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WAR REVIEW.

Evidently it is not in the plans of the Entente Allies to leave the Germans secure in their possession of the line they are now holding in the region between the Somme and the Oise. Although the front from the south of the Somme past Chaules and running through Roye to Noyon has been studied with fresh reinforcements and innumerable guns in order to keep back the Allied troops, the Germans nevertheless again have been forced to give ground and at points where seemingly their defence soon must crumble and the retreat eastward be resumed. French and Canadian troops on Friday night, between Goyencourt and Laucourt, on a front of about three miles, had fought their way west of Roye until they were virtually knocking at the doors of the town, which is one of the key-stone positions of the German defence in Picardy, while to the immediate north British troops fighting alone were still in possession of Damery and Parvillers, following heavy counter attacks made by the Germans to dislodge them. West of Roye the Allied line is now only a scant mile and a quarter distant, adding materially to the danger of Roye by direct assault on the part of the French and Canadians at its western gates, and from a flanking movement by the British on the northwest. The French have carried out successfully an advance five miles to the south, which seemingly lays the town open to a turning movement from the Lodges wood which has been penetrated deeply. Not alone, however, is Roye menaced by this latter advance, but debouching from the woods south-eastward the French are in a position to outflank Lassigny, and with the French troops in the Oise valley near Ribecourt, also strategically placed to begin a rolling up process, which, if successful, would obliterate the hill and wooded country, now standing as a barrier to the capture of the town of Noyon. Taken altogether the position of the Allied troops on the Somme Oise salient is materially better than it has been for several days past. The retirement of the Germans on parts of the northern front continues, but these manoeuvres as yet lack definite explanation. Following closely upon the evacuation of front line positions north of Albert which were taken over by the British, has come another voluntary relinquishment of trenches in the Lys sector. The village of Vieux-Berquin has been given up, and ground over a front of about nine miles to a depth of about one to two miles has been ceded without fight-

ing. All the way between LaBasse Canal and Ypres the Germans still are exhibiting signs of nervousness, and daily are bombarding the British front heavily with shells and gas projectiles. Along the Vesle River front the Germans are similarly deluging the positions held by the French and Americans, with shells, gas projectiles and bombs from airplanes, but their efforts have gone for naught so far as causing a relinquishment of territory is concerned. The American aviators are busily engaged in bombing positions behind the German lines, especially the bridges leading northward across the Aisne River. The American artillery, also, is paying strict attention to the areas behind the line to harass the Germans.

CANADIANS CAPTURE PARVILLERS.

WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES, Aug. 15. (By K. F. E. Livesey, Canadian Press Correspondent.)—The Canadians captured the village of Parvillers in a smart operation which enabled them to straighten out their line in that sector of the front. A number of machine guns and prisoners were taken. The latest report was that our troops were holding the village and reinforcements have gone in support against the strong post the enemy has in the vicinity. Enemy artillery activity indicates a stiffening of resistance. Hostile aircraft have been considerably strengthened on the whole of the Aisne-Meuse-Picardy front. Some thirty-four enemy divisions have been engaged, including fresh divisions from his reserve. The enemy has used up every battalion of the two of the four divisions holding his line in front of the Canadians, these being the 7th and the 118th.

DEFENSIVE BREAKING DOWN.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Aug. 15. (By the A.P.)—The sustained pressure by the French and Americans on the line between Soissons and Rheims appeared to-day to be having the expected result. Information from behind the German front obtained by observers indicated the withdrawal of one or two enemy divisions. In addition the counter actions of the Germans have been notably reduced of late. Moreover the enemy's reply to American guns which never have ceased their punishment has been appreciably less prompt and the falling off in the enemy's aerial activities has been especially noticeable.

IMPORTANT GAINS.

PARIS, Aug. 15. French and Canadian troops have made progress against the Germans over a front of more than three miles, between Goyencourt and Laucourt, west of Roye, according to the French official communication issued this evening. The Bols. Nos Loges, five miles south of Roye also has been penetrated deeply by the French.

