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# NO SECOND POSTIES STRIKE

Secretary McMordie Mum as to Situation, But Impression Prevails That There Will Be No Further Trouble in Eastern Canada—Winnip eg Still Out and Sympathetic Strike May Develop-Do herty Definitely Refuses to Appoint Conciliation Boar d.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, July 27.—Alex. McMordie, general secretary of the Federation of Canadian Letter-Carriers, asked this morning if the decision of the Government to dismiss from service all western postmen who falled to return to work today, might result in eastern postmen again going on strike as a protest against such action by the Government, refused to make any statement. Opinion, however, prevails in well-informed circles that eastern postmen will not make that a pretext for another strike.

Mr. McMordie announces that a men's committee is being formed,

# FRANCE SUING

ax Disaster in o Be Heard in Court.

# **EXPECTS GERMANS TO** FIGHT TO LAST NOW THEY ARE CORNERED

Correspondent With American Army Warns Against Too Much Optimism.

London, July 27 .- Discussing the latest operations and the German position resumption of work, providing the within the Marne salient, Reuter's cor- mayors and chiefs of the western cities France under date of Friday, says it is well to remember that the Germans still hold the north bank of the Marne for some eight miles from Vincelles to Reul. This has not yet been disputed with them.

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This alone, he adds, is proof that the enemy is not in a very desperate hurry to withdraw from the sallent, if it is not also a hint that he has a large accumulation of stores near the river which it is difficult to remove. "The French guns in this sector," the correspondent continues, "continually are exploding great dumps of ammunition, which reveals how thick they are.

Masses Yet Opposing.

"The early success of the French counter-attack has bred a disposition to expect further rapid advances, but the fighting in the salient offers to the aggressor only the advantage obtainable from the enemy's congested condition, and even that cuts both ways, as it leaves masses of men to oppose us.

"Our progress the past week gave the enemy ample time to begin reorganization outside the salient. We are not likely to go much further without discovering a disposition to withstand us. We may regard with some suspicion the enemy's intentions along the river front. His position may not be an enviable one, but there are points in it not unfavorable to an attack."

## THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-FINE AND COOLER. Toronto, July 27-8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Moderate west winds, shifting to north; a few scattered thunder-storms, but generally fair; a little cooler tonight.

Sunday—Light

comprising representatives from all leading centres, both in Eastern and Western Canada, to wait upon the sub-committee of the cabinet at Ottawa on Tuesday, August 6th, with regard to the question of maximum wages and all matters of difference.

A meeting of Toronto postmen will be held tonight to hear a report of the recent delegation to Ottawa. DEFINITELY REFUSED. Ottawa, July 27.—Hon. C. J. Doherty, acting prime minister, has sent to the secretaries of the boards of trade at all

points where the letter carriers have not returned to work a telegram in which the appointment of board of conwhich the appointment of board of con-ciliation is finally and definitely re-fused. Mr. Doherty states that it is ab-solutely impossible for the Government to allow any outside body, not respon-sible to Parliament, to fix the salaries CONFERENCE AT WINNIPEG.
Winnipeg, July 27.—Delegates from
postal clerks, railway mail clerks and

letter carriers are hurrying to Winnipeg from all parts of the West to attend a conference. At a meeting of telegraph Halifax, July 27.—The Republic of France has Issued a writ in the admiralty ocurt here against the Belgian relief steamer Imo for two million dolars, claiming this to be the value of the cargo of the French munitions ship Mont Blanc, which exploded in Halifax harbor on December 6 of last year, after colliding with the Imo. The case will be heard in the admiralty court here at a date not yet announced. A counter-claim has been lodged by the owners of the Imo.

Victoria, B. C., July 27.—The letter carriers and postal clerks of Victoria stay out until their demands for a con-ciliation board to consider the wage question are met by the Government. Failing a board, the employees are willing to submit the matter to a joint committee representing the department

OUT AT SASKATOON. Saskatoon, July 27 .- The postal workers last night agreed unanimously to stay by the original demand for a con-

### FILM STAR DIVORCED FROM WIFE MUST PAY HER \$40,000 ALIMONY

Franvis X. Bushman Was Charged With Cruelty and Neglect. Baltimore, July 27.—An absolute divorce and \$40,000 alimony was granted today to Mrs. Josephine F. Bushman from Francis X. Bushman, Bushman from Francis X. Bushman, film star.

