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The Entente Allies Have Another Successful Day on the French Front

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GERMAN RESERVES HEAVILY DRAWN ON

Foch Has Material For Offensive Operations After Hun Drive.

By Arthur S. Draper.

(Special Cable to the New York Tribune and St. John Standard.) London, July 4.—Ludendorff has been constantly trying to destroy General Foch's reserves, but it is perfectly plain now that the allied generalissimo has a larger force at his command than when the offensive began. The total of 600,000 Americans, British recruits and French colonial troops who have been landed in France since March 21 far exceeds the allied losses in the present campaign.

Possibly Ludendorff has the same number of divisions as at the outset but his reserves have been heavily drawn upon. Ludendorff will certainly hit a smashing blow soon, but unless the Foch forces are thrown in in huge force, the French leader will have a considerable army for use in an offensive as soon as it is properly trained. That is patent to anyone who realizes how small a portion of the American million has been used to date.

Material for Offensive.

The allied army has been on the defensive so long that there is danger that the public may lose sight of the fact—always a nightmare to Ludendorff—that Foch had material for offensive operations when the Germans made their last drive. Secretary Draper's letter serves to emphasize this point in a striking measure. With the exception of a successful German counter-attack north of Albert and exceedingly useful and well executed minor thrusts by American troops west of Chateau Thierry, the western front is unusually quiet. The one exception is in the air where there is fighting fiercer than at any period of the war. British raiders are bombarding German towns and railways with a frequency calculated to cause much demoralization among the workers. Other machines are bombing depots immediately behind the line, while flights between reconnoitering machines and their escorts have reached an unparalleled number.

Furious Struggle.

The Germans are having a furious struggle in the air as a necessary part of the preparation for the successful launching of an offensive, the enemy is battling desperately to keep the allied machines from crossing the line.

The Italian and Austrian communications differ widely in their reports of the battle along the lower Flave which the former describes as a series of energetic thrusts, while the enemy describes it as an unsuccessful attempt to cross the river in force at Zenson. Both are agreed, however, that the fighting is furious, the Italians claiming 1,900 prisoners together with many machine and trench guns. Naval forces assisted the Italians, but apparently there was very little change in position. Some prisoners were captured in an Italian push northwest of Grappa.

C. G. R. WILL TAKE THE QUE. AND SAGUENAY

H. H. Melanson of Moncton and Others Inspect the Line.

Quebec, July 4.—Messrs. H. H. Melanson, passenger and traffic manager; D. A. Story, general freight agent; and S. G. Tiffin, A. G. F. of the C. G. R., acting under instructions from Ottawa, have left for an inspection of the Quebec and Saguenay Railroad before the property is taken over by the contractors by the federal government. They will inspect the road as far as Murray Bay.

C. G. R. DRIVER DEAD

Heifax, July 4.—John Walsh, aged 61 years, a well known C. G. R. engineer, passed away at his home, 3915 Allen street. On the morning of the explosion his face was badly injured, and since then he had not been in the best of health. He was the only survivor of the engine crew that had left the station a short time before. The funeral will take place Friday morning.

The Germans Received Very Severe Mauling

Vaux Now a Heap of Ruins—French and American Generals Mark Up Score Against the Enemy Who Lost Over 5,000 Prisoners—Interesting Talk By German Prisoners.

Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Wilbur Forrest.)

With the French Armies, July 4—I visited headquarters of one of the French armies today where I found French and American generals marking up the Franco-American score against the enemy from June 6 through the first two days of July on the line running roughly from south of the River Aisne, west of Soissons, to Chateau Thierry.

If you trace this line on the map you will find it is the line where the German Crown Prince came to a rude halt in his attempted march on Paris in the offensive of May 27. Roughly it is thirty miles from the village of Ambleny to just west of the Chateau Thierry line which is quite the one main bastion between the enemy and the capital. It has been rebuilt and strengthened to suit the Franco-Americans and the enemy units opposite the line are now strategically dominated leaving the Allies free to continue operations or to hold with the best advantage in case of an enemy attack. (Continued on page 5)

RUSSIAN DEMOCRACY SMASHED COMPLETELY, SAYS KERENSKY

Not Single Democratic Institution Remains—Struggle Has Been Between Every Democratic Organization and the Darkest Element of the Masses.

