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CABLE NEWS.

WAR REVIEW.

Over a curving front of more than twenty miles, the British and French troops are continuing to sweep back the Germans across the plains of Picardy from the region north of the Somme, east of Morlancourt to eastern bank of the Aisne, northwest of Mont Didier. On the first day of the offensive material progress was made and on Friday over the entire battle-front many additional villages were captured. The bag of prisoners was largely increased, numerous guns and great quantities of war stores were taken, and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by tanks, armoured motor cars, the cavalry men and infantry. The losses sustained by the Anglo-French forces are declared to be relatively small. To the Allied forces there have fallen 47,000 German prisoners and between 200 and 300 guns, many of them of heavy calibre, and innumerable machine guns, trench mortars and kindred small weapons. To the north of the Picardy theatre the Germans also have given ground on two important sectors. On the famous Lys salient northwest of La Bassée, and in the region southwest of Ypres on the equally famous battleground north of Kemmel, on the Lys sector, territory over a front of more than seven miles was evacuated by the enemy, while to the north of Kemmel the British advanced their line over a front exceeding 1,000 yards. These manoeuvres on the part of the Germans seemingly indicate that they either considered their ground insecure, in the face of the heavy forces General Haig is known to have in both regions to ward off any attempt to reach the Channel ports, or that Crown Prince Rupprecht's army has been materially decreased in strength to such reinforcements to the battle zones where the German armies in the south are being so severely harassed. Already having penetrated the Picardy salient to a depth of nearly thirteen miles in the centre towards the vicinity of the important railway junction of Chaumes, and at other points along the arc pushed forward between five and seven miles, the northern and southern flanks of the Abbeville front where the Germans had been resisting desperately, gave way before the pressure respectively of the British and French. On the north, the British captured Morlancourt and pressed on eastward, while on the south, northwest of Mont Didier, Pierrepont Center and Villers were taken by the French who drove in their wedge to a distance of more than 8½ miles. The tanks, armoured cars and cavalry are still working throughout the entire region, while airplanes are soaring far behind the lines bombarding transports and troops movements and the paying particular attention to the bridges over the Somme by which

the enemy is endeavoring to escape from their advancing foes. Behind the line the Germans are destroying ammunition depots as they quit their positions. With the new turn of events Mont Didier is an uncomfortable place. With the Allies hammering away a cross fire at the Germans holding it and with the only railroad leading into the town also under their guns, a forced evacuation of the town seems not improbable; in fact with further pressure eastward by the Allies between the Somme and the Aisne and with the possibility of measure northwest against the Germans from the line running north-westward from Solasona, it is not outside the realm of possibility that the entire Mont Didier salient will have to be abandoned. There has been little fighting of great moment on the Vesle River except in the nature of reciprocal artillery duels. The Americans, however, have made another crossing of the Vesle and captured the village of Fismette, northwest of Fismes.

ATTACK DEVELOPING.

PARIS, Aug. 9. Cavalry forces are in action. The reports received up to 11.30 o'clock show the attack is developing victoriously on a large scale.

ELEVEN MILES IN DEPTH.

LONDON, Aug. 9. The Franco-British advance on the battlefield south of the Somme has reached a maximum depth of eleven miles, according to news received here shortly after noon to-day. Advances from the battlefield south of the Somme to-day report British cavalry, armoured cars and tanks in advance of the infantry to have reached within a mile of the Chaumes railway junction.

TOWNS TAKEN.

LONDON, Aug. 9. (Official.) On the Lys front the British now hold Locon, Leconnet, Malo, Quentin, Le Petit Pascaut, and Leval above the Lys region. On the front north of Kemmel, the British carried out a local operation last night, in which their line was advanced somewhat on a front of more than a thousand yards. The Germans put up a vigorous resistance north of the Somme, the statement declares, and there was heavy fighting between Chipilly and Morlancourt.

MORLANCOURT CAPTURED.

LONDON, Aug. 9. The British have captured Morlancourt on the northern end of the Somme battlefield, and the infantry line now runs from that point southeast to a point southeast of Moreuil. This represents an infantry advance to the maximum depth of seven miles in the centre, along the Amiens-Chaumes-La-Fere railway. Along the whole front the average advance of the infantry is from five to six miles.

CANADIAN HORSE TROOPERS.

