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ALLIES SURPRISE HINDENBURG WITH TWO SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS

BRITISH ROB GERMANS OF IMPORTANT ANGLE IN FOREST OF NIEPPE

Mile Gained on Front Over Three Miles in Length—All Objectives Reached in Remarkably Short Time, Several Hamlets Being Captured on Way—300 of Enemy Held Prisoner—Position in Much Contested Sector Materially Improved—Saxons and Prussians Punished Hard.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 28.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's troops east of the forest of Nieppe got a nasty and unexpected knock today when the British suddenly drove forward in a surprise attack along a front of more than three miles and hurled the startled grey-coated soldiers back to an average depth of 1500 yards.

The operation was an unqualified success from its inception and the attacking infantry reached all their objectives in remarkably short time. By this thrust the British not only have greatly improved their position in this important and much contested sector, which lies just north of Merville, but they inflicted heavy punishment on two hostile divisions that were holding the line here—the 32nd division of Saxons and the 44th reserve division of Prussians.

Large numbers of the enemy were killed in the hurricane onslaught, and some 250 of the more fortunate had been collected in prisoner cages before noon.

The front of the attack was 6000 yards in length and lay approximately between Vieuxberquin on the north and Pont Tournaï, which is 2900 yards northwest of Merville, on the south.

West of Merville the British and German lines here had been jammed up almost against the edge of the Nieppe forest in places, with the result that the British felt a lack of elbow room for operations. It was in order to acquire more elbow room that today's assault was projected.

The objectives settled upon lay along the winding little stream known as Platebecque, which bowed out toward the east in a semi-circle back of the German lines. Prussians and Saxons were holding this zone with a series of strong machine gun posts linked up with barbed wire.

First Stages Easy

The first stages of the drive were comparatively easy. In fact, all the final objectives were reached without much difficulty.

At most strongly fortified farms near the center of the line, the enemy fought stubbornly but was unable to stand out long against the furious onslaughts of the British who attacked them from all directions. Casualties among the storming infantry for the entire engagement were light, due largely to the fact that the show was over before the enemy was able to organize.

As a special feature of the program Australian troops on the left carried out an attack of their own, adding nearly half a hundred prisoners to their bag.

The morale effect of the prisoners was not high. According to officers captured recently they expected to get ahead much faster.

German Skeptical

These men have professed to believe that the United States was not going to be able to render much assistance to the allies. The helplessness of the United States being preached assiduously to the troops by the German high command and this propaganda undoubtedly has been having its effect among the men in the trenches.

With the German officers naturally it is different, for they have no delusion on the subject.

During the spring the lowlying ground here had been little better than a morass. The war weather of recent days dried it out enough to make it feasible for infantry operations.

Open With Bombardment

The British pushed off at 6 o'clock this morning after a short, sharp bombardment, just as the white mists were beginning to arise along numerous streams which thread their tortuous way about this region. Statements by prisoners show that the enemy had not the slightest expectation of the British taking the initiative at this point. The Germans felt so secure that they were devoting most of their time to a campaign against the epidemic known locally as the Flanders gripe, which has sent many of them to hospitals.

The British were over the top and at the enemy before the latter realized their danger. Machine gun posts were stormed and cleared out with hand grenades and bayonets. Where the Germans were holding a stretch of trenches, the attacking troops rushed up with rapid fire and swept the ditches with an intense fire that annihilated the defenders.

THREE HAMLETS TAKEN.

LONDON, June 28.—British troops

Channel Span Completed With Exception of Rivets

Assembling of steel on the new arion-Polk county bridge at Center street will be finished today engineers of the state highway commission announce, and the channel span will be completed with the exception of the riveting. Sidewalks have been constructed on the two west spans and the Marion county court is now placing a sidewalk on the east end of the structure.

Botton Manufacturers Must Stop Price-Fixing

DES MOINES, Ia., June 28.—Twenty-six concerns alleged to virtually control prices and output of the pearl industry in this country consented to a decree in federal court here today permanently enjoining any of them or their officers from attempting to fix prices or control the output of the raw material for buttons.

