

to report from the remainder of the front.

GERMAN (DAY)—There has been lively reconnoitering activity, especially in the Ancre and Avre sections and south of Montdidier.

Early to-day north of the Somme Wilttembergers are to be seen on the English line along the Bray-Corbic road and brought back about a hundred prisoners.

After partial thrusts without success the enemy advanced yesterday with strong forces to the attack against the Vesle section, on both sides of Braines and north of Fontenoy. In a counter attack they drove them back out of small sections of woods on the north bank of the river in which they had temporarily located themselves. Several hundred prisoners remained in our hands.

The rest of the enemy's attack already had collapsed under our artillery and machine gun fire before reaching the Vesle.

BRITISH (DAY)—An attempt made by the enemy yesterday to capture one of our posts northeast of Mericourt was repulsed by our counter attack. We captured a few prisoners and machine guns last night in the Nieppe Forest sector (Flanders front). The hostile artillery has been active with gas shells north of Villers-Bretonneux and has shown activity also about Huqueque and north of Bethune.

NOT A MAN LOST, SAYS BERLIN.

Enemy Claims Property Was Destroyed in Retreat.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 6.—The German retreat on the night of August 1, on the main front between Soissons and Rheims and southwest of the latter city, was carried out in a most orderly manner to the Allies had been removed or destroyed, according to an official dispatch from Berlin. All supplies and ammunition were removed in good time and the crops were largely harvested.

The statement says that the withdrawal of the troops who were in the front line occurred without the loss of a man.

AIR RAID FIASCO: ZEPPELIN IS BURNED

Another Damaged, Third Is Driven Off.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The attempted raid by five German Zeppelins on the east Anglian coast last night was a complete fiasco according to reports thus far received.

British fighters were ready for the visitors and met them well out at sea, bringing down one in flames, damaging a second and driving a third away. What happened to the other two airships in the squadron is not disclosed in the official statement. The fact, however, that the report said, "Zeppelins crossed the coast" is enough for the presumption that these did reach land.

There is no evidence as yet that they dropped any bombs, and it is probable that their crews were kept busy protecting their ships against pursuing British airmen.

The novel feature of the raid was the early arrival of the airships. Two of them actually were approaching the coast by holiday makers from the promenade of a widely known seaside resort. It is considered possible that the German misadventure was due to their being arriving before dark and in an easy defeat.

Airplanes immediately went into pursuit, and the Zeppelins, throwing out smoke clouds, tried to evade and endeavored to escape. They were overtaken about forty miles from the shore, and just before midnight one was brought down in flames and another damaged.

DUTCH TO BUY U. S. GOODS.

Merchandise in Storage in Holland to Be Sold.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 6.—It is semi-officially announced here that a large quantity of American owned merchandise, originating in countries at war with the United States and which has been in storage many months at Dutch seaports, will not be shipped to the owners, but originally destined to be sold in Holland, by permission of the American War Trade Board, through the Netherlands Overseas Trust.

MALVY EXILED FOR DEALING WITH FOE

Civic Degradation Not Part of Sentence.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—Louis J. Malvy, former Minister of the Interior, was found guilty to-day of holding communication with the enemy and sentenced to five years banishment. The sentence, however, does not carry civic degradation.

The high court dismissed the charge of treason or complicity in treason, and found Malvy guilty of disregarding, violating or betraying the duties of his office. It was proved he was guilty of the plan formerly proposed to destroy the morale of the country by undermining the morale of the nation and destroying discipline in the army by creating seditious newspapers, the dissemination of pamphlets and by speeches and lectures.

Louis J. Malvy, Minister of the Interior in the Viviani, Briand and Ribot cabinets, was reckoned one of the most astute political figures in France.

It was in July, 1917, that his position was first assailed. At that time M. Clemenceau, now French Premier, charged that Malvy was spreading "defeatist" propaganda among the troops, and Malvy's resignation of his post as Minister of the Interior was announced early in August.

