

War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

FRENCH ATTACK.

PARIS, Aug. 24. The French made an attack this morning on the left bank of the Meuse between Avocourt Wood and Deadman Hill. The War Office announces the capture of Hill 304, Camard Wood, and the fortified works between Saucourt Wood and Bethincourt. The French gained more than their objectives, advancing to an average depth of two kilometres.

A French attack east of the road between Esnes and Bethincourt enabled them to enlarge their positions north of Deadman's Hill to the extent of a kilometre.

GERMAN TRENCHES CAPTURED.

LONDON, Aug. 24. To-day's early official: Fierce fighting continued in the night south of Lens, as a result of which we hold German trenches immediately north-west of the Green Crassier. The enemy losses in the close fighting have been very heavy.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

ROME, Aug. 24 (Official). The battle is continuing. We have broken up many counter attacks and captured large numbers of prisoners now totalling 500 officers and 20,000 men. We have also taken 50 guns, mostly of medium calibre, numerous trench mortars, machine guns, and a large quantity of material. Our aviators with untiring efforts are giving the enemy no truce. They have bombarded his massed troops, and carried destruction into his lines of communication by dropping bombs on the Trentino front where the enemy persists in fruitless attempts to create a diversion. We completely repulsed patrols in Cudicaria and storming parties in Lagarina Valley, and at Montecross. During the night of Tuesday in a lively encounter on the right bank of the Middle Vovusa River, one of our patrols almost destroyed an enemy party. A few survivors were taken prisoners.

PRISONERS CAPTURED SINCE APRIL.

LONDON, Aug. 24. The British, French, Italians and Russians have captured 167,780 war prisoners since April 9th when the 1917 campaign opened.

CONFIDENCE IN RUSSIA.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. Another credit of \$100,000,000 to Russia was made to-day by the United States Government, this bringing the total credits extended so far to the Russian Government to \$257,000,000. Some of the money probably will be used to purchase railway supplies and equipment in this country.

ARTILLERY BATTLE.

Grand Headquarters, French Army, Aug. 24 (By Associated Press).—The French bag of prisoners as the result of the victory at Verdun, amounted to nearly 8,000, and a large number of cannon and machine guns were captured or destroyed. The battle, which is being continued, is confined to the artillery, with the French holding great superiority in the fire. The entire country rearward from the new French lines around Le Mort Homme and in fact along the whole line of offensive has the appearance of sand dunes being absolutely devoid of any vegetation. A few jagged poles, standing out from the shell marked earth, represent all that is left of what were thick woods. Looking forward over the German lines beyond ordinary artillery range, however, everything appears green on the hill crests and in the valleys. Off toward the west Hill 304 stands out prominently, appearing nearer than it actually is. Through the rav-

ine fronting Le Mort Homme, known as "Death Ravine," can be seen the great Hill of Montfaucon. Everywhere the surfaces of the hillside and valleys are scratched with trenches which make a gigantic checker board. The Germans bored into the twin summits of Le Mort Homme two tunnels which they named Crown Prince and Bismarck. The French bombardment smashed them, killing hundreds of occupants, but leaving many still alive to be captured later. In the first named tunnel six hundred prisoners were taken. In this vicinity it is thought most probable the Germans will make a strong effort to reply to the French attack, for the loss of these dominating positions means the limitation of the possibility of future German attacks on Verdun.

IN THE EAST.

LONDON, Aug. 24. The Times military correspondent reviewing the Allied offensive says: The united operations of General Gough and General Antoinne in Flanders have compelled the Germans to withdraw twenty-two divisions for repairs. As a German division is rarely withdrawn unless it has suffered 4,000 casualties and as the divisions as yet not withdrawn also have lost severely, we say with confidence that the German losses have been extremely heavy, much heavier than ours. Our losses since the end of April have been much less than were estimated beforehand. The correspondent says there are signs that affairs in the eastern theatres may become interesting before long. The Russian Caucasus Army has not given signs of life this summer, consequently our campaigns in Syria and Mesopotamia have been injuriously affected. The Turks are concentrating at certain places from which they may advance upon General Allenby or Maude. They will be warmly received, while our Arab Allies who are extending their operations to Naam will be useful auxiliaries. Little operations by General Maude on the Delta in Mesopotamia, remind us that the campaigning season in these regions is at hand. Rumors of German divisions being on their way to Asia Minor have not been confirmed.

HAVE CONFIDENCE IN KORNILOFF.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 24. The Council of Cossacks in assembly have full confidence in Lieut. General Korniloff, Commander in Chief of the Russian armies, and Premier Kerensky. The question arose following a demand published in the Izvestia, the organ of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, that Korniloff will be dismissed because of the strict regime he instituted in the army. The Council adopted a resolution approving the General's course as the only rational one and denying the right of the Workmen and Soldiers to interfere. He was ennobled as the "only General able to restore order and lead the country out of a critical situation."

SCENE IN THE REICHSTAG.

