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PLAN SOCIETY OF NATIONS

Switzerland Feels It Its Duty to Advocate Peace Plan.

SAID PRESIDENT CALLONDER

IN AN ADDRESS AT OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Prof. Max Huber Has Been Asked to Prepare a Plan Which Will Then Go to a Committee of Experts.

Berne, Switzerland, July 24.—Switzerland considers that its history and its democratic character make it obligatory upon the little republic to take up the problem of a society of nations, according to President Callonder.

In an address to parliament at its opening the President told the lawmakers that the federal council has asked Prof. Max Huber to prepare a plan for a society of nations which will then be submitted to a committee of experts, examined by them and finally presented to the council and to parliament for action.

The federal council, the President added, will do what is possible to ward arbitration during the present conflict, but only in case both groups of belligerents are in accord with such a step. Such condition, the Swiss executive admits, is not easy of realization, each belligerent party estimating in turn that this or that moment is right one. Nevertheless, the federal council considers it its duty to neglect no step which may bring about international peace and concord.

COAL MASTERS ARE HOT

THEY ENDORSED EVERY WORD OF DEALERS' COMPLAINTS.

Capt. J. S. McQueen, of the Steamer City of Dresden, Was Forced Out of His Turn Twice.

Masters of coal vessels in Kingston harbor when interviewed by the Whig on Wednesday morning, were just as unanimous in their denunciation of the alleged practices being shown in doling out coal at Oswego, N.Y., as they were in commendation of the attitude of the Whig in bringing the matter before the notice of the public. One and all they were red hot at the discrimination which they claim has been shown, and as there were a number of boats arrived on Wednesday morning the Whig had no difficulty in learning the opinions of the masters.

Capt. J. S. McQueen, of the steamer City of Dresden, which arrived from Oswego during the morning, with a cargo of hard coal for H. Crawford, endorsed every word in the article on Tuesday and told how he had been treated. He stated that he had arrived with his boat in Oswego on Friday afternoon. Several boats which were there ahead of him, including the A. J. Andrews, from Kingston and some from other places were loaded in turn. But as soon as the Isabella H. arrived, he was forced out of his place and he had to wait until she had been loaded. When she had cleared Capt. McQueen took the City of Dresden up to the wharf and loading commenced. On Tuesday, however, he was again to be delayed for the steamer Isabella Reid, owned by the Canada Steamship Lines, which was immediately loaded, although the City of Dresden had only a few more tons to make up her burden. She was forced to wait while the Isabella Reid was loaded to receive the remainder of her cargo.

When Capt. M. Shaw, one of the best known mariners of Kingston and master of the steamer Jex, was informed of the treatment that had been accorded to Capt. McQueen, he merely stated that he thought the captain had been lucky. He said that he had been forced to wait longer than four or five days in Oswego, although he had always been given his coal in his turn at Sodus.

Without exception the mariners are pleased that a complaint has been made by coal-dealers to American Consul Felix S. S. Johnson. They feel that the American Government should investigate the matter thoroughly, if only as a matter of courtesy to the Canadian people, who already are in a precarious position regarding the adequacy of their coal supply for next winter.

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ENVELOPED BY HUNS.

Small French Party Perished in Village.

With the French Armies in the Field, July 24.—The first day of the German offensive, Commandant Georges Melletal, holding Baslieux (two miles north-west of Chatillon) with two companies, was encircled by the Germans. During the afternoon he sent a message back by carrier pigeon, telling of his plight, and giving the artillery valuable information. The little body of Frenchmen held off the Germans for seven hours. Then, knowing he was lost, Melletal sent a final message, asking that the French artillery be turned on the village, which the Germans were entering: "Les Boches sont sur nous. Nous sommes perdus, mais nous avons fait de belle besogne. Fait feu sur la ville!" ("The Boches are upon us. We are lost, but we have done good work. Fire upon the village!")

WILL NOT SELL OUT.

Company to Run Line For Another Year.

Ottawa, July 24.—According to advice which have been received here, the negotiations between representatives of the Government and the Grand Trunk Directorate in London, have not been fruitful of any agreement looking to the purchase of the road on the state ownership principle, but an arrangement is understood to have been reached whereby the company will carry on for another year.