M. Clemenceau's charges against Malvy followed the arrest of Miguel Almeredy, editor, and M. Duval, director, of the newspaper *Journal Revue*, upon the latter of whom was found a check for a large sum of money the source of which he admitted to be a German banker named Max de Marnheim. Almeredy later was found dead in his cell, apparently a suicide.

Malvy was much criticized for having had confidence in such persons and for having granted passports to Duval for numerous trips to Switzerland while the *Bonnet Rouge* was printing articles in defense of Germany. It was estimated that Duval had brought back aggregating 500,000 francs from Switzerland, of which 200,000 francs went to Almeredy. Duval was recently found guilty of treason and shot.

MEXICAN WIRELESS USED BY GERMANS

Teuton Group in Mexico Changes Constantly.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Activities of Germans or German-Americans from the United States across the Mexican California border, where a wireless plant is situated, are under investigation by Government agents.

Reports reaching here indicate that for months groups of about a half hundred Germans, changing every week or two days, have been found in Mexico, a terrific little collection of hoked signals, just across the border from Calexico, Cal., and about fifty miles from Yuma, Ariz., on a spur of the Southern Pacific.

GERMANY YIELDS TO HOLLAND.

Offers to Give Safe Conduct to Shipping to Scandinavia.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 6.—The conclusion of an agreement relative to the granting of safe conduct by Germany for Dutch shipping to Scandinavian countries in the Netherlands Overseas Trust as consignee, and the trust will recognize the German as well as the British, black-list.

The Dutch government has given permission for the departure of forty vessels now lying at Rotterdam loaded with cargoes for Scandinavian ports, according to the *Telegraph*.

DECOYS PLAY HAVOC WITH SUBMARINES

British Give Germans Pills of Their Own Making in Undersea Warfare.

"BABY" DESTROYS ONE "Infant" Tossed Into U-Boat Blows the Bottom Out of Raider.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN FROM THE LONDON TIMES.

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LONDON, Aug. 6.—The naval correspondent of the *Times*, discussing the exploits of disguised submarine hunters, refers to the *Baralong* as one of the first of such decoys, and recalls the German howls because the *Baralong* did not look like a warship when it opened fire on the submarine that was shelling the Nicolson after sinking the *Arabic*.

The *Times* remarks that the ruse was perfectly legitimate when used by the Germans, but suddenly became illegitimate when used against them.

The correspondent tells two or three famous cases which, while widely known, were never authentically told here before.

There is the instance of the retired Admiral commanding one of the boats of the Royal Naval Reserve as Captain. He placed a haystack aboard his vessel, and the ancient looking craft, in due course of the morning, was seen by the U-boat crew and prepared to sink the ship. The submarine commander's demands apparently were being fully complied with when the boat was lowered, when his utter astonishment the U-boat commander received a broadside from the haystack.

Blown Up By Own Bombs.

Again there is the story of the sea won tramp flying the Dutch colors. While crossing the North Sea, a British ship appeared and ordered the crew to abandon the ship. So sure was the German that the British ship was a submarine with which he intended to sink the ship, he brought up and placed around the base of the conning tower. The commander of the tramp, apparently panicked, resorted to skilful manœuvring, which, while it denoted the helpless movement of panic, was really designed to bring the U-boat within the range of guns concealed on the tramp.

Finally when the Captain was in position he gave a signal, whereupon secret doors were opened in the side of the ship and the Germans found themselves looking into the muzzles of ugly British cannons. The very first shot exploded the bombs that had been piled up on the deck of the U-boat. When these bombs exploded the submarine was lifted almost entirely out of the water.

This Baby Sunk a U-Boat.

On another occasion when a submarine's shells cut through the rigging of a disguised British boat the crew lowered the boat and left in haste. The U-boat commander, who was looking on from the boat, the woman, rushing to the rail, threw her baby into one of the open hatches and then ran to the other side of the ship, from where she watched the ship sink.

Just as the Germans were beginning to feel shocked over this display of inhumanity toward infants the abandoned boat exploded and blew the whole bottom out of the submarine. In due course of time the grief maddened "mother" appeared at Buckingham Palace to receive the Victoria Cross.

BIG GERMAN MINE DRIFTS TO BEACH

Army Inspects Find at Southampton, L. I.

