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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

FIRE AT SYDNEY MINES.

SYDNEY, N.S., Sept. 9. The Band Head of Dominion No. 1 Colliery was destroyed by fire early this morning. The mine itself sustained no damage, but will be idle some weeks as a result of the fire. A temporary structure will be started as soon as the debris is cleared away. About 600 men were employed at No. 1. Work will be found for most of them on other collieries.

REPULSE GERMAN ATTACKS.

PARIS, Sept. 8. German attacks last night in Lorraine, east of Rheims, and on the Aisne front, repulsed, it is announced officially. The French took prisoners in the course of successful raids.

WAR SUMMARY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. Again the French and Germans engaged in extremely heavy fighting in the Verdun sector, with the Germans trying to recoup their losses of the end of last week on the right bank of the Meuse, but with General Petain's forces holding them back almost everywhere and covering the ground with their dead over a front of nearly two miles. The Germans Sunday morning following unsuccessful attacks, Saturday night in the sector of Bois des Fosses and Bois des Carrières, returned to the fray with renewed vigor, especially around Hill 344. At some points French trenches were captured by the Germans, but from these late yesterday were driven out and the French lines were entirely re-established. In the fighting around Bois des Fosses Saturday night the Germans left nearly 1,000 dead on the ground before the French lines. At various points on the front held by Field Marshal Haig, British troops have delivered successful attacks especially northwest of St. Quentin where the German positions on a front of several hundred yards were captured and prisoners taken. In Flanders the British guns are still roaring in the mighty bombardment that has been on more than a week, but as yet the infantry has not been tossed for the impending dash into the enemy territory. There has been a considerable slackening in the German advance in Northern Russia, due in a large measure to Russians taking stands at several points particularly on the front of Pakoff

railroad line leading eastward from Riga. Here vanguards of German and Russian cavalry are engaged fighting. These big invaders are held back while the Russians are preparing a defence in which to make a stand. On the upper reaches of the river, the Germans have thrown pontoons across the waterway, and are gathering their forces for another onslaught. Concentrations of Germans have been discovered in the regions of Jacobstadt and Dvinsk, probably indicating that Prince Leopold of Bavaria proposes an extension of operations against the Russians in this region. On the lower end of the line in Roumania the Russians and Roumanians continue to hold the Austrians and Germans notwithstanding the violent attacks which have been preceded by heavy artillery.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Sept. 9. Official report from British headquarters in France (to-night).—In successful local operations this morning southeast of Hargicourt, Northumberland troops attacked and captured six hundred yards of German trenches south of the positions we gained in this area, Aug. 26. We also captured 52 prisoners and two trench mortars. At the same time we attacked a small portion of hostile trenches required to round off the line east of Malakoff farm and captured it after a heavy fight in which considerable casualties were inflicted on the enemy. During the night a hostile raiding party attacked two of our posts south of Hollebeke. After sharp fighting with heavy enemy casualties the raiders succeeded in entering one post from which three of our men are missing. An attack on our second post was driven off with enemy losses. Early this morning the enemy also attacked our trenches on Inverness Copse, but was repulsed leaving twelve prisoners in our hands. We improved our position slightly during the night northeast of St. Julien.

BRITISH ATTACK.

LONDON, Sept. 9. British troops holding the line east of Villerset and southeast of Hargicourt, attacked early this morning and succeeded in entering German trench on a front of several hundred yards, taking a number of prisoners. According to a war office statement to-day, enemy trenches were also successfully raided during the night in the neighborhood of Gavrelle and east of Vermilles.

PATROL FIGHT.

LONDON, Sept. 9. In a patrol fight on the Ypres front last night the enemy suffered considerable casualties northeast of St. Julien, says to-day's official statement.

In the neighborhood of Gavrelle a successful raid was carried out by a small party of our troops. Langemarck was heavily shelled by the enemy yesterday evening and there was some hostile artillery fighting at other points later in the night. No infantry action developed.