The directors of the Canadian Northern have not been appointed, pending negotiations with the Grand Trunk for buying out that line, but aspirants for the position are about as numerous as for senatorships. The appointments will probably go to those who are not particularly seeking them.

NET TOTAL OF 4,771.

Men Added to Army From July 1st to 24th.

Ottawa, July 24.—A net total of 4,771 men was added to the strength of the Canadian forces by the operation of the Military Service Act or otherwise, in the period between the 1st and 15th of July. The enlistment aggregated 6,845, while the wastage in the same period was 2,074, leaving the net figures as stated. In the previous two weeks the recruits numbered 7,508, and the wastage was 3,924, or a gain of 3,584.

For the fortnight mentioned, the divisional enlistments were as follows: London, 356; Toronto, 612; Kingston-Ottawa, 743.

WILL DISCUSS GRIEVANCES

If the Striking Postmen Will Return to Work.

Toronto, July 24.—"This will settle the matter," said Mayor Church, as he showed a telegram just received from Deputy Postmaster-General R. M. Coulter, stating that a sub-committee of Council would be appointed to discuss the grievances of the striking postmen immediately, providing the men return to work.

POSTMEN OUT AT MANY PLACES.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, July 24.—There is so far no change reported in the postmen's strike from last night, when men were out at Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Moose Jaw, Vancouver, Fort William, Port Arthur, Saskatoon and Peterboro. Brantford carriers decided to strike at noon to-day unless instructed otherwise from Toronto. St. Catharines carriers walked out at 12.30 o'clock to-day.

CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON.

Ottawa, July 24.—The conference of the Government with the delegates of the Toronto letter carriers and others, which was to have taken place this morning, was postponed till this afternoon on account of the absence of several parties owing to a misunderstanding as to the time of meeting.

NO PORTERHOUSE FOR POODLES.

Evanston, Ill., July 24.—Evanston went to the council meeting last night, by declaring that pet dogs may have no stakes at all for the duration of the war. Butchers are ordered not to sell steaks to women who intend to feed the meat to their pets. Every day in the city of Evanston, Evanston's canine population, whether the dog be of aristocratic and blue ribbon-winning lineage, or just plain "dog."

NAVY PASSED HALF MILLION MARK.

Washington, July 24.—The enlistment of the navy has passed the half-million mark, the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Daniels, announced to-day. The total strength of the navy's armed forces is 503,792. The national naval volunteers, comprising nearly fifteen thousand men, have been combined with the naval reserve forces.

TROTSKY'S WIFE "ON TOUR."

Stockholm, July 24.—Madame Trotsky, wife of the Bolshevik War and Foreign Minister, has arrived here with two million roubles for foreign propaganda.

(Two million roubles, at the present rate of exchange would be more than a million dollars.)

