

Cable News.

WAR REVIEW.

The Germans are employing fresh forces of reserves in efforts to hold back the Allied troops who are pressing them from the region of the Somme to the Oise where the American, British and French armies continue to make progress. Monday witnessed gains of ground at various points along the battlefront of high importance for the further prosecution of the endeavors of the Allies to drive out the Germans from old Amiens-Mont Didier sector. After an extremely bitter contest the Americans and British have gained a foothold in the important little town of Bray-Sur-Somme on the northern bank of the Somme. A short distance across the river to the south, the British have taken Provant and a way on the line have pressed on east of Fourcourt in a manoeuvre which has resulted in the further outflanking of Chauhaux from the south, and of Roye from the north. On their part the French in the rolling country immediately north of the Oise River have captured Gury, a position of great strategic value, lying S.W. of Lassigny, and at several points on the southward region of the Oise have advanced their line further toward Noyon. In Monday's fighting hundreds of additional Germans were made prisoners, and the enemy lost heavily in men killed and wounded. Official reports give the number of Germans captured during the present offensive in the neighborhood of 40,000. The Germans at last accounts were still throwing in reinforcements east of the road running through Chauhaux, Roye and Noyon, the passage of which by the Allies would seriously menace all the German forces inside the pocket formed by the Somme on the north and east and the Oise on the south. Not alone are the Allies endeavoring to press their advantage by frontal attacks, but they have drawn up to their back lines guns of medium and heavy calibre and with these are heavily shelling areas held by the Germans even as far back as Bethencourt, which lies on the Somme, seven and a half miles east of Chauhaux. Meantime Allied airships continue to bomb the German positions and use machine guns from low altitudes on troop formations. Seemingly the advances by the French troops on the southern part of the line cannot but have an extremely important effect on the present battle. The hill positions they have gained not alone dominate the Oise Valley running northwestward to Noyon, but around Lassigny, and also give them a sweep of the plains south of Roye from the Amiens-Mont Didier sector. Little fighting has taken place on any of the fronts along the Vesle. The Germans again have delivered violent counter attacks against the Americans and French who are holding their ground on the north bank of the stream. As on previous occasions when the enemy attempted to dislodge Allied troops the counter attacks failed. British aircraft have brought down a German airship off the coast of Holland, according to announcement by the British Admiralty. An Austrian division is with the Germans but not yet in action.

FRENCH ADVANCE CONTINUES.

LONDON, Aug. 12. The French are continuing their advance between the Aves and the Oise, according to news received in London today, and have captured the town of Lechelle-Staurin, three miles directly west of Roye. The line on this front runs from Lechelle-Staurin southeast through Armancourt and Tillooy, three miles southwest of Roye, and continues in a southeasterly direction through Gury, eleven miles southeast of Mont Didier. It then curves more to the east and passes through the Montigny quarry to the hill north of Antoval, just northwest of Ribecourt on the Oise.

HEAVY FIGHTING LOOKED FOR.

PARIS, Aug. 12. The Germans are reacting on the Allied left with a certain amount of success, having had time to get into the divisions rushed frontally from the north. German troops are being thrown in the fight in a desperate endeavor to block the Allied advance toward Nesle. General Von Hutier, who received much damage from the Mont Didier pocket, is now trying to halt temporarily on the Roye-Noyon line. He is strong enough on the Noyon and where his flank rests on the Oise, but should the British succeed in dislodging them from the villages of Lihons, Dilly, Franzart, Fresnoy and Morlaix.

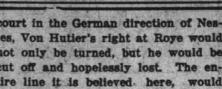
MOVING UP TO ROYE.

LONDON, Aug. 12. The French troops have advanced nearer to the important point of Roye from the southwest, by the capture of the villages of Armancourt and Tillooy, according to the official statement from General Haig today. South of the Somme British troops have captured two hundred prisoners. British positions east of Mericourt south of

ECZEMA ON HANDS

Mr. Angus Jones of St. John's, Halifax, N.S., writes: "For three years I suffered terribly with eczema on my hands. The itching was so intense that it kept me awake at night. I used various so-called 'eczema cures,' but got no better until I commenced applying Zam-Buk. The use of this wonderful healer, however, has entirely rid me of this distressing disease."

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the river have been linked with the British lines east of Etineham north of the river. The British positions south of Lihons were attacked last evening by the Germans. The attack was repulsed.

CANADIANS' WORK.

LONDON, Aug. 11. (By the A.P.)—Sir Edward Kemp, Overseas Minister of Militia, said today the official reports covering the Canadian operations until nine o'clock Saturday morning showed the achievements of the Canadians in the present offensive were the greatest in the Corps' history. The extent of their advance on Aug. 8th and 9th was 12 miles. They went further in those two days than the Germans had progressed in the first two days of their March offensive. Sir Edward gives credit for the outstanding success to the incomparable spirit of officers and men, coupled with the efficient training and magnificent team work between the infantry and artillery.

