THE WAR ON THE BRITISH WESTERN FRONT

Somme For This Purpose.

A DISTANCE OF ABOUT SEVEN FROM ONE END OF THE FRONT HUNDRED MILES.

Commands the Allied Force-The Turks Are Advancing From Ba-

London, A Aug. 16 .- The most spectacular item of news to-day is that a British contingent has reached Baku, the Russian oil city on the Caspian Sea, about the possession of which Germany and Turkey are now squabling. These troops marched from Bagdad, a distance of about accomplished under the greatest activity by the enemy infantry anydifficulties. In the mountainous where, however, sections they were resisted by a few British are continuing various slight groups of tribesmen, but they quick- forward movements to gain advant-British force crossed the Persian ments of this kind that Damery and frontier and reached Enzelli, the Parvillers came yesterday into Briport of Respt, on the Caspian Sea, tish hands. by the way of Hamadan. At any The situation north of the Ancre rate, it is now certain that British, has not yet been clarified, the en-Russian and Armenian troops are emy's intentions being obscure. The Wastage now in Baku and that the British There are no further reports of are in possession of part of the de- widespread withdrawals in this refences.

Batoum. The Russian General Doku- forward positions. On the other MO chaieff commands the Allied force, hand British patrols that crossed which will endeavor to hold the the Ancre last night were fired upcity. In any event its oil resources on and forced to return. can be made unavailable to the enemy. Persia at present is political- CARRIED AWAY GATES ly friendly to the Allies.

Whether the Allies will be able to hold Baku permanently, in view of the difficulties of transporting supplies, is too early to predict. However, if the British can hold their position a short time longer, which now seems likely, they probably will be able to cut off the enemy from an

Sea already is fairly established.

# THE WORLD'S NEWS

# a Pithy and Pointed

Major Ivan N. Ralston, D.S.O., of Amherst, N.S., was killed in France MacKay, who was court-martialled thus produced a reinforcement re- the despatch, "German flying col-

talion into action. built in Watertown, N.Y., to house feurs for his friends, including sions at the front for a considerable order before Germanized revolutionfamilies of men working in the Emily Grigsby of New York, has period to come. local munition plants.

of oil lands by Mexico.

church, Nashville, Tenn, According to a statement by arily. Deputy Maurice Damour, appearing in the Paris Journal, President Wilson will make a visit to Europe and

duction of coal.

still missing. houses have been closed down and ed 2 per cent. their inmates, to the number of 297 During the five-year period end- through wounds or other causes.

Greater Hun Losses.

a complete standstill in that city.

To Edit the Veteran. North Vancouver, Aug. 16 .--David Laughnan, president of the G. W. V.A. of British Columbia, has been offered the editorship of The Veteran, a returned soldiers' publication, with headquarters at Ottawa.

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TO THE OTHER. The Russian General, Dokuchaieff, Situation North of Ancre Not Yet Clarified-The Intentions of the

Enemy Seem to be Obscure Yet.

(Canadian Press Despatch) With the British Army in France. Aug. 16 .- The enemy artillery was active last night from one end of the British front to the other. The activity was especially marked along the new Somme battle front in Essarts sector and in the region of La Bassee on the northern front, where 700 miles. The British advance there was a heavy gas bombardthrough Persia from Bagdad was ment. There was no development of

All along the Somme front the ly overcame this opposition. The ages of position. It was in move-

gion, although the enemy seems to The Turks are advancing from have abandoned several of his small

# OF WELLAND CANAL

### Lock Tender Drowned-Navigation Will be Delayed For Over a Day.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Port Colborne, Aug. 16 .- The outlet to the sea, thus protecting the Welland canal lock master was important oil fields of the Baku dis- drowned about ten o'clock this ment voyaged by steamer from En- | steamer Pawnee, of the Montreal zelli, Persia, to Baku, demonstrates Transportation Company. The lock ed from twenty-four to forty hours 000 per year. both up and down the canal.

