



BRITISH WIN BACK POSITION IN WOOD

750,000 Bayonets Now Face Haig's Army.

FIGHTING GAINS IN INTENSITY

French and English Forces Are Ready for New Drive.

FOE GREATLY REINFORCED

Crown Prince's Army Continues Bitter Assault at Verdun, Evidently Oblivious to Cost—Battle May Move Northward.

BY ARTHUR S. DRAPER.

LONDON, July 12.—(Special.)—The furious battle continues in the Contalmaison sector north of the Somme. Driven out last night from the Mametz and Fromes woods, being west of Contalmaison, the British succeeded today in winning back the greater part of the former and in forcing the enemy out of a large part of the latter.

Each hour adds to the fierceness of the fighting on the British front. The Germans have brought heavy reinforcements to this part of the front, acting, doubtless, on the assumption that the most serious menace on the west was General Haig's army.

German Army Reinforced. "Since the commencement of the battle the enemy has received large reinforcements," the British commander reported this morning. London estimates that almost 750,000 German bayonets oppose the advance of the British forces.

Slowly, for through the German lines, bulwarked by a mass of reserves, progress can be made only by a grinding process, the British steadily pushing toward the Bapaume plateau. Their immediate objective is the crest of the ridge west of the highland, for this commands the plateau and will make its capture easy.

Purpose of Advance Two-fold. This advance has a two-fold purpose. It will straighten the British line and so make any further progress for the French, whose position is well eastward of the British front, and it will imperil the important railway center of Bapaume.

The French, in the meantime, have halted along the Somme. Their artillery is pounding the German line, but the infantry has made no move. Before the French line advances for a new assault on Peronne, an attempt will be made to push forward the front on the south, so that the dangerous wedge pointed at Peronne can be strengthened. Berlin today reports the checking of a "great attack" on the Belleu-Soyecourt front. This undoubtedly is a forerunner of renewed assaults in this region.

Line Ready for New Drive.

When the time comes for the British and the French to begin their assault on an extended scale, the ground is ready. With Contalmaison and the two woods on the east in their hands, the British have a line running east and west from the south, so that the dangerous wedge pointed at Peronne can be strengthened. Berlin today reports the checking of a "great attack" on the Belleu-Soyecourt front. This undoubtedly is a forerunner of renewed assaults in this region.

Exceedingly heavy assaults on the Verdun front have won small gains with heavy loss in men for the Germans. Apparently the Crown Prince is unmoved in his determination to carry this venture through to success, however heavy the cost may be. This incessant pounding has called all the many available French reserves to the Meuse front.

French Defending Verdun.

The Kaiser's Generals undoubtedly had assumed that the French assault on Verdun would weaken any French attack south of the Somme. This assumption from the beginning undoubtedly explains the rapid advance of the French as compared to the harder progress of the British. The new attack on Verdun explains, too, the still in the French offensive south of the Somme.

In the last 24 hours there have come hints that the British would attempt an attack in the Lillie sector, or even along the line further north.

"Between the main-battlefield and the sea we have been actively engaged in bombarding the enemy's position and raising his first line," says the British official statement issued this afternoon.

1700 TO SHARE \$1,635,557

Estate of Sylvia Anne Howland Released by Hetty Green's Death.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., July 12.—An accounting by the trustees of the estate of Sylvia Anne Howland, which was released for distribution to the heirs by the death of Mrs. Hetty Green, was made public today and showed property valued at \$1,635,557. This estate, by direction of the testator who had allowed Mrs. Green the use of his income during her life, is to be divided among the lineal descendants of Gideon Howland of this city.

Colonel E. H. R. Green, son of Mrs. Green, said recently there were 1700 living descendants of Gideon Howland entitled to share in the estate.

SINKING STEAMER CANNOT BE FOUND

RAMOS, WITH CREW OF 15, SILENT AFTER CALL FOR HELP.

