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A Satisfactory Is News From Allied Lines Today

Enemy Casualties Already Are Placed at 100,000

Allies' Losses Declared Small—Germans Send Fresh Troops Into the Battle but Fail so Far to Make Much Impression

London, July 17.—The position of the Allies at the present stage of the German offensive in France is said to be distinctly satisfactory, in advices received today. The French losses are said to have been very small. They have lost no guns.

Casualties sustained by the German troops in the offensive up to the present are estimated to number 100,000, according to news received in London today.

NEW ENEMY FORCES IN.

Paris, July 17.—The Germans last night threw new forces into the battle on the front south of the Marne and attacked the Allied lines north of St. Agnan. The enemy succeeded in penetrating into Bourdonnerie. The battle is continuing in the woods immediately to the south of this point.

On the front farther to the east the French held the enemy in the southern outskirts of the Bouquigny Wood and at the village of Néeses.

A powerful attack likewise was made by the Germans in the direction of Moinsy, but they were driven from this locality by a French counter-attack. On the front between the Marne and Rheims the fighting developed violently in the Courton Wood. The Germans attacked in the Vigny region, on this front, but their assault here broke down completely.

Along the line to the east of Rheims the Germans delivered local attacks, notably in the Prunay region. These efforts by the enemy were fruitless. It renewed assaults upon Beaumont the enemy suffered a sanguinary repulse. The French positions throughout the region to the east of Rheims were maintained intact.

ENEMY BOMBARDS BRITISH FRONT

London, July 17.—Raids carried out last night by the British in the Amiens area east of Villers-Bretonneux and in the neighborhood of Hailu, on the front to the north, resulted in the taking of prisoners, in the Somme and Scarpe sections, to the north of Amiens, and in the Arras region, north of the Scarpe. Enemy activity was active last night. Similar activity was displayed by the German guns in Flanders, in the district northeast of Bethune and to the north of Bailleul.

FIVE ATTACKS AND ALL FAIL

London, July 17.—Gen. Von Einem's army, which has now been definitely engaged on the German left wing in the Champagne, yesterday delivered five attacks between Gulppe and Maxéville. All were repulsed with heavy losses.

French counter-attacks have brought the German bridges over the river Marne under the fire of the French artillery of medium calibre.

On the French front in France, July 17.—(By the Associated Press)—Comparatively slight progress has been made by the enemy on the front west of Rheims, but his hope of effecting a breach in the line was not realized. The Allied method of defense proved wonderfully efficacious everywhere, resulting in maintaining the armies intact.

On the French front in France, July 17.—(By the Associated Press)—The stoppage of the general German attack appears to have been the feature of today's fighting. The enemy is resorting momentarily at least, to local attacks supported by strong artillery.

South of the Marne the Germans were turned out of St. Agnan and Chapelle-Monthodon by a counter-attack which enabled the French and Americans to regain heights overlooking a portion of the course of the Marne.

OFFICERS PLAY COWARDS PART On the French front, July 17.—Prisoners taken in counter-attacks by the French have been very low spirited on account of their losses.

A battalion commander captured investigated the regular officers of the German army. He declared that they sent reserve officers, like himself, forward, while they remained in the rear. If any of the officers complained, he added, the regular officers formed a court martial and meted out stern punishment.

So Says Vienna. Vienna, July 17.—(By the Associated Press)—The Italian mountain front is reported in the official statement from the Austro-Hungarian headquarters yesterday.

SPANISH SHIP WITH MINISTER ON BOARD TOPEEDED BY HUNS Athens, Greece, July 17.—It is announced from a Spanish source that a Spanish steamship on which Minister Lopez was returning to Spain has been torpedoed by a German submarine. The diplomat and his family have been rescued. The German government had been notified of the minister's departure a week in advance.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Martin H. Carmody, deputy supreme grand knight, Knights of Columbus, will address the members of St. John Council, No. 987, K. of C. this Wednesday evening at 8.15 o'clock in their hall, Coburg street.

Youngest Son of Col. Roosevelt Killed

Lieutenant Quentin, Returning After Air Patrol, Attacked by Hun Squadron

London, July 17.—Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's youngest son who has been attached to the American line forces on the Marne front, was killed at Chateau Thierry on July 14, says a despatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Lieutenant Roosevelt, the despatch says, was returning after a patrol fight, when he was attacked by a German squadron. It was seen that Roosevelt suddenly lost control of his machine, having probably received a mortal wound.

DUAL PUT TO DEATH IN PARIS

Executed for Treasonable Actions—Caillaux Presses for Hastening of Trial

Paris, July 17.—(Havas Agency)—M. Dural, director of the Gernanoophile newspaper Bonnet-Rouge, was executed early today for treasonable actions against the government.

