

PERISHING TELL OF FIGHTING ACTIVITY

Happenings on American Front Northwest of Chateau Thierry Recited.

ENEMY MOVEMENTS NOTED

Germans Direct Harassing Fire for Most Part Against Yankees in Rear Areas and Attempt to Sever U. S. Communications.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Reports giving for the first time a descriptive story of what the American troops have been doing northwest of Chateau Thierry since June 20 are contained in General Pershing's communique for yesterday, received today at the War Department. The communique follows:

"Section.—For our troops in the Chateau Thierry, the 24 hours from noon June 20 to noon June 21 were quiet as compared with the many days of great activity which they have recently experienced.

"The German artillery continued to shell both our front lines and rear areas, distributing its fire rather impartially over the sector.

Shells of Small Caliber.
The Clermont and Marquette woods, Lucy Le Boeuf, Triangle Farm, Lethollet and Boursches all received their share. So did the Paris road on our other principal lines of communication, but the number of shells used was moderate for this locality and most of them were of small and medium caliber.

The fire was of various sorts, some of the harassing sort directed against our billets in rear areas at intervals during the day and night and some for the obvious purpose of cutting our communications. As usual, some of the lower and wooded areas were shelled with gas, but high explosives and shrapnel were frequent.

Snipers Are Active.

"The German machine guns were active against our lines, especially in the vicinity of Boursches, and snipers were active near the edges of the Bois de Belleau around the Boursches railroad station.

The enemy made one of his customary attempts to ambush an American patrol in the vicinity of Tournay farm, but his ambush party was caught and dispersed by our fire. German airplanes were active along our front, paying particular attention to the right flank. In the rear of the German line small groups were seen in constant action passing along the roads between the various farm towns and woods. A considerable number of them appeared to be carrying stretchers. Wagons, automobiles and artillery caissons also were in constant movement, but in not more than customary numbers.

Hostile Positions Noted.

"Our own troops bore their full share of the day's activities, advancing and improving their positions and returning the enemy's fire in the matter of artillery fire. After a burst of fire on a cluster of woods, a number of the enemy were seen running away in all directions, passing along the roads out patrols which effectively reconnoitered the hostile positions.

"In the Chateau Thierry region, the day of June 21 to June 22 produced no marked developments. In the absence of infantry actions, artillery played the leading part. The German artillery was active in the morning, but on the preceding days and to a somewhat greater extent. German airplanes also were present in somewhat greater numbers.

Huns Driven to Cover.

"In the rear the same small groups were again seen and once again our artillery fire had marked effect, driving back into the woods near Lucy farm a group of men who had attempted to emerge. The German infantry seemed to give more attention to the Belleau woods and to checking our patrols.

"One of our parties southwest of Waux encountered heavy machine gun fire, and from the same point there was considerable sniping on our lines. Boursches and the Belleau woods again received special attention from the German machine gun detachments. German snipers retained their positions of the day before. Our troops, as usual, returned what they received, both in artillery fire and sniping, while our patrols were continually active.

Boche Airplanes Active.

"During the day, June 21 to June 22, our troops near Chateau Thierry experienced conditions quite similar to those of the preceding 48 hours. Woods, farms and villages again were shelled, with the slight use of gas from time to time and with occasional concentrations. The distribution over the sector again was fairly even.

Troops Seen on March.

"In addition to the movement of small groups in the German rear areas, a column of troops (estimated at about a battalion and accompanied by combat wagons) was seen in motion during the early evening. At another time two columns of troops, a battery, a number of caissons and several wagons and automobiles were seen moving along the roads. At another spot a small group was very busy over a fallen airplane.

"The enemy still is busily inspecting

his wires. The German machine guns were somewhat more active than on preceding days, paying great attention to our patrols, both by direct and cross fire. As usual they also were directed against Boursches and Belleau woods. They did not, however, prevent our troops from sending out numerous patrols. Beside the customary activity of our own batteries, we made considerable use of mortars. Farm buildings in the German rear also were seen to burst into flames.

Enemy Planes Fly Frequently.

"On June 22 to 23 our troops south of the Marne experienced the same sort of shelling by the enemy as during the preceding days. The hostile fire fell especially on Grezney, Possoy, Boursches and Belleau woods. On the whole, however, the enemy artillery activity was slight and confined largely to the use of shells of small caliber.

"Many German airplanes flew over our front lines, east and west along the Marne. They were principally in groups of from two to 10 planes. One of them dropped objects which were burning, which whistled as they fell and made considerable noise when striking the ground.

