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GERMANS CONTINUE ATTACKS BUT ARE UNABLE TO BREAK THE ALLIED LINES

Enemy Vainly Tries to Get Through and Suffers Heavily in Dead and Prisoners

Offensive in General Practically Held Up, While on American Front Pershing's Men Recover Two Towns—Allied Defence Appears to "Have Broken the Enemy's Spirit"

London, July 16.—The Germans this morning continued their attacks against the French line in pursuance of their offensive, according to information that has reached here.

The information received indicates that the offensive remains held up, the attacks up to this morning having been nearly everywhere repulsed with heavy losses.

ENEMY'S SPIRIT BROKEN. With the American Army on the Marne, July 16.—(By the Associated Press, 10.45 a. m.)—Word received this morning from the battlefield to the east of Rheims shows that the Allied defence is not only still holding up the German attempts to advance, but appears to have broken the enemy's spirit.

AMERICANS RECAPTURE TOWNS. London, July 16.—American troops have recaptured Fossey and Crezanoy, towns on the south bank taken yesterday by the Germans when they crossed the Marne.

VIOLENT FIGHTING CONTINUES. Paris, July 16.—The battle continues violently, especially south of the Marne and in the region of Chatillon. Except for one sector south of the Marne there is no change in the situation. American and French troops are counter-attacking magnificently and are taking many prisoners, according to the statement issued by the war office today.

BRITISH IMPROVE POSITION. London, July 16.—In an operation conducted last night in the region east of Amiens the British improved their line, after sharp fighting in the Villers-Bretonneux sector.

BATTLE GOES ON FIERCELY. With the American Army on the Marne, July 16.—Five German airplanes, modelled after the machines the American aviators are using and carrying American insignia on the wings, attacked one of the American sentries south of Chateau Thierry last evening and managed to get so close under the disguise that they were able to fire incendiary bullets into the balloon, which burst in flames. The occupants of the saucers, however, made their escape by means of parachutes.

Seventeen American pursuit planes left the ground and when last seen they were fighting well with the enemy lines.

Along the front as far as the eye can see the big guns were still flashing and roaring, and the battle gave no sign of diminishing. American staff officers, nevertheless, expect that the position will be even more improved in a short while.

The Germans apparently deliberately attempted to shell several of the American hospitals near the Marne front yesterday. Some shells fell intermittently a short distance from them. They did no damage, beyond disturbing the patients.

Text of French Report. Paris, July 16.—The French official statement reads: "The battle continues with redoubled violence. Between Chateau Thierry and Rheims the enemy is launching furious attacks. The combats are particularly violent south of the Marne and in the region of Chatillon.

"French and American troops are resisting magnificently and are counter-attacking many times with the utmost vigor.

"South of the Marne the Germans have not been able to advance their lines beyond St. Agnan, Lachapelle, Monthodon, Lisieres and south of the Forest of Bouquigny. In this region the French have taken 1,000 prisoners. Marcell Le Prieux, on the Marne, south of Chatillon, is held by the French.

"North of the Marne the French have held up the enemy in the outskirts of Chatillon and southeast of the Rodmans Wood. In this region there is no appreciable change in the situation. All German attacks during the course of the night failed.

"On the front east of Rheims, the fighting, while of the utmost violence, was unfruitful and the enemy during the last day and night have not been able to penetrate the French zone of defense, which runs to the eastward through Prunay. The battle positions of the French are intact.

"The enemy losses in prisoners during the first day of the battle have been extremely heavy."

West and East of Rheims. London, July 16.—West of Rheims the enemy attacked in very considerable strength at two places by way of the Marne railway and in the country south of Dormans. In this neighborhood they succeeded in throwing six bridges across the Marne between Reully and Dormans, but at no point on this twenty-five mile front has the enemy penetrated more than four miles into the French positions.

"The main attack to the east of Rheims continued up to seven o'clock last night. The fighting was extremely severe in the vicinity of Souain and at Prunay, where the Germans captured a wood south of the village. This, however, was an exception, the German attack elsewhere being repulsed with heavy losses. The French line of resistance remains practically everywhere intact."

