

LELDORFF PLANNING ANOTHER DRIVE ON PARIS?

GERMANS MAY TRY FOR FRENCH CAPITAL BY WAY OF THE OISE

If Such a Drive Is Started It Will Be An Attempt To Outflank Allied Troops Operating West of Soissons—Foch Is Now Moving Slowly and Carefully To Save Man-Power—He Can Win As Much Ground By Waiting As By Charging Enemy.

Special cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).

London, July 23—(Delayed)—The war news is highly significant, especially that part covering the four-mile French attack northwest of Montdidier. Here Foch captured the villages of Mailly Sauvilles and Aubillers, advancing his line approximately a mile. Foch describes the action as a local operation.

Further south along the rim of the great basin between Soissons and Rheims Foch says that there were only artillery actions. Both these reports contain a world of speculation, first it is reasonable to deduce that Foch struck northwest of Montdidier because he anticipated enemy activity in this quarter and was anxious to interrupt his preparations.

Another Drive to Paris.

The question is whether Ludendorff is planning another drive towards Paris down the valley of the Oise, which if successful would outflank the Allied troops operating west of Soissons. Certainly Foch does not expect to return on his investment.

Now let us turn to the Marne battlefield fifty miles to the south. Within this salient the Crown Prince by working furiously concentrated a great number of guns and men and Allied progress slackened noticeably. After five days of unbroken advance, Foch is now moving slowly or not at all. The reason is that Foch refuses to throw his men against the iron ring when he can win as much ground by waiting. Within this salient the enemy is finding his communications constantly shelled. He can hold the salient for the time being, but he must eventually withdraw under a steady rain of Allied shells. His other alternative is to widen this salient, but apparently Foch is fully confident that his pliers will hold the Crown Prince securely.

Situation Encouraging. The general situation is exceedingly encouraging, but Ludendorff has a strong kick in Rupprecht's army. The Crown Prince may retire to the Aisne but Rupprecht will try to offset the bad effect of the Marne defeat.

Fifty odd German divisions have suffered a fierce drubbing, but it has taken a considerable force to do it. The German armies are much weaker than a week ago, but the Allied army have also paid the price, the only fact that certainly counts against them is to face the facts—to look at the immediate military future which is fraught with great possibilities.

Heavy Rains.

Continued heavy rains are a potent factor in the military developments and likely to retard the plans of both sides.

The Americans northeast of Chateau Thierry and along thither to the east have made notable gains in taking the heights of Jaulgonne. These divisions formed the right flank of the Allied forces which met the heavy German counter aimed at Grisolles.

Here the Yankees without the shock like veterans and came back with a dash that proved irresistible. Four bridges across the Marne are now being used by the Americans and French. East of Jaulgonne the enemy clings tenaciously to the north bank of the river and he has made the transport of troops exceedingly difficult. Slowly, however, the French are driving them back.

British Progress.

Southwest of Rheims where the country is heavily wooded the French and British forces made slower progress, but the British have cleared the Pettes Champs Woods and captured 200 prisoners. Unconfirmed reports put the French in Ouchy Chateau five miles west of Pere en Tardenois, the virtual center of the salient. Many villages are burning within the salient, and though some of them were probably fired by artillery, it is believed the Germans are planning a further retirement and are destroying everything as they did in March a year ago.

South of the Vesle the Germans have not a single first class road out of range of the Allied guns; east of Amiens the enemy is hurling gas shells into the British lines, while south of Ypres there is lively artillery activity. Air fighting is confined largely to the Marne battlefield.

MITCHELL WINS THE BRIDGE DAMAGE SUIT

Verdict For Defendant in Alcorn Case—Freeze-Mitchell Trial on.

Special to The Standard.

Newcastle, July 24—The suit of Alcorn vs. Mitchell ended this afternoon with a verdict for the defendant. The defendant gave evidence agreeing generally with the other witnesses for the defence, he swore he had only seven feet of the bridge while the bridge was some twelve feet above the water with only a two foot three inch railing. Walter Freeze testified that the plaintiff was a careful driver. Milton Amos, a witness Charles Mitchell now proceeding.

GERMANY ASKS FOR A PEACE CONFERENCE

Berlin Socialist Newspaper Vorwarts Allowed To Announce Plan.

GERMANY DESIRES NO ANNEXATION

Suggestions Made By Enemy To The Spanish Conference.

Amsterdam, July 24.—Germany has made to the Spanish government suggestions for a peace conference, says the Socialist organ Vorwarts, of Berlin. The suggestions are: First—Germany wants no annexation or indemnities in the west.

