

ALLIES HAVE FOUR MILLION AT FRONT

Military Expert, Comparing Losses, Says Germany Cannot Renew Offensive.

FRANCE CUTS CASUALTIES

Actual Losses in Lesser German Army Greater Than in Entente Lines—First Estimates Given by France.

BY A MILITARY EXPERT. WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Figures that are just being made public by the French make it clear that Germany, in the West, will never be able to undertake another big offensive.

GERMAN LEADER WHO EFFECTS CAPTURE OF 6700 RUSSIANS AND ROUMANIANS IN DAY'S DRIVE.



FIELD MARSHAL VON MACKENSEN.

which bayonets and clubbed rifles were utilized, developed in the Glencorse wood yesterday as a result of a German counter attack by which the enemy retook the southeastern portion of this elevation. Glencorse wood was the southern extremity of the line taken by the British in Friday's offensive and owing to the fact that it commanded the surrounding country, the Germans determined to regain it at any cost.

Yeste day's counter attack was most determined. The Germans preceded their infantry advance by an intense bombardment from guns of all calibers, and then sent troops forward under a heavy barrage. The Germans were met by a strong fire by the British artillery and, as they approached the wood, were mowed down in large numbers by machine gun fire. But the expenditure of life did not enter into the German calculations. They were willing to pay the price for this important position and the infantry was hurled forward through a rain of lead until the wood itself was reached.

Two British battalions, the Queen's Royal West Surrey and the Bedfordshire, made a valiant fight against the numerically superior forces of the enemy, but were forced gradually to withdraw, battling every inch of the way with their bayonets and their rifles used as clubs.

In the northwest portion of the wood, however, they made such a determined stand that the enemy was unable to continue his advance and the British retained possession of it. The German losses were exceedingly heavy, being greatly in excess of the British casualties.

The Westhoek ridge position which the British took on Friday morning has been held against numerous German counter attacks and the line now extends along the forward crest of the ridge with its left on the Ypres-Roulers railway and with the right merging into the Glencorse wood. German prisoners say that they were taken by surprise in Friday's offensive and that the British were upon them before they were aware that an attack was impending.

The fighting along the ridge and in the Glencorse wood on Friday was most bitter and sanguinary, a large part of the ridge being taken with the bayonet. Heavy casualties were incurred on both sides. The British strongly defended point—the Germans withstood the British for three hours with machine gun fire and then the British being pushed by the attackers, the Germans being forced out.

Glencorse wood also was filled with machine guns and the Queen's and Bedfordshire who finally captured it, to fight their way through a veritable hail of lead.

Blaise Labbe, 80, dies

WELL-KNOWN PORTLAND MAN SUC-CUMBS AT SEASIDE.

Death Follows Attack of Heart Disease—Octogenarian Formerly French Consul in City.

Blaise Labbe, 80 years old, member of the Pioneer Labbe family of Oregon and formerly French Consul here, died last night at Seaside, after an illness of a month or more. Death came at the home of his son, E. B. Labbe. The news was telephoned last night to C. Henri Labbe, French Consul in Portland, by Dr. E. J. Labbe, a nephew, who was at the bedside. Mr. Labbe suffered a heart disease attack about a month ago and never fully rallied from it.

Mr. Labbe was the surviving member of the old firm of Labbe Brothers, grocers, who had been in Oregon since 1865. The other brothers, Antoine and John Labbe, died some years ago.

Mr. Labbe's body will be brought to Portland today and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

RUSSIANS STEM TIDE

Teuton Offensive Declared Weakening in Intensity.

SOME REPULSES REPORTED

Berlin Declares That Austro-German Forces Took 6700 Prisoners, 18 Cannon and 61 Machine Guns in Roumania.

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—In consequence of the heavy losses inflicted on the Austro-German forces and the desperate resistance of the Russians, says a telegram received here from Odessa, the Teuton offensive on the Roumanian front is diminishing in intensity.

Desperate engagements are being fought by the Russo-Roumanian forces and Austro-German armies along the Roumanian front. In the center of this battle line, according to today's Russian official statement, the Russians and Roumanians yesterday repulsed strong Teuton attacks along the Pokobani-Marscheti railroad, then counter attacked and captured 1200 Germans, only to retire later in the evening.

In southwestern Moldavia the Russians took the offensive, smashed the Teuton lines and captured a number of prisoners and four guns.

In Western Moldavia the Austro-Germans, after battles of great intensity, forced the Roumanians to retire to Oena.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 12.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces fighting in Central Roumania yesterday took more than 6700 Russian and Roumanian prisoners and captured 18 cannon and 61 machine guns. The German general staff reports that the Austro-Germans did not lose a foot of ground.

