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Many Indications Point to Another Great Battle on the Western Front

THE GERMAN FORCES IN FRANCE SLOWING DOWN PERCEPTIBLY

Another Great Battle Will Probably Be On Soon As Enemy Still Superior Numerically—Allies Confident of Stopping Boches Which Are Too Near To Paris To Permit Situation To Remain As It Is.

German Army Held Fast on Flanks Yesterday and Able Only To Advance Slightly in the Centre—Enemy Now Has 2,520,000 Men on West Front—British Officer Sizes Up Situation.

Special to the New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Caspar Whitney).

Paris, June 4.—"We are slowing down the Boches and shall stop them, but they are getting too near to Paris and a great battle is imminent. We await the word," said a British officer from the front this morning. "We are holding strongly to the northwest at Rheims and the French as strongly in the west at Soissons on the flanks of the German centre.

"Here we are holding, although the Boche is making frantic endeavors to push west. In the northwest he has crossed the Oise a few kilometres east of Noyon in the hope of coming behind the French Bierancourt-Epagny line. The Boches did not hit us so hard as usual with preliminary gun fire, but they doled us good and plenty with gas. They flooded the country, deluged our camps, one area after another, and then they sprung up as if out of the ground, six to our one, came at us, mass after mass, into which our machine guns pumped a weltering fire.

Was Surprised.

"But there was always others to take their places and our line had to fall back and did fall back in perfect order, slowly and maintaining a withering fire on the Boches as we retreated.

"I have not seen such a heap of German dead as marked the ground we fell back on. But the Germans surely put a surprise on us in their preparations for the push. We knew they had a fair number of troops in front of Soissons-Rheims line, but nothing like what developed with divisions brought up in the night from Bethel Youlers where they were assembled and concealed.

"The whole Allied machinery has worked smoothly and with precision throughout this difficult experience and it has shown the importance and success of amalgamation and unity of command.

As at Noyon so here at Soissons and Rheims, the Germans drove hardest at the junction of the French and British lines but this time they found the line firmly welded and failed to make the break counted upon, although to smash the contact, were introduced tanks and compact masses of troops were poured in. I find no thought among the military leaders that the present attack implied the abandonment of the Somme-Amiens, Arras-Ypres purpose. It was viewed originally as a diversion to be exploited as far and with as much force as its initial success warranted and always as a threat at Paris. The last development suggests that the immediate German plan was an evident attempt at a converging movement on Paris from the Montdidier, Noyon, Soissons line down the Oise, and along the Marne. The Germans have 210 divisions, (2,520,000 men) now on the western front and there are heavy reserves still back of Noyon and Montdidier.

Advances Slows Down.

(By Wilbur Forrest.)

With French Armies in the Field, June 4.—The German advance has slowed down perceptibly, due largely to the fact that despite the fresh divisions thrown into the battle line between Soissons and Rheims it has been found itself held fast on the flanks and able to advance only slightly in the centre. The theory, however, that the Germans were only making a test conflict on this particular front with a view of carrying out the main assault elsewhere was generally dispelled today with the absolute confirmation of the fact that they have already thrown fifty divisions, including their best troops, against numerically inferior Franco-British forces. At the present time this main assault grows less

STIRRING TIMES IN ALCOHOLIC CIRCLES NORTH

Prohibition Inspector Brings Action Against Hotel, Two Women and Others—Home Brew Has a Kick—A Busy Attorney.

Special to The Standard.

Chatham, June 4.—These are stirring times with the prohibition inspector. Yesterday Bert Miller of Newcastle was fined \$50 and costs for transporting liquor from the shiretown to Chatham. Mrs. Charles Glidden was fined \$50 and costs for selling beer of the home brew variety to a young man who swore he got full on that concoction. A local hotel is to answer in the police court to the charge of having booze on the premises. The inspector saw the back driver take a suit case from the station and followed the team. His efforts were rewarded by finding ten bottles in a suit case in the hotel. A drunk was run in this afternoon by the inspector. His answers as to where he got the joy juice didn't satisfy the court so he was remanded till tomorrow. A beer case against Mrs. Tillie Cady comes up here on Monday, having been adjourned on account of her counsel, George McDade attending the circuit court at Newcastle.