Second—The peace treaties with Russia and Roumania may not be questioned.

Third—The principle of self determination of people has not been discussed, but may be settled at the peace conference, where the fate of Belgium also is to be settled.

Fourth—The Balkan question is to be settled around the conference table.

Fifth—The freedom of the seas, the dismantling of Gibraltar and the Suez Canal and the right for Germany to use coaling stations.

Sixth—The colonial question is to be settled on the basis of the status quo.

The Vorwarts considers this a very reasonable peace programme.

The Status Quo.

The term "status quo" has been rather loosely used in the past in connection with the solution of various peace problems. In general it has been employed as an abbreviation of the term "status quo ante bellum." Germany's position heretofore as indicated by her chief statesmen, has been of insistence upon the return of her colonies and there has been nothing in the recent utterances of the German leaders tending to show that this attitude had been changed. It was even indicated that the "paw" held by Germany in the shape of Belgium was intended to be used to secure the giving back of her former colonial possessions.

LIGHTNING KILLS EEL RIVER LADY

Mrs. Alexander Jenkins Killed, But Child in Her Arms Absolutely Unhurt.

Chatham, July 24.—Yesterday's heavy storm took a life at Eel River bridge. The tragedy occurred in the home of Alexander Jenkins of that place and bereaved him of his wife, Mrs. Jenkins was sitting in the kitchen at the time of the storm with a child in her lap and it is possible that during the heaviest crash a bolt ran down the chimney into the room striking Mrs. Jenkins dead on the spot.

The most marvelous feature of the sad event is that the child, Mrs. Jenkins was absolutely unhurt, while she was stricken dead. Mrs. Jenkins was 32 years of age and survived by her husband and four children, who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. The children are two sons, one of whom is now at Camp Sussex, and two daughters.

PROBABLY NO STRIKE ON MONTREAL CARS

Public Utilities Commission Has Authority To Consider Appeal.

Montreal, July 24.—A strike of Montreal tramway employes was regarded as improbable today, as a result of a decision of the public utilities commission that it has the authority to dispose of an appeal against the findings of the tramway commission respecting higher street car fares, and upon which hinges the question of higher wages which the men were promised some weeks ago.

A joint meeting of representatives of the tramway company and employes is being held this afternoon, and it is expected that the men will decide to remain at work pending the settlement of rates question by the public utilities commission.

ENGLISH MUNITION WORKERS IN STRIKE

Men At Birmingham Go Out—About 70,000 in Twelve Societies Involved.

London, July 24.—A strike of munition workers began at Birmingham at six o'clock last evening, the hour the day workers finished their work and when the night shift was to come on duty, according to a despatch to the Central News from Birmingham.

The aggregate membership of the twelve societies affiliated with the joint committee of the engineering trades union is about 75,000, including 5,000 women. Officials of the joint committee say that they have no reason to doubt that all workers will be loyal to the resolution to stop work.

RUSSIAN BUTCHERY

Amsterdam, July 24.—Up to July 19, more than 200 Social Revolutionists of the Left had been shot by the Bolsheviks for participating in the assassination of Ambassador von Mirbach and in the counter revolution, the German charge at Moscow has been informed by Foreign Minister Tschitcherin, says a despatch from Berlin. Among those shot, it is added, was Alexandrovitch, vice president of the committee which directed the plot.

DENIES CHARGES

Montreal, July 24.—In connection with the report from Kingston, Ont., that the Ogdensburg Towing Company, in conjunction with the Canada Steamship Lines, is attempting to restrict the movement of anthracite coal. Dr. W. L. McDougall, president of the Ogdensburg Coal and Towing Company states that it is absolutely ridiculous and without the slightest foundation.

FOOD ISSUE SERIOUS IN SWEDEN NOW

Prices High and All Except Well To Do Suffering.

Stockholm, July 20.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Food supply is so short and prices so high that the situation is becoming serious for all except the well-to-do. No potatoes have been available for weeks. The new crop is selling at the equivalent of \$1.20 a quart or \$9.60 a peck. Tea costs the equivalent of \$21.00 a pound and is almost entirely unavailable.

The ration of coffee issued five weeks ago amounted to 3-1/2 ounces for each person and the same amount of inferior loaf was issued a month ago. About one ounce of butter is issued to each person once a week.

Virtually the only vegetables on the market are spinach and asparagus. Eggs bring \$1.20 a dozen and the cheapest cuts of boiling beef \$1.20 per pound, butter and veal cutlets \$2.00 a pound, poultry as high as \$1.34 a pound. No pork has been issued since May 13.

