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Advance Continues; British Also Gain

Franco-American Drive on Greater Part of Front Between Aisne and Marne Progresses—Haig's Troops Push Ahead Near Hebuterne

Paris, July 20.—French and American troops are continuing their advance between the Aisne and the Marne, according to an official statement issued by the war office today. South of the Marne the French have thrown back the enemy between Fossey and Oudilly and have retaken ground towards the Marne.

London, July 20.—British troops in night advanced their line on a mile front south of the town of Hebuterne. A successful raid was carried out by the British near Beaumont-Hamel.

GERMAN RESERVES CALLED ON

Paris, July 20.—The Germans have been forced to bring up 100,000 reserves to the army of the German Crown Prince as a result of yesterday's fighting and the French and Americans, after fluctuations, have been enabled strongly to fortify the newly gained positions southwest of Soissons, says Marcel Marin in the Echo de Paris.

LOSS OF METEORIN SEVERE FOR HUNS

With the British Army in France will not be pleased with the news that the British captured a valuable piece of ground—Meteorin—yesterday. It is but a trifle compared with the big events on the French front, but in war trifles count and Prince Rupprecht at least will not underestimate the loss of a position which now gives the British an observation ground where he might wish to keep his doing secret.

Really Admit It, London, July 19.—Admission is made in the German official communication issued today that the Allied lines at Meteorin broke into the German front infantry and artillery lines at isolated points between the Aisne and the Marne and forced back the German line. Later, the German positions prevented the Allies from breaking through.

German Report

Berlin, July 20.—A fresh attempt by the French to drive a wedge through the German lines between the Aisne and the Marne was repulsed with heavy losses to the attacking forces, according to the statement issued by general headquarters last evening.

Amsterdam, July 20.—A semi-official telegram received from Berlin, while admitting that the enemy has succeeded in penetrating into and pressing back our lines, says that the French troops of the Allied success.

Washington, July 19.—While no announcement of the capture of the city of Soissons has reached the war department, Secretary Baker said today that the fall of that city seems to be indicated by despatches.

Loss of Soissons, the all-important railway centre, from which the right flank of the German Marne salient is supplied, probably would mean evacuation of the entire salient.

REJOICING IN PARIS OVER THE GOOD NEWS

Paris, July 20.—The news of the continued successes of the Allied arms on the Aisne-Marne battle front last night aroused enthusiasm such as Paris has long been a stranger to. The boulevards and cafes all were thronged with people eagerly discussing the night official statement, which did not satisfy the thirst of the people for news. Persons with inside knowledge, however, supplied all that was wanted. All sorts of reports were spread from mouth to mouth as to the number of prisoners and guns captured and towns re-occupied. Full credit was given the Americans for their share in the victory, which the public delightedly referred to as evidence of what is to come when the sister republic of France puts forth all her might.

Get Rain in the West

Winnipeg, July 20.—Considerable rain has fallen in the last twenty-four hours, in many districts of the prairie provinces. In most districts the rain is not too late to assist materially in improving the crop situation. Heavy storms are reported late in-day from various parts of Saskatchewan. The wires are somewhat affected by these storms and it is difficult to get full particulars as to the location and extent of the rainfall.

BRITISH BOMBERS AGAIN INVADE GERMANY

London, July 20.—British bombing squadrons again have invaded Germany and have gone beyond the Rhine. An announcement from the air ministry says that bombs were dropped on the Benz works at Mannheim, on the railway station at Heidelberg, on blast furnaces in the Saar district and on a powder factory at Oberndorf, the latter having been bombed yesterday. A fire resulted at the Benz works. Railway trains also were attacked.

Next Year's Tax Bills Under The New Act

Really Assessors Are Working Under It Now

BETTER SHARING OF BURDEN

Assessment of Real Estate an Interesting Feature—The Effect on Some Incomes—Flash of Humor in Connection with Dry Subject

Now that the tax bills for 1918 have been distributed and the assessors are going to do on the battle front, the legislature will go into effect at the end of this year and the next assessment will be made according to its terms. For all practical purposes it is already in effect, as all the work of the board of assessors will be affected by the new provisions and they are acting accordingly. Preparations are being made to assess the new tax bills, forms and books are being prepared according to changes which have been adopted and the work for the coming year is being laid out to comply with the new conditions.

Enemy Still Has Power to Concentrate on That Which Will Tax Allied Defence to the Utmost and Anxious Time is Not Eased

London, July 20.—What the Germans are doing on the battle front from Rheims to the Marne to the Aisne is the question which occupies most of the military and editorial commentators in the morning newspapers.

Powerful Reserves

While it is concluded that General Foch's brilliant counter-stroke has deprived the Germans of the initiative in the Rheims sector and caused them serious damage, it is not universally assumed that the positions in that area can be stabilized without further severe fighting. Warning is given to remember that the British surprise advanced at Cambrai was afterwards countered by the Germans.

