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French Take Three More Villages

Brilliant Operation Near Mount Didier; British Shove Ahead at Hebuterne and on the Flanders Front

Paris, July 23.—Artillery activity along the battle front during the course of the night is all that is reported officially to-day from the French war office.

A brilliant French operation north of Mount Didier, the statement says, resulted in the occupation of the villages of Maffly-Rainval, Souvillers and Aubville and the capture of 350 German prisoners.

London, July 23.—Advances in local operations conducted by the British troops last night were officially announced to-day. The line was pushed forward slightly south of Hebuterne, on the front between Arras and Albert, and south of Maris and Meuse, on the Flanders front.

British positions were also improved in the Hamel sector, and north of Albert.

BRITISH ARE IN HEAVIEST WORK THESE HOURS.—The fiercest fighting continued throughout the day on both wings of the German salient between the Aisne and the Marne. The efforts of the enemy were concentrated in an attempt to prevent the Allied troops from cutting through on either side and thus supplying the great masses of German troops still within the semi-circle.

Despite the German determination French, British and American troops all made progress.

Probably the heaviest fighting today occurred on the eastern wing of the salient where British troops took part. The British, who had arrived in the evening only recently, engaged the enemy in a hand-to-hand conflict in the extremely wooded region southwest of Rheims.

Four fresh divisions had held the line against the Italians had been annihilated, only a few hundred remaining. The Germans had a large number of machine guns in this vicinity but the British captured forty of them in the course of the fighting which they made progress and took more than 800 prisoners.

Although the day was very satisfactory for the Allies, who are threatening the German communications everywhere. The British, who are pushing forward more divisions to add to the sixty they already have thrown into the battle.

Paris, July 23.—(Havas Agency)—French progress in the region of Clichy le Chateau, says the Echo de Paris, will soon render the German positions in that sector untenable. New forces of General de Mitry's have crossed the Marne between Passy and Dormans, says the Petit Journal, which concludes that the enemy bank of the Marne in this sector will soon be cleared of the enemy.

(Toronto Star)—MAY RETIRE 15 MILES ON A 30-MILE FRONT.—The future of the western operations this year is purely a matter of speculation. The German salient now, on a defeat unless the enemy manifests "the drop" in them as in the fight for Messines Ridge, when they failed, as we expected they would fail, to make a serious counter-attack. The situation is different this time because unless they strike back hard in the Soissons region hundreds of thousands of German troops will be exposed to great danger. On the whole it appears not unlikely that the enemy will conclude that it would take so long to organize attacks that would drive the Allies back from the Soissons plateau that the menace to the German troops on the south end of the salient would be unduly extended and therefore that it would be wiser to conform to some degree to the will of General Foch. That means that the enemy may fall back another ten or fifteen miles on a thirty-mile front, abandoning all his gains south of the Marne, and take up a position extending from Soissons to Rheims, through Fere-en-Tardenois, with the Vesle River as a strong reserve position ten miles farther back. It will be a terrible humiliation to him to make such a retirement, but on the other hand he would be courting a more serious setback if he failed to give his forces within the salient a chance for their lives. His only other alternative would appear to be to make a smashing attack on the front north of the Aisne River. If Foch is able to bring up large forces from the southeast under cover of the wooded mountain of Rheims and make a surprise attack from the east side of the salient corresponding to the one on the west side, he will settle the moot point Ludendorff has to decide.

PRESENTATION TO SOLDIER.—Friends of Gunner P. McBrien, of the 9th Siege Battery, gathered last evening at the home of W. L. Willis, Golden Grove, to bid the soldier bon voyage when he leaves for elsewhere and tender their best wishes for his success and safe return. Before enlisting Mr. McBrien was a popular resident of that vicinity. He was made the recipient, last evening, of a handsome wrist watch as a token of the esteem in which he was held.

IS IN ENGLAND.—Mrs. T. Harding of 719 Main street received a cablegram this morning from her son, Pte. John Harding, announcing his safe arrival in England.