Paris, July 4.—Not a single democratic institution remains in Russia, former Premier Kerensky told the permanent committee of the Socialist party.

"A year and a half ago," he said, "the triumph of the Russian revolution seemed a turning point in the history of the world. Today one sees but chaos, the loss of all conquests won by the revolution and the loss even of conditions necessary to civilized existence. Three centuries of Czarism and three years of war have exhausted Russia's natural capital, destroyed her works and organizations and killed her best workers and peasants."

"It is easy to represent any government measure as tyrannical. It is easy to make the masses believe that a free nation is one which submits to no discipline. It is a serious error to think that there has been a struggle in Russia between the Moderates and the pure Socialists."

ROSS RIFLE FACTORY WILL BE RE-OPENED

Big Plant Will Make Revolvers For United States Army and Will Employ 3,000 Hands.

Quebec, July 4.—The factory formerly occupied by the Ross Rifle Co. will be re-opened in September by the North American Arms, Ltd., a very large order for the manufacture of revolvers for the United States army having been received by the new company which has just obtained a charter from the dominion government, and is capitalized at \$2,000,000, the head office to be in Quebec.

It is a purely Canadian company, the officers being Pres. T. A. Russell, Toronto, Vice-Pres. H. D. Scully, Toronto, and Thomas Craig, former general superintendent of the Ross Rifle Co., has been appointed general manager and is also on the board of directors. It is expected that the maximum number of employees will reach 3,000.

The struggle has been between every democratic organization and the darkest elements of the masses. Not a single democratic institution remains in Russia. There is only a police regime worthy of the latter days of the eighteenth century.

"The reactionary Czarist elements have joined with the Bolsheviks. Supported by a disorganized mass of soldiers, especially by one of the interior provinces, the Bolsheviks have been obliged to go to the bitter end—dissolve the army, conclude a separate peace and submit the country to German militarism. Every rich region of ancient Russia is now in German hands. In Moscow Von Mirbach, (the German ambassador) speaks as master. No alternative presents itself. Either Russia enters an alliance with Germany or the Democrats and patriotic Bourgeois will conquer through the support of the western democracies."

Kerensky closed with an appeal to western Socialists to give Russia support.

NEW ZEALAND SENDS MESSAGE TO CANADA

Governor Sympathizes With Us In Loss of Llandovery Castle.

Ottawa, July 4.—The following telegram has been received from the governor of New Zealand by His Excellency the Governor General: Auckland, N. Z., July 4, 1918. "I desire to associate myself with the government and people of New Zealand in conveying our deepest sympathy with the people of Canada in the loss of their hospital ship and particularly with the relatives and friends of those who lost their lives."

CHANGE IN ROUMANIA

Amsterdam, July 4.—A Bucharest despatch to Dutch newspapers says that in the constitutional law of Rumania the rights of the crown will be changed so as to affect the crown's power of concluding an alliance or in declaring war.

BRITISH CAPTURE IMPORTANT PLACES SOUTH OF RIVER SOMME

Americans Assist In Capture Of Hamel

Australians Do Grand Work in Forcing Out Germans and Take Total of 1,500 Prisoners—Three Enemy Raids Are Repulsed.

London, July 4.—Detachments of American infantry assisted the Australians in capturing Hamel. This announcement was made officially tonight.

British troops this morning delivered an attack in the region of Amiens, capturing the village of Hamel, northeast of Villers-Bretonneux, and advancing their line in this region to a depth of more than a mile.

Paris, July 4.—French troops last night attacked the German lines on a front of a mile and a quarter in the neighborhood of Autrech, northwest of Soissons, and pushed into enemy territory for a distance of nearly half a mile.