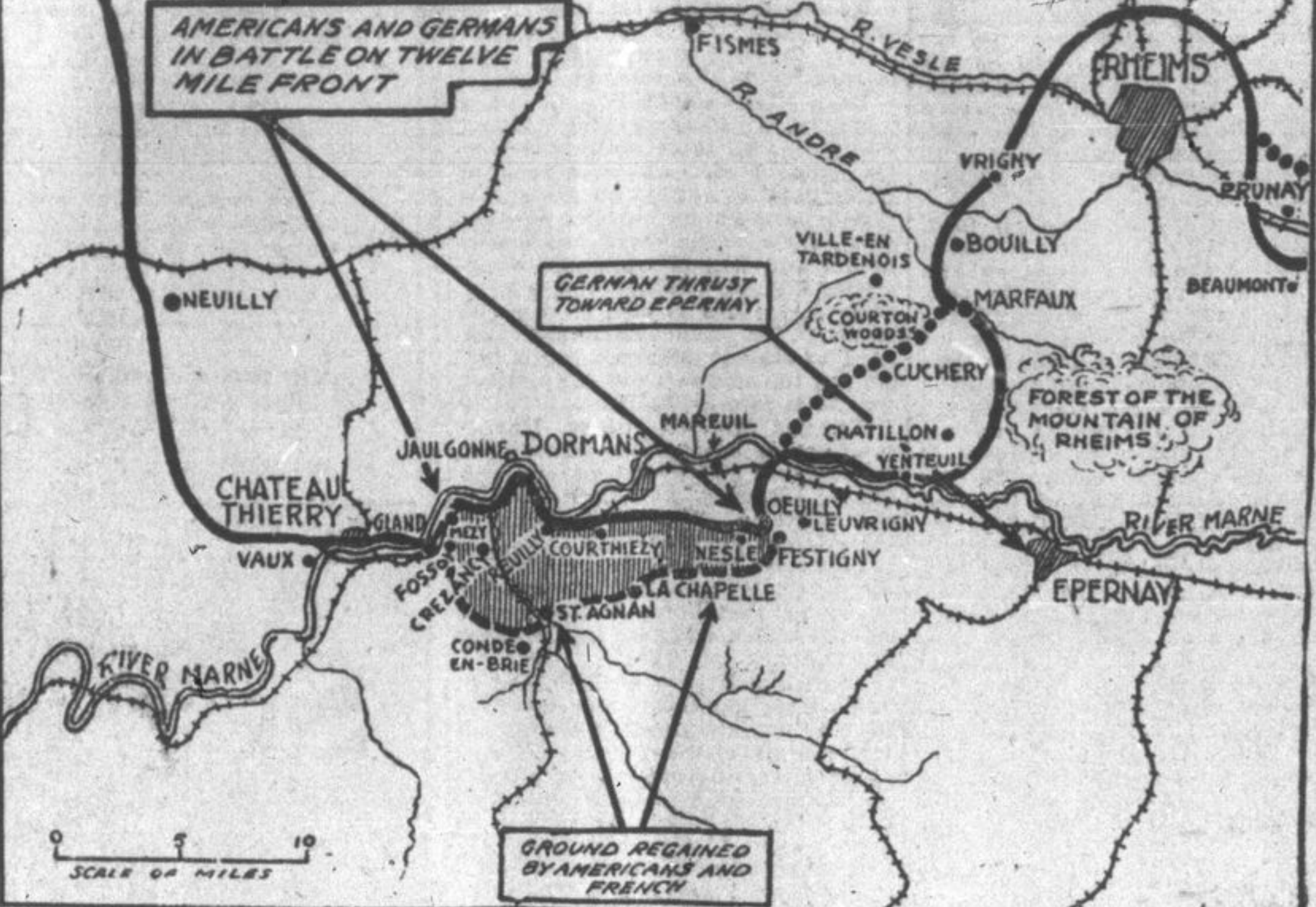
DIVIDING THE FLEET.

Rome, July 24.—Germany has decided to distribute a portion of the Russian Black Sea fleet among Bulgaria, Turkey and Austria-Hungary, a Zurich despatch says. The Russian Black Sea merchant vessels will also be shared by the three countries.

HAVE TURNED CORNER.

London, July 24.—Herbert Hoover, United States food administrator, told the Allied food controllers here that the corner in food production and supply has been turned. There is no longer anything to be feared from the German U-boats, he declared.

SCENE OF SOME OF THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING AGAINST THE GERMANS



The above map pictures the battlefield of the present moment. It was not long after the Germans started their present drive that the Americans took the initiative, and, assisted by the French, drove the enemy back with severe losses.

ASK FOR ARMY OF 5,000,000 MEN

Secretary Baker Frames a Programme for Approval of Congress.

MAY LOWER DRAFT AGE

FAVOR YOUNGER MEN FOR ACTIVE MILITARY WORK.

Details Are Not Disclosed—Plan for Larger Mobilization Made Public After Legislators Convene.

Washington, July 24.—Secretary Baker announced that on the reconvening of Congress he would present with his request for new appropriations plans for modifications of the draft ages and a "somewhat larger military mobilization."

The plan concerns the mobilization of a huge American army, probably upward of 5,000,000 men.

No announcement was made as to whether the draft ages are to be lowered or raised, but it is known that the prevailing judgment of the secretary's advisers is to lower them.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

TIDINGS FROM ALL OVER TOLD IN A PITHY AND POINTED WAY.

A despatch from Paris states that the Canadian editors are visiting Verdun.

The Canada Food Board ordered the Union Confectionery, Calgary, to cease making candy forthwith.

Rev. D. I. Ellison, of Fort William, has accepted a call to the Rynum-Des Presbytery church. Mr. Ellison is a graduate of Knox College.

Charles Cetewago, a mining engineer, claiming to be a son of the famous Zulu King, died in hospital at Brockville.

