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OFFENSIVE MAY HALT BUT DAY OF VICTORY DRAWS NEARER

Illuminating Review of Strategy of Entente Powers Shows Ultimate Effect of Present Operations—Germany Fighting on Defensive on Every Front

East New York, Aug. 3.—(By Frank H. Simonds in the New York Tribune.)—After five weeks it is patently clear that the Anglo-French offensive has come to one of those halts which are the familiar detail of contemporary operations when the attack fails to pierce the enemy lines in the opening thrust. Berlin is amply justified in its assertion that the effort to pierce the Somme front has so far failed; it may be warranted in its assertion that the effort has permanent value, but that there is no proof.

Where it Counts. If the Russians continued to advance the allied offensive is a success, even if the German lines in the west spread out. The Germans and Austrians are outnumbered on both fronts. They have been beaten badly in the east and have so far failed to hold the Russian advance. They have been able to check the western attack so far, but to do it has taken men that were required in the east. Ultimately, if this situation endures, they will have to shorten their lines very greatly, either in the east or the west. And for the purpose of the allies it does not matter.

VON HINDENBURG IS NOT POPULAR

Three Budapest Papers Suppressed For Criticism of New Commander of Eastern Front

London, Aug. 4.—A Vienna despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "The announcement that the German Field Marshal Von Hindenburg had been appointed commander of the Eastern front, brought no joy in Austria-Hungary. Three Budapest papers were suppressed yesterday (Wednesday), owing to adverse criticisms of the appointment. The legislature is asked to contribute to the support of the sanitation and also to provide extra revenue to meet the decline in revenue arising from the war. It is understood that a special tax equal to one-third of the present rate is to be imposed all around."

A NEW DEFENCE AGAINST ZEPPELS?

London, Aug. 4.—(Toronto Globe cable)—The ineffectiveness of last night's raid on the east coast of England by six Zeppelins, the fourth during the present dark moon, is attributed by many Londoners to the operation of a mysterious new electrical device. It is believed that the government is using an electrical invention which wrecks the control of the Zeppelins' rudders from the pilots, and either steers the big ships where they do not want to go, or so upsets the compass of the machines that it is impossible to do effective bombing.

TODAY'S BIG LEAGUE GAMES

National League—Chicago at New York, cloudy, 8:40 p.m.; Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, cloudy, 8:30 p.m.; St. Louis at Philadelphia, cloudy, 8:30 p.m.; Cincinnati at Boston, cloudy, 8:15 p.m. American League—Washington at Chicago, clear, (2), 1:30 p.m.; Philadelphia at Cleveland, clear, 8:15 p.m.; New York at Detroit, cloudy, 8:15 p.m.; Boston at St. Louis, clear, 8:30 p.m. International League—Newark at Providence, clear, 8:30 p.m.; Baltimore at Richmond, clear, 8:30 p.m.; Montreal at Rochester, clear, 4 p.m.; Buffalo at Toronto, clear, 8:30 p.m.

AUSTRALIA BLACKLISTS AMERICAN BUSINESS FIRMS

Melbourne, via London, Aug. 4.—The Commonwealth has issued a blacklist of American firms. Trading with these firms is prohibited.



EMPIRE ENTERS THIRD YEAR OF WAR WITH GRIM DETERMINATION

Second Anniversary Marked by Public Meetings Throughout Britain and Her Dominions

London, Aug. 4.—Every town and village in the British Isles, as well as places throughout the Empire, today observed the second anniversary of Great Britain's declaration of war. Meetings were held and resolutions passed declaring a "determination to continue to a victorious end of the allies."

WARNING TO DRIVERS

In dealing with some by-law cases in the police court this morning the magistrate said he would like to bring before the driving public the fact that the city regulation, which is over forty years old, is still in force and only allows one to drive a horse through the streets at a moderate trot and, in rounding corners, one must walk his horse. He said that teamsters and pleasure drivers are becoming too careless, the law is being violated and some one will be hurt. Then he got into court.

MAY SHOW WHICH WAY THIS WIND IS BLOWING

Berlin, Aug. 3.—(Via London, Aug. 4)—According to a special despatch received here from Budapest, Rumania, has bought 80,000 tons of coal in Austria-Hungary and Germany. The despatch adds that this fact may be interpreted as meaning that the Central Powers are without fear that Rumania will join the Entente Allies.