ENEMY SLACKENS HIS BIG DRIVE CONSIDERABLY

Paris, June 4.—The text of the French official statement tonight reads: "During the course of the day the enemy considerably slackened his action, which was limited to a few local attacks. The enemy artillery displayed activity north of the Aisne between the Aisne and Ourcq rivers and in the region of Rheims. "North of Moulins-Sous-Tourvent our troops improved their positions and made some gains of ground. "In the region of Lonsport the Germans succeeded in penetrating temporarily into forest, but our counter-attacks drove him back immediately to the officers' border. On the rest of the front there was no change. "On June 3 our bombing squadrons, forcing a passage of the enemy lines, brought down two enemy airplanes. Three other airplanes and two captive balloons were brought down by our pursuit machines. The same day twenty-one tons of projectiles were dropped on marching troops, artillery columns and retreating convoys. On the same day twenty-eight tons were dropped on the night of June 3-4. "Eastern theatre June 3, west of the Vardar an enemy attempt against our positions was repulsed. Both artillery were active around Dobro polje, the Cerna Bend and north of Monastir."

MAN LOSES A FOOT IN STEALING TRAIN RIDE

John Ainwright Then Gets Another Free Ride To Moncton Hospital.

Moncton, June 4.—John Ainwright, aged fifty-five years, was brought to Moncton this afternoon on the Ocean Limited with the right foot so badly crushed that when he was taken to the hospital the foot had to be amputated above the ankle. Ainwright received his injuries while attempting to board a freight train just east of Newcastle. He and a companion were heading their way on trains. Both men hail from Montreal.

PEMBERTON-BILLING WINS LIBEL SUIT

Sensational Case in Old Bailey Comes To End.

London, June 4.—Noel Pemberton-Billing, M. P., who has been on trial on a charge of libel preferred by Miss Maud Allan and J. T. Grein, manager of the Independent Theatre, was found not guilty today. The judge in summing up frequently was interrupted by the defendant, who, after his own speech, took his place in the dock, and by Captain Alfred Douglas, two of the witnesses. Lord Douglas and Captain Spencer were removed from the court, the former calling the judge a liar. The judge also was hissed by friends in the gallery of the defendants. The acquittal of Pemberton-Billing, publisher of the newspaper Vigilant, followed a trial which was marked by a series of sensational revelations relative to the power alleged to have been wielded over influential Englishmen and women by the German government whose agents had collected and reported to be data on immorality in England, and had placed it in a book which was said to be in possession of certain German Prince. Miss Maud Allan, an American dancer, figured in the case.

SUPREME WAR COUNCIL CAN SEE VICTORY

Has Confidence in General Foch and in the Outcome of the War.

PRESENT SITUATION FULLY REVIEWED

Thanks Extended To President Wilson For American Troops and Other Aid.

London, June 4.—(By The Associated Press)—The supreme war council, which has had under advisement the entire war situation, has expressed in an official statement made public tonight full confidence in the outcome of the war, with the aid of the American forces. Complete confidence in General Foch is also expressed, and thanks are extended to President Wilson for his co-operation in the work of transporting and brigading American troops. "The supreme war council held its sixth session under circumstances of great gravity for the alliance of free peoples," says the statement. "The German government relieved of all pressure on the eastern front by the collapse of the Russian armies and people has concentrated all its efforts in the west. It is now seeking to gain a decision in Europe by a series of desperate and costly assaults upon the allied armies before the United States can bring its full strength effectively to bear.

