

YANKEES DEFEAT PRUSSIA'S BEST

Division of Guards Shattered
Against American Stone
Wall at Serpy.

GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY

"Magnificent Audacity" of Division
of U. S. Troops Described in
Report of French Army
Commander.

LONDON, July 29.—Thrilling reports reached this city today of the defeat of the Fourth Prussian Guards division by American forces. These preliminary reports indicate that this battle of last night, south of Serpy, will stand out as one of the historical engagements of the war.

The Americans in this battle stood like a stone wall, brought the Germans to a clean stop and inflicted the heaviest losses upon them.

The dispatches praise the work of the Americans highly, but give no details beyond insisting upon the heavy losses which the Prussians suffered, especially from the American machine guns.

Fighting Heaviest of Day.
The heaviest fighting of the last 24 hours occurred in this sector last night against the French and Americans. Serpy, after having been taken and lost four times, was in allied hands today.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—High tribute to the "magnificent audacity" of an American Division, probably the 28th (New Hampshire), is paid in an official report from the commander of the French Army to which the Americans are attached.

"On July 29," the report said, "in order to free Montheries, and the Perret woods, severe combats were delivered by the French troops on the left."

"In order to relieve them, the Americans in the evening delivered a flanking movement which fully succeeded. With magnificent audacity they rushed forward with a single bound, up to the level of Montheries, the Gonetrie farm and Laval-Mardier.

Yankee Fearlessness Disclosed.
"It was a very sudden attack, which disclosed all the American fearlessness. In spite of the severe barrage and machine gun emplacements in which the enemy were sheltering, two kilometers in depth were gained."

"The Americans also captured three cannons, a large type Minenwerfer and machine guns. Besides, 200 prisoners fell into their hands."

"The Germans then found themselves in such a precarious position at Montheries that they had to begin to retreat."

Telling of the work of the American division on July 29, when it took the woods, north of Epiéda, the report says: "The Germans counter attacked with great energy, but they learned to their cost the meaning of American tenacity. Impeded the first time in their maneuver the Americans took the outskirt of the wood on the 25th, went straight into it and seized a whole company of German prisoners and continued their advance with such speed that towards 3 P. M. they had reached outskirts of the forest of Fere and the same evening they had gained the Fere-en-Tardenois to Jaulgonne road."

Good Gains Accomplished.
"Thus the American division had in six days realized at certain points a gain of territory of 7.5 kilometers in depth, fighting day and night without respite and giving proof of the finest military virtues."

"All their communications were carried out with perfect regularity on the right and left as well as in the interior of the division itself."

"Discipline, which filled the Germans with surprise and admiration animated the sections. They marched with officers at the side and with closed ranks, exactly like French units."

"The enemy prisoners could not get over it. 'We scarcely see those who are commanding,' they declared to the Americans. 'You are lucky. You are like the French, who have always got their officers in front of them to lead them in battle.'"

"The days of July 18th to the 25th," report concludes, "offer fresh striking proof of what the entente of the United States and France can do on military grounds."

SEATTLE BONDS PEND

SENATE GETS FACTS ABOUT HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT.

Construction of Plant, Opponents Assert, Would Take Men and Material From War Industries.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—In response to a resolution by Senator Jones, of Washington, documents of the city of Seattle for permission to issue \$5,500,000 in bonds for the construction of a hydro-electric plant on the Skagit River were presented to the Senate today by the capital issues committee.

The bond issue has been disapproved by the issues committee of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank. Mayor Hanson, of Seattle, was understood to have discussed the issue with the President last week.

SEATTLE, July 29.—Mayor Hanson is in Washington urging the approval of the bond issue by the capital issues committee. The Mayor claims the work would be in line with plans made by Federal officials for utilization of the Nation's natural resources.

Opponents of the measure assert the proposed issue would not cover the cost and charge the work would take men and material from war industries.

COAL MEN MUST REGISTER

500 Dealers in Washington Are Affected by Order.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 29.—About 500 Washington coal dealers are said to be affected by an order today from the State Fuel Administration requiring all coal dealers to register not later than August 15. Registration, it was said, is considered necessary for proper distribution of coal, control of the retail market and the securing of reports from retailers of stocks on hand and the amounts of fuel handled by them. The order forbids producers to ship or sell to dealers not registered.

Producers who sell coal to their employees are also required to register under the order.

OFFICIAL ARMY CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The Army casualty list today shows:

Killed in action, 47; died of wounds, 17; died of disease, 4; died of accident and other causes, 11; wounded severely, 93; wounded, 10; missing, 7; missing, 20; total, 199.

The list includes Private Otto V. Knighton, Sweetwater, Idaho, died of disease; Private William M. Clem, Orenco, Or.; Herbert Dietrich, Mondovi, Wash., wounded severely.

