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THE ALLIED LINE

FOCH BUILDING ARMY BARRIER TO STOP GERMANS

JUDICIAL PROBE IS SATISFACTORY TO ALL CONCERNED

Naming of Judge to Investigate Fire Department Is Generally Recommended.

MOVE TO BE DELAYED

County Court Will Interfere With Speedy Inquiry Hearing.

The decision of the city finance committee to have Judge Talbot Macbeth investigate the charges against the fire department is universally approved by all interested parties and by citizens generally. It is considered that a judicial probe, everyone will get a fair show. All alleged grievances will be aired, the question of whether or not the efficiency of the department has been impaired will be passed upon, and a general all-round clean-up of the situation will result.

Officers of the trades and labor council, who are responsible for the charge which brought about the ordered probe, are pleased with Judge Macbeth's appointment. They are certain that all will get fair play, the firemen, the chief, and anyone else called to give evidence before the inquiry.

The outlook is that it will be the second week in June before Judge Macbeth will be able to take up his investigation. Nothing can be done until the council approves of the action of the finance committee. This will come up on Monday night next. It will be Tuesday before the request for a probe can reach Judge Macbeth, and on that day he will open the June session of the court, and this will, judging from the list of cases, last at least a week.

Is the Ontario chief of the trades and labor council will proceed to get all their charges lined up and ready. They, however, prefer that no further charges be filed, but that the other grievances, and the most serious ones, should be brought out during the hearing of the inquiry. The probe, these charges, they say, will be introduced by direct witnesses, and others will then be called to substantiate them.

Regarding the charges yet to come, there are no more of the kind that department who state that the ones already made public are mild compared with what will follow. They would give no inkling of what they are.

COAL ALLOTMENTS TO THE DOMINION HAVE BEEN CUT BY STATES

Washington, May 30.—Under the allotment of anthracite coal for the year ending next April announced last night by the fuel administration, the supply to the trans-Mississippi territory and the 24 southern and western states has been entirely discontinued. The allotment to the central and northwestern states and Canada have been decreased, and those to the northeast and the Atlantic States increased.

FOE SHELLS PARIS ON CORPUS CHRISTI DAY

Paris, May 30.—Although the British Government has promised not to carry out air raids today—the feast of Corpus Christi—on German cities which are in the vicinity of the front, the German long-range gun resumed the bombardment of Paris this morning. The firing began at an earlier hour than is usual.

RAILWAYMEN KILLED

Benton Harbor, Mich., May 30.—Three members of the crew of a combination freight and passenger train on the Buchanan branch of the Pere Marquette were killed and a score of passengers injured when the engine jumped the track and fell over an embankment just west of Buchanan late yesterday.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 73; lowest, 56.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 58.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Light to moderate winds, fair today, and on Friday, with stationary or a little higher temperature.

The following were the highest and previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Ottawa. 68. 50. Fair.
Calgary. 74. 40. Clear.
Winnipeg. 72. 44. Clear.
Fort Arthur. 68. 44. Clear.
Perry Sound. 64. 48. Cloudy.
Port Stanley. 62. 58. Cloudy.
Buffalo. 72. 52. Cloudy.
Toronto. 68. 51. Cloudy.
Kingston. 68. 52. Fair.
Ottawa. 68. 52. Fair.
Montreal. 68. 52. Fair.
Quebec. 64. 50. Cloudy.
Father Point. 64. 50. Cloudy.

Weather Notes.
A few light scattered showers have occurred in the peninsula of Ontario, otherwise the weather has been generally fine in Canada, and warmer in the West.

HELD UNTIL DROWNED UNDER GERMAN WAVES

London, May 30.—In their initial onslaught Monday the Germans are believed to have used more tanks than ever before, says Reuters' correspondent with the British forces on the French front writing Wednesday.

The 50th British division near Craonne withstood a gas attack of three hours, and held the Germans in the attempt to reach the Aisne until "the men were drowned under the German combes." The same fate overtook the French division to the right of the 50th.

