

GERMAN PUSH ON SCALE EQUAL TO MARCH DRIVE

PIERCE FIGHTING DURING VIOLENT THUNDER STORM

Flower of German Army Engaged on Front of Over Sixty Miles—Enemy Has Apparently Nearly Million Men, More Than Half of Whom Have Already Been Engaged—German Losses Heavier Than Expected.

Paris, July 16—The German offensive has taken on a great scale equal to that launched on March 21, says a despatch filed from the Marne battlefield today at noon by the correspondent of the Temps. Fighting continued this morning, the despatch says, in a violent storm of thunder and lightning. The weather was clearing at noon. An impression of confidence throughout the armies is indicated by the latest despatches from various parts of the battlefield.

Elite German armies are engaged along the sixty miles of fighting front, the correspondent adds, they include three divisions of the Imperial Corps Guards with picked regiments from Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Saxony and Silesian Prussia.

The battle has been baptized "Friedensturm" or "storm of peace," the correspondent reports.

950,000 Germans.

The Germans apparently have from sixty to seventy divisions in position for the present offensive, of which some forty have already been engaged. (This would mean a potential force of approximately 950,000 with 450,000 engaged.)

Military circles qualified to judge express no uneasiness today over the slight advance made by the Germans south of the Marne.

French Entranced.

London, July 16—The French this afternoon were entranced at Prunay, behind the River Vesle, two miles back of the original line, the Evening Standard states. This, it adds, is the deepest penetration the enemy has effected in the region east of Rheims.

Between Chateau Thierry and Rheims the enemy, accentuating his efforts to enlarge his advantages, launched furious attacks. The combats were particularly ferocious south of the Marne and in the region of Chateau.

French and American troops resisted the enemy magnificently and counter-attacked many times with the utmost vigor.

Magnificent Defense.

(By The Associated Press.) With the French Army in France, July 16—The allied resistance to the Germans in the present offensive has been so great and the German losses consequently so heavy that enemy divisions which the German staff had not intended to utilize until tomorrow had to be thrown into the line by noon yesterday.

The defence by both the French and the American troops was magnificent, and a number of vigorous counter-attacks marked the fighting. A German courier pigeon that was captured bore

a message saying: "The fighting for the passage of the Marne is worse than an inferno." It was here that the Americans and French constantly counter-attacked with gallantry, succeeded in driving at least some of the Germans back across the river, while others were drowned in endeavoring to escape.

Famous Guards in It.

Among the units which attacked the allied line on the front southwest of Rheims were several of the famous Guards divisions, and these advanced in such overwhelming numbers that the Allies, although fighting with the utmost tenacity and courage, were forced back slightly in the vicinity of Marfoux, Cuchery, and Bouilly. The Italians fought shoulder to shoulder with the French on this front. The line bent a little here, but it did not break.

The Only Progress.

London, July 16—A statement issued this evening by the Central News says: "The only progress the Germans have been able to make since yesterday has been to the east of Rheims, in the Prunay sector, where in spite of terrible losses the enemy has compelled the French to retire to the southward behind the River Vesle."

From a captured map it is evident that the Germans main attack was intended to be down the Marne Valley into Epernay. There is every indication that the enemy intended the attack should be a really big one. Thirty divisions so far have been identified. Some of them came from the army of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, so it is believed there is little likelihood of the Germans launching another attack while this one is on. The French military authorities are quite satisfied and they say they have the situation well in hand.

CONCILIATION BOARD HELD TWO SESSIONS YESTERDAY

Union Men's Case Presented Before the Board— Tilt Between Messrs. Taylor and Hatheway— Magnus Sinclair Said Seven Cent Increase Was Lowest Figure Men Could Live on—Presented Table Showing Cost of Living.

Two sessions of the conciliation board, in the dispute between the New Brunswick Power Company and the Street Railwaymen's Union regarding wages, were held yesterday and the case for the men placed before the board. At this morning's session the case for the company will be presented.

Yesterday morning's session was convened by a tilt between Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hatheway, and at one time during the afternoon session there was so much cross firing between the parties that the chairman threatened to clear the room.

Morning Session.

