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## BRITISH USE HAND TO HAND METHOD AGAIN

ALL DISPATCHES AGREE THE WORST FIGHTING TODAY IS AT LONGUEVAL

## MEASURE OF ADVANCE A DISPUTED POINT

Summary of Dispatches Indicate That Between Longueval and Delville Woods Lies Worst Combats Today, and That Sharp Contradiction Develops Is Shown.

Berlin, July 28.—A Dutch newspaper, the Handelsblad, reports a naval battle of several German submarines and the British patrol boats, Nellen, Nutten, Onward and Eve. The Nellen and Nutten were sunk. Three sailors were killed. The Eve and Onward are supposed to have sunk with their crews.

London, July 28.—The same desperate hand to hand fighting by which British captured Pozieres from Germans, is proceeding today on the outskirts of Longueval, beyond Delville woods, northeast of that town. Gen. Haig has reported his troops are successful, while Berlin communique insisted fighting is still progressing and British attacks are broken. The British report strong German counter attacks directed at trenches newly won by Kitchener's old troops, have been beaten off, with heavy losses to the enemy.

British Claim Denied  
Berlin, July 28.—The enemy can't boast that it has progressed, declared an official statement referring to British attacks at Pozieres. Attacks at Pozieres and southeast of Beureaux woods have been broken. Bitter hand to hand fighting has occurred at Longueval and Delville Wood.

London, July 28.—Britishers have driven Brandenburgs out of Delville wood, according to Gen. Haig's report today. A hundred and sixty-three were captured. Two German counter attacks were beaten off with heavy losses to the enemy. Near Neuve Chapelle small parties of Germans entered the front trenches but immediately were driven out leaving their wounded.

Petrograd Still Optimistic  
Petrograd, July 28.—The Russian advance in the region of the Stonevki and Boldurevka rivers continues successfully, a communique has said. Gains are also noticed in Caucasia.

## OPTION GIVEN GINNELL

Fine or Imprisonment Offered Irish Leader in Commons  
London, July 28.—Laurence Ginnell, the Irish nationalist who yesterday was the storm-center in an uproar in the Commons, today was offered his choice of a fine of five hundred dollars or six weeks' imprisonment following conviction of false representation, by which he obtained admission to Knuttsford barracks.

London, July 28.—Laurence Ginnell, author, humanitarian and prominent Irish member of the British parliament, was placed on trial here today by his government, charged with violating the Defence of the Realm Act. Penalties for conviction of the violation of this act range from a ten shilling fine to imprisonment. Ginnell was arrested by order of General Lloyd. Information came to the officer that Ginnell had visited a detention camp at Knutsford near Manchester under an assumed name and there spent some time talking in a suspicious manner with Irish rebel prisoners. Ginnell has long been known for his sympathy with the Irish cause. He has frequently and openly criticized the government for not giving Ireland home rule. He was particularly bitter in denouncing the government for what he termed its failure to deal more leniently with the Irish rebels following the Easter rebellion. Ginnell is a member from County Westmeath, a hotbed of Irish rebellion, from which he was elected in 1906. He is a self educated man and a fine natural orator. He was one of the founders of the Irish Literary society of London and is the author of several books dealing with Irish questions.

## 26 CHICAGOANS DIE FROM HEAT

TOTAL DEATHS IN 24 HOURS REACH 44.

Heat Wave Due on the Coast Within Few Days Is Forecast.

Chicago, July 28.—Twenty-six died last night in the heat, bringing the total to 44 in the last 24 hours.

Washington, D. C., July 28.—The weather bureau explains the worst heat wave which has enveloped the country in 15 years is coming. It says the high pressure which has been over the Atlantic near Bermuda the past month has let go, moving from the seaboard to the Rockies. The greatest intensity is expected to strike the Pacific coast in a few days. The chief forecaster said yesterday the heat has only begun and is certain to last through the week and probably longer. Relief is nowhere in sight.

## CARRANZISTAS SO CLAIM IN MEXICAN ISSUE TO BE MADE CAMPAIGN MATERIAL BY G. O. P.

Mexico City, July 28.—Villa is being driven into a trap. Ten thousand Carranzistas are chasing him and his capture is imminent according to officials here in replying to rumors in the United States that the bandit is moving on Torreon.

Mexico Campaign Issue  
New York, July 28.—The first formal indication that Mexico will be the main issue in the Republican attack on the Wilson administration is contained in a statement by Chairman Willcox denying sinister influence and bitterly assailing Wilson's military administration.

## STREET CAR STRIKE ON ONE STRIKE-BREAKING MOTORMAN MEETS DEATH FIRST DAY OF TROUBLE

New York, July 28.—A strike which has tied up surface cars in Bronx-Westchester county, and threatens to extend throughout Manhattan claimed its first life today, when a brake on a car failed to work and the car and trailer plunged down a hill and splintered against a subway pillar killing motorman B. Horn, a strike-breaker and injuring two policemen.