Writers Agree That The First Day Was Failure. Paris, July 16.—That the Germans failed at the start is the common view of all French military critics and even the most cautious are unable to conceal their satisfaction over the results of Monday's fighting.

"It would be silly," says Colonel de Thomassin, "to prophesy after one day's fighting, but one can certainly say that the beginning was altogether encouraging for us. Nowhere have the Germans made any particular advance.

LATEST WORD FROM WAR

All Reports Agree That Drive is so Far a Failure—Stocks in Wall Street Advance With the Good News

London, July 16.—Advices received in London up to noon today said that little change in the situation had been created by the German offensive.

The attacks, which continued throughout yesterday, were conducted by forces of General Von Below and General Von Boehm, who are directing the operations of the two armies on the left wing of the German crown prince group.

Additional German prisoners taken today say they are convinced that their commanders have been beaten.

American troops today shot down a courier pigeon belonging to the enemy east of Chateau Thierry. It was carrying a message from a German divisional headquarters saying that the situation was serious, that the Germans saw no chance of making further progress in the locality of this division.

With the American Forces on the Marne, July 16.—(By the Associated Press, 11.10 a. m.)—Reports from one end of the battle line to the other say that "except for a few minor localities the German offensive so far has been a complete failure."

London, July 16.—A despatch from the French army headquarters timed eleven o'clock Monday night, says the news from the battle front is highly satisfactory. The fighting was hard, the correspondent says, but preparations had been made weeks before-hand, and thus prevented the Germans from making serious progress on any part of the front.

The attack along the whole front east of Rheims was shattered in the French advance zone.

New York, July 16.—Wall Street expressed its encouragement over the favorable war news by a general advance of 1 to almost 2 points at the opening of the stock market.

In a few instances these gains were exceeded, but profit-taking soon caused a moderate reaction. Dealings at the outset were unusually active and broad, in marked contrast to the recent apathy. Initial gains were made largely at the expense of an over-optimistic short interest in some of the speculative issues.

Some of the buying orders originated in commission houses, indicating a revival of public interest.

IN WALL STREET. New York, July 16.—Stocks opened at substantial gains today in response to the very encouraging war news. Trading was active and broader than at any recent period, embracing every important division of the list.

Equipment, shippings, coppers and motors led the movement at gains of one to one and a half points, and rails registered similar advances. Tobacco was strongest.

Profittaking reduced some of these advances before the end of the first half hour. Liberty bonds led the early setback, repeating its spectacular course of the previous day by yielding all its initial gains and a fraction besides. U. S. Steel and other favorites reacted variably but soon rallied to or near their maximum quotations of the opening.

Steady demand on the recovery except for occasional activity in minor specialties such as fertilizers, sugars and paper and rubber issues.

SOUTH END PLAYGROUND. A lot of work was done by ten volunteers and three city teams on the south end playground last evening, but more help is required. It is desired to open the playground some evening next week, but that depends on the work done in the meantime.

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FIRST DAY OF OFFENSIVE BIG ENEMY DEFEAT

Slight Advance Much Behind The Programme AND THE COST VERY HEAVY

Thirty to 35 German Divisions Throws Into Attack to Gain Quick and Decisive Success—Unable to Break Any of Our Positions

Paris, July 16.—The first day of the offensive was a big defeat for the enemy, says the Havas correspondent on the French front. On the entire attacking front the enemy was not able to break positions.

The slight advances made, he adds, may be considered as nothing on account of the efforts displayed and the losses sustained. A general impression of confidence reigns within the French lines. French aviators were very active in harassing the enemy and destroyed two bridges loaded with German troops.

The failure of the enemy appears all the more striking if the infinite small results he obtained be compared with the important advantage which he thought he was going to attain. Orders found on prisoners show that the troops of the Crown Prince were to have camped at Epervan on the night of July 15, at Chateau on the 16th, and at Sasanne (twenty-six miles south of the Marne) on the 17th.