The man drowned was Richard IN BRIEF FORM Carroll, reeve of Merritton, and vice Act, which has so far directly lockmaster for many years. The engineer of the steamer Pawnee de-Tidings From All Over Told In clares his engines refused to re-

Dismissed From Force. while leading a company of his bat- on twenty-five charges, including serve that should secure under aver- umns are impressing males from 18 Three hundred homes will be duties to act as gardeners and chauf- tenance at full strength of the divi- those who disobey the mobilization been dismissed from the service. It It may be noted also that in addi-United States and Great Britain was brought out that Major Mac- tion to the 58,713 draftees actually have joined in protest to the Mexican Kay, who was assisting the provost put into training, voluntary enlist-Government against the confiscation marshal of the western command, ments since November last has add-Rev. Dr. Andrew Robertson, Ton discipline owing to his good nature army ronto, has accepted a call to the pas- in obliging friends who applied to torate of Broadway Presbyterian him for the services of men who in his opinion could be spared tempor-

Food Prices Are Soaring. Washington. Aug. 16.-Food The opinion is expressed by the price figures made public to-day by Minister of Public Works that coolle the Bureau of Labor Statistics show per safeguards to increase the pro- est advance being 33 per cent, for

Twenty-nine members of the crew | An average increase of 7 per cent. of the steamer Pentistone, sunk by a in food prices is shown for the year submarine last Sunday, landed on the ended June 15, the greatest among Massachusetts coast Thursday, al- twenty-eight articles listed being 35 most exhausted. One boat load is per cent. for round steak. Although categories up to about 50,000. In bers. the price of flour declined 17 per addition to these approximately 50,-Severty-two disorderly Montreal cent. during the year, bread increas-

women and 220 men, arrested, while ed June 1 last, food prices showed an average increase of 60 per cent. it is claimed that gambling is now at

Disappears From Lake Steamer, Watertown, N.Y., Aug. 16. George E. Coulter, who disappeared from the London, Aug. 16 .- The propor- steamer Tashmoo, of the White Star tion of the German losses to those of | Line, plying the Great Lakes, on Aug. | the Allies since August 8th is great- 11th, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. number of Russian prisoners, ac- cities. er than at any other period of the George E. Coulter, Stone street. Offi- cording to an official despatch from war, it was announced last night. It cers of the boat have informed the Copenhagen to-day, are escaping is said that the total Allied casual- parents that the young man evidently from Germany into Denmark. The ties probably will not be as large as ended his life. Coulter is a foster son despatch says that nearly every day the number of Germans taken pri- of Mr. and Mrs. Coulter. He was fugitives arrive at Ribe, where they born in Rochester, N.Y., and adopted are well treated by the Danes. A when a baby.

> Canadian Casualties. Died-W. C. Gardner, Cornwall. Wounded-Lieut, J. R. McDonald, \* Alexandria; Capt. E. A. Adams, Picton; G. Sedore, Flinton; Lieut, K. B.

Ferguson, Wellington: F. Pero, Ashdod; J. Howe, Haliburton; J. E. Carley, Brockville; W. C. Mills, Snow Ready for 1920 Session. ert Watson, of Portage La Prairie, o include twelve killed in action of

Buildings would be ready for occu- Killed in action, Lieut.-Col. E. & pation by the 1920 session. Forty Dutch ships, totalling ap- + T. Hawley, Picton; W. F. Hub- + proximately 100,000 tons, now lying | bard, Gananoque; Lieut. Wil- 4 idle in the Dutch East Indies, are ex- | + liam Harris, Port Hope; R. J. + pected to be released to bring sugar, & Cowin, Cobourg. quinine and other commodities to the

United States,



American troops, headed by a British band, march past a British general on a road in France. -British Official Photo. Copyright.

n the C.E.F. in Four Years is 100,000.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEN-SIONS IS 30,000.

