

ALLIES GAIN IN SMASHES ALONG THREE FRONTS

British Repel Counter-Attacks and Gain Ground at Pozières—French Make Progress South of Somme—Italians Capture Monte Ciomont—Germans Admit Russians Penetrate

LONDON, July 25.—The British are holding all the ground gained along the Somme front in northern France against desperate counter-attacks by the Germans, according to today's official statement from London. The greater part of the important fortified town of Pozières, which stands on high ground vital to a further advance toward Bapaume, is in British possession. North of the town, despite the strong opposition by the Germans, additional ground has been gained.

South of the Somme the French have made progress, both to the north and south of Soyeuxcourt.

At Verdun there are indications of an operation of importance northeast of the citadel, a violent bombardment being reported.

On the Austro-Italian front, Rome announces the capture of the Austrians of Monte Ciomont.

The Berlin official statement admits Russian troops have penetrated German first line positions defended by General Von Linsingen's troops.

Berlin declares a combined French and English attack north of the Somme broke down.

British Report.

LONDON, July 25.—British troops have captured the greater part of the village of Pozières, says the British official statement issued this afternoon. The Germans brought up reinforcements of infantry and guns, but the counter-attacks everywhere, the statement adds, were repulsed by the British.

German Report.

BERLIN, July 25.—Russian troops succeeded in penetrating the German front on a small part of the front defended by the troops under command of General Von Linsingen, according to the official statement issued by the German army headquarters staff.

An English and French combined attack made yesterday north of the River Somme in France, says the official statement issued today by the German headquarters, broke down.

Russian Report.

PETROGRAD, July 25.—Some Russian detachments already have reached positions about ten miles from the Turkish fortified town of Erzingan, in Armenia, says the Russian official statement given out here today.

ROME, July 25, via London.—Italian troops have captured Monte Ciomont from the Austrians, says the official Italian statement issued today.

French Report.

PARIS, July 25.—On the south bank of the River Somme yesterday evening French troops captured a block of houses south of Estrees and drove the Germans out of trenches north of Vermandovillers, says the French official statement issued this afternoon.

TEN MILE MARCH INCAPACITATES MILITIA

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 25.—The first Illinois brigade, which yesterday went on a ten-mile march, lost almost a third of its members through soldiers dropping out for lifts in automobiles and ambulances, resumed its march to Leon Springs today.

Regular army officers ascribe yesterday's results entirely to the softened condition of the men.

The fact that none of yesterday's stragglers were returned to the hospital during the night convinced some army officials that most of them were shirkers rather than victims of heat and fatigue.

AMERICAN BANKERS TO ADVANCE CHINA \$30,000,000 LOAN

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Representatives of three big American banking houses informed Acting Secretary Polk today that they were willing to advance a \$30,000,000 loan desired by China to rehabilitate the finance of the republic. Their proposal, which is understood to have the full approval of the state department, is to furnish immediately \$4,000,000 urgently needed and the remainder as desired.

BRITISH VIEW OF BLACK LIST GIVEN BY LORD CECIL

LONDON, July 25.—Replying to questions in the house of commons, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, said today that the American press criticism of the British black list was based largely on misapprehension. The act under which the list of American firms was issued, he said, was passed last December and lists referring to most neutral countries had been published. Nor were the provisions of the act, he added, unduly stringent.

The French law, the minister said, provided that all persons of "enemy nationality," wherever living, were enemies of France, and that it was illegal for Frenchmen to deal with them.

In the British case, only persons who had shown themselves hostile to Great Britain were put on the list. Neither did Great Britain seek by these lists to interfere with the freedom of action of neutral nations, Lord Robert said. It would only to secure that British goods and credit be not used for support and enrichment of those actively assisting England's enemies.

If any persons were unjustly included in the lists, the minister said, their names would be removed and great care would be taken in applying the law to existing contracts. He was informed that Germany had taken similar action.

VILLA SURGEON FOR HIS OWN WOUNDS

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., July 25.—General Jacinto Trevino announced today that he had received orders from General Carranza to make every possible effort to pacify and rehabilitate northern Mexico. The first step necessary to comply with these orders, he added, is the extermination of Villa and his bandits and reports from General Matias Ramos, in active command of the command in northern Durango, indicate that this is on the verge of completion.