"A number of the enemy were seen during the day, a few coming down to the river to wash in the morning and others passing in and out of the town of Chartres. Others could be seen carrying rations or going to and from working parties. The working parties evidently were digging and probably constructing new emplacements. During the night German patrols opposite Mesry threw stones across the river at our outposts.

Roads Are Shelled.

"In the Woivre region on June 22 to June 23 the enemy's activity showed some diminution. Front lines at Selcheprey, Bois de Jurk, Bois de Richebourg and other points, as well as Beaumont and other positions in the rear area, were shelled. Our roads also suffered some bombardment. The shells came mostly from Bois de Montmore and Bois de Lasseonard, but the fire, mostly of the harassing sort, was little above the normal. The same was true of the machine gun fire, which came mainly from the little villages of Lahayville and St. Baussant, across the lines from Selcheprey.

"German airplanes were little in evidence. Movements of trucks and wagons in the rear of the German lines were normal. Working parties were observed, concentrating on new camouflage. Our own troops were not especially active.

Rear Areas Active.

"On June 23 our troops who are fighting in the Muehlhausen area reported quiet day. The enemy's batteries fired a small number of rounds from the Muehlwald and other positions in the rear. His machine guns occasionally were active and shot one of his patrols was driven off by our fire.

Only in his rear areas was there any firing of note. This consisted of increasing movements of men, forces, wagons, trucks and trains."

WASHINGTON TO SEND 4000

Seattle and King County Heaviest Contributors, Total Being 1030.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—Word has been received here today for a total of 4000 men to move to Camp Lewis in the five days from July 22 to July 28, inclusive, are announced today by the department of selective service supervision. They are to come from class 1 for general military service. It is understood that a safe margin of men will still be left in each class when the quotas are filled, although the figures on this remainder are withheld by the government.

Seattle and King County are the heaviest contributors of men on this call, as usual, the city and county total coming to 1030.

Tacoma and Pierce County send 351; Spokane city and county, 521; Gray Harbor County board one, 81; board two, 44; Clark, 58; Cowlitz, 25; Pacific, 25; Wahkiakum, 25; Skamania, 24; Thurston, 49; Lewis, 55; Mason, 27; Kittitas, 80; Klickitat, 21; Franklin, 24; Grant, 39; Walla Walla, 96; Whitman, 70; Yakima, 50.

This draft is the largest single movement of men to camp made in the state since the selective law went into effect.

MRS. D. J. COMAN RETURNS

Wife of Army Officer to Take Up Nursing Again Here.

TACOMA, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Daniel J. Coman, wife of Captain Coman of the Headquarters Staff of the Ninety-first Division, has returned to her home in Portland after several months' residence in this city. Prior to her marriage during the holidays Mrs. Coman was a Red Cross nurse in Portland and had planned to go with the Portland unit which recently was mustered in for overseas duty.

Because the United States will not issue passports to women who have relatives in the army, Mrs. Coman was forced to remain in Portland to take the place of other nurses. She has gone to France. Mrs. Coman's home is in Alaska.

ARMS FOR DEPUTIES ASKED

Lane County War Board Would Equip Sheriff's Forces.

EUGENE, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—The Lane County War Board, at a meeting yesterday recommended that the County Court purchase side arms for 75 Deputy Sheriffs. There are about 140 Deputy Sheriffs organized in various parts of the county, but the war board decided that some of them need not be provided with equipment of this sort at present. Automatic pistols will be purchased for the officers in case of the adoption of the war board report.

The selection of Jerome Workman as secretary of the War Council to succeed George Quayle, who resigned Monday to accept a position with the Portland Chamber of Commerce, was ratified. The secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce also was secretary of the war board, and Mr. Workman had been chosen for the position by the Chamber.

RATE INCREASE PROTESTED

Oregon and Washington Commissioners Fight Express Companies.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—The Washington Public Service Commission today joined with the Oregon commission in protesting a 10 per cent increase in express rates, filed to become immediately effective.

The Washington protest is made in behalf of fresh fish and fruit shipments.

Record Fish Catch Made.

NEWPORT, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—The schooner Spray made a record catch of fish near Heceta Head some distance off shore. After four days' fishing the crew brought in 15 tons of halibut and 2000 pounds of black cod. Each member of the crew cleared \$300 and the Burke Company, of Portland, owners of the vessel, cleared over \$2000.

ITALIANS RUSH ON BEYOND CAPO SILE

Rich Booty and More Prisoners Captured and Enemy Is Slain by Thousands.