HARDER FIGHTING AS RESISTANCE STIFFENS

Monday Saw Allies Hold All Gains South of Soissons

NO DANGER FROM GUN RESERVES

Enemy Still Drawing Back North of Chateau-Thierry, With French and Americans at Their Heels

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne front, July 22.—(By the Associated Press)—German resistance resulted in harder fighting today. The operations were robbed of some of their spectacular features as the day advanced by the determination of the enemy not to be crowded into a retreat.

South of Soissons the Allied troops maintain all positions as they were on Sunday night except in some cases where they have been improved slightly. The Allied positions, however, are in no apparent danger from attacks by German reserves.

Enemy airplanes have been active on observation work but the shells fired by the German artillery in an attempt to search out the Allied rear guard actions all the while. The French and Americans are hanging close to the heels of the retreating Germans and are taking every opportunity to move forward. Army headquarters were more ahead bit by bit as the line advanced.

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Throughout the day the heavy guns of the Allies bombarded the German lines with excellent results, according to aerial observers. One all the territory retaken the damage by American and French guns shows that the positions formerly held by the Allies were much more on their divided prospects. Factors which the street is looking at intently at present are light money and prospects of heavy increased taxation with very large government loans to be floated in October.

STEAMER IN TROUBLE ON MASSACHUSETTS COAST

Nantucket, Mass., July 23.—An village which landed at the village of Wauwinnet last night brought word that a steamer was in distress near Great Round Shoals, about five miles off the eastern end of the island. The vessel was described as in need of immediate assistance but the nature of the damage was not disclosed.

The crew of the Coastguard station has gone to the rescue. The sea is calm.

THROUGH WINDOWS AND HOLE IN FLOOR TO SAFETY

Suburban Car at Moncton Capizes Near Hall's Creek

Moncton, N.B., July 23.—About seven o'clock this morning an outward bound suburban car containing a portion of the night crew of the I. C. R. work shops, capsized just after it passed a bridge across Hall's Creek. The car was completely smashed and the passengers escaped through a hole in the floor and through the windows. Several passengers were badly cut but no broken limbs are reported.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredricton, July 23.—A large bull nose with his horns in the "velvet" was seen in the St. John river a few miles above the city Sunday morning. The animal started for the Douglas shore. Thomas Currie followed in a motor boat and approached the animal closely enough to place his hands on the horns. The bull made the Douglas shore safely.

Chief Justice Sir Douglas Haecan arrived from St. John this morning to attend a session of the exemption court under the military service act. His Honor Judge Gristmer has been holding this court but at present is away on a western trip.

It is reported from Minto that Inspector Fraser Saunders visited that place on Sunday and made several seizures of liquor and a few thunders were held on the highways in company with the county representatives, Messrs. Hetherington and King.

Regina, Sask., July 23.—Crop prospects have materially improved in many sections of the province as the result of rains which have fallen during the last few days.



Kaiser Bill—"Gott is good to us. With His assistance we shall annihilate all the enemy, wounded, doctors and nurses."

Germans Harder Hit By Foch Than First Thought

London, July 23.—The Daily Mail correspondent with the French army says there is reason to believe that General Foch's success is going to prove more damaging to the enemy than hitherto had been assumed and that the number of prisoners and guns captured largely exceeds the present estimates.

The correspondent adds that one army corps returned their captured guns as thirty, whereas they actually numbered eighty, and asserts that there also is the whole of one battalion was found dead on the ground in a wood in which they were taking shelter. On the other hand he declares the French and American casualties during an attack were less than half the number of prisoners taken.

DEFINITE WORD OF FATE OF THE EX-GAZAR

Nikolai Romanoff, ex-Czar of Russia, was shot on July 16, according to a Russian announcement by wireless. The young heir, has been sent to a place of security.

The message announces that a counter-revolutionary conspiracy was discovered, with the object of wresting the ex-Czar from the custody of the Soviet Council. In view of this fact and the approach of Czech-Lithuanian bands, the Tsar-Wald Board here today by W. E. Freeland, who has for several weeks been working on the Bridgeport statistics at the head of a committee of nearly 200 investigators.