SALEM OFFICES WILL BE MERGED FIRST OF WEEK

American Railway Express Company Goes into the D'Arcy Building.

JONES WILL BE AGENT

Great Northern, Wells Fargo and Others Give Way to New Order.

Monday morning there will be no Great Northern, Wells Fargo, Adams or American express company agencies in Salem.

In fact there will be no such express companies in the United States. In their place a new one, the American Railway Express company, directed by the government will open offices all over this country, the one in Salem occupying the present Wells Fargo headquarters in the D'Arcy building on Court street between High and Liberty.

Sanford Jones who for the past four years has been agent for the Great Northern and Adams companies, will be in charge of the new federal branch in Salem. Local Agent Harrison of the Wells Fargo will be cashier. Although Mr. Jones may move to another city in the near future, he plans to remain here until the readjustment of business has been completely made.

Traveling agent Taft, representing the new company, was in Salem yesterday arranging for a transfer of the offices and issuing instructions. He went on a southbound train last night for other valley points. Before going he announced that a Mr. Crosby, another traveling man, will have headquarters in the local office and will be here about the first of the month.

All of the old employees of both companies will be retained and are to receive increases in their salaries. The wagons and delivery trucks will be used as they are until the names can be changed. Among other notable differences in the service, in addition to the increase in cost of transmission of packages and dispatches will be a reduction of service on the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric trains. The date for this and the full details have not been given out.

The Wells Fargo Express company opened an office in Salem in the early eighties, coming here shortly after the railroad was put through. The Great Northern is a newcomer. Its agency having been put in on August 1, 1913. The equipment of the latter will be moved Sunday so as to be ready for business the following morning.

Designated Spruce Camps to Work Ten Hour Shifts

PORTLAND, June 28.—Certain spruce camps in the northwest are to be designated by Colonel Bruce P. Disque of the spruce production division, to work ten hour shifts during July, owing to the necessity for an immediate increase in spruce production. A bulletin to this effect was issued today by Colonel Disque. All other logging camps and spruce camps will continue on the eight-hour basis. Necessary additional help for spruce camps will be obtained through enlisted men of the spruce division.

DRAFT BILL DEFEATED BY HEAVY VOTE

Compromises Meet Same Fate as Fall Amendment Senate Ready to Pass Appropriation Measure.

AGE LIMIT QUESTION AT LAST DISPOSED OF

Provision Made for Basing Quotas on Number of Men in Class 1.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Immediate extension of the present army draft age limits, 21 to 31 years, was overwhelmingly defeated today in the senate. The amendment proposed by Senator Fall of New Mexico, to make the limits 20 and 40 years, and all compromises suggested for different minimums and maximums were voted down.

Settlement of the controversy, which has held senate attention for several days, cleared the way for passage of the \$12,000,000,000 appropriation bill.

Besides disposing of the draft age question, the senate adopted several amendments to the bill. One authorized organization of the \$100,000,000 aircraft production corporation proposed by the aircraft production board as a vehicle for coordinating aircraft production as shipbuilding is coordinated by the shipping board through the Emergency Fleet corporation.

Others authorized the plan of basing draft quotas on the number of men in Class I instead of upon state populations and affecting rights of neutrals under the draft law. The senate previously had adopted the draft quota legislation but it has been held up in the house.

Hitchcock Plan Adopted.

The amendment affecting neutrals provides citizens of neutral countries now subject to draft who have declared intention of becoming American citizens, shall not be eligible for citizenship if they claim exemption from the draft. This provision, offered by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, was adopted as a substitute for an amendment proposed by the state department providing for exemption from the draft of all citizens of neutral countries.

