

# War News.

## Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

### ANOTHER FRENCH ADVANCE.

Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, Aug. 26 (By Associated Press)—The gallantry of the French troops before Verdun carried them forward again to-day when they attacked between Mormont Farm and Lachapelle Wood, and advanced another 1,000 yards, capturing nearly 1,000 prisoners. Territory south of Beaumont heights and woods and almost the village of Beaumont fell into their hands, despite most severe German counter attacks which came under vigorous fire from French artillery. The first attack in the centre was checked for a time, but the resistance of numerous nests of machine guns was overcome by the wonderful dash of the French troops who would not be denied. The German artillery which seems to be weakening has bombarded heavily lately before retiring under pressure, but the fire has been wild and little harm has been done.

### GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

PARIS, Aug. 27. Strong German attacks were made last night on the Alsne and Verdun fronts. The war office announces that the assaults were broken up by the French fire, and that all French positions were maintained. More than 11,000 prisoners were taken up to yesterday.

### FURTHER BRITISH PROGRESS.

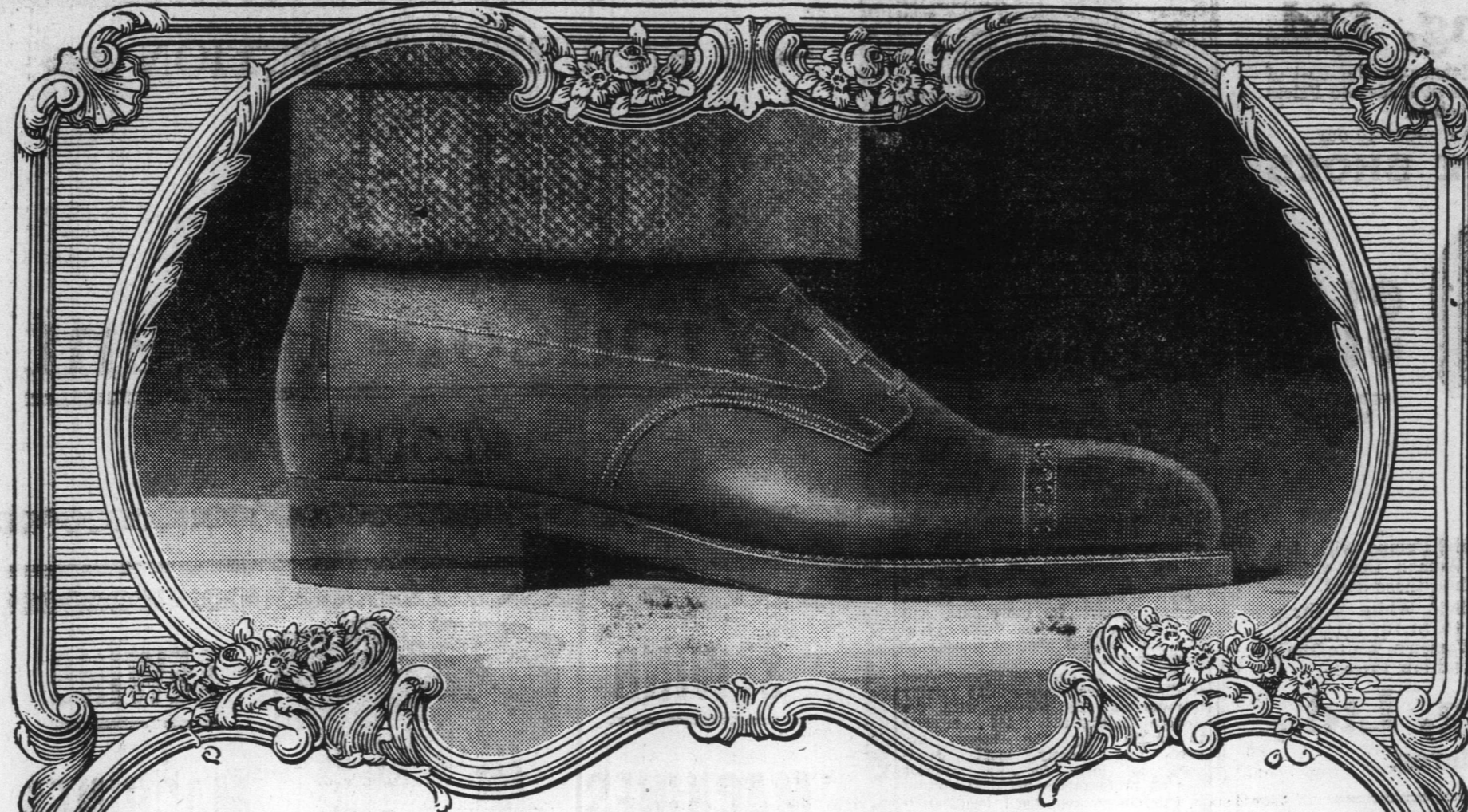
LONDON, Aug. 27. An official French headquarters in France to-night reports: A heavy rain has fallen throughout the day. This afternoon our troops attacked the enemy's positions east and southeast of Langemarck. First reports indicate that we have made satisfactory progress. The enemy attempted a raid on one of our positions north of Lens this morning, but was driven off with loss. Bombing raids and observation work for artillery were carried out vigorously yesterday by our airplanes. Enemy battery, transports and infantry were effectively engaged with machine guns. During the fine intervals the enemy air craft were active and aggressive. In the air fighting four German airplanes were brought down, three others were driven down out of control. Two of ours are missing.

