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Germans Strike But Attacks Are Broken

Allies Hold All Gains on the Main Front

British, Between Albert and Arras, Make Further Advance—Further Details of the Driving Back of the Enemy

Paris, July 22.—Strong counter-attacks delivered last night by the Germans on the front between the Ourcq and the Marne were broken by the Allies, the war office so announced today. The Allied positions have been maintained. The enemy counter-blows were delivered in the region of Gisors, seven miles northwest of Chateau Thierry and Beau St. Germain, four miles north of Chateau Thierry.

North of the Ourcq and between the Marne and Rheims the enemy's reaction was limited to artillery fire. The fire was particularly notable in the region of the woods of Courton and Roit.

BRITISH PUSH AHEAD.

London, July 22.—Further ground has been gained by the British in the Hebuterne region, on the front between Albert and Arras. The British likewise, in conjunction with the French carried out a successful enterprise to the south of Villers-Bretonneux, east of Amiens, in which prisoners were taken.

German trenches were entered during the night by British troops from several points on the front including Neufville-Vitasse and north of Bellefleur, and prisoners were taken.

OFFENSIVE NOW IS THE ALLIES

Paris, July 22.—Commenting on the German withdrawal on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry line, Marcel Hittin, in the Echo de Paris remarks:—"The offensive continues—ours."

It has needed all the reserves which promised victory to the German people, he says, to attempt to stop the Allied progress. The enemy has been forced to resist to the last ounce. He was completely beaten at Chateau Thierry from which he scamped off, permitting a methodical advance, up to Sunday night, of fifteen kilometers.

Several Franco-American units have crossed the Marne, M. Hittin adds, which presages that the river soon will be entirely cleared of Germans.

Sunday Night Report

With the French Army in France, July 22.—(Night by the Associated Press.)—On the main battle line between the Marne and the Aisne the Germans again have been driven back a considerable distance. They have been pushed back over the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road at several points north of the Ourcq.

South of the river under the combined pressure of French troops advancing from the west and Franco-American forces which followed the enemy across the Marne and the Aisne, the Germans fell back rapidly during the day and tonight the Allies were on a line marked by the villages of La Croix, Gisors, and Epieds, which means an advance of five miles from the west and three miles from the south.

French troops carried the heights overlooking La Croix and Gisors at the point of the bayonet.

A Rich Harvest

In the abandoned Boche positions south of the Marne, the French and Americans made a rich haul of material, including 400 machine guns and thirty cannon, including two big guns.

The heaviest fighting today was on the eastern side of the salient west of the hills and woods west of the mountain of Rheims where the enemy was fighting tooth and nail to maintain himself. The Germans were attacked fiercely in this region today by British troops, including a Highland division, who took from him Courton Wood, Rheims Wood, and the villages of Bouilly and St. Espreux.

The Germans evidently mean to hold on at all costs to their flanking positions in the mountain of Rheims and on the plateau above Soissons.

AMERICANS TAKE HUNDRED CANNON.

Washington, July 22.—Fresh successes for the American forces in their drive between the Aisne and the Marne were reported in General Pershing's communique for yesterday, received today. The Americans were driving ahead with undiminished vigor and spirit. More than 6,000 prisoners, more than 100 cannon and many trench mortars and machine guns have been taken by American divisions in the last few days on the Aisne-Marne front. This was accepted as meaning that the 17,000 prisoners referred to in Saturday's statement included those captured by both French and American units.

General Wants to Quit.

Amsterdam, July 22.—General Von Francois, commander of the seventh army corps on the western front, has resigned, according to the Loket Anzeiger. The emperor has refused to accept the resignation and has given him an honor-

NO GENERAL STRIKE YET ON CANADIAN RY'S

McAdoo Schedule Accepted by Railway Shoppers' Representatives, But Westerners Threaten Further Action

Montreal, July 22.—There will be no general strike of railway shippers in Canada, at least at the present time, the intervention of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, announced last week, following the adoption of the adoption by the railway workers of the McAdoo schedule with amendments, was sufficient to prevent the sending out of a strike call to railway shippers' unions throughout Canada. It also had the effect of causing a decided split in the shippers' committee that had been in Montreal for several weeks negotiating with the railway was board. East and west of the adoption by the American Federation of Labor, and the west for taking drastic action and that at once Western representatives, strongly supported by their membership, declared that a strike will yet be called and that the American Federation will be defied.

Local railway employees are pleased that a new rate of wages is to become effective on August 1. For some it means an increase of forty-three per cent over their wages in December 1915. The increase is from forty-three to one per cent the minimum wage being \$46 a month, the maximum \$290 a month. Those who receive less than \$46 will receive a straight increase of \$20 and above \$46 a rate based on the amount paid for the working in Montreal on a new scale for the trainmen.

