

### British Nibble At German Lines

London, Aug. 29.—“During the night we carried out successful raids northeast of Gouzeaucourt and southwest of Huluch and captured a few prisoners,” says today's official announcement.

“Southeast of Langemarck our troops cleared up a strong point, in which an enemy party was holding out immediately in front of our new line.”

London, Aug. 29.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa, Agency.)—Reuters' correspondent at British headquarters reports the heaviest rain and furious wind is hampering operations. Notwithstanding the rain the Germans twice last night attacked our line astride the Ypres-Meene road, coming in big waves of assault through the Inverness cove. Both attempts were broken up and the attackers were heavily punished. “We are getting plenty of evidence of the exhaustion of the enemy reserves in this area, says the correspondent. “A Wuttemberg division that has been exposed to continuous fire since the middle of August has been weakened beyond all fighting effectiveness. The enemy is now forced to employ inadequately rested and refitted troops.

“The flying corps during the past week co-operated in attacking over seven hundred batteries in the destruction of twenty-eight gun pits, caused three hundred explosions in ammunition dumps brought down sixty-eight enemy aircraft and drove down ninety out of control.”

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### Anarchy in The Russian Army

Moscow, Aug. 28.—In the conference here on Monday Premier Kerensky introduced Gen. Korniloff, saying the government had thought it necessary to invite the commander-in-chief to lay before the conference the situation at the front and in the army.

General Korniloff said the death penalty, restoration of which he had asked, together with other measures, constituted only a small part of what was necessary in an army stricken with the terrible evils of disorganization and insubordination. In the present month, Gen. Korniloff said, soldiers had killed four regimental commanders and other officers, and ceased those outrages only when they were threatened with being shot. Quite recently one of the regiments of Siberian R. f. s., which had fought so splendidly at the beginning of the revolution, abandoned its positions on the Riga front. Nothing except an order to exterminate the entire regiment availed to cause it to return to its positions.

“Thus we are implacably fighting anarchy in the army,” the commander continued. “Undoubtedly it will finally be repressed, but the danger of fresh debacles is weighing constantly on the country. The situation on the front is bad. We have lost the whole of Galicia, the whole of Bukovina and all the fruits of our recent victories. At several points the enemy has crossed our frontier and is threatening our fertile southern provinces. He is endeavoring to destroy the Roumanian army and is knocking at the gates of Riga. If our army does not hold the shore of the Gulf of Riga the road to Petrograd will be opened wide.

“The old regime bequeathed to Russia an army which, despite all the defects in its organization, nevertheless was animated by a fighting spirit and was ready for sacrifice. The whole series of measures taken by those who are completely foreign to the spirit and needs of the army has transformed it into a collection of individual groups which have lost all sense of duty and only tremble for their own personal safety.

“If Russia wishes to be saved the army must be regenerated at any cost. We must immediately take measures, such as I have referred to, which have been approved in their entirety by the acting minister of war.”

General Korniloff then outlined the most important of these measures, in addition to restoration of the death penalty, which are:

First. Restoration of discipline in the army by the strengthening of the authority of officers and non-commissioned officers.

Second. Improvement of the financial positions of officers, who have been in a very difficult position in the recent military operations.

Third. Restriction of the functions of regimental committees which, although managing economic affairs of the regiments, must not be permitted to have any part in decisions regarding military operations or the appointment of leaders.

### Colossal Losses Of Germans

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Aug. 28.—Germany has lost over 50,000 men in the Flanders battle alone, since July 1. The figures were compiled today when the assembling of data obtained from prisoners was completed.

Prisoners said thirty-seven German divisions (approximately 555,000 men) had been engaged in the Flanders sector since the first of last month.

Thirty of these [approximately 450,000 men] have been withdrawn on account of losses.

The German high command's usual practice is to withdraw a division for reorganization after its losses have taken from 2,000 to 2,500 men.

Taking this as a basis, it can be assumed that if Germany has withdrawn thirty divisions, her losses must be anywhere from 60,000 to 75,000.

A conservative estimate would put them considerably above 50,000.

Seven German divisions which were on the Flanders front on July 1 are still there.

These estimates of losses do not take into account the huge casualties which the enemy has sustained of late around Verdun and the Chemin des Dames.

### Says Chancellor is Double Tongued

Copenhagen, Aug. 29.—Attacks upon Imperial Chancellor Michaelis continue and Professor Hans Delbrueck now asks the Chancellor an embarrassing question concerning peace. In the Prussian year book, Professor Delbrueck inquires of Dr. Michaelis why, if he really accepts the Reichstag resolution as the basis of his policy, he neglects to answer the inquiry made on July 26, in the British House of Commons, by former Premier Asquith regarding Germany's readiness to evacuate and restore Belgium. Professor Delbrueck, who openly questions the good faith of the Chancellor in professing to agree with the terms of the resolution, asks whether his silence in the face of Mr. Asquith's summons does not show that those are right who insist that Dr. Michaelis takes another standpoint from that contained in the resolution.

