

# German Forces Expect to **Be Pressed Back to Meuse** Are Now Engaged in Fortifying Pois- SOLDIERS PUT

tions Along That River --- British Making Progress in Albert Sector ---Byng's Campaign a Great Success

LONDON, Aug. 24.— British attacks in the Albert sector HUNS ENTER were pushed this morning, according to official statement by the War Office today, which says that the British have made progress. The Germans evidently expect to be pressed back to the Meuse, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express, as they are fortifying positions along that river in Belgium. The Germans are digging extensive trenches between Dinant and Givet. Thousands of prisoners and Belgian civilians are being used in the work. Givet is ninety miles directly east of Bapaume.

In the three days ending Friday the British troops have taken eight thousand prisoners, says the Petit Journal of Paris. Friday, it adds, they captured 3,000 of this total.

#### FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT REPORTS **ARTILLERY ACTIONS BETWEEN OISE AND AISNE**

PARIS, Aug. 24 .- Artillery actions near Lassigney and between the Oise and Aisne rivers are reported in the official statement issued at the War Office today. Raiding operations in Lorraine are also reported. The statement follows:

"In the region of Lassigny and between the Oise and the Aisne the night was marked by very vigorous artillery actions. French detachments penerated enemy trenches in Lorraine at many points and captured prisoners. The night was calm on the rest of the front.'

### BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURE COMPLETE BATTERIES **OF GERMAN HOWITZERS AND TRENCH MORTARS**

With the British Army in France, Aug. 24.—A large num ber of cannon, including complete batteries of howitzers and trench mortars have been captured by the British north of the Somme. Immediately south of the river the British have taken twelve cannon. The village of Behagniers, two miles north of Bapaume, has been reached by the British, and these forces are operating east of Bihucourt, within two miles and a half of Bapaume on the west. British forces are also reported to have reached points south of Henin, five miles southeast of Arras. Marshal Foch Believes in Striking First in One Sector, Then in They are in the outskirts of St. Legers, further south, and have captured Ervillers, two miles east of Courcelles. They are still advancing.

### Germans Lost Heavily.

LONDON, Aug. 23.-General Byng's attacks of the past two days are regarded here as having been a great success, though the enemy tried tactics of withdrawal in order to avoid battle. The Germans lost more than three thousand prisoners, besides apparently are taking a brief breathing space after days of continuous fight- having been made against enemy positions far behind the Gergreat numbers in killed and wounded, and the total British ing under a broiling sun, leaving the British to go ahead with the offensive casualties, according to latest reports, have been well below movement. This is in accordance with the Foch system of striking first in the number of German prisoners taken.

THE JOB

## (Canadian Press direct wire.) Montevideo, Aug. 24.—The long par-alysis of port activities has been brok-en by the government putting soldiers to work loading vessels. This action

was taken after striking workmen had refused to obey a government order to eturn to work

SHARP PROTEST

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—Germany has vigorously protested against the in-tention of Spain to replace sunken Spanish tonnage by interned German ships, according to an official state. ships, according to an official state-ment from Berlin. **COAL STRIKE** 

## FIGHTING ON **ITALIAN FRONT**

troops

"Enemy airplanes have bombed Tre-veso, wounding a child and damaging buildings slightly. An enemy achino fell into the sea south of Venice. Eight hostile airplanes have been brought down in acciel forting " down in aerial fighting.



**TORPEDOED** 

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Washington, Aug. 24.— Sinking of three American vessels in foreign wa-ters by German submarines were an-nounced today by the Navy Depart-ment. The steamship Lake Edon, an army chartered cargo transport, was sunk on August 21; the U.S. steamer Westbridge, of 8,800 tons, on Aug. 16, and the U.S. steamer Cubore, of 7,300 tons, on Aug. 15. Sixteen of the crew of the Lake Edon are missing. Three men were reported lost in the sinking of the Westbridge. There was no loss of life among the crew of the Cubore.