BODIES STREW RIVER BANK

Italian Alpine Surprise Foe Upon Summit of Cavello, 10,500 Feet High, and Take 60 Prisoners and Several Machine Guns.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, June 26.—By the Associated Press.—Italian troops under the Duke of Aosta have pushed beyond the Capo Sile bridgehead, which was completely occupied yesterday, and have firmly sustained resolute counter-attacks by heavy enemy forces. It was announced today. In the fighting here the Italians captured eight officers and 371 men.

Captures by the Italian forces since the launching of their counter-offensive have increased to 13,000 men by the addition Monday of between 2500 and 3000 prisoners.

Much Material Captured.

The complete recapture of all Italian artillery, arms and material has been accomplished. Only after long statistical work was it possible to establish the enormous quantity of Austrian arms and material which remain in Italian hands.

In the higher Alps there are evidences of renewed activity. Italian Alpine, surprising the enemy on the summit of Cavello, 10,500 feet high in the Tormale region, took 60 prisoners and captured several machine guns.

Advantages Are Won.

North of Monte Grappa detachments of the fourth army, after violent artillery and machine gun preparation, made thrusts and secured advantages despite severe enemy resistance.

So precipitate was the flight of the Austrian legions which crossed the Piave in their initial crush that they left behind Italians captured early in the fighting. Italian troops came upon their own men, many of whom were wounded. They were in a desperate condition, being stripped of shoes and clothing.

Losses Are Great.

Austrian losses will exceed 200,000. Under the deluge of Italian bullets and shells, the fear-maddened Austrians fled in wild disorder. They leaped into the flooded waters of the Piave River, seeking places of temporary refuge which would help them to reach the opposite side. Hundreds of bodies were carried down stream. It was a terrible sight.

Upon the Montello Plateau the slaughter of Austrian regiments was appalling.

Dead Strew Both Banks.

At the crossing at Nervese both banks of the river were strewn with dead and dying, while hundreds of bodies were carried down in the current to the sea.

In one place the correspondent counted 300 bodies while walking a distance of half a mile. One regiment of covering troops, which originally was composed of more than 2000 men, had left Monday but 88 men to the company and these were prisoners.

Along the lower Piave the Austrians found themselves in a desperate position and sustained heavier losses. A single episode shows how and why the retreat started. On Saturday the Austrian commander, General 91st Schutzen brigade, composed of regiments numbers 31 and 32, with orders to widen the Austrian breach at Lampold and to do the rest of the city.

Hard Fighting Is Vain.

The brigade attempted to carry out this order and fought like wild men, but the Italian pressure was so terrific that they were unable to accomplish their object, which was to force the Austrian divisions already surrounded in this section.

After six attacks, which continued Saturday night and Sunday morning, there remained at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon only 90 men of this brigade. The others were either prisoners, wounded or dead. The commanding officer then committed suicide and the 90 surrendered.

Rifles Thrown Away.

In fleeing the Austrians left behind them much material. The enemy troops even threw away their rifles and deserted hundreds of machine guns which were to have been used to protect the retreat.

It is estimated that the number of Austrians on the western bank of the Piave when the retreat began was over 100,000. Among 15 prisoners taken on Monday, it was observed that they belonged to no less than seven different regiments. Prisoners report that serious losses were caused by the Italian artillery, trench bombs and machine guns. The Thirteenth Schutzen division is reported to have lost 50 men from each company on an average.

Venice Starts Celebration.

From the first day of the offensive Italian morale was of the highest among both the troops and the Italian civilian population. Venice appeared to be little concerned about the fact that the enemy was striking in her direction only 20 miles away. Today, however, Venice awoke to celebrate the Italian victory.

VIENNA, via London, June 26.—The official report from general headquarters today says:

"On the front west of the Adige, fighting activity has been lively the past few days. On the Zugna ridge we repulsed strong thrusts initiated by vigorous gunfire, with heavy enemy losses.

"On the Asiago plateau and between the Brenta and the Piave yesterday was quieter. The bitter struggle of June 24 ended in complete failure for the Italians, which was most perceptible in the disputed regions on Asolone and Monte Pertica. Our detachments, pursuing the enemy, captured several sectors of his front line. The Italian efforts to recapture the ground they lost on June 25 singularly failed."

The latest official report from Austrian headquarters, in declaring that Italian efforts to recapture the ground they lost on June 25 singularly failed, constitutes a denial of the claims made by the Italian War office and is contrary to the facts as exhibited from the Italian front by The Associated Press correspondents and the special representatives of the various newspapers who have followed the operations since the beginning.

Virtually all the reports from the Italian front have described the recent operations as a great victory for the Italian arms, with the Austrians panic-stricken, breaking a hasty retreat beyond the east bank of the Piave.