After falling back the 50th made a gallant attempt to recapture Craonne, but was defeated by machine gun fire from the enemy tanks. In the end the 50th was obliged to fall back toward the river.

LONDON THINKS NEWS IS GRAVE FROM THE FRONT

Salient Rapidly Widening to Dangerous Proportion—Haig's Silence Puzzles.

London, May 29.—The news from the front tonight is regarded here with the utmost gravity. With Soissons in the hands of the enemy and Rheims closely threatened, the question whether the enemy's original intention was to make the thrust on the Aisne front his main operation hardly arises. Yesterday the situation seemed to be more hopeful, from the fact that the two wings of the Allied line were holding firmly, but the enemy has developed attacks of such strength on both the right and left that this is no longer the case.

The salient created at the outset is being widened swiftly, and as one correspondent describes it, "the new battle is flooding over the ground of the Marne battle." The Germans are in possession of Rheims, an important railway and highway junction. They claim 25,000 prisoners, although it is said they have said nothing about the number of guns captured.

Dispatches from the front speak of the fine co-operation between the French and the British in the retreat. Considerable comment has been made by the fact that Field Marshal Haig, who in the opening phases of the Aisne operation, had been silent, has now ceased since yesterday evening's announcement to make any reference to them.

19 BUILDINGS IN N. Y. FINANCIAL DISTRICT ARE TO BE REPLACED

United States Government Buys \$5,000,000 Site for "Improvements."

NEW YORK, May 19.—Purchase by the United States Government of \$5,000,000 downtown New York site for big improvements, the nature of which was not disclosed, was announced in local real estate circles today.

The property said to have been taken over by the Government is a large part of their oil supply, reached the state department today. They said an attempt to destroy the wells was made today.

Many reports of a similar nature have reached Washington. Officials here are depending on the Mexican authorities to protect the wells, as a large part of Mexican Government's revenues are derived from oil taxes.

AIRPLANES OF GERMANS COULDN'T REACH PARIS

Paris, May 30.—German airplanes were not able to penetrate the French defence in an attempt to raid Paris last night. Several points behind the battle line, however, were bombed by the enemy.

ATTACKED BY PRISONERS.
Ottawa, May 30.—Constable Dent of Rockland, Ont., experienced an exciting time Tuesday afternoon, when he was taken in an automobile from L'Orignal jail, where they had been placed for safe keeping, to Rockland for trial. One of the men, L. Coderre, succeeded in getting away, and is still roaming the country with a pair of handcuffs adorning his wrists, while the other, A. Beaudoin, was taken safely to Rockland, appeared before the magistrate there and was given three years in the penitentiary.

FOOD AND WARS



Advertiser Illustration.
The boundary lines of European nations as drawn by the gaunt lines of hunger.

HUNS MAKE HATE DRIVE ON AMERICAN HOSPITAL AT FRONT

With the American Forces on the front, Wednesday, May 29.—A German engaged in fighting the flames and upon ambulance drivers.

Besides the killing of one French nurse and the probable mortal injury of another, the patients were in some cases hurried out of their beds by the shock of a bomb explosion. In some of the hospitals it was necessary to remove the patients to the cellars for safety. Scores of American patients and hundreds of sick and wounded French soldiers were in the hospitals built in the 13th century. The airman attacked.

CLEMENCEAU WAS NEARLY NABBED

Paris, May 30.—Premier Clemenceau had the narrowest possible escape from falling into the hands of the Germans yesterday, according to the Petit Journal. He left a certain point on the front only a few minutes before the arrival of a patrol of forty Uhlans.

When the Germans entered the town the premier had just quit it. They cornered a few of the French who had remained, including a general, who was examining portions of a field glass, the newspaper adds. The general was killed in the encounter.

Prohibition Closes Up Manitoba Jails

Two "Coolers" Go Out of Business Saturday, Lacking Tenants.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Winnipeg, Man., May 30.—Manitoba jails at Morden and Minnedosa will be closed on Saturday morning. This is the direct result of conditions following the operation of the Manitoba temperance act. Ever since that act went into force there has been a remarkable decrease in the number of convictions for crime in rural towns of the province, as well as in Winnipeg. Many of the jails have been practically tenantless for months.

