

War News.

Messages Received
Previous to 9 A.M.

ENEMY ZEP. DAMAGED.

LONDON, Sept. 5. That another Zeppelin airship was badly damaged in the raid on the English eastern counties on Saturday night, in addition to the one destroyed, was indicated in an official statement given out this afternoon by the Government Press Bureau. It is said an important part of an enemy airship was picked up in the eastern counties. The ship undoubtedly suffered severe damage from gun fire.

V.C. AWARDED.

LONDON, Sept. 5. King George to-day awarded the Victoria Cross to Lt. William Leefe Robinson of the Royal Flying Corps for bringing down a Zeppelin, while the airship was approaching London Saturday night. The British Official Press Bureau in making the announcement says that the Cross was awarded to Lieut. Robinson for most conspicuous bravery. Robinson, the statement adds, attacked the Zeppelin under circumstances of great difficulty and danger, and sent crashing to the ground a flaming wreck. Robinson had been in the air for more than two hours and had previously attacked another ship.

BRITISH INCREASE GAINS.

LONDON, Sept. 5. British troops, in the battles last night in the region of the River Somme in France, increased their gains in the neighborhood of Guillemont Village and secured a hold on Leuze Wood. Further south a strong German system of defence on a front of 3,000 feet, around Falfemont Farm, was captured.

WONDERFUL SPECTACLE.

With the British Armies in France, Sept. 4.—A wonderful spectacle of war was visible to-day from a high point near the junction of the French and British armies. To the north lay a dark patch, the ruins of Guillemont, fringed by the wave-like earth-line of the old second line of German trenches. Facing Trones Wood, across a space of ten city blocks, which is vied like a frog's foot with trenches and runways, the British burrowed against the Germans over this shell-riddled field. Yesterday was a day of successful British effort to break these German bulwarks. The British artillery had not destroyed all of the deep dugouts, but the curtain of intensified shellfire kept the machine gunners down, and out of those dugouts after half an hour's work the British infantry turned out some six hundred prisoners. A little farther beyond Guillemont, perhaps three times the distance from the second base to the Hons Plate, the British road, at the north end of which is another path to the ruins of Ginchy, where the fighting between British and Germans surged back and forth between barricades and cellars and any kind of cover that the men can throw up out of the debris. The British seem to be firmly established in the sunken road. All night they were digging themselves into holes there, as the second base is to a baseball player, who has just made a two base hit. If they tried to go farther they might be put out. That happened yesterday at some points of the attack as it sometimes does, thanks to our eagerness.

GERMANS REPULSED.

PARIS, Sept. 5. Vigorous counter-attacks were made by the Germans north of the Somme last night in an effort to regain the ground taken in the new drive of the French. The War Office announced to-day that the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses.

FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS.

PARIS, Sept. 5. (Official.) The German assaults north of the Somme were delivered between Comblies and the Forest. South of the River unsuccessful blows were struck by the Germans east of Bellon. In these operations the French took one hundred prisoners. The activities of the French are again being hindered by bad weather, which prevailed all night over the whole Somme front. The French are organizing their newly won ground.

IN MACEDONIA.

PARIS, Sept. 5. Comparative quiet still prevails on the Macedonian front. The official French report of to-day says that there were no infantry engagements yesterday, although the artillery was fairly active and various enterprises were undertaken by patrols.

ADVANCE OF ROMANIANS.

PARIS, Sept. 5. The advance of the Roumanian troops during the first five days of their campaign was considerable, and at some points was as much as 40 miles, says a despatch from Ureghy under date of Saturday, to the Parisian. The forward march, however, now has been somewhat slackened because of the difficulty of sending revictualing convoys. Although the ground on the eastern Hungarian frontier was unfavorable for the Roumanians, the correspondence said they were successful in their dash across the river, and now occupy the valleys. Roumania's declaration of war, the despatch adds, was unexpected by Austria, that only a few troops of the Dual Monarchy were on the Roumanian frontier, and these were on guard when hostilities were begun. Half an hour before war was declared Hungarian officers were drinking with Roumanians at a frontier railroad station. Soon afterwards a Roumanian

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outpost entered the station, took the officers as prisoners and then captured quantities of materials. The Roumanian offensive was so sudden that the Austrians had no time to blow up bridges or tunnels.