Renewal Expected. "The advantage it possesses in its strategic position and superior railway facilities has enabled the enemy with the same fortitude as they have ever exhibited in defence of the right will battle the enemy's purpose and in due course bring him to defeat. Everything possible is being done to sustain and support the armies in the field. The arrangements for unity of command have greatly improved the position of the allied armies and are working smoothly and with success. The supreme war council has complete confidence in General Foch. It regards with pride and admiration the valor of the allied troops."

AMERICANS DRIVE BACK THE ENEMY

By Brilliant Counter Attack They Repulse Germans Near Chateau Thierry.

Washington, June 4.—An announcement is made in General Pershing's evening communique of the actions announced today by the French War Office in which Americans by a brilliant counter-attack repulsed the Germans near Chateau Thierry and French and American troops drove back an enemy force which had crossed the Marne farther south.

HONOR TWO CANADIAN NURSES FOR BRAVERY

London, June 4.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The London Gazette announces the award of military medals to five women nurses for bravery and devotion to duty during enemy air raids on casualty clearing stations and hospitals. Nursing Sisters Mary Brown and Mary Lutwick worked many hours in great danger. Nursing Sisters Brown and Lutwick are Canadians. Miss Brown belongs in Vancouver. Miss Lutwick is from Dartmouth, N. S.

NEWSPAPER SEIZED

Montreal, June 4.—Charged with contravention of the order-in-council of May 21st dealing with the press in relation to any statement or report prejudicial to recruiting, etc., of His Majesty's forces or in the operation of any act or order-in-council concerning national service, the federal authorities this afternoon closed the premises of "Le Bulletin," a French weekly newspaper, published by A. P. Higeon Limited of this city. The printing plant was seized.

SUBMARINES PLAN TO REMAIN UNTIL AUGUST

Big Celebration Held at Kiel Two Months Ago When U-Boats Left Provisioned For Six Months' Cruise — Number of Vessels Sunk Off U. S. Coast Ten—Halifax Prepared For Possible Attack.

New York, June 4.—A member of the crew of the U-151, the German submarine which destroyed the schooner Edna, told Enoch Roker, one of the Edna's crew said here today, that the U-boat fleet plans to remain in American waters until August. Roker, for eight days a prisoner on the submarine, was rescued after he and other prisoners had been placed in open boats of another sunken ship, and arrived here last night.

"The storekeeper told me that since they had left Kiel two months ago after a big celebration before the submarine fleet left," Roker said today, "they were provisioned for a six months' cruise and he said they intended to stay on the western Atlantic coast until August at least. He did not tell me how many submarines were in the fleet as the officers on board kept vigilant eyes and ears."

DRAFT SYSTEM BETTER THAN THE OLD PLAN

Easier To Make Soldiers Under Present System Than Formerly.

Ottawa, June 4.—The adoption of the draft system for sending men to the front has, it was stated today by high officials of the militia department, given most satisfactory results. It is noticeable that men, after arriving in England, settle down to the business of soldiering with greater zeal than when they are in Canada. The fourteen weeks home training before despatching the men overseas, forms a good basis upon which to build. Under the old system of waiting for the completion of a battalion before despatching the men overseas, unsatisfactory conditions prevailed which the draft system has eliminated.

ALLIED INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA NEEDED

This Is Opinion of Alexander I. Konovloff, Minister of Commerce Under Kerensky.

Tokio, Tuesday, May 28, (By The Associated Press).—Allied intervention in Russia is necessary is the opinion of Alexander I. Konovloff, Minister of Commerce of the Kerensky cabinet, who has arrived here on his way to America. The former minister declared that the present regime is destructive and hopeless. He believes that allied intervention under the leadership of Japan would restore order, create a responsible government and hasten the winning of the war by combating the Germans and Austrians. If intervention were delayed anarchy in Russia is inevitable, and there is danger of the Bourgeoisie and the Socialists turning to Germany for help.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION

Paris, June 4.—Much damage was done by a violent explosion yesterday in a plant in which materials were being manufactured at Bausens, in Southern France, near Arles. The number of persons killed or injured is large.