GERMANS NOT PLEASED WITH THIS SELECTION

London, July 23.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen says the selection of Duke William of Urach as sovereign of Lithuania under the title of King Medovo has aroused strong criticism in Germany.

A despatch from Amsterdam on March 29, said the dual crown of Lithuania had been offered to Duke William of Urach and that he probably would accept it.

Well Earned Praise.—Paris, July 23.—(Havas Agency)—The Municipal Council of Paris and the General Council of the Seine have sent congratulations to the French and Allied soldiers, who contributed to the successes of the last few days.

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis: The weather is on the whole fair, but somewhat unsettled in the provinces and a few thunder storms have occurred in a few localities. Mostly Fair and Warm. Maritime probabilities: Moderate winds, mostly fair and moderately warm to-day and on Wednesday.

AVIATORS LOST IN FOG

JEWISH LEGION AND ITS HOPES

Soldiers Passing Through Here Filled With Enthusiasm

See Fulfillment of Prophecy in Beloved Palestine and a Great Future There—Late Enterprise With Whole Hearts

Jewish citizens who have been meeting and conversing intimately with the Hebrews last passing through St. John of late weeks to the special battalion training at Windsor, N. S., for duty in the Royal Land Army in Palestine, every ten of the recruits are deeply imbued with a two-fold spirit of religious fervor and regard the fulfilment of Bible prophecy and that of commercial and agricultural enterprise out there once the war is ended.

It appears much has been written by able writers in the Jewish-American press concerning the rehabilitation of Palestine and the historic significance of its deliverance from the Turk. Stress has been laid upon the utterance of British statesmen in committing the Allies to the policy of handing back to the Jews their long-lost fertile areas so dear to the sentimental and the orthodox.

A great deal of educational data has been disseminated calling attention to the rich opportunities of the East along lines of intensive farming, modern manufacturing, western ideas in construction, wine industries and even in changing the national dress.

So these Jewish soldier boys who have enlisted to fight for world freedom in the East have put into practice their western ideas in a truly western aggressive manner.

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INQUIRY BY COUNCIL OF BARRISTERS SOCIETY

At a meeting of the council of the New Brunswick Bar Association in the Pugsley building this morning an inquiry into an incident which had been brought to their attention was begun. The matter being investigated is the allegation made in the course of police proceedings that Henry W. Robertson had signed affidavits, as a notary public, which had not been signed in his presence.

W. A. Ewing presided and Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. G. Teed, K. C., F. R. Taylor, K. C. of this city and Dr. T. C. Allan of Fredericton were present. Among the witnesses subpoenaed were Magistrate Ritchie, George A. Heaton, police clerk, and Wilson Dalton, chief of the city court. Mr. Dalton gave evidence this morning and Mr. Robertson made a statement on his own behalf. The latter will take the stand this afternoon. When the evidence is completed there will be some delay while it is being typewritten, before the council will reach a decision in the matter.

POPE APPOINTS BISHOPS

Promotion of Several American Prelates Announced at the Vatican

Rome, July 23.—The following appointments have been made by the Pope today:—

Michael J. Gallagher, Coadjutor Bishop of Grand Rapids, to be Bishop of Detroit; Mgr. Terence G. Brady of Baker City, Ore.; Mgr. Christopher Byrne, St. Louis, to be Bishop of Galveston; Mgr. Arthur Drossiers of New Orleans, to be Bishop of St. Anthony, Texas; Father John U. Nicolas, of the Dominican Bishop of Duluth; Mgr. Julius Jennard, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, to be Bishop of the new diocese of Lafayette, La.

INVASION OF CANADA WAS PLANNED

WILL GERMANS TURN ATTENTION TO EAST?

Papers Hint at Possibility and There Are Rumors of Retreat to the Aisne

London, July 23.—Despatches from The Hague to the Daily Mail say that several German newspapers are prominently calling attention to conditions in Russia and appear to hint at the possibility that Germany may now have to be content to hold the western front and transfer active operations to the near middle east.