KILLED IN ACTION.—Colonel Kirby A. Smith, Fort Sam Houston; Lieutenant Colonel Clark R. Elliott, Springfield, Mass.; Captain R. H. Hines, New Britain, Conn.; James H. Holmes, Hendersonville, N. C.; Julius A. Mood, Jr., Summerton, S. C.; James N. C. Richards, Seawater, Tenn.; Second Lieutenant James C. Leder, Wilmington, N. C.; Sergeant Oskar Anderson, Chicago; Sergeant William H. Starkey, Bustleton, Pa.; Corporal John F. Briggman, Pottsville, Pa.; Edward J. Farrell, Jr., Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Earl C. Violet, Moline, Ill.; Mechanic Carl A. J. Peterson, Falkoping, Sweden; Private Martin Bernink, Baltimore, Or.; C. Bernin, Knox, Pa.; Clarence F. Boyd, Martine, Pa.; Nicholas Shaita, Shawnee-on-Deer, Pa.; Alfred I. Campbell, Spring City, Pa.; Preston H. Carroll, Jamestown, Pa.; Earl D. Chas. Harry, Kansas City, Mo.; Clegg, Jett, Okla.; Frank R. Collins, Philadelphia; George B. Cumerford, Philadelphia; R. L. Edwin, G. Danfield, Philadelphia; Howard A. Delaney, New York; Henry Thomas R. Espey, Hialeah, Md.; Nicholas J. Rocco, Rome, Pa.; Bennie Goldman, New York; George H. Monahan, Philadelphia; J. Hester, North Vernon, Ind.; Everett H. Hubbard, D. Kahn, Ind.; George H. Kirby, Clinton, Mass.; William P. Kool, Dolton, Ill.; Samuel J. McCullough, Pittsburgh; Edward J. McElroy, New Britain, Conn.; MacFarland, Minersville, Pa.; John H. Miller, Philadelphia; Harry H. Miller, Franklin, Pa.; Everett H. Minigan, South Lancaster, Mass.; Charles S. Myers, East Ward, Pa.; Raymond W. Westing, Clarendon, Pa.; Raymond W. Westing, Clarendon, Pa.

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KAISER'S WRATH SMITES FRANCOIS

German General Scapegoat
Following Offensive Failure
at Soissons.

RETIRED LIST IS PENALTY

Enemy Headquarters, in Its Official
Statement, Says Teuton Forces
Retreated Without Knowledge
of Allies.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The German General, Von Francois, has been put on the retired list as punishment for his failure in the offensive in the region of Soissons, according to a report in the Frankfurter Zeitung, received here today by cable.

BERLIN, via London, July 29.—"Severe attacks against our new positions at Fere-en-Tardenois failed with sanguinary losses for the enemy," says the official report from general headquarters this evening.

"After fulfilling their task," says the German official statement, "our field guards, fell back to their lines in accordance with orders before strong attacks by the enemy at Fere-en-Tardenois and to the south of that place, the enemy's attacks, several times renewed, led to violent combats which ended in the repulse of the enemy."

The communication admits that on the night of July 26-27, still in accordance with plans, the Germans evacuated the front line between the Ourcq and the Andre and also shifted their defense to the region between Fere-en-Tardenois and Villen-Tardenois, without the knowledge of the allies.

The communication follows: "Partial attacks launched by the British north of the Ourcq were repulsed. 'Partial attacks in the afternoon (Sunday) by the enemy north of Villen-Tardenois, which were repulsed by our artillery, were repulsed by counter attacks."

"On the night of the 26th-27th, according to plans, evacuated our front fighting zone between the Ourcq and the Andre to a certain extent and shifted our defense to the region between Fere-en-Tardenois and the Villen-Tardenois. Our movements remained unknown to the enemy."

"On the 27th the enemy's artillery fire was still directed on our old line. Rear guards prevented his troops, who not until the afternoon felt their way forward, from occupying the territory given up by us."

"Yesterday the enemy's infantry under strong artillery protection endeavored to work its way up to our new line. Weak detachments which had been left in the forefield received the enemy at close quarters and inflicted considerable losses on him. The German artillery, which had been in position since the previous day, and battle planes found good targets in the enemy's advancing columns and tanks."

"Our forward guard, after fulfilling its task, fell back to its line, in accordance with orders, before strong attacks by the enemy."

"In this fighting Prussian regiments under General Rachein, which already had distinguished themselves by the heights of Chateau Thierry and since the beginning of the battle almost daily had frustrated assaults by French and American divisions, again especially distinguished themselves yesterday."

Linn County Resident Dies.
ALBANY, Or., July 29.—(Special).—Christian Dewall, resident of Linn County for the past 21 years, died at his home today, aged 72 years. He had lived in Albany the past seven years and prior to that time resided at Thomas. He was a native of Germany and had lived in Colorado. He is survived by his widow, two sons and five daughters.

Allies Congratulate Americans.
WASHINGTON, July 29.—Messages of congratulation on the success of the American forces fighting on the Soissons-Rheims front were received today at the State Department from the Japanese and Italian governments through Ambassadors Ishii and De Celliers.

General John Biddle K. C. B.
LONDON, July 29.—Major-General John Biddle, commanding the American forces in the United Kingdom, has been appointed commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath.

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