

**RUSS GOVERNMENT
WILL HOLD FINS**

Refuses to Acknowledge Independence of Finland and Orders Landtag Dissolved; People to Decide.

Petrograd, Aug. 2.—(Delayed.)—The provisional government has refused to acknowledge Finland's independence law and has instead issued a manifesto dissolving the Landtag and appointing a general election on October 1, declaring that the government when the Landtag meets will submit its own law regulating Russo-Finnish relations.

The fate of Finland can be decided only in agreement with the Russian people, the manifesto declares.

The minister for Finland took the manifesto to Helsingfors and delivered it to Governor General Stakovich, who read it to the senate, after which he made a friendly speech, in which he said:

To Decide Own Fate.
"This manifesto is the most democratic action yet performed by the revolutionary government, for it makes Finland's people master of their own destiny."
The Landtag is expected to decide its course of action tonight. The socialist majority threatens to defy the manifesto and continue in session, while the nonsocialists expect to obey it. It is stated that the members of the high court have telegraphed to Helsingfors declaring that they would refuse to administer any future Landtag enactments passed under an unconstitutional independence law.

**Kaiser Awards Hindenburg
The Hohenzollern Star**

London, Aug. 3.—A Copenhagen dispatch to Reuters, Ltd., contains the following message, telegraphed by Emperor William to Field Marshal von Hindenburg:

"It is a need of my heart, my dear field marshal, at the conclusion of the third year of this mightiest of all wars in which you incessantly and with brilliant strategy and art have defied the enemy's superior forces and cleared the way for our armies to victory to express anew to you my inexhaustible thanks. I grant you the cross and star of the high command of any royal orders of the house of Hohenzollern. The badges will be posted immediately."

**Blood and Iron Policy
Improving Russ Morale**

London, Aug. 3.—The Times correspondent at Russian headquarters on the southwest front, under date of July 31, confirms reports of improvement in morale in the Russian army as a consequence of measures against desertions and panics. Disaffected Russian regiments have returned to the front.
Emperor William and Field Marshal von Mackensen, according to the same dispatch, made a triumphal entry into Tarnopol. The weight of the German offensive, the dispatch adds, appears to be directed toward Kamenets Podolsky, enroute to Odessa.

**Dr. Kuhlman Opposed as
German Foreign Minister**

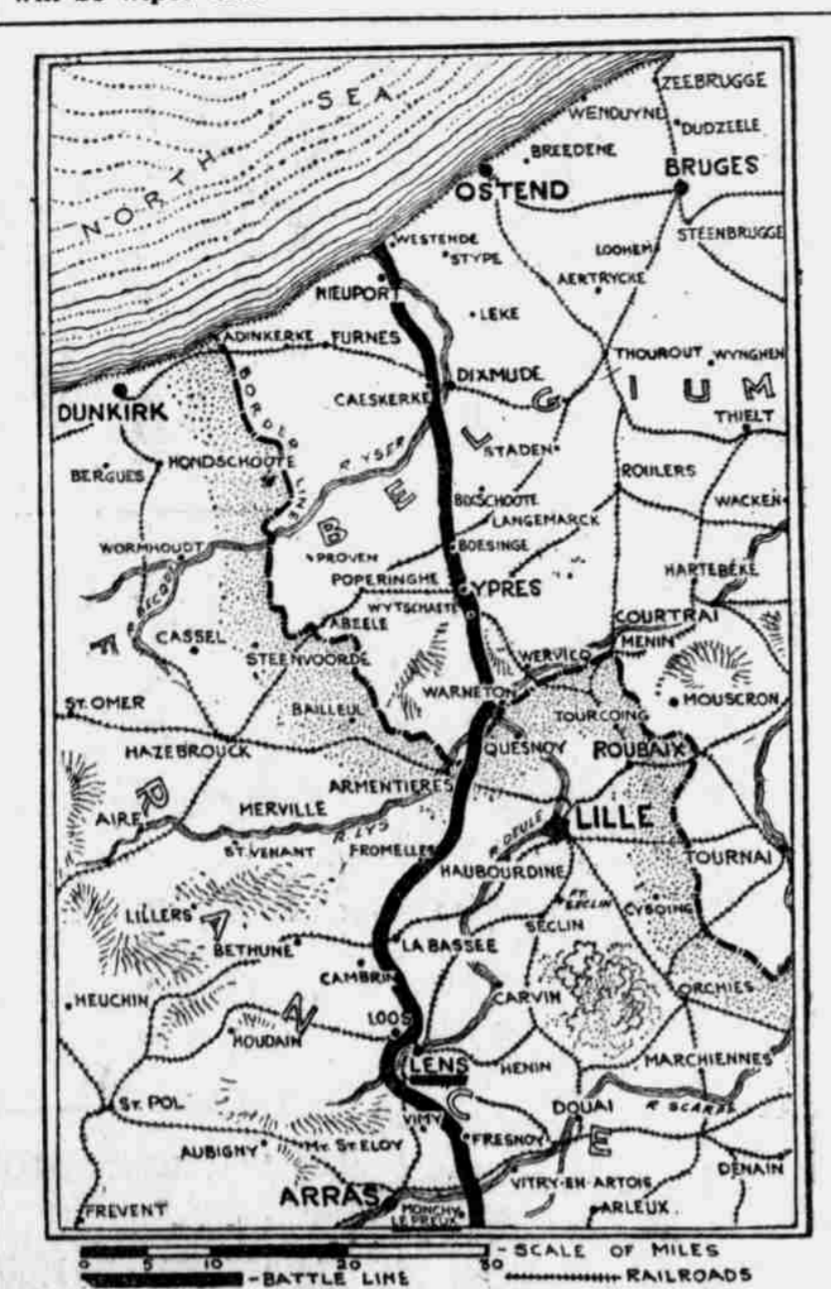
Copenhagen, Aug. 3.—The prospect of Dr. Richard von Kuhlman, German ambassador to Turkey, being appointed foreign secretary, is highly unpleasant to Count von Reventlow, who, in a pungent article in the Tages Zeitung, arraigns him for high crimes as an Anglophile opponent of submarine warfare.

