



FOGH DRIVES HARD ON HEELS OF HUN

1800 of Enemy Taken in Aisne-Marne Trap.

ALLIED GAINS UNCHECKED

Americans Discover That Foe Is Retreating Northeastward With Difficulty.

ENTENTE FORCES HAMPER

Yank-Franco Guns and Planes Block Efforts of Teutons to Move Supply Depots.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Since July 15 the Germans have lost approximately 180,000 men, dead wounded and prisoners in the fighting in the Rheims-Soissons salient.

PARIS, July 23.—French, American and British troops made considerable advances during the day on the Aisne-Marne front, according to the War Office announcement tonight. In addition to occupying several villages, they captured 1800 prisoners or more.

The text reads: "On both sides of the Ourcq attacks by our troops during the day obtained satisfactory results, notwithstanding the tenacious resistance offered by the enemy, who brought up fresh reserves. North of the river we captured and went beyond Lepessier-Huleu and reached the western outskirts of Oulchy-La-Ville. We occupied the village of Montrou. "South of the Ourcq Franco-American troops crossed the Chateau Thierry road, carrying their line more than a kilometer to the east. The village of Rocourt is in our hands, as well as the greater part of Chatelet wood.

New Progress Recorded. "On the right bank of the Marne we made new progress north of Monte St. Pere and Charveves, which is in our hands. Likewise we enlarged our bridgehead at Jaulgonne. "On the front between the Marne and Rheims there were violent engagements. Between the Ardre and Vriigny, Franco-British troops attacked strong enemy positions and advanced more than a kilometer, inflicting heavy losses. The British took 300 prisoners and five cannon."

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Information reaching the intelligence department of the American Army tonight indicated that the Germans were still continuing their retreat.

Far behind their lines they are being subjected to a heavy fire by both French and American guns, which doubtless are hampering the movement of their enormous supplies.

FOUR TANKS CAPTURED.

The American and French troops fighting south of Soissons have captured four German tanks, which were operating against them in conjunction with the German infantry. The allied artillery spotted the tanks as they came into action and quickly put four of them out of commission. Four others retreated.

At least at one point the fighting was more nearly in open order than had been usual. With a minimum artillery fire by both sides, the Americans advanced their skirmish line over yellow wheat fields, dotted with poppies, and through clumps of woods. It was Indian fighting modernized by machine-gun work.

The Germans left on the field a great number of machine gunners in nets. Many of these guns were captured and the entire personnel of a machine-gun company tonight is swelling the already big list of prisoners taken by the Americans.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—American troops participated in some of the heaviest fighting today in the vicinity of Epieds and Trugny, where give and take struggles continued throughout the day. At the end of the day the Americans had advanced

1 DEAD, 3 HURT IN COLLISION OF CARS

VANCOUVER SISON ELECTRIC HITS FREIGHT TRAIN.

F. T. Fields, Instructing Student Woman Motorman, Loses Life; Smoke Obscures Railway.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 23.—(Special.)—One man was killed and three women injured as the result of a collision between a Vancouver-Sifton electric car and an electric freight train at Orchards, six miles from this city, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. There were 12 in the car.

Dead. F. T. Fields, Orchards, Wash., aged 27, motorman.

Injured. Mrs. C. W. Jackson, Vancouver, student motorman; fractured leg and other injuries. Mrs. E. J. Mead, Orchards, cuts about the head.

Miss Maud Mead, Orchards, broken nose. The interurban car met the freight train on a curve about 100 yards from the Orchards station. Smoke from a brush fire on the side of the track obscured the right of way and the freight, which was standing on the main line, was seen too late to halt the advance of the passenger car.

Mrs. Jackson was operating the electric car at the time of the crash and Motorman Fields was acting as instructor. The collision occurred within 200 yards of Mr. Fields' home at Orchards. He died about two hours after the accident.

The injured are at St. Joseph's Hospital in this city.

MONTANA FOREST MENACED

Three Serious Fires Sweeping Over Clearwater District.

MISSOULA, Mont., July 23.—Three large fires are sweeping today over the Clearwater Forest, near Orofino, Idaho, because of a shortage of men, according to the headquarters here of the United States Forest Service, District No. 1. The fires are in thickly timbered areas on Welts Creek, Rock Creek and on the side of Pot Mountain.