The Austrian official communications

make no mention of the Italian attacks between the Brenta and the Piave, which inflicted heavy losses on the enemy forces and resulted in the capture of many hundreds of Austrians, beyond the mere assertion that conditions in that territory yesterday were "appreciably quieter."

WILSON CONGRATULATES DIAZ

President Sends Message Expressing Joy at Italian Victory.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—President Wilson today sent a cablegram to General Diaz, commanding the Italian army, congratulating him upon the victory over the Austrians and saying America feels a great blow has been struck, not only for Italy, but for the world.

The President's message follows: "Please accept my warm congratulations on the splendid successes of the armies under your command. The whole spirit of America acclaims the achievement and feels that a very great blow has been struck for the liberties not only of Italy, but of the world."

STORM VICTIM IS DEAD

ROBERT POTTER, OF FOSSIL, SUC-CUMBS TO INJURIES.

Gordie Rambo, Companion, Is Unconscious and Is Not Expected to Recover.

FOSSIL, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—Robert Potter died today from injuries he sustained in the cloud burst near Fossil last Friday. He, with Gordie Rambo, another victim, was brought to Fossil Monday. Although suffering intensely, he told clearly of his frightful experience.

Mr. Potter was caught in the main current of the stream and carried along its course until rocks and trees held him fast on an embankment. His dog also was fastened in the debris and held fast close beside him. In frenzy to free itself the animal turned on Potter and bit him in the face repeatedly until his face was terribly torn and cut. Potter struggled frantically until he freed one hand, and finally succeeded in running it down the dog's throat, choking the animal to death.

Mr. Potter's right leg was crushed and the main artery was severed when he came in contact with an immense rock. He was started for Portland where he expected to have his injuries treated, but succumbed before reaching the hospital.

Gordie Rambo is under a physician's care in Fossil. He is unconscious and his injuries being internal, little hope is held out for his recovery.

The body of Loren Combs was found yesterday four miles from the place he was drowned.

The three men were in a tent on Little Buckhorn Creek, about 45 miles west of Fossil, where they were looking after the cattle of the Combs ranch. The cloudburst came about 5 o'clock in the evening, after a day of excessive heat, with such suddenness that it took the men unawares.

Residents of that part of the country say the storm could be heard for 15 miles and that the water in the stream was more than 20 feet deep.

50 CHILDREN AT PICNIC

WARDS OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' AID SOCIETY ENTERTAINED.

Patriotic Party Is Held on Grounds of Organization and Refreshments Are Served Guests.

In honor of the wards of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, the board of trustees and ladies' advisory board of the Aid Society entertained with a patriotic party yesterday. Tables were set under the trees on the grounds of the society, where 50 children enjoyed ice cream and cake, contributed by a prominent business man of the city.

Accompanied by Miss Marguerite Templeton, J. G. Kilpack sang several solos and led the children in singing patriotic songs. Judge W. B. Gilbert presided. Rev. W. G. Elliot gave the principal address. He spoke of the 36 young men from the society who are in active service. A service flag, presented to the school by Frank O. Creasey, was dedicated by Mrs. C. H. Templeton. The 26 stars are arranged in the shape of a shield.

Mrs. Watson, principal of the Kerns School, where the Aid Society children are pupils, led them in the salute to the flag. Mrs. Heller, former assistant superintendent, entertained with interesting stories.

Freshing at the tables were Mrs. W. H. Skene and Mrs. C. E. Wolverton. They were assisted in serving by Miss Grace Gilbert and Miss Marguerite Templeton. Mrs. F. J. Fuller and Mrs. Tait contributed the beautiful floral decorations.

Members of the board who planned the affair include Judge W. B. Gilbert, F. E. Beach, Judge C. E. Wolverton, Robert S. Farrell, Judge Robert S. Bean, F. L. Fuller, Dr. T. L. Edwards (orary member), Mrs. W. H. Skene, Mrs. C. H. Templeton, Mrs. R. C. Coffey, Mrs. H. B. Torrey, Mrs. Forest S. Fisher and Mrs. Alice Benson Beach.