At the opening of the morning session Mr. Hatheway took exception to the statement of Mr. Taylor that he was trying to ruin the company. This he claimed was not the case; all he was trying to do was to point out the carelessness of our law makers.

Mr. Taylor in reply referred to Mr. Hatheway's opposition to water power development was to a certain extent responsible for the troubles of the Power Company today.

Magnus Sinclair said the men were asking for an increase of seven cents per hour, as this was the lowest figure which they felt they could decently live on and they were not willing to accept anything less. He presented a table showing the cost of living for a family of five persons based on the prices ruling in St. John in June last, showing this cost to be \$14.68 for a year. This included: For provisions, \$379.59; clothing, \$427.83; other items, \$627.53. The biggest wage paid to the men was less than \$10.00, and they were going behind, hence the application for an increase.

Afternoon Session.

Mr. Sinclair continued his argument at the afternoon session and read a list of cities where increases had recently been granted to the men. In Portland, Me., the wages paid ran from 38 cents per hour to 37 cents per hour; on the Bay State Lines there had been an increase of five cents per hour, making the wages range from 35 cents to 40 1/2 cents per hour; in Springfield the wages ranged from \$3.33 per day to \$3.87 for a nine hour day. He promised to board today.

In support of his contention that the cost of living had gone up Mr. Sinclair submitted the following statement of one day's meals made up by a member of the Union for a family of five persons: Breakfast, ten eggs, 45 cents; porridge, 30 cents; bread and butter, 20 cents; tea and sugar, 10 cents. Dinner, meat, 45 cents; vegetables, 30 cents; bread and butter, 24 cents; milk 6 cents; dessert, 20 cents; tea and sugar, 10 cents. Supper, bread and butter, 30

cents; milk, 6 cents; berries, 30 cents; tea and sugar, 10 cents; cake, 30 cents—a total of 3.46 for the day. He also quoted statistics to show that living was more expensive here than in the West. The Labor Gazette of April, 1918, gave the cost of living for a family of five as \$20 per week. In 1905 this cost was \$9.57. He also quoted other statistics to show that living was just as high here as other parts of Canada. From these figures he argued that it could not be claimed that wages should be less here because of the lower cost of living, and in view of the responsible nature of the work performed he thought the increase of seven cents per hour asked for was little enough.

Mr. Taylor asked if he (Sinclair) thought there should be any difference between conductors and motormen in pay.

Mr. Sinclair said, no, for in his opinion each in his way had a very responsible position. He condemned the employment of women as conductors, as he contended this was just a move to cheapen the work. He also expressed his disapproval of the one man cars, which, he claimed, were simply put on because of the greed of the companies, who were willing to sacrifice efficiency for dividends.

Mr. Hatheway asked what about seats for the motormen? and Mr. Sinclair said it was the practice all over the country to provide seats for them, and he was surprised to find this was not done here.

The chairman asked what the average wage of the men was, and Mr. Sinclair said the highest paid averaged about \$30 per month. Ira D. Ferris, president of the local union, said that 70 per cent of the men only worked eight and a half hours a day,

and this made the average wage \$72.76 per month.

Mr. Sinclair then submitted a statement showing the number of members of the union and wages received by each. Those totalling up 165, and Mr. Taylor asked where the other twenty-two were to make the 187 which it was claimed belonged to the Union.

Mr. Hopper suggested that the secretary of the union furnish a list of the members and he would prepare a statement showing the wages each received. Mr. Sinclair objected to furnishing the names.

Mr. Sinclair said the company had admitted the justice of the claim for seven cents increase.

Mr. Taylor said the company did not admit any such thing. They did say the men were entitled to a raise and were willing to offer an increase of three cents per hour.

James Powers, secretary of the union said he had understood Mr. Taylor to say that an increase of seven cents per hour would be required. Mr. Ferris said his understanding was that Mr. Taylor had said this increase had been demanded and would likely be granted. L. R. Ross, president of the company, had stated that Mr. Taylor had said the men deserved the raise and would get it as soon as the company got the increase as a lever to get the men to work on the basis of raising the lowest priced men to \$3 per day and the highest paid men to \$3 cents per hour.

Mr. Taylor—Was it not understood that this offer had to be submitted to

the union and the directors of the company for ratification?

Mr. Ferris—Yes. And the men refused to entertain it.