LONDON, Aug. 24. Despatches from Amsterdam represent the scene in the Reichstag Main Committee on Wednesday over Chancellor Michaelis' attitude on the peace resolution as a storm which would have resulted in ousting him from office in a democratic country. According to these accounts Dr. Michaelis was challenged to explain his real attitude toward the peace resolution because when he said July 19 he supported it, he added, "as I understand it." This apparent qualification, said Michaelis' challengers, had been seized by annexationists, who claimed that the Chancellor was really on their side. Dr. Michaelis in replying made a laborious explanation in which approving the general spirit of the resolution, he said differences of opinion were general regarding the details and he had in fact noted such differences among the majority of the parties. This provoked an outburst on the part of the representatives of the majority parties in the name of which Herr Friederich Ebert, Socialist leader, made a declaration practically charging the Chancellor with falsehood. Herr



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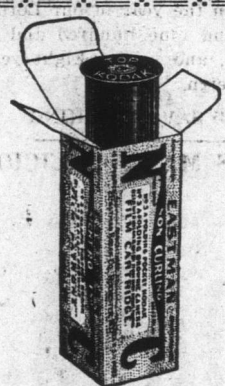
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Ebert said the majorities completely agreed about the significance of the resolution which was unmistakable and they insisted that the Government prosecute a definite peace policy. After luncheon interval the Chancellor accepted the spirit of the peace resolution but the members were greatly dissatisfied. The majority parties met immediately after the adjournment of the Main Committee, and later visited the Chancellor. The Tageblatt says the affair is not merely of passing importance, nor can it be glossed over by a few smooth phrases. The paper contends it is clear that Michaelis has not sufficient authority to control the situation, chiefly because he was chosen without popular representatives having been consulted.

MAIL STEAMER TORPEDOED.

A South American Port, Aug. 24.—A despatch received here, from Rio Janeiro says there are persistent rumors in circulation that the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.'s steamer Desna has been torpedoed. The ship registers 11,483 tons.

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Captain Oke Wounded Again.

Mr. John E. Oke received the following message from the War Office in London, yesterday:

"Regret Captain H. R. Oke, 11th Royal Scots, wounded and gassed, Aug. 20th. Further news when received.—Secretary War."

This was the first intimation Mr. Oke received that his son had been promoted from Lieut. a promotion no doubt awarded for special gallantry on the field. This makes the second time that Captain Oke has been gassed. We trust that his injuries are not serious. It may not be generally known that Captain Oke was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches on April 9th last. Doubtless the services which called for mention were the direct cause of the promotion.

Patriotic Football.

C.E.I. Defeat Stars in Lively Game.

A large gathering of spectators were treated to a hot dish by the Stars and C.E.I. last evening. The latter won by one goal to nil and the Stars would have suffered a greater defeat, but for the brilliant work of the goal keeper. The veteran E. Power was a decided acquisition in the forward line. During the first period there was no scoring done, though the C.E.I. lost many opportunities. In the next period the C.E.I. showed up better, the individual effort of Jerrrett being admirable. He made three successive dashes and scored once, missing on the other two occasions by small margins. Mr. W. J. Higgins refereed and the players were:

STARS—Goal, Walsh; backs, Bell, Kavanagh; halves, W. Hart, Duggan, Williams; forwards, Power, B. Hart, Sullivan, Evans McGrath.

C.E.I.—Goal, Lush; backs, Reid, Churchill; halves, Hallett, Drover, Wilson; forwards, Miller, Harris, Jerrrett, Rogers, Ewing.

The proceeds of the games are not what they should be, owing to the fact that there are too many "dead heads."

The "has been" of 1901 who gave such a splendid exhibition on Thursday evening last will meet again, it is likely, before the season closes.

Ordination Ceremony.

Rev. Robert St. John, son of Mr. J. St. John, was ordained yesterday, the ceremony of ordination being performed at the Cathedral by His Grace Archbishop Roche, who was assisted by Rev. Drs. Greene and Carter. At the conclusion Rev. Fr. St. John gave his blessing to his parents and relatives. Tomorrow he will celebrate his first mass at the Cathedral. He will undergo elocutionary training at New York before taking up parochial duties.

The Elusive Tuna.

A. B. Harding, our well known sportsman, has introduced a new sport here in the form of pursuing the elusive tuna. Yesterday he was fortunate enough to beat the celebrated J. K. L. Ross by catching one which measured 10 ft. 4 inches in length, 6 ft. 2 inches in girth, and weighed about 1,000 lbs. We believe, this is the record. Why not amongst our other inducements to tourists to visit our Island, this sport be widely advertised as the fish around here, at this season of the year, are numerous and much easier of catching than around the coast of Cape Breton, where quite a few sportsmen resort for that particular kind of fishing.—Western Star, Aug. 22.

Train Notes.

Thursday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 7.20 p.m. yesterday.

The incoming express is due at 4 p.m. to-day.

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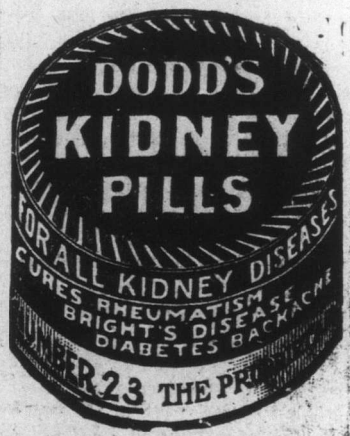
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