DESTROYER SUNK

London, June 4.—A British destroyer sank in a collision Friday. The admiralty announcement says there were no casualties.

CHAMPION PITCHER ENLISTS. Chicago, June 4.—Urban "Red" Faber, pitcher of the Chicago American League team, and hero of the last world's championship series, will leave the club tonight. Faber who has been placed in Class A1 of the draft will spend a few days at his home in Cascade, Iowa, after which he plans to enlist in the Navy at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

HON. CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS DIES IN INDIANAPOLIS

Former Vice-President of United States and Former U. S. Senator.

WAS MEMBER OF JOINT HIGH COMMISSION

Had Much To Do With Adjusting U. S. Relations With Canada.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 4.—Hon. Charles Warren Fairbanks, former vice president of the United States and former United States Senator for Indiana, died at his home here at 8.55 o'clock tonight. Death was due to intestinal nephritis, which had been a chronic ailment with him but not regarded as serious until recently. All members of the former vice president's family, except Major Richard Fairbanks, who is in France, were at his bedside.

One Meal a Day. Roker said he and the other prisoners were given one meal a day—black bread, corned beef hash, and sometimes sauerkraut or potatoes. At evening and in the morning they received black coffee without sugar and occasionally jam on bread. The Americans slept in the quarters with the German crew but were often allowed to go on deck and smoke, Roker said.

Halifax Prepared. Halifax, June 4.—City Hall officials said today that arrangements had been made with the military authorities for a danger signal by citadel gunfire, in the event of any attack upon the port. This arrangement, it was stated, was made at the request of civilians. The military authorities say they feel well prepared to meet any situation arising. While there are no indications of any untoward event, it is expected that the Mayor will make an official announcement, outlining precautions to be taken in case of attack.

Ten Vessels. Washington, June 4.—The toll of the German U-boat raids off the North Atlantic coast was officially listed as seven schooners and three steamships by the navy department tonight. At the same time, the navy reported that an American destroyer beat off an attack by an enemy submarine on the French steamer Radioline six days ago off the Maryland coast, indicating that the raider was still on the hunt for prey. The Radioline later made an Atlantic port. The destroyer which fought off the raider also picked up two men from the Edward Baird which was reported bombed and sinking. Despite the latest official report to the navy department of the continued activity of the Hun raider officials tonight expressed the confident opinion that United States patrol vessels of all types were sufficient to protect further shipping from the ravages of the enemy raider. Secretary Daniels asserted that measures had been taken by every naval district on the Atlantic coast to combat the work of the enemy underwater cruiser and he declared that at every available vessel was under orders to immediately respond to any calls from craft in distress.

PRINCE KILLED IN MARNE FIGHTING

Prince Von Buchau, Commanding Bavarian Division, Slain.

Washington, June 4.—A diplomatic despatch from Switzerland says that Prince Von Buchau, the commanding general of a Bavarian division, has been killed in the fighting on the Marne.

FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

Montreal, June 4.—One woman is dead, a man and a woman are in the hospital suffering from severe injuries and another man and a baby are badly bruised as the result of an auto accident this afternoon at Cap St. Martin. The dead woman is Miss Eva Bourgeois, aged twenty-two.

FOOD REGULATIONS ARE WELL OBSERVED

Authorities At Ottawa Well Satisfied With Working of Orders.

Ottawa, June 4.—Advice received by the Canada Food Board from all the provinces show that the municipal and provincial police authorities are co-operating splendidly with the Food Board, and that the food regulations are being enforced with thoroughness and strictness.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, June 4.—Lorenzo Sawyer, who was shot by the Dominion police near Buctouche more than two weeks ago while evading military service took a bad turn at the city hospital today and his condition is serious. It was thought he was on the way to recovery, but complications have developed. He was reported slightly improved tonight. Lieut.-Col. McAvity was here today interviewing General Manager Hayes in regard to the movement of troops. Westmorland County Orangemen will celebrate July 12 this year at Forttoddac.