THE FIRST CLASH.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 5. The War Office announced to-day that the first clash between Bulgarians who have invaded eastern Roumania and the Russians who went in to assist Roumania, occurred yesterday. A Bulgarian cavalry outpost was captured by Russian cavalry.

RETREAT OF ROMANIANS.

LONDON, Sept. 5. The first day's fighting on Roumanian soil, due to the invasion of Dobruja by Bulgarians and Germans, is said by the Bulgarian War Office to have resulted in the retreat of the Roumanians who left hundreds of dead on the field.

AUSTRIAN MILITARY WORKS BOMBARDED.

ROME, Sept. 5. On the night of Sept. 3rd an Italian dirigible successfully bombed Austrian military works at Dussniglo Col, in the Crown land of Austria. It returned undamaged.

JAPANESE AND CHINESE CLASH.

TOKIO, Sept. 5. Another clash between Chinese and Japanese troops is officially reported from Chaoyang Po, Mongolia, and has led to the despatch of heavy Japanese reinforcements. It is claimed that the Chinese attacked the Japanese while the Japanese were advancing to mediate between the Chinese and Mongolians.

STRIKE TALK.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. A strike seems imminent to-day on the elevated and subway lines operated by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company in Manhattan and the Bronx.

KING CONSTANTINE'S HEALTH.

LONDON, Sept. 5. Reuter's Athens correspondent says that according to an official bulletin King Constantine has completely recovered his health, but that the Premier, informed that the King was still unable to see them, and gave as a reason the state of his majesty's health.

FURTHER CAPTURES BY FRENCH.

PARIS, Sept. 5. French troops have captured the village of Ommecourt, hospital and farm in Ratinette wood, and part of Barriere wood, and progressed in other regions north of the Somme, according to an official issued by the War Office to-night. South of the Somme a furious battle raged throughout the day. The French captured a line of German trenches and repulsed

all counter attacks. Prisoners captured since Sept. 3rd number 6,550, cannon 35.

THE ADVANCE.

LONDON, Sept. 5. An official issued last night reads: To-day's fighting resulted in further strengthening of our positions in Leuze wood, of which we now hold the greater part, and 60 more prisoners have been taken. Despite heavy artillery and indifferent weather conditions our troops are still pushing forward and are in possession of all ground between Falfemont farm and Leuze wood, and between Leuze wood and the outskirts of Ginchy. During the day we bombarded the enemy's positions in the vicinity of Hohenzollern redoubt opposite Ginchy and south of Neuve Chapelle. Yesterday, despite unfavorable weather, our aeroplanes carried out successful work in co-operation with our artillery.

GERMANS FORCED TO GIVE IN.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 5.—Despite determined counter attacks yesterday, when they advanced in waves shoulder to shoulder in defence of this crucial strategic point, the Germans were forced to yield Falfemont farm this morning. The British had closed in around it in darkness, and dawn found the survivors of the garrison raked with machine-gun fire, in a hopeless situation. Plastered with mud after a night of cold, without sleep, they put up the white flag. Meanwhile a British battalion was finding little opposition, and on its own initiative pressed on through the mud and small craters, and gained the edge of Leuze wood, which carried them past Ginchy, where the Germans were fortified amid the ruins with nests of machine guns. The British gain since Sunday is more than a mile in depth. The Irish troops of the New Army, enlisted through the efforts of John Redmond and other Nationalist leaders, distinguished themselves by taking Guillemont, where they rounded up numerous prisoners in the dug outs and swept forward towards their objective with characteristic dash. As a result of two days' work the British, in case they decide to make no further advance this year, command all the ridge on the battle front from Thiéval south, except around Ginchy. This means, as one British officer said, that the Germans would have to dance to our tune through the winter.

IN THE SALONIKA WAR THEATRE

LONDON, Sept. 5. A British official issued this afternoon, reporting military operations in the Salonika war theatre, says that during Sunday night the enemy turned searchlights and opened rifle fire on our troops south of the Orizar-Struma front. No attack developed. On the Dofran front there have been patrol encounters.

