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Jacob Kulla, wholesale flour dealer, of St. Y., must give \$25,000 to the Red Cross or forfeit his license, as a result of a finding by the Federal Food Board that he had sold flour at prices above those fixed.

ALLIES HAVE ADVANCED MANY MILES

Picked Troops Which Crown Prince Brought Forward are Meeting With Hard Usage

Violent German counter-attacks and rear-guard actions in great strength still fail to serve the German high command as barriers to the advance of the allied troops on the Soissons-Rheims salient.

True, they have availed somewhat in slowing down the fast pace set by the allies at the commencement of the offensive, but nevertheless, on the three sides of the new U-shaped battlefield further important gains have been made.

Driving slowly, but surely, south of Soissons, the French and American troops have pushed their fronts farther eastward toward that part of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry railway line that is still in the hands of the enemy, and farther south, along both sides of the Ourcq river and the road leading to Fere-en-Tardenois, Germany's great storehouse for the supply of her troops to the south, important penetrations into enemy-held territory have been made, until the maximum point where the allies are fighting near Coigny, is about ten and a-half miles from their point of departure last Thursday.

In the Marne region north of Chateau Thierry, the French and Americans have met with the fiercest kind of resistance, for here the German machine gunners and infantrymen are striving hard to stay their progress in an endeavor to extricate large numbers of the German forces who are in danger of capture, and also to save part of the enormous numbers of guns and war materials which it is impossible to get out, except by the high roads over the undulating and wooded country.

The advantage in the fighting, however, has rested with the amalgamated allied troops, who have pushed on northward past the village of Epieds and ousted the Germans from the greater part of the Chatelet forest. In this region the allies now hold the villages of Epieds and Trugny-Epieds, which were captured by the Germans and were re-captured Wednesday in a counter-attack by the Americans.

Pressing on northward the allies have driven their front beyond Courpoil, which lies about six and a-half miles northeast of Chateau Thierry. A long the Marne at several points notably in the region of Chartèves and Jaulgonne, and farther east at Treloup, the allies have put the northern bank of the Marne farther behind them in advance and captured a large number of cannon and machine guns and considerable war material. In the region between the Marne and Rheims, where the German crown prince has brought forward large numbers of picked reinforcements to stay the British and Italians, his warriors are meeting with hard usage. Following up the advances of the French and Italians of Tuesday, the British immediately to the southwest of Rheims apparently have begun a movement which possibly portends good results.

Here the British have overcome a strong counter-attack

and, following it, violent bombardment, and struck the German line at Vigny for a good gain. This manoeuvre, if it is pressed to further advantage, will seriously menace the Rheims-Fismes railway, a scant three miles to the north, and will lend materially to lesson the girth of the mouth of the pocket through which the Germans are endeavoring to retreat from the Soissons-Rheims salient.

Gauged by the war maps, the new inroads of the allied troops into the German-held territory necessary add further to the extreme gravity of the situation of the Germans inside the huge pocket, and with the long range guns on both sides of the "U" heaving them far behind the actual fighting fronts, with airmen bombing them assiduously, and with the infantry attacking them on all sides with rifle and light gun fire, their situation seemingly is a hazardous one.

GERMANS STILL RETREATING

The French and American troops, continuing their pressure on the Germans in retreat from the Marne, have now reached and crossed the Ourcq River and penetrated the town of Fere-en-Tardenois, one of the great German supply bases for the enemy troops inside the Soissons-Rheims salient.

Meantime on the center of the Allied right wing southwest of Rheims, strong attacks by the French have forced the enemy to give further ground and enabled the French to capture several towns of strategic value and to draw their front appreciably nearer the high road which runs north-eastward from Dormans to Rheims.

On the extreme wings of the gradually decreasing pocket near Soissons and Rheims, the enemy, heavily reinforced, is holding tenaciously to his ground, realizing that success there would result in a general crumbling of his plans of defence against the locking up of his entire armies inside the big bag. In addition to the large number of troops for reinforcement that have been thrown on these two sectors, the German long range guns from the region north of Soissons and north and northeast of Rheims are keeping both wings of the salient under a heavy enfilading fire.

DEATH OF T. A. CROAKER

One of Middleton's Most Prominent Professional Men Has Passed Away

Dr. Croaker's wide circle of friends throughout Annapolis County and elsewhere were deeply grieved to learn of his death which took place in Halifax on Wednesday, where he had gone for special treatment.

Dr. Croaker became ill a week previous and it was feared that he was the victim of some internal growth. It was first decided to have an operation at his home, but instead he was taken to Halifax for fuller examination and for operation if necessary.

The operation was performed on Monday and revealed the presence of

signs of a let-up in the retrograde movement.