The annexation press of Germany in the past week has repeatedly referred to the warning of Haski Pasha (Turkish ambassador to Germany), that the war cannot be ended in the west and that it will be necessary to smite Great Britain in her Asiatic empire. The general situation in the west and this much-advertised eastern propaganda form, in the correspondent's opinion, the basis for rumors in Holland that the Germans intend to fall back to the Aisne and their old Somme positions, while troops are transferred to the east, but he admits that a solid foundation for the report cannot be discovered.

Picked Up At Sea And Taken To Port

MISSING SINCE FRIDAY

Adrift For Three Days and Nights in Driftable Balloon and Cover Approximately Four Hundred Miles

A Canadian Atlantic Port, July 23.—Three American balloonists who were on a dirigible which had been missing from the naval aviation station at Chatham, Mass., since Friday, arrived here yesterday on board a neutral steamer, which also brought their airship in on the deck. The steamer picked them up yesterday morning ten miles off this port.

The three aviators—W. C. Frisco, W. B. Griffin, and C. A. Upton—were cautioned by the authorities here to-day to make no statements to newspaper correspondents, but local newspapers publish accounts of their adventures, saying that these aviators ascended from the station at Chatham on Friday to patrol a section of the United States coast and became lost in thick banks of fog, so that they were unable to retrace their course to their point of departure. For three days and nights, the newspapers say, they drifted along a course approximating the steamer route from Boston to this port, a distance of about 400 miles.

The aviators, who are now at a hotel here, appear to be none the worse for their experience and talk lightly of their adventures. "We're here and we're lucky that we are not on the sea some place," said one to one of the newspapers, and then apparently he ended the interview except to say that he was "pretty hungry and far from sleepy."

Commander Bryson, of the United States dirigible which was brought in here yesterday, told the Canadian Press today that it was not fog that caused the trouble.

"Our machine motor got out of order," he said, "and we were lucky to escape with our lives. We managed to 'land' safely at sea on a ship, without even getting out net. We got our machine down nicely and kept it well under control."

ARMEN'S BOMBS WRECK MORE GERMAN WORKS

London, July 23.—A supplementary statement issued by the air ministry last night says:—

"On the night of July 21-22 many successful bomb attacks were carried out by our squadrons. More than a ton of bombs were dropped on the extensive railway sidings at Lunas, southeast of Meaux."

"The Badische aniline and soda factory at Mannheim was again subjected to attack and many good bombs were observed in the factory. In a factory southeast of Zweibrucken, Bavaria, a large explosion was caused. Bombs were dropped on three hostile airfields and hangars were seen to be hit."

"Our low flying airplanes attacked and hit five trains, bringing them to a standstill. Searchlights and anti-aircraft guns were attached with bombs and machine gun fire. All our machines returned."

"On the 22nd instant the important powder factory at Rothwell, Wiltshire, was attacked. A direct hit was obtained on one of the big sheds, and as a result several other sheds in the vicinity blew up. A fire broke out which could be seen from a distance of sixty miles. All our machines returned safely."

Active German Plans Even After U. S. Entered War

New York, July 23.—That Teutonic conspirators planned, even after the country's entrance into the war, to use German reservists to invade Canada and Mexico, is indicated in sealed correspondence of Dr. Frederick August Richard von Strenski, officials of this department of justice declared yesterday.

Von Strenski when arrested recently was described by the officials as a former protégé of Blinckov. Yesterday he was described as a relative of the German emperor.

The objects of the proposed invasion, according to the authorities, were to hamper the despatch of Canadian troops abroad and to join armed Mexicans for the purpose of making an attack upon the United States.

Federal officials believe that Alexandra Yarka, better known as the Countess von Scheele, was the author of letters signed "L" which were found in the belongings of Von Strenski. The woman was arrested soon after Von Strenski's apprehension last month. In the letters were sentences indicating that between November, 1915, and April 20, 1917, plots were in existence for 25,000 German reservists to cross from Buffalo, N. Y., to Bridgeburg, Ont., and for 100,000 Germans to enter from Mexico at unnamed points along the Rio Grande.

GERMAN LOSSES MILLION SINCE MARCH 21

Paris, July 23.—L'Homme Libre, Premier Clemenceau's newspaper, in a review of the military situation, says that the German losses since March 21 are approximately one-million men.