## MATTERS BABY GIVEN TO GIRL

WAR BABY WON'T ATTAIN TO GREAT RICHES

Mrs. Matters' Pretensions of Motherhood Held to be False

Chicago, July 28.—Margaret Ryan, a pretty Canadian girl, who gave birth to a child soon after her blacksmith lover left for England to fight with the Colonials, was today declared the mother of the famous Matters baby. Judge Landis pronounced her the real mother after a stormy season in court in which the rich Annie Dollie Ledgerwood Matters claimed the baby was her's and therefore heir to the Matters millions. The imposter mother went to the hospital in Canada and underwent surgical treatment, her physician later testified, to leave the impression she had actually given birth to a baby. The Matters baby after a year of court fights in which the girl-mother could visit her in the morning and the usurping mother in the afternoons, now goes back to Canada nameless and poor. Had Judge Landis decided otherwise it would have been given a name and great riches.

## New Grain Yield Ripening for Harvest

Some of the fall grain in various parts of the valley is commencing to turn from brilliant green to yellow, denoting that harvest time will soon be here, records the Joseph Herald. The yield is expected to be about normal and the prices that will be received will also be good in all probability. Just now an offer of 85 cents per bushel for last year's crop will not tempt the farmer to part with the product, while slightly less figures are being offered for the new crop, the prices varying from 75 to 80 cents. F. D. McCully, owner of the Joseph Flour Mills states that he has many unfilled flour orders on hand and that he has so far found it impossible to take care of them owing to his inability to buy the necessary wheat for milling purposes.

## VERDUN'S MASTERY KEY TO ALLIED OFFENSIVE

BY WILL ACKERMAN (United Press Correspondent)

With the Germans at Verdun (Via Berlin and London), July 28.—Germany's mastery here has robbed the French of the greatest chance to co-operate in the allied drive. Had the French positions not been attacked here just when they were, French would have hammered simultaneously with the British trust.

### Mastery Is Essential

German officers told me today that the main thing now is not whether Verdun will be taken but if the Teutons can remain masters of the situation and keep the French engaged at Verdun and restrict their assistance to the English. Germans must remain masters at Verdun—just as they have been masters for these many weeks.

### War Not Nearing End

Traveling along the German front I find the opinion that the war is not approaching the end—that it will last a long time.

### Underground Trenches Obstacles

French bravery in underground trenches, staff officers told me, prevented Germany capturing Verdun.

## DEUTSCHLAND NOW READY TO TAKE ON ITS PILOT

Baltimore, July 28.—The Duetschland is prepared to take a pilot from the Maryland Pilot's association. That organization said Pilot Coleman, who brought her up the river is out of town and not available. Captain Cullis of the tug Timmins wants Coleman but the rules of the association require the first man out to be taken, which means the first on the pilot's list.

24-hour crew is now aboard the Duetschland, giving the impression the Duetschland's stay will be short. She may lay over in the lower bay before running the patrol.

### AUTO HITS TRUCK

Slight Damage Done to Both Vehicles When Machines Collide.

The Sawyer-Clark delivery truck driven by Curtis Lindsey and the

Fred Wilson automobile of Union driven by Mrs. Wilson, came together at North Fir and Jefferson late yesterday afternoon. The bigger car seemingly sustained the greater harm, it losing a spoke and a foot board. Mrs. Wilson's car was not damaged extensively. None of the occupants was hurt.

### CAPITALIST DROPS DEAD

Salem Landholder of State-Wide Prominence Dies Suddenly

Salem, July 28.—E. P. McCornack, a capitalist, dropped dead here at seven o'clock this morning, of heart trouble. He was a heavy landholder throughout the state. He was born in Illinois.

The deceased was a cousin of Supreme Judge R. Eakin, formerly of La Grande.

## CAN SCIENCE CHANGE THE NATURE OF BOY WHOM POLICE CALL "THE WORST IN AMERICA"



ELEANOR ZIMMER

The boy who, at 13, is charged with murder and his sister who, juvenile court and police officials say, he tried several times to put in a stove.

"The worst boy in America!" is what New Orleans police call Willie Zimmer, 13, who they charge has crowned a record of thefts and cruelties with the murder of his mother, Mrs. Mary Zimmer, 35. Science is trying to decide whether Willie is sane or if his criminal tendencies are caused by blood clots on his brain.

Lack of parental discipline, the police charge, resulted in Willie becoming unruly. When 10 years of age he was charged with stealing a cow. Last year he was arrested for running away from home. Now he faces a charge that he shot and killed his mother.

## THE MAN LEADING THE ENGLISH



GEN. SIR DOUGLAS HAIG

General, Who Has Charge of English Hand-to-Hand Fighting at Points Where English Have Gained and Now Directing Great Attack Centering at Longueval.

## FAMILY MEETS DEATH

St. Louis Head of the House Escapes Because He Slept on Porch.

St. Louis, July 28.—William Ritchie after sleeping on the veranda last night broke into his home and found his wife, Sarah, and two children asphyxiated—gas pouring from a bake oven.