Rescue Vessel Reaches Position Given in Distress Signal, but No Ship Is Seen.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Distress signals from the steamship Ramos, reporting that her engines were disabled and that she was sinking 310 miles northwest of Watling's Island were picked up at 8:20 A. M. today by the steamship Van Hogendorp and relayed to the Marconi wireless station at Miami, Fla., the Marconi Company announced here tonight.

The Ramos is a New York & Porto Rico Company vessel of 538 tons net, which sailed from Philadelphia July 9 for Cartagena. The Van Hogendorp reported at 5 P. M. today that she had arrived at the last position given by the Ramos and had been unable to locate the ship, but was continuing the search in thick weather.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—The Ramos, reported in distress northwest of Watling's Island, is a freight steamer and has a cargo of 656 tons of bituminous coal valued at \$1958. She carries a crew of 15 men. No passengers are aboard.

The vessel sailed from this port July 9 for Cartagena, Colombia, in charge of Captain McGoldrick.

Built in 1885 at New Castle, England, the Ramos is 190 feet long, 20 feet 2 inches wide and has a gross tonnage of 543. New York is her home port.

ST. JOHNS BILL INTRODUCED

Appropriation for Postoffice Building Is Uncertain, However.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 12.—Representative McArthur recently introduced a bill providing for an appropriation of \$20,000 for a branch postoffice building at St. Johns. The sundry civil bill, which was signed by the President July 1, carries an appropriation of \$5000 for the site for the proposed building. Mr. McArthur says that he anticipates some difficulty in securing favorable action on the bill by reason of the consolidation of the City of St. Johns and the City of Portland. This may have the effect of postponing action until the Government adopts a more general policy relative to the erection of its own buildings for sub-stations.

CALAIS RAIDED BY AIRMEN

German Drop Bombs on Allied Troop Camps.

BERLIN, July 12.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Two German aeroplanes made an attack on the channel port of Calais Monday night, it was officially announced today. They dropped bombs on the port and on army encampments. The Admiralty gave out the following: "Two German naval aeroplanes on the night of July 10-11, dropped bombs on Calais and the troop camps at Bray-Dunes (near the Belgian frontier). The aeroplanes returned undamaged."

MRS. CHAMBERLAIN TO WED

Engagement of American Widow of British Statesman Announced.

LONDON, July 12.—The engagement is announced of Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, widow of the late British statesman, and the Rev. William Hartley Carnegie, rector of St. Margaret, and canon of Westminster.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Chamberlain was Miss Mary Endicott, of Massachusetts, daughter of the late William Endicott, Secretary of War in President Cleveland's Cabinet.

GERMANS HOLD CANADIANS

Jail Sentences Given for Refusal to Make Munitions.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 12.—Canadian prisoners in Germany were sentenced to a year in jail by the Germans for refusing to make war munitions, according to a letter received here from Corporal Daniel A. Simpson, formerly a prisoner in Germany and now transferred to the internment camp in Switzerland.

Corporal Simons writes that Corporal Harry Hogarth is one of those who refused to make munitions.

ORANGEMEN FOREGO FETE

Boycott Celebration Omitted to Aid Martial Law.

BELFAST, July 12.—On account of the war and of their desire to assist the authorities to carry out the regulations established by martial law, the Orangemen omitted today the annual procession in celebration of the battle of the Boyne.

By way of showing respect to those of the Ulster division who have fallen at the front, all business was suspended at noon for five minutes.

TURKISH TOWN CAPTURED

Fire Set to Mamakhatum Before Russians Enter.

PETROGRAD, via London, July 12.—Russian troops have captured the town of Mamakhatum, 50 miles west of Erzerum, on the Tuzlu River, by assault, says the official statement given out by the War Office tonight.

The retreating Turks set fire to the town.

SECRET DASH BY U-LINER INDICATED

Mystery Surrounds Intent of Germans.

SECOND SUBMARINE EXPECTED

Bremen Said to Be Four Days on Way to America.

RULING IS LIKELY TODAY

Neutrality Board May Pass on Status of Undersea Merchantman; Allies Suspect Neutral Vessel Acted as Shield.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 12.—That plans were afoot rapidly to reload the super-submarine Deutschland and slip her out speedily on her return voyage to Germany was indicated tonight. A special permit was obtained for continuing unloading of the vessel tonight and it was expected that she would be ready tomorrow by dawn to begin taking on a cargo of nickel and rubber.

