



GERMANS REPULSE BRITISH ATTACKS

Four Heavy Assaults Fail of Purpose.

FOCH IS TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Two French Positions Captured, but Lost Again.

ITEM AMAZES LONDONERS

Russian Troops Reported Active in the Champagne Region—Rumor That Austria Wants Peace Is Taken Seriously.

BY ARTHUR S. DRAPER. (War Correspondent of the New York Tribune. By Special Cable.) LONDON, July 16.—(Special.)—Exhausted by the desperate fighting of the last two days, the German and British troops on the Somme are resting on their arms tonight. In the lull which has followed what corresponds at the front describe as the fiercest fighting of the war, the British are consolidating their new positions north of the Bazentin-Longueville line and are bringing up their heavy artillery preparatory to resuming the great drive toward Peronne.

After four assaults hurried in rapid succession at the German lines in the region of Ovillers and Bazentin, the British today had failed to dislodge the enemy, operations on both sides came to an abrupt halt. Foch Taken by Surprise. On the French side of the Somme line the Germans this morning took General Foch by surprise. Powerful attacks enabled them to capture La Malsonette and Blaches, but they were ejected before they had time to rally against the French counter-attack. The rapidity with which the Germans were rolled back from these two positions is hailed by military experts as an indication of the firm grip the French have obtained on the newly-won ground.

On the Champagne front there has been great activity by Russian and French patrols. Russians' Activity Surprises. Vague rumors have reached London from time to time to the effect that the participation of Russian troops in the fighting on the western front might be expected in the near future. These reports, however, have been generally scoffed at, especially in view of the tremendous offensive which the Russians have been maintaining against the Austro-Hungarian lines from Riga to the Roumanian frontier. Paris' startling announcement is the first indication that Russian troops are actually fighting side by side with the poilus in the Champagne.

Out of the maze of speculation indulged in two things stand out. It is agreed that the Russian soldiers have been taken over to the French front for strategic reasons, they are not needed, either for offensive or defensive purposes on that part of the French lines at the present time, although it is conceded that the additional strength which they have brought to the French may tempt the latter to undertake a local offensive in the Champagne soon. That the presence of the Russians in that sector will permit of the shifting of part of the French forces either to the threatened points at Verdun or to the Somme is patent, and it is believed here that such will be the immediate result of their arrival.

Sudden Shift May Be Coming. At the same time it would not surprise many competent critics if the French suddenly extended their offensive to that part of the front in the hope of gaining a great victory and relieving the pressure on their Verdun lines.

That the Russians are able to spare even a small portion of their forces from the Eastern front at this time would seem to indicate that they expect the success of their efforts to crush the Teuton power in that region. It is not definitely known from what sector they were transferred, but it is assumed that the Russian patrols formed part of the victorious army of General Letchitsky, which has swept the Austrians out of Bukovina and into the Carpathians. He alone could easily afford to weaken the forces which are now advancing slowly on Lemberg from the south.

In the last two days London has talked about little else but the continued reports that Austria is about to sue for a separate peace on account of the Russian and Italian successes and the increasingly gloomy outlook of final Teuton victory in the war. The British officials and the British public have taken these rumors seriously, realizing the straits to which Austria has been reduced by the overwhelming double offensive.

Overtures Not Welcomed. I have the highest authority for saying, however, that any such overtures (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

SOUTHERN OREGON PLACER MINE SOLD

BOSTON PEOPLE BUY NOTED GRANTS PASS PROPERTY.

New Owners Now Have 1000 Acres and Will Install Modern Machinery and Increase Crew.

GRANTS PASS, Or., July 16.—(Special.)—One of the most momentous placer deals ever closed in Southern Oregon is the sale of the famous Layton Placer mine on Upper Williams Creek to a Boston syndicate known as the Pacific Placer Company, with Austin Wilson, of Boston, at its head, an announcement of which was made last night.

The Layton property, comprising 600 acres, has been one of the foremost producers of Southern Oregon for more than 40 years and made of J. T. Layton, its original locator and owner for half a century, a wealthy man. Since Mr. Layton's death, 10 years ago, the mine has been worked by the heirs of the estate and has made a handsome showing every year. Now the heirs are all of age and the mine is sold by G. W. Colvig, administrator, for the purpose of distribution among the heirs. The sale only awaits the order of the Probate Court.