The question of extending the draft age limits occupied almost all of the senate session. A proposal by Senator Harwick of Georgia, that the present minimum age limit of 21 years be substituted for the 20 year minimum of the Fall amendment was rejected 41 to 33, as was one by Senator Weeks of Massachusetts to make the maximum age limit 35 years instead of 40. Proposals by Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, to reduce the minimum age to 18 years also was defeated and by Senator New of Indiana, to make military training of youths between 20 and 21 compulsory also were defeated.

HUNDRED COMING FROM MONMOUTH

Student Teachers Will Spend Day in Orchards and Berry Patches.

One hundred student teachers from the summer school at Monmouth arrived in Salem early this morning in charge of Professor Gilmore and are spending the day picking loganberries and cherries in the vineyards and orchards near Salem. Mr. Gilmore telephoned H. N. Aldrich, one of the local labor recruiters, late last night that the students would be here and preparations were made to place them where needed today. Mr. Aldrich gave an address before the students at Monmouth a few days ago in which he invited them to relieve the labor shortage.

CALIFORNIA ARTIST DEAD

LOS ANGELES, June 28.—Mrs. Jeanette Baker, an artist, died here today after a long illness. She was the wife of Frank R. Baker, a local attorney, and came here from Tacoma in 1913. She had lived in the northwest 24 years and was widely known as a painter of allegorical themes and portraits. She was a successful exhibitor at the Panama International Exposition and work from her brush was commented upon by many patrons of art.

Thirty Ambulance Units from U. S. Arrive in Italy

ROME, Thursday, June 27.—Thirty ambulance units of the United States army have arrived at (deleted). They were received by Deputy Romeo Gallenga-Stuart on behalf of the government, and by Colonel M. K. Buckley, American military attaché, for the American embassy. Other notables and representatives of the local authorities also were present to greet the arrivals, whose appearance caused great enthusiasm.

Burglars Tunnel Under Floor of Vault for \$15

YAKIMA, Wash., June 28.—After spending at least two nights tunneling under the office of the Washington Nursery company at Toppenish, cutting through a cement foundation wall of the vault and through the wooden vault floor, unknown thieves last night secured a haul of between \$10 and \$15 cash.

EX-CZAR'S FATE STILL IN DOUBT, MESSAGES WILD

Swiss Newspapers Quote Russian Embassy as Saying Nicholas is Safe.

COUNTRY IN UPROAR

Grand Duke Heads Anti-Bolshevik Movement—Guchoff at Harbin.

BASEL, Switzerland, June 28.—According to the local newspapers the Russian embassy in Berlin is reported to have advised the court at Darmstadt that former Emperor Nicholas is safe.

DEATH DESCRIBED

AMSTERDAM, June 28.—Western German newspapers just received here seem to regard the reports of the death of Nicholas Romanoff as authentic. The Russian newspaper Novaya Zhiest, edited by Maxim Gorky, is quoted by the Hamburg Traidenblatt as printing a Kiev report that Nicholas, while in a train with red guards, complained about being transferred to Moscow and that he got into a dispute with his escort and was murdered.

The Wolff bureau's advice adds that Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich of Russia is at Omsk and is heading an anti-Bolshevik movement. Grand Duke Michael, it is said, has refused to assume the throne, preferring to leave the decision to an all-Russian popular assembly.

NICHOLAS' HEALTH GOOD

AMSTERDAM, June 28.—A Berlin dispatch says that according to a telegram received there from Kiev a member of the Soviet government announced that the reports that the former Emperor Nicholas had been brought before a revolutionary tribunal and that he had been assassinated both are incorrect. The government officials added that Nicholas and his family are in good health.

MOVEMENT AT HARBIN

AMSTERDAM, June 28.—Professor Paul Mikuloff, leader of the Russian Constitutional Democrats, and Alexander J. Guchoff, Octoberist leader, have arrived at Harbin, Manchuria, and placed themselves at the head of a counter-revolutionary movement, according to the Vossische Zeitung which is quoted in a telegram from Berlin to the Dutch press.