SOUTHAMPTON, L. I., Aug. 6.—A floating mine of unusual appearance drifted in from the sea to the beach near the residence of Mrs. Henry H. Rogers and Mrs. William C. Gulliver to-day and caused a flurry of excitement. The aviation camp at Montauk Point was communicated with and army officers inspected the device after removing the cap. They believed it was of German make. The mine was five feet long and three feet wide, and is the first to be blown ashore.

Mrs. Rogers loaned a truck for loading the mine and transporting it to West Sayville, where it will be given minute examination by army authorities. For several days a straggle from Montauk has been patrolling the coast here.

Plans have been completed for the garden fête to be held Saturday on the estate of Mrs. Robert M. Thompson to raise funds to purchase work for sweet-service for men in the navy and aviation service. Arriving Mrs. Thompson are Mrs. Frances Durrall Hoffman, Mrs. Cornelius Tiers and Mrs. James L. Barclay.

YANKEES HOLD FAST IN FISMES SECTOR

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moving over some of the roads toward the rear. This is not considered as conclusive evidence that the Germans are engaged in the retreat. This fact, and the further fact that up to date the Germans have not used at all extensively any but their small and medium calibre guns, tends to support the belief that the Crown Prince really intends to make the Aisne the objective of his line of retreat.

The present positions of the Germans are excellent for defence, however, and it is regarded as not improbable that they will dig right in there.

The few big guns which have been used by the Germans are in positions far back near the Aisne.

The clearing up of the big field of retreat has netted in one-half of the territory advanced over by the Americans alone in the last week of ammunition and general supplies.

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NEW GERMAN PROPAGANDA.

Fake Red Cross Workers Tell Relatives Soldiers Are Killed.

A new form of German propaganda was unearthed by the Red Cross yesterday when it learned that pro-German workers, representing the Red Cross workers, had been visiting the relatives of American fighting men in France and informing them "officially" that the soldiers had either been killed or severely wounded in action.

At least five instances of such false reports either of the death or wounding of soldiers have been reported to the Red Cross from Queen.

"The Red Cross wishes to emphasize the fact," said an official statement given out by the organization last night, "that no information of this kind is given out by the Red Cross. The War Department reserves the right to announce casualties, and this information is issued only to the relatives of the Red Cross or the daily newspapers."

In none of the cases wherein the men representing themselves as Red Cross agents had been in the front lines. The name of the soldier on the official casualty lists.

FRITZ CALLS US "SATANS" NOW.

Germans Fear Increases as More Americans Are Met.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 6.—"Satans" is the name for American soldiers among the boys in the German army, according to a letter written by Lieut. Ranke, who is an "officer-war correspondent," writes for German newspapers stories of individual deaths of soldiers by Germans whose names, addresses and occupations are given as tending to encourage local patriotism.

Duesseldorf Nachrichten tells of a skirmish between a patrol of men from that city with an American patrol, who by their "impudent" conduct had given the Germans much trouble. Both parties were hidden in shell craters, he says, and stalked each other for nineteen hours, with the result, however, that three wounded American "Satans" were brought in. For their work their captors received Iron Crosses.

READING TO RETURN IN FALL

Ambassador's Trip to London Chiefly to Report Direct.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The many officials of this Government who within the last three months have grown to be the personal friends of the Earl of Reading, Ambassador and High Commissioner from Great Britain to the United States, learned with gratification to-day of his safe arrival in London.

He left Washington not quite two weeks ago and most of the men with whom he had come in close contact knew he was on his way to England. He goes to report first hand on his work here.

Washington expects Lord Reading will return by early winter at the very latest. In his absence Colville Barclay will be in charge of the British Embassy. Sir Richard Crawford will continue in charge of commercial affairs and Sir Henry Babin Smith, Assistant High Commissioner, will be in charge of the British war mission.

ADMIRAL CAPELLE TO RESIGN.

German Minister of Marine Soon to Be Succeeded.

ZURICH, Aug. 6.—Admiral von Capelle, German Minister of Marine, will resign shortly, according to Berlin dispatches to the *Stuttgarter Tagblatt*, the *Munchener Zeitung* and the *Augsburger Zeitung*.