UNCONFIRMED REPORT.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 12.—There is an unconfirmed report that the town of Roye, which the Germans have been defending so desperately, has been evacuated. British tanks have been seen operating a considerable distance east of that town.

SUB. COMMANDER RECOGNIZED.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Aug. 12. Fishermen claim to have identified the commander of a German submarine, which has been sinking fishing boats off the Atlantic coast, as a skillful navigator, formerly in the United States Fisheries Service. Two men from different schooners that were sunk claimed to have recognized a former acquaintance who had changed little except that he had grown a beard since they last saw him.

GERMAN AIRSHIP BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, Aug. 12. A German airship has been brought down in flames north of Ameland, on the northern Dutch coast, the Admiralty announced today.

GERMAN GENERALS SIDE-TRACKED.

LONDON, Aug. 12. Three German Generals recently commanding near Mont Didier, have been cashiered for neglect of duty, according to Belgian reports received in Amsterdam and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Co. A large number of soldiers were court-martialed at St. Quentin on Saturday for high treason. The Germans in Belgium are showing signs of great uneasiness, and the German Emperor is reported to have moved to Brussels.

MACKAY-BENNETT TORPEDOED.

A CANADIAN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 12.—Local morning papers publish reports to the effect that the cable steamer Mackay-Bennett has been torpedoed. One version is that the Mackay-Bennett was torpedoed off this coast. The reports have not yet been verified. Both accounts state the crew of the ship are safe.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. The Associated Press carries the following despatch: Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 12.—Sinking of the British steamer Penistone by a German submarine off George's Bank, was reported here today. The Penistone, a vessel of about 4,000 tons gross, apparently was sunk by the same submarine that destroyed nine fishing schooners on Saturday. The first reports made no mention of the crew's safety and gave no details of the attack.

A NEWSPAPER DENIAL.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 12. With reference to the recent statement in the House of Commons that 150 submarines had been sunk, the Dusseldorf Nachrichten's Berlin correspondent says "we are able to state definitely that the enemy's anti-U-boat war cannot show any such success."

ZEPPELIN BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, Aug. 12. British airmen today brought down a German Zeppelin in flames off the English coast, according to advice to the Star; the machine was one of the largest and newest of this type of aircraft.

SUB. USE POISONOUS GAS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 12. Using poisonous gas, a German submarine attacked the coast guard steamer and lighthouse on Smith's Island, off the North Carolina coast Saturday night, the navy dept. today announced. Six men were overcome by the gas. The gas was released from oil spread over the surface of the water by the submarine. The navy dept. announcement said: Three large areas of the oil, each larger than an acre grounded near the island. The gas which appeared similar to mustard gas used in fighting on the western front was effective in about 40 minutes. None of the men overcame by the fumes died.

MORE PRISONERS.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 12. (By the A.P.)—Two enemy airmen and more prisoners have been captured by the Al-

lies. The prisoners are from both Prussian and Bavarian divisions, and have been taken during the past few hours.

Letter From Her Son.

Mrs. Thom Oliver, 79 Field Street, is in receipt of the following letter from her son Philip, of "Ours," a prisoner of war in Germany. At the time of writing Phil Oliver was about to be sent to Holland as an exchange, and by now is doubtless on neutral soil.

Dear Mother,—Just a few lines to let you know I am enjoying the best of health, as I hope you all at home are. I have passed the medical examination for to go to a neutral country, and I expect to go soon to Holland. My wound is healed up, and I am just the same as ever, and you will want to look out for yourselves when I get home for I have been a prisoner for the last six months. I had a letter from Florrie and there were two snaps in it and they were something grand. We are only allowed to send 4 postcards and two letters each month, so my letter or a postcard will have to satisfy the lot. I answered Florrie's letter last post card day; I hope she will receive it all right. Dear mother there is no need to worry over me, for I am in the pink. I want for nothing; I got my clothes, boots and plenty of cigarettes, tobacco and food stuff from the Red Cross in Canada. I wish to be remembered to all my friends at home; give them all my best love. How is J. Ivany getting on; I would like to be handy to him now; I could tell him some yarns. We will be together soon again, I hope. I think I have said all for the present, so I must now close with best love and a greater regard for home than when I left it.

I remain, your fond son,
PHILIP.

Not Affected By War.

MR. STONE'S INTERVIEW WITH HALIFAX CHRONICLE.