The imperial general staff led no stone unturned to gain a decisive success and thirty to thirty-five divisions had been put into the line. That is about one division to two miles.

The enemy's losses were considerable. One shock division, which according to plans was to have been relieved on the 16th, had to be sent to the rear to be patched up on the morning of the 16th. East of Rheims hundreds of German dead hang on the French wire. Besides them are many smashed tanks which the enemy used to support the infantry.

To sum up, the first day's operations were perfectly satisfactory to the Allies. "The enemy neither surprised our command as to the date nor as to the place of his offensive."

On Weather Experts Advice. Paris, July 16.—(Havas Agency.)—The German offensive which started yesterday morning had been held up for several days because the German meteorological experts had advised that the bad weather prevailing would soon and under conditions would be much more favorable for the attack. This statement was made by an American army officer, whose rank accords him the right to speak with authority. He said the Germans had sixty weather experts at the front and that much importance was always attached to their reports, a statement which seems to be verified by the fact that in all the previous German offensives, the weather has been favorable for the operations of the enemy.

Phelix and Pherdmand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—There is now a trough of extending from the Ottawa to the Upper Mississippi Valley, while the west and north barometer is rising with northerly winds. The weather is fine throughout the dominion except near Lake Huron.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Showers and local thunder storms chiefly to night. Wednesday, northerly winds and becoming cooler.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Warm and mostly fair with a few local shower storms. Wednesday, northerly winds and cooler.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Moderate southwest and west winds, a few scattered showers, but mostly fair and warm today and Wednesday.

Fair and Warmer. Maritime—Moderate southwesterly winds, fair and warmer today and on Wednesday.

Lake Superior—Fresh northerly winds to cooler. Wednesday, northerly winds, fair and moderately warm.

Western Provinces—Fine and warm today and on Wednesday.

DENIES HE TRIED TO WRECK THE COMPANY

Mr. Hatheway Says Allegation by Mr. Taylor Untrue

ARBITRATION BOARD

Interesting Exchange Marks Opening of Hearing in Power Company Wage Dispute—Mr. Sinclair Presenting Case For The Men

The case for the St. John Street Railway employees was opened this morning before the board of arbitration appointed to deal with the petition of the men for increased wages. Magnus Sinclair of Toronto, who is presenting the arguments for the men, addressed the board at considerable length in support of their claims. He argued that the ability of the company to pay dividends had nothing to do with their obligation to pay living wages and quoted a list of companies which had a deficit while some of them were increasing wages. In support of his contention that the men were not receiving living wages he submitted a detailed statement of expenses for a family of five, which reached a total of \$1,638. He quoted the wages paid in other lines of work in which the men receive more money and also quoted a list of street railway companies which paid higher wages than the local company. He will continue this afternoon.

Before Mr. Sinclair commenced, there was a rather interesting exchange of views between W. F. Hatheway, member of the board on behalf of the men, and F. R. Taylor, K. C., who is appearing before the board as representative of the company as a member of the executive.

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ALL AT ODDS IN THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT

Amsterdam, July 16.—Berlin newspapers give much attention to the meeting of the Austrian Reichstag, called for today. Premier Von Seydler received several party leaders on Saturday and conferred with them for five hours, during which the leaders, according to Vienna telegrams, showed so much attachment to the interests of their respective parties that the premier ultimately decided to let the session pass in a way to serve the interests of the monarchy. The conference caused a great sensation.

A Vienna telegram to the Vossische Zeitung says that military questions, especially events on the southwestern (Italian) front will be debated in a secret session of the Reichstag.

WILL PLACE BRASS MEMORIAL TABLET. The residents of Renforth on the Kennebecasis, instead of placing floral tributes at the memorial service for Nursing Sister Anna I. Stammers on Sunday evening, decided to have a brass tablet engraved and placed in the corridor of the General Public Hospital where she received her training. Accordingly the funds have been forthcoming and in a short while the tablet will be ready. Miss Stammers spent her summer vacation time at her mother's cottage, Renforth, and was a popular young spirit in the happy social life of that community.