CHATEAU-THIERRY CAPTURED EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

Huns Have Only One Railway South of Rheims-Soissons Line

FURTHER RETREAT INDICATED

Allied Belief That Germans Cannot Hold on, for Supply Sources Are Under Deadly Menace—Streams of Prisoners

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, Sunday, July 21.—(By the Associated Press, night.)—South of Soissons American troops today advanced two kilometers (about 1 1/4 miles).

The Allied artillery has found the range of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry railroad, while American troops are within the Soissons-Villers-Corbetta railway. As a result there is only one railroad line in the hands of the Germans south of a line drawn from Soissons to Rheims.

Near the village of Bellefleur, northwest of Chateau Thierry, the Americans early on Sunday had made an advance of five kilometers. Some of the most terrific fighting since the offensive began occurred between Givry and Vaux, the Germans using artillery and machine-guns.

The Allied troops occupied Hill 204, commanding Chateau Thierry, at daylight on Sunday and soon afterwards were pressing their way through the city itself. Progress east and north by the French and Americans continued throughout Sunday.

The Germans north of the Marne were subjected to a terrible pounding from the Allied artillery to-day. They responded, however, although unsuccessfully. The Allied airplanes were feeling out the German lines with telling effect, making the enemy's rear guard action costly.

Prisoners captured near Chateau Thierry confirmed the soundness of Gen. Foch's plan when they declared that the German retreat became imperative on account of decreased supplies. Stores of both ammunition and foodstuffs were being used up and the officers had reported that it was practically impossible to resist.

Orders had been issued, the prisoners added, to retreat to a point ten miles north, but the indications to-night were that the Germans would not for long be permitted to retreat that close to the Marne, for the Allied flanking movement is progressing steadily. Both the railroads and the wagon roads over which the enormous stores for the German forces must pass are so menaced as to make them unusable.

Streams of prisoners were being taken to the rear all day Sunday. Since Thursday the Americans have captured German soldiers representing ten divisions.



JAPS AGREE TO PROPOSALS FROM WASHINGTON TO TAKE HAND IN SIBERIA

London, July 22.—The Japanese diplomatic council has agreed to the American proposal for joint intervention by Japan and the United States in Siberia, says a Central News despatch from Tokyo under date of July 17. The despatch adds that a protocol will be issued assisting Russia that the Entente has no aggressive designs on intervening in Siberia.

It is probable that a relief commission will accompany the joint expedition.

THE KILLING OF FORMER EMPEROR OF RUSSIA

London, July 22.—Recent reports and a recognition that probably the former emperor would suffer a violent death, the killing of Nicholas Romanoff, which, none the less, excites sympathetic references here and has caused some strong denunciations of the perpetrators of the crime.

Nicholas never was a hero in this country for he had always been regarded as weak and a poor specimen of a sovereign, but it is admitted that he had good intentions which by the tragedy of his weakness he was unable to realize.

The news of his death, which in ordinary times would have filled the newspapers and called for the biggest type, appears in most papers inconspicuously, and with one or two exceptions, without editorial notice.

SOME EXCEPTION TAKEN TO STORY OF BIG SHIPYARD

Toronto, July 22.—With reference to a despatch received from Quebec on Thursday, stating that a new shipyard concern had been formed to operate a yard opposite Quebec city, the new syndicate, comprising the Federal Shipbuilding Company of Sarnia, the Dominion Shipbuilding Company of Collingwood, etc., the Dominion Shipbuilding Company, Limited, Toronto, says that it is the only company operating under the name of the Dominion Shipbuilding Company and there is no such yard at Collingwood. It further states that it has no knowledge of the proposed new shipyard and is not in any way interested in it. The article said that the Federal and Dominion Shipbuilding companies would cease building ships in Ontario this, the Dominion Shipbuilding Company, Ltd., states is not true so far as it is concerned.

QUEBEC FARMER KILLS TWO ROBBERS

Montreal, July 22.—A farmer living at Kildare, twenty-five miles south of Montreal, in an encounter with three masked men on Saturday night killed two. It is reported the bandits attempted to hold him up in his house.

BELGIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY HONORED BY THE PARIS POPULATION

Paris, July 22.—Celebrations throughout Paris yesterday in honor of Belgian Independence day began with a Te Deum in the Belgian church, attended by the Belgian minister and other officials. President Poincaré, Foreign Minister Fichon and the Archbishop of Paris sent representatives.

THE OTTAWA POSTMEN WILL NOT GO ON STRIKE

Ottawa, July 22.—An interim agreement, it is understood, has been reached between the government and local letter carriers. As a result, there will be no strike here. Promise has been made, it is said, to meet practically all the requests of the men.

DESTROYED TWO ZEPES.