Since Last November Add 19,477 and Rausch. to Canadian Army.

toll from four years of war is now published in the Gazette de Lauzanne approximately 50,000. The wast- and the Tribune de Lauzanne, while morning, when the head gates at age of men in the Canadian Expedi-The meagre information at hand lock 12, and some of the foot gates, | tionary Force during the four years. in London that the British detach- were carried away by the upbound including also those incapacitated started out to revolutionize the by wounds, illness or by other caus- world, began by agreeing in their sethat the Allied hold on the Caspian tender was lowering the valves at es, is estimated to be a little over the time. Navigation will be delay- 100,000, or at the rate of about 25,- Hungary.

The operation of the Military Serproduced 58,713 men, not including 23,523 men who reported for duty discharged for medical unfitness or other reasons, or who have been a small scale.

Figures of Wastage. The figures of wastage up to the recent Picardy offensive in which To Represent Each Dominion on Imthe Canadians were heavily involved, and from which the total of casualties is not yet available for publica-000 men have been returned to Canada as being unfit for further

ready granted to returned soldiers is now approximately 30,000, involving an annual payment of over l \$4,000,000.

Escaping From Germany. camp has been established for them near Ribe.

THE CASUALTY LISTS. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Ottawa, Aug. 16 .- The part 4 + taken by Canadians in the pre- + \* sent victorious movement of \* + the Allies is commencing to + 4 show its effect in casualty lists. 4 Toronto, Aug. 16 .- Senator Rob- + To-day's list of 115 casualties + a member of the building committee, and eight died of wounds. The . at the King Edward Hotel, said that | balance were prisoners, wound- 4 the caamber of the new Parliament + ed. gassed, etc.

> . W. Jones, Brockville, Wounded, . & S. Halladay, Prescott; Lieut, C. &

# POLAND TO GERMANY UNDER A SECRET TREATY.

Was Signed January of This Year-Germany Was to Have Free Hand to Seize Poland and Direct Policies Without Any Protest from Russia. Berne, Aug. 16 .- The Bolsheviki, those great exponents of open diplomacy, had no sooner declared their "open air" policy than they proceeded to make a secret treaty with Germany, agreeing to the complete surrender without conditions of all Polish lands | ULIII'IMIU.

to the Germans. The treaty is dated January 16th, side by Krylenko, Volodarski, Zajkind Urtiski, Rasknolnikoff, Teurabend Antonof, Dzierzinski and Skrypkin, And the Annual Payment is \$4,000,- while for the Germans it is signed by 000-The Voluntary Enlistments von Taubner, Erich von Schunemann

The Bolshevik duplicity was exposed by the Polish Central Committee Ottawa, Aug. 16 .- Canada's death of Lauzanne, and the treaty was it about the same time-

Moreover, the Bolsheviki, who cret treaty to stop the sending of agitators into Germany and Austria

## CONSCRIPTING RUSSIANS.

Forced to Fight For Germany or be London, Aug. 16 .- A despatch to under the act, and have been either the Daily Mail from Vladivostok,

granted leave of absence for neces- "According to stories of prisoners London, Aug. 16 .- Major R. N. sary agricultural or other work, has taken by the Czecho-Slovaks," says that of detailing soldiers from their age conditions of wastage the main- to 45 years of age, and are bringing ary tribunals, which condemn them

"These conscripted units have German company and platoon commanders and are stiffened by twenty was responsible for much laxity of ed 19,477 men to the Canadian Germans or Magyars to every sixty

# Russians." PERMANENT MINISTER

perial War Cabinet. (Canadian Press Despatch) tion include in round numbers 27,- vide for the continuity of delibera- fighting took place in the north-200 killed, 9,350 died of wounds, tions between the representatives of labor must be employed under pro- further increases in June, the great- 2.300 died of disease, 4,350 presum- Great Britain, the Imperial War Caed dead, and 400 missing. This binet, says the Times, has decided makes a total of 43,200, to which that each Dominion shall be repremay be added 2.774 prisoners of sented by a Minister stationed perwar and the fallen in the battles of | manently in London. The Imperial last month, bringing the approxi- War Cabinet will meet from time to mate absolute wastage for these time with these ministers as mem-