Mrs. Bushman also was awarded custody of their five calidren, an allowance of \$4,000 a year for them until they marry, become of age or leave her, and \$3,000 for her attorney's fees and cost of the suit. Bushman must pay for the education of the children and for their medical care.

Mrs. Bushman charged the screen idol with cruelty and neglect.

# READY FOR ACTION



# SAMMIES SENT

Washington, July 27.—With 50,000 troops sent last week, the number of American troops transported overseas during July is expected to reach a record of 300,000. Secretary of War Baker and Gen. March, chief of staff, today told members of the senate military committee.

# FLAX INDUSTRY OF **DOMINION BECOMING** IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Growing Has Been Advancing by Leaps and Bounds.

ONTARIO PROVINCE IN IT

Government Now Has 18,000

# **BOOT PUT TO SON**

Amsterdam, July 27—Emperor William, who according to his William, who according to his favorite correspondent. Kari Rossner, watched the britis of Rheims from a tower which gave him a good view of a wide sector of the front, sent to his troops from this vantage point, Rossner reports, the following telegram:

telegram:
"His majesty informs his troops that he has arrived behind the front of attack, and shall watch the battic from a tower. His majesty's good wishes accompany his froops. His majesty's word to his troops is, with God for the emperor and the empire."

# SEEMED WORST FEATURE OF WAR

Saskatchewan Premier Found It Most Trying of Experiences in France.

ENTHUSES OVER YANKS

Arrivals of Americans Brings British and French Feeling to Fore.

"I was in London on the fourth of

"I was in London on the fourth of July," he said, "and it was the greatest celebration of the kind ever known there. The Stars and Stripes were everywhere in evidence, and even Buckingham Palace had two flags, the American floating beside the Union Jack. A big feature of the day was the baseball match between teams from Sendation Airy 37.—The Johnal worker as last night agreed unaminously to stay by the original demand for a consilitation board, and will remain out.

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New York, "POSTIES" OUT.

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New York, July 37.—The speech of Dr. Bernhard Dernburg at Cleveland in May, 135, in which he actual splinning of the hereat of the Advertiser of the Advertisers of the Advertise

enemy, we were comparatively fr from danger." he said, "but the noi was appalling. This to me would one of the most trying features." Mr. Martin and his party were without so much as a suspicion of sub in their vicinity, so far as any

# Casualties of Week Nearly 13 Thousand Two GERMAN AIRMEN

London. July 27.—British casualties reported in the week ended today total 12,893, compared with the aggregate of 16,981 reported in the previous week. These are divided as follows:

Killed or died or wounds—Officers, 128; men. 1,764.

Wounded or missing—Officers, 304; men. 10,697.

# DUMPED PARSON ON THE PRAIRIE

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, July 17.—A clergyman holding high office in Manitoba, Rev. J. W. Churchill, president of the Manitoba Methodist
Conference, attempted to purchase a ticket from the Canadian
Northern conductor from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, but
was unable to produce his registration can, and was deposited
on the prairie with his baggage,
several miles out of Winnipeg.

London, July 27 .- The Siberian Gov-Hon. W. M. Martin, premier of Sask-atchewan, is in London for a few days, paying a visit to his parents, Rev. W. M. Martin and Mrs. Martin, Ridout street south, on his return after a visit to the Canadian camps in England and in France, with other provincial pre-miers.

# KING GEORGE THANKS **DOMINIONS FOR PART**

London, July 27.—Emperor William has refused to receive Count Luxburg so that the former Get an ambassador to Argentina might justify himself, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. The count handed in his report on his mission to Argentina to the foreign office on Thursday. After the emperor had refused to see him he conferred with Admiral von Hintze, the foreign secretary.

Count Luxburg, it is added, has withdrawn from the diplomatic service.

The Siberian Government at Vald vostok, presumably that headed be general Horvath, has resigned.