No one in authority would say when the vessel would depart and the only positive statement in that connection was contained in Captain Koenig's declaration to the local customs officers that he expected to sail within "10 days."

The tug Thomas P. Timmons completed repairs today and took up a position directly in front of the Deutschland. Captain Koenig's declaration today was reported that she was getting ready to return to the Virginia Capes to convey into the Chesapeake, as she did the Deutschland, the submarine Bremen, which is said to be four days on her way to this country.

Air of Mystery Maintained. The air of mystery surrounding all discussion of the Deutschland's departure was deepened today by reports that her clearance papers may not be made public when filed, thus preventing advance notice of her leaving being obtained.

It became known late today that several conferences have been held here between representatives of the Ocean Navigation Company and the Krupp Steel Company, and Simon Lake, inventor of the submarine. This gave rise to reports that a company was in process of formation for the purpose of carrying on undersea commerce between this country and Germany, and that Mr. Lake had been invited to accept the position of consulting engineer.

Arrangement Reported. While no official announcement could be obtained from Paul G. L. Gilken, the American representative of the submarine interests, it is understood that plans for the new venture will be sent back to Germany on the Deutschland.

Mr. Lake is said to have reached a satisfactory agreement with the owners of the Deutschland and to have (Continued on Page 5, Column 1.)

PACIFIST DEDICATES SON TO DEFENSE

"BOY NOT RAISED TO BE SOLDIER" IS TRAINED.

Author of Unpatriotic Songs Gives Bridegroom Her Right to Fight for Flag.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 12.—(Special.)—"They can have my son to defend America against Europe or any other possible foe, but to invade another nation—never."

Thus today, at his beautiful home in Hollywood, spoke Alfred Bryan, the man who, about two years ago, wrote "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier," the song bitterly condemned along with its author by Colonel Roosevelt and other Americans.

With his young son, Alfred, Jr., and beautiful bride beside him, the parent dedicated his bridegroom heir to the Red, White and Blue.

"I have trained my son in a gym so he will not be a weakling, but will be able to take care of himself and protect his wife," said the senior Bryan. "But I have not given him this training so he will be able to knock down some other man and take his watch."

DEMOCRATS FOR IOWA DRY

State Convention Goes on Record for Prohibition Throughout State.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 12.—Iowa Democrats in convention assembled today for the first time in the memory of any of the leaders present, went on record in the state platform as favoring prohibition. The report of the resolutions committee adopted by the convention adopted the views of E. T. Meredith, gubernatorial candidate, and went on record in favor of the re-submission to the people of the constitutional amendment providing for statewide prohibition.

The platform endorsed the Wilson administration.

COST OF LIVING RECEDES

Meats, Lard, Eggs and Potatoes Are Cheaper; Flour and Sugar Higher.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The cost of living, after rising steadily since 1917, except in 1911, took a downward trend during 1915. A report by the Bureau of Labor, issued today, analyzing retail prices of 23 articles of food, shows that relative retail prices during 1915 averaged one point lower than in 1914.

Meats, lard and eggs averaged from 1 to 9 per cent lower, while potatoes were 22 per cent lower. Wheat, flour, cornmeal and granulated sugar were higher than in 1914, flour being 20 per cent and sugar 11 per cent higher.

GOETHALS ALLOWED TO GO

President Accepts Resignation of Canal Builder.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—President Wilson today agreed to accept the resignation of Major-General Goethals as Governor of the Panama Canal at an early date to be fixed by the General. General Goethals called at the White House and again urged his desire to resign the Governorship and retire from the active list of the Army, now that his work of building the canal had been finished.

Colonel Chester Harding, now engineer of maintenance in the canal zone, probably will be appointed Governor.

MR. HUGHES' TRIP TO COAST IS ENDORSED

Chicago Puts Bid for Supreme Court Place.