"Prospects are exceedingly bright in the fishing world of Newfoundland," said Hon. J. G. Stone, Minister of Marine and Fisheries of Newfoundland, to a Chronicle reporter yesterday.

"The fish are being caught in large quantities and they are also fine in respect to quality this year. It is too early yet to predict the catch for this year, as the Labrador has not yet been heard from, but it promises to be an average year. The shore fisheries and Straits are doing splendidly to date."

Hon. Mr. Stone said the war had not yet affected the people much and that they had been most fortunate in their supplies.

"The people seem to be more prosperous this year owing to last year's big catch and the good prices," said Hon. Mr. Stone.

Hon. A. E. Hickman, member of the Newfoundland Government and representative of the Government at the Convention, also spoke in the most optimistic terms of the fishing situation of the Island.

"The wealthy people of Newfoundland are our fishermen and so far our supplies have not been short. This year, though, with the strict Government regulations the people are a little worried, for in the North the fishermen have to take six months supply of food in the Fall. If the Food Board of Canada give the monthly food allotment the people will be in bad shape, but I guess that difficulty will be overcome," said the Hon. Mr. Hickman.

He also said that prices on fish were higher this year than last and that the herring catch was particularly good this year. Mr. Hickman also stated that vessels were being built in Newfoundland to conform to the markets in the war zone, and also referred to the fact that at present they had only one cold storage plant.

A Great Reward.

At a great Liberty Day meeting in London, when a resolution was enthusiastically adopted, congratulating the United States on the marvelous achievement of transporting the first million of American soldiers across the sea, Mr. Winston Churchill, Minister of Munitions said: "I am persuaded that the finest and worthiest moment in our long British history was reached on that August night, now nearly four years ago, when we declared war on Germany. Little could we know where it would carry us or what it would bring us. Like the people of the United States, we entered this war without counting the cost and without any thought of reward. The cost has been far more terrible than our most sombre expectations. But a reward is coming to us beyond our dearest hopes.

"That reward does not lie in territory, independence, commercial advantages. Deep in the hearts of our people lay the desire to be truly reconciled before all men and all history with that kindred across the Atlantic Ocean. "That was our heart's desire. It seemed utterly unattainable but it has come to pass. However long the struggle, however cruel, however con-

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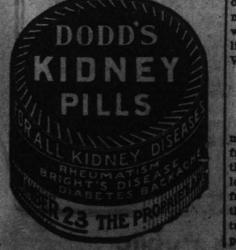
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Death of A. M. Bell
The Halifax Chronicle of August 8th, contains the following obituary notice of A. M. Bell, of the firm of A. M. Bell, Ltd., of that city. Mr. Bell was well known in Newfoundland, particularly on the South and West Coasts, where he had many business connections. The Telegram extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.
"The community will learn with regret of the death of Mr. A. M. Bell, who passed away at midnight. Mr. Bell had been in failing health and had been living practically in retirement for several years. He was for many years one of the leading business men of Halifax, and through the firm which bears his name, was widely known and respected throughout the Province. He was an active member of the Board of Trade and was deeply interested in every movement for civic betterment. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church and was closely associated with its college and other work. He was over seventy years of age. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Ralph F. Bell, Secretary of the Halifax Relief Commission, and Winthrop Bell, who was studying in Germany at the outbreak of the war, and has been held there as a prisoner."

Knocked Down By Motor.
Yesterday afternoon near Holdsworth Street, a three-year-old child was knocked down by a quickly moving automobile, passing along New Gower Street. The child was not badly hurt, fortunately, but it was through no fault of the driver that he escaped death. When will the motorists learn that they are well favored by being allowed to use the streets for auto driving at all, and that they should not exceed their rights? The driver in question passed on without stopping, thoroughly proving himself a coward.

Fads and Fashions.
Many fine blouses are ornamented only by hemstitching.
Openwork stockings should always be worn with pumps.
Still the frilly blouse has no rival among fashionable blouses.
The newest silk blouses are made very much like the sweaters.
Plush hats become very smart when worn with dotted net veils.
A dress of soft heather is heavily studded with beads of many colors. Embroideries are going to be longer, slimmer and with ivory crook handles. Perfumes and sachets are supposed to have vanished since the war.
Gold brocade and black chiffon together form a smart evening gown.

Bad Fingers Amputated
While operating a machine in his cooperage yesterday, Mr. James Fitzhenry, cooper, of James Street, met with a very painful accident. In some unaccountable manner, his right hand got caught under the knife in the machine and before he could extricate it two fingers had been nearly severed. He hurried to Stafford's pharmacy, but finding Dr. Stafford absent, visited Dr. Tait, who soon bandaged the injured member. It is feared that Mr. Fitzhenry will be compelled to have the fingers amputated.



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