London, July 22.—Concerning the official report from Berlin on Saturday, announcing that three British airmen had made an early morning attack on a Zeppelin hangar at Tondern, Schleswig, but that no material damage had been done, military authorities here consider the raid a brilliant exploit. They assert that it appears to have accomplished important results at a small cost. Two Zeppelins are believed to have been in the sheds destroyed, since stormy weather prevailed in which Zeppelins would not have ventured out. A large naval force was required for the operation.

HAVE CROSSED MARNE.

London, July 22.—American troops yesterday crossed the River Marne between Charvres and Glend, east of Chateau Thierry, and captured the wood of Barillon, according to authoritative announcement made here to-day.

COST STANDS IN WAY OF WRAPPED BREAD

LOOKS MORE LIKE INTERVENTION

Would Add Cent To Price of Each Loaf

Opposition Party in Japan Reported Yielding

COUNCIL WON'T INSIST

PEKIN WELL PLEASED

Bakers, at City Hall Conference, Express Willingness to Use Wrappers, but Customer Must Pay—Council Awaits Decision of Citizens

Feeling There in Support of Assistance for Czechoslovaks—Believed Japan's Answer to United States Has Been Sent

London, July 22.—A despatch to the Times from Tokyo dated July 17 quotes a report that the Seiry-Kai party is yielding and will accept the government's proposals regarding intervention. It is said that the government has forbidden the press to report movements of troops and other material information. A meeting of the army, navy and finance ministers was to have been held on July 18, to complete arrangements for financing and provisioning the Japanese forces.

A Peking despatch of July 17 to the Times says that the character of the contemplated Allied action at Vladivostok has caused liveliest satisfaction there. The Allies, it is believed in Peking, cannot do better for the moment than to add the Czechoslovaks by occupying Vladivostok and securing their base. Thus supported, the Czechs can proceed against the Bolsheviks, knowing that effective reinforcements will be available should the task prove different than anticipated.

Now Known in Washington?

Tokyo, July 19.—(Friday, by the Associated Press.)—It is believed in political circles here that the Japanese government's reply to the proposal made by the United States relative to the contemplated Allied intervention in Siberia will be despatched to Washington today. It is understood that the Japanese government's answer accepts the American proposal in every particular.

This is better.

London, July 22.—General Horvath, recently proclaimed provisional ruler of Siberia, says a Daily Mail despatch from Helsinki dated last Thursday, has sent a reply to the Allied ministers in Peking which disposes effectively of their fears. The ministers had asked him to draw his proclamation on the ground that he intended to prevent the progress of the Czechoslovak army. He has replied that he has no intention of coming to an understanding with the Czechs.

Wrapping of bread by the bakers will not be made compulsory by the city council at present, at least not until a more convincing demand for the change is heard at city hall. This was the impression conveyed by the mayor's announcement at the close of a conference with city bakers this morning, the reason for the council's attitude being the fact that the wrappers would add an extra cent to the price of the loaf.

The bakers professed entire willingness to start wrapping the bread again, but explained that the increased cost of wrapper and labor, in addition to the former cost, would add a cent to their expenses and this would have to be paid by the consumer. They fully agreed with the members of the Housewives' League and the city commissioners that bread wrappers were desirable, and had their belief in the practice by commencing it years ago on their own initiative. They were practically neutral regarding the proposed by-law, but their suggestion was that the matter be allowed to stand until after the end of the war.

Permission to sell a stone crusher and a road roller was given to the public works department and authority for the truck to remain in front of the D. A. R. warehouse was granted by the council meeting in committee this morning.

Mayor Hayes presided and all the members of the council were present.

A delegation representing the bakers of the city was present when the meeting opened, the delegation including Charles Robinson, J. Dwyer, C. McMurray, E. A. Lawrence and J. A. D. Gibson.

The mayor stated the situation with regard to the request of the Housewives' League for compulsory bread-wrapping by the bakers.

Mr. Robinson, for the bakers, said that the bakers, generally, were in favor of wrapping the bread. He said that wrapped bread had been on the market at least nine years ago. He had an entry in his books in that year for \$12.25 for 10,000 wrappers. They had advertised it extensively but at that time the public did not seem to want it and the demand was small. Later, when Dwyer Brothers adopted the same policy, nearly all the bakers fell in line. They had been leaders, not laggards, in the movement. The wrappers had been discontinued owing to the food hoard order. If restored, the question of cost would arise. It would be necessary to add one cent to the price to cover the cost of wrappers, now one-half cent for each loaf, labor, machinery and cost of operation. He was strongly in favor of returning to the use of wrappers ultimately but during war times he thought it would be better to continue to go without them.

To the mayor, Mr. Robinson said that the bread purchased by public institutions had not been wrapped in the past. About two-thirds of the bread had been wrapped.

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MAY LET BIG LEAGUES PLAY OUT THE SEASON

Washington, July 22.—Secretary of War Baker and Provost Marshal General Crowder are today considering the advisability of extending the effective date of the work or fight order as it applies to professional baseball players so as to permit the completion of the season.