Paris, July 17.—Joseph Caillaux, former premier, who is in prison waiting trial, has written to Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber of deputies, asking his request that the government hasten his trial of charges of communicating with the enemy. The former premier complains of "certain falsifications in telegrams," probably alluding to those sent by Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, to a German agent in Argentina. He adds:—"I shall have occasion soon to enlighten my colleagues in regard to the police machinations to which men have sunk and are sinking in an effort to reach me."

H. C. L. KEEPS ON MOVE

Further Increase in the Family Budget

Ottawa, July 17.—A continuance of the upward tendency in the cost of living is shown by the report of the H. C. L. committee on food prices for June. The average cost of a family budget of staple foods in some sixty cities at the middle of June was \$12.77, as compared with \$12.66 for May, \$11.89 for June 1917, and \$12.00 for June 1916.

Members of the union present said that there were some motions which never worked in the shops.

Mr. Taylor then arose on behalf of the company. He said he regretted that the matter had to come before a board of conciliation. He said that it was true that practically all of the street railway companies had asked for an increase in rates. He said that the company, however, had increased their rates. He said it must be apparent that the company was not increasing their rates.

He then took up the question of the demands of their employees. He said that in March Mr. Ross, president of the company, promised the workers an increase of three cents an hour, but they demanded five cents. He said that he paid a tribute to the efficiency of the employees of the company and commended them for their consistent treatment to passengers, etc.

In this city, he said, the traffic had fallen off considerably. Compared with July last year receipts have fallen off at a rate of \$181 a day. The cost of operating the street railway this year will be \$100,000 more than last, in addition to a falling off in the revenue. He said that the gross receipts last year were approximately \$800,000. He said the company had 270 employees; out of this number 165 were members of the union. Taking the increased cost of coal, etc., the expenses this year would aggregate \$450,000. This, he said, would not include any increase for labor. He said that the company was going to get an increase in fares, and he would stop running. He said that to rebuild the street railway, with the increased cost of labor, rails, etc., and purchase cars, would require an expenditure of \$8,000,000 more.

In answer to Mr. Hatheway he said there are twenty-five miles of track. He said that it was impossible for the company to get an adequate return for their expenditure as it would necessitate an increase of double the present fares with the same amount of travel as at the present time. He said that the employees should take these circumstances into consideration. In making their demands, if the high cost of living were the basis for the increase then all the employees should be treated alike. He said that if the board granted or awarded, the increase of seven cents it would cost the company \$500,000 more yearly.

Mr. Sinclair said that he had figured out that the increase would come to \$800,000. He asked Mr. Taylor how many men out of the 270 would have their wages cut. Mr. Taylor said he thought considerably over half of them.

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Council Wants It Rescinded

That Piratical Order-in-Council of Old Government

MEETING AT CITY HALL Corporations Also Come in For Sharp Criticism—The Question of Street Paving, Traffic Police-men and Automobiles—N. B. Telephone Co. Denounced—F. R. Taylor Wants Hearing

The city council will memorialize the former government to rescind the secret agreement entered into by the former government taking out of the hands of the city the power to assess the New Brunswick Power Company.

This action was decided on at this morning's council meeting, every member expressing himself very strongly on the subject of secretly depriving the city of its rightful powers.

There was also sharp criticism of the New Brunswick Telephone Company by Commissioner McLellan, who described the service as very bad and getting steadily worse, and declared he would have the street drains action.

Commissioner Hilyard gave the corporations a hard rap when a letter from F. R. Taylor was read, asking to be heard in opposition to the assessment of the C. P. R. telephone in this city. Mr. Hilyard said it seemed that corporations had been able in the past to come in and walk off with whatever they wanted.

All the members were present at this morning's meeting. On motion of Commissioner McLellan it was decided to ask the provincial government if it intended to take any action in the matter of the city's memorial relating to the petitioners.

Property owners in Union street, between Charlotte and Sydney, asked to be released from any further contribution for the permanent pavement there. This led to considerable debate and it was decided to have some of the petitioners and go into the whole question of the city's policy in regard to contributions from property owners for street improvement. The matter will come up a week from tomorrow.

Petitions from the school board touching street repairs needed near Alexandra and Newman street schools were referred to the board of works.

Mr. Colwell was re-appointed a member of the school board.

The matter of Kaes & Ring's claim for \$2,000 to \$3,000 for what work was referred to the city solicitor, along with J. Fred Bely's demand for the execution of the lease of certain lots.

The recommendation of a recent jury that a traffic policeman be placed at the intersection of King street and Commercial street was referred to Commissioner McLellan to report. The question of revenue from motor cars and taximeters was also referred to Commissioner McLellan to report.