In the same forest there are four other fires, uncontrolled for the time being, as they leaped over the control lines recently established. One hundred men, recruited in Butte and Great Falls, are being sent to the "inner circle" of the forest, but it will be several days before they will reach the worst fires.

A new fire, which has already burned over 30 acres of timber in the Kootenai Forest near the Canadian border, was reported. The Spread Creek fire in the same forest has been placed under control. Eight dangerous fires were reported in the Selway Forest.

"PERSHING TROT" LATEST

Lively Military Dances Will Hold Sway Next Winter.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—The "Pershing trot" and the "Rainbow," lively military dances, will hold sway next winter, according to the decree of the "inner circle" of the American College of Dancing, at a meeting here today.

Dancing instructors of states from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast agreed upon "open formation" dances to quick-time music.

YANKS TO CONTROL AIR

American Aviators Take Over British Seaplane Station.

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—American aviators today took over from the British one of the most important seaplane stations on the English Coast, from which they will do continuous patrol duty over a large area of the sea. The American aviators stationed on the English Coast have heretofore been working as part of the British squadrons and this is the first purely American station in England.

U. S. ADMIRALS DECORATED

Rodman and Strauss Recipients of British Honors.

LONDON, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—King George today decorated Rear Admiral Hugh Rodman, U. S. N., as a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, and Rear-Admiral Joseph Strauss, U. S. N., a knight commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

The decorations took place on board the flagship of the grand fleet.

YULETIDE GIVING DECRIED

Saving in Labor, Materials and Transportation Pointed Out.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Further explaining the purpose of its resolution of June 24, calling upon the people of the country to forego Christmas giving, the Council of National Defense today issued a statement setting forth the saving in labor, materials and transportation facilities which probably would be effected by an observance of the spirit of its resolution.

Five Children Burned to Death. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., July 23.—Five children ranging in age from 2 to 12 years, were burned to death, one other received fatal injuries and seven were less seriously hurt in a fire which destroyed the Kent County Juvenile Home early today.

U. S. TO TAKE OVER TELEGRAPH JULY 31

National Control Will Include Phones.

CABLE LINES NOT AFFECTED

Radio Systems Already Held by Government.

WILSON ISSUES STATEMENT

President in Proclamation Says Bureau to Administer Lines Through Owners, Directors, Etc.—Dividends Continue.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Acting under the authority recently conferred by Congress, President Wilson today issued a proclamation taking all telephone and telegraph lines under Government operation at midnight, Wednesday, July 31.

Although Congress empowered him to do so the President did not include wireless systems, because the Navy already is in control of them. He did not include ocean cables presumably because contracts the cable companies have with foreign governments in the same shore they land, contain clauses respecting government operation which raised involved questions. The Navy is already in practical control of the cables through its censorship.

Bureau in Charge. The President's proclamation placed administration of the wire systems with Postmaster-General Burleson and provided that until otherwise decided the present managements and employees will continue. Present financial arrangements also will continue with the approval of the Postmaster-General.

In a statement accompanying the President's proclamation, Postmaster-General Burleson announced to the country that his policy would be one of the least possible interference with the wire communication systems consistent with the interests and needs of the Government.

Press Service to Improve. Press wire service, Mr. Burleson said, would be interfered with only to improve its facilities, and farmers' telephones would be interfered with only to facilitate their connection with the larger lines.

Postmaster-General Burleson will personally take charge of the administration of the wire communications and will be assisted by a committee of three composed of John L. Koons, First Assistant Postmaster-General, in subjects of organization and administration; David L. Lewis, former Congressman from Maryland, now a member of the tariff committee, on subjects of operation; and William H. Lamar, solicitor for the Postoffice Department, on matters of finance.

President Wilson's proclamation, after quoting the law by which Congress authorized him, says: "Whereas, it is deemed necessary for

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SAN DIEGO MISSING REDUCED TO SIX

CASUALTIES ON LOST CRUISER MAY DWINDLE TO THREE.

Navy Department Announces That Most of 49 Men Have Been Accounted For.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—All but six of the 49 men reported missing after the sinking of the armored cruiser San Diego off Fire Island, New York, last Friday, have been accounted for, said an announcement tonight by the Navy department.

