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NEW ADVANCE ON RHEIMS IS STOPPED

German Checked Completely in Attempt to Take the City—Enemy Attacks on Marne Repulsed by French, Whose Reserves Have Come Into Action Near Chateau Thierry.

FRENCH LINES HOLDING FIRM IN CHAMPAGNE

Enemy Nowhere Can Make Headway, Despite Determined Thrusts.

GAINS MADE ARE SMALL

Germans Determined to Blot Out Rheims Salient if Possible.

Altho the Germans are still attacking the allied lines viciously on both sides of the Rheims salient, what gains they are making continue to be small ones...

Daily it becomes increasingly apparent that the strategy of the German high command in the present battle has foremost in its considerations the blotting out of the Rheims salient...

In these endeavors, the German war office asserts, the Germans have driven back the allied troops on the mountain of Rheims between Montenuit and the straightening of the line eastward...

SEDLIN JUNCTIONS BOMBED BY BRITISH

Royal Flying Corps Attacks German Bunkers, Airdromes, Dumps and Zeebrugge Mole.

London, July 17.—The work of the British air forces in aerial operations is described tonight in the official statement as follows:

On July 16 repeated thunder and rainstorms prevented continuous aerial work. Our airplanes took advantage of the fine intervals to carry out reconnaissance work with the artillery and bombing.

BRITISH PATROL FIGHTS NORTH OF BETHUNE

London, July 17.—The war office communication issued this evening says: "We secured a few prisoners during the day in patrol encounters north of Bethune and west of Merville."

The hostile artillery developed great activity during the night with gas shells on the Villers-Bretonneux front. This morning the hostile artillery and trench mortars have shown increased activity in the Albert sector.

HAMILTON TO HAVE IMPORTANT GATHERING

Quadrennial Meeting of Methodist High Court to Be Held There in October.

Official announcement has just been issued by the Methodist General Conference special committee that a strong committee of arrangements has been organized at Hamilton for the quadrennial meeting of the Methodist high court of the Dominion, Newfoundland, Japan and China conferences. It will open at Hamilton on Oct. 2 under the presidency of Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown of Toronto, general superintendent, and hold legislative sessions daily for about three weeks.

The official announcement states that Rev. P. L. Kernish has been appointed general secretary of the committee of local arrangements at Hamilton. The homes of the Methodists of Hamilton will be thrown open to the hundreds of delegates and the committee of arrangements has begun work in this department.

BORDEN SENDS MESSAGE TO GENERAL CURRIE

London, July 17.—The following letter was forwarded by Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian premier, to Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, officer commanding the Canadian army corps, upon the former's return from a visit to the corps in France: "We have returned from our visit with fresh courage from the renewed inspection. The fine physique, magnificent spirit and splendid confidence of the Canadian corps were most impressive. If all our countrymen could have witnessed the gathering on Dominion Day for the highest and present on the following day when the brigades paraded in battle order, there would be no need of any message from the Canadian corps to the army of Canadian people."

NO STRIKE THIS WEEK BY RAILWAY SHOPMEN

Montreal, July 17.—R. J. Tallon, president of the Federated Trades of Montreal, said today that there is little probability of a strike order being sent out this week to the railway shopmen.

Austria Confiscates Harvest; Serbia Faced With Starvation

London, July 17.—It is learned from official Serbian sources that Austria-Hungary has confiscated the whole of this year's Serbian harvest, as well as the means of food within the country. The Serbian people therefore are faced with starvation, besides which they are experiencing a further reign of terror and cruelty.

BERTHELOT LEADS ARMY

General Who Headed French Mission to Rumania Commands Franco-Italians.

Paris, July 17.—After being permitted to print the information last night that General Gouraud of Verdun had been commanding the French sector between Rheims and Massiges, the Paris newspapers today are allowed to reveal the fact that General Henri Berthelot, who headed the French military mission to Rumania, is now commanding the Franco-Italian army in the sector between the Marne and Rheims.