The board then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

ST. JOHN.

Mary J. Avery and others to Canadian Pacific Railway Co., property, Lancaster.

E. F. Fair to Canadian Pacific Railway Company, property, Union Point Road.

J. S. Gregory to Canadian Pacific Railway Company, property, Fairville.

Thos. McMaster to Margt. M. Granman, property, Moore street.

Mary A. Neill and others to Canadian Pacific Railway Company, property, Lancaster.

H. S. Wetmore to E. E. Wetmore, property, Murray street.

Geo. and H. L. Gorham to St. John and Quebec Railway Co., \$400, property, Greenwich.

Rebecca McLaughlin to M. T. McGuerra, \$100, 60 acres, Rothesay.

C. E. McMineman to Ada T. McGowan, 100 acres, Sussex.

Catherine McTiernan to Pat's Martin, property, 30 acres, Sussex.

G. G. Scovill, per Extr., to W. G. Scovill property Hampton.

G. H. White Real Estate Co. to S. H. White Co., Ltd., right of way on property, Sussex.

Eddie Soucie, travelling representative of Brock and Patterson, Ltd., leaves today on a vacation trip to visit his parents at St. Leonard's, N. B.

OBITUARY

Joe Welsh, Comedian.

Bridgeport, Conn., July 16.—Joe Welsh, forty-five, one of the best known Jewish comedians on the American stage, died here yesterday. He was walking around the ward of the hospital when stricken with a fainting spell and died in five minutes.

Mrs. Alexander McAfee.

The death of Mary Ann McAfee, beloved wife of Alexander McAfee, of Quispamsis, took place early yesterday morning in the sixtieth year of her age. She leaves to mourn besides 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.

Nathaniel Evans.

Halifax, July 16.—Nathaniel Evans, president of the N. Evans Company, Limited, Dartmouth, marine engineer, died at his home here this morning.

The late Mr. Evans was a native of London. He came to Canada in his early manhood and after several years' service with the Dartmouth Marine Railway, established a ship repairing plant of his own, which has grown considerably of late years.

GRAY HAIR

Dr. Tremain's Natural Hair Restorative, used as directed, is guaranteed to restore gray hair to its natural color or money refunded. Positively not a dye and non-injurious. Price \$1.00.

On sale in St. John by the Ross Drug Co., 100 King street.



CLEARANCE SALE!

ST. JOHN'S GREATEST SHOE SALE HAS STARTED WITH A RUSH

More New and Stylish Shoes, Bigger Variety and Better Values than in any similar event held in this city. This Sale is truly extraordinary in the face of the present status of the shoe market. Not a sale in which it will be hard to find what you want within an hour or two after the sale starts, but choosing will be good for a week, yes, even two weeks.

SALE PRICES ARE BELOW MANUFACTURING COST TODAY!

Women's White Canvas Colonial, spool heel; regular \$1.85. Clearance Sale, \$1.18

Women's White Canvas Pumps, Cuban heel; Clearance Price, 98c.

Women's White Canvas Pumps, Cuban heel; regular \$1.85, \$1.18



Women's White Canvas Lace Oxfords, military and Cuban heels, \$2.85

Women's White Canvas High Cut Lace Boots, low heel; regular \$2.85, \$2.35

Women's White Canvas High Cut Lace Boots, military and Cuban heel; regular \$3.50, \$2.48

Women's White Canvas High Cut Lace Boots, medium heel, small size, \$1.98

Women's White Rubber High Cut Lace Boots, wing tip model, reingskin top, Louis and military heels; regular \$6.35, \$4.85



Women's White Kid High Lace Boots, covered Louis heel; regular \$6.35, Sale price \$4.85

Women's Fawn Colored Canvas High Cut Lace Boots, spool heel; regular \$3.85, \$2.98

Women's White Canvas High Cut Lace Boots, Cuban and spool heels; regular \$3.85, \$2.85

Women's Patent Leather Colonial, spool heel; small sizes; regular \$3.35, \$1.98

Women's Patent 4-Strap Pumps; regular \$2.85, now \$1.98

Women's Black Suede Pumps, spool heel, Goodyear welt; broken sizes, 98c.



