

BIG ALLIED ADVANCE ON THE SOMME

ELDEST SON OF PREMIER ASQUITH KILLED IN ACTION--ITALIANS BREAK THIRD LINE

Trenchant Remarks of the Roumanian King in Declaring for Allies

BRITISH ADVANCE IN PLACES WAS OVER 2 MILES IN DEPTH

Prisoners Taken Now Number Well Over 5400--50 Machine Guns Taken, and Other Supplies--French Took Two Villages and Crushed German Lines

London, Sep. 18.—The British in further attacks on Saturday enlarged the ground gained in Friday's great drive. They captured 51 officers and 1,700 men in straightening out their lines. The number of prisoners taken indicates that the progress made in the course of the "mopping process" is important. Altogether the British captured in two days' fighting over 4,000 men and 116 officers, six guns, fifty machine guns and much material. The German war office on Saturday afternoon admitted the loss to the British of the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Flers.

Two-mile Gain at Points The total advance made by the British in the two days' fighting, according to Sir Douglas Haig's night report is from one to two miles deep and extends over a front of six miles. The British on Saturday night made a further extension of their gains near Courcellette on a front of 1,000 yards, pushing their lines northeastward against Bapaume. At the same time they captured the formidable German trench known as the "Danube trench" on a front of about a mile, near Thiéval, and the powerful field work near the Monquet Farm, bitterly contested for many weeks. To-day Sir Douglas Haig's troops repulsed a series of strong German counter-attacks and consolidated yesterday's gains. They took 249 prisoners, including six officers.

During the fighting a brigade of the enemy advancing to the attack was met by two battalions of British, and open hand-to-hand fighting followed, the British being "completely successful," in the words of the official report. In their advance north of the Somme the British took an important step in their movement toward the encirclement of Thiéval, obliterating the salient that protruded into their lines between that place and Courcellette, and brought their front to within less than a mile of Grandcourt and the Albert-Bapaume road. By capturing Monquet Farm work and the Danube trench, Haig has eliminated the greatest obstacles toward a direct northeast advance on Bapaume by the British. The British guns are now bombarding Grandcourt, while Bapaume itself is within range of the heavy artillery. The German War Office report issued early to-day claimed the repulse of British attacks north of the river, adding that German counter-attacks were successful north of Ovillers. French Also Gain The French, after two days of comparative rest, resumed their drive south of the Somme yesterday. They captured the greater part of the villages of Vermandovillers and Berny, portions of which they have held for more than a week. Last night the Germans were holding out only in isolated places of the two villages.

3,000,000 NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS BEING MADE AMERICANS.



The U. S. Bureau of Education is about to begin a wide campaign to make better citizens. The most important step is to induce three million non-English-speaking immigrants to attend night schools. Photo shows a large industrial establishment with its English teaching school established.

RELEASE ALL CIVILIANS NOW INTERNED BY BOTH COUNTRIES

Is Proposal Made by Germany Rejected by England—Huns Made Several Other Propositions Concerning Exchange of Prisoners

Berlin, Sep. 18.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Present state of negotiations between the German and British governments regarding the exchange of civil prisoners interned in the two countries, is dealt with in an article in the semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung to-day. The British government in June, says the newspaper, suggested that Germany release British subjects interned at Ruhleben for an equal number of Germans interned in England. The German government replied that on general grounds it would not decline, the article continues, but added that the release of equal numbers of interned civil prisoners in the two countries was hardly feasible because of the difficulties that would be created by the selections of individuals made. The German government, therefore, says the Overseas News Agency, in summarizing the news statement, "suggested that all interned civil prisoners, interned in both countries be released and allowed to depart." This the British government declined, but suggested that all male civil prisoners over forty-five years old be released. The German government then made the counter suggestion that all civil prisoners in both countries be released under a pledge that after their return they would not take up military service. It added that in case of a declination, it made the proposal that all German civil prisoners interned in the British Empire, inclusive of colonies, and all British subjects interned in Germany who were above forty-five years of age, be released. "The British answer to these proposals is still lacking, but the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung expresses the hope that it will be possible to obtain in this way the release and return of all or a considerable part of the interned Germans."

