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Great French Victory

Drive Back Huns Already Two To Four Miles Along Whole 25-Mile Front—Thousands of Prisoners, 20 Guns

London, July 18—(Offensive)—The French have gained from two to four miles everywhere on the 25 mile front of their offensive today between the Aisne and the Marne, according to reports reaching London this afternoon.

The French have captured several thousand prisoners and about 20 guns.

BRILLIANT BIT OF WORK BY ITALIANS

Drive Back Germans by Attacking Near Pancy

Many Savage Encounters by Companies or Battalions, Sometimes Meeting Midway Between Lines—French Regain Ground

On the French front in France, July 17—(Wednesday night, by the Associated Press)—While both the enemy and allied armies generally were marking time, the Italians this evening carried out a brilliant counter-attack near Pancy, north of the Marne, after the Germans had hurried them by incessant attacks during the day. They drove the enemy back into the valley of the Arno river.

Other sectors both north and south of the Marne saw many small local actions. Most of these operations, although limited in extent, brought about most violent encounters between small detachments, the number engaged sometimes being only a company or a battalion.

Often both sides had prepared for an attack at the same time, consequently the men met at full tilt midway between the lines. Numerous hand-to-hand encounters resulted.

The enemy is still trying hard to make progress toward Epernay by way of Vendeuil on the north and Oulley and Montvoisin on the south of the Marne. Montvoisin changed hands several times, the French eventually gaining some ground.

Nowhere along the front did the Germans obtain an advantage. Heavy fighting with constant attacks and counter-attacks had been taking place in the vicinity of Courton Wood, where, owing to the nature of the ground the situation is most difficult.

East of Rheims the day was comparatively quiet, but the French recaptured some trenches in the vicinity of Pannay and repelled attacks between Beaumont and Sillery.

EVERY POLICEMAN A TRUANT OFFICER

CHIEF FINLEY'S IDEA

Hamilton, Ont., July 18.—The police chiefs have passed a resolution asking the government to increase the fees paid crown witnesses and to pay witnesses called by the crown in the preliminary hearing in criminal cases.

Chief Finley, Fredericton, would make every policeman a truant officer, for he believed that most of the juvenile criminals were habitual truants from school.

Under Niagara Bridges

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 18.—Two Beamville aviators yesterday flew under both bridges of the Niagara River, the first time this has been done.

Crown Prince Tries To Convert Big Failure Into Showy Minor Success

Wants Something to Placate People at Home for Loss of 100,000 Men—Evidently Trying for Epernay

Paris, July 18.—The German Crown Prince, military observers here say, is now trying to convert a large scale failure into a showy minor success, which will make up in the eyes of the German public for the 100,000 men he has sacrificed. His goal now apparently is Epernay. The operation includes two parts. In the first the Germans who crossed the Marne in the Dormans region are struggling to widen and strengthen the bridgehead on the south bank. In the second, the German right flank, which at the beginning of the action was along the Dormans-Rheims road, facing southeast, is now pivoted on Colonel de Thomassin.

THE PLUMBERS

Discipline Gives Way Under Stress of Fighting

A master plumber, in conversation with a Times reporter today, said that there was no denying that the journey men's strike was over. At a meeting of the master plumbers on Monday evening it was announced that the city ranges from \$3 to \$4 a day for an eight hour day and occasionally higher for special work.

At the meeting arrangements were completed to hold a meeting of the New Brunswick Society of Sanitary Engineers at Loch Lomond next month. A large number of delegates are expected from outside towns. The plumbers will motor to Loch Lomond, following a business session, will enjoy the sailing.

JAPAN AND THE WAR

London, July 18.—A meeting of the Japanese advisory council called for Monday to approve a decision taken by the government, was postponed owing to the opposition of Messrs. Takino and Hara, says a dispatch to the Times from Tokyo dated Monday. It was reported that Mr. Takino represents the views of the Saitama clan, and that the situation is not yet critical enough to necessitate Japanese action and that it would be perilous to state Japan's fortunes before a German invasion actually endangers Japan.

The council, it is added, was then ordered to meet on Tuesday.

MAY DEVELOP THE LATITE COPPER MINES

An important industry is likely to be developed in New Brunswick in the near future, according to the announcement made yesterday by Lewis Connors, who said that he was negotiating with a Boston concern for the sale of the copper mines at LaTite. A mining expert from the United States, who visited the property recently, says that he had found the ore from the LaTite properties among the richest he had ever examined. Copper from this property assays \$60.00 to the ton, and lead \$25.00 per ton.

SIGN CONVENTION

Lima, Peru, July 18.—England and Peru have signed a convention establishing a peace and arbitration commission.

L. DeVester Lyon, an old and respected resident of Kingston, passed away last Saturday at the advanced age of ninety years. He was born at Long Reach and was of Loyalist descent. He is survived by two daughters, one son, a sister and two grandsons.

YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENT

At noon today it was reported that Albert D. Cox, C. P. R. brakeman injured near Grand Bay yesterday, was resting as comfortably as possible. Dr. W. F. Roberts said that so far as could be ascertained at present there were no internal injuries.

DOUBLE SHOWER FOR BRIDES OF SOLDIERS

Two soldiers' brides were honored with a real old-fashioned party and dance at the home of Walter Peacock, Sandy Point, on the Kennebec coast last Sunday. The bridegroom and numerous friends from the city and surrounding section attended. The young ladies upon whom this bride-shower party was bestowed were Mrs. Charles Stevens and Mrs. Charles McManet, whose husbands are members of the Depot Battalion and Halifax unit respectively. The gathering was made all the happier by the presence of Robert Turner, a returned soldier, brother of Mrs. McManet, and a popular boy with everybody.

SAY MAN TAKEN IN MONTREAL WAS DESERTER FROM OLD 60TH HERE

Montreal, July 18.—Hend Desroches, alleged to be a deserter from the 60th battalion, St. John, has been picked up by the military police in the course of their search of the St. Lawrence district for draftees following an attack on federal officers last week. Desroches' home was at St. Lazare.

The restrictions in the consumption of milk and cheese in Paris restaurants are to be abandoned.

ADmits HE WAS A GERMAN AGENT

Means Says Other Prominent N. Y. Lawyers Also Were THIS WAS BEFORE U. S. WENT IN

Tells of Large Sums Received—Plot to Tie up Building of "Mesquite Fleet"—A Countess Arrested—News of League Comes Out

Chicago, July 18.—Admissions that he had served as a secret agent of Germany before the United States entered the war, and the allegation that some of New York's most prominent lawyers had done as he did, were made yesterday by Gustav B. Means in testimony at a hearing to determine the legality of one of two wills purporting to dispose of the \$2,000,000 estate left by the late James C. King of Chicago.

Means, who appeared as a witness for the estate of Mrs. Mead A. King, for whose alleged slaying he was tried and acquitted in Chicago, N. C., in 1915, freely admitted receiving money for acting as a secret agent of the German government before the outbreak of the war with the United States. Quietly he told of receiving \$25,000 at one time and \$50,000 at another, for his services to Germany, and of delivering \$1,200,000, which he received on a check of Captain Boy-Ed, one of Germany's chief spies in this country, who was subsequently expelled.

He also admitted that he and German spies in this country were to tie up the building of electric boats, the "mesquite fleet" building for the Allies in this country. Means said that he found that the boats had gun emplacements and that Captain Boy-Ed called this to the attention of the neutrality board at Washington.

"President Wilson then very properly asked him why he was doing detective work in the United States," declared Means, "and now for the first time the public knows why Captain Boy-Ed was sent back to Germany. I turned all my information over to the government."

Countess Arrested.—July 18.—Suspected of having been associated with Dr. Friedrich R. A. Von Sigen, a German propagandist in this country, the Countess Alexandra Vlasova Von Schiele was arrested here yesterday as a dangerous alien enemy. Orders to detain her were taken from Bellevue Hospital.

They Had A League.—New York, July 18.—Examination of George Voth, former managing editor of the New York Staats Zeitung by the United States district attorney, it was said last night, showed that soon after the war began German sympathizers in this country organized the "League of the Iron Cross of German Patriots in America," and Von Skal was elected treasurer. C. Rechan appears in the records as chairman, and Dr. Gustave Schuler as treasurer.

A certificate of membership was given to each contributor to the fund, which was the "support of surviving dependents of the Iron Cross." The organization, it was said, became popular and had thousands of contributors.

DAY OF BLACK FAST WITH JEWS

Local Hebrews Commemorate Sorrowful Events in History of Their People

In the Hasen Avenue synagogue last evening at sunset and again at different hours today orthodox Jews in sorrowful mood, seated on low stools to accept the fast, were gathered for a commemorative day of the destruction of the two temples in Jerusalem, and in more modern times the wholesale expulsion of Jews from Spain.

The anniversary demands of the Jewish race is largely represented, simulation of sorrow is carried to greater lengths. Shoes are removed and calling is indulged in, but in the New World these pronounced forms of sorrow have gradually died out.

FOOD SITUATION IN ENGLAND BETTER BUT ANXIOUS TIME HAS NOT YET ENDED

Washington, July 18.—Drought, early frosts and labor shortage in England threaten to reduce somewhat previous estimates of food production, according to cables advices to the British food ministry, and among the American Atlantic coast. The food situation is described as better than last year, but the season of anxiety is not yet over.

Early optimism about the possibility of wheat crops will have to be revised owing to difficulties of newly broken ground and lack of labor. Berley and oats, potatoes and root crops also suffered.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, B. F. Sturges, chief, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The barometer is now highest to the west of the Great Lakes and lowest in the maritime provinces and along the American Atlantic coast. The weather is showery in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and fine in the other provinces.