Renewal leases will issue to Mrs. E. F. Merrill of lot No. 658, Orange street, Queens ward, for a term of seven years from the first day of May last—annual rental \$28.00, and to Jennie Hagerty, wife of William G. Hagerty, of lot No. 22, Block B, in the Parish of Lancastry, for seven years from the 1st day of May last, at annual rental of \$11 upon a surrender of the present lease being filed with the common clerk.

The Mayor was authorized to act as local fuel controller until some suitable person is appointed to the position.

The estimate for repairing the north side of the Rodney Wharf was increased from \$8,000 to \$8,700.

The following renewal leases will issue, upon the common clerk being satisfied that the several persons are entitled thereto, namely:—

Lots Nos. 1059 and 1061, Brooks ward, to the R. C. Bishop of St. John for seven years from 1st November, 1917, at \$15 per annum.

Part Lot No. 724, Brooks ward, to the R. C. Bishop of St. John for seven years from 1st November, 1917, at \$10 per annum.

Lot No. 1092, Brooks ward, to Daniel J. Pitt, for seven years, from 1st May last at \$14 per annum.

Lot No. 17, Protection street, Brooks ward, to Ida P. Bodington, for seven years, from 1st May last at \$16.50 per annum.

AUSTRIAN GENERAL QUITS Amsterdam, July 17.—Emperor Charles, says a Vienna telegram, has granted the request of Field Marshal Conrad von Hostensdorf, former Austrian commander-in-chief, and lately in command of the Italian main-front, that he be relieved of his command.

Gen. Archduke Joseph has been appointed commander of an army group of 100,000 men. The appointment of W. B. Bramley, of Bath, parish of Kent, as a commission for the parish of Kent, is rescinded.

DEPUTY MINISTER LOGGIE WITNESS

Enquiry Into Currie Charges Is Continued

SESSION IN FREDERICTON

Evidence as to Methods of Department in Dealing With Scalers and in Collection of Stampage—System, He Thinks, Not the Best

Fredricton, N. B., July 17.—In the inquiry into the charges against Hon. Mr. Currie, Colonel T. G. Loggie, deputy minister, was on the stand here all morning and will continue this afternoon.

When the session opened Col. T. G. Loggie, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, was called to give evidence. Examined by Dr. Baxter he told of the appointment of Archibald Murchie, as a government scaler in 1908. As an illustration of instructions to scalers the witness read a circular addressed to all scalers last year, dealing with the size of logs, which might be cut, their markings, etc. Stampage was payable, he said, on all logs down to five inches diameter at the small end.

Regarding the evidence of the Continental Company's scaler that logs of less than eight inches were disregarded, he said that scaling smaller logs was impracticable.

Instructors to scalers as to how to carry on their work were only general, as the scalers, having passed their examinations, were supposed to know their work. Instructions were limited chiefly to information regarding the limits of the district in which the scaler was to operate.

The duties of the chief scaler, the witness said, were to see that his subordinates were alert on their work, that they were performing their monthly counts, answer correspondence and see that a correct count of the cut was filed with the department. He was not able to say if the counter's books for the Continental operations for 1916-17 had been returned to the department.

With the aid of a map Col. Loggie showed the location of the Continental Company's timber limits. At the headwaters of the Chasco, their lands extended to the Richmond Company permits.

From the scalers' returns the department seldom could tell from which of the lands any particular log of lumber was cut. Plans of the district indicating the Continental Company's limits, had been sent to Murchie, Colonel Loggie was asked to produce copies of the plans, also any correspondence with Murchie and any returns sent in by him.

When he returned Colonel Loggie produced a copy of the formal appointment sent to Murchie, which showed by his record that scale plan had been sent to the scaler, had been returned by him on August, 1917, and destroyed by Murchie.

New plans were sent at that time. These would show part of the Richards lands on the River Chasco, as well as the Continental's lands. Letters from the chief scaler, October 4, 1916, showed what forms and books had been returned to the department.

DOMINION POLICE AFTER THREE SUNBURY BROTHERS; SHOOT ONE OF THEM IN THE SHOULDER

Fredricton, N. B., July 15.—Colby Cogswell of Waterville, Sunbury county, was brought here today with a bullet wound in his shoulder received while being arrested by a party of the Dominion police as an absentee under the Military Service Act. His condition is reported serious.

George Cogswell, a brother, was arrested at the same time as an absentee. Arthur Cogswell, a third brother, who is wanted as an absentee from the depot battalion, succeeded in keeping clear of the dominion police.

IS THERE SOMETHING BACK OF COLLISIONS? Buenos Aires, July 17.—The British steamship Call Robertson, which came into collision on Saturday in the River Plate with another British steamship and sank, has been refloated and towed into dock. She is badly damaged. It is asserted that the ministry of marine will begin an investigation of the frequent collisions of allied vessels while in charge of river pilots.