THE RIGA SITUATION.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 9. The encouraging feature of the Riga situation is the seeming firmness of Russian tenure, which has seized Riga's defenders. The German pursuit appears to be slowing up, and in military circles it is not anticipated that the enemy will risk much further penetration while Dvinsk remains unconquered. A more likely course, it is argued, will be for the Germans to entrench somewhere near their present position, northeast of Riga, and await the result of the Dvinsk operations. According to information here, the spirit of the troops in the Dvinsk sector is much more favorable than on the other front.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS.

LONDON, Sept. 9. Germans will shortly be able to publish peace terms, according to Dr. George Michaelis, the German Chancellor, in an interview, and he had so informed the Reichstag Main Committee, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen to-day states.

IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

LONDON, Sept. 9. The British war office last night issued the following statement on the progress of operations in German East Africa: In the western area our columns from Luemburg continued their pursuit of the German forces and dislodged them from Mpepos, 65 miles southwest of Mahonge, and occupied Malinke, 15 miles northeast of Mpepos. In the vicinity of Mpepos our columns engaged the enemy, several German counter attacks being repulsed with severe losses.

GERMANS COUNTER ATTACK.

PARIS, Sept. 9. Violent counter attacks were made last night by the Germans on the positions taken yesterday by the French in which artillery played a telling part and in which the infantry surged forward again wherever driven back. The French positions were left intact.

BARON RHONDDA'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, Sept. 9. Baron Rhondia, Food Controller, in an interview with the London correspondent of the Amsterdam Handelsblad, declares the submarine campaign is no longer causing anxiety regarding England's bread supply. "In one respect," remarked the

Food Controller, "the submarine campaign is a blessing. It has acted as a stimulus to the cost of living so that within a year the kingdom will be practically independent of imports so far as the chief foodstuffs are concerned."

DRIFTING MINES.

LONDON, Sept. 9. Thousands of drifting mines have been observed along the west coasts of Norway and Denmark, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, to-day. Six children were killed on Saturday by a mine which drifted on the beach along the Jutland shore.

TO FORM NEW MINISTRY.

PARIS, Sept. 9. Antoin Dubost, President of the Senate, and Paul Deschanel, President of the Chamber of Deputies, having returned to Paris, Premier Ribot to-day placed the resignation of the Ministry in the hands of President Poincaré. After conferring with the heads of the executive bodies the President asked M. Ribot to form a new Ministry. Ribot accepted the task. The Matin says it understands the heads of the departments directly connected with national defence, that is War, Navy, and Armament Departments, will retain their portfolios.

VON TIRPITZ PARTY.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 9. The Rheinisch Westfälische Zeitung of Essen, announces the formation of a new patriotic party, the leaders of which Duke Johann Albrecht Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Von Tirpitz and Dr. Von Wolfgang Knapp. The party's initial proclamation declares hostility to the Reichstag's peace resolution and urges against any peace dictated by weak nerves. The proclamation adds the party is "non-political" and will be dissolved on the day peace is signed; its aim being "to combat inner dissension in view of victory."

BOMB-MAKING PLANT DISCOVERED.

HOBOKEN, N.J., Sept. 9. What appeared to be a fully equipped bomb-making plant was discovered by the police last night when an explosion blew off the roof of a small building in Third Street as two detectives were passing. A man who fled from the building was seized by one of the officers. He gave the name of Robert Lichenfeldt and his age as 53 years. He admitted he is of German birth.

KAISER'S PORTRAIT INJURED.

VENICE, Sept. 9. Bombs dropped during the Italian airplane raid over this city on the night of Sept. 7th, struck the Damuta Palace, a beautiful Gothic structure

of the 14th century near Rialto bridge and now called Morocini palace. It is now inhabited by Countess Morocini, and the German Emperor had been a guest there several times. There were no victims and the damage was slight. The Countess and family were absent. One bomb fell in the drawing-room next to the room where a marble tablet recalls that the German Emperor had dined there. Among the few objects damaged was a portrait of the Emperor with his autograph.

