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Situation While Apparently Extremely Serious Has Not Assumed Critical Aspect of Fighting Late in March—Allies Resisting Enemy's Attacks Stubbornly, Giving Ground When Overpowered and Always Maintaining a Solid Front—Wave of Advance Now Approaching Valley of the Marne and Is Seven Miles From Famous River.

Slowly but surely the plunge of the German Crown Prince's armies is being halted by the French and British armies. While the momentum of the German masses has not as yet spent itself, there has been a notable slackening in its advance during the past day. The chief efforts of the Germans now seem to be devoted to the widening of the gap they have torn in the position of the Allies between Pinon and Brimont. This work seems to be progressing slowly against the desperate resistance of the allied forces.

The French, having fallen back from the limits of the city of Soissons, have stood their ground against the attacks of the enemy, and the German official statement fails to show material advances there during the day's fighting. The French are here fighting on familiar ground which has been made historic by numerous battles, some of which are named among the decisive combats of history.

On the eastern end of the fighting line some of the forts before Rheims are said to have fallen, which was to be expected from the fact that they have been outflanked by the tide of invasion that has swept far to the south of the city.

On Familiar Ground.

The fighting has taken on the familiar aspect of the invasion of France in 1914, the advance of Von Mackensen along the Dunalec and the fighting in Picardy in March. After breaking the French and British defensive positions but not breaking the allied line, the Germans are again moving their forces out in a fan-shaped figure, fighting hardest on the flanks of the extreme front of their advance.

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Approaching The Marne.

The wave of the advance is now approaching the valley of the Marne, the nearest approach to that avenue toward Paris being at the village of Vesilly, which lies at the extreme apex of the German wedge and is about eleven miles from there. In 1914, the Germans advanced over a front extending from Braisne, just east of Soissons, to Vauquois, a little west of Verdun. After having reached the Marne, the Teutons turned the forces of their advance toward the west as they may be expected to repeat their tactics of four years ago.

The reserve forces at the command of Generalissimo Foch are now coming into action on ground chosen for the combat by that master strategist and it is possible that a blow of tremendous proportions may be struck somewhere along the front of the German wave, or on its western side, which seems to be open to an attack which might crumple up the German armies to the east of Soissons.

Americans Repeat Attack.

The Americans, who captured Canisy have beaten off attack after attack by the Germans. Large German forces are said to have been gathered to retake the village and they have launched savage assaults at the Americans, but the latter, with rifle and machine gun fire, have moved down the advancing Teutons, while the American artillery has smashed

the German formation with barrage fire. Along the American-held positions in the Toul and Lunville sectors, there have been several spirited engagements, but nowhere have the Germans succeeded in penetrating the American lines.

The allied positions in the Flanders sector have been subjected to bombardments, but the only infantry fighting there has been initiated by the French near Dikbusch Lake, south of Ypres, who improved their positions as the result of an attack on the Germans.

The fighting on the Italian front has not been of an unusual character.

YOUNG GIRL USED AS A LIQUOR SMUGGLER

Eleven Year Old Miss Traveling Agent Between Toronto Man and Montreal Liquor Dealers.

Toronto, May 30.—A wee girl, aged eleven, was the travelling agent between Nick Simont, in Toronto and liquor dealers in Montreal. No one suspected her, and she could travel at half-fare. Carrying a little square grip, containing cans of cheap alcohol, she got off the train one day at the Don Station. Nick came out of another car, and the two met on the bridge. When plain clothes men requested an interview, Nick denied all knowledge of the girl; but in his pocket the officers found express company receipts for large shipments made to him from Montreal.

"Evidently a pretty bad case," said Magistrate Kingsford, in police court here today. The punishment was made proportionately severe; \$500 and costs for five months.

CALAIS BOY WOUNDED.

F. G. Maxwell, of Calais, with the Canadian army in France, has been wounded.

ACCIDENT DURING PROCESSION OF CORPUS CHRISTI

About Fifty Persons Thrown To Ground By Collapse of a Stairway.

HAPPILY ONLY ONE PERSON INJURED

Crash Came During Elevation of The Host Opposite Church of Blessed Sacrament.