It is the intention of the new owners to consolidate the Layton property with 400 acres of adjoining placer ground which they own, install modern machinery and put a full crew to work. There are 38 miles of ditches connected with the property, and the water rights involved are among the most valuable in the state. The water is delivered to the hydraulic giants under a head of 200 feet.

FLAMES THREATEN ATHENS

Forest Fire That Destroyed King's Palace Still Raging.

PARIS, July 16.—The fire which destroyed the summer residence of King Constantine of Greece, situated at Tatoi, on the outskirts of Athens, is still raging in the forest in which the royal chateau stood. A Havas dispatch from Athens says it is feared the flames will reach the city.

Among those who lost their lives in the fire were Colonel de la Parria, of the engineers; M. Chryssospathis, the head of the royal secret service, and 20 soldiers.

TURKISH TOWN IS CARRIED

Russians Report Capture of Baidurt by Assault.

PETROGRAD, via London, July 16.—Russian troops have captured the town of Baidurt, in Turkish Armenia, by assault. This information was given in an official statement issued by the Russian War Department today.

Baidurt is 65 miles northwest of Erzerum and about 40 miles south of the Black Sea port of Trebizond.

GREAT BRIDGE IS OPENED

Structure Across Mississippi at Memphis Now Put to Use.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 16.—The new Harahan bridge spanning the Mississippi River at Memphis, said to be the longest structure on the river, was open to traffic today. It cost \$5,000,000.

Including approaches, the bridge is three miles long, the bridge proper being 2800 feet. Construction was started in June, 1913.

SUBMARINE RULING MAY RETURN TO VEX

Allies, However, Will Not Protest.

CAPTURE TO BE ATTEMPTED

Cruisers Keeping Close Watch Off Virginia Capes.

FUTURE GIVES CONCERN

Transformation of Deutschland Not Expected, but It Is Feared Some of the U-Liners That Follow May Be Altered.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN. WASHINGTON, July 16.—(Special.)—In recognizing the Deutschland as a submarine merchantman the Government of the United States has reserved for future determination the status of this particular class of ocean carrier. The allies have determined not to make a formal protest against this decision. They merely will file a note pointing out the inherent warlike character of submarines and the ease with which they can be transformed to vessels of war.

They will place squarely on the Government the responsibility for any warlike acts by the Deutschland after she leaves American waters, thus paying the way for a claim for damages.

People Take New Courage. It is now known that one of the main purposes behind the Deutschland operation was to instill new courage into the German people. The wonderful feat performed by the German submarine is being described and dwelt upon throughout the central powers.

The people are being led to believe that the blockade which has been strangling them now can be broken and that they will be able, if they will only allow time enough, to obtain all the food supplies of which they are in need.

The British and French propose to show the futility of the hopes which have been aroused. Three cruisers—two British and one French—are patrolling off the Virginia Capes outside the three-mile limit. They will be reinforced by another craft. Probably little difficulty will be experienced by the Deutschland in putting to sea, but once her departure is reported every British and French warship will be on the lookout for her.

Destruction Deemed Important. If the vessel can be captured or destroyed by the allies they will feel that they have sounded the death knell of the German relief plan and produce an effect in Germany and Austria-Hungary which will make for discouragement and the development of a popular demand for the termination of the war.

The allies realize the decision of the State Department that the Deutschland is a merchantman is in accordance with the American law and that the decision cannot be modified until the law itself is changed. Their reply is on Page 6, Column 3.

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\$10,000,000 DAMAGE WROUGHT BY FLOOD

Hundreds in North Carolina Homeless.

THREE DROWN AT BALTIMORE

Situation in Western Part of State Is Serious.

DAMS AND BRIDGES GO

River in Asheville 15 Feet Above Its Banks and Patrons of Hotel Are Driven to the Upper Floors for Safety.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 16.—Serious floods in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia today caused five known deaths, rendered hundreds homeless and damaged property and crops to the extent of \$10,000,000, according to early estimates, and demoralized railway, telegraph and telephone communication. Following the hurricane that struck the South Atlantic Coast Thursday, unprecedented rains have fallen, driving rivers and smaller streams from their banks and imperiling many lives.

The French Broad River has broken from its course near Asheville, flooding factories and homes in the lower part of the city. At Baltimore three persons—Captain G. C. Lipe, Miss Nellie Lipe and Mrs. Leo Mulholland—were drowned when the Lipe house was flooded. The Vanderbilt estate at Baltimore was not damaged.

Two Drown Carrying Help. Two persons were drowned at Asheville while trying to get food to flood refugees in the second story of the Glenn Rock Hotel.