## ADVANCE OF 100 MILES

The total number of pensions al- Made by Allied Troops South of Arch-

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Aug. 16 .- Allied troops landed at Archangel have reached point one hundred miles south da. Bolshevik forces are retiring and Washington, Aug. 16 .- A great have committed all manner of atro-



MAJOR W. J. S. SHARP. Former Casualties officer of the 3rd + feast of the Assumption. Division, who saysterlously disappear. 

West of Roye.

1918, and is signed on the Russian BEFORE THE PRESSURE OF THE BRITISH ARMIES.

> Retire Between One and Two Miles on a Front of Nine Miles in the Lys Salient.

(Canadian Press Despatch) troops have made an important adthe Glos Narodu of Cracow, published miles west of Roye. French pro-

of Armancourt our troops have occuready are conscripting Russians on ons-Champagne. Elsewhere on the front there was no activity.

British Advances. (Canadian Press Despatch) south of Merris, and has retired be- mired in the first onslaught. tween one and two miles on a front

of nine miles. South of Albert the British have LONDON MAN WINS advanced their line slightly in the region north-east of Morlancourt. The text of the statement says:

"During the night we advanced our line slightly north-east of Morlancourt. A hostile attack upon one of our posts in this vicinity was re-London, Aug. 16 .- In order to pro- pulsed after sharp fighting. Local eastern outskirts of Thiepval wood. the left bank of the Ancre. Further north our patrols progressed between Beaucourt-Sur-Ancra and Frank Nicolet, London, Ont. Puisieux-Au-Mont. The hostile artillery has shown increased activity Lorne K. Smith, Toronto. south of the Somme and between 'Labassee Canal and Ypres"

# SIX MILLION CASUALTIES

Since the War Began Is the German man Loss, (Canadian Press Despatch)

Paris, Aug. 16 .- The total of German losses from the beginning of the a war to the end of July, 1918, are understood to be six million, according there on the raislroad toward Volog- to morning newspapers. The figures include 1,400,000 killed up to the beginning of the German offensive last March, From March 27th to June lost 120,000 in killed alone.

> The Victorious Don Cossacks. (Canadian Press Despatch) Amsterdam, Aug. 16.—Russian Don Cossacks have cleared the left bank of the Don of their Bolshevik opponents and are marching victoriously on Zaragin, from which they are only one day's march distant.

Several bombs were dropped the Paris region late Thursday night | vented by the Maidstone man. by German airplanes. There were only a few victims.

### AMIENS CATHEDRAL IS RE-DEDICATED.

been unusued, locked up and + head offices of the company will be .. projected with sand bags since 4 at Toronto. the civilian evacuation of

### CANADA TURNS OUT MUCH NEW TONNAGE

### Total Output Outside of Small Craft Will Be 450,000 Tons.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.-Exclusive of a large number of small craft of less than one thousand tons at present which They Captured From the German's building, such as trawlers, drifters, which They Captured From the German's small schooners, etc., the total output of new tonnage in Canada for this year is estimated at approximately 450,000 tons. This includes 50 steel vessels, with a total tonnage of 290,-,000 tons, and 53 wooden vessels of 160,000 tons. Atlantic coast ports are now building 17 steel vessels and 14 yards are building 27 steel vessels and 4 wooden vessels. Pacific coast yards have on the ways 15 steel vessels and 35 wooden vessels, with another order for 32 wooden vessels of 3,400 tons each, recently placed.

The Government's shipbuilding programme, which contemplates a total lars up to the end of the fiscal year, is making good headway. Twenty Before the year closes contracts for

tion of vessels on order of the Imperial Munitions Board become vacant. In addition to this important contribution by Canada to the new ton-French Government.