Hon. A. B. Calder and party and Senator J. S. McLennan, Sydney, returned to Halifax on Tuesday, returning from overseas.

President Wilson has, by proclamation, assumed control of the Cape Cod Canal connecting Cape Cod and Buzzard's Bay, Mass.

A serious outbreak of typhoid has occurred in Berlin, caused, it is believed, by poisoned or unclean milk. The list of cases is very large.

Snow fell in Calgary Tuesday afternoon following rain in the night and morning. At Edmonton the temperature was about freezing point.

Dominion Police have rounded up thirty-seven of the alleged ring-leaders in the disorders of registration day in Beauce and Montmagy counties.

Major J. C. Weir, an old militiaman and Fenian Raid veteran, for twenty-one years Secretary-Treasurer of Windsor Waterworks Department is dead.

George Armstrong, Navan, and Omer Brunet, Vankeek Hill, were fined \$22 with the alternative of one month in jail for not carrying the necessary military papers on them.

The U. S. Food Administration has announced that fair prices to govern the sale of flour and milling products at every point in the U.S. have been worked out with a view to stopping all profiteering in such products.

At Grand Rapids, Mich., five children, ranging in age from two to twelve years, were burned to death, one other received probable fatal injuries and seven were seriously hurt in a fire which destroyed the Kent county juvenile home.

An airplane journey of 2,500 miles covering the principal mid-western cities will be undertaken next month by Brig-Gen. Lee and others of the Royal Air Force under American auspices. At each city they will demonstrate air fighting.

Peace Proposals Made To Spain

(Canadian Press Despatch) Amsterdam, July 24.—Germany has made suggestions for a peace conference to the Spanish government, says the socialist Vorwaerts of Berlin.

MOTIVE UNSELFISH IN INTERVENTION

President to Announce Expedition to Aid Russian Democracy.

Washington, July 24.—Plans of the United States for participation in the expedition to give military aid to Russia are expected to be announced in a public statement by President Wilson very soon, probably before the end of the week.

The statement, it is understood, will be very explicit, making clear the nature of the aid to be extended, and declares that the United States has only unselfish motives, and intends to stand firmly beside the Russian people in their fight for democracy.

The sending of economic aid also will be announced in the statement, but the personnel of the commission probably will not be.

Plans for the military expedition, which is to be conducted jointly by the United States and Japan, Great Britain and France, it is understood, do not at this time contemplate the reconstruction of the eastern front as a battle line to draw German troops from the west.

The objects of the expedition will be to protect American interests, the interests of the Russian people themselves and the vast supplies which will be sent to Russia as part of the programme of economic aid.

FORBID GAMBLING.

Berne Takes Radical Steps to Stamp Out Spanish Grippe.

Berne, July 24.—Owing to the prevalence of "Spanish grippe" the municipality has forbidden under penalty of 5,000 francs or three months' imprisonment, performances in theatres, picture houses, music halls, concerts or meetings of any kind, including religious ceremonies, until further orders.

ANOTHER FORM OF DEATH.

For Former Russian Emperor—Heir Apparent Dead Also.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Amsterdam, July 24.—Alexis Romanoff, the former heir apparent to the Russian throne, died from exposure a few days after his father, the former emperor, was executed, says a despatch from Moscow to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger.

MOBILIZING RUSSIAN ARMY.

Amsterdam, July 24.—The general mobilization of the Russian army began on July 7th, according to Moscow advices received here.

ENEMY DELAYED HIS RETREAT TOO LONG, SAYS HILLAIRE BELLOC

London, July 24.—The enemy delayed his retreat over the Marne too long by at least one day. This may have been due to a reluctance to retire. News that his railway connections had been cut must have reached him on Thursday noon, but he did not retire until 9 o'clock Friday night.

A further result of this congestion is that there is great delay in bringing up spare divisions of the enemy to relieve the dangerous pressure upon him along the road from Chateau Thierry to Soissons.

The Germans have over twenty reserve divisions in this neighborhood, and so far they have put in only five, which proved insufficient to with the Franco-American advance.

GERMANS PLANNED TO INVADE CANADA

Teuton Plotters in U. S. Had Big Scheme to Cripple Despatch of Troops.