Further reports are expected to reduce this number and officials hope that the only casualties will be the three men killed by the explosion. The men still unaccounted for are: Clyde Baine, Lometa, Cal.; George W. Parin, Akron, Iowa; Leon Goodnow, Fairport, N. Y.; Henry H. Law, White Plains, N. Y.; Andrew Munson, St. Paul, Minn.; Silas Walters, Gainesville, Ga.

IDAHO ASKS FIRE FIGHTERS

Camp Lewis to Send Soldiers When Details Are Explained.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., July 23.—A telegram received from the city authorities at Kootenai, Idaho, today, asks that soldiers be sent there to assist in fighting the forest fires raging in that section.

Low many were wanted, what arrangements would be made for their care and other details necessary before men can be sent were lacking in the request. Camp executive officers replied by telegram that men would be sent if they were informed of the details of the needs.

'GRUBSTAKE' IS SUSTAINED

J. L. Wilson, Alaskan Mining Operator, Denied New Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—J. L. Wilson, Alaskan mining operator, against whom Mrs. Ella Heim, of Oakland, won a judgment for a share of a \$6,000,000 fortune under a "grubstake" agreement, was denied a new trial today by Superior Judge James M. Trout.

The case has been in litigation for seven years.

YANKEE WOUNDED HAPPY

"Tell Folks at Home We Are All Right," Is Message to Parents.

PARIS, July 23.—"Tell the folks at home we are all right," is the message of the American wounded as they are lifted from the hospital trains.

American Red Cross women, with fountain pens and post cards, follow the doctors on their rounds between the stretchers at the Paris station reserved for the hospital trains. Each man gets a chance to dictate a few lines.

MAMMOTH METEOR SEEN

Arctic Heavens at Midnight Lighted as Bright as Midday.

DAWSON, Y. T., July 23.—Arctic heavens in this section were illuminated by a mammoth meteor at midnight last night.

The sky and land were lighted as bright as at midday.

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KAISER PAYS FIRST VISIT TO DENTIST

American Youth Fixes Teeth of Royalty.

SECRET POLICE GUARD DOORS

Prospect of Monarch for Patient Unnerves Doctor.

SYLVESTER KILLS HIMSELF

Young Assistant Succeeds to Dead Man's Practice in Berlin, Including Patronage of His Imperial Majesty, Wilhelm II.

BY ARTHUR N. DAVIS. (Dentist to the Kaiser for 14 Years.)

How I Became the Kaiser's Dentist.

Next door to my boyhood home, in Piqua, Ohio, there lived a German named Diefenbacher. He was rather a grouchy individual and none of us had ever had very much to do with him. Nevertheless, when, in 1895, I was preparing to leave home, and the office of Dr. E. S. Fuller, where I had been working and studying, to take up the dental course at Lake Forest University, Chicago, Ill., this man Diefenbacher came to say good-bye, and a remark he made at the time has always impressed me as having had a most uncanny significance in view of later developments, although, of course, I realize it must have been purely a coincidence.

"I hear you are going away to study dentistry," he declared, in rather broken English.

"Yes, that's so," I replied.

"Well, I wish you luck. Dr. Evans, the dentist, who recently died in Paris, he was a dentist to Napoleon III. He was an American, too. I prophesy that one day you will be dentist to the Kaiser."

Opportunity Knocks.

During my first vacation while at college, I went to New York to get more practical experience in dentistry and became assistant to Dr. M. L. Rhein, and it was through this connection that the opportunity to practice abroad subsequently came to me.

I graduated from college in 1902 and established myself in Chicago. About a year and a half later I received an invitation from Dr. Rhein to go to New York to meet Dr. Alonzo H. Sylvester, an American dentist practicing in Berlin, and who numbered the Kaiser among his patients. He had come to America to select an associate because his failing health made it impossible for him to give his practice the attention it demanded.

It is needless to say the receipt of this message brought old Diefenbacher's remark back to me with renewed force, but even then I did not realize how accurate his prophecy was to prove.

Dr. Sylvester had been in New York three weeks interviewing a number of dentists, but he had found no one to fill the position. The possibilities he

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"SPLASH HIM AGAIN," SAYS MR. SCHWAB

KAISER TO FEEL EFFECTS OF 100 MORE LAUNCHINGS.

Big Additions to America's Merchant Marine Planned for Coming Labor Day.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Indorsing the suggestion of Pacific Coast shipyard workers that Labor day be made a Nation's great ship launching day, Charles M. Schwab, Director-General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, today transmitted to the men working with him a letter from President Wilson expressing the "keen interest" with which the President is following the progress of the shipbuilding program.