IMPEDING GERMAN PROGRESS.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 9. German engineers have bridged the lower river in Lovonia and German forces are being concentrated on the north bank of the stream under cover of cavalry, the war office announced in its reports on the Riga operations. Russian cavalry is impeding the progress of the Germans along the Pakov road.

RUSSIAN TROOPS DRIVEN BACK.

BERLIN, Sept. 9. Russian troops engaged consolidating the new positions they have taken up north of the Dvina, have had their protecting forces driven back upon them at many points by German advance guards, the army headquarters announced to-day. There has been artillery activity on the Roumanian front in Ottus sector.

PRISONERS TAKEN BY ITALIANS.

ROME, Sept. 9. More than thirty thousand prisoners have been taken during the Italian offensive, the war office announced to-day.

KILLED BY AIR PLANE ATTACK.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 9. The Vossische Zeitung states that two persons were killed and three seriously injured, in an airplane attack on the town of Lahr, Germany, Sept. 6th.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT ON THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Sept. 9. The morning papers, in their comments on the speech yesterday of the Premier, unanimously reiterate that it is idle to talk peace until German militarism is crushed by force of arms. The Times under the heading of "Keep on," says: "We are fighting for the greatest cause for which men ever fought, for the price of victory is the freedom of mankind, and the penalty of defeat or compromise is permanent submission to the yoke of militarism." The Chronicle declares that "the Allies, great and small, must keep their shoulder to the wheel until the menace is finally eliminated." The paper adds, "There are some people in all countries who

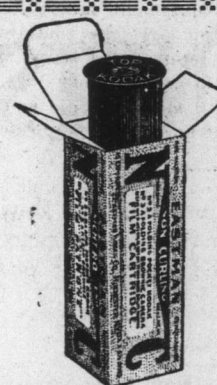
In Memoriam.

LAURENCE O'ROURKE.

"The air is full of farewells to the dying and mournings to the dead."

On Tuesday morning at an early hour, the Angel of Death visited the home of Laurence O'Rourke and winged his soul to eternity. So Holy-wood mourns for another of its prominent citizens. Deceased was in his 74th year, and was apparently in good health up to one month ago. While moving in his field he was seized with a fatal weakness and had to be conveyed to his home. Dr. Jones was called to the stricken man, but found symptoms of heart trouble from which he never sufficiently rallied. In his early days Mr. O'Rourke was a successful planter and prosecuted the codfishery at Cape St. Mary's and Labrador. Later he occupied his time with farming, driving, and as proprietor of the tourists' home—so well, so favorably and so widely known as O'Rourke's Hotel. In elections his house was the fortress of the party, and he always took a leading and aggressive part, and his services were recognized with positions of trust and responsibility. In church work and society work he, too, was a leader and was always ready to lend a helping hand. Laurence O'Rourke was a good neighbor, charitable and hospitable, who seemed to take great pleasure in doing a good deed for his fellowmen. Rev. Father Finn was in constant attendance on the sick man, fortified him with the rites of Holy Church, and smoothed his path to eternity. The funeral took place yesterday from his late home to the Church of Holy Cross where Solemn High Mass and Office were sung for the repose of his soul, the celebrant being Rev. T. O'Neill, Conception; the Deacon, Rev. W. P. Finn, P.P., Holywood, and the Sub-Deacon, Rev. R. M. Shean, P.P., H. Main. The Star of the Sea Association, of which he was one of the charter members, attended in processional order, and when the last sad and solemn rites at the bier had been performed, the funeral procession reformed and slowly wended its way to the South Side Cemetery, where in the family plot the remains, enclosed in a handsome casket, the work of Undertaker Dunphy, were interred amidst the pitiful sobbing and crying of his grief-stricken relatives. The deceased leaves a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Rourke, a son, three daughters: Miss Mary A. O'Rourke, Holywood; Mrs. A. Hicks, Salmonier, and Mrs. M. C. Dunphy, Holywood, to all of whom we offer our sincere sympathy, and may the soul of Laurence O'Rourke, through the mercy of Christ, rest in peace. Amen.—Com.

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