Women's Grey Kid Pumps, Goodyear welt, spool heel; broken sizes; regular \$5.35, at \$3.85

Women's Gun Metal Pumps, wing tip, Cuban heel; regular \$4.50, \$3.35

Women's Dull Calf Colonial, white ivory sole and rubber heels; sport last; regular \$5.00 value, \$2.98

Women's Mahogany Tan Pumps, new long vamp, Louis heel. This is a very attractive style; regular \$5.00, \$2.98

Women's High Grade Pumps, in exclusive styles. Black kid, patent leather, plum shade and mouse grey kid; Louis and military heels. The woman who does not select two or three pairs from this lot will surely regret it in the future. Hundreds of pairs to choose from, \$4.85

Women's Patent Leather Pumps, wing tip, Cuban heel; regular \$4.50, \$3.35

Women's Black Kid Blucher Oxfords, low heel; sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2. Clearance Sale, 98c.

Women's African Brown Kid High Cut Lace Boots, Cuban heel; \$6.50 value, \$4.85

Women's Black Lace and Button Boots, both Cuban and spool heels, in patent calf and dull calf, Goodyear welt. A size and width for every foot; regular \$4.50 to \$6.00, \$2.85

Women's Patent Colt Oxfords, long plain toe, Louis heel having aluminum plate; excellent quality; \$6.50 value, \$4.85

Women's Mahogany Tan Lace Oxfords, medium heel, fibre sole. Sale price \$3.85

Women's Patent Lace Oxfords, wing tip, Cuban heel; regular \$4.50, \$3.85

Mahogany Brown Calf and Black Kid Lace Oxfords, Goodyear welt, military heel, \$5.85

Women's Grey Calf and Grey Kid High Cut Lace Boots with covered Louis heel; regular \$8.50 and \$9.35. Clearance Sale, \$5.85

Women's Patent Colt High Cut Lace Boots, canary cloth top, Louis heel; broken sizes; regular \$6.50, \$4.85

Women's African Brown Kid High Cut Lace Boots, grey cloth top, Louis heel; regular \$6.50, \$4.85

Women's Black Kid High Cut Lace Boots, spool heel, Goodyear welt; regular \$6.50, \$4.85

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Women's Black Kid High Cut Lace Boots, spool heel, Goodyear welt; regular \$6.50, \$4.85

Women's Grey Kid High Cut Lace Boots, Louis heel; regular \$8.00, \$4.85

Women's Light Grey Calf High Cut Lace Boots, Goodyear welt, medium heel, fibre sole; regular \$9.35, \$4.85

Women's Mahogany Calf Walking Boots in lace models; regular \$6.00 value. Sale price \$4.85

Women's Grey, Brown and Ivory Color High Lace Kid Boots, beautiful models; regular price \$6.35 to \$7.85. Sale Price \$4.85

Wing Tip Model High Cut Lace Boots, white nubuck vamp, reingskin top, Louis and military heel regular \$6.35, \$4.85

Women's Black Kid Lace Boots, Cuban heel; regular \$5.35 value, Sale price \$3.85

Misses' Gun Metal Button Boots, cloth top; regular \$2.65, \$1.98

Child's Patent Ankle Strap Pumps, sizes 4 to 7 1/2. Clearance sale, 78c.

Boys' and Girls' Black Canvas Oxfords, leather sole, sizes 1 to 5, 48c.

Men's Gunmetal Blucher Boots, Goodyear welt, rubber sole, \$3.85

Men's Gunmetal Lace Oxfords, receding toe, Goodyear welt; \$6.50 value, \$5.35

Men's Patent Colt Oxfords, English last, Goodyear welt; regular \$5.35, Sale price \$3.85

Men's Grey Canvas Blucher Boots, regular \$2.35, Sale price \$1.98

Men's Mahogany Calf Lace Oxfords, fibre sole, Goodyear welt; \$6.50 value, \$5.35

Men's White Canvas Oxfords, rubber sole and heel; regular \$2.35, Sale price \$1.98

Men's Chocolate Kid Blucher, round toe models, Goodyear welt. Sale price \$3.85

Men's Black Kid and Gunmetal Lace Boots, round toe, Goodyear welt; regular \$7.00 value, Sale price \$5.85

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