STILL ENJOYING FREEDOM

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 4.—Sir Robert Borden leaves this morning for Montreal, where he is to address the big patriotic meeting tonight on the occasion of the second anniversary of the declaration of war. Tomorrow he will inspect the troops at Valcartier, afterwards leaving for Nova Scotia. Sir Robert on Wednesday will review the camp at Aldershot, and on the same day will address (Continued on page 7, fourth column)

TERRIFIC BATTLE BEING FIERCELY WAGED FOR POSSESSION OF VILLAGE OF FLEURY

HELPLESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE THEIR VICTIMS

Submarine Shells Passengers of Italian Liner as They Take to the Boats—Other Craft Sunk

London, Aug. 4.—The Italian mail steamer Letimbro has been sunk by a submarine and twenty-eight survivors have arrived at Malta, says a Reuter despatch from that place. Two boat-loads with survivors have also arrived at Syracuse. The Letimbro carried a crew of fifty-seven and her passengers numbered 115. It is believed that a large number of them lost their lives. The passengers included women and children.

ST. JOHN GIRL HAS WHIRLWIND CAREER IN STAD PHILADELPHIA

The story of how a well known St. John girl made her way into the smart set of Philadelphia, was entertained by prominent society people there and in turn, entertained them by giving tango teas, suppers and other elaborate festivities, appears in a recent issue of a Philadelphia newspaper. The paper devotes nearly two columns to the life of the girl, from the time she left convent to the present stage of her life, which is behind the bars in the jail of that place, charged with passing bogus checks, upon various Atlantic city merchants, once reaching the sum of \$1,000.

DEUTSCHLAND TRIP PROCLAIMED A BLUFF

Paris, Aug. 4.—According to Havre shippers say the submarine Never Sailed Atlantic; Bought Over in Parts. The text of the official statement given out this afternoon by the French war department declares the Germans have succeeded in recapturing a portion of the village of Fleury.

WIFE BEATING CHARGED

Samuel Lewis was taken into custody this afternoon and lodged in central police station upon the charge of beating his wife.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto, Aug. 4.—Showers and thunderstorms have occurred throughout the western provinces, while a few scattered showers or thunderstorms are reported from Ontario and Quebec. A shallow depression is approaching Lake Superior, attended by numerous thunderstorms.

Fall and Warm

Maritime—Moderate southwest to south winds, fair and warm today and on Saturday. Generally fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature. Gentle south winds.

Verdun Again is the Centre of the War Stage

French Captured Entire Village of Fleury But Germans Again Gain Foothold—French Troops Enter Thiamont Earthworks, Taking Eighty Prisoners

Paris, Aug. 4.—The French have captured the entire village of Fleury in the Verdun sector, according to an official announcement issued by the French War Office. A number of prisoners were taken.

IS CHARGED WITH INTENT TO KILL

James Burns Committed For Trial—Attempted to Attack Man with Opium Razor—Both Charged

Crimes of murder! Police! Help! were heard coming from the vicinity of Union Alley last evening about 8 o'clock and a woman was seen to run down the alley into Union street in the height of excitement. Meeting a policeman, she was asked to return with her to the house as she said she was being chased by a man with an open razor. The policeman investigated, but the man was not to be found. However, about 12:30 this morning Detective Burt was sent to investigate the affair, and as a result, he placed under arrest James Burns, colored, who this morning was committed for trial on the charge of assault with intent to kill.

BOMBERS PREPARED

French bomb-throwers for a fortnight past, in participation of the present offensive had been creeping forward by the Vignes ravine, west of Froide Terre, with the object of getting near Thiamont wood, by working around Hill No. 962.

ENEMY'S HEAVY LOSSES

The heavy attacks in like manner during the night our new position to the east of Vacherauville. They succeeded only in suffering heavy losses. In the vicinity of Vaux-La-Chapelle and Chenois the artillery fighting has been very spirited.

VERDUN IS SAFE

"A pause may follow this tremendous effort, but the danger to Verdun has ended. Alike in the west and east, lines of immense strength have been broken. French and British infantry have again proved their superiority. The artillery of the enemy has been dominated, and in the air the allies have won the ascendancy."