Admiral von Capelle succeeded Admiral von Tirpitz as German Minister of Marine in March, 1916. His reported resignation may have some connection with the retirement of Admiral von Holtzendorff, head of the Naval General Staff, announced on August 2. Several days before his resignation Holtzendorff had apologized for the failure of German submarines to sink American transports.

WILSON WORKS DESPITE HEAT.

Thousands of Government Employees Suffer in Washington.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The sun shone on the war workers crowded into the Capital with a vengeance here to-day. President Wilson was visibly affected by the heat. Baked up by his example, holding the regular Cabinet meeting and also kept all of his appointments, not leaving the Executive office until nearly 10 o'clock. Baked up by his example the Government employees in Washington tried to stay on the job, but there were positive suffering among thousands of them crowded into the two-story, flat roofed temporary structures on the low land along the Potomac. Many girls from northern climes had to be excused.

The highest official temperature recorded at the Weather Bureau was 92 degrees, while the thermometer in the city, in the Weather Bureau's kiosk, opposite the heat. However, the reason for the 115 degrees on the shady side, quite early in the afternoon a thermometer nearby got the full effect of the sun on its bulb for a few minutes and shot up to 127 degrees.

ALDERMAN SAVES TWO GIRLS.

J. C. Alverson of Poughkeepsie Jumps into the Hudson.

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POUGHKEEPSIE, Aug. 6.—Joseph C. Alverson, Alderman from the Second ward, rescued from drowning Elizabeth and Helen Kaiser, 19 and 8 years old respectively, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kaiser of Lincoln avenue.

At noon cries of distress attracted the attention of Mr. Alverson, who is a draughtsman for the De Laval Separator Company. Looking toward the Hudson River he saw an overturned rowboat and near it two frightened figures struggling to keep afloat.

Mr. Alverson ran to the river, and without waiting for a life preserver jumped in. Though the girls were several hundred feet from shore Mr. Alverson, who is an expert swimmer, soon reached them. He assisted the older girl to get a good hold on the rowboat and then dived for the younger girl, who had gone under. Both girls were brought safely ashore.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The scale of excess profits taxes tentatively agreed upon by the Ways and Means Committee and "war profits" tax to be applied only in cases where it would raise more revenue are now practically certain to be incorporated in the new revenue law. This was the consensus of the committee following another session between the committee and a representative of the Treasury Department. Thomas S. Adams, one of the Treasury excess profits advisers, was before the committee most of the day.

The battle between the committee and the Treasury has narrowed down to this: The Treasury wants the low scale of excess profits taxes in the present law left undisturbed and a new war profits tax of 80 per cent to alternate with it where it would raise more money in individual cases. The committee is willing to accept the Treasury plan, but insists that it should be applied to a new scale of excess profits taxes which it already has drawn up. This new scale reaches 80 per cent on all profits over 5 per cent of the invested capital and is a much higher excess profits tax than the present.

The committee is still at a loss to understand why the Treasury Department is insisting on a programme which the committee has figured out will lose the Government \$200,000,000 a year. Secretary Adams on his return will be invited to explain this point to the committee.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Italian "sea tanks," the most peculiar naval development of the war, have attacked and destroyed half of Austria's fleet of super-dreadnoughts.

Four out of the eight Austrian fighting ships of the first line have been sunk while lying in fancied security at their moorings in protected harbors. First hand information to this effect has been given to a member of the cabinet, *The Sun* was informed to-day.

Working silently and under cover of darkness these vessels have entered heavily guarded Austrian harbors, untouched by mines, and riding over every other kind of obstruction, and have delivered fatal surprise attacks. Their attacks are launched as such close range that a miss is out of the question, yet the tanks are so built and driven that they can attack and get away with a strong probability of never having been seen at all.

They are extremely small, heavily armored vessels, about forty feet long, manned by only four men each. They lie low in the water and are driven electrically from storage batteries, which can be charged from gasoline motors in the vessels. Their silent drive and lack of outline against any horizon makes them extremely hard to