

BOCHE CENTER HIT FOR 2-MILE GAIN

Franco-Americans Rip Foe's Line Apart.

YANKS RETAKE TWO TOWNS

Epieds, Trugny-Epieds and Courpoil left Behind by Advancing Doughboys.

BRITISH DASH FORWARD

Important Ground Wrenched From Teutons in Vriigny Wood Near Rheims.

PARIS, July 24.—Highly important gains by the French and American forces on the Aisne-Marne front are reported in the official statement of the War Office tonight.

In the center of the line an advance of nearly two miles was made.

Desperate engagements were fought in the direction of Epieds and Trugny-Epieds, which villages the Americans again recaptured from the Germans.

To the north of Epieds the Franco-American line is now beyond Courpoil.

The statement reads:

"Between the Ourcq and Marne our attacks, resumed this morning, were continued successfully throughout the day.

"On our left we hold Armentieres and Chatelet wood, beyond which we advanced as far as Brecy, which we occupy.

"In the center Franco-American troops made an advance at certain points of more than three kilometers.

Yankees Hurl Back Foe.

"Desperate fighting has been in progress in the region of Epieds and Trugny-Epieds, which, retaken by the Germans yesterday at the end of the day, were reconquered again in a counter-attack by the Americans.

North of these two villages we have carried our line beyond Courpoil.

"On our right we made progress in the forest of Pere, north of Chartevres and Jaulgonne. Further to the east we extended our bridgehead at Treloup and occupied the southern corner of Ris forest.

"In this sector we captured five cannon of 150 millimeters and about 50 machine guns, as well as considerable material.

"Between the Marne and Rheims there were intermittent artillery actions.

Many Prisoners Taken.

"In yesterday's fighting, in the course of which our troops occupied the Bois de Rheims, south of Courmors, we made several hundred prisoners.

North of Montdidier the total number of prisoners taken on July 23 in the region of Mailly-Raineval and Aubvillers is 1850, including 52 officers, among them four battalion chiefs.

Among the supplies captured were four cannon of .77, 45 trench cannon and 300 machine guns."

LONDON, July 24.—(Via Ottawa.)—The British today gained important ground in Vriigny wood, southwest of Rheims.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Violent fighting marked both sides of the pocket in the German line last night, and today the battle continued with undiminished ferocity.

Fighting Is Desperate.

The contending forces attacked and counter-attacked in quick succession and today the line fluctuated back and forth for a time, until finally the Franco-American troops gained the upper hand and swept forward for considerable gains at various points.

It is apparent that the Germans are retiring from the dangerous salient in which they have found themselves by the advances of the allied troops, but are fighting desperately for time in which to remove the heavy guns and war material which they had accumulated in the region for their crushed offensive.

Foe Strafes Franco-British.

Southwest of Rheims the Germans have shown their disappointment over their inability to hold with their crack divisions their positions around Vriigny and have turned all their

BRITISH MUNITION WORKERS STRIKE

ACTION OF TOLLERS SCORED BY WOOLWICH EMPLOYEES.

"Strike and You May Go to Hell" Is Message Sent to Birmingham. Lincoln Workers on Job.

LONDON, July 24.—A strike of munition workers began at Birmingham at 6 o'clock this evening, the hour the day workers finished their work, and when the night shift was to come on duty, according to a dispatch to the Central News from Birmingham.

The aggregate membership of the 12 societies affiliated with the joint committee of the engineering trades unions is about 65,000, including about 5000 women.

At Lincoln, where the strike was to become effective tonight, the workers agreed to remain at their posts pending a decision of the national conference tomorrow.

The Woolwich arsenal workers held a meeting today after which they telegraphed the Coventry Munitions workers as follows:

"Strike and you will earn the blessings of the Kaiser and his army of murderers. But you will earn the lasting condemnation of all those who are fighting and working in the allied nations to gain real freedom for civilization.

"We warn you seriously if you persist in striking that this government owe it to your brave brothers who are fighting the war that the lives' blood, while you are fighting with words and full bellies, that you be immediately put in front of the firing line and that your leaders should be shot.

"Strike and you may go to hell. Woolwich will remain at work and earn the right to shake the hand of the soldier when he returns."

SOLDIER GETS 25 YEARS

W. H. Edwards, Polymathic, Punished for Failing to Obey Officer.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, July 24.—Private William H. Edwards, of Salt Lake City, today drew a sentence of 25 years hard labor on Alcatraz Island, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dishonorable discharge for refusal to obey an order given by First Lieutenant William V. Clark to sign the enlistment and assignment card. He was tried by a general court-martial.