**IN CASUALTIES** 

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, Aug. 24.—There were 679 assualties in the afternoon list yester

day. Among the Maritime Province names are the following:

MARITIME MEN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

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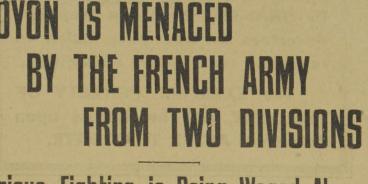
Mr. N. M. Jones of St. John arrived in the city last night. Mr. G. H. aLpraik of Campbellton is registered at the Queen.



Another-Important Positions Near Soissons Have Been Seized-Huns Will Soon Have to Retire, Abandoning All Ground West of Soissons-Chauny High Road.

## (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Aug. 24.—French troops on the southern part of the battle line of the aerial activity in other sectors, a large number of raids one sector and then on another sector of the line. The Germans on the part of the front along the Divette, between Lassigny and the Oise, appear to be putting up stout resistance. General Humbert will



Furious Fighting is Being Waged Along the Whole Front From Albert to Coucy-Le-Chateau --- The Huns Are in a Desperate Plight

#### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, Aug. 24.-The latest advance of General Mangin's army, while not completely turning the Chemin des Dames position, menaces it seriously, and the fate of the German troops between the Vesle and the Aisne remains uncertain, according to military observers here.

It is decidedly against Noyon that the principal effort of the French armies at present is being aimed. Novon is menaced from the northwest and northeast and also from the south, and the enemy is reduced to fighting from its left flank, from which the guns are pouring a tremendous fire incessantly.

Along the whole of the battle front from Albert to Coucy-(Canadian Press direct wire.) (Canadian Press direct wire.) Rome, Aug. 23.—Following is the text of the Italian official statement is-sued today: "In the Brenta valley we have cap-"In the Brenta valley we have cap-tachments have occupied Sasso Ste-fani, taking thirty-eight prisoners. In the region north of Col Del Rosso two enemy thrusts were arrested by our troops.

### **DIFFICULTIES OF GERMAN AIR FIGHTERS ARE** LIKELY TO BE INCREASED IN THE NEAR FUTURE

LONDON, Aug. 24.—British air fighting on the western ront during the past week provides a striking indication o fthe difficulty now confronting Germany in the air, which must increase in the near future as the growing air security of the Allies makes itself felt. In the battle area, probably owing to the recent heavy German air losses over the Somme battlefield, enemy scouts are compelled to operate in large formations at much grater height than formerly. Notwithstanding this, the British airmen continue to take a heavy toll of them. Severe air fighting has occurred on the front between Albert and tthe Amiens-Roye road, resulting, according to latest reports, n the destruction of sixty-two enemy machines and the driving down of twenty-one airplanes out of control. Twenty-six Brifish machines have been reported missing.

### NUMEROUS SUCCESSFUL RAIDS MADE ON THE **GERMAN POSITIONS FAR BEHIND THE LINES**

This superiority has been attained without any diminution.

#### American Bombers Busy.

With the American Army in France, Aug. 24.-American need time to make arangements for overcoming the German artillery in this bombing airplanes flew over Conflans, between Verdun and section. The German guns thundered all day Friday, but failed to prevent Metz, twice this afternoon, and dropped forty-one bombs. Six Humbert's men from crossing the Divette in force ar Evricourt. bombs were observed to make direct hits.