If the German government is ready to conclude a peace upon the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, asks the professor, “why all this unprecedented apparatus of a joint committee of the Reichstag and Bundesrat to assist the Chancellor in drawing up a simple answer to the Pope's proposal of peace on that basis?”

“The truth is,” says Professor Delbrueck, “that Dr. Michaelis does not enjoy the confidence of the Reichstag. He could not possibly do so,” the writer adds, after last week's event in the Reichstag main committee and his tacit submission to the assertion that he is in reality opposed to the resolution. Neither the German nation nor the world knows what the Chancellor's policy is.”

The Reichstag's resolution, Professor Delbrueck concludes, would have had a different effect if it was

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not believed abroad that the Reichstag is powerless and that the Chancellor is double-tongued.

[In his speech in the House of Commons, on July 26th, former Premier Asquith asked if Germany was prepared to evacuate Belgium, to make reparation and to restore absolute independence to Belgium. He said he would like to know the German answer to these questions

BERLIN, Aug. 29, via London.

—The Reichstag Main Committee held a brief session today for further discussion of the administration of occupied territory. Its deliberations of the last two days have been of a highly confidential nature, and no report of the proceedings has been published. The committee will adjourn on Wednesday until the reconvening of the Reichstag, which will take place September 26.

### Two Important Changes Made

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Two amendments were made in the Senate last night to the Government bill to promote the application of provincial prohibition measures. By 22 to 13 the Senate voted to strike out the provision forbidding the circulation in any province that passed a law against it, of newspapers and other publications containing advertisements of liquor.

By a vote of 20 to 12 the provision was struck out enabling the prosecution at the place liquor was received of a man who sent in from a wet to a dry province contrary to law.

There was also a proposal that the provision authorizing a constable to search without a warrant for liquor should not be extended to dwellings or similar private places. This was allowed to stand for further consideration.

In the discussion Senator Daniel said he thought there was a conflict between the clause allowing liquor to be sent to a dry province for other than beverage purposes, and the provision that all liquor advertising might be excluded from a dry province.

### Arthur Meighen New Solicitor General

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Hon. Arthur Meighen was sworn in as Secretary of State and Minister of Mines this afternoon by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, acting Governor General. Mr. Meighen's promotion from the Solicitor Generalship to a regular portfolio of the Government has been expected for some time. He succeeds the ex-Secretary of State, E. L. Patenaud, thus reducing the representation of Quebec French-speaking electors in the cabinet to two, namely, Hon. Messrs. Blondin and Sevigny.

Mr. Meighen, who will now have a salary of \$7,000 instead of only \$5,000, as Solicitor General, will temporarily continue to discharge the duties of the latter office. No by-election is necessary as Mr. Meighen went back to his electors for re-election on accepting the office of Solicitor General.

### Russian Women Warriors

(Westminster Gazette.)

The women warriors of the Battalion of Death are by no means the first Russian women who have joined the ranks of the combatants. Though at the beginning of the war the Russian military regulations forbade their enlistment, the rule was often honored in the breach. The pioneer was Apollovna Isoltsey, who was accepted as a volunteer in a regiment commanded by her father, and was awarded the cross of St. George of the third class for discovering a telephone which the enemy had hidden in a loft, and was using for the purpose of his intelligence department. That a workwoman had served in the field was discovered in the course of her defence to a suit brought against her for failure to pay the hire of her sewing machine. Asked what she had to say for herself, she replied: “Nothing, except it be that I am unable to pay, as I was wounded a short time ago, fighting against the Austrians.” The judge examined her papers and found them in order; and the prosecutor was so moved by her story that he withdrew his summons.

### A War Time Thought

People will put up with all sorts of things, and indeed anything, if think that it cannot be helped and that everybody has to fare alike. But to put up with discomforts and hardships while others, with no more and perhaps less claim to consideration, suffer nothing at all is intolerable to human nature. And there is an irresistible tendency to attribute such inequalities to some dark, secret and corrupt influence exercised by the fortunate.

What elimination of waste means: feeding of the British population; saving money to each Canadian household; filling our British brothers' dinner pails, and finally winning the war.

### UNITED STATES POTATO CROP.

This is a record year in the growing of potatoes in the United States. The crop is estimated at 467,000,000 bushels being 47 millions more than the record crop of 1912.

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