Montreal, May 30.—About fifty persons, mostly children, among whom were adults with children in their arms, were thrown to the ground when a stairway leading from the street to a couple of flats collapsed last night just at the moment of the elevation of the Host when the Corpus Christi procession was passing opposite the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Large crowds lined the street and many of them had occupied this stairway as a point of vantage from which to view the procession.

Francic screams were heard at the time of the accident and it was feared that many were seriously hurt. After investigation it was ascertained that only one person was slightly injured, the others being more frightened than hurt. The steps collapsed sideways and downwards in the line of the procession, and the children were being extricated from the debris and their hurts were being ascertained.

TWENTY-FIVE LOST

Boston, May 30.—News of the sinking of the Furness line steamship Chevro's Range, and the loss of Capt. Manning, twenty-five of her crew, was received here today. The vessel was bound from a port in the Mediterranean to England, when she was attacked by a submarine off Palestine. One of the boats disappeared suddenly and the survivors believe that she was deliberately run down by the submarine.

NEAR RIOT IN SYDNEY

Sydney, N. S., May 30.—Nipped by the police before any damage was done, a repetition of the recent Halifax trouble was averted last night. The threat of the chief of police to protect city hall, at the expense even of lives, was the means of dampening the ardor of a crowd of sailors who filled the street in front of the police station and demanded the release of two of their comrades who had been arrested.

French Forces Prevent Enemy Progress on the Outskirts of Soissons

Paris, May 30.—"We have prevented enemy progress in the western outskirts of Soissons" says the official report from French headquarters today.

"To the south we solidly hold the left bank of the Crise river. The Germans are multiplying their efforts in the direction of Ville-En-Tardenois.

"In the center the fighting has not diminished in intensity. The Germans have occupied Fere-En-Tardenois (ten miles southwest of Rheims) and Vesilly.

"The battle continued today with undiminished violence along the whole extent of the front.

"On our right and to the northwest of Rheims we are holding our positions.

"The enemy air forces, which have been very aggressive and numerous during the battle have been attacked with the greatest daring by French airmen, who destroyed nineteen German machines, brought down two balloons and compelled twenty-three enemy airplanes to land in a damaged condition.

"On the night of May 27-28 French aviators dropped twenty-three tons of explosives on bridges and crossings on the Ailette and Aisne and on various cantonnements. The next night and day thirty-seven tons of bombs were dropped on convoys, troops and railway stations.

London, May 30.—A despatch from Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters says that, being held on the flanks at Soissons and Rheims, the Germans are throwing their entire strength southwards, obviously with the Marne for their goal. It is probable that the Germans hope to establish themselves on the Marne, with a view to turning the direction of their main effort westward, trusting to the river to protect their right flank.

The hottest fighting is proceeding along the whole southern front of the advance. The report, which was sent at noon, said that this morning it had been learned for the first time that reserve units were engaged in the support of divisions which had borne the whole weight of the onslaught since Monday.

Registration of Five Millions a Colossal Undertaking June 22

Preparations For Registration of Man and Women Power of Canada Proceeding Apace — Motion Pictures, Newspapers and Pulpit To Be Used — Campaign of Education Will Be Carried On.

Ottawa, May 30.—Preparations for why the work has been undertaken and will be carried through.

The pamphlet of instructions to deputy registrars and their assistants has been issued by the Canada registration board. One of its paragraphs stated that, subject to the approval of the registrar, the board would sanction plans to open up schools on each evening during the week preceding registration day, the registration of employees in the premises upon which they are employed, the opening of booths in charge of volunteer workers at lodge meetings, meetings of women's institutes and other similar gatherings, where the opportunity would be presented of effecting the registration of large numbers of people at a minimum expenditure of time and labor.

FIRE IN HALIFAX!

Halifax, May 31.—A serious fire broke out in the extensive plant of the Nova Scotia Car Works at an early hour this (Friday) morning. The fire was burning vigorously at 2.30 a. m.

WOMAN SMUGGLER.

Bertha Sibley, a Glais Woman, is under arrest charged with smuggling morphine into the United States from New Brunswick. She admitted the offense. She will be tried at Bangor next month.

CHILDREN ARE BEING TAKEN FROM PARIS

One Thousand Removed From Montemarte District and Sent To Central Part of France Out of Range of German Guns, and Others Will Follow As Soon As Possible.