CORRUPTION FUND TO INFLUENCE U. S.

Germans Raised Ninety Million Dollars for Corruption.

TO FOSTER PACIFISM

Enemy Aimed at Controlling Papers and Certain Colleges.

New York, July 17.—Declaration that fully \$90,000,000 of an aggregate sale of \$100,000,000 German war bonds in this country early in the European war went into a "corruption fund" managed by Teuton agents here was made today by federal officials investigating German propaganda activities.

FOUR MEN FOR ARMY FROM BASEBALL CROWD

Two Others, Despite Having Given Bonds, Fail to Report on Time.

Reports from the office of Captain Tom Flanagan show that of the 47 men gathered by the civil branch of the military police in the raid on baseball fans Tuesday afternoon only four were found to be eligible for the army. The others, on being allowed a few hours' time, produced the required military papers, except two men, who gave bonds to report again to the police yesterday and up to last night had failed to do so.

A NEW SUBSTITUTE IN THE SOYA BEAN

Samples of Products Introduced to Food Board and Research Commission.

Food Production in England May Be Lower Than Expected

Washington, July 17.—Drought, early frosts, and labor shortage in England threaten to reduce somewhat previous estimates of food production, according to cable advices received today by the food administration from England.

ADVANCING IN ALBANIA

French Make New Progress North of Devoli River, Capturing Village.

Paris, July 17.—A French official communication says: "Eastern theatre—The usual artillery activity was displayed along the whole front. In Albania our troops made new progress north of the Devoli River. We occupied the village of Mevan, capturing about thirty prisoners."

COSTLY ADVANCE TOWARDS RHEIMS

Germans Achieve Gain on Six-Mile Front Against Allies.

London, July 17.—Despatches arriving in London this evening say that at only one point did the Germans succeed in advancing today, and then at enormous costs. The despatches assert that at 11 o'clock this morning after two unsuccessful attempts the Germans, on a front of six miles, pushed into the French lines to a depth of one and a half miles at its deepest point at Rheims mountain.

LIEUT. B. N. GARRETT IS REPORTED MISSING

Young Flying Officer, Whose Only Brother-in-Law, Went Overseas Last December.

Lieut. Beverley N. Garrett of the Royal Air Force was reported missing on July 14, according to a cablegram received last night by his father, A. N. Garrett of The World Office. He was 21 years old, enlisted about one year ago and trained at Long Branch, Louisiana and in Texas, going overseas early last December, and to France only two months ago. Lieut. Garrett attended Ridley College and University School, at both places making the football team.

BRITAIN CARRIES BULK OF TROOPS

Over Half of the American Army Travels Under Union Jack.

London, July 17.—Of the 637,829 American troops brought to Europe in the months of April, May and June, 356,816 were carried in British ships, according to a statement made in the House of Commons today by Sir Leo Money, Parliamentary secretary to the ministry of shipping. He added: "Arrangements are being made whereby we hope to carry larger numbers in the future."

NO BOUNTY IN SIGHT FOR GOLD PRODUCERS

Neither Does Government Favor the Importation of Oriental Labor to Aid Them.

HOPE FOR IMPERIAL AID

Authorities Said to Be Anxious to Stimulate Production Within the Empire.

Ottawa, July 17.—Indications are that the gold producers of Canada will have to look for aid and encouragement to the imperial rather than to the Dominion Government. At present gold is not being profitably produced as the cost of production has steadily increased, while gold remains at a fixed value. Representations have been made from time to time to the Dominion authorities respecting the importance of the industry and the necessity for it being stimulated in some way by the action of the government. It has been suggested that the government might do this either by paying a bounty or by bringing into the country cooils labor.

HANDS MUST BE FREE WHEN PEACE COMES

London, July 17.—In the House of Commons today, George Lloyd, member for Staffordshire West, asked: "What is the cause of the delay in carrying out the government's policy regarding commercial treaties containing the most favored nation clause?"

