hands this afternoon. The first army in the meantime took Libermont, Freinches, and Fresnoy Le Chateau southeast of Ham. General Mangin's men also made further gains north of Ailette, crossed the Vesle at several points and forced a passage of the Aisne at the Bliss farm between Venzol and Misc. Many prisoners were taken during these operations beside three and four inch cannon and a great quantity of material. Jussy, La Fere and other towns behind the German lines, are reported in flames to-night.

SUSPECTS ROUNDED UP.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. The hunt for draft slackers slowed down here to-day. Some three thousand suspects were rounded up during the night. The total of men examin-

ed since the round-up began is estimated at about 60,000 in the metropolitan district, but the exact number of these proved to be delinquents was not available to-day. About 400 were to-day sent to army camps.

NEW AERIAL POST.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. An aerial post office between New York and Chicago was inaugurated this evening when Max Miller in a large aeroplane carrying a sack of mail left New York at 8.00 o'clock.

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