

War News.

Messages Received
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ITALIANS CAPTURE SAN GABRIELLE.

LONDON, Sept. 5. The Italians have captured San Gabrielle, according to advices to the Daily Mail.

A despatch received here confirms the capture by the Italians of Monte San Gabrielle together with 900 prisoners including 32 officers. The Italians now possess the entire chain of mountains which dominate Gorizia.

The Italian official read here to-day tells of the resumption of the battle on the Julian front and the capture of an Austrian position on the Bainsizza Plateau, south of Ochrogio. In addition, 86 officers and 1,600 men were made prisoners.

RUSSIANS RETIRING.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 5. The Russians continue to retreat along the coast of the Gulf of Riga toward the northeast. They have crossed the Nyonian river the war office announces. Russian forces operating in an easterly direction from Riga have retired to Segevoid, Lemberg and Detostobray.

SEMI-OFFICIAL RUSSIAN STATEMENT.

LONDON, Sept. 5. The Press Bureau has issued a semi-official Russian statement dated Sept. 4, which says in part, "the catastrophe at Riga was not wholly unexpected. Measures for the evacuation of the Littoral of the Gulf were taken before the passage of the Germans across the Dvina near Ushull, and the artillery of heavy calibre on the permanent emplacements was thrown out of position during last week. After the Dvina was forced an order was given for the evacuation of Riga. The Russians withdrawing from Riga are building up the enemy's pressure. Several units have shown exceptional valor repulsing German counter attacks with the bayonet. The first battalion of the Death (composed of women) particularly distinguished itself, throwing itself into the water at a most critical time and throwing back the pursuing enemy nearly three kilometres in spite of the loss it had sustained. The example set by this battalion inspired the other units. General Novitsky personally directed the attacks."

GERMAN SUB BOMB SCARBOROUGH.

SCARBOROUGH, Sept. 5. During the prevalence of a thick mist, a German submarine appeared two miles off the coast at 7 o'clock last evening and began to bombard the town. About a dozen shells were fired in quick succession at the shore, which at the time was crowded with visitors. British mine sweepers began an attack on the submarine and the cannonade became deafening. The submarine soon submerged and was not seen again. The material damage inflicted was small considering the fact that the bombardment lasted ten minutes. A station two miles inland was hit by a shell but no one was injured. Some persons assert they saw two subs; but the presence of more than one boat has not been confirmed.

London.—Scarborough on the English east coast, was bombarded last night by a hostile submarine. It is officially announced to-day. About half the shells fired from the undersea boat landed, three persons being killed and five injured. But little damage was done.

SAY GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

PARIS, Sept. 5. German attacks on the Aisne and Champagne front last night were repulsed by the French, says to-day's official. The French made a successful attack in the Champagne. French hospitals were again bombarded by German aviators.

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an estimated height of 9,000 feet. It was severely shelled, and onlookers declare it was hit. At the same time British airplanes were seen maneuvering for an attack on the raiders.

In last night's air raid, one bomb fell outside a hospital, another smashed through a theatre, and still another hit a retail store in which a number of girls were sleeping. Notwithstanding the moonlight, nothing could be seen of the raiders, although their engines could be heard overhead. That they were invisible was perhaps due to a slight haze, which however, was insufficient to obscure the moon. The raiders were constantly shelled by anti-aircraft guns and several British machines took the air to attack the invaders. The streets were practically deserted at the time of the raid, it being long after theatre hours. The few late street cars that were running were without lights, or stripped. A message from the southeastern district says that apparently the invaders crossed the North Sea in three successive groups, and that all were severely shelled both arriving and returning.