In Western Moldavia, the Austro-Germans stormed the village of Grozesti and also captured the dominating height positions. Bitter Russo-Roumanian counter attacks were repulsed, says the German statement, which adds that "the fresh enemy forces bled themselves to death."

Russian attack at the mouth of the river Buzcu, northwest of Braila, was repulsed.

40 AUTOISTS IN POLICE NET

Glaring Headlights Object of War by City Authorities.

In the biggest raid on alleged traffic law violators since Mayor Baker assumed office, the police last night arrested about 40 persons on charges of having dazzling headlights.

Among those arrested were: T. V. Standler, a lumberman; Max G. Politz, clothier; Dr. E. E. Gamba, Dr. A. J. Paulson, D. M. Clay, lumberman, and Harry Lea, Mrs. A. McCauley, R. H. Hill, F. D. Webber, Leslie J. Burke, A. H. Giesy, E. Bristow, C. De Marco, G. F. Hickox, J. B. Esson, J. M. McMane, W. J. Powers, J. B. McCarthy, C. S. Wolfe, W. A. Blech, J. B. Manin, J. R. Keep, A. B. Bradley, C. F. Harding, Morris Schiefer, and A. E. Smith. Others arrested had not reported at police headquarters at an early hour today.

PORTLAND MAN KILLED

A. J. Kibbe, Contractor, Dies as Result of Fall at Saddle Butte.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—As J. Kibbe, 12 West Jarrett street, Portland, died here today as the result of a fall in the Saddle Butte quarry. He was foreman under his son, G. E. Kibbe, in charge of the construction of a railroad from Shedd to Saddle Butte.

Mr. Kibbe resided in Portland since 1907. He was 54 years old and followed the contracting business. He is survived by his widow and three sons, G. E. of Portland; Dr. Oral A. of Canton, Minn.; and Dale, of Chicago. He was a Mason.

HOBOS CAUSE BRUSH FIRE

Engine No. 27 Gets Blaze Controlled After Several Hours.

A brush fire, believed to have started from a campfire built by hobos in woods east of the city limits, was burning around East Nineteenth and Hassalo streets last night.

Engine No. 27 fought the flames for several hours and brought the fire under control. No serious damage was done.

Advertisement for Victor Records and Victrola. Features a portrait of Ignace Jan Paderewski and a photograph of a pianist. Text includes: 'New Victor Records which attest Paderewski's greatness', 'Victrola', and 'Victor Talking Machine Co., Camden, N. J.'.

NIPPON GUESTS NEAR

Pacific Port of Entry Gaily Decorated for Occasion.

VISCOUNT HEADS VISITORS

Government Officials, Ready to Extend Greeting, Assert Delegation Is of Highest Importance to Country.

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WOODS TAKEN FROM ENGLISH

Fighting at Glencorse Is Hand-to-Hand, With Bayonets.

NEHALUM FISHING UNDER WAY.

WHEELER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The fishing season on the Nehalem Bay is opening up in fine shape with average catches and a price of seven cents. Better catches and improved prices are looked for at an early date.

small parks were banked with flowers, shrubs and small trees, and the cherry blossom and chrysanthemum began to manifest themselves in formal devices.

The double-lintelled gateway which stands before every temple of the ancient Shinto faith, was the keynote of the larger efforts, and it was explained, as a tribute to the magnificent civilization of old Japan, as blended with the modern achievements which have placed her at the forefront of the nations.

Representatives of the Department of State, here to welcome the mission, said its arrival would not now be long delayed.

The first day of the arrival of the mission will be given over to rest, except for a brief municipal welcome, until a banquet at night, tendered by their countrymen. Trips about the city, an imposing review of troops, and tours of the round-about country will occupy the time of the mission for the succeeding three days, and the party will then leave for Washington.

Officials in charge of the arrangements pronounced the mission to be of the highest importance. It is headed by Viscount K. Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and plenipotentiary, and Breckinridge Long, Third Assistant Secretary of State, is at the head of

the State Department delegation here to receive it.

Rufus Gaynor Goes to Camp. NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Among the men who will go to the Plattsburg training camp are H. C. (Bud) Fisher, the cartoonist; Rufus Gaynor, son of the late Mayor Gaynor, and Henry Fairfield Osborn, Jr., son of the president of the American Museum of Natural History.

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Advertisement for Little Mary Pickford. Text: 'STAR Washington at Park. Til Wednesday Night, Mary Pickford in a stirring story of the days of '49: "A Romance of the Redwoods." By many considered Little Mary's most appealing characterization.'