Later the French delivered another attack in the same region, between Autrech and Moulin-Sous-Toutvent, giving them further gains of territory. The entire operation netted the French a gain of ground on a front of more than three miles to a maximum depth of approximately three-fifths of a mile. The French took 1,066 prisoners, including eighteen officers. (Continued on page 5)

U. S. LAUNCHES HUNDRED SHIPS

London, July 4.—Premier Lloyd George sent the following message today to President Wilson: "I have just heard that a hundred ships have been launched in the United States. Heartfelt congratulations on this magnificent performance."

New York, July 4.—The United States launched today a greater tonnage in ships than she has lost during the whole progress of the European war. Secretary of the Navy Daniels said today in an address at the fourth of July celebration of the Tammany Society. More than 400,000 dead weight tons, he said, are going into the water from American shipyards as a part of the Independence Day celebration while the total American tonnage destroyed by submarines is estimated at 352,220 tons including 67,815 tons sunk before the United States entered the war.

HAIG'S MESSAGE TO PERSHING

Paris, July 4.—Field Marshal Haig sent the following message to General Pershing: Dear General Pershing: In behalf of myself and the whole army in France, and Flanders I beg you to accept for yourself and the troops of your command my warmest greetings on American Independence Day. Fourth of July this year soldiers of America, France and Great Britain will spend side by side for the first time in history, in defence of the great people of liberty which is the proudest heritage and the most cherished possession of their naval nations. That liberty which the British, Americans and French won for themselves they will not fail to hold, not only for themselves but for the world. With the heartiest good wishes for you and your gallant army. Yours very sincerely, (Signed) D. Haig, Field Marshal.

MRS. J. H. A. ANDERSON, ST. JOHN, PRESIDENT

Presbyterian Women Elect Officers and Hear Financial Report.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, July 4.—The final session of St. John's Presbyterian was held this morning. The roll call showed a total of 61 delegates present. The place of the next annual session was left with the executive to decide. The money raised for foreign and home missions for the closing year showed a total of \$5,626.40. This is an increase of \$219.06 over last year. The amounts raised for different works are: General foreign missions, \$2,568.82; general home missions, \$1,023.03; special home mission work, \$550.10; burials fund, \$50.00; Korea, \$50.00; Dr. Kate McMillan fund, \$461.25; Truro home, \$150.00; Sydney home, \$150.00; overseas mission, \$424.00.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. H. A. Anderson, of St. John; vice president, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, of St. John; 2nd vice president, Mrs. W. S. Morrison, of St. John; treasurer, Miss Janet Sinclair, of St. John; secretary, Miss Barbara T. Walker, of Woodstock, who has filled this office for the last eleven years.

A WEALTHY MAN AND HIS BRIDE MAKE UP

Edward Tuck French of Newport and His Young Wife of Less Than Week Re-united.

Boston, July 4.—Edward Tuck French, son of a prominent family of Newport and New York, and his bride of less than a week, are again united after a separation since Tuesday when a fire resulted in Mrs. Lillian Harrington French, ex-telephone operator at Manchester, N. H., leaving her new husband at Fall River and returning to Boston alone. Mrs. French returned to her husband shortly before 8 o'clock last night. She had heard that he intended starting divorce proceedings unless she returned to him before 10 o'clock last night, and evidently that was something she did not desire.

CHEERED THE KING

London, July 4.—American soldiers and sailors when passing Buckingham Palace today on their way to the baseball match stopped and gave three cheers for King George. The latter, with Queen Mary, came out on the balcony as the cheering broke out, and smilingly acknowledged the demonstration.

Operation By Field Marshal Haig's Men Entirely Successful and Hamel, Hamel Wood and Vaire Wood Falls Into Their Hands—Australian Troops Carry Out Splendid Movement.

They Attack At Point East of Ville-Sur-Ancre, Advance Line Five Hundred Yards on a Front of Twelve Hundred Yards—More Than 1,000 Prisoners Taken.