Lakes and Ottawa Bay, Upper St. Lawrence, Georgian Valley, Lower St. Lawrence and North Shore—Light winds, moderately warm today and Friday.

Fair and warmer. Maritime—Moderate variable winds, showery; Friday moderate winds, fair and moderately warm.

Superior—Light winds, fine and warm today and on Friday. Western Provinces—Fine and very warm.

New England—Fair tonight and Friday, gentle winds mostly west and northwest.

French Launch Attack On Twenty-Five Mile Front

It Is Big, Says London, and Progress Is Good

Prisoners Come in Soon After Charge; Historic Fontenoy Northern Point of Attack; British on Mile Front Gain Success

London, July 18.—News received in London indicates that an attack started by the French this morning on the front between Chateau Thierry and Soissons is on a considerable scale. The attack was believed to be making good progress.

Advices this afternoon stated that the Germans had made no further attacks east of Rheims and that the French at various points of the front had regained ground.

The French, the reports state, have recaptured Montvoisin, south of the Marne, at the point where the Germans had advanced farthest toward Epernay and Chene La Beine, to the west, and took as well, the heights west of these villages, overlooking the Marne.

BETWEEN AISNE AND MARNE

On the French front in France, July 18.—The allied forces today are engaged in an important counter-attack between the Aisne and the Marne, north of Chateau Thierry.

Paris, July 18.—The French this morning delivered an attack along the line from the River Aisne as far as the region of Belleau, a front of about 25 miles, and made progress at certain points of between a mile and a half and two miles. The situation on the Marne and Champagne fronts is unchanged.

Early in the movement prisoners taken in the advance began coming in.

The northern point of the front of attack in the town of Fontenoy, nearly a mile north of the Aisne. In the fighting on the front of the German offensive, the French last night stopped the Germans in the face of violent attacks which the enemy launched, southwest of Nanteuil La Fosse, between the Marne and Rheims. On the front beyond Rheims, east of the Vesle River, an attack by German Guards units was completely repulsed.

This morning's attack represents what apparently is an important strategic move by General Foch to counter the German blow further south along the Marne and on the line of Rheims. If further pushed, as it seems bound to be, the entire huge salient created by the Germans in their previous drive south of the Aisne and enlarged in their present offensive will be seriously endangered.

PERSHING'S CHEERFUL REPORT.—Washington, July 18.—General Pershing's communique for yesterday reports that in the American sector on the Marne the enemy has been entirely driven from the south bank.

BRITISH GAIN ON MILE FRONT.—London, July 18.—Southeast of Villars-Belconneur, south of the Somme, the British line has been advanced on a front of more than one mile, says the official statement today from British headquarters in France. The British position to the east of Hebuterne and other points were improved somewhat.

South of Bucquoy, on the front southeast of Arras, a German raiding party was driven off. The German artillery showed considerable activity during the night on the Flanders front north of Bapaume.

ROWDY WORK IN WEST END FROWNED ON BY OFFICIAL OF BASEBALL LEAGUE

The following letter has been received by the Sporting Editor of The Times from President John White of the West Side League:

Spotting Editor Times.

Dear Sir.—It has been brought to my notice that the baseball players from the east side were stoned by a group of boys, and I regret to say, young men, soon after leaving Queen Square diamond on the evening of July 16. I wish to assure the fans and also the visiting team that such shabby treatment naturally meets with the strong disapproval of the Blue Rock Giants and for the benefit of the rowdies who did the stoning I wish to add that if it is at all possible we will make an example of them through the process of the law.

JOHN WHITE, President of the West Side League.

Weather permitting, the baseball team from Military Headquarters and the Acadias will play on the Barrack Square this evening. The game promises to be an interesting one as both teams are out to win and will have their strongest line-up on the field.

An interesting game of baseball was played on the Queen Square diamond last evening between the Victors and the Glants. The former team won by a score of 4 to 3.

C. P. R. Earnings Less.—Toronto, July 18.—Gross earnings of the Canadian Northern Railway for the week ended July 15, were \$848,100, a decrease of \$81,500 from the corresponding period last year. From July 1 to date they were \$1,655,800, a decrease of \$162,100 from last year.

Whole Serbian Crop Seized; They Face Starvation; Reign of Terror

London, July 18.—(Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—It is learned from official sources in Serbia that Austro-Hungary has confiscated the whole of this year's Serbian harvest, as well as the rations allowed the previous year. The Serbian people, therefore, are faced with starvation, besides which they are experiencing a further reign of terror and cruelty.

C. P. R. Earnings.—Montreal, July 18.—C. P. R. gross earnings for the second week of July were \$2,688,000 as against \$2,867,000 for the corresponding period last year, a decrease of \$179,000 or 6.2 per cent.