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French General is No

is immensely costly in life, but they can afford it for two reas-ons-the immense superiority in ons-the immense superiority in numbers, and the fact that their men are disciplined to mechanical obedience; that they fight best when closely held together under the personal command of their of-

"The extended order is the French way. The French sol-dier does not fight well wedged together and he becomes impa-tient under constant command and mechanical discipline. "One thing is certain. In the

open country I cannot meet troops in a mass and of greatly superior numbers with extended troops. To have the best chance for success I must fight in such a position that the battlefield is limposition that the battlefield is inn-ited to the strong fortresses which will support the extended lines of the French and by limit-ing the front will hamper the moevments of the Germans. "This is what Joffre has done, retired to the narrowest part of France between Paris and Ver-dun. The success of his strategy dun. The success of his strategy is amply shown."

FRENCH CASUALTIES

"The enemy are still occupying a strong position to the north of the Aisne and fighting is going on along the whole line. The Crown Prince's army has been driven further back and is now on the line of Vaccure. FRENCH CASUALTIES PARIS, Sept. 15.—In a late list of casualties made public is the an-nouncement of the death of General Charles Roques, who was killed by being struck in the head by a bullet near Bar-Le-Duc, and of Captain Raout Ducouedic De Kergoualer. The latter, was a grandson of General De Montholon and a great grandson of "Brave" Ducouedic, a celebrated Bre-ton sailor who commanded La Sur-veillance in 1799 in the famous fight with the British ship Quebec. Gen-eral Roques had just been promoted on the field to be a general of division when he was killed. and Oanes. "In the Vosges and in Alsace, the situation is unchanged. "In Belgium the Belgian army

Capt. Hornby passed through To-ronto on his way to his regiment, having heard the call at Great Bear

an officer called him away. 'And you can bet,' the narrator ejaculated to Mr. Fyfe, 'that he was mighty sorry to go.' The four men who work the guns of the Royal Field Artillery are ordinarily protected from rifle fire by the shield of the gun. It may be observed that the limbers are now drawn close up to the gun to facilitate rapid firing. The motto of the Royal Field Artillery is 'Quo fas et gloria ducunt.' "

SANK CRUISER

British Submarine's Daring Work

in Entering Mined

Harbor.

[By Special Wire to The Courier]

London, Sept. 15 .- 6.39 p.m., It

is officially announced that on the

morning of September 13, the

small cruiser Hela, was sunk by

a torpedo from a hostile sub-

marine. Almost the whole of the

The German Cruiser Hela was

a small protected cruiser of 2,040

tons. Sne was 328 feet long and

carried a crew of 178 men. Her

armament was not heavy, consist-

armament was not heavy, consist-ing chiefly of light guns. The Hela was laid down in 1893 and finished in 1896. It is not announced where the Hela was sunk, but it is possible that it is the work of a British submarine, which a few days ago, was reported to have daringly run into the harbor at Wilhelmshaven and fired torpedoes towards the vessels in the harbor.

crew was saved.

BERLIN, via Copenhagen, via

FALLS TO

Strategic Position

of Great Impor-

tance is Taken

by Allied Forces:

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

LONDON, Sept. 15, 4.06 p.m.

-The occupation of Rheims by

the allied troops was announced

by the official press bureau this

"Six hundred prisoners and

twelve guns were captured yes-terday by the corps on the right of the British.

"Rain has made the roads heavy and is increasing the difficulty of the German army in its retreat. A statement given out by the

official press bureau this after-

the line of Varennes. Consenvoye

is continuing to operate around Antwerp, causing serious losses

to the enemy." THE FRENCH STATEMENT

PARIS, Sept. 15—The western and central armies of the Ger-man forces continued their resist-

ance to-day north of the River Aisne and north of Rheims and Chalons, while the eastern rmy is retreating. This is the substance of the French official communica-

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tion given out this afternoon.

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noon says:

BRITISH

Capture German Army of Von Kluck, Allies Take 25,000 Men and Supplies

last only one man was left. He went on doing his best, working steadily and, to all appearance, calming He would have gone on until he dropped, for,

although the Germans ceased fire for a few moments, they would have begun again and finished him off in spite of their admiration for his pluck. But

1By Special Wire to the Courier]

LONDON, Sept. 15, 2 p.m.-The correspondent of the Central News at Dieppe, under date of Monday, September 14, transmits a report that the German army under Gen-

eral Von Kluck has been forced to surrender. "A report has reached Dieppe that the extreme left of the Allies, after making an encircling movement by way of Roye and Ham and joining a force from the Boulogne district, has compelled General Von Kluck to surrender with, according to one statement, 14,000 men, and according to another statement with 25,000 men and a quantity of guns and war material."