JOINS THE ENGINEERS. James W. Lewis, son of William F. Lewis, left last evening for Quebec to join the Canadian Engineers. Only recently has the young man been able to pass the necessary physical tests and secured the lifting of his rating from Class C to Class A. Young Mr. Lewis is an only son. Many friends will wish him success in his military career and safe return.

GOOD WORK FOR SOLDIERS. The members of the True Canadian Soldiers Comforts Society are about to celebrate the anniversary of their organization. During their existence they have sent 275 boxes overseas containing assorted comforts, and they are now actively engaged making preparations for a large shipment in the fall. Mrs. George F. Todd is president.

MRS. ALEXANDER McAFEE. The death of Macy Ann McAfee, beloved wife of Alexander McAfee, of Quispamsis, took place early this morning in the sixtieth year of her age. She leaves to mourn beside her husband, one son, George McAfee, of Quispamsis, one sister, Mrs. Herman G. Hunter of St. John, and one brother, James H. Saunders, of Model Farm.

NOT THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. Commissioner McEldon takes exception to the Times statement of yesterday that an aerial truck for the fire department meant an expenditure of \$30,000. He said that no figures were named at the meeting and that, in fact, the cost of the truck would be \$16,000.

London Papers Praise Americans

London, July 16.—The brilliant contribution of American troops to the allied defense at Fossey figures conspicuously in the battle reports under big headings and is made the subject of special mention in the editorial columns of the morning papers.

"Splendid men," is the description contained in the Times, while another paper calls the American defence the "most encouraging feature of the day's fighting."

Newspaper comment thus far is somewhat restrained, pending a clearer indication of the enemy's immediate attention. But the tenor of all editorials is hopeful. None of the commentators express a final opinion as to whether the Allies are facing a main attack.

N. B. DOCTORS IN SESSION HERE

Annual Meeting of N. B. Medical Society

Excellent Address by President F. H. Wetmore of Hampton—The Doctors Part in the War and in Safeguarding People at Home

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Medical Society was opened in the court house here this morning. Those present included Doctors L. G. Finlay, Campbellton; A. J. Pierce, Croquet; St. John; S. H. McDonald; St. John; D. W. Ross, Fredericton; Thomas Walker, St. John; R. L. Ellis, Jacques River; George W. Bailey, Fredericton; F. H. Wetmore, Hampton; W. V. McVeigh, St. John; D. B. Moore, Newcastle; G. C. Vanwart, Fredericton; G. A. B. Addy, St. John; F. L. Kenney, St. John; A. F. Emery, St. John; I. De Chipman, St. John; W. E. Rowley, St. John; Hon. J. W. Daniel, St. John; A. E. Macaulay, St. John; J. H. Allingham, Fairville; W. H. Coffin, Bathurst; F. X. Morris, Fairville; James Christie, St. John; J. F. Teed, Doncaster; W. W. White, St. John; George G. Melvin, St. John; Hon. Willam F. Roberts, St. John; H. A. Perris, St. John; G. R. Crawford, St. John; L. M. Corren, St. John; H. L. Abramson, St. John; Prof. A. G. Nichols, Halifax, and M. Case, St. John.

Following prayers, offered by Rev. Canon Armstrong, Mayor R. T. Hayes delivered an address of welcome. He congratulated the society on uniting efforts for the successful prosecution of the war and extended to one and all a hearty welcome to the city. Following a reception of the delegates and visitors, Dr. F. H. Wetmore of Hampton, president of the society, delivered an eloquent address.

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BURIED TODAY. The funeral of James McMaster took place this afternoon at one o'clock from his late residence, 568 Cheley street. Services were conducted by Rev. William Townsend and interment was made at Lorneville.

The funeral of Christopher Nichols took place at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, 11 Mill street, to the Cathedral where service was conducted by Rev. Francis Walker. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY. The anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated today. This morning solemn high mass was sung by Rev. Wm. Duke, who was assisted by Rev. F. Walker as deacon and Rev. A. Allan as sub-deacon. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc occupied his throne and was attended by Rev. Father Moore. The large edifice was filled during the service.

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