

(By the Associated Press.)

Already outflanking the old Hindenburg line on the north, Field Marshal Haig's forces gradually are cutting their way eastward both north and south of the Somme and putting down strong counter-offensive actions, although on several sectors they have had to cede ground temporarily.

### British in Bapaume.

Since the cave-in of the German line by the fall of Chaulnes and Roye, the French literally have overrun the southern portion of Picardy, having reached the western bank of the Canal Du Nord along almost its entire length and captured the town of Noyon which, surrounded by hills, has stood defiantly for days under a rain of shells. East and southeast of Noyon other important positions have been taken and between the Oise and the Aisne the French have overcome the heavy resistance of the enemy and crossed the Ailette River.

Northwest of Soissons, where the

The situation in Eastern Siberia seems to be somewhat clarified through the disarming by the Czecho-Slovaks of all the Russian volunteers who revolted recently and took sides with General Horvath, the anti-Bolshevik leader.

The first big battle in which all the Allied forces, except the Americans, took part, occurred last Saturday, when the enemy attacked but was decisively beaten. At last accounts the Allied troops were steadily advancing against the enemy.

### Baker Gives Him Title of Second Assistant Secretary of War, With Full Powers—New Duties for Crowell

Although the official statement referred to Mr. Crowell as "Director of Munitions," and Mr. Ryan as "Director of Air Service," the changes virtually established separate organizations, each under direct control of one man.

Mr. Ryan will act as second assistant secretary of war in place of Edward A. Stearns, who is now in France, and who will remain there immediately as a special representative of the War Department with plenary powers. Mr. Ryan will not only have supervision, control, and direction of the Bureau of Aircraft Production, of which he himself has been the director, but also over the Bureau of Military Aeronautics, of which Major General William L. Kenly is

Secretary Baker made it plain that the changes announced were being instituted with the full concurrence of President Wilson. It is the president's answer to the recommendation of the Thomas report on the aircraft investigation for the creation of a department of the air to unify the nation's air activities under a man who would be a member of the cabinet equal in rank and power to the secretary of war.

At seventeen, John D. Ryan was selling catfish in one of the chain of general merchandise stores run by his father, John D. Ryan, in Chicago. At twenty-five he was selling lubricating oil through the stocky mountain sections from Iowa to Mexico, and at thirty-five he was in charge of the ads of the American Copper Company. But he is a modest man, and does not care to talk about his own achievements. Says he of his father:—

"I asked Mr. Ryan to tell me something about his achievements for the inspiration of younger men.

"No," replied Mr. Ryan, holding a cigar in both hands in protest. "I can't do that. I'm just a miner. I just sweat about me, picturing me sweating in miner's top at the bottom of a shaft, for I never did a day's mining in my life. I wasn't a prodigy. I was a miner. I just worked hard and that was all there was."

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drills and races took place and an excellent programme was carried out. The display of basketball was the subject of much very favorable comment. The visitors from the executive of the Playgrounds' Association included Mrs. T. N. Vincent, Mrs. J. H. Doody, Miss Grace Leavitt, and A. M. Belding.

At the Bentley playgrounds the supervisor, Miss Parke, assisted in the display of basketball. There was a very fine programme for the exercises which was carried out in a splendid manner. The folk dances were especially pretty and well done. After the exercises the children played games and the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King was followed by a prayer. The children were then dismissed, and had given the children a parting treat of candy.

The supervisor of the Carleton playgrounds, Miss Miller, left last week for New York and yesterday her assistant, Miss Jean MacDonald, took charge of the children and was assisted by Miss Hawker. Many of the children's parents were present and the Playgrounds' Association executive was represented by Captain A. J. Mulcahy and several ladies. More than three hundred children took part in the exercises and went through the very prettily arranged drills with marked success. The flag drill, with the saluting of the flag by the children was particularly well done.

SOME COMMENT ON THE  
MARRIAGE ENGAGEMENT  
OF PRINCE BUPPRECHT

(N. Y. Times Editorial).

The latest victims of Cupid's darts is that war-worn veteran, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, who amid the preoccupation entailed by a series of victorious retreats has found time to marry the daughter of a Prince, a countess of Luxemburg. Despite the disparity in ages—Rupprecht is forty and his fiancée nineteen—the match will no doubt be a happy one for both.