AMERICAN FLIER SAVES TWO BRITISH MACHINES

With the American Army in France, May 30.—Lieut. Douglas Campbell of California rescued a crippled British bombing machine from two German planes which attacked it near the Toul sector today. Two patrols of American pursuit airplanes had gone out to protect the large squadron of British bombing machines returning from a raid into Germany.

Just before they crossed behind the American line one of the British machines became separated from the party and was fired at by two German albatross machines. The British observer had been wounded by the machine gun fire of the Germans, who were about to finish the Britisher, when Lieut. Campbell dashed in. He emptied his machine gun at the Germans, who he then escorted the British machines to safety behind the American line.

JUNG SAM GUILTY

Perry Sound, May 30.—Jung Sam, Chinese laundryman, was found guilty last night of the murder, on May 27, 1917, of his employer, Wong Jew, and sentenced to be hanged on August 23 next. The two Chinamen went for a walk on a certain Sunday morning, and Jung was brutally murdered by Jung with a butcher's knife which the latter had purchased two days previously and carried concealed under his clothing.

ALLIES PLUG WEAK POINTS AND HURRY FORCES TO DAM UP THE GERMAN FLOOD

TO BAG PARIS, FOE'S OBJECT

Paris, May 30.—As the battle proceeds the enemy's purpose becomes plain. It is twofold. First of all, to broaden the salient to the westward. By enlarging the action there the German crown prince intends to approach nearer to Paris on the direct route. The French command is fully aware of the importance of this movement. Although Soissons was evacuated to prevent needless sacrifice of men, the French hold all the roads leading out of the town.

Heavy fighting still lies ahead for the Allies, but those most competent to express an opinion are now satisfied that the German drive will be stopped in the near future.

THE WAR SITUATION

Sweeping onward in dense masses, the Germans have advanced fifteen miles in the centre of the line between Soissons and Rheims. On the Aisne, the Germans have fallen within less than two miles of the famous city.

Desperate as has been the resistance of the French and British, the German advance has not been halted greatly. Unofficial reports of the Allied reserves being hurried up to the front are numerous. The enemy advance is not yet affected greatly by the French line eastward from Mont-d'Ailly, which the Germans are evidently hope to bend back by their success on the Aisne.

The curve in the battle line between Soissons and Rheims has been reported holding tenaciously to the western suburbs. The enemy advance on the Aisne has not yet affected greatly the French line eastward from Mont-d'Ailly, which the Germans are evidently hope to bend back by their success on the Aisne.

In the centre of the 45-mile front where the German progress has been greatest, the enemy forces are now near Loupigne, four miles north of the River Aisne. The fighting is almost entirely on territory untouched by the war since 1914. In the last attack, the number of prisoners has increased to 25,000.

No Blow Elsewhere.
Apparently the Germans have used a large part of their reserves in the offensive across the Aisne, as they have not taken advantage of the movement there to strike elsewhere on the northern front, as might have been expected. The course of the fighting on Wednesday indicates the possibility that the German crown prince will try to strike westward along the Aisne, instead of attempting to force his way nearer the Marne.

Except for some sharp fighting at Cantigny, where the Americans have repulsed German counter-attacks against their new positions, there has been little fighting on the line north from Soissons. A local German attack against the French north of Mont Kemmel, on the Tys battlefield, was repulsed completely. Hospitals far behind the American sector in Picardy have been bombed by German airplanes. Scores of Americans were in danger, but only a few were injured by flying glass. Several civilians and a French nurse were killed.

During an attempted raid on Paris last night, a German airplane claimed the lives of French anti-aircraft guns. None of the German airplanes succeeded in flying over the city.

SHELL SHOCK DISCUSSED AT MEDICAL CONGRESS

Hamilton, May 30.—The need of preventing shell shock in armies was discussed this morning at a meeting of the medical section of the Canadian Medical Congress by Dr. T. H. Ames of New York. Dr. Gerald S. Glasco of Hamilton presided.

