

Cable News.

WAR REVIEW.

The British and French armies continue to cut their way into the German lines on various sections of the lower part of the battle line in France notwithstanding the bad weather which has caused somewhat of a slackening in the violence of the operations. Field Marshal Haig's forces have materially encroached upon Cambrai and St. Quentin, while further south the French armies are pressing eastward on the old Noyon sector towards Laferre and Laon, and northward from Soissons in an auxiliary manoeuvre with the same objectives in view. Between the Vesle and the Aisne River where the American troops are fighting with the French, additional ground has been gained by the Allies' forces. The British now are standing at Villeneuve six miles from St. Quentin having carried out an advance of over a mile from the general line of the Somme, Rosbecourt and Permand. To the north the greater part of the Havrincourt Wood, one of the German strong points barring the way to Cambrai has been captured. So rapid has been the British advance along this portion of the front that they are now in the position they held before the big German drive of last March. In these positions the Germans are offering stout resistance to further progress by the British. Gradually the French are working their way around the St. Gobain forest north of Soissons, in the movement that aims at the outflanking of Laferre and Laon, and all the German positions east of this region. They have reached the outskirts of the village of Berles on the north edge of the forest, while a short distance to the north they have taken the village of Menestre on the St. Quentin Canal. This latter gain brings the French within little more than eight miles of St. Quentin. North of the Aisne near Soissons the Germans are fighting hard to keep the French in check, realising that the gain by them of such more territory in this region in connection with the manoeuvre that is in progress around the St. Gobain forest will place the entire German defence line eastwards towards Helms in a critical position. Near La Faux and to the north of Celles-sur-Aisne the Germans have delivered strong counter attacks but the French everywhere have maintained their ground. The Germans also are retreating somewhat south of Ypres, especially in the region of Ploegheleer, where the British are threatening the capture of Armentieres. Counter offensive manoeuvres here and east of Wulverghem were broken up by the British during the first week of September. Field Marshal Haig's forces have taken more than 15,000 prisoners and large quantities of stores. That further big events are on the programme of the Entente Allies in the prosecution of the war is indicated by the fact that Newton D. Baker, the American Secretary of War is again in France for a war conference.

ENEMY OFFERING INCREASED RESISTANCE.

LONDON, Sept. 8. On the southern portion of the battle front our troops have now entered the area of the defence systems constructed by us prior to the German March offensive. The enemy is offering increased resistance among these prepared defences and sharp fighting has taken place to-day at a number of points. Our advanced troops are pressing forward, and have gained ground in the direction of Vermand, Rosbecourt and Epehy. Local hostile attacks were repulsed south of Ploegheleer and east of Wulverghem. On the remainder of the British front there is nothing of special interest to report. The number of prisoners captured by the British troops in France during the first week of September exceeded 15,000.

NEW FRENCH ADVANCE.

LONDON, Sept. 7. The French have advanced on a 20-mile front to an average depth of two miles and at some places to a depth of four miles. They occupied Tergnier without opposition. They have reached east of this village to the railway and Canal. North of the Ailette the lower forest of Coucy is entirely in French hands as well as Barisis, which was captured in heavy fighting notwithstanding the stubborn resistance of the enemy.

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LONDON COMMENT ON SITUATION.

ONDOLN, Sept. 7. Public interest to-day is divided equally between the unbroken advance of the Allied armies and the apparent signs that the German people are in a state of nervous anxiety bordering on demoralization. More editorial space is given here recently to future events than the retreat of German army. The belief that something like a panic has seized the German population is not based on stories from neutral sources, which have raised false hopes in the past, but upon the utterances of the leaders in the German nation and the appeals of German newspapers to the public to keep its head while they themselves admit the seriousness of the military situation.

TRAIN WRECK NEAR QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Sept. 7. An L.C.R. train, the Ocean Limited, westbound, jumped a bridge near St. Andre, Kamouraska, early to-day. Six coaches fell. There are a number of dead and the injured are many. Rescue trains have been rushed to the scene from Lévis and Moncton with ambulance supplies and doctors. So far one body has been recovered from the wreckage, that of fireman Senecal of the train. The engineer is injured. The despatcher's office of the L.C.R. at Lévis says the Company will make a full statement at 9 o'clock this morning.

ONE DEAD, FIVE INJURED IN QUEBEC TRAIN WRECK.

QUEBEC, Sept. 7. The locomotive turned turtle in the ditch. It is officially announced that only one death resulted, that of Senecal. The number of injured is five. None of the passengers were hurt. The engineer, T. Berub, of Fraserville, was injured, while the other victims are mostly mail clerks, slightly hurt.

UNREST IN GERMANY GROWING.

LONDON, Sept. 7. General demoralization of the German population and widespread and growing dissatisfaction in the German army, accompanied by mutiny and desertions are described in a despatch to the Daily Telegram from its Rotterdam correspondent, under date of Thursday. The correspondent says that information reaching him is so sensational as to inspire scepticism, but declares from authoritative sources which establishes the authenticity of the information beyond a doubt. He asserts that the German army is filled with despondency and seething with mutinous spirit, and that alarming outbreaks have occurred in several units principally Bavarian and Silesian. A huge number of desertions are occurring, the correspondent says, and it is estimated that there are more than twenty thousand deserters in Berlin alone. Large numbers are scattered throughout the country, and the authorities are having the greatest difficulty in tracing deserters owing to the connivance of the working classes. Nevertheless hundreds have been arrested, and generally these have been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. A great number of imprisoned deserters, broken by solitary confinement, have been released and sent back to the ranks. Disobedience and defiance of officers is common at the front, according to the correspondent's information, and a similar spirit is shown in the munition factories, where the workers deliberately are slowing up, with the result that the output has been seriously decreased.