Swift streams are flowing down some of the streets of Lower Asheville. Throughout Western North Carolina the situation is reported serious. Two dams at Hendersonville collapsed, releasing great volumes of water, and fears are felt for the big dam at Lake Toxaway.

The Southern Railway bridge over the Catawba River at Belmont, N. C., has been washed away, carrying 19 or 20 workmen into the river. Whether they were drowned has not been learned. The Seaboard Airline bridge over the Catawba River at Mount Holly, N. C., has collapsed, as has that over the Catawba on the Salisbury-Asheville line.

Railroads Are Tied Up. Practically all railway traffic in Southwest Virginia and Eastern West Virginia was tied up today, telephone and telegraph lines were down and heavy crop damage has been reported. Crops in some sections of South Carolina also, suffered heavily.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 16.—Flood water which swept through the French Broad and Swanannova valleys of North Carolina today took a toll of five lives and caused property damage estimated at \$10,000,000.

Tonight, with the two rivers 15 feet (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

SPIRIT OF FIFTIES REIGNS IN CHURCH

Old-Fashioned Hymns Sung at Highland Congregational Service, Conducted as Long Ago.

The spirit of the early 50's hung over Highland Congregational Church, of which Rev. George Edward Lewis is pastor, last night as the men and women took seats on different sides of the room. Boys and men sat on the left side and girls, women and small children occupied the other side.

Rev. Mr. Lewis had announced an old-fashioned service—that was all. On the platform sat the honor guests, the wife and daughter of Solomon Brown, the only living son of the famous John Brown. "The congregation opened the service with 'America.'" "John Brown's body lies a moldering in the grave, but his soul goes marching on," sang the congregation with old-time revival spirit.

Misses Mildred Scobe and Hulda Reynolds played piano accompaniments and Miss Brown sang solos. A cello and violin duet was given by Miss Gladys Johnson and Louis Shurtliff, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson was in charge of the programme.

Those older people in the church whose singing has been cast in the background with the adoption of new hymns, were in their glory last night.

So successful was the unique service that it will probably be repeated. Rev. Mr. Lewis gave brief talks on the various songs that were sung. A general handshaking and introductions to Mrs. and Miss Brown ended the service.

BUILDING GAIN IS SHOWN

National Increase Made in June With Portland Well to Front.

Instead of slowing down more nearly to normal, the building operations for the month of June, throughout the United States, showed the most decided gains of any month during the last half year, with Portland well up in the front rank of all cities for substantial gains.

The American Contractor, of Chicago, gathered reports from 103 leading cities showing building operations of \$91,768,080 for June, 1915, as compared to \$82,890,866 for June, 1915.

In Portland June, 1916, showed construction amounting to \$983,215, against \$460,085 for June, 1915, a gain of 114 per cent.

That the gains are general is demonstrated by the fact that 67 of the 103 cities show gains while only 36 shew decreases.

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Several bricks were found in the bottom of the car, and the strikers broke to corroborate their story of the assault.

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MEDIATOR ARRIVES IN SEATTLE

Conference to Be Proposed by Federal Official.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 16.—Henry M. White, United States commissioner of Immigration in Seattle, who as Federal mediator representing the Department of Commerce in San Francisco, arranged the conferences which resulted Saturday in a compromise between the employers and longshoremen, will start tomorrow to arrange similar conferences here. In a statement made shortly after his arrival from San Francisco tonight, Mr. White said that he would attempt to bring about the same agreement here as that reached in San Francisco.

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I SLAIN, 1 WOUNDED IN STRIKE BATTLE

Strikebreaker Waylaid at Tacoma.

AUTO FIRED ON BY UNION MEN

Shooting Follows Night of Rioting in Streets.

FOUR HELD AS ASSAILANTS

Attacked Nonunion Workers, Under Heavy Police Guard, Go to Longshoremen's Headquarters and Identify Several.

DEVELOPMENTS IN LONG-SHOREMEN'S STRIKE

Tacoma—Strikebreaker killed, strikers wounded, in battle following night of rioting; gathering of crowds and picketing to be forbidden.

Seattle—Mediator to propose settlement; strikers announce firm stand for all demands; strikebreakers to co-operate with business interests in fight for open shop.

Portland—Strike committee to consider San Francisco's temporary settlement today as possible basis for peace here.