GERMAN MAN-POWER DWINDLING.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 15.—Germany has acknowledged that her man power once so freely wasted, now is dwindling in proportion, great enough apparently to cause considerable anxiety to the high command. The toll taken particularly in recent fighting by the Allied armies and the prospect of being confronted by ever growing American forces has caused General Ludendorff to issue most imperative orders for a vigorous immediate comb out in the German army.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Aug. 15. Yesterday evening the enemy again launched a strong counter attack against our new positions at Damery. His troops were everywhere repulsed with great loss, leaving over 250 prisoners and a number of machine guns in our hands. To-day our advanced troops in this locality have pushed forward in co-operation with the French and have made substantial progress in the direction of Fresnoy, Les Roye and Fransart. We have taken prisoners. On the remainder of the British front there is nothing to report except artillery activity on both sides.

WITH THE AVIATORS.

LONDON, Aug. 15. In spite of bad weather, British aviators have bombed enemy organization and concentration points in the Strains Valley. On Aug. 15th our crews dived or put out of action 25 enemy machines. Thursday night our bombing squadrons made several ex-

peditions behind the battle zone and dropped more than 14 tons of explosives on the railroad stations at Nesle and St. Quentin and on the bivouacs at Champagne and Guisard, where several fires were observed. Other expeditions flew over the valley of the Aisne and the region east of it, and obtained excellent results. Four tons of explosives were dropped on the railroad station at Thionville, and on the region of Mesieres and Charleville. A total of twenty-five and a half tons was used.

THE MODEST GERMAN PRESS.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 15. German newspapers comment bitterly of the manifesto issued by Great Britain in recognition of the Czechoslovak nation. It is the height of hypocrisy when England gives those notorious traitors a testimonial that they are waging legitimate warfare, the Cologne Gazette says.

NEEDS MUNITIONS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. The pressing need for arms and ammunition by the people of Western Siberia who have arrayed themselves against the forces of German and Austrian prisoners, and the German influenced Bolsheviks, is being considered in the Allied capitals, according to information received to-day. The answer of the Allied nations to this appeal has not been disclosed, but it can be stated on high authority that the United States Government is anxious to be of whatever possible assistance.

MINES ON AUSTRALIAN COAST.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Aug. 15. The finding of additional enemy mines along the Australian coast, is announced.

BIG FIRE IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 15. Fire to-day destroyed three of the mills of the French and Ward Woolen Co., engaged on government work and a big stock of cloth for army uniforms. The loss was estimated at \$40,000.

HELPING THE BRITISH.

LONDON, Aug. 15. A curious coincidence comes to light in connection with the arrival of the British at Baku. The garrison of the place consisted largely of Bolsheviks who, with Armenians, were opposing the Turks, thus the British while fighting the Bolsheviks in the north are co-operating with them in the south.

IN THE EASTERN THEATRE.

PARIS, Aug. 15. (Army of the East, Aug. 15.)—In Albania, east of Porogans the enemy renewed for the third time attacks, which our troops repulsed. In the region of Gramst the enemy suffered severe losses in the course of fruitless reconnoitering.

ANOTHER NEW GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Aug. 15. (British Wireless Service.)—The Government of Northern Russia has been formed with M. Tchalkikowsky as President and Minister of Foreign Affairs. The other members of the Government include Socialists of various parties. The political program of the new Government which has just been issued contains the following clauses: First, the creation of a Russian Democratic power; second, the re-establishment of local Government on a basis of universal suffrage; third, the recreation of the Russian national army and a renewal of the war on the eastern front; fourth, the expulsion of the German invaders to be carried out with the aid of and in co-operation with the Entente Allies.

AMERICAN AIRMEN'S WORK.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 15. (By the A.P.)—American aviators successfully bombarded the railroad yard at Dommarcy Baroncourt in the Verdun-Metz area this morning. Longuy on the north



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PRETENDER DEAD.

PARIS, Aug. 15. (Havas Agency.)—Caid Malmi Glauout who was prominent as a supporter of Mula Mohammed, pretender to the Moroccan throne ten years ago, is dead, according to an announcement by the Temps. Caid Malmi Glauout was friendly to the Entente cause in the present war.

ARMY RAILROADING.