PUSHING TOWARDS MESSINES.

LONDON, Sept. 7. (Official.)—Fighting their way towards the left flank of the German positions along the Canal Du Nord, British penetrated the western part of Havrincourt Wood, taking prisoners as they progressed. In Flanders the British are pushing towards Messines near the south end of the Messines ridge, and advanced their lines last night a short distance in the direction of the town. North of LaBasse Canal on the Flanders front their patrols made headway in the enemy positions in the vicinity of Cateleux and Violaine.

FRENCH TAKE TOWNS.

PARIS, Sept. 7. On the front between the Somme and the Oise the French continued to press forward last night, overcoming the resistance of the German rear-guard, according to to-day's war office report. Pushing east of Ham, French troops have occupied the towns of Dury and Ollisy, more than three miles beyond Ham.

FRENCH ADVANCING.

PARIS, Sept. 8. The French troops have captured the village of Mennesis about four miles north of Tergnier and on the St. Quentin Canal. Further south they have penetrated to the northern fringe of the St. Gobain forest up to the outskirts of the village of Servais, according to the French communication issued to-day. The text of the statement reads: North of the Oise the French troops have captured the village of Mennesis, and are along the canal St. Quentin. South of the Oise

the French have made progress to the outskirts of Servais in the region of LaFaux as well as north of Celles Sur Aisne. We maintained our positions in spite of several German counter attacks. We took prisoners during two surprise attacks we delivered in Champagne.

MORE TOWNS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Sept. 8. The capture by the British by night-fall yesterday of Villeveque, St. Emile and the greater part of Havrincourt Wood is reported in to-day's official despatches from Field Marshal Haig. On the whole front south of Havrincourt the German retreat continues under close and constant pressure of our troops. We have reached the line of Beauvais-Boisel and Havrincourt Wood. In frequent encounters with the German rearwards our advanced detachments are taking prisoners and inflicting numerous casualties. North of Havrincourt our troops have captured a strong point known as the spoilheap on the west bank of the Canal Du Nord opposite Hermies, taking a number of prisoners and machine guns. The stocks of coal and road metal which has fallen into our hands together with large quantities of other war material prove that it was the enemy's intention to remain in occupation of the Somme battlefield during the winter months and prove also the hurried nature of the retreat that has been forced upon him.

IS THIS A MARINE TRAGEDY?

A CANADIAN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 7.—A schooner, believed to be the "Belle of Burgeo," of Burgo, Nfld., has been sighted floating bottom up in the vicinity of dangerous ledges near here. It is supposed that the vessel, which looks to be a craft of about eighty tons, capsized in the gale of last night, and that her crew were drowned. Fishermen along the shore this morning picked up several pieces of wood, one with the word "Belle" and another "Burgeo." The surface of the sea in the vicinity is covered with oil. The schooner "Belle of Burgo" sailed from this port yesterday with general cargo, including a large quantity of coal for Newfoundland.

FIVE OF CREW DROWNED.

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Sept. 7. (By the A.P.)—The American army cargo steamer Lake Ownes of 3308 tons, which was destroyed by a German submarine while returning to the United States in ballast, is declared by the vessel's crew as having sunk within a few minutes. The submarine is reported to have been equipped with a six inch gun. Five of the steamer's crew were drowned.

BRITISH COLONY IN RUSSIA FACES GRAVE DANGER.

LONDON, Sept. 7. News of the grave situation of British residents in Russia reached London on Friday, and has caused great anxiety. The Daily Express says the entire British colony in Petrograd is under arrest, including Consul Woodhouse. Matters at Moscow are still more alarming, according to the newspapers, which says the Bolshevik there have acted in fierce hostility toward the British and French residents. It adds that full details have not been received, but that enough is known to cause the worst fears. The movement lacks news concerning the fate of certain officials.

THREE MORE TOWNS CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH.

LONDON, Sept. 7. British troops advanced last night on the southeast and northeast of Peronne, captured the towns of Harcourt, Sorel-le-Grand, and Metz on Couture, says to-day's official war announcement.

GERMAN WARSHIP SUNK.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 7. One of a squadron of German warships cruising off the coast of the island of Ameland Friday evening ran on a mine or was torpedoed, according to reports received here. The ship was seen suddenly to heel over and disappear.



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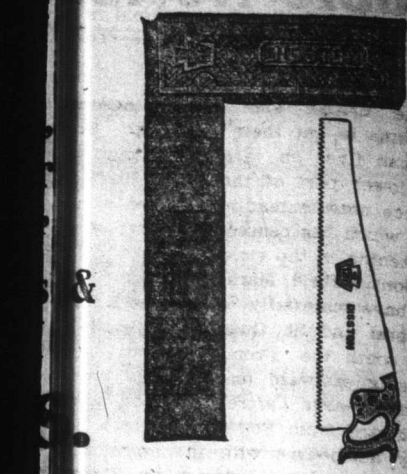
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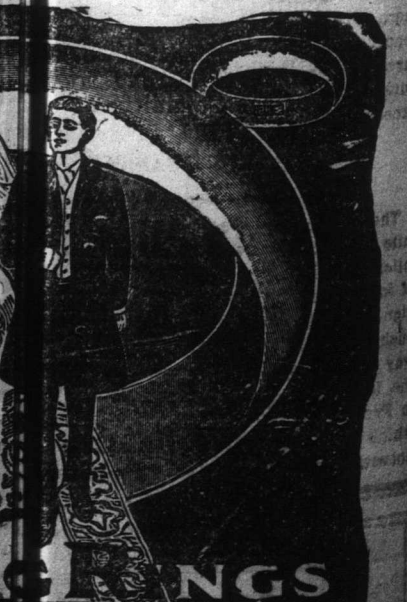
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