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Cable News.

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GERMAN "STATE OF SIEGE" LAW

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 5.

A decree signed by General Von Linsingen, Commander of Brandenburg province, according to the Cologne Volks Zeitung, places the territory of Berlin and the province of Brandenburg under "the law relating to a state of siege, which provides for a fine or imprisonment of persons investing or circulating untrue rumours calculated to disquiet the people." A notice accompanying the decree calls attention to the circulation of frivolous and sometimes malicious and traitorous gossip exaggerating the transitory success of the enemy, and casting doubt upon Germany's power for an economic resistance and deprecating the wonderful achievements of the German troops, who, it declares, are victoriously withstanding the enemy.

LUDENDORFF SPEAKS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 5.

Victoria newspapers received here continue to print interviews with Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff. "The war has now been concentrated upon French territory," General Ludendorff is quoted as saying, "and by the enormous utilization of troops and materials has assumed proportions which have thrown everything hitherto accomplished in the shade. We thus far have stood the bitter struggle honorably, and are confident that we will continue to do so. We may all be thankful that war in the form it has assumed has on the whole been spared us in our home territory. The armistice of the Central Powers are safeguarding their homes."

ADVICE FROM HINDY.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 6.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, according to a despatch from Berlin, has issued a proclamation to the German people declaring that the enemy, in addition to the armed offensive, is conducting an offensive by printed matter containing "most insane rumours" which are distributed in Switzerland, Holland and Denmark, from which countries they are spread throughout the whole of Germany. The Field Marshal warns the people "to be unanimous against this enemy who fights with scraps of paper and rumours intended to sow dissension and disunion among ourselves and between us and our allies," and exhorts all Germans to remember "these poisoned scraps" coming from the enemy.

TOWN OF HAM ENCLOSED.

PARIS, Sept. 6.

General Debeney's army is steadily advancing in the direction of Ham, which has been completely encircled.

FRENCH IN SIGHT OF LAON.

PARIS, Sept. 6.

General Mangin's troops are in sight of Laon, having reached a position within ten miles of that city. General Berthelot's soldiers have reached the Aisne on a large front. General Humbert's army is making steady progress and has succeeded in completely removing the German menace from Noyon.

GOMPERTS WELCOMED.

DERBY, Eng., Sept. 5.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, and William Bowen, President of the International Bricklayers' Union, today visited the British Labor Congress, which is now in session here, and delivered their fraternal greetings. Mr. Gompers, who spoke at some length, received an enthusiastic greeting.

General Humbert's army is making

steady progress to-day in the region of Guiscard and Ham. Advances from the battlefield say that the town of Ham has virtually been taken by the French forces.

DOEGT CAPTURED.

LONDON, Sept. 6.

(Official.)—South of Peronne the British have reached Athies and Monsen Chaussee. They have captured the village of Doegt.

NORWAY'S SHIPPING LOSSES.

LONDON, Sept. 6.

Norway lost 13 vessels, aggregating 22,976 tons, through war causes, in the month of August, according to an announcement made to-day at the Norwegian Legation here. Two Norwegian sailors lost their lives.

ENEMY FORMING MANOEUVRING ARMY.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 6. (By the A. P.)

The retreat of the Germans proved in the first instance by their second defeat on the Marne, is continued and extended in order to release enough divisions to form a manoeuvring mass and regain a liberty of action, of which Marshal Foch's brilliant operations deprived them. That is the expert opinion of the situation, based on the best obtainable evidence of the condition of the German army and concerning the views prevailing among the German officers. The impression derived from the same source is that the military party in Germany, which is still in absolute control, will give up only in the last extremity, and if they are unable to reconstitute reserves sufficient to resume the war movement, they will again try to impose an offensive position on the Allies in the hope of tying them out and holding a considerable part of Northern France and Belgium as pledges with which to bargain when the occasion arises.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6. Confidential messages from General Pershing and other reports from France indicate that the American army is now supplied with sufficient airplanes of all kinds to protect men in battle. General March, chief of staff, gave this information to members of the House Military Committee to-day at their weekly conference at the war department.

HUNS RESIST STRONGLY.

LONDON, Sept. 6.

British troops are reported to have advanced this morning astride the Amiens-St. Quentin line on a front of twelve miles to a depth of three miles. The British are at the western edge of Templeux Le Forest, three and a half miles northeast of Peronne. The Germans are strongly resisting the British advance by rearguard actions.

FRENCH APPROACHING OLD LINE.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, Sept. 5.—(By the A. P.)

The Germans tonight are destroying bridges and flooding the country between Chauny and LaFere, which is a good indication that they do not expect to remain much longer in advance of their old line which ran from LaFere to Mennisles. To-day their retreat continued in daylight east of the Ailette River and their columns suffered very heavy losses from shell fire. Between the Ailette and the Aisne French troops advanced to a line from Margival to Quincy and Cheverres while to the north they occupied Coucy de Chateau and Coucy Le Ville, approaching their old line of 1917. Around the edge of the hilly wood region of St. Gobain. There they will encounter the formidable defence works the Germans prepared as part of the old Hindenburg position and which perhaps has been further strengthened since beginning their retreat.

PUSHING AHEAD.

PARIS, Sept. 6.

French troops last night continued to push forward on the entire front between the Somme and the Vesle, says to-day's war office statement.

AMERICANS' WORK.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 5.—(By the A. P.)

Franco-American troops reached the south bank of the Aisne to-night between Conde and Vieuxroy on an eight mile front. The American forces this afternoon occupied the towns of Dhuzel and Barbonval virtually without opposition.

MANY VILLAGES TAKEN.

PARIS, Sept. 6.

Official: South of Peronne French troops made further crossings of the Somme in the region of Epaucourt. Further south the Ham-Peronne road was reached at several points. South of Ham the towns of Lepessels, Patis, Dole and Berlancourt were captured, and still further south the French pursuing troops pushed beyond Guivry Callois-Cregny and Abbecourt. In the region north of the Ailette the French reached the outskirts of Sinceny and plateau north of Landricourt and south of the Ailette the advancing forces are along the Vaux Aillon ravine. The American troops advancing from the Vesle have captured the town of Clemies south east of Revillon and have advanced their lines as far as the outskirts of Villers-en-Prayeres on the Aisne and have occupied Genies.

PROTESTS FROM DUTCH.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 6.

The Dutch minister at Berlin has been instructed to protest against the destruction by the German submarines of vessels within what is designated as the barred zone, and against the sinking of seven Dutch fishing vessels on Aug. 24. The minister also has instructions to protest against the fact that the skippers of the fishing vessels were forced to sign a declaration, the contents of which were unknown to them. The minister also will make a request for the goods taken from the fishing vessels.

WITH THE BRITISH.

LONDON, Sept. 6.

The British troops south of Peronne are advancing approximately seven miles of the Somme on the general line of Montchi, Lagache, Vraignes and Pincourt, all of which villages have been taken by them, according to Field Marshal Edg's communication issued to-night. In the Lys sector slight advances also have been made by the British.

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