New York, July 24.—That Teuton conspirators planned, even after this country's entrance into the war, to use German reservists to invade Canada and Mexico, is indicated in the seized correspondence of Dr. Frederick August Richard von Strensch, officials of the Department of Justice declared Von Strensch, when arrested, recently, was described by the officials as a former protégé of Bismarck. To-day he was described as a relative of the German Emperor.

The objects of the proposed invasions, according to the authorities, were to hamper the despatch of Canadian troops abroad and to join armed Mexicans for the purpose of making an attack upon the United States.

Federal officials believe that Alexander Varda, better known as the Countess von Soebode, was the author of letters signed "L" which were found in the belongings of von Strensch. The woman was arrested shortly after von Strensch's apprehension last week. In these letters were several indications that between November, 1915, and April 20th, 1917, plots were in existence for 25,000 German reservists to cross from Buffalo, N.Y., to Bridgeburg, Ont., and for 100,000 Germans to enter Mexico at unnamed points along the Rio Grande.

BRITISH IN LINES THEY HELD IN MAY

Willie's Call For Help Was Answered—Picked British Troops Received Shock

Paris, July 24.—When the Bavarian Crown Prince answered the German Crown Prince's appeal for help and sent some of his divisions from the Picardy front to aid the Germans in the Marne salient an equal number of British divisions was detached from the northern front and moved to the battle sector south-west of Rheims. The British divisions are composed of picked troops.

It is interesting to note that the British divisions on the northern front of Rheims have again taken the same place in the battle order which the British occupied when driven back in the May offensive. Their transport from the British front to the Champagne front was executed in a most skilful manner.

GERMANS LEFT 45 GUNS.

Crown Prince's Reserves Apparently Running Low.

London, July 24.—The Germans left fifty-five guns on the south bank of the Marne.

STIFF FIGHTS OVER M. S. ACT

Military Police Have Had Lively Resistance to Their Work.

HELD UP BY ARMED MEN

THEIR AUTOMOBILES HAVE BEEN BADLY DAMAGED

Personally Attacked in Many Instances—Draftee Drowned in Endeavouring to Escape.

Ottawa, July 24.—Officers of the military service police, who have been searching the woods in the Gatineau district for draftees are being subjected to a reign of terror. They have been held up by armed men and their automobiles have been damaged. In some cases they have met with personal violence, and one draftee, in endeavouring to effect his escape at Thirty-One-Mile-Lake, was drowned on Thursday last, when a canoe in which he had embarked capsized.

This is the story brought to Ottawa by a party of the military police officers who have just returned with some prisoners, and serves to illustrate the opposition with which they are meeting in their attempts to round up the draft evaders, who were hiding in the woods.

On Saturday night, a party of four officers in an auto were searching a pool room at Gracefield for two men who were believed to be draft-evaders. When they had completed their investigation and got back in the car, they found it had been tampered with. Some one in their absence had cut all the wire circuits and they had to start the journey at a slow speed. They had not gone before the car came to a stop and they found that their gasoline tank had been emptied.

The drowning occurred at Thirty-One Mile Lake on Thursday afternoon, when the party was chasing a man named Honore Chatigny. They had captured his brother the day previous, hiding near Point Comfort and came upon him near the lake. He took to the bush, the officers after him, and got out on the lake in a canoe. Either he lost his balance or else struck an obstruction in the water as the canoe capsized and he was not seen again. That he was drowned is verified by a hotel proprietor near the lake.

C.P.E.'s Best Price of Year.

Canadian Pacific sold at a new high price for the year of 150 3/4 at New York on Monday, a fairly good demand advancing the quotation 1 3/4 from 149 on Saturday, while the previous high for the year had been 150 in May. The petering out of the threat of a general strike on the Canadian railroads was advanced as a factor in the buying.

RAIDS CARRIED OUT.

And the British Were Able to Take Prisoners.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, July 24.—Raids were carried out by British troops last night in the region south of Bucquoy and north-west of Albert, says to-day's War Office reports. A few prisoners were taken. A German raid on the British lines north-east of Bethune on the Flanders front was repulsed.

CUNARDER TORPEDOED.

There Was No Loss of Life—Used as Transport.

(Canadian Press Despatch) An Irish Port, July 24.—The Cunard liner Justicia, thirty-two thousand tons, has been torpedoed and sunk without, it is believed, any loss of life. She was built for a Dutch line, but was taken over by the British Government before completion. She was returning to America after delivering a large contingent of American troops.