Count von Reventlow says that Dr. von Kuhlman in the antebelum days was the leading protagonist of a policy of understanding with England at the expense of German sea power and as minister to The Hague he endeavored to prevent submarine warfare by warnings of warlike complications with Holland. Dr. von Kuhlman, the article declares, would as foreign secretary render harmonious co-operation between the foreign office and the navy on submarines out of the question.
There is little doubt, according to the belief expressed here, that Count von Reventlow in this article is speaking for the naval circles.

**Father Thomas Connors
Of Creighton to Marquette**

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 3.—Rev. Thomas Connors of Creighton university, Omaha, will come to Milwaukee as instructor in the department of arts and sciences in Marquette university, according to the announcement of Rev. Herbert C. Noonan, president of the university.
Rev. Father Connors will succeed Rev. John O'Connor, who leaves here to go to St. Mary's (Kan.) college.

SCENE OF WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLE—The map shows where the British and French forces are waging the greatest battle ever fought in their efforts to drive the Teutons from French and Belgian soil. The losses in killed and wounded are reported to be the heaviest in history. If the Allies succeed the German U-boat base on the Belgian coast will be wiped out.



**Omaha is Supplying Men for All
Branches of the Military Service**

Ten men were sent Thursday from the United States navy recruiting station in Omaha to the hospital corps at San Francisco. Three of these were Omaha boys, including Benton Stephenson, from St. Joseph hospital, Ralph Pfisterer of 540 North Twenty-fourth street and Clayton Sanborn of 3114 North Fifty-seventh street.

Three men attached to the Omaha station were ordered to sea. These were J. B. Zimmerman, stepon of County Clark Dewey, Frank P. Moore and A. Balaz. Zimmerman is chief in the quartermaster's division, Moore is chief machinist's mate and Balaz is the first clerk of the quartermaster's corps.

The navy recruiting station in Omaha has a waiting list of more than four hundred who will be sent to the naval training schools as soon as there is room for them.

Lieutenant Hart of Omaha and formerly of Schuyler is in charge of an expedition of the Sixth Nebraska that goes to Deming to prepare the training camp for the regiment. He heads the sanitation department.

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**AUSTRIAN TROOPS
ENTER BUKOWINA**

Scene of Some of Most Bitter Fighting of War Changes Hands for the Tenth Time.

Vienna, Aug. 3.—(Via Amsterdam.)—Austro-Hungarian troops have entered Czernowitz, the capital of the crown land of Bukowina.

Czernowitz has been the scene of some of the most bitter fighting of the war and the Bukowina capital has changed from Teuton to Russian hands altogether ten times.

Czernowitz was first captured by the Russians from the Austro-Hungarians on September 4, 1914, only to be evacuated a few weeks later. In November of that year the Russians again occupied the city and held it until February, 1915. In the following month the Russians again returned to the attack and after a terrific battle stormed the capital and drove the Austrians out. This time the Russians held the position for only two weeks; twice in January, 1916, the seat of the crown land

changed hands and in June of that year it was again captured by the Russians and held until the present time.