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On the other hand the view that the enemy cannot do more between the Aisne and the Marne has its representatives, and these look for the withdrawal of the Germans from south of the Marne to equalize their lines. A third speculation refers to the probability of the enemy striking a fresh violent blow in some other direction, in which case it is assumed generally the attack will fall on the British armies.

It is recognized everywhere that the Germans have the power to concentrate strength for a thrust that will tax the Allied defence to the utmost. Notwithstanding their losses, the Germans are believed to have at their disposal at least forty divisions and unless or until they are re-commenced, photography and bombing. Much of the bombing was done from a low height, the targets being the railway stations and the railway lines at Rheims and Oudilly.

BRITISH DRIVE OFF RAIDER WHO CROSSED KENTISH COAST TODAY

London, July 20.—The official statement dealing with aerial operations, issued last night, says: "On the night of the 19th, in spite of very changeable weather, a good deal of work was accomplished by our aeroplanes, both in reconnaissance, photography and bombing. Much of the bombing was done from a low height, the targets being the railway stations and the railway lines at Rheims and Oudilly.

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London, July 20.—A German aeroplane crossed the Kentish coast this morning and was driven back by the fire of anti-aircraft guns.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE CZECHO-SLOVAKS

Vladivostok, via Shanghai, Thursday, July 19.—The immediate aim of the Czechs-Slovaks is the occupation of Khabarovsk, seat of the general government of the Amur, in order to secure their right flank, after which they will proceed along the Chinese eastern railway until a junction is effected with the Czechs-Slovaks from Irkutsk.

INSPECTED ST MALACH'S HALL

Additional accommodations is required for the military hospitals of the city and as St. Malach's building has been vacated the premises were inspected but were found unsuitable for hospital purposes.

STRIKE NEXT MONDAY SAY TORONTO POSTMEN

Toronto, July 20.—Postmen of Toronto have affirmed their decision of a week ago not to report for work on next Monday morning. This was the almost unanimous decision of 500 Toronto postal employees at a meeting held here last night.

CUBAN SECRETARY OF WAR ON VISIT TO UNITED STATES

A Cuban Post, July 20.—Brigadier-General Jos Marti, Cuban Secretary of War, has left for the United States.

Over Ground Covered With The German Dead

COBB CLIMBS TOWARDS 400

Sensational Batting By American League Champion

Chicago, July 20.—Such a pace has been set with the willow by Tyrus Cobb, American League batting champion, that at the present rate his batting average will touch the 400 mark before the season ends. This week he is hitting .861. Since he started his season he has hit 381 out of 441 times. His average now is thirty-two to Cobb's twenty-seven. Cobb, however, pushed well ahead in the run scoring column and has a total of sixty to his credit. Ruth of Boston was pounding out triples during the week, but his mark of eleven homers remains high. Shean of Boston increased his lead in sacrifice hitting to twenty-four. St. Louis tied New York for team batting with a mark of .362. Boston continued to lead in team fielding with an average of .911. Leading hitters: Cobb, Detroit, .861; Burns, Philadelphia, .844; Sider, St. Louis, .839; Ruth, Boston, .832; Baker, New York, .822; Grimes, Cleveland, .818; Pipp, New York, .811.

Another Drive Made To Save on Sugar

The Food Controller's net is tightening. Not that he is imposing any hardships upon the people, but his regulations are applying to a larger field of household and commercial life, so that restrictions may be equitably distributed and thus cause no special inconvenience to anybody.

Soft Drink Makers and Others Cut Down to 75 Per Cent of Last Year—Potatoes Made Substitute in Flour Purchase

On last Monday a new regulation went into force, the apples particularly of household and commercial life, so that restrictions may be equitably distributed and thus cause no special inconvenience to anybody.

PUT TO DEATH FOR PLOT TO KILL AMBASSADOR

Amsterdam, July 20.—The Cologne Gazette says that thirteen revolutionaries implicated in a plot which culminated in the assassination of Count von Mirbach, German ambassador to Russia, have been executed. Many other acts are under arrest.

AMERICAN RED CROSS IS SENDING RELIEF SUPPLIES TO RUSSIA

Washington, July 20.—A large cargo of relief supplies, principally foodstuffs, clothing and medicine, is to be dispatched to Russia by the American Red Cross "at the earliest possible moment."

FEW ON BOARD WHEN CARPATHIA WAS HIT

London, July 20.—The Carpathia was sunk off the Irish coast as she was bound out. Very few persons were on board her. The Central News says that those who were saved after she was sunk will be landed this morning.

KILL 94 OF OWN MEN IN BOMBING HOSPITAL

Paris, July 20.—(Havas Agency)—Ninety-four Germans were killed and seventy-four Germans were wounded on the night of July 15-16 when five German aviators bombed a prisoners' camp in the region of Troyes, thirty miles behind the French battlefront. The aerial bombardment lasted for one hour.