PARIS, Aug. 15. (Havas Agency.)—A railway, more than 130 miles in length behind the French front has been built in less than one hundred days, and yesterday was opened for traffic. Its purpose is to improve the communications between the northern and southern parts of the northern railway systems. The construction of the line involved the building of two important bridges and a tunnel some 375 yards in length.

ENDOWING PROFESSORSHIPS.

LONDON, Aug. 15. Several large sums of money have been given recently to leading English universities for the establishment of Professorships in aeronautics. It is announced. The University of London made the announcement Thursday that it not only had accepted a gift but proposed to start almost immediately systematic work in the science of aeronautics.

GERMANS HAVE LOST INITIATIVE.

LONDON, Aug. 15. The withdrawal on the Western front by the Germans in the past few days, it is believed here, indicate that the enemy intends to abandon the offensive. It is said to be doubtful whether he will be able to resume the offensive since 35 divisions now are necessary between the Oise and the Ancre, of which 15 are from the reserves. There are now only 16 fresh enemy divisions in reserve on the entire Western front, and only eleven of these belong to the army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria. Military observers say that there is every indication that the Germans intend to stand on their present line. There is a possibility, however, that they will fall back to the Divette, a small tributary of the Oise and which joins it south of Noyon. The French now hold all the high ground in that region. It is said that the British are so close to Chaules that the enemy cannot use the town. Almost all their communications in Peronne have been rendered useless by the Allies.

DOMINION REPRESENTATION.

LONDON, Aug. 15. In order to provide for the continuity of the deliberations between the representatives of Great Britain and the Dominions, the Imperial War Cabinet, says the Times, has decided that each Dominion shall be represented by a Minister stationed permanently in London. The Imperial War Cabinet will meet from time to time with these Ministers as members.

IMPORTANT ADVANCE BY FRENCH.

PARIS, Aug. 15. The French have made an important advance on a front of two and one-half miles west of Roye according to the War Office statement to-day. The progress was in the region of Villers Les Roye, about two and one-half miles west of Roye Staurit and Armancourt.

WELCOMES THE BRITISH.

LONDON, Aug. 15. The population of the Murmannsk region received with joy the British force that landed there recently, according to an Allied diplomat who has arrived in London from Petrograd.

NOTED FRENCHMAN DEAD.

A PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 15. Albert Metin, head of the French Economic Mission now in the United States, former Minister of Labor in France and Minister of Blockade, died here at midnight last night from a stroke of apoplexy. Metin was stricken early in the evening, shortly after his arrival here with the mission of General Paul. General Paul, the noted French military leader, was the joint head.

EARTHQUAKES RECORDED.

VICTORIA, B.C., Aug. 15. One of the most severe earthquakes that ever has been recorded on instruments was registered on the seismograph at the Gonzales Heights Observatory to-day. The registration started at 5:30 a.m. and lasted for three hours. The quake centre probably was 8,000 miles distant.

LABOR LEADER ARRESTED.

CUMBERLAND, B.C., Aug. 15. Joseph Naylor, formerly President of the British Columbia Federation of Labor, was arrested here to-day and taken to the county jail for safe keeping. During the day the military po-

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lice who made the arrest refused to say on what charge they arrested Naylor. Naylor was prominent as a sympathizer during the recent trouble

over the shooting of Goodwin, a draft evader.

CRUISER SUBS.
WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 15. The German submarines carrying out raids in American waters are of the cruiser type, very probably converted merchantmen like the Deutschland, which made two peaceful trips to the United States before this country entered the war. They are low speed craft, with great cruising radius carrying large crews, 53 guns and mines laying equipment, as well as torpedoes.

FURTHER WITHDRAWALS.
LONDON, Aug. 15. Further slight enemy withdrawals

from the Lys salient were announced in London to-day. The enemy has evacuated the village of Vieux-Berquin, south of Merris, and has retired between one and two miles on a front of nine miles.

GERMAN CASUALTIES 600,000.
PARIS, Aug. 15. The total of German losses from the beginning of the war to the end of July, 1918, are understood to be six million, according to the morning papers. The figures include 1,400,000 killed up to the beginning of the German offensive last March. From March 27th to June 17th the Germans are said to have lost 150,000 killed alone.

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