### LENS QUIET.

Canadian Headquarters France, via London, Aug. 27 (By Stewart Lyon Special Correspondent to the Canadian Press).—During the past few days the Canadians in front of Lens have had a period of comparative quiet and have been able to consolidate their positions recently captured with little retaliation from the enemy and with surprisingly little loss. Posts have been pushed out at favorable points and where trenches could be connected up to shorten the front this has been done. The general result is that our men hold a compact line which on that part of the front west of Lens is about 600 yards from the burnt out area in the city. The enemy occupies the area between our line and his main defensive position on the eastern side of the burnt out section by means of strong outposts located in a concrete cellar. The chief incident of operations going on at the moment of writing occurred in connection with encounters between our patrols and those of the enemy in this quarter. No part of the Land of rained houses. In a recent skirmish a German non-com. officer was wounded severely by his men who fled, leaving his wounds undressed. He was able to stay the flow of blood, but could not drag himself back to his own line. Next day a Canadian patrol passed by on an outward trip and he tried to attract their attention. He failed then but on their return the patrol saw him and risked their lives in carrying him in. He expressed the views of German militarism when put into comfortable quarters in the casualty clearing station that would startle the gentlemen of Potsdam. During the clearing up of operations our men have destroyed three more machine guns and captured five, making a total of machine guns taken since August 15, forty-three. Twenty trench mortars are also among the spoils of war.

### FRENCH COMMANDER CONGRATULATED.

LONDON, Aug. 27. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France says that Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig telegraphed General Petain, Commander-in-Chief of the French armies, as follows, on the 22nd inst.: "All ranks of the British armies in France join me in hearty congratulations to you



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### GERMAN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, Aug. 27. An official statement from the general headquarters, issued this morning says: A strong attack by the British this morning west of Ypres failed. During the afternoon a very violent artillery duel took place north east of the town before Verdun which in an early engagement remained in our hands. In the east an attack enabled us to take possession of important positions east of Czernowitz. Up to the present more than 1,000 prisoners and 6 machine guns are reported captured.

### WILSON WILL REPLY.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. Signs are in evidence of the despatch of President Wilson's reply to the peace proposals of Pope Benedict at an early date. Officials freely conceded the probability of an early completion of the communication, indicating that President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing at least have agreed upon the basic features of the reply, so that what remains to be done is to put these ideas into diplomatic language. It is understood the rough draft of some important points already have been prepared. So far

no authorized statement has been forthcoming as to the nature of the reply.

