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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

DESPERATE FIGHTING FOR LENS.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Aug. 23.—Despite heavy counter attacks from the enemy during the night, the British to-day were holding strongly the positions which they reached yesterday along a front varying in depth from a few hundred yards to half a mile. Even Inverness Coppe, on the Ypres-Menin Road, where the Germans were so strongly fortified, one would scarcely have dared to predict success for an attack, was partly in British possession after hand-to-hand fighting, which continued throughout yesterday and into the night. In the other important battle theatre on the British front at Lens, the Canadians last night and this morning made still further advances on their southwest front. Early to-day they attacked the German positions at Green Grassier, north of the Souchez River. Last night the Canadians also pushed forward towards two strong fosses adjoining Green Grassier, to the northwest. The situation at Lens has been more quiet but fighting still continues. East of Ypres the British secured a strong position in Inverness Coppe. Their line runs through from a point in the centre through the wood from the north and south, but north of it the Germans are in possession of a large machine gun position which dominates the northern portion of the wood. These guns add to the difficulties of the situation for the British. The British made their advance into Inverness in the face of severe machine gun fire from the wood and from points to the north and south. The ground here is marshy and hard for infantry to traverse but the British forced their way to the wood and threw themselves on the Germans with bayonet and bombs and drove the enemy back. Heavy counter attacks failed to dislodge the British from the line, where they finally rested half way through the wood. Similar sanguinary fighting also occurred north in Glenwood Wood where there was a nest of machine guns. In the Ypres-Menin Road the centre of the fighting, the British penetrated German defences to a depth of about 500 yards over a front of about a mile. In the bigger battle further north, the British reduced exceedingly strong German concrete redoubts and strongholds which had figured in much of the fighting heretofore. One of these which was the scene of strenuous battle before the British finally subdued its garrison, was counter at-

tacked determinedly by the enemy later in the day, but the attacks were driven off with considerable losses to the Germans. Along this front the British penetrated to an extreme depth of over half a mile, thereby securing much ground which they had failed to gain in the bitter offensive last Thursday. A considerable number of prisoners have been sent back, but no official estimate yet is available.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 23. (By Stewart Lyon).—Another turn of the screw was made this morning on the southwest front of Lens. At three o'clock after a short but intense bombardment, the Manitobans troops attacked Green Grassier, a huge pit refuge on the north bank of the Souchez River by which our advance into Lens from the south was barred. Foss St. Louis, which consists of a tangle of pithead machinery shot to pieces by many bombardments was also attacked. On a front of about 700 yards the Manitobans went forward from 200 to 400 yards and opened a way towards the heart of the city and the south as other advances of the past week had done on the north and west. The possession of Green Grassier will also enable our men to sweep with their machine guns a wide tract of country to the south of Souchez River now occupied by the enemy, including the mining village of St. Antoine. The details of the fighting are not available yet. The enemy, however, is known to have made a stubborn resistance which was materially helped by several of his airplanes that flew over our advancing troops and shot at them with their machine guns. One of the enemy planes was brought down in flames by British airmen and another was driven down out of control after they had ejected the enemy. Our men while consolidating, came under machine gun fire from the mouth of a tunnel east of the St. Louis pits, which made it also most difficult. It was another case of go on or go back. They went on and in the tunnel mouth found and captured four machine guns. The Germans evidently set great store on the ground attacked this morning. The wounded prisoners state it was held by two battalions.

ITALIANS GOOD WORK.

ROME, Aug. 23. A Pallanza brigade has covered itself with glory. After having carried strong position southeast of Dossofatti this brigade held it with heroic tenacity in three days of the most bitter fighting. The aerial army co-operated yesterday in our success. Our airplanes and airships bombed the enemy, dropping more than 12 tons of bombs. Prisoners captured up to yesterday morning amount to 3,500 officers and more than 16,000 men. On the Trentino and Carnia fronts there was a recurrence of

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MAURICE'S REPORT.

LONDON, Aug. 23. In his weekly talk with the Associated Press, General Maurice said: The temporary disorganization on the Russian front has not been as serious in its effect as the Entente Allies had feared, and as the Germans had hoped. A German break through Moldavia and South Galicia would have had serious results, for it would have involved certain strategic retreats on other parts of the line, but the Germans made no progress here and the Russians are fighting well. The Germans now have begun an offensive on the Riga front, but the operation has only just started and thus far has accomplished nothing. Summing up the whole operations on the Russian front since the Russian retreatment began it may be said the Germans achieved only local success,

and there are no indications at present of big adverse developments. Discussing the situation on the British front in France and Belgium General Maurice said we are still in the midst of the battle. Battles nowadays last two or three months instead of a day or two as in old times. Trying to predict the result from the achievements thus far is like judging the battle of Waterloo from the situation that existed at 10 o'clock in the morning. When we get to four o'clock in Flanders we can probably say whether we are likely to obtain a decisive victory.