Aberdeen Class 1 Exhausted.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—

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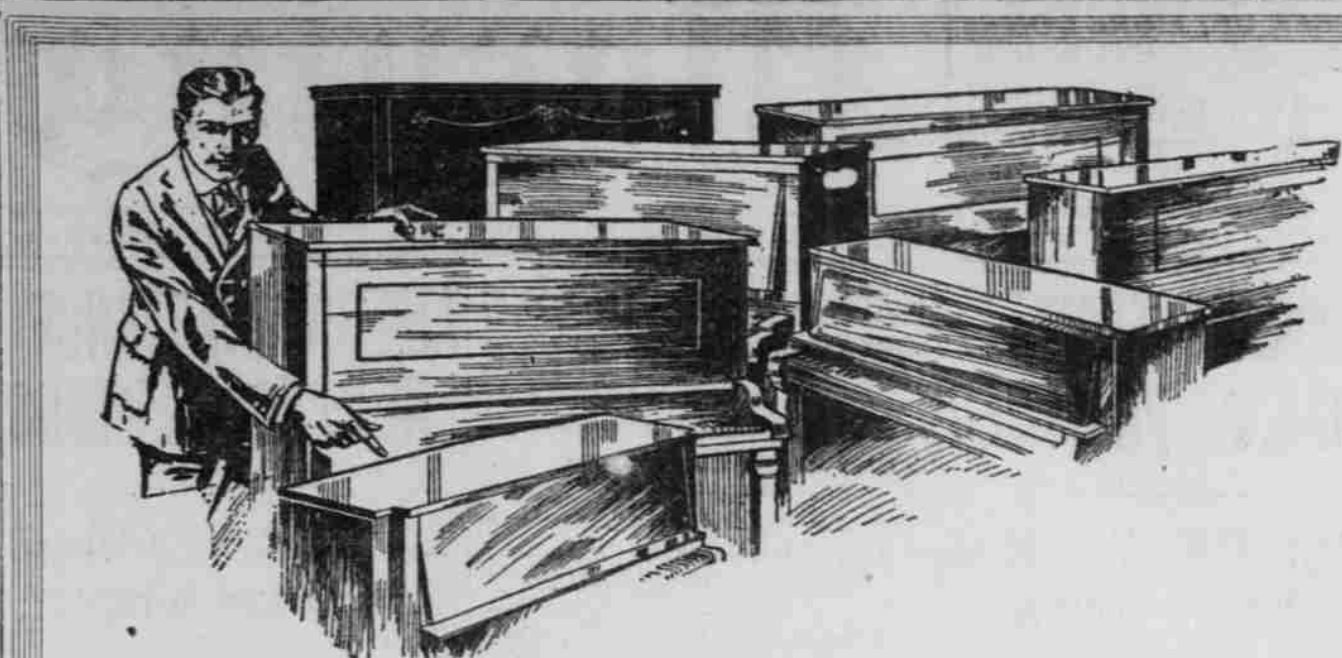
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Cloudburst's Damage Extensive.
YAKIMA, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—A cloudburst in the Kittitas Canyon Sunday evening inundated sections of the Wenatchee Valley, washed out bridges and roads and did much damage to crops. The Ellensburg-Yakima road was partially blocked. Several auto-

mobile parties from this city were marooned by the storm and did not reach home until yesterday morning. In some places the flood that rushed down the canyon was said to have been 12 feet deep. Hail accompanied the down-pour.

Traveling Man Drives Off Bridge.
YAKIMA, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—Arthur Metcalf, traveling salesman for the Spokane Drug Company, Sunday afternoon drove his automobile through the railing of a bridge over the Yakima River near this city, the car landing in the river bottom side up with Metcalf underneath. He managed to ex-

tricate himself in time to avoid drowning and was not seriously hurt.

Moose Jaw Machinists Strike.
MOOSE JAW, Sask., June 26.—Canadian Pacific Railway machinists and helpers at all division points struck today in sympathy with the machinists of the Winnipeg shops, who walked out yesterday in an effort to force the company to dismiss a non-union employee.

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"I never was sick to amount to anything in all my life up to a few months ago," he continued, "and for a man of my age my health was just about perfect. Then something seemed to go wrong with my kidneys. There was a kind of dull ache, a knocking pain in my back and ever since the trouble started it disturbed me so much at night that I never could get any restful sleep. I was badly bothered, too. As it went on and on in the mornings feeling just about as tired and worn out as when I went to bed. I was almost completely run down in my mind, and altogether I felt so bad and no account that I knew I would have to take something to straighten me out. To tell the truth, I never have had to take much medicine of any kind, so it was all a new experience for me to get into such a run-down condition."

"But just about this time I began to hear such wonderful things said about Tanlac that I went and got me a bottle. Well, sir, I never had such an appetite in my life as I have got now since I started taking Tanlac. Why, I can eat and digest anything. My kidney trouble has been entirely relieved and, with the help of Tanlac Tablets, my constitution has been completely renovated. I sleep like a log at night, never waking till daylight comes, and when I get up in the mornings I feel fine and fresh. The old trouble is all gone and never bothers me at all, and I am now in as good shape as I was before I had these troubles at all."

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