TRAFFIC IS CHECKED

MOSCOW, Wednesday, June 19.—Owing to the Czechoslovak outbreak with the complete stoppage it has brought about cessation of traffic on the trans-Siberian railway and on a goodly portion of the Eastern railway, the German plans to rush war prisoners homeward are falling of realization.

MISSION PLANNED

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Plans of the American government for aiding Russia in rehabilitating herself which became known today, revealed that the first step contemplated is informal assistance through American business and industrial leaders and disposed of widely published reports that a diplomatic or political mission would be the means of carrying out President Wilson's promise to stand back of Russia.

MILE AND A QUARTER CAPTURED IN FRENCH DRIVE NEAR SOISSONS

Front Four and a Half Miles Long—1060 Prisoners Held by Allied Troops After Strong Push from South of Amblemy to East of Montgobert—Berlin Dispatches Admit Huns Are Meeting Heavy Attacks Along Aisne—General Foch Plans Successful Battles Hundred Miles Apart.

PARIS, June 28.—Southwest of Soissons, French troops in an attack over a front of four and a half miles, from the south of Amblemy to the east of Montgobert, today captured German positions and at some points advanced their line to a depth of a mile and a quarter, says the French official communication this evening. Prisoners to the number of 1060 thus far have been counted.

The communication follows: "South of the Aisne we attacked this morning from the south of Amblemy to the east of Montgobert in order to acquire armed places on a seven-kilometer front. We entered German works, took the Fosses above Lavarsine and the heights northwest of Cutry and advanced our lines near the west of St. Pierre Aigle and also on the hill south of the village.

"Our advance reached at some points a depth of two kilometers. We have taken until now 1060 prisoners."

French Will Celebrate Fourth of July, Cheers Welcome Announcement

PARIS, June 28.—Cheers and shouts of enthusiasm greeted the announcement made in the chamber of deputies this afternoon that the Fourth of July would be regarded as a legal French holiday. All party lines were obliterated and the plaudits were unanimous from all parts of the amphitheater. It was one of the most impressive demonstrations that had been seen in the French chamber of deputies since the beginning of the war.

Forewarned that the motion would occupy the first place in the order of the day, the deputies had gathered in larger numbers than at any time since the beginning of hostilities with the possible exception of the assembly on June 4 when Premier Clemenceau made his famous speech regarding the German offensive on the Chemin-des-Dames.

FALL DROWNS AVIATOR

PENSACOLA, Fla., June 28.—John G. Zeller, a machinist, stationed at the local aviation field, was drowned today when the airplane in which he was flying fell into Pensacola bay.

PIONEERS COME HOME FOR VISIT TO SCENES OF EARLY DAY LABORS

A long line of automobiles will be in waiting at 10 o'clock this morning for the incoming throng of pioneer citizens who come to join the first "home-coming" to be held in Salem. Just how many will participate in the happy occasion can not be anticipated, as many of the people who helped to make the early history of the Willamette valley are scattered to distant points along the Pacific coast. It is believed that several hundred former residents will be on hand to contribute their share of experience and anecdotes and to renew old acquaintances.

The first manifestation of Salem's hospitality will be in the form of a drive about the city, and for this purpose it is necessary that a large number of automobiles be added to the list of thirty cars already volunteered.

No formal program of length has been mapped out, nor is one necessary. It is expected that every visiting and every resident pioneer will consider him or herself a number on the program of the day, which should be full of good cheer and fellowship.

The basket dinner to be served in Willson park will follow the automobile ride. It should be understood that this outdoor repast is not arranged merely for the visitors, but will be shared in by all the old residents and families of the city who choose to bring their share of cat-

Three Men Killed When Cars Crash into Truck

CHICAGO, June 28.—Three men were killed outright, an army major was fatally injured, and a score or more hurt when an Aurora, Ill., and Chicago limited electric light truck crashed into an auto truck loaded with stone at Elmhurst, Ill. The truck's gasoline tank exploded and it was burned but the electric cars were saved from the flames. Major Robert E. Brooks died after being taken to a hospital.

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