Dr. Ames emphasized the advantage to the state if neuroses could be prevented among men already in the army, and cited cases to show that this was possible.

Powerful Franco-British Reserves Have Reached the Fighting Zone and Resistance To the Hun Waves Is Stiffening.

ENEMY THROWN BACK IN FIGHTING NEAR RHEIMS

Battle Around Soissons Raged All Night, With French Still Clinging to Western Outskirts—Crown Prince Continues to Throw Fresh Divisions Into the Struggle.

With the French Army in France Wednesday Evening, May 29.—Allied reserves are now taking up positions in the battle line. They are being thrown in to strengthen the defending forces where they are weakest, in preparation for the placing of a barrier to a further German advance.

The enemy is still pushing on with every atom of strength to obtain possession of as much territory as possible before the Allied reserves come up in full force and stay the advance.

The German crown prince, who previously has met with invariable defeat, may claim a primary success on this occasion. However, no breach has been made in the Allies' line, which has merely been pressed back by irresistible masses of troops, and has maintained complete cohesion.

FRESH ENEMY DIVISIONS

Fresh enemy divisions have been brought forward hastily to take the places of those exhausted by the advance of the last three days and continue the pressure on the Allies.

The territory south of the Vesle River, which the Germans have crossed at several points, is more difficult for the attack.

Now that the Allied command has reached the conclusion that the enemy intends this rush to be his chief attack, prompt measures are being taken to stay the movement.

BATTLED ALL NIGHT

Paris, May 30.—The battle along the fighting front continued all night, with the French maintaining the western outlets of Soissons, the war office announced today.

The Germans made repeated attempts through the defence in the Soissons region, but were each time held up by the determined French resistance.

In the centre of the German advance fighting is taking place in the neighborhood of Vezilly (approximately 18 miles south of the Chemin-des-Dames, where the German attack was launched on Monday).

The statement follows:
"The battle continued with undiminished violence during the night. French troops energetically maintained the western outlets of Soissons, and the enemy, notwithstanding repeated efforts, was not able to debouch from the town."

"Further south engagements of extreme violence developed in the region of the road between Soissons and Hartennes, and on the front between Fere-en-Tardenois and Vezilly, where French troops, supported by reserves, are opposing the German advance with indomitable tenacity."

"On the right Franco-British troops along the front between Brouillet and Thillois, and also northwest of Rheims, broke all assaults and maintained their positions."

REPULSED IN FLANDERS

London, May 30.—A German attack on a strong Allied position in Flanders, northwest of Festubert, has been repulsed completely, it was announced officially.

BROKE GERMAN ASSAULTS

Paris, May 30.—Northwest of Rheims the Franco-British forces broke all the German assaults and maintained the defensive positions. French reserves are continuing to arrive on the front, and the German advance is being resisted with great tenacity.

GO INTO BATTLE SINGING

Paris, May 30.—By Havas Agency.—Premier Clemenceau, who has just returned from the battlefield, declared the morale of the Allied soldiers was admirable. French and British soldiers, the premier said, went singing into battle. M. Clemenceau paid a high tribute to the Allied commanders, who, he said, were worthy of all praise.

During his trip, the premier went near the first lines. A general was killed at a cross road, where the premier had passed only three minutes before.

ALL FIGHTING AS ONE

Paris, May 30.—By Havas Agency.—The Havas correspondent at the French front quotes an example of the fraternity in arms of the British and French forces. At Craonne a British division, which had been sorely tried, joined a French colonial division, and victoriously counter-attacked four German divisions. The correspondent says that perfect harmony exists between the French and British troops all along the line of battle, and that confidence is everywhere felt that the German tide will be stemmed.

RESISTED UNTIL LAST

With the French Armies in France, Wednesday, May 29.—By the Associated Press.—One of the most brilliant actions Monday was carried out by a British territorial division at Craonne. The Germans threw their heaviest forces against the region between Craonne and

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