CABINET MINISTERS BACK.

Premier Will Likely be in England For Some Weeks.

(Canadian Press Despatch) A Canadian Atlantic Port, July 24.—Hons. Arthur Meighen and J. A. Calder, Premier Stewart of Alberta, Martin of Saskatchewan and Norris of Manitoba, disembarked here yesterday and left immediately for Ottawa. Premier Stewart, who spoke for the party, said Premier Borden will probably remain in England three or four weeks longer.

L. E. Mackey, agent for the American Express Company at Ogdensburg, N.Y., had been appointed Waterbury agent to succeed the late P. H. McCune.

Lord Lee of Farnham has resigned his post as Director-General of Food Production, as he is in disagreement with the policy of the Ministry of Agriculture.

ENEMY RESISTANCE IS INCREASING

The Germans Are Again Getting Artillery in Position.

AND COUNTER-ATTACKING

ARE GRADUALLY RETIRING TO THE VESLE RIVER.

French Captured Three Villages in the Somme Region Along With 1,500 Prisoners And Much War Material—Airmen Were Very Active.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, July 24.—The Allies continued yesterday to tighten their vise-like grip on the German salient around the curving line from Soissons to Rheims. The enemy's resistance is increasing as he gets his artillery into position. The Germans are constantly counter-attacking on the west side of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry salient and on the Marne and fighting with desperation.

The Germans are gradually retiring from the Soissons-Chateau Thierry-Rheims salient to the Vesle river, but are fighting desperately.

The French took three villages yesterday with fifteen hundred prisoners and war material.

French and British airmen brought down thirty-seven airplanes and four captive balloons yesterday and dropped a number of bombs with good effect.

How Germans Tell It.

Amsterdam, July 24.—The German public is being told by the German military experts that the Allies' ambitions attempt to break through which, in Baron von Ardenne's words, "might have caused a decisive change in the military situation on the west front," has failed because of the famous German system of an elastic defence.

It is explained that the enemy only obtained initial successes, due to the fact that General von Boehm's right flank of twenty-five miles was not strongly held, and that his main strength lay on the eastern flank.

Significant, however, is Baron von Ardenne's admission that Chateau Thierry and Soissons were the two cornerstones of the German defence and that the former has been lost to the foe, "who was aided by no inconsiderable American auxiliary forces."

The Wolf Bureau's correspondent at the front does not fail to dwell on the "excessively severe" losses suffered by the Americans. Those losses, he says, were due to the Americans being mixed for the first time with "savages and niggers," instead of with white French troops as heretofore. He says:

"At many points mountains of American dead lie in front of our positions."

STOPPED COUNTER-ATTACK.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, July 24.—The Germans last night delivered a counter-attack upon the Allied lines in the vicinity of Vigny, five miles southwest of Rheims. The War Office announced to-day that the attack had been repulsed. During the night along the front between the Aisne and the Marne and northeast toward Rheims.

WAR TIDINGS.

A Belgian relief steamer passed an Atlantic port in tow of tug bound eastward with smoke stack missing on Tuesday. She is thought to have had an encounter with a submarine.

War Office reports says the Italians are continuing their advance in Albania. They have captured Hill 900. The French troops are also pushing forward.

A German raider is reported cruising off the Mexican coast.

The Italians are still pushing ahead in Albania on Tuesday. Six hundred prisoners were taken.

ARMY FOR UKRAINE.

1800 Class Conscripted, and Volunteers Admitted.

Amsterdam, July 24.—According to a Kiev despatch, the first step has been taken in the formation of a Ukrainian army. For the present 5,000 recruits will be raised by conscription of youths born in 1899. Volunteers between the ages of 18 and 25 will be admitted. The period of service in the infantry and artillery is to be two years, and in the other arms of the service three. The levy will occur July 31.

TO MEET GOVERNMENT.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, July 24.—The postmen's strike still continues.

Fifteen cities are still out on strike. The men will hold a conference with the government at Ottawa to-day.

Ottawa Carriers Out.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, July 24.—Local letter carriers, after being on strike for one hour returned to work and delivered the morning mail. A meeting later in the day will decide for or against a strike.