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British And French Win Great Victory

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, July 31,-A vast British force, augmented by French troops, at dawn tc-day launched against the army of Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, between Dixmude on the north and Gappard, near Warneton on the south, a terrific offensive which carried the onrushing Allies well beyond the shell shattered front line trenches of the Germans.

Both the French and British achieved all the arst objectives.

Between Dixmude and Boesinghe the attacking forces are reported to have se cured the two first lines of the German trenches after having fought over the most difficult terrain imaginable due to marshes and inundated areas with which the section is blocked.

The German front line about the Ypres salient, which bas been held un questioned by the enemy since the early cavs of the war, offered little resistan ed, but beyond these trenches the Ger mens made a firm stand in an endeavor to stem the onslaught.

The British again captured La Bassee Village. The Germans made a heavy counter attack in an attempt to regain the portion, but the British flung them off regan consolidating the ground

soners already are finding ack of the Allied lines.

The Ge an front line trenches were entirely smached to pieces, and the wire entanglements before them were torn away. A large number of tanks, which were in the attack are reported to have done invaluable work during trying stages of the battle.

Late to day it was reported that the

Germans were counter attacking at the point of junction of the French and Bri tish forces. The French, who attacked to the nation's health, morals on the difficult territory between Dix mude and a point near Boesinghe, for ced their way across the marsh and cap tured the first two German lines.

With a few exceptions the Entente Al lies accomplished all their plans. The casualties of the French and British were surprisingly light.

Six Bavarian divisions were with drawn and replaced, as they were de moralized by the inferno fire.

At one point the British charged through their own barrage fire to pre vent the escape of fleeing Germans.

London, July 31.—The official state ment from British Headquarters in France reports the capture by the Allies of the following villages:

"La Bassee Ville, Steenstraete, Biax choote, Verlorenhoek, Frezenherg, Saint Julien, Pilkam, Hooge, West Hock and Hollebeke and more than 3,500 prison

"The operations of the Allied troops begun in the neighborhood of Ypres. continued with success during the day despite unfavorable weather. Our line has been advanced on a front of over fifteen miles, from La Bassee Ville, on the River Lys, to Steenstructe, on the

River Yser. "On the extreme lett the French troops, acting in close co operation with and protecting the left flank of the Bri tish forces, captured Steenstracte, and penetrated the German defences to a depth of nearly two miles, Having gained their objectives for the day at an early hour they continued their attack with the greatest gallantry beyond their original objectives and captured Bix schutte and the enemy's positions to the south and west of the village, on a front of nearly 2 1-2 miles, including the Kortekerre Inn.

"During the afternoon a hostile coun ter attack was successfully repuls

"In the centre and on the left centre he British divisions penetrated the en

emy's positions to a depth of two miles and secured crossings on the River Steenbeek.

"In the course of their attack our troops stormed two powerful defensive systems and carried by assault the vis ages of Verlorenhoek, Frezenberg, Saint Julien and Pilkem and many strongly defended farms, woods and or ganized localities.

"Further south in the right centre of our attack, after gaining the whole of their first objectives, which included the Village of Hooge and Sanctuary Wood, our troops fought their way for ward and carried the Vilage of West

"On the extreme right, south of the Zillebeke Zandvoord Road, our troops gained the whole of their objectives early in the day, capturing the villages of La Bassee Ville, and Hollebeke.

"In addition to heavy casualties in flicted on the enemy, over 3,500 pris oners have already been brought in. but no accurate estimate of our cap tures can yet be made."

Twelve Million Persons in United States sign Huge Prohibition Petition that was Presented to Senate by Senator Sheppard

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1-Senate Morris Sheppard of Texas opened the fight for his resolution providing for a Constitutional prohibition amendment today by presenting a petition signed by 12,000,000 persons, urging Congress to make it possible to destroy the "drink evil." Sensolution, while Senator Underwood opposed it. Mr. Underwood said it was a matter for the States to settle and not for the Nation.

Mr. Sheppard declared the adoption of the prohibition amendment to the Constitution would be the realization of a dream of Abraham Lincoln, who described the liquor traffic as " a cancer in society."

The constant activity of the institutions, Senator Sheppard told the Senate, while alcoholic liquor itself is a menace to the and efficiency. Organized labor he said, has been to oppose prohibition because bartenders and

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Senator Underwood declared would " have a tendency to centralize our Government under a in Germany and Austria-Hungary," entrenching national authority and weakening the sovereignity of the people.