The Chatham district for the first time experienced an air attack on Monday night, when one or more bombs fell on a section of the Royal Barracks, killing 107 bluejackets outright and wounding 86 others. Four bombs in all fell about the barracks but two were harmless, and in fact apart from those which took such a heavy toll of life, the damage in the whole area was insignificant. The barracks was filled with sleeping hammocks and a majority of the men were asleep at the time of the attack. The first indication of the presence of air raiders was the sound of engines overhead. The presence of high-powered machines overhead did not cause much alarm because notices had been published early in the evening that anti-aircraft practice would be carried out that night, and when the guns began firing it was assumed that the practice was in full swing. Then came the unexpected. Loud explosions were heard in one part of the district and then in another. The explosions then ceased, but after a few minutes they were heard again and following by the sounds the air raiders had circled the town. In all about 17 bombs were dropped and the raiders were thought to have been over the district nearly an hour. Searchlights sought the raiders, but they failed to locate them, the visibility being low owing to a slight haze, notwithstanding the moonlight. Immediately following the explosions in the barracks rescue parties were organized and the wounded were removed to hospitals, one of which came very near to being a target for a bomb. All the survivors were instantly at their quarters and the greatest coolness was shown. A naval man who was in barracks at the time gave the following account of the raid: "Most of us were asleep in our hammocks, in the dormitory which was in a large drill hall. We had no warning of any kind. I have been in some scrapes, but I did not dream that anything so sudden could happen. Before we knew what was happening the roof was lifted off the ship, blown into the air and fell in a thousand pieces among the men. It was the flying glass, which was thick and heavy, that did the damage. We were dashed out of our hammocks and all mixed up in broken glass. The men on either side of me were killed. Officers were on the scene in a moment and worked with us the whole night getting the wounded to hospitals and the bodies to the gymnasium which was used as a mortuary." Another man sleeping in a different part of the dormitory said that he didn't wait to put on his shoes and did not know that he was walking on broken glass until long afterwards when he found that his feet were bleeding. Still another man with a piece of glass in his head did not know it, the shock of the explosion being so great; and a man who was blown across the parade ground, and who alighted on his feet, declared he did not feel any the worse for his experience. Some of the injured died during the night and the survivors complain bitterly about their companions being killed without an opportunity to strike back. If we have to die we want to die fighting, one bluejacket said. Most of us have been fighting, and we want another go at the Huns. A remarkable feature of the raid was that a comparative few people in the bombarded area were aware that there had been an attack till they arose the following morning. One bomb struck a small cottage, one of a row. The tenant and his daughter who went into the garden to see what was happening escaped injury. His wife remained in the house and was killed.

GERMAN ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

LONDON, Sept. 5. A hostile raiding party were driven off by fire, rifle and machine guns, last night in the vicinity of Armentieres, says to-day's official. A raid by the enemy at a later hour against positions held by the Portuguese, also was unsuccessful. The German artillery was active in the neighborhood of Lens.

AMERICAN PRISONERS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. Capt. Albert Oliver, of the American tank steamer Campana, and four of the five members of the naval gun crew, who were taken prisoners when their ship was captured and sunk on August 4th by a German submarine, are in a prison camp at Brandenburg, Prussia, the American Red Cross was advised yesterday by cable from Geneva.

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SIX GERMANS CAPTURED AT SEA.

LONDON, Sept. 5. The recapture at sea of six escaped Germans, is announced by the Admiralty. The statement follows: British light forces, while patrolling the North Sea on Sept. 1st, captured a small boat containing six German prisoners, who had escaped from this country.

CHANGE IN OFFICIALS.

OTTAWA, Sept. 5. Major-General Hodgins, Adjutant-General of the Canadian Militia, will shortly retire from active service. His retirement will be followed by a partial reorganization. Major-General O. J. MacDougall or Major-General S. S. Newburn will succeed General Hodgins as Adjutant-General.

WILL USE ARMED FORCE.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 5. The Governor General of Finland has returned to Helsinki with Premier Kerensky's sanction, for opposition by armed force, if necessary, to any act of the Finnish local government which he deems inimical to the welfare of Russia.

ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY.

LONDON, Sept. 5. Seven persons were killed and 82 injured in last night's air raid, it was announced officially.

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