### **GERMANS LEFT TONS** OF RAILWAY STUFF

### Which the Canadians Captured aid the Cxecho-Slovak army in the Siand Which Their Railway Corps Is Using.

London, Aug. 16-The Canadian the Albert Cathedral. Press is authoritatively informed that the Germans, in their flight, left tons be flocking to the standard of the of valuable railway material, and Czecho-Slovaks operating in force Paris, Aug. 16.—The French made no serious attempt to destroy their abandoned lines of rolling stock. vance on a front of two and one-half The Canadian railway troops are now one to two miles on a nine-mile linking our own system with these front at the western edge of the deserted enemy lines. Scores of am- Flanders salient. Vieux Berquin. gress was in the region of Villers- munition cars have already gone for- three miles north of Merville, was Les-Roye, about two and one-half ward, and hundreds of wounded are evacuated during the withdrawal. miles west of Roye, St. Aurin and being brought back in comfort by the same means. It is a railway area Armancourt. The statement reads: that the Canadians know well, for "On the Avre front French troops they built the system after the first \$45,000,000 Is Awaiting Division in have made progress in the region of Somme battle, destroying a large part Villers-Les-Roye and St. Aurin. East in the March retirement. The Germans then mended it ,and now we the total amount of naval prize monhave it again. Here is a striking in- ey awaiting division was more than pied the old first lines. In Cham- stance of how rapidly within the last £9,000,000 (\$45,000,000), to which pagne we took prisoners in the sec- few hours these rails have been made, must be added moneys in the hands tor of Perthes-Les-Hurulus and re- workable. Our correspondent the overseas prize courts. This dated Sunday, says the Germans al- pulsed an enemy raid east of Mais- other night travelled over fifteen kilo- announcement was made recently in metres of track, which fortyg hours the House of Commons by T. J. Mcpreviously were in the boche lines. Namara, Parliamentary Under Secre-The previous day he spent five hours tary of the Admiralty. struggling through congested traffic Distribution of the money will be

place. London, Aug. 16 .- Further slight The Canadian tunnelers are also in-chief will get 2,000 shares and an enemy withdrawals from the Lys busy making the road strong enough able seaman five shares, salient were announced in London to take the giant caterpillars, which yesterday. The enemy has evacuat- draw big howitzers, and are also pered the village of Vieux Berquin, forming first aid work for the tanks

Frank Nicolet's Victory Loan Design Takes \$1,000

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—The award of the application of his tactics. judges in respect of the poster competition instituted by the Dominion where our patrols have crossed to Publicity Committee of the Victory Loan Organization is announced: First prize (\$1,000 Victory bond) ---Second prize (\$500 Victory bond)-

> Third prize (\$250 Victory bond)-Christopher Fulleylove, Ottawa. This competition was arranged to secure designs for posters which will form a part of the intensive adverforthcoming Victory Loan,

May Raise \$250,000 Vessel. Quebec, Aug. 16 .- Divers for the past two weeks have been hard at 000 Germans taken by General Humwork trying to salvage the C. G. S. bert in the operations which are still Montmagny, which lies in the St. developing, prisoners captured on Lawrence several miles down stream. the western front since July 15th and from reports received by their total 73,000, and 1,700 guns have 17th the Germans are said to have principals, the Dussault Salvage Com- been seized by the Allies, the Echo pany, it is said the indications are de Paris estimates. that the \$250,000 steamer will again | " be brought to the surface. It appears that she is not badly damaged.