Leaders on both sides expect Chaudiere Valley the vote on the resolution to be close. A two-thirds majority is required for passage.

Entreated To Aid Fatherland

Amsterdam, July 27.-The daily re curing public notices printed in conspic uous type in German newspapers en ators Suppard, Ashurst and treating citizens to aid the Fatherland Shafort spoke in favor of the re- by giving it their gold, evidently is in sufficient of productive results. The Weser Zeitung, of Bremen, publishes a renewed appeal complaining especially that the well-to-do public still fails to realize the situation and that all gold must be handed in.

The newspaper cites examples of members of the German imperial and royal princely houses sacrificing their gold and jewellery, and says competent authorities calculate that three to four hundred million gold coins are being obstinately hoarded in Germany, while the value of gold ornaments is estimat ed at a oillion marks. The Weser Zei tung says the public often asks whether liquor interests is a peril to free gold cannot be loaned instead of given to the German Imperial Bank. The answer is po, because the law demands gold as a cover for paper, money, and that it must be in bars or coin. The public is again urged to yield jewels of all kinds which realize good prices abroad and is most useful for credit purposes there.

Recent Disasters

In Germany

London, July 24.-News of recent disastrous munitions explosions in Ger many which does not appear to have been made public is contained in two letters found on German soldiers who were captured at the British front. The first is dated May 22, and the sec ond June 6. The first says: "A terri ble disaster occurred again vesterday at Allershot. It was heard here, but they never said how many were killed. Here we are anxious, too, as to whether we shall be blown up, as it is all the work of incendiaries." The second let ter speaks of the disaster at Deemold, where a munition factory with all the workers, male and female, was blown up. On Sunday 20 victims were already buried. One woman, who lest four sons in the field, now lost three daugh ters. Westphalian newspapers give no report of the accident.

Germany Money Smash Hinted

WASHINGTON, July 31-A curious shrink agec in the German gold reserve, reported from abroad to-day, attracted interest here as possibly foreshadowing a crumbling of the German financial system, which up to now has borne the immense load placed upon it.

As yet, however, the shrinkage is small and not in anyways fatal, but, taken in connection with the appeals of the Government to individuals to give up gold jewelry, is considered

Observers here are at a loss to account for the shrinkage, but give several possible causes. One is that Germany, adoption of the amendment unable to maintain her balance of trade with contiguous neutrals, is being for ced to export gold ic payment. Am other is that Bulgaria and Turkey repolice autocracy, such as exists fuse to take German bank notes, and a third that actual gold is needed for the immense propaganda work that Gee many is conducting in Russia an other. countries.

Flood Abating

Quebec, Aug. 2. -The flood, which swept through the Chaudiere Valley, as the result of the torrents of rain which fell Monday, is now abating, the fall being about the rate of a foot every two hours against its rise of a foot every hour. But the effect of it will be felt for months yet, and it is thought that the damage will aggregate two to three million dollars. Losses to lumber corporations alone will probably total a million; the remainder being made up in damage to the Quebec Cen tral Railway, the Levis Jackman high way, to bridges and to private property, crops and houses.

Heroic Conduct of Female Battalion

Petrograd, Aug 2-As the result of the heroic conduct at the front of Miss Vera Butchkereff's Female Battalion the movement for the creation of a great woman's army is progressing throug! out Russia like wildfire.

Petrograd, Aug. 2-German force have occupied the Uskuli bridgehend on the northern Russian front, 15 miles south of Riga, according to report. received from the battlefront. The positions had been evacuated by the Russians.

London, Aug. 2. -According to a Pet rograd despatch to the Post, Russian army commanders bad a conference at headquarters recently and virtually sent an ultimatum to Premier and War Min ister Kerensky, that unless the a my sept outside politics and treated menly as a fighting machine, they would re sign as being unable to carry on the war victoriously. The corresponder the lieves the ultimatum will be accepted.

Zurich. Aug. 2. - The military critic of the Munchener Neuste Nachrichten regrets that British' diplomacy has been more clever and successful than the German. He says it has been constant ly making new allies until now there are 1,450,000,000 foes against Ger many's 150,000,000, and declares that Great Britain's greatest gain in the respect is America. Nothing is more foolish than arrogantly to unit and mate America's entry into the ... he

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