### **BRITISH WILL BERNHARDI'S PURCHASE B. C. CORPS GETS SALMON PACK** A DRUBBING

**DEPOSITS ARE** 

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—Notice deposits in Canadian banks are still increasing. The bank statement for July issued by that as compared with the previous month there was an approximate in-creass-rig notice deposits of \$26,000,-000. As compared with July last year there was an increase in position there was an increase in notice de-posit sof over \$62,000,000. Call loans in Canada dropped during the month two an da half millions. Call loans outside Canada decreased almost three millions. There was an increase in current loans in Canada and a decrease in current loans outside Can-

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Sir 'Thos. White, Minister of Finance, announces that he has arranged with the British auth orities to purchase this year's salmon pack of British Columbia. The amount required will be eight or nine million dell', which will b efurnished by the Dompton government out of the pro-

war aims. He commands the 55th Corps of the 6th Army, which had been steadily driven back by the Brit-ish across the plain of the Lys toward Armentieres

PILING UP The 55th Corps has been saus, in endeavoring to hold the Merville salient confronting the forest of Niepel salient confronting and was badly It lost many positions and was badly shaken by the enfilading fire of the

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#### MANGIN HAS TIGHT GRIP.

Between the Oise and the Aisne, General Mangin has made more secure his hold on the left bank of the Ailette from its confluence with the Oise to Pont St. Mard, west of Coucy-Le-Chateau. His right wing continues to work eastward, its object being to clear the region north of Soissons. The troops here already have seized the heights east of Bagneux and further north have reached the outskirts of Crecy-au-Mont. This advance brings them within reach of the main highway from Soissons to Chauny, and enables them to threaten with encirclement the strong German force occupying the high ground at Chavigny and Juvigny. It is believed here that the Germans at Chavigny and Juvigny will be forced to retire eastward, abandoning all the ground west of the Soissons-Chauny high road.

## HUNS REPEAT OLD CHARGE THAT LUSITANIA CARRIED MUNITIONS

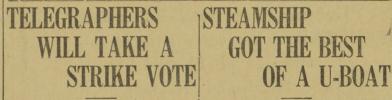
#### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 24 .--- German newspapers again dwell on their former charge that the Cunard liner Lusitania was carrying ammunition when she was sunk. The revival of the charge, which has been officially proved to be untrue, is due to a report received in Germany by way of Stockholm, that disclosures in a lawsuit by survivors of the Lusitania against the Cunard Co. had established the fact that the steamer carried explosives.

IN DANGER "We told you so," and "that's what we wanted to know, appear in the headlines of some of the German newspapers received here. Dr. George Bar "We told you so," and "that's what we wanted to know," appear in the thelme, former Washington correspondent of the Cologne Gaztte, contributes

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—"Our cause is an exalted one, but it is in great dan-ger, Admiral Von Hintze, the German foreign secretary, told a conference of German journalists in Berlin, accord ing to the Cologne Volks Zeitung. He asked them to co-operate with him.

man lines in which more than 120 tons of bombs were dropped, and attacks on the Rhine provinces pressed with the utmost vigor. Coupled with a virtual cessation of German air raids on London, the increasing number of bombing raids into Germany, of which there were twenty-two during the past week, must be demoralizing, showing Germany that, in spite of her utmost defensive efforts she is unable adequately to protect her air frontier. The effect of the Allied air supremacy is seen in various captured German orders, one of which directs that "within ten miles of the front small groups only of fro meight to ten men are to proceed together.



#### (Canadian Press direct wire.)

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Montreal, Aug. 23.—A strike vote, will be taken at each divisional point commercial telegraph operators in the statement of members of their organ tatement of members of their organ to ther conditions of employment. This statement was made as a result of the announcement from Otawa of the findings of the board of concilia-inter findings of the board of concilia-tion appointed to inquire into these of 25 per cent, over the old scale, and an eight hour day; also overtime pagat the rate of one and one-half, instead of merely pro rata.

Can Join Siberian Force It has been received in official or-ers at district military headquarters hat men liable under the Military ervice Act are to be allowed to en-

#### (Canadian Press direct wire.)



(Canadian Press direct wire.) Service Act are to be allowed to en-list voluntarily with the Siberian con-tingent provided that they have not already received orders from the reg-ister to report for duty with the depot bettalion (Canadian Press direct wire.) Buenos Aires, Aug. 24.—The munj-cipal authorities of Buenos Aires have taken over the supervision of the sale of meat to the public in an effort to combat high prices.



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