### RUSSIAN FINANCE.

MOSCOW, Aug. 27. Vice-Premier Nekrasoff told the National Conference to-day how expenses had increased during the war. He said that in 1914 about 219,000,000 rubles of paper currency had been put in circulation, 223,000,000 in 1915 and 290,000,000 in 1916; that the first two months of 1917 there had been issued \$46,000,000 and from March onward the issue averaged \$32,000,000 rubles monthly. The budget, said M. Nekrasoff, was in a profoundly abnormal condition, because it had placed on one side the cost of the war, and thus in effect there were two budgets, one giving a false impression of prosperity, and the other concealing the Government's financial catastrophe. The Vice-Premier admitted that the new regime was costing the country much more than the old, and that the new administrative bodies were absorbing enormous sums, the Food Committee for instance. He said the financial difficulties were largely due to the extraordinary increase in wages of workers, which alone have

been paid this year 900,000,000 rubles. Continuing, M. Nekrasoff enumerated a series of measures which would strengthen the financial position of the country, including various monopolies, especially on sugar, tea and matches. The Mayor of Moscow, it appears, says the population of the ancient capital does not support the anarchical minority, which was trying to detract from the importance of the conference. Premier Kerensky thanked the Mayor, saying that his speech would instill strength and confidence in the Government. The Conference adjourned to Monday.

### SUCCESSFUL RAID.

LONDON, Aug. 27. A successful trench raid was made by the British east of Gostayevna, which is about a mile northeast of Wyachete, early to-day, the British official statement issued this morning says, and secured a few prisoners. There is nothing further of special interest to report.

### RUSSIAN GENERAL KILLED.

LONDON, Aug. 27. General Poyosooki, commanding a Russian division, fell valiantly amidst his soldiers, who he was en-

couraging by his example during the fighting at Zoretti, says the official Roumanian war statement.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL RESIGNED.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 27. Dr. Von Strumme, German Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has resigned, according to news from Germany. He had decided to resign when Dr. Richard Von Kuehlemann, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, took office, but his inadequate rejoinder in the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung to the statements by James W. Gerard, former American Ambassador to Germany, hastened his removal.

### MacMILLAN'S DISCOVERIES.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. The important survey of the coast of Ellesmere Land including the establishing of the definite position of two new islands and the discovery of a heretofore unknown ice glacier which has been named "American Museum Glacier" second in size only to the Humboldt glacier, was announced in a telegram received here to-day by the American Museum of Natural History from D. B. MacMillan, explorer and his party who have landed from the rescue ship Neptune at Sydney, N.S., and who expect to reach here Thursday. A valuable collection gathered by MacMillan is being shipped here by express. The telegram received to-day describes in detail the hazardous trip to Etah from Cape Herschell where MacMillan turned back. He states he found legible records of the British expedition in 1876 left there by Sir George Nares who was in command for his two ships the Discovery and Alert, left by Sir Arthur Young of the expedition and also the mail Pandora who subsequently visited the depots of Nares's expedition.

### COALITION GOVT. IN AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Aus., Aug. 27. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—A coalition government has been formed in South Australia. The Liberal party is represented in the ministry by Hon. H. Peake, premier, Sir R. Butler and Hon. N. G. Rice. The Nationalists by Hon. A. W. Styles, former Chief Secretary, Hon. R. P. Blundell, former Minister of Marine, and Mr. Jacobson. The portfolios of the new ministers have not yet been allotted.

### KORNILOFF TO REPORT.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 27. General Korniloff, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Army, informed the press that he intends to make a report on the military situation to the Conference at Moscow, and hoped that good resolutions would be adopted.

### ANOTHER TRIAL FOR THE MONARCHY.

ATHENS, Aug. 27. M. Boussies, Opposition member, raised a tumult in the Chamber when he declared that Constantine never abdicated, but only had been dismissed by the Entente Powers as proven by the fact that an act of abdication had not been presented to the Chambers. Premier Venizelos and other Deputies left their seats to protect M. Boussies from bodily injury from a majority of the members. Later the possibility and opportunities of establishing a republic in Greece was discussed. M. Venizelos declared that despite the weakening of the Royal Power through the fall of the King, the National Government, interpreting the feeling of the Chamber, thinks another trial should be given to the Royal Institution in Greece. It is certainly the last experiment we are making. I am certain the Greek people and a majority of the representatives will approve a sincere trial, in order to make strong the conditions for a mutual working of the regime of the crowned republic.

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