FIRE AT SALONIKA.

LONDON, Aug. 23. The first detailed account of a disastrous fire at Salonika last Sunday is contained in a Rector despatch from that city, which says that 60,000 persons are homeless, and that property losses are enormous. All stores in Salonika of the Ser-

bian relief fund were destroyed in the fire which last Saturday burned half the commercial section of the Greek Macedonian town, according to a message received here to-day at the headquarters of the fund. The stores included hundreds of bales of clothing, and a large quantity of food stuffs destined for hospitals, wayside dispensaries, canteens, orphanages and distributories for the relief of the population of Southern Macedonia.

DEFINITE SUCCESS.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 23.—Definite success can be recorded this morning for the latest British operations east and north-east of Ypres, on the Belgian front, which yesterday were surrounded by much uncertainty, owing to the fierceness of resistance offered by the Germans.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS.

NEARING A SETTLEMENT.

OTTAWA, Aug. 23. (By Canadian Press).—The political indications to-day point more strongly towards the success of union negotiations. The Western delegation which met the Premier here two days ago will confer at Winnipeg with Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan political leaders, and a decision by the end of the week is foreshadowed. It is understood that Sir Robert Borden's leadership is agreeable to the western delegation and that the economic issues have also been settled. The only remaining difficulty is one of personnel. An Alberta Conservative delegation, headed by Opposition Leader Michener is in Ottawa to-day, strongly supporting the union.

INDIGNATION AROUSED.

LONDON, Aug. 23. Renewed newspaper attempts to stir the Government to greater activities have followed yesterday's air raid on the southeast coast of England. There also may be more demands for reprisals against the Germans. Bombing pleasure resorts like Margate and Southend which have no military or industrial establishments arouses indignation even greater than was caused by the attack on the residential districts of London's poorer classes. The gist of the complaints is that although the fourth year of the war is beginning the British Government has not awakened as much as has Germany to the importance of aerial warfare, nor kept abreast of the German designers in improved powerful machines.

LEARNING THE TRUTH.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23. A policy based on might alone, and not on right is doomed to failure from the beginning, was the interesting admission made by Dr. Richard Vogt Kuehlemann, German Imperial Secretary. The new secretary, according to a telegram from Berlin, dwelt on the tremendous responsibility assuming office, when the country is beset by the mightiest of enemies without and grave difficulties within. Dr. Von Kuehlemann laid down the following programme, first the maintenance of cordial relations with our Allies and society with neutrals, whose rights and necessary conditions of existence we shall be most careful to respect as far as is compatible with enemy trickery, and our own military needs. To arrest the further defection of important neutrals, is an extremely serious and important task confronting us, said Dr. Kuehlemann. We can only solve it successfully by observing the principle that in policy might counts, but also right, and that only if we base our confidence on both can we hope to achieve lasting results. Dr. Von Kuehlemann emphasized the necessity of studying enemy psychology, so that

no soft words should be wasted when the other side holds rigidly aloof; on the other hand no hard words should be uttered, when there are indications that the ice was breaking on the other side, and more conciliatory feelings become manifest. Dr. Von Kuehlemann concluded with an appeal for trust in the army and navy.

ROOSEVELT TALKS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. Members of the Belgian War Mission were entertained by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt at his home at Oyster Bay, yesterday. In a short address to the visitors the Colonel declared the greatest menace to civilization at this time is talk of an inconclusive peace. We must have a peace that is just, and no peace would be just which does not give Belgium a heavy indemnity; no peace will be just that does not establish a great Bohemia and a great Slav commonwealth in Austria, and which does not join the Roumanian and Italian Austrians to their Roumanian and Italian brothers. Such a peace must force the Turk from Constantinople and from Armenia.

JAPAN'S PARTICIPATION.

PARIS, Aug. 23. The Figaro takes up the subject of Japanese participation in the war, asking if the moment has not arrived for Japan to take further steps. The writer describes Japan as having hitherto argued that as an essentially Asiatic power, it was her duty to reserve all her force for her future duty in Asia. He says, however, that this situation has now been changed by China's entry into the war, and that Japan, therefore, should send soldiers and artillery to Russia's aid, all the more so, now that the new Russia has forewarned all ideas of expansion or conquest. The Petit Journal in an editorial along the same lines says, the military reserves of all the Entente Powers should be used prudently. It adds that never will the Japanese troops be more needed on the Russian front than they are to-day.

FRENCH SHIPPING LOSSES.

PARIS, Aug. 23. In the week ended Aug. 19th, five French steamships of about 1,600 tons or more were sunk by mines or subs, according to the weekly official report, and four vessels under 1,600 tons. No fishing ships were destroyed. Three attacks by submarines failed.

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