Hothouse peaches, virtually the only fruit obtainable, sell at \$1.00 each. Neither macaroni nor any cereal product is obtainable nor are there any legumes to be had except an occasional issue of 3-1/2 ounces of dried peas. Long drought has affected the crops.

COST MONCTON MAN \$3 TO KISS A WOMAN

This Sum Is Standard Market Quotation Where Recipient Is Unwilling.

Moncton, July 24.—It costs just \$3 to kiss an unwilling woman in Moncton. Among the cases before his honor yesterday was that of a citizen who was charged with making uncalled for advances toward a married lady resident of that city. The latter in her statement accused the man of kissing her which crime the man did not deny. He was assessed the sum of \$3 on his days. It is assumed that this will in all probability establish a basis of price for this commodity in future, of which fact all gentlemen inclined to favor this form of pastime are advised to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

THE IRISH RETURN

London, July 24.—The Irish Nationalists returned to parliament yesterday after a three months absence, which was due to the government's decision to introduce conscription in Ireland.

At a meeting previous to the assembling of the commons, the Nationalists decided to put down a motion regarding Irish affairs which will allow a general discussion if the government can give a day for it.

AFTER BANK ROBBERS

Quebec, July 24.—In connection with the dynamic robbery of the National Bank at Scotts, Quebec, some time ago, it is learned that the police have entered United States territory, hot on the trail, they say, of the auto bandits that broke into the bank and escaped with some \$4,000.

DECLINE TO AGREE TO ORDER OF FOSTER-VENOT GOVERNMENT

Westmorland County Council Decides To Assess For \$25,000 For Patriotic Fund and Not For Extra Amount Ordered By Provincial Secretary's Department—No Money Will Be Obtained Under False Pretences.

Special to The Standard. Dorchester, July 24.—The Westmorland county council at this afternoon session refused to comply with instructions from the Provincial Secretary's department at Fredericton to increase its assessment for Canadian Patriotic Fund from \$25,000 to \$52,000. The council having been advised by ex-Lieut. Governor Wood that New Brunswick's contribution to the Canadian Patriotic Fund this year would be \$400,000, making Westmorland's portion about \$25,000. This was assessed accordingly, despite the fact that the provincial government had sent out notices to the several municipalities that the province was required to raise \$518,000 for patriotic purposes this year. On a basis of \$518,000 for the province, Westmorland's share would be something like \$25,000.

In another respect also the Westmorland council has ignored the provincial government's instructions. The council adjourned this afternoon since the

WAR ROMANCE AT MONCTON

Newcastle Girl Met Winnipeg Boy She Did Not Know—Marriage Follows.

Newcastle, July 24.—A romance which reads almost like fiction was culminated at a wedding in the Methodist parsonage, at Moncton, on Wednesday evening, when Rev. Hammond Johnson united in marriage Miss Abigail Hill, eldest daughter of the late Thomas C. and Mrs. Hill, of Newcastle, and Private William Laparda of Winnipeg.

About three years ago, Pte. Laparda, who was then a member of the 43rd Battalion, passed through Newcastle, on his route overseas to serve His King and after spending some months in a crowd that had gathered at the station to see the boys go through and give them a hearty handshake and good wish was Miss Hill and to whom Pte. Laparda gave his name and asked her to write.

Time passed along and letters became very numerous, until one day Pte. Laparda fell a victim of a German shell and after spending some months in an English hospital, was invalided to Canada, and arrived in Halifax about four months ago. Naturally his first desire was to see the young lady who had written him such cheery letters during his dreary hours in the trenches, and he at once came to Newcastle and sought Miss Hill, and the result of their meeting was the wedding.

RESOURCEFULNESS OF ENGLISHMEN

How Manufacturers in North of England Converted Plants Into Munition Factories.

Manchester, Eng., July 1.—A typical example of the enterprise and resourcefulness displayed by the North of England manufacturers in converting their plants into munitions factories was given by a concern in a Manchester suburb.

When Lloyd George's call came for shells this plant had no equipment for their manufacture. The manager made a quick tour of surrounding towns, visiting small shops from which he borrowed lathes. These were converted into shell-making machines and in a remarkably short time the plant was turning out 2,000 shells a week of large calibre.

The usual method of "bottling" or shaping the nose of a shell is by hydraulic pressure. The plant, however, had no presses available for the work. The government engineers offered to supply a press but that meant a considerable delay. "I won't wait for one, said the manager. "I can bottle shells with a steam hammer."

"Those engineers laughed at me," the manager said "but the hammer worked."