London, July 4.—Field Marshal Haig's report of the Hamel battle and other events along the British front says: "The operation this morning south of the Somme was completely successful. It was carried out by Australian troops assisted by some detachments of American infantry and supported by our tanks. Our objectives were taken and held and we have gained possession of the woods of Vaire and Hamel, as well as the village of Hamel."

"In conjunction with this operation an attack by Australian troops east of Ville Sur Ancre was completely successful and our line was advanced five hundred yards on a front of 1,200 yards."

"The prisoners captured by us in these operations exceed one thousand. Many machine guns, as well as other material, have also been taken."

"On the rest of the front there is nothing of interest to report."

Six Hun Machines Gone

London, July 4.—British aerial forces have been active along the front in spite of adverse weather conditions, according to an official statement on aerial operations issued tonight. Six German machines were destroyed and four others were driven down out of control during July 3, the statement adds. The text of the statement reads: "On July 3 the weather was cloudy and enemy activity was slight. Our machines carried out a number of reconnaissances and co-operated with the artillery as usual. Six enemy machines were destroyed and four were driven down out of control."

EXPECT TO SETTLE RAILWAY TROUBLE

Compromise Will Probably Be Arranged As Result of Yesterday's Conference in Ottawa.

Ottawa, July 4.—While full agreement between the railway companies and the men was not reached at this morning's conference with members of the government, every confidence is expressed that a settlement will be reached. "We heard the case on both sides," Hon. C. J. Doherty, acting prime minister, announced at the close of the conference. "And while it can hardly be said that both sides are yet agreed, I think there is every indication of a satisfactory settlement and the avoidance of a general strike."

The settlement proposed, it is understood, is in the nature of a compromise. Before the opening of the conference, it was announced that the men's committee had notified the war board that a final answer to their demands must be given by 2 o'clock today. As a result of the conference, this time limit is not being insisted upon and the deliberations are continuing.

REV. G. F. SCOVIL IS INSTITUTED RECTOR

Lord Bishop of Niagara, Assisted by Venerable Archdeacon Macintosh, Officiates At St. George's Guelph.

Guelph, Ont., July 4.—The institution of Rev. G. F. Scovill, M. A., formerly of St. John's church, St. John, N. B., as rector of St. George's church, this city, took place this evening. The service was conducted by His Lordship the Bishop of Niagara, assisted by Venerable Archdeacon Macintosh, of St. James' church, Guelph.

FAMINE IN RUSSIA

Moscow, Sunday, June 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—The famine situation is becoming more serious in the province of Tchernigov, in Little Russia. Reports from the Caucasus say that several Armenian citizens have been shot in the Alexandropol district of Russian Armenia by order of the Turkish military commanders.

TEN THOUSAND MEN MAY QUIT WORK IN VANCOUVER TODAY

Serious Situation Develops As Result of General Street Car Strike.

THE ENTIRE METAL TRADES CALLED OUT

Negotiations Attempted By Mayor Gale Have Been Unsuccessful.

Vancouver, B. C., July 4.—No steps have been taken—openly, at least—toward a settlement of the street car strike and electrical workers strike, which threatens to extend tomorrow, until it covers a great part of the city's industrial activities.

A symposium of strikes of all mechanics and laborers affiliated with the metal trades council, 10,000 in number, has been called for Friday noon, unless the existing strike is settled in the meantime. The trades and labor council will be asked to follow the example of the metal trades council and urge other unions to assert their power. Those included in the metal trades council strike are boiler-makers, machinists, moulders, electricians, pattern-makers, blacksmiths, shipwrights, joiners, caulkers, painters, shipyard laborers, riggers, structural workers, plumbers, and pipe fitters.

The council suggests "individual action" in the case of shops which are working under agreement with the unions. Negotiations attempted by Mayor Gale, in an endeavor to prevent the spread of the strike or to secure a settlement before Friday, have been unsuccessful. The British Columbia Electric Company refuses to make any compromise, pending the receipt of the report of the conciliation board, which may not be handed down for some days yet. Attorney General Farris has conferred with the mayor, but no results have been announced.