TACOMA, Wash., July 16.—Rangval Leinann, a strikebreaker, was shot and killed and Sam James, a union longshoreman, sustained a probably fatal gunshot wound in a pitched battle today, when union men attacked an automobile carrying nonunion workers to the Milwaukee docks.

Four men were in the automobile returning from the city to the docks when they were ambushed near the Eleventh-street bridge by about 15 strikers. The latter began hurling bricks at the occupants of the automobile and when the drivers put on more speed a shot rang out.

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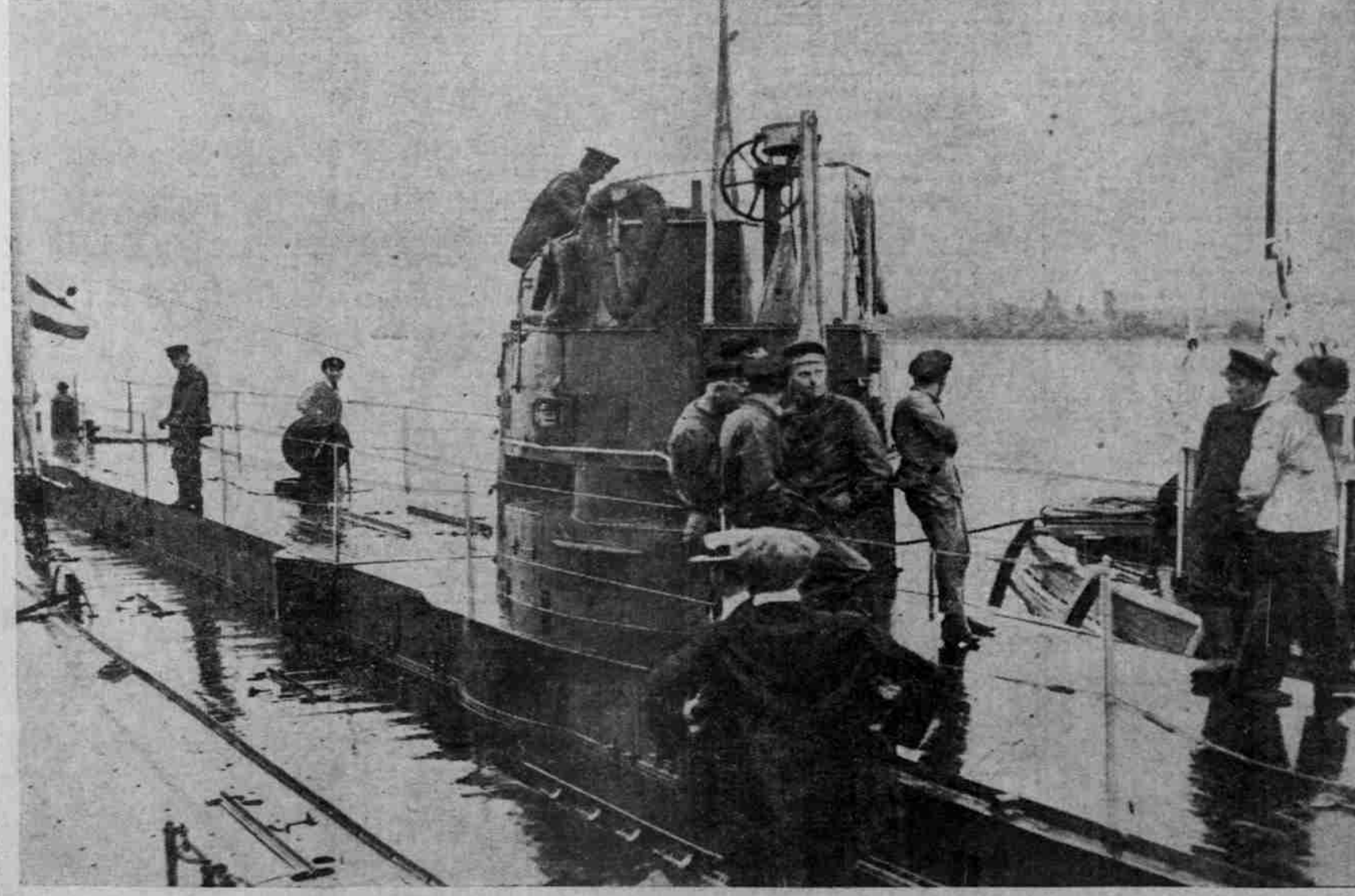
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THE DEUTSCHLAND, WITH MEN OF CREW ON WATCH TO STOP POSSIBLE BOARDERS.

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