LEFT BUCHAREST.

BUCHAREST, Sept. 5. Baron Von Dem Bursche Harden-

ites are willing to take into consideration a proposal for a general exchange under parole. There still remain long and difficult roads to be travelled, and Britain's attitude thus far has not been known, but it is felt here that the simplicity and completeness of the situation may appeal to the British as it has to the Germans.

CONSIDERING PROPOSAL.

LONDON, Sept. 5. The proposal that the crew of the destroyed German airship be given a military funeral in England, aroused some opposition. The Evening Star says that unfortunately the British official mind is so utterly out of touch with the public mind, and because such blunders only give rise to unpleasant reactions, perhaps it is not too late to reconsider this egregious official blunder, and give these "baby-killers a plain and decent funeral such as would be given, say, to an English workman, who, after a long life of honest industry, unfortunately dies in a workhouse. As to the fact that the Germans give the British military funerals, the Evening Star says that it is quite proper that airmen engaged in military operations should be accorded such, and that the British would do the same for the Germans if they were brought down over our island; but the newspaper continues, the German airships dropped bombs on cottages and residences of no military value, slaughtering men, women and children with sheer recklessness and savagery.

10.30 A. M.

SUPER-ZEPPELIN.

ZURICH, To-day. A Super-Zeppelin, 500 feet long with four gondolas, made a trial flight over Lake Constantine on Sunday, according to the new Zurich Zeitung.

GREAT PROGRESS IN THE WEST.

LONDON, To-day. Gradually the lines of the Entente Allies swing more closely about Comblies toward Peronne, farther and farther their wedges are being driven into the German lines both north and south of the River Somme. On a front of about 25 miles the French and British troops, supported powerfully by their enormous artillery arm, are steadily hammering the German positions and sustaining unflinchingly heavy counter-attacks. North of the Somme east and southeast of Forest, the French have driven forward their lines, capturing the outskirts of Anetert Wood hospital farm and Ratinette Wood, part of the Marriers Wood position on the road leading from Bouchevaines to Clercy. Near Ginchy north of Guillemont the British have made further progress, winning all territory between Falfemont farm and Leuze Wood and between the wood and the outskirts of the town of Ginchy, which they captured and have held since the fighting on Sunday. South of the Somme the French have taken the town of Chilly, situated one mile west of the railroad leading from Chaumes to Roye line of trenches east of Soyecoeft and numerous isolated positions between Vermondvillers and Chilly. Since Sunday the French alone have taken on the Somme front 6,550 prisoners and 36 guns, 23 of them being of heavy calibre. On the eastern front violent fighting continues from the Fritsch march region in Volynia through Galicia and up to the Carpathian Passes, with the Russian reporting successes near Vladimir Volynia and continuance of the advance toward the plains of Hungary through the Carpathians.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK.

BERLIN, Sept. 5. There has been no cessation in the fighting in Galicia since the inauguration of the new Russian drive. An official announcement to-day says that the Russians attacked repeatedly yesterday in the vicinity of Brazaany, 50 miles southeast of Lemberg, but were driven back by German troops.

THE GREECE SITUATION.

ATHENS, Sept. 5. Veritable street battles, in which thus far three persons have been wounded, are accompanying the arrest by the Anglo-French secret police of alleged Teutonic agents in Greece. The secret police are operating on their own account, not waiting for action by the Greek Government. They carry terms of the Anglo-French, included in which is the expulsion of Baron Van Schenk and 50 co-workers on behalf of the Central Powers. Premier Zaimis made a vigorous protest this morning to the Anglo-French Ministers regarding the occurrence.

ITALIAN ACTIVITY.

ROME, Sept. 5. Several commanding positions of the Austrians on Punta Delforno Head, at Rio Pelizon Valley, Upper Eovi, were captured on Saturday night by a detachment of Italian infantry of the Alpine Volunteers, says an Italian official issued to-day. Counter attacks were repulsed.

INTERNED CIVILIANS MAY BE RELEASED.