## MONKHOUSE 175TH

Only La Grander to Win Choice Out of 363 Names Selected

Fred Monkhouse of La Grande, was the only applicant for Colville land from this vicinity to be a winner in yesterday's drawings at Spokane when 363 names were taken up. Monkhouse drew number 175.

## CABINET CRISIS BREWS

Japanese Premier May Resign; Army Man May Succeed Him.

Tokio, July 28.—Resignation of the Okua cabinet is said to be imminent. Field Marshal Seiki Terachi it is believed will succeed the Okua premier.

## 9 SUSPECTS NOW IN JAIL

SAN FRANCISCO AUTHORITIES EXPRESS CONFIDENCE

Names of Suspected Leader Not Given Out—Chief Hopeful

San Francisco, July 28.—Chief of Police White, Captain Matheson and District Attorney Fickert are of the belief they have in custody the men responsible for the recent bomb outrages, which cost the lives of nine.

No names are mentioned and no indication is given which one of the suspects now held may be the leader. All agree the explosion is not the result of an anarchistic plot.

Bruised by a Fall.

J. T. Williamson, manager of the Mt. Emily Timber company, has returned home for a few days rest and repairs after an unusual experience. Mr. Williamson has been engaged the past two weeks in cruising the timber company's holdings and looking after business in general. While thus engaged he slipped and fell down a steep declivity. He was bruised to such extent as to be scarcely able to get around, although not seriously injured. He has therefore, suspended cruising operations for a few days.

## Gooding Encampment Installs

Gooding, Idaho, July 26.—Gooding encampment, No. 56, I. O. O. F., has installed its officers for the new term. They are: Chief patriarch, Phil S. Turner; high priest, E. Lyle Stilson; senior warden, Ross Graves; junior warden, A. Thoma; treasurer, H. A. Cleveland; scribe, Lee Verne Taylor.

## Team Backs Over Grade

White Salmon, Wash., July 26.—On Monday evening when Mrs. Gilmer, of Bingen, and a party of friends were driving up the Cook's addition road, her team took fright at some passing bicycles, and backed over the grade. No injuries were suffered by the occupants of the rig other than bruises and scratches.

## BROTHERHOOD ENVOYS LEAVE FOR NEW YORK

FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE CONFERENCE BEGINS AUGUST 8TH TO DECIDE ISSUE.

## POLL TAKEN OF LAST STRIKE BALLOT FIRST

Second Step Will Be Conference with Managers, Then, if Unsuccessful, Mediation by Federal Board, and Then, as Final Action, Strike by Employes.

Chairmen of grievance committees representing the four brotherhoods of railroading in this part of the west, commence their journeys to New York for final conferences with managers, this week. John Hughes, of La Grande, representing the Trainmen of the O.-W., leaves tonight; Fireman Clifford expects to leave Saturday or Sunday to represent his brotherhood; George O. Barnhart, Engineers, and J. Rhodes, representing conductors, will leave from their Spokane homes in time to join the employee delegations for their first session August 8th in New York. They will proceed with the count of strike ballots which have been cast over the entire United States by about 350,000 men.

When the ballot is cast, railroadmen are positive that the majority in favor of a strike will be close to the complete mark. After three days' notification, the employes will meet with railroad managers and proceed to negotiate. At the conference held in New York on the same topics recently the employes were empowered to negotiate only; when the ballots are counted this time they will have authority to declare a strike if the outcome is unsatisfactory to them. Assuming that there is no question of the tone of the ballot about to be cast, and assuming that the conference with the managers comes to naught, the next logical step will be for the Federal Board Conciliation and Arbitration to step in to the breach; in the event no solution is reached by that move, a strike will be the last and final resort.

Representatives are going to New York firm in their conviction that a strike vote will be overwhelmingly in the affirmative and furthermore that the ultimate outcome will be such as to avoid a strike, and although it is claimed they will command full concession to their demands.

In chief the demands of the employes are three: Eight-hour day with over-time pay at the rate of time and a half after eight hours on a 12-1-2 hour speed basis after eight hours as punishment to companies who keep employes in service longer than eight hours.

La Grande is one of those communities which have peculiarly keen interest in the results of the pending conference. Hundreds of her citizenship are directly and intimately concerned with the pending strike, and, as no other Eastern Oregon community, will keep her ears to the ground to determine the outcome.

## ENGLISH CAPTAIN EXECUTED

Berlin, July 28.—Captain Fryatta, of the English steamer Brussels, has been executed for attempting to ram a submarine on March 28, 1915.

## PIN FAST IN THROAT

Safety Pin, Unclasped, Removed from Baby's Throat Successfully

A medium sized safety-pin swallowed by the 20-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Niederer, was removed at the Grande Ronde hospital this morning without injury to the babe. The little one had swallowed the pin while it was open, and lodged in the throat, point of the pin upwards which for a time baffled surgeons in removing it as it fastened its point in the throat when touched. It was located by a new X-ray equipment which the hospital has installed—equipment that has many new features and is one of the most advanced type extant—and thereafter the pin was turned over with difficulty and finally removed once the point of the pin pointed downwards.

Numerous physicians and a throat specialist of the city were present during the removal of the pin.