If, as some of the military critics have suggested, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria purposes to start an offensive against the British in France and Flanders as a diversion against the big battle now in progress, no signs of it are apparent at present. What little fighting has been going on in this region has been in the nature of patrol raids, in which the British have taken a number of prisoners and machine guns.

FRENCH IN HUN SUPPLY BASE

PARIS, July 28.—French advanced guards have reached the north bank of the Ourcq River, and Allied troops have entered Fere-en-Tardenois, the great German supply base, which lies in the middle line of the Aisne-Marne sector. The announcement of the War Office to-night adds that the villages of Anthenay and Dizy-en-Violaine, on the east flank, lying to the southwest of Rheims, have been occupied.

The Late Mrs. Charles O'Neil

An Outram correspondent refers as follows to the late Mrs. Charles O'Neil, whose death was reported in last week's MONITOR: The community of Outram was made sad early Saturday morning, July 29th, to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Charles O'Neil. Mrs. O'Neil was visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ralph O'Neil, at Hampton, where she was taken ill early Friday morning and passed away in the afternoon, after a day of intense suffering. Mrs. O'Neil was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Marshall, she being only 21 years of age. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved, especially for the husband, who has only known the companionship of a loving wife for one short year. She also leaves to mourn a father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. John Slocumb, of Mount Hanley; Mrs. Percy Marshall, of Mt. Rose; and three brothers, William, Otto and Moody, of this place. Mrs. O'Neil was brought to her home Sunday, where Rev. R. W. Lindsay preached her funeral service Sunday afternoon. Mr. Lindsay spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing hearts and pointed out to all the importance of accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

Latest Crop Report For Ontario.

TORONTO, July 28.—So far as coarse grains are concerned, present prospects in Ontario leave little to be desired. Barley will probably give one of the best yields per acre on record. Oats, although rather short in the straw in many cases, are heading well, and color was never better. Spring wheat, with much beyond the usual acreage of late years, is uniformly good. Even hay, taking the Province as a whole, will be little, if any, below an average yield per acre, and acreage is large. Potatoes, despite occasional cases of leaf-roll, etc., promise better than usual, and acreage seems to be at least normal. Roots, with small acreage, look well, but corn, outside of southwestern Ontario, will certainly be much below the average, and may be very much below.

Bodies Found in Bar Harbor.

BAR HARBOR, Maine, July 28.—The bodies of a man and woman lashed together at the waist and feet were found floating in the harbor near the breakwater here yesterday. Papers found in the clothing were identified as those of Harry H. Morse, of Lynn, Mass., and his wife. Morse's brother, Rev. W. I. Morse, is rector of the church of the Incarnation (Episcopal) in Lynn. He is said to be at present on a vacation at his summer residence in Paradise, Nova Scotia.

Dr. Croaker was twice married, his first wife being Miss Annie B. Hearse, of Middleton, who died many years ago, and his second wife, who survives him, Miss Lillie Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson, of Clarence. They had only one child, Fred, who died suddenly of pneumonia while spending his Easter holidays with his parents, having returned from Acadia University, Wolfville, on Good Friday, March 29th.

Both his father and mother were heart broken and today Mrs. Croaker is alone, but is receiving the deepest sympathy of a host of friends. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Sarah Packard, of Providence, R. I.

Dr. Croaker's remains were conveyed to Middleton via D. A. R., the funeral taking place from his late home Thursday afternoon, which was one of the largest ever seen in Middleton, carriages, and autos being present from all the surrounding towns and villages. Among those present from Bridgetown were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Graves and son Francis and Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Dunham.

The service at the house was conducted by Rev. W. H. Hutchins, pastor of the United Baptist church, of which the deceased was a faithful member, assisted by Rev. W. R. Turner, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. D. K. Grant, pastor of the Presbyterian church. A male quartette, consisting of F. L. Shaffner, J. H. Potter, J. R. Allen and F. E. Bentley, beautifully rendered "Abide With Me," and "Sometime We'll Understand." Mr. Shaffner also sang a very appropriate solo.

The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hutchins, followed by the usual Masonic service, very impressively rendered by the officers and members of Ionic Lodge, No. 72, A. F. & A. M., of which the deceased was a valuable addition, being a regular attendant. J. F. Martin, of Nictaux Falls, performed the duties of Worshipful Master, while Rev. S. A. MacDougall, pastor of the Nictaux Baptist circuit, performed the duties of Chaplain. The procession was in charge of J. A. Morrison, of Middleton.

The pall bearers were W. C. Feindel, O. P. Goucher, J. H. Potter and Dr. Sponagle, while the whole funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Rupp & Shaw.

The floral tributes were beautiful. The MONITOR extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

T. A. CROAKER, D. D. S.