Ontario Man Gets Fortune, Closkey, who conducts a granary at tile machines were destroyed and Maidstone, was made rich by the three of ours failed to return. stroke of a pen yesterday, when the Royal Motors Corporation of Detroit in purchased the rights in a tractor in-

McCloskey is in Detroit settling de- ounce. tails of the deal in which \$200,000 is involved in the transfer of the trac-

Whaling Concerns Amalgamated Victoria, B.C. Aug. 16.-Consolidation of the principal whaling inter-Paris, Aug. 16. The Boches & ests on the Pacific coast has resulted & villages of Damery and Parvil-+ have their backs toward the + in the incornoration of the Consoli- + lers, north-west of Roye, and + Amiens Cathedrai, which yes- + dated Whaling Company Limited. + have crossed the Ancre river at + + terday was re-dedicated. It has + with a capital of \$2,500,000. The + several points.

+ Amiens in March. The reopen- + The total number of Canadians on + Somme and regions northward. + ing coincides with the great + the strength of the Royal Flying + British artillery is still pound-Corps and the Royal Naval Service. 4 ing the enemy day and night. now amalgamated into the Royal Air \* Force, stands at 13.495

in a Smart Operation.

wooden vessels. Great Lakes ship- HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY MAULED BY THE CANADIANS.

> The Germans Used Four Divisions to Hold the Canadian Front, But Had to Give Ground.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
With Canadian Fonces, Aug. 16. expenditure of some sixty million dol- The Canadians captured the village of Parvillers in a smart operation steel ships of a gross tonnage of 55,- which enabled them to straighten 000 are now contracted for, seven of out their line in that sector of the the ships to be delivered this year, front. A number of machine guns and the remainder the following year. and prisoners were taken. The lata dozen more or so ships will be est report was that our troops were placed by the Department of Marine, holding the village, and reinforceas berths now used for the construc- ments have gone in support against a strong post the enemy has in the

vicinity. Many artillery activity ludicates nage available by the Allies, it is to a stiffening of resistance. Hostie be noted that the Dominion produced aircraft have been considerably or is producing a surprisedly large strengthened on the whole of this number of auxiliary naval vessels for Amiens-Montdidier front. Some the British, Italian and French Gov- thirty-four enemy divisions have ernments. The Vickers plant at been engaged, including eleven fresh Montreal has delivered a considerable divisions and two tired divisions number of submarines to Great Brit- from his reserves. The enemy has ain and Italy, about 550 motor subma- used up every battation of two of rine chasers have been built for the four divisions holding his line in Imperial Government and 36 for the front of the Canadians, there being the 79th and the 118th.

War Tidings. American troops began disembarking at Vladivostok on Thursday. They will join the international force and

berian campaign. Albert is still held strongly by toe Germans. British patrols, on entering the town, were fired upon from Russian peasants are reported to

The Germans have withdrawn

# NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

London, Aug. 16 .- On June 30th

on the roads to arrive at the same based on the relative responsibility of all concerned. The commander-

## GERMAN RETREAT SPECIALIST

Is Conducting the Enemy Retire-

ment at Somme. Paris, Aug. 16 .- Gen. Hans Von Boehn, the German "retreat POSTER CONTEST specialist," has been appointed to the supreme German command on the Somme front. The newspapers believe that this change in the German command is highly significant. The German withdrawal north of Albert is looked upon as the first

## WOMAN WILL PILOT MAIL.

Between London and Paris-First French Woman in Service. Paris, Aug. 16.-A woman has been appointed pilot of the air mail service between Paris and London. She is Mme. Decorne, noted in peace times as a member of the French Women's Seagull Club, While France boasts many women fliers, Mme. Decorne will be the first to enter the flytising campaign in respect of the ing service of her country since the beginning of the war.

> A Fine Month's Work. Paris, Aug. 16 .- Including 10,-

Bombed Baden Station (Canadian Press Despatch) London, Aug. 16 .- British airmen made direct hits on the railway sta-Windsor, Ont., Aug. 16 .- Leo Mc- tion at Offenberg, Baden. Two hos-

The United States Treasury has announced that is has fixed the maximum price of silver at \$1.01 % per fine

### 4 CANADIANS OROSS

THE ANCRE RIVER.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) The Canadians have taken the

4 The enemy may retire from the + new battlefront south of the

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