GERMAN LINE

ENEMY FORCES BETWEEN AISNE AND DISE ARRE HURLED BACK

Compelled To Abandon Line on a Ten Mile Front, French Penetrating German Positions to Depth of Two Miles-Enemy Likely To Retire From Soissons To the Chemin des Dames.

(By The Associated Press).

German forces holding the vital sector of the battle front between the Aisne and the Oise river have been hurled back over a ten mile front this morning by the French, according to reports reaching London. It is stated that the French have penetrated the enemy positions to a depth of

This attack, which is a continuation of the assault made northwest of Soissons on Sunday night, is said to endanger the whole German position at Soissons and the Aisne. It is added that the French success will probably be followed by a German retirement from Soissons to the Chemin Des

An advance of two miles in this sector would seem to place the Germans, both along the Aisne and before Noyon, in a serious position from which only an immediate retreat would appear to be possible.

Unofficial despatches also state that sufficient local successes have been achieved by the French from the Oise northward to well past Roye. The line, as it is traced in despatches, seems to be very close to the important town of Lassigny, for which the French have been fighting for the

CLUB YESTERDAY Prof. H. F. Munro of Columbia University on "Freedom of the Sea" Delighted Large

SPLENDID LECTURE

BEFORE CANADIAN

Yesterday's lecture before the Canadian Club on the "Freedom of the Seas," delivered by Frof. Henry F. Munro; lecturer of the department of international Law at Columbia University, was characterized by those privileged to hear it as one of the best addresses ever delivered before a St. John audience.

The speaker said it was his personal opinion that peace could only be enforced by the navies of the world operating on the seas. In the past few centuries Great Britain had been the dominant power on the sea, and it was admitted by all that she had used her power justly. British rule of the seas had also resulted in the abolition of piracy and the slave trade and the charting of practically all the waters of the globe.

Prof. Munro said he believed that when President Wilson spoke of the "Freedom of the Sea," he meant complete freedom in times of peace with a three mile territorial limit.

At the present time the laws which should govern the free use of the sea by all were being broken in three ways: By Germany in the sowing of mines, irregular use of the submarine, the sinking of hospital and relief ships, the sinking without warning of merchant vessels, the slaughter of non-combatants and the bombing of defencless ports. The second way was by the imposing of war zone re strictions by all nations, and the thir was by the violation of private property rights.

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In closing the speaker paid a tribute to the work of the British Navy which, he said, had made it possible for the Allies to continue the present struggle and would make the victory which was bound to come possible. At the close of the address a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker by Judge H. O. McInerney, president of the club.

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AT SOISSONS AND AISNE IN DANGER

Ludendorff, Sparring For Time, Will Not Be Ready To Make Even a Small Spectacular Show For a Couple of Months or Until the 1920 Class Is Ready and Peace Move Will Serve His Purposes Excellently.

Special cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).

London, Aug. 20—Out of the conference at the German main headquarters may come a peace rather than a military drive. Ludendorff is sparring for time and he won't be ready to make even a small spectacular show for a couple of months or until the 1920 class is ready, and a peace drive will serve his purposes excellently. Before Hintze, Kuehlmann's successor as foreign secretary of state, started for this conference in company with the Kaiser and Hertling he told the Berlin correspondent of the Kolnische Zeitung that Germany was ready for any reasonable peace but that he did not consider Lloyd George's offer reasonable.

Young Emperor Karl, who wants peace in the worse way, is attending the conference and before he leaves it is likely he will have promised Germany help in the west in return for which the Kaiser and the militarists will agree to aftempt another peace drive.

FOR MUDER OF WIFE;

Germany will get Austrian men and guns, while Karl will get what satisfaction he can out of a German mili-

PTELESTER WADMAN

Was Son of H. G. Wadman of Moncton—Arthur London and Frank McKinnon

pecial to The Standard Moncton, Aug. 20—H. G. Wadman re sived a telegram today from Ottawa aforming him that his son, Ptc. Lester informing him that his son, Ptc. Lester Wadman, was killed in action in the recent big Canadian drive. Ptc. Wadman left here with the dental corps in December, 1916. He was 19 years old in February last. After going overseas he went to France with the infantry, being eager to get to the front. Previous to enlisting he was a clerk in Dr. E. O. Steeves' drug store. A telegram from the director of records informs Mrs. Edith Morrell that her son, Ptc. Arthur London of the infantry, is officially reported wounded in France. He went overseas with the Westmorland and Kent battalion in September, 1916.

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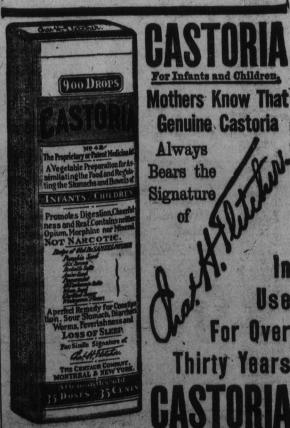
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