German Bombardment of Paris Resumed Last Night—Shelling of Towns Far Behind the Lines in Progress—Amiens Under Heavy Fire For Twenty-Four Hours—Panic in Mannheim.

Paris, May 30.—The removal of children from Paris has begun this morning when one thousand children from the Montemarte district of the city were placed on board a special train, bound for a vacation colony in the department of Allier, in central France.

This is the first action taken under a plan for removing Paris children from the possibility of harm from a long-range gun shell striking a school filled with pupils, as a church of worship was struck on Good Friday last.

Mayors of towns within the military zone met in congress at Paris yesterday. The mayor of Chaumont presided and the mayors of Verdun, Calais and Belfort were among the assembly. The proceedings were opened by voting an address to Premier Clemenceau which recognized his noble patriotism and his immutable tenacity. An address to the Americans also was voted.

Paris Bombaraded.

The bombardment of Paris by the German long range gun stopped today soon after it began, and the gun was not heard after the early morning until tonight.

The bombardment was resumed at sunset.

Many Towns Bombaraded.

London, May 31.—The Daily Mail correspondent at British headquarters in France says that the shelling of towns behind the lines—some of them very far behind—is becoming more intense.

Amiens, added the correspondent, has been bombarded vigorously in the past twenty-four hours, coinciding with the increased activity of German air raiders.

Eighteen Dead in Panic.

Geneva, May 30.—Eighteen women and children were trampled to death and a number of persons were injured in a panic which followed an aerial raid alarm, sounded at mid-day in Mannheim, Germany yesterday, according to a despatch received here. It developed later that the warning signals were caused by the sighting of a squadron of German aviators.

CANADIANS GET BOCHE AIRPLANE IN PECULIAR WAY

TEUTON GOT TOO CLOSE TO BRIDGE

IN BLOWING UP BRIDGE OVER ANCRE RIVER THEY BLEW UP GERMAN AIRMAN.

OTAWA, MAY 30.—The following has been received here from Roland Hill: "To blow up a bridge and bring down a Boche aeroplane was the unique experience of engineers of a Canadian overseas railway construction unit during the recent fighting at Aveluy on the Ancre River. The incident is vouched for by an Imperial infantry colonel whose men were holding the line in that section. It was decided to destroy the steel structure at the last moment, after our men had crossed, and a young Winnipeg lieutenant was given the job with a lorry of gun-cotton. He had just completed the mining and the fixing of the fuse when a Hun plane swooped down and dropped bombs on both sides of the bridge. The Canadian set his fuse and then dashed up the road. Just as the machine came swerving over the bridge

U. S. HAS MILLION SOLDIERS ABROAD

Chicago, May 30.—Senator James Hamilton Lewis said in a speech here today that the United States now has 1,000,000 soldiers in foreign lands, and that by December 1 it will be numerically equal to that of England. He said that 700,000,000 pounds of explosives are in process of manufacture. The ordnance department, he said, has spent \$775,000,000 for projectiles, and 75,000,000 projectiles are on their way to Pershing. One thousand rifles are being manufactured daily and 3,500,000 rounds of small arm ammunition has been contracted for. Last month, he said, we produced 275 million rounds. He placed the machine guns contracted for at 350,000, and added that 100,000 have been delivered. By July 1, he added, we shall be producing 18,000 a month.

SUBMARINES OFF AMERICAN COAST

More Evidence Indicating U-Boats Are in Southern Waters—Steamship Warned.

An Atlantic Port, May 30.—Recent reports that German submarines have been lurking in southern waters off the American coast were given support today with the arrival here of a Brazilian steamship. The passengers said that on Saturday last when the ship was entering the Gulf Stream on the Florida coast, a wireless warning to look out for submarines was received and that the captain immediately changed his course and made a very wide detour before heading again for this port.

Sir Leslie Probyn, one of the passengers, former British governor-general of the Barbados, who is on his way to take the new post of governor general of Jamaica, said that before leaving the Barbados he had heard that a German submarine had been sighted on May 16 near Bermuda. One report to this effect was made by an American vessel, another by a British vessel, he added.

for the second time the structure went up in a binding flash. The aeroplane rocked with the force of the explosion and suddenly flamed up and crashed.