MR. PENROSE PROMISES AID

Cornelius N. Bliss Selected as Committee Treasurer.

TOUR TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

Women Form Alliance Under Control of Central Body of 1000 to Work for Republican Nominations in Suffrage States.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Charles E. Hughes continued here today the weekly conferences which he has held with party leaders since making Bridgehampton his summer home. With Chairman Willcox, of the Republican National Committee, Senator Penrose, W. Murray Crane, Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, and many others, the nominee discussed his tentative campaign programme. His advisers unanimously endorsed his proposal to make a trip to the Pacific Coast beginning early in August.

After a conference with Mr. Hughes, Chairman Willcox announced that Cornelius N. Bliss has been selected as treasurer of the National Committee to succeed George B. Sheldon and that Fred W. Upham, of Chicago, would be in charge of the Western end of the work. Mr. Upham's headquarters will be in Chicago. Mr. Bliss is the son of the late Cornelius N. Bliss who was treasurer of the committee during the campaign which resulted in Roosevelt's election.

Chicago Wants First Speed. Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, invited Mr. Hughes to open at Chicago the speech making on the proposed Western trip. The invitation was taken under advisement and the indications are that it will be accepted. Mr. Hughes told Mayor Thompson that he would try to arrange to speak in Chicago early in August.

Mayor Thompson was asked as to the truth of reports that he came here to protest to the nominee against the appointment of Harold L. Ickes, Progressive leader of Illinois, to the campaign committee.

"I am for anybody whose appointment will help elect Mr. Hughes," he said, "I think we should all get together."

Senator Penrose to Work. Senator Penrose had a long talk with the nominee, at the conclusion of which Mr. Penrose said he was going to take his "coat off and go to work."

Mr. Hughes' suggestion that the notification ceremony be held in this city has been received with a division of opinion by his advisers. Chairman Willcox told the nominee today that he thought the ceremony would better be (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

\$25,000 WORTH OF LOTS GO AT CRANE

ALL HARNEY COUNTY JOINS BIG CELEBRATION.

Youngsters Who Had Never Seen Train Join in Welcoming Railroad Into Wheat Paradise.

CRANE, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Youngsters who had never seen a train, people who had not met for years, congratulated themselves here yesterday on the advent of the long-expected railroad into the wheat paradise of Oregon, when the town of Crane was put on the map of Oregon and \$25,000 worth of lots sold in a few hours.

It was the biggest celebration of its kind Harney County has witnessed in years, and all Harney County was here and a goodly portion of it still is here today enjoying the celebration of three days' duration.

Fully 200 automobiles were here, bringing 1200 persons who enjoyed bidding against themselves and others for townsite lots, which sold for prices ranging from \$50 to \$600 each.

Governor Withycombe and his party of state officials and Chicago bankers marveled at the enthusiasm shown, and the Governor made a short address. The entertainment also included a barbecue and baseball game, the Burns team winning from Crane, 8 to 2.

Governor Withycombe and his party returned to Burns last night, arriving there at 7:30 o'clock, and today continued into the nitrate district of the Wagon Tire country, lunching at William Hanley's Double O ranch. Tomorrow they will continue their trip toward Warner Lake.

FOREIGN TRADE 6 BILLIONS

Year's Exports More Than 4 Billions; All Records Broken.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The country's foreign trade during the fiscal year ending with last month reached a total of \$6,525,000,000, exceeding by many millions all previous records, according to preliminary figures announced tonight by the Commerce Department. Exports were valued at \$4,345,000,000 and imports at \$2,180,000,000.

The figures are based on complete returns for the first 11 months of the year and estimates for June.

PAINTINGS ARE BURNED

Wife of Salem Artist Tries to Start Fire With Coal Oil.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—Oil paintings said to be worth \$10,000 were destroyed by fire here tonight when the residence occupied by C. L. St. Clair, an artist, burned.

The fire was caused through an attempt to start a fire with a can of coal oil. The can containing the liquid exploded.

61 SHIPS SUNK IN JUNE

U-Boats or Mines Destroy 101,000 Tons of Allies' Commerce.