TO BE BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL

The bodies of Miss Edna Fyne and Miss Alice Humphrey, two St. Catharines girls who were drowned in the Ottawa river recently, are expected to be brought to the city on Monday. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

All Safely Ashore

London, July 20.—The survivors and crew of the British transport Baronesa, sunk by a submarine, have landed in a Channel port. All are in high spirits. There were no casualties.

ST. JOHN SOLDIER'S DEATH

In the Ottawa casualty list today S. Kerr, St. John, is reported dead.

The Man in The Street

Two fine days in succession! St. Swithin must have lost his job.

IN THE MARKET

There was a good supply of commodities in the country market this morning. There was very little variation in prices from last week, with the exception of a drop of three cents a pound on butter and a slight decrease in prices of vegetables. Carrots were selling for 10c a bunch or three for a quarter, beets for 15c a bunch or two for a quarter, turnips 7c each, new potatoes 80c a peck, peas 80c a peck, cucumbers 20c each, celery 10c a bunch, green beans 10c a bunch, gooseberries 15c a box, blueberries 20c a box, strawberries 18c and 20c a box, wild strawberries 30c a box and \$1 for a two quart can, black currants 20c a dozen, butter 42c a pound, eggs 20c a dozen, chickens 92c a pair, fowl 40c a pound.

The Allied Push Friday a Mile and a Quarter

Graphic Picture of War Scene in Which American Troops Participated—Drive Ahead Against Strong Machine Gun Fire

With the American Army between the Aisne and the Marne, Friday, July 19—(Night by the Associated Press)—American troops participating in the Allied advance of about a mile and a quarter on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry front late today, went forward against strong machine gun fire over ground covered with German dead.

From a hill east of Dommerles, about six kilometers southwest of Soissons, the correspondent on Friday saw the Americans going into action in the forward movement. The advance was well organized and the system worked well from one end of the line to the other. An barrage fire from 75's and 60's infantry and machine guns advanced through rippling grain fields, trampled by the retreating Germans on Thursday and reached their objective according to schedule, despite the fire of German machine guns. The bombardment of the bigger guns was feeble at this point.

The Americans started from a point just west of the Paris-Soissons road near the shell-strewn village of Missy-Aux-Bois, advancing nearly a kilometer before the Germans began to reply with big guns to the Allied barrage.

Missy-Aux-Bois lies in a valley and the Americans were advancing up grade toward the east. A few tanks were here and there preceding the infantrymen. As the Americans progressed the enemy barrage fire increased.

The hillside east of Dommerles, over which the Americans advanced, was dotted with dead. The entire region was well within the German lines until after the French attack. On Thursday, a quick dug trench had been filled with German bodies. They were machine gunners who had been caught by the terrific fire of the Allied artillery. In many places the German dead were in piles, while a trench crest of a hill contained more than 100 dead.

After intense barrage fire along the entire front from Soissons to Chateau Thierry, the Allied advance this evening opened exactly at 6:30 o'clock. As far as the eye could reach could be seen Allied observation balloons, while the sky was speckled with Allied airplanes darting in various directions, many returning from over the German lines to make a quick report on observations and the result of the fire of the big guns. From the hillside the smoke and dust thrown up by the Allied shells could be seen away beyond the advancing Americans.

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Trouble in Police Court

Magistrate Returns Sheet to Chief for Signature—It Twice Comes Back Unsigned

"Take that sheet down and have the chief of police sign it, we'll have no western ideas here, we are in St. John now," said Magistrate Ritchie to Sergeant Hastings this morning when he observed that the sheet containing charges against prisoners was unsigned.

"We want to give the citizens a fair show. If they are charged with drunkenness we want them to be charged with it and nothing else."

After disposing of a case in the juvenile court he signed the clerk for the sheet and seeing that there was no signature on it, ordered the sergeant to have it properly signed and also to bring up the police book with the original charges. Sergeant Hastings went downstairs and returned with the police book and the sheet, which was still unsigned. The magistrate ordered him to take it to the chief immediately and have him sign it. In a few minutes Policeman Hopkins appeared with the sheet and placed it on the magistrate's desk still unsigned. Sergeant Hastings said that the chief would not sign it.

The magistrate said he would not accept it and said that he would remain the prisoners and the responsibility would be on the chief. He then spoke about the rights of citizens and that it had been the custom for the last twenty-nine years to have the sheet properly signed. He said he wanted to know on what authority the charges were signed against persons arrested. The people, he said, had their rights. Chief Marshall and chief of police Clark always signed the sheet and Chief Marshall appeared in court daily and handed the sheet bearing his signature and also mentioned any details in connection with the cases. Two young men who were arrested yesterday on a charge of drunkenness appeared in court. As there was no sheet the magistrate summoned them before him and asked them what the charge was against them. They both acknowledged being drunk and were fined \$5 or two months in jail. The magistrate asked if the policeman making the arrest was in court and was informed that he was not. He said that the present system was lax and it was not right.