HUNDRED PETITIONS FOR WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS

Toronto, July 17.—When Gordon Waldron appears before Mr. Justice Sutherland here today he will have ready to present 100 petitions for writs of habeas corpus. Mr. Waldron is of the opinion that these cases cannot rightly be referred to the Supreme Court of Canada.

OFFICIAL WORD THAT J. S. MORRISON HAS GIVEN LIFE IN WAR

Ottawa, July 17.—Casualties: INFANTRY.

Wounded: A. Richard, Limonoli, Que. P. A. Cody, North Withaker, P. E. I.

FORESTRY CORPS. C. A. Stewart, Ashland, N. B.

III. R. E. Breen, Sussex, N. B. MEDICAL SERVICES. J. S. Morrison, St. John, N. B.

CAVALRY. J. Parr, Truro, N. S.

BRITISH DESTROY MANY MORE OF THE ENEMY AIRPLANES

London, July 17.—Between July 4 and July 16 "we destroyed thirty-five enemy aircraft, and one of ours failed to return," reads a British official statement on operations on the Italian front, issued last night.

On Monday British aircraft downed six German machines on the west front. One British is missing. Hostile posts were bombed.

London, July 17.—British aviators again have attacked Offenbourg, near Karlsruhe, and Thionville, near Metz, says the official statement from the air ministry issued last night. Good bursts were observed at Offenbourg and a fire, followed by explosions, was started at Thionville.

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A GAIN AT ONE POINT

London, July 17.—Forces of the German Crown Prince advanced another three miles down the Marne Valley yesterday. This makes a total penetration of the French line of about six miles at Festigny, the most southern point reached by the invaders.

Paris, July 17.—All the Paris military critics agree that yesterday still further accentuated the failure of the German offensive.

London, July 17.—(Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—If there was no other evidence, the restrained tone of the German communique alone would show what little success the enemy offensive achieved.

MEATLESS DAYS IN FRANCE DISCONTINUED Paris, July 17.—The abolition of meatless days in France after July 20 is ordered in a decree issued today.

REVOLUTIONISTS IN GERMAN ARMY

Hun Airplane and 22 Planes Burned Near Nivelles—Twelve Arrests Made

London, July 17.—The destruction of a new German airplane by fire, with twenty-two other planes, near Nivelles, is attributed to the work of German revolutionists in the army, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam today. Nivelles is seventeen miles south of Brussels. Ten Belgians and two German non-commissioned officers have been arrested. The day before the fire, adds the despatch, a secret meeting occurred in a cafe near Nivelles, where schemes for the destruction of the airplane was discussed.

MATTER THAT AFFECTS THE MOVIE HOUSES

The motion picture agencies of this city, which there are about fifteen, located in various buildings and employing a large staff of clerks and accountants, have recently organized an association to deal in concert with matters which they say have militated against their interests of late months.

Dishonored contracts, had accounts for such are chief in the list of troubles the association aims to clear up.

Moreover, there is another and more serious matter which the association is dealing with and about which a conference held in Halifax last week, and a spirited session of exhibitors and exchange managers. This is the refusal of film agencies to supply service to any theatre using the pictures of a concern that has not affiliated itself with their new organization.

This refusal, which they say has brought all film vendors into their body.

The exhibitors who have been refused service for the reason mentioned, are taking legal action to find out how far the agencies can go in a matter of this kind. They stoutly say they will not be made the bait of any agency wrangles and want to have competent legal authority pronounce upon the status of their contracts and what effect internal film disputes may have upon them, if any.

F. G. Spencer, G. A. Margrett, manager of the Universal Film Company agency here, and Basil Horsfall, general manager for Canada of the Mutual Film Corporation, are in the state city in connection with the matter, and officials of the Motion Picture Exhibitors League, located in Halifax, are watching the proceedings.

HAS GOOD WORDS FOR CANADIAN PAPERS

London, July 17.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—All the Canadian newspaper representatives now in England were cordially welcomed at a conference of the Empire Press Union at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Robert Donohue, editor of the Daily Chronicle and chairman of the union, presided, supported by the president, Lord Burnham. Mr. Donohue declared that Canada's great efforts could not have been accomplished but for the patriotism of her press.

London, July 17.—The House of Commons last night passed on third and final reading of the Educational Bill, in introduced last year.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis.—The trough of low pressure extends from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the middle Atlantic states and Lake Huron westward. The barometer is fairly high. Heavy showers occurred in Ontario and Quebec but elsewhere the weather has been fine.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair, Thursday; fine and warm.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valley—Moderate winds, a few local showers, but mostly fair. Thursday, light winds, fine and warm.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, a few local showers, but mostly fair and Thursday.

New England—Showers tonight. Thursday partly cloudy; west winds.

Maritime—Moderate south winds, mostly fair and warm today and Thursday. A few local showers.

Western Provinces—Fine and cloudy, warm today and Thursday.