BERLIN, Sept. 5. Thousands of civilians interned in Germany and England may be released if the difficult problem of the concentration camps is solved. According to the plan now under consideration, if adopted, the idea is to exchange all civilians on parole, who are now unable to serve during the war. For some time the German and British authorities, through the intermediation of U.S. Ambassador to Berlin, James W. Gerard, have been working on the proposed exchange of all interned civilians above the military age of 45, but it was recognized by all that it was a half-way measure, which would have left unsolved the larger problem of thousands of civilians below that age, whom neither government wishes to retain and support at a great expense. Although neither is willing to release them as possible recruits for other arms of the army, and while negotiations in regard to the exchange of older men are hanging fire, and new difficulties and delays are arising constantly, it was suddenly discovered that the German author-

until the German democracy disavowed he methods of terrorism employed by the German Government in submarine and Zeppelin attacks on undefended ships and cities. Whether the Congress, which will include Entente Allied, American and other neutral workers and organizations will be arranged had not been decided. The meeting showed such antipathy toward the German-Austrian workers proposal from the American Federation of Labour that it was rejected by a majority of three-quarters of a million votes.

Here and There.

YOUNG WOMAN INSANE. — An outport young woman who was brought to the city by Head Constable Cove and examined last night as to her sanity, at the police station by Dr. Roberts, was later conveyed to the Lunatic Asylum.

NOVEL SHOW AT BRITISH.

There is a very fine show at the British Theatre by the clever Sunshine girls. These girls are giving a very fine singing and dancing performance. Miss Clara Squires, the youngest and cleverest comedienne before the public to-day in another sketch with Mrs. Rossley will make you roar; she is a wonderful little girl; comedy is a hard role for a grown person, but this child has a natural gift. Mrs. Rossley has developed that gift and given her a chance to make good and she has everyone talking; she can deliver her gags and jokes like an old-timer. Little Kathleen in new songs; Miss Gertrude Edwards, new ballads; Miss Dot Marshall, the girl baritone, another remarkable little one; Miss Florence Lloyd, the miniature Marie Lloyd, in fact, everyone of the Sunshine Girls are all good. The names keep rolling up for the contest. There's talent, there's fun and laughs galore. Don't miss to-night and don't miss Friday night.

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ward Angel, Petty Harbor, Pold Pike, Carbonear, Redmond, St. John's, Ring the day the Officers' Training class had rifle practice at the inside Range.

At the City Hall.

for Gosling presided over last's special meeting of the Municipal Council, the full Board being present.

Council considered the application of the representatives of the Salvation Army to build in Dummer's Hall. As the site is one where the prevents building within 25 feet of the centre of the street, the ground was inspected by the Council. It was agreed by the Council that the site for supplying houses with water on the Portugal Cove Road of the line of pipe should be re-

was also decided to increase the supply on Military Road and Venture Avenue, so as to afford rent supply for the Fire Hall, St. Vincent's College and the Cathedral.

here and There.

GOVERNOR'S TOUR. — His Excellency the Governor visited Grady today and is due at St. Anthony's, where he will be entertained shown through the Mission House, staff house, school and orphanage.

TURES TO-NIGHT AT TORPte. Phil. Jensen, the soldier-lecturer, arrived in the city yesterday lecturing at Topsail, the last night; \$50.51 was realised amount goes to the Red Cross in whose interest the lecture given. Pte. Jensen is the guest of Justice Johnson, and will lecture to-night at historic Torbay.

LE'S PASSENGERS.—The S. S. reached Port aux Basques at 8 to-day with the following passengers: J. Smith, Wm. Apple, Mrs. Ashin, Mrs. A. Moulard, Mrs. M. Miss E. Staple, Miss M. Williams, H. Wilson, Mrs. A. E. Williams, L. Clarke, J. Sullivan, Mr. Mrs. G. G. Glennie, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. L. and Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Mrs. J. B. Day, Rev. Fr. Joy, Rev. McKenzie, Rev. Monsignor Sears, Fr. Kiely, Sgt. R. Hickey, W. Dunn, D. F. Pearcey.

DIED.

passed peacefully away Tuesday noon, at her late residence, Beau-Street, Sarah L. Thorburn, the wife of Wm. B. Wardlaw, died on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., after late residence.

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