By the hydraulic process, shells are bottled with the ends up. "I turned the shells upside down in a mold and hammered their noses in," the manager explained. "Both time and money were saved." Many shell factories in the district are now employing this method.

DOUGLASFELD BOY LOST IN WOODS

Eight Year Old Lad Out All Night—Faithful Dog Stays With Him.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, July 24.—Berlie King, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank King of Douglashfield got lost in the woods after a storm on Tuesday near his home and after remaining over night found his way at noon today to a residence some miles distant, the occupants of which directed him home. His dog stayed with him all the time.

Searching parties had scoured the woods from the time of his disappearance in vain.

STORM CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE IN CARLETON CO.

Bruce Flemming of Weston Loses His Barn and Much Hay.

FUNERAL OF MR. JAMES McLEAN

Kenneth Yerxa Who Has Been Seriously Ill, Out of Danger.

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, July 24.—One of our best known citizens, James McLean, who died on Monday evening, after a few weeks' illness, aged 68 years, was buried this afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, and the pall-bearers were: Mayor Barrt, Cook Hall, Albert Fields, Haddon Barrt, Alex. Been and George Jacques. Burial in the Methodist cemetery.

There was a heavy thunder and lightning storm in parts of the county last night, Messrs. Frank Carpenter, Stephen Porter, Adarene Smart, John Craig, Henry Davis and Bruce Flemming of Weston, being heavy sufferers. The crops were badly cut up by the hail. Mr. Flemming's barn was struck by lightning and burned with twelve tons of hay. The storm was very light at Woodstock and no damage was done.

Kenneth Yerxa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Yerxa, who has been dangerously ill from pneumonia, is considered out of danger tonight.

HEAVY FIRING AT SUSSEX SATURDAY

Inhabitants Will Do Well To Take Cover When Sergeants Begin Shooting.

Special to The Standard.

Camp Sussex, July 24.—The inhabitants for miles around would do well to take cover early Saturday afternoon as the sergeants of the Depot Battalion have challenged the officers to a rifle match. Game warden if they find any strange deer, moose or bear carcasses within a radius of ten miles will know their death was accidental.

Capt. J. V. Keirstead and Q. M. S. v. Graham who are in charge of musketry and have faced machine gun and rifle fire on different occasions, have both decided they will have urgent business in other places during the match as the element of danger will be much above the average.

GEN. MACDONNELL IN FREDERICTON

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, July 24.—Brigadier Gen. MacDonnell, accompanied by Colonel Jost, arrived in the city last evening from St. John and tomorrow will inspect the military hospital.

NICHOLAS' SON DEAD

Amsterdam, July 24.—Alexis Romanoff, the former heir apparent to the Russian throne, died from exposure a few days after his father, the former Emperor, was executed, says a despatch from Moscow to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger.

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WATER ALMANAC.

Phases of the Moon	
Full moon	1st. 4h. 43m. a.m.
1st. quarter	8th. 12.55 p.m.
Full moon	15th. 11.30 a.m.
3rd. quarter	22nd. 10.55 p.m.
Full moon	29th. 9h. 14m. a.m.

WATER ALMANAC.

High Water	Low Water
4.55 12.55	8.50 10.05
5.55 1.00	13.39 7.34
6.55 1.54	14.22 8.10
7.55 2.40	15.07 9.06
8.55 3.20	15.50 10.00

THE WEATHER
July 24.—A pronounced air mass accompanied by very heavy showers in the western part of the province. In the east only moderately warm in the Provinces.

MARRIAGES.

On July 22nd at Fred... Rev. M. Addison; Ervin... Rusagornish to Gladys... of Millville.

DEATHS.

In this city, on the 24th July, at a short illness, Isabella... aged 83 years, a native of... Scotland, the wife of... Thomas Reid, leaving one... daughter, to mourn... loss. (Boston papers copy.)

AND BLUNT BRITISH SENSE

July 24.—The Welsh... held a meeting today... telegraphed the... workers as follows: now and you will earn the... of the Kaiser and his army... within the salient, and though some of them were probably fired by artillery, it is believed the Germans are planning a further retirement and are destroying everything as they did in March a year ago.

and you may go to HELL, will remain at work and fight to shake the hand of when he returns.

ARTHUR LANDS AT VICTORIA, B. C.

B. C., July 24.—On his way to Japan where he presented... the Emperor, Prince Arthur... arrived here this... He was met by the lieutenant... Major Mackenzie, Major... Mackenzie, G. O. C., M. D. surrounded by representatives of... and a guard.

WELCH WELCOME PRINCE ARTHUR

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