Edwards, who is 23 years old, told the court that he was one of the charter members of the Polymathic Society, organized in Salt Lake City in 1916, and that the three men who were the founders of the only ones admitted to membership.

At the beginning of his trial he objected to the entire court, saying the members were obnoxious to him on "psychological and biological grounds."

L. C. GILMAN NAMES AIDES

W. C. Wilkes, Assistant Director; J. H. O'Neill Terminal Manager.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 24.—Permanent appointments of heads of departments and assistants were announced today by L. C. Gilman, district director of the United States railway administration.

W. C. Wilkes, former assistant general freight and passenger agent of the North Bank line at Portland, is made assistant to the district director; James H. O'Neill is made terminal manager; J. J. McCullough is named terminal superintendent and Frank R. Hanlon, export agent.

CLASS 1 MEN ARE SCARCE

Seattle Draft Boards Ordered to Halt Deferred Classification.

SEATTLE, July 24.—On account of the scarcity of Class 1 men, Seattle draft officials, it was announced today, have been authorized by the War Department to cease giving deferred classification to shipyard employees on account of their work and also to discontinue releasing men to enlist in the Navy and Marines.

Officials said these orders are but temporary and would be enforced only until the last of the August draft quotas are filled.

MOTHER "RIDES ON RODS"

Mrs. Myrtle Neal With Baby Makes Long Trip Under Freight Car.

OMAHA, July 24.—Mrs. Myrtle Neal, 25 years old, of Cheyenne, Wyo., arrested here in men's clothing last night, said she "rode the rods" of a freight train, holding her 3-year-old baby in one arm, part of the way to Omaha. She said her husband mistreated her. She was wearing overalls and said she had been employed in the Union Pacific shops. She expected to go to work here as an engine wiper, but her husband arrived today and they were reconciled.

KANSAS WHEAT CROP IS BIG

Yield for 1918 Is Estimated at 102,000,000 Bushels.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 24.—The 1918 wheat crop in Kansas probably will total 102,000,000 bushels, according to a statement made public today by the Kansas State Board of Agriculture.

"Should present indications, as evidenced by threshing returns to date be borne out with the remaining 78 per cent of the crop yet to be threshed, the winter wheat yield this year will aggregate approximately 102,000,000 bushels," the report states.

FOCH RUSH MET BY HEAVY HUN FORCES

Frantic Efforts Made to Evade Allied Trap.

ENTENTE OUTLOOK CHEERING

Foe's Supply Railway Menaced, Says General March.

BOCHE CAUGHT IN POCKET

American Chief of Staff Points Out Danger of Enemy Positions in Soissons-Rheims Salient If Allied Gains Continue.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Massed German reserves are keeping open the jaws of the trap, General Foch has sprung in the Aisne-Marne region, in a desperate effort to stabilize their lines without the crushing of the forces withdrawing from the Chateau Thierry and Marne salients.

Official reports to the War Department show the enemy has but a single railway to get material out of the pocket into which he has been forced. The situation was graphically explained today by General March, chief of staff, in a mid-week conference with newspapermen. For the last two days, General March said, the employment of probably 15 divisions of fresh German reserves on the Soissons front has kept the trap practically headed the line there. On the eastern jaw front the enemy has been crushed back more than a mile and a half on a ten-mile front, further imperiling his whole position in the salient from which he is endeavoring to extricate his troops.

Railroad Is Blocked.

"The railroad running from Soissons to Chateau Thierry now is either in our hands or under our fire," General March said. "The only way in which the enemy can get out now or get supplies over a railroad is by the remaining line from Nanteuil on the Ourcq to Bazoches on the Vesle River."

"It was necessary for him, if he did not intend to be caught absolutely in a pocket, to keep troops from advancing and cutting off this road, which would put him entirely at the mercy of the allied forces."

Some officers here are of the opinion that General Foch was rushing forward masses of heavy artillery which, with airplanes, would pound the interior of the German positions from three sides.

They say the very strength of the German lines now established will make his losses great from the concentrated fire. The enemy forces occupy a wedge, the center of which is less than 15 miles distant from the hard-pressing lines of the allies at any point. All his communication lines are within gun range, once the "heavies" get up behind the allied lines.