GERMAN DUKE TO BE

FINLAND'S NEXT KIN

Duke Adolph Friedrich Offer

Hamilton, July 27.—Another fatality occurred at the Beamsville aerodrome this morning, when Cadet T. C. Durbar of Haileybury, who was making a solo flight, crashed to the ground, his machine ablaze. He was burned beyond recognition, and all that remains of the aeroplane was the level parts.

The displace within a few weeks.

It was reported early in May that negotiations were in progress to offer the Finnish crown to Duke Adolph

TO STRENGTHEN WESTERD

# FRENCH DRIVE AHEAD AGAIN TAKING HUN POSITIONS ON TWO MILE FRONT; GERMANS BEING DRIVEN FROM MARNE

## THE WAR SITUATION

128 COLUMNS

[By Associated Press.]
Shifting their blows to the southern arc of the sector between Solssons and Rheims, the French have struck the German line at PortaBinson, on the south side of the Marne, and about a mile south of the village of Chatillon. It is officially reported from Paris that the French lines were advanced at that point.

Further east, on the Champagne

Further east, on the Champagne sector, the troops of General Gouraud have by a local operation south of Montagne Sans Nom (mountain without a name), pressed forward over half a mile along a front of almost two miles.

The advance east of Rheims was seemingly for the purpose of restoring the Allied line in that section of the line. The attack at Porta-Binson, however, had another object, German troops were reported early in the week at Marfaux and Pourcy, northeast of Chatillon, and south of the western spurs of Rheims mountain. A considerable success near Chatillon would put them into a pocket within the larger pocket, and tend to force their withdrawal to new lines further back toward the Middle of the German sallent.

that the Germans are fighting on the southern side of the salient to cover the retreat of their armies and the salvaging of the vast supplies piled up along the Marne in preparation for the great offensive which began on July 15, there appears to be a disposition on the part of some military experts to consider the possibility of a new German attack somewhere on the battle line between Solssons and Rheims. The stubborn manner in which the enemy has been fighting and his failure to attack on some other sector points, it is contended to the fact that the Germans are committed to a renewed offensive along the Marne in the hope of still winning a victory there.

30,000 Foe Prisoners.

Along the British front near Arras and Lens, and along the Somme sector the German artillery has been active. British raiding parties have been active at various points along their lines.

British airmen in the past week have accounted for 91 enemy machines while losing 51. Long distance raiding was the greatest during the war. Twenty-five incursions into Germany were made and 154 tons of bombs dropped. Zeebrugge and Ostend also were bombed.

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brugge and Ostend also were bombed.

The latest estimate of the number of German prisoners taken by the Allies aince July 18 is 30,000.

Further complications have arisen in the Siberian situation. A provisional government at Omsk, in Central Siberia, claims supreme authority and has declared the independence of Siberia. Another report received in London says that the Siberian Government at Valdivostok, presumably that headed by General Horvath, has resigned.

# FINLAND'S NEXT KING

Duke Adolph Friedrich Offered Crown and Has Accepted.

Paris, July 27.-The crown of Finland has been offered to Duke Adolph Fried- victory sure." rich of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and he has accepted, says a Zurich dispatch to MACHINE TAKES FIRE deputation from the Finnish Landtag. The duke will return with the deputa-

Friedrich. Within the past week, however, dispatches from Scandinavia said SLAIN BY BOLSHEVIKI that the Finnish Landtag had refused to approve the erection of a monarchy

inder a German king.

Advance Made Against Foe Lines Continues To Endanger Their Posts Between Rheims and Soissons - Germans Blowing Up Supply Stores As They Retreat.

With the American Army on the Alsne-Marne Front, July 27 .- 2 p.m. With the American Army on the Alsne-Marne Front, July 27.—2 p.m.—The Germans were slowly yielding at midday along the southern arc of the Marne salient. The American troops in this sector continued pressing forward with artillery support against a heavy German machine gun fire. The French have also moved their positions ahead somewhat with every indication that their progress would continue.

The Germans were still occupied today in shifting the main had.

The Germans were still occupied today in shifting the main body of their forces northward.

### FRENCH TAKE 200 PRISONERS.

Paris, July 27.—Further advances were scored by the French last night in the region immediately to the north of the Marne in the district where the Germans have been clinging to the river. The war office announced today that the French lines were advanced to the north of Pont-a-Binson.