Rather than his distinguished rival Wilhelm of Prussia, and if he has never displayed an inclination toward Wilhelm's habit of stealing clocks and watches, the bride will nevertheless find a well-furnished home. Rupprecht's throne, moreover, is likely to be more secure than Wilhelm's was, for he will not have to suffer the war was worth what it cost.

Without doubt here is a royal instance of the phenomenon so often seen in humbler circles—a gentleman consolidating himself with the younger generation by a marriage alliance. For the Emperor, since the German army took forcible possession of Luxembourg, on Aug. 2, 1914, German intrigue has been doing its best to get the young Grand Duchess Marie to marry the son of a German husband and facilitate the inclusion of her realm in the German Empire. So far Adelaide has held out, but she has few sisters, and her mother is old. The Emperor is apparently being picked out as the sacrifice. For without doubt German royalties were becoming insistent; even in Germany it began to be felt that the work at the peace conference, and that the sword cannot do all that is highly advisable to get up some sort of title to the neighboring countries.

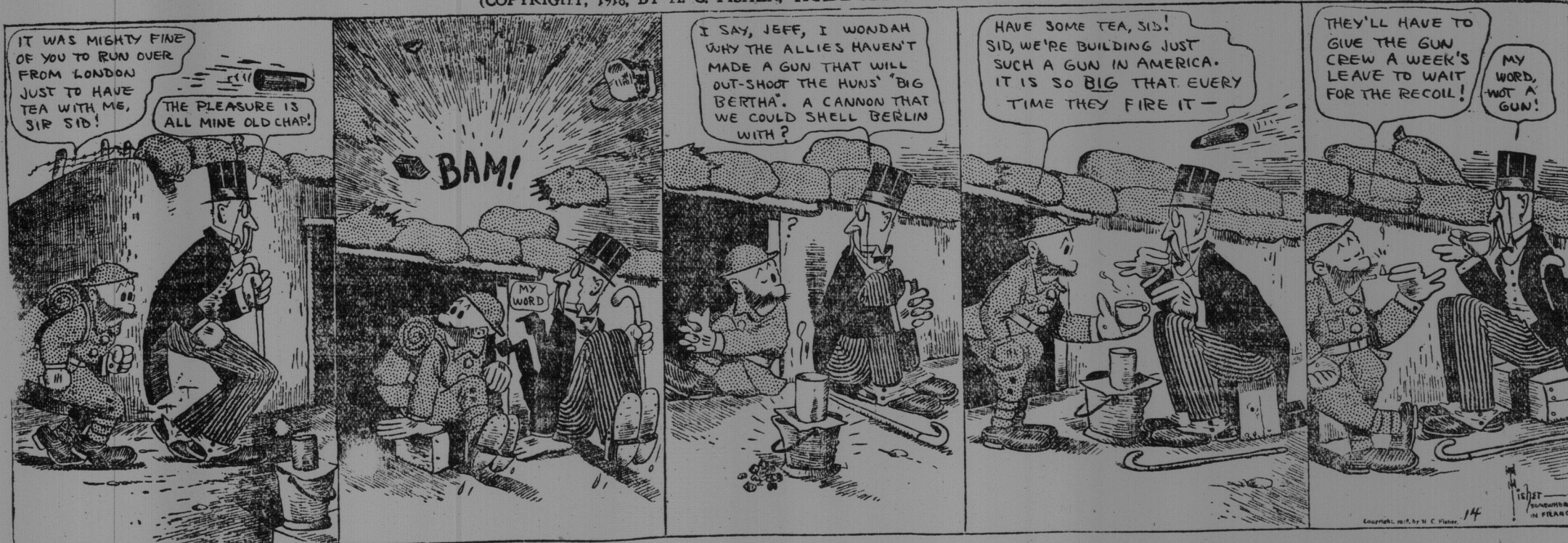
## CLOSING OF MORE OF THE PLAYGROUNDS

The closing exercises of the Bentley, Allison and Carleton playgrounds took place yesterday afternoon and the children gave some very excellent exhibitions of drills, and went through the programmes arranged by their supervisors with great credit to themselves and to their teachers. The work which had been done by the children during the summer and which consisted of rafia work, knitting, crocheting, and basketry was, on sale and was very greatly

At the Allison playgrounds the supervisor, Miss Heffer, was assisted by Miss Morrison, while Miss Berwick was special helper for the afternoon. There was a very large attendance of visitors and children. A number of interesting

— BUT HE ISN'T FLUCKY. BUT HE KNOWS WHEN HE HASN'T A CHANCE

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