President Wilson's letter was addressed to Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, acknowledging a report of progress. The President added: "When you get an opportunity, will you not express to those who are working for the board and for the corporation the keen interest with which I follow all these operations and the accomplishments of each bureau and agency and yard?"

"Mr. Schwab's indorsement of the men's proposal to 'splash the Kaiser' again by launching one hundred ships in a single day was wholehearted. "While the launching record for the Fourth of July was splendid," he said, "let us strive to make the Labor day record even still greater."

PRISONERS MAY FACE HUN

Walla Walla Convicts to Be Accepted by Allied Armies.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 23.—(Special.)—Release from the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla of alien prisoners who are willing to serve their respective countries in war was today extended to men qualified for conditional pardon. As a result 76 men, mostly Italians, Serbians and Montenegians, were ordered turned over to recruiting officers acting under authorities of the various foreign consuls interested. Some of the men will go to the British army.

It was asserted that American prisoners with clear records will be set free to fight in the allied armies, although they cannot be accepted into the American forces.

INDUSTRIAL SURVEY TAKEN

Nation's Taxable Resources Will Be Determined for Revenue Bill.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—An industrial survey to determine the Nation's taxable resources, an aid to the ways and means committee in framing the income and excess profits sections of the new \$8,000,000,000 revenue bill is under way.

Committee members said today they expect to raise approximately \$5,000,000,000 more in excess profits and incomes. Some members still hope to raise \$5,000,000,000 by taxes on war profits and incomes.

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FRENCH RAM HUNS BACK TWO MILES

Smash Made on Four-Mile Front Near Montdidier.

1500 GERMANS CAPTURED

Allies by Latest Victory Are Now in Control of Heights Above Avre Valley.

ATTACK ACTS AS DIVERSION

Blow Is Made to Prevent Foe From Sending Troops South to Stop Entente Gains.

LONDON, July 23.—The French attack near Montdidier has progressed to the western edge of the wood north of Sauvillers-Montgival, which means a total advance of two miles.

This point is about 2000 yards east of Mailly-Raineval and gives the French control of the heights dominating the valley of the Avre.

Concerning this operation, the official War Office statement tonight says: "North of Montdidier a local operation this morning enabled us to capture Mailly-Raineval, Savillers and Aubillers. We took 1500 prisoners, including 30 officers."

Attack Worries Boches.

The attack was a very well executed and successful operation and, according to dispatches from the battle front, was presumably designed as a diversion, aiming at keeping the enemy's mind occupied and preventing him from sending large reinforcements to the southward.

At the same time it also effected an important local improvement in the line at a sector where every advance means better protection for Amiens and Paris. The French attacked on a four-mile front after an hour's bombardment of the German lines and captured all three villages of Sauvillers, Aubillers and Mailly-Raineval within 15 minutes.

More Prisoners Taken.

About 1000 more prisoners have been counted by the entente in the past 24 hours, and others remain to be counted. Of this number about half have been credited to the Americans and British, but as a matter of fact the allies are just now too busy to devote time to the counting of prisoners.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—A drenching downpour over the greater part of the southern battlefield hindered the operations of both the allies and the Germans last night and today.

Farther north, however, French troops executed a remarkably brilliant minor operation between Moreuil and Montdidier, attacking and capturing three villages, around which some very heavy fighting occurred in March and April. They are Mailly-Raineval, Sauvillers and Aubillers, all situated on heights overlooking the Avre River.

Strategic Points Won.

Their possession is of the greatest importance.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Northwest of Chateau Thierry the artillery played an important part. Here the Americans encountered the stiffer resistance; a village in this sector being reduced by the American guns as its occupation by the Germans was imminent. The enemy was thus forced into the open, where heavy punishment was inflicted.

A drizzling rain fell over the battlefields and made aerial operations almost impossible in the morning, but it cleared somewhat in the afternoon and the flying men went up. Their work, however, was limited.

Boche Planes Fired On.

Late in the day German planes endeavored to make observations over the Marne, where the enemy was aware that all the usual operations of moving armies and supplies were in progress. The anti-aircraft guns rendered their mission highly doubtful. Prisoners captured by the Americans say they were forced into ac-

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SEASONABLE COMMENT ON AN UNSEASONABLE RAIN.