Lacking railway lines on which to maneuver, the enemy probably is making (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

SINGLE LIGHTNING BOLT KILLS THREE

FARMERS OF EPHRATA, WASH., MEET STRANGE FATE.

Men All Driving Teams on the Way Home When Struck—Boy Has a Narrow Escape.

EPHRATA, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—Lightning killed Don Williamson, J. Higgins and Alfred Powers yesterday while the men were driving teams on their way home about six miles northwest of Ephrata.

It is considered remarkable that the drivers, each some distance from the other, should have been hit by lightning.

Roy Billingsley, a boy who had been riding on the seat with Powers, had jumped to the roadside and was walking alongside the Powers team when the bolt came. Billingsley was thrown about 15 feet, but was not badly hurt.

Higgins was a prominent farmer of the Ephrata country. He was standing behind the seat of the wagon when struck and was killed instantly.

Williamson also was a prominent farmer of this section. He was thrown from his wagon by the bolt. He got to his feet and walked a short distance before falling dead.

Powers appears to have been killed instantly. He was thrown across the seat and bruised and badly burned. His trousers and shoes were torn off, his coat shredded and his face torn and burned.

The men were driving four-horse teams. One of the lead horses of the middle team was killed and his mate knocked down, but not seriously injured.

MUCH WHEAT IS STORED

Amount Held in Australia Totals 300,000,000 Bushels.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Nearly 300,000,000 bushels of wheat is stored in Australia, the food administration was informed today. Details of the guarantee surrounding the 1918-1919 wheat harvest in Australia also were transmitted. The Australian government has guaranteed 83 cents a bushel and to this the commonwealth has added 12 cents, making the price 95 cents to the producer.

In Buenos Aires the cash price for wheat is \$1.44 a bushel. Cash corn is selling there for 62 cents a bushel.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN SET

Campaign to Last 3 Weeks, September 28 to October 19.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The Treasury virtually has decided to hold the fourth liberty loan campaign in the three weeks' period between Saturday, September 28, and Saturday, October 19.

An announcement is expected this week. The length of the drive will be reduced from the usual four weeks with the hope of avoiding the usual slump of interest in the middle of the campaign.

ONLY STREET LIGHTS BURN

Window Illumination and Electric Signs Shut Off at New York.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Store window illumination was cut off and all electric advertising signs darkened tonight in accordance with the Fuel Administration's order. Along Broadway only street lights burned.

KAISER'S NATURE JEKYL AND HYDE

War Reveals Emperor's True Character.

DUAL PERSONALITY DESCRIBED

American Dentist Recalls Intimacy Lasting for Years.

EGOTISM REIGNS SUPREME

Man Who Accuses Americans of Being Dollar Worshipers Himself Caters Servilely to and Ennobles Wealthy Hebrews.

BY ARTHUR N. DAVIS.
(Dentist to the Kaiser for 14 years.)
CHAPTER IV.

THE KAISER'S DUAL PERSONALITY.

If I had come away from Germany in January, 1914, instead of in January, 1918, and had written the impression I had gained of the Kaiser in the ten years I had known him, what a false picture I would have painted of the man as he really is!

It would have been a picture of a man who in general appearance and bearing was every inch an emperor and yet who could exhibit all the courtesy, affability and gentleness of the most democratic gentleman, a man soft of eye and kindly in expression, a man of wide reading and attainments—perhaps the most versatile man in the world, a man who possessed a most alert mind, a remarkable memory and the keenest observation; a man who was not generous in nature and yet was at times considerate of others; a man of charming personality and amiability. It would have shown a man of unparalleled egotism, a man who was impatient of correction and who would brook no opposition. There might have been in the picture a suggestion of the dire lengths to which the man would go to have his way, but it would have been only a suggestion.

As far as it went, the picture would have been accurate, but it would have been sadly incomplete. With all the lights worked in but lacking all the shadows.

War Unveils Character.

It took the war and its attendant horrors to reveal the Kaiser in his true colors. It uncovered it. Early in my practice I happened to mention to the Kaiser that I appreciated the friendliness he showed me in invariably waving his hand at me as he passed my window when walking along the Tiergarten.

"It's a good advertisement for you Davis," he said. "The people see me waving to them and they know you must be a good dentist or I wouldn't come to you. It will help your business!" In every act he was conscious of the public.

During that period of my career in Berlin I showed the utmost interest (Continued on Page 3, Column 3.)