New York, July 22.—Secretary Heydler of the National League received a telegram this morning from President Fichon, who is in Pittsburgh, announcing definite arrangements for a meeting of the National League Club owners in Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

Cleveland, July 22.—The future of the American Base Ball League was to be decided here today at a special meeting of the club owners called by President B. B. Johnson to take action on the ruling of Secretary of War Baker that baseball is not essential.

Whether or not the schedule should be continued was expected to be the principal question to be discussed.

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY MEN PRESS FOR THEIR DEMANDS

Montreal, July 22.—A new complication has arisen in the tramway situation here. Inpatient at the delay in receiving the wages increase agreed upon, the employees of the company are now taking action to enforce their demands. The president of the men's union has written to General Manager Hutchinson of the Montreal Tramways Company, insisting that prompt action be taken.

REVIVE MATTER OF GERMAN-IRISH PLOT

London, July 22.—(via Reuter's Ltd.)—The Dublin correspondent of the Daily News says that a considerable quantity of what the government regards as useful and additional evidence of a German-Irish plot has just come to hand in the form of extracts from censored private correspondence between persons in Ireland and in the United States. Some of the detailed information as to the times, places and quantities of munitions to be landed is understood to be remarkable.

AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST MUCH LONGER

Washington, July 21.—Casualties in the navy and marine corps overseas increased 983 during the week compared with 447 the previous week, and aggregated 12,716 with the inclusion of today's army list of 199 and the marine corps list of twenty-six.

OF COURSE, JUST WHAT THEY DESIRED

Amsterdam, July 22.—"The withdrawal of our troops to the northern bank of the Marne came as no surprise to well-informed circles because the supreme command had confidentially communicated its intention before hand," says the Cologne Gazette, and adds:—"The object which the former of the Marne had in view was attained. Therefore it did not appear dangerous to retreat locally in order to save unnecessary losses."

IT IS GRAVE DEFEAT.

London, July 22.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The newspapers expose the absurdity of the German apologies for retreating the Marne and remark that the hurried and foolish attempts to disguise disaster are the most significant and most welcome signals that could be made from Berlin at this particular moment, for grave defeat has been imposed upon the enemy, who dares not, for both political and inability reasons, contemplate failure.

The Crown Prince is fighting furiously between the Marne and Rheims and is ruthlessly sacrificing the rear guards to prevent a rout. It is suggested that General Ludendorff's arrogant under-valuation of the Allied offensive powers is due to his belief in the nonsense recently published in Germany about General Foch and his reserves.

FRANCE HONORS BRAVE ENGLISH GIRL DRIVER

Legion of Honor and War Cross For Miss Fraser

Paris, July 22.—Upon recommendation from General Foch, Premier Clemenceau has decorated Miss Fraser, an English ambulance driver, with the Cross of the Legion of Honor and the war cross. The citation reads:

"Charged with the transport of wounded men on Thursday night under heavy bombardment, she received two serious wounds from a torpedo which destroyed her ambulance. She had the superb courage to reach the hospital 200 feet away, and inform the doctor of the plight of the wounded man. She then fell unconscious. When transported to the hospital for an operation she insisted that her wounds should not be treated before the doctors attended to the injured men for whom she was responsible."

NEW RECORD AT THE BITUMINOUS MINES; GASOLINE HIGHER

(J. M. Robinson & Sons private wire telegram.)

New York, July 22.—Bituminous production made last week when 18,238,000 net tons left the mines. Increase over week of July 19.

Fuel administration approves advance of half cent a gallon in wholesale tank wagon price of gasoline and refined oil in United States effective today.

IS IN ENGLAND.

L. C. Armstrong of T. H. Estabrook Co., Ltd., has received a cablegram announcing the safe arrival of his son, Cadet Joseph L. Armstrong of the Royal Air Force, in England. The young man recently completed his course of training and spent a short furlough at home before going overseas.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis: The barometer is quite high along the Atlantic coast and relatively low both north and west. The weather is fine throughout the dominion, except near Lake Superior, where thunder storms are prevalent. The temperature is decidedly high in Ontario and Quebec, but elsewhere it is moderate.

Forecasts.

Lakes and Georgian Bay, Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley: Moderate southerly winds, fine with light temperature; Tuesday, light winds, fair and warm.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore: Moderate southwest winds, fair to-day and Tuesday, becoming warmer.

Fine and warmer.

Maritime: Moderate south and southwest winds, fair to-day and Tuesday, becoming warmer.

Superior: Moderate winds, partly fair with local thunder storms, cool on Tuesday.

Western Provinces: Fair and warmer to-day and Tuesday.

New England: Fair to-night and Tuesday; little change in temperature; gentle to moderate winds, mostly west.