On the Champagne front the French carried out a local opera-

Paris, July 27.—The number of German prisoners captured by the Allies is placed at 30,000 by the Havas Agency. This since

west of Part-a-Binson the Germans hold the north bank of the Marne for a considerable distance, and the French have apparently atruck at the angle between the German line along the river, and that from the Marne toward Rhelms.

Along the western side of the German sallent there is no official mention of events of especial importance during the past night. It is reported that French and Americans were attacking the enemy this morning, centring their efforts on the work of clearing the Germans out of the wooded areas to the south and southwest of Fere-en-Tardehols. This was said to be nearly accomplished.

Despite the general expectation that the Germans are fighting on the southern side of the sallent to cover the retreat of their armies.

The Honton the French carried out a local operation in the region south of the mountain without a name, as a result of which their lines were advanced nearly two-thirds of a mile on a front of approximately two miles. The French took 200 prisoners in this operation.

30,000 FGE PRISONERS.

Paris, July 27.—The number of German prisoners captured by the Allies is placed at 30,000 by the Havas Agency. This since the counter-offensive started.

ENEMY SLOWLY RETREATING

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 27, 8:30 a.m.—The Franco-American forces on the front northeast of the wooded area which they have been so stubbornly defending. The Allied pressure is being constantly maintained, and early The Allied pressure is being constantly maintained, and early today the punishment of the enemy by artillery fire was resumed with added vigor. Under the cover of the guns, the Franco-American troops again began crawling forward. ENEMY STILL FIGHTING.

The advance is bringing the Allies still nearer to the important road junction of Fere-en-Tardenois. It is being carried out through the remainder of the dense woods in this region and over the rain-soaked fields and hills on their outskirts. Slowly rereating, the Germans are fighting stubbornly as they retire.

Persistent as was the German rearguard defence, however, the enemy's most intense efforts to hold his lines are still being put forth on his flanks in the Rheims and Soissons regions.

## GERMANS BLOWING UP STORES.

London, July 27 .- Activity at points occupied by the American troops slackened considerably Friday, says the correspondent of the Daily Mail with the American troops in France. Time for a breathing space has arrived, he adds, and both sides are recovering from the exhaustion of their first efforts.

In the Fere and Ris forests, north of the Marne, the Germans seem to be blowing up considerable quantities of munitions and

## FOE ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

London, July 27 .- The German artillery was active last night in the angle between the Somme and the Ancre, northeast of Amiens, today's war office report shows. Both the British and the enemy artillery displayed activity further north in the sector of La Bassee Canal.

## ENEMY IN FULL RETREAT

· NEW YORK, July 26 .- Wilbur Forrest, cabling from London to the Tribune, says the German high command has suddenly switched their whole strategy scheme, and the enemy army is

Mr. Forrest's cable adds that Germany's 1918 losses are one million men and the kaiser's war is irretrievably lost. He adds: "American valor has smashed the enemy morale. German ranks now feel that more Americans like these will make Allies'

Arthur S. Draper, cabling to the Tribune, says: "The crown Le Journal. The offer was made by a prince's position grows more dangerous. The whole body of reserves under the kaiser's heir are now exhausted. If he elects to fight Foch's task will be easy. Germans on the run are a harder

### "All Germany is being prepared for defeat." GERMANY SIFTING THE LANDWEHR TO STRENGTHEN WESTERN FRONTS

With the American Army in France, Friday, July 26 .- From German soldiers who have deserted into the American lines on the Lorraine front it was Amsterdam, July 27.—Two German aviators who were captured by the Bolsheviki when they alighted on Russian territory were ill-treated and shot, according to German reports. Berlin has protested and made a demand that those responsible for the execution be severely punished.

Juke Adolph Friedrich was born in 1873. He is a colonel in the Prussian Guard and served for a time as governor of Togoland. The duke is an uncle that the three landwehr groups in Germany have been carefully gone over for fresh material to throw onto the western front. On their own initiative the deserters have enabled the Americans to establish not only the exact those responsible for the execution be severely punished.