WASHINGTON AFTER GERMAN LANGUAGE

MOVE STARTED TO BAR BOCHE TONGUE FROM SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Josephine Preston, State Superintendent, Petitioned to Act by Defense Council.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 24.—Washington's State Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Josephine Preston, was asked in a resolution adopted today by the State Council of Defense to use her influence in having the teaching of German eliminated in all public schools of the state.

The State Council also decided to request private schools teaching German to discontinue that study by September 1, and will call upon county Councils of Defense to give the State Council seven days' notice of any public meeting to be held where it is planned to have the speaking in German.

No action was taken concerning indorsement of candidates for political office other than to decide that the policy of the League of National Unity should be followed by the Washington State Council of Defense.

Spokane's protest regarding her apportionment of war funds, which that city held to be unjust, as compared with the apportionment of other cities of the state, will be given a new hearing and the question reopened by a special committee. The committee named by the State Council comprises Vice-Chairman W. A. Peters, A. L. Hoeggers, George Donald, Mrs. J. S. McKee, W. A. Low and W. J. Patterson.

C. J. Lord, of Olympia, was elected state director of war thrift and economy by the State Council.

ENDOWMENT FOR SOLDIERS

Chicago University Gets \$2,500,000 for War Heroes' Education.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Laverne W. Novak, Chicago philanthropist, today gave \$2,500,000 to the University of Chicago to be used in educating soldiers and sailors and their descendants after the war.

In addition to free tuition fee for war heroes and their children, the fund provides for the perpetuation of instruction in American history and the public duties of citizenship.

DEAD AVIATORS HONORED

New Fields Named for Mitchell, Lufberry, Damm and Chapman.

NEW YORK, July 24.—New aviation fields on Long Island have been named respectively after Major John Purroy Mitchell, Major Raoul Lufberry, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry J. Damm and Lieutenant-Colonel C. G. Chapman, American aviators killed while flying.

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ALLIES CONTINUE TO PUSH ON

Brecy Is Taken and Franco-Americans Get Footing in La Fere Wood.

MORE PRISONERS TAKEN

Yankee Aviators Down Enemy Planes in Combats North of Marne.

AN THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The fighting today was extremely severe southward of the Ourcq, where the Americans took Epieds, which they lost yesterday, and advanced, together with the French, at least three kilometers, threatening Fere-en-Tardenois, which is under constant bombardment. Fere-en-Tardenois is the great German center of supply for the Germans in the Soissons-Rheims salient.

Around about Armentieres the Germans had massed hundreds of machine guns, which caused some trouble, but could not stay the advance of the allied troops. The Tournelles wood was reached, Brecy fell and the Franco-Americans obtained a footing in the La Fere wood.

Fighting Is Incessant.

Southwest of Rheims the British and French have been fighting the Germans incessantly for five days. The Germans are trying to protect the pivot on which their armies are retreating northward. But they have not stopped the allies. In the last two days hundreds of prisoners from enemy shock divisions have been taken, while several German points established in the small woods have succumbed to allied attacks.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE AND MARNE FRONT, July 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Extremely hard fighting has been going on along the line south of Soissons, where the Germans are concentrating in full strength in order to prevent the further impelling of their lines. The allies have made gains.

German Railroads Useless.

The railroads now are useless so far as the Germans are concerned, while the heavy guns of the allies are reaching many of the wagon roads which the enemy has fought so hard to retain.

The Germans can obtain limited supplies, but it is believed that these will not be sufficient to warrant keeping the big army in the salient.

No great artillery activity characterized fighting today. Yesterday the Americans fought three times for the possession of Epieds, the Germans countering every time. The Americans passed Epieds today with comparative little resistance. The French on their part of the line also found the enemy willing to move.

Hot rearguard actions are continuing. The losses among the Germans have been lighter than usual on account of their failure to resist strenuously the advance of the allies. North of Chateau Thierry the allied forces used mounted patrols at two places in maintaining contact with their armies in the rear.

Huns Move Some of Guns.

It is known now that General von Boehm, the German commander on this front, has managed to move a large part of his guns and stores.

Owing to the fact that the day was bright and there was little wind, aviators played an important role in the fighting.

American aviators in combats north of the Marne on Wednesday downed five German machines. The Americans suffered no losses. Their first fight was with a German squadron of 12 planes, the battle lasting nearly two hours. Four Germans were downed. Later the Americans shot down another enemy plane.

Enemy Aviators Driven Off.

The newspaper correspondents today witnessed an aerial engagement on the Chateau Thierry front in which the enemy was driven off. An enemy

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