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BIG INTEREST NOW BEING SHOWN IN THE COURIER CONTEST

Everybody Anxious to Win the Car or One of the Other Prizes

The Daily Courier's big \$1500 subscription contest is off to a flying start. The finish, although nowhere near in sight, promises but one thing—success. Everybody who reads The Courier devoured the contest story Saturday evening, and the consequence has been that an day long the telephone has been ringing and messages of every character have been streaming in to the office concerning the whys and wherefores of the proposition. For the time being the contest office has been changed into a contest information bureau. And that is just what is desired. If there is a single point in the arrangement of the contest you do not understand, call us up, write or call and the contest manager will be more than glad to explain fully. That's what he delights in—explaining to the candidates how to go out in the field and bring home that touring car, or any of the prizes. From now on the Courier office will be open in the evening as well as during the day, and the contest manager or some assistant will always be present to tell you anything you may desire to know.

Saturday the contest manager made a little trip into the adjacent country. Before he left Brantford he said he felt that the contest was going to be a great success. When he got back he was dead certain that wherever he went, with whomsoever he talked concerning it, he found people not only willing, but eager to listen. It isn't often that they have an opportunity of hearing somebody tell them how they can win a touring car, or other prizes for nothing but a little work. These luxuries always cost money. So the idea of being able to get one for nothing appealed at once to them and the result was that many candidates in the outlying towns are already on the job hunting subscriptions. So send in your name and join the glad throng.

Or, if you feel that you cannot participate yourself, send in the name of some friend or relative you would like to see nail down one of the prizes. You can't help winning if you work, and even if you don't work hard enough to secure one of the grand prizes, you will, at least, be paid a commission of ten per cent. on every subscription you turn in. So you won't be working for health anyway.

Remember this: It is the horse that gets away first in the race which has the biggest advantage. Similarly it is the contestant who gets in the field first who has the best opportunity to canvass the

TO-DAY.

Remember this: One man or woman, boy or girl, has just as good a chance to win one of these big prizes as any other person. If you are a live wire you can do good work for yourself each day trying to win a brand new five passenger touring car, or one of the other prizes. We have not heard anyone up to the present time say it is not. This contest is your golden opportunity, and do not let this opportunity slip away from you when it is fairly banging your door to get in. GET BUSY TO-DAY.

Two more Paris casualties are reported over the week-end, one man being killed and one wounded. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Birley received this morning a cable that their son, Pte. Cecil Birley, wounded in Belgium in the early part of this month had died yesterday in Farnham hos-

ROUMANIAN KING ADDRESSED COUNCIL BEFORE ENTRY INTO THE WAR

Show Himself no Pro-German, Though of the House of Hohenzollen—A Hohenzollen Has Never Feared a Hindenburg

London, Sep. 18.—(New York Times cable.)—The Daily Chronicle's Bucharest correspondent, describing the meeting of the crown council, held before Roumania's entry into the war, writes: The council was held in the Cotroceni Palace, some distance outside the town, the private residence of the king and queen, not at the old palace in the center of the city, the hour of the meeting being changed repeatedly. The king, by his manly and stirring words, won more for himself than perhaps he had done since he came, a German and a Hohenzollen, to this country.

"Gentlemen," he said to those assembled, "I have decided on instant mobilization of the army on the side of the Allies, and an immediate attack on Austria-Hungary. The moment has come to liberate our brothers in Transylvania from the Hungarian yoke."

He concluded by saying: "Remember, I have first had to win a preliminary victory, a victory over myself. May Roumania's victory over her enemies be as lasting and complete." To the old Conservative party this declaration came like a spell. They had believed they had been called to hear Premier Bratianu asked to resign the helm of state to M. Maiorescu, the former prime minister. M. Marghiloman ventured, among other objections to an advance into Hungary, to suggest to them that they might be opposed to troops under Von Hindenburg.

"Hohenzollen never feared a Hindenburg," was King Ferdinand's reply. With each and everyone of those assembled, the King shook hands. Only to M. Marghiloman, the rabid pro-German and leading member of the Conservative party, did he put out both his hands with the palms upward and half closed, an old Roumanian sign of concidence. A correspondent describing the first air raid on Bucharest, makes the announcement that the German airship was destroyed. He says: "Though orders were for all to retire to the cellars, everybody crowded the streets to see the fun. A paraisal and an aeroplane, coming from the direction of the Danube, had been signalled and their route to the capital heralded by the sound of anti-aeroplane and machine guns. On they came, but only to be caught up quickly by the searchlights. Shells flashed round the airship. She hesitated, turned and pausing, once more moved off riverwards, many who watched, declaring her nose dipped.