General Von Kluck has been operating on the German right wing, and has consequently been opposed to the left wing of the Allies, composed principally of British troops. His army has been retiring before the Allies for several days. Roye and Ham are located to the southeast of Amiens, and were occupied by the Germans two days ago. Recent reports show that these towns are now in the possession of the Allies.

course:

SAY THE BELGIANS Fate of Von Kluck instances where women and child-ren have been stabbed with bayonets and their legs cut off. One case is cited where a workman, covered with kerosene was thrown into a burning house. Of the burning of Louvaine

the report says: "Everything tends to prove that German regiments through mistake fired at one another. At once the Germans began bombarding the the town pretending that ciivlians had fired at their troops, a suggestion denied by all

To spread the fire in Louvain the report charges that Germans entered houses and threw hand grenades. The commision con-tends that from several places in Belgium the male population has been sent to Germany and forced to work at harvesting, as if they were slaves.

staff on the battle of the Marns received in London to-day, suf-fered at the hands of the censor. In its truncated form the only claim made for German arms is that of having successfully de-feated the French endeavors to break through the German lines. This apparently is quite true, un-less the report from Dieppe this afternoon, slleging that General Von Kluck's army on the Ger-man right had ben forced to sur-render, turns out to be correct. Up to the present there has been no confirmation of the story. In any case from the estimate Dr. George Kennedy; Toronto, aged 7, joined the St. Andrew's rifle club.

burg. This is known to have been prepared by the sappers for a determined defence." IS PRECARIOUS.

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troops upon the foe at any point with almost incredible speed and food and ammunition are within arms' reach."

IS PRECATIOUS. BORDEUX, France, Sept. 15— The position of the German Crown Prince's army which forms the pivot of the change of front forced upon the enemy by the allies success, is precarious, according to the opinion express-ed in official and military circles here

here.

here. The French forts to the east of Argonne, it is said, have made retreat in that direction impos-sible. This army is, therefore, probably moving northward, it is figured here in the hope appar-ently of joining the other Ger-man forces along the Mezeries-St. Quentin-Peronne line, but the French are already pursuing the Germans to the north of Rheims and military men here think there is a chance that the Crown Prince's army may be cut off.

May be Settled given of the numbers of the troops surredered which, accord-ing to one report was 14,000, and according to another 25,000, it would be a misnomer to call it a surrender of General Von Kluck's army which must total in the neighborhood of 100,000 men. That General Von Kluck's posi-tion is a difficult one seems to be unquestionable, if, as reported, the German line is swinging its ex-treme right back on the Meuse in the vicinity of Mezeries, the in-tention being to make a stand on the line of Mezeries, Vervins, St. Quentin and Peronne.

The Toronto Rifle Association was formed, with a membership of 200,

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON Sept. 15, 1.30 p.m. -The official press bureau acting for the Belgian legation in Lon-don has made public the second report of the Belgian commission appointed to inuqire into the al-leged German trocities at Loucvain and in the district surround-

TERRIBLE ATROCITIES

ARE PROVEN FACTS

ing Malines. This report reviews incidents heretofore generally reported, but it adds the documents and evidence on which its conclusions are to be established in due

"The commission finds that on entering Louvain the Germans requisitioned food and lodgings. Germon troops took possession of the cash in all the Louvain banks, burst open houses and pil-laged and committed other excesses. The report then relates with considerable detail, two alleged instances in which women were outraged by German sol-

diers, and asserts that there are

DIFFICULT SITUATION [By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Sept. 15-The cor-respondent of The Times at Bor-deaux dealing with what he terms the precarious position of the German Crown Prince who is

and feel it.

. "Imagine a roadway littered

CROWN PRINCE AND

HIS ARMY FACING

German Crown Prince who is threatened with complete envel-opment if he seeks his fortune in the Plains of Chalons, says: "It is possible that if he is strong enough to hold the Ar-gonne forest that the Germans may complete a change of front and swing their armies on the pivot of Argonne round to the Meuse Valley, in which case Gen-eral Von Kluck's army will find itself in the position of outside running, such as at the bend of a railing track and might be un-able to get around in time. "It looks at present as though the whole German army is with-drawing to make a stand on the Peronne-St. Quintin-Vervins-Mez eries line which would give them eries line which would give them a line of retreat through Luxem-

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

LONDON, Sept. 15 .- A des-

patch from the German general

staff on the battle of the Marns