BERLIN, via London, July 12.—An official statement issued tonight says: "In the month of June 61 of the enemy's merchantmen, measuring about 101,000 tons, were sunk by German and Austrian-Hungarian submarines or by mines."

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MIDDLE WEST AND EAST GASP AT HEAT

Several Prostrations Are Fatal.

SUMMER ARRIVES SUDDENLY

New York Visitor, Driven Insane, Kills Himself.

ENTIRE COUNTRY IS HOT

Exodus to Watering Places Takes Place in Cities Where Suffering Is Intense—California and Canada Affected.

CHICAGO, July 12.—(Special.)—Summer heat, long delayed, except for sporadic flashes, suddenly fell upon the East and the Middle West today with a vengeance. Except in the lake cities, or those bordering upon the ocean, there was little relief tonight and no promise for cooler weather tomorrow.

Many cities reported prostrations and there were some deaths. New York reported temperature of 101 in the streets and 30 prostrations. One Chicago man, visiting there, was driven insane by the heat and blew out his brains. Three others in New York, including a woman who leaped from a fourth story window while crazed by heat, also were victims.

Chicago Suburbs Suffer.

Chicago street thermometers registered 92, but the official figure taken in the stiff lake breezes at the top of the observation tower, was 84. In the suburbs, away from the saving lake breezes, which sprang up in the afternoon, thermometers showed 100 and slightly higher. Three prostrations were reported to the police. This was the tenth straight day of sunshine, a record since October, 1937. There were two deaths at Peoria and one in Kingston.

The heat caused a tremendous exodus to the bathing beaches and parks and they were thickly populated until late tonight. Attendants at the new municipal pools say approximately half a million people visited that city resort during the day and evening. This is an immense structure stretching far out into the lake and has just been opened.

Sudden Heat Affects Many.

All Eastern cities report withering heat, not that the temperature is unusually high for the season, but its sudden arrival is causing much suffering. In Cleveland where the temperature was 97 there was three deaths and three prostrations. Boston had temperature of 92 and many prostrations but no deaths.

Green Bay, Wis., advertised extensively as a "cool resort," showed 94 and two prostrations, while Kalamazoo, Mich., another resort had one death and several prostrations and outdoor work was suspended because of the heat.

Rains Bring Some Relief.

Indiana, which has been sweltering for two days was relieved by heavy rains. One death was reported at South Bend, in the upper end of the state. There were also three prostrations, but rain tonight cooled the temperature.

While the East and Middle West were baking a fine brown, the troops from those sections, who encountered fierce heat on their arrival on the Texas border, were somewhat relieved by heavy rains.

Fresno, Cal., with 105, led the procession for high temperature. Idaho points, with 102, holding the doubtful honor of second.

All Canada Is Hot.

All of Canada is hot. Montreal, supposed to be cool at all times, reported 90, while in the Western provinces Medicine Hat, the notoriously cold spot in winter, showed 94 and calm, just a dead heat that will remain until wind arises.

The entire country was comparatively dry. Lower Indiana reported an inch and a half of rain, the heaviest at any place on the map. Parts of Iowa and Missouri had fairly heavy local rains and Western Mississippi had an inch of rain.

SO GOTHAM'S AVERAGE FOR DAY

Suffering in Congested Districts of Metropolis Intense.

NEW YORK, July 12.—One death and many prostrations from heat were reported here today. While the mercury in street thermometers soared at one time as high as 101, the official record of the Weather Bureau tonight showed an average temperature for the day of 90, which, it was said, was the highest recorded for the corresponding date in the last 23 years.

According to the authorities, there has been much suffering in the congested districts. Thousands of persons sought relief by flocking to the various beach resorts.

Heat Kills Four at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—Four deaths and a score of prostrations as a result of the heat were reported here today. The maximum official temperature was 91 degrees, the hottest weather Philadelphia has experienced this year. Street thermometers registered 101.

THE OLD WAR-HORSES IN CONGRESS BEGIN TO SNIFF THE COMING BATTLE.