"Now, this is true, though for certain reasons the government is silent on the matter. The paraisal, who had been seen by a large number of people, is lying a mangled, shapeless mass outside Bucharest with a cordon of troops around it. It is of aluminum. Of the fate of its crew, accounts differ. Some state that all were killed, and horribly mutilated others say only three were dead and the rest injured, are in the hospital. They are Germans in German uniforms and the craft came from Sofia."

Third Line of Austrian Trenches Broken by Italians

New York, Sept. 18.—A news agency despatch from Rome published here to-day says: The Italians have broken the Austrian third line in the region of Montefalco after three days of fierce fighting.

On the whole front from Gorizia south to the sea the new Italian drive on Trieste is proceeding satisfactorily. A whole series of Austrian positions from Oppacchiasella southward through Pletra-rossa have been carried and the Austrians driven back to trench positions in the valleys. T. E. Ryerson will have two cars of peaches to-morrow. They are from the Niagara District, and will be very fancy.

GREEK MINISTRY IS RESPONSIBLE

Premier Kalageropoulos and Cabinet Accept Demands

Athens, Sep. 17, via London, Sep. 18.—Premier Kalageropoulos announced to-day that the new ministry had assumed full responsibility before the country for its acts. The cabinet evidently accepts the note presented by the Entente powers last June in the same spirit as the previous cabinet.

The note referred to said that the entente powers did not require Greece to abandon neutrality, but demanded demobilization of the Greek army, the formation of a non-political government and the holding of general elections after demobilization had restored the electoral body to normal conditions.

BRITISH AIR RAID.

London, Sept. 18, noon.—A raid by British naval aeroplanes on German aerodromes at St. Denis and Westrehem is reported in an official statement issued by the War Office. The statement says: "Yesterday afternoon a squadron of our aeroplanes carried out a further attack on enemy aerodromes at St. Denis and Westrehem. A large number of bombs were dropped with successful results. One of our machines was obliged to make a forced landing in Holland and the pilot has been interned."

STEAMER AFIRE

Cape Town, South Africa, Sep. 18.—The British steamer Bendu, at this port from Montreal, has a fire in No. 2 hold, which has been burning for over a week. It is feared that the cargo is seriously damaged.

PREMIER'S SON Is Killed in Somme Fight.

He Was the Eldest Son of Mr. Asquith.

London, Sep. 18.—Lieutenant Raymond Asquith, son of Premier Asquith, was killed in action on September 15, it was announced to-day. Raymond Asquith, who was in his 28th year, was a graduate of Oxford, president of the Oxford Union, and prominent as a member of the bar, to which he was admitted in 1904. He acted as junior counsel for the Great Britain in the North Atlantic fisheries arbitration at The Hague in 1907. He was made a second lieutenant in a County of London regiment in 1914, and lieutenant of the Grenadier Guards in 1915.

Raymond Asquith was the eldest son of the premier. Two brothers, Lieut. Arthur Asquith, of the Royal Naval Reserve, and Lieut. Herbert Asquith were wounded in action at the Dardanelles in June, 1915.

FURTHER GAINS.

London, Sept. 18, 1.45 p.m.—In a small operation on the Somme front last night the British gained further ground, the War Office announced to-day.

"The general situation continues unchanged," the announcement says. "South of the Ancre we improved our position north of Martinpuich. East of Courcellette a minor attack made last night on elements of enemy trenches was entirely successful. Our line has been advanced appreciably at this point."

STANDARD TIME

Winnipeg, Sept. 18.—Winnipeg went back to standard time from daylight saving at midnight Sunday.

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SERBS ADVANCE IN MACEDONIA

Take First And Second Line Trenches, Guns and Prisoners—French Active.

London, Sept. 18, 2.42 p.m.—A further advance for the Serbians on the western end of the Macedonian front is reported in a despatch sent out to-day under a Saloniki date by the Exchange Telegraph Company. It says the first and second line trenches of the Bulgarians at Kaimakacalan have been taken by the Serbians who have crossed the Broda River. Heavy fighting continues on the further bank of the river.

The Serbians are reported to have taken four field guns and eight machine guns, bringing up to 36 the number of guns captured. A large number of prisoners, the exact number of which is unknown, also are said to have fallen into the hands of the Serbians.

The despatch also reports that French troops on the allied left wing have captured the station at Florina. Heavy fighting continues.

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