NEW SUBMARINE STUNT

German U-Boats to Capture Crews of Allied Merchantmen for Imprisonment.

Amsterdam, July 17.—The Telegraf publishes a statement, which it attributes to a reliable source, that German submarine commanders have been ordered as far as possible to make prisoners of the crews of enemy merchantmen, particularly subordinate members of these crews. The German authorities, it says, intend to treat them not as civilian war prisoners, but to subject them to the most severe regimen of ordinary prisoners.

FRENCH RESISTANCE CHECKS GERMAN THRUST AT RHEIMS

French Triumph Over Germans With Comparatively Insignificant Losses.

TARGETS FOR GUNS

Allies Made Splendid Practice on Advancing Waves of Enemy.

With the French Army in France, July 17.—General Gouraud, the hero of the Dardanelles, was the French commander who barred the advance of the German crown prince in the Champagne. It was he, who, to the east of Rheims, in one day, brought the host of Germans to a standstill. This was done with only comparatively insignificant losses among his own men in consequence of his admirable defensive preparations.

BRITISH DETACHMENT RAIDS AUSTRIAN LINE

Rome, July 17.—The official communication from Italian headquarters says: "On Monday evening a British detachment penetrated the enemy's lines southeast of Asiago. Heavy losses were inflicted on the garrison, and twenty-four prisoners were taken."

DOWNPOUR OF RAIN SLOWS UP FIGHTING

With the American Army in France, July 17.—A downpour of rain over the battle zones between Chateau Thierry and Dormans, on the Marne front, has served to slow up the operations since early this morning.

FRENCH FIND RANGE OF BRIDGES ON MARNE

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ALLIES, WITH ALTERNATIVE ADVANCE AND RECOIL, HEROICALLY BAR WAY TO ENEMY WEST OF CITY—LINE STANDS INTACT ON WHOLE FRONT.

Paris, July 17.—The French positions remain intact along the whole Champagne front, according to the war office announcement tonight. Heavy fighting continued throughout the day, and at some points the Germans were able to make gains, but they met with powerful resistance everywhere. The text of the statement reads: "The battle continued today with stubbornness along the whole front. West of Rheims, despite his efforts, the enemy was not able to make further advance. Our troops by their heroic resistance and incessant counter-attacks checked, with alternative advance and recoil, the thrust of the enemy."

"South of the Marne the fighting proceeded on the wooded slopes north of St. Amand and La Chapelle-Montchodon. Very spirited actions north of Combligny and Festigny enabled us to hold the enemy on the southern outskirts of Boulogny and Chalagnieres. East of Cautilly the Germans succeeded in regaining a footing in Montvallon."

"Between the Marne and Rheims the battle continued north of Reuil and in the Bois du Roi, which the Germans penetrated and which our troops defended foot by foot."

"The Forest of Courton likewise was the theatre of violent engagements. The enemy holds the line west of Nanteuil-la-Fosse."

"Troy, the objective of powerful attacks, several times renewed, couldn't be reached by the Germans. A brilliant counter-attack by the Italian troops west of this village drove back the enemy into the Ardre Valley. Numerous enemy dead before our lines testify to the heavy losses suffered by our adversaries."

"The situation is without change in the sector of Vriigny and southwest of Rheims."

"East of Rheims we broke up an attack between Beaumont-sur-Vesle and Sillery. Our positions remain intact along the whole Champagne front."

GERMAN ATTEMPT ELSEWHERE HINTED

Bad Weather Accentuates Comparative Failure of Offensive—Prognosticators at Fault.

British Headquarters in France, July 17.—For once the German weather experts have been at fault. Bad weather has doubtless accentuated the comparative failure of the offensive, otherwise there might have been something suspicious in the little progress made to the east of Rheims. Even conceding everything to the gallantry of the French, and the foresight of their leaders, the progress made is puzzling, except on the hypothesis that no further progress was intended, the attack being a mere holding one to attract reserves from other sectors.

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