LONDON, Aug. 9. Canadian horse troopers co-operating with the French cavalry, cut off a large force of the enemy in to-day's operations on the Somme front.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Aug. 9. (Official.) Our progress on the battlefield continues. The French have taken Fresnoy-en-Chausses. British troops are east of Le-Queval and Catz. North of the Somme the enemy is making vigorous resistance to our advance. Heavy fighting has taken place between Chipilly and Morlancourt. The number of prisoners taken by the Allies yesterday exceeded 14,000, and the number of guns captured cannot be estimated. During the past day, the enemy has continued to evacuate forward positions held by him in the Lys valley. Our line there has advanced along the whole front from the Lawe River to the Bourée River, northwest of Morville, to a maximum depth of two thousand yards. Our troops now hold Locon, Le Cornet, Malo, Quentin, Le Petit Pascaut and Leval. We carried out a successful local operation last night north of Kemmel, advancing our line a short distance and a front of one thousand yards and capturing thirty prisoners.

ENEMY RETREAT SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSED.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 9. (By the A.P.)—The British cavalry has rounded up many prisoners, but the larger part of the 14,000 so far taken were captured by the Canadians and Australians. The Allied armies have blown up many of the bridges over the Somme River, and the enemy's retreat is seriously embarrassed. An enormous quantity of stores and ammunition has been abandoned by the Germans in their hasty retreat.

DIVISIONAL GENERAL REPORTED CAPTURED.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 9. (By the A.P.)—It is reported that a German Divisional General has been captured in the drive. British cavalry and some infantry were signalled in the neighborhood of Chaumes this morning. When last heard from, they together with armoured cars, were operating back of Framerville, and have now pro-

gressed many kilometers beyond, continuing the cleaning up of the country and capturing villages.

PRISONERS AND GUNS.

LONDON, Aug. 9. More than 17,000 prisoners have been captured by the Allies in the Somme drive up to noon to-day, according to advices this afternoon, and more than 300 guns have been taken.

PARALYZING OFFENSIVE.

PARIS, Aug. 9. It is held that the new offensive is likely to paralyze the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht, which will be obliged to bolster up Von Mutier. Consequently, Rupprecht may have to abandon the operation he had apparently prepared in Flanders. In addition the mere announcement that the new battle is due to the initiative of the Allies will be a blow to both the German army and the German public.

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

PARIS, Aug. 9. The situation on the battlefield south of the Somme is unchanged, to-day's war office statement announces. The text follows: There is no change on the battlefield south of the Somme. During the night there was a good deal of activity on the part of the German artillery forces in the Champagne. The Germans undertook several raids in the regions of Fresnois, the Mountain-without-a-name, and Souaine. They were repulsed.

AGAIN UNDER BOMBARDMENT.

PARIS, Aug. 9. The Paris region was again under bombardment to-day from the German long range cannon.

GLADYS M. HOLLETT TOWED TO PORT.

A CANADIAN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 9.—The Nrd. three-masted schooner Gladys M. Hollett, 150 tons, which was held up off this coast on Monday last by an enemy submarine and bombed, was towed into port early this morning. The schooner is on her beam ends, but can be easily righted and made seaworthy again. The vessel was bound from Twillingate, Newfoundland, for New York, when the U-boat attacked her. Capt. Cluett, master of the schooner reported when he reached land last Tuesday that the Germans exploded a bomb on his ship, but that when he last saw her she was still afloat, though on her side.

SPAIN'S NOTE TO GERMANY.

MADRID, Aug. 9. (By the A.P.) Spain has addressed a new note to Germany concerning the torpedoing of Spanish ships. Foreign Minister Dato made this announcement late yesterday, after the Cabinet had held an extraordinary session.

JAP GENERAL FOR SIBERIA.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. General Kikuzo Otani, one of Japan's most distinguished soldiers, has been chosen to command the Japanese section, and will be the ranking officer of the American and Allied expeditionary forces in Siberia.

BRITISH PRESS ON THE BATTLE.

LONDON, Aug. 9. While recognizing that the real test of success in the new battle on the Amiens front is yet to come, the newspaper comment this morning dwells upon the importance of the operation as showing that the Allies still retain the initiative, and by such a blow as yesterday have reduced the likelihood of its recovery by the enemy. That Field Marshal Haig was able to surprise the German command is regarded as noteworthy. "It was a victory of a very remarkable character," says the Times. If the enemy, as Mr. Bonar Law suggested, intended to evacuate this country, it is an even more remarkable confession of defeat than the retreat to the Vesle, for nowhere has he fought harder than he did this spring for the possession of the ground which was the scene of yesterday's attack. The completeness of the surprise is all the more remarkable because the quickness of the enemy's reaction to the recent fighting on the Aisne showed he attached importance to this ground, and was suspicious of our intentions. The Chronicle contends that the pushing of the enemy further from Amiens and the initial progress made on Thursday are of very great moment, even if the Allies are unable to enlarge the extent of the ground recovered. The Daily Mail says: "If to the most satisfactory results attained the gain of ground should be

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