Czernowitz is situated on a hill south of the Pruth river and is about 140 miles southeast of Lemberg, the capital of Galicia. Before the war it had a population of about 70,000.

**Action on Executive's
Impeachment Postponed**
Austin, Tex., Aug. 3.—Actual start of the investigation into the charges preferred by Speaker O. F. Fuller in an attempt to impeach Governor James E. Ferguson today was postponed until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

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**FLANDERS BATTLE
RAGES ALL NIGHT**

Battleground is Firmly Held on Both Sides; Rain Still Flailing Makes Infantry Operations Difficult.

British Front in Flanders and Belgium, Aug. 3.—Artillery duels of considerable intensity continued last night along the battle front in Flanders, but, generally speaking, the German guns were less active this morning and the situation was unaltered. At break the Germans concentrated a heavy gunfire on the newly acquired British positions in the area south of the Ypres-Menin road, and they have been actively shelling these defenses since that time.

During the night the enemy launched a counter attack on a small part of the front held by the Australian and New Zealand troops in the Hollebeke-La Basseville line, but were forced to retire by the British artillery.

The Germans yesterday afternoon conducted a fairly heavy bombardment against the French on the front line between Koorteker and Birschoote, but this ceased in the early evening, and no infantry attack followed.

A protracted rain still is falling, rendering infantry operations of all kinds most difficult and observation work by the air service precarious. The entente allies have continued to consolidate and arrange their positions despite the handicap of the weather and now are strongly entrenched along the new line.

(By Associated Press.)
British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 2.—(Delayed.)—The British and French and the Germans alike along the front of battle in Flanders still held their positions late today in the bogland produced by the torrential rainstorm which has been dealing the battle line from Tuesday evening until today, when it showed signs of moderating.

Beyond artillery operations, which are continuing with great intensity, there is little activity with the exception of one or two points, and the French and British are resting in consolidated and strong organized positions commanding the territory which they captured from the Germans in the first few hours' onslaught.

St. Julien today continued to be a storm center, the artillery of both sides pounding steadily at their opponents' positions about this place. The British were again in possession of the 300-yard front just north of Frezenberg, which the Germans wrested from them in a counter attack late yesterday. In a sharp drive last night after heavy artillery preparation the British forced the Germans from their strong position and have held it since. This was the only counter attack of any consequence delivered by the Germans since late Wednesday.

Detailed reports of Tuesday's battle show that the front between Hollebeke and La Basseville was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting of the day, the Australians and English charging along this line swept over large numbers of Germans lying in shell-holes who were overlooked in the semi-darkness.

Immediately after the British troops had gone beyond those holes the Germans began sniping at the rear of the advancing forces. These snipers were eventually dealt with and the shell-holes cleared. The morale of the German troops in this section is said to have been good and they made a stiff fight for the positions which they finally had to relinquish.

In the ruined village of Hollebeke, the British were faced with large numbers of secret dugouts which had no surface entrances but which were approached by tunnels. The attacking troops forced their way into these strongholds which contained large numbers of men and blew them to pieces with bombs. This underground tunnel is still filled with German bodies.

Just north of Hollebeke two strongly held German positions were occupied without a stop. On the ground overlooking Wyttschaete the British encountered shell-holes, camouflaged with wire netting and hedges which had been interlaced with barb-

**Victory for Allies in
Sight, Says Head
Of Belgian Mission**

Boston, Aug. 3.—Victory is in sight for the allies, now that America has bared her mighty arm, Baron Moncheur, head of the Belgian war mission, said in addressing the members of the constitutional convention today.

This being the third anniversary of the violation of Belgium by Germany, the baron referred to the events immediately preceding.
"Three years ago last night," he said, "my government received a most insulting communication from the German government demanding that we allow German troops to pass through our land and offering a bribe. King Albert summoned his cabinet at once and there was not a dissenting vote to the reply that Belgium sent that very night."

"Since that fateful day my coun-

try has been ravaged by fire and sword. Old men, women and children have been deliberately and ruthlessly massacred. Our war materials and our crops have been seized without payment; our factories have been destroyed; our machinery stolen and sent into Germany and crowning infamy of the centuries, our workmen have been torn from their homes and sent into slavery.

"The Belgian people still stand caged behind steel bars formed of German bayonets. Those who have escaped fire and sword and other nameless evils are still hungry, famished and enslaved, ground down beneath the heel of the tyrant but their courage remains unbroken and unbreakable.

**American Honored by
Aero Club of France**

Paris, Aug. 3.—Colonel William S. Mitchell, head of the American aeronautic mission to France, was officially received last night at the Aero Club of France and was presented with a silver plaque.

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