The dispatches stated that because of his recent hard riding Villa's injured leg gives him great pain which causes him to cry out frequently. No surgeon being available, he has been coerced to lance it himself several times recently with crude knives to alleviate the pain.

General Trevino issued a formal statement denying American reports that he had been summoned to Mexico City and that either General Luis Herrera or General Luis Caballero had been appointed to supersede him.

MEXICAN SLAYER OF PARKER FAMILY LOCATED

COLUMBUS, N. M., July 25.—Jose Valenzuela, charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. William Parker, has been located on the ranch Del Dos Adoles, fifty miles northwest of Casas Grandes, Mex. This report reached here early today from reliable sources. The Parkers were killed six weeks ago on the Double Adobe ranch near Hachita, N. M.

24 PERISH BY GAS EXPLOSION WATER TUNNEL

Cleveland Waterworks Under Lake Erie Scene of Fatality—Explosion Kills Workman Trapped in Tunnel and Members of Two Rescue Parties Trying to Save Men Trapped.

CLEVELAND, O., July 25.—Twenty-four men are dead and at least half a dozen others are dying as the result of an explosion of gas in a waterworks tunnel five miles from shore underneath Lake Erie last night, according to a statement made by the police this morning.

Rescuers working with oxygen helmets had at 10:15 o'clock brought eight bodies from the tunnel. No more have been found alive. The total number of bodies in the morgue is now ten. Three men rescued by relief parties have died in hospitals.

Among the dead is Gustav C. Van Duzen, superintendent of waterworks construction, who was at the head of one of the relief parties.

None of Men Escaped.

The dead include workmen who were trapped in the tunnel when gas exploded and members of two rescue parties who attempted to save the men first trapped. None of them escaped. The first rescue party consisted of seven men. Four of them perished and three were saved. The second rescue party comprised eleven men. Six of these lost their lives and five escaped. The first rescue party accomplished nothing. The second saved one of the first relief expedition. Of the eight rescuers who got out alive, two died later. The others may die. Two men who did not go into the tunnel were also overcome by fumes.

A third rescue party entered the tunnel and brought out alive Gustav C. Van Duzen, superintendent of waterworks construction, who had headed the second relief force. Van Duzen later died from his experience. One body was also brought out by the third rescue party. This was a member of the second rescue crew.

Tragic Fate of Rescuers.

The tragic fate of the rescuers in the first and second instances was due to the fact that they worked without oxygen helmets, which were unavailable. The third rescue party was equipped with helmets which had been assembled, but nearly eleven hours had elapsed following the explosion before sufficient equipment to outfit the third rescue party was at hand to permit a descent into the tunnel.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained. It is supposed that some workman struck a pocket of gas with a pick or possibly gas collected in the tunnel and became ignited by an electric spark. The tunnel was equipped with electrically driven machinery for excavating.

The first intimation of the disaster came when William J. Dolan, lock tender in the air chamber at the entrance to the tunnel, heard the dull boom of an explosion. This was about 9:30 p. m.

JAP SHOT POLICEMEN THINKING THEM THIEVES

SEATTLE, Wash., July 25.—The police today were inclined to accept the deathbed statement of I. Suchiro, the Japanese watchman, at a warehouse raided yesterday in the search of contraband liquor, that he shot and killed Police Sergeant John E. Weedon and seriously injured Police Chauffeur Robert Wiley last night in the belief that they were highwaymen coming to the assistance of men who had been attempting to enter the building. Indications of an attempt to force open a window were found by the police today. The two policemen were not in uniform and it is believed that Suchiro, who spoke little English, did not understand the officers when they made known their identity just before the shooting began. The police have been unable to find the two men who stopped the policeman's automobile and appealed for help, causing the officers to attempt to disarm the Japanese.

UNCLE SAM TO SECURE DANISH WEST INDIES

Treaty Purchasing Three of Antilles for \$25,000,000 From Denmark for Use as Naval Base, Sent to Senate for Ratification—Treaty Practically Certain of Acceptance.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Official announcement was made at the white house today that negotiations have practically been completed for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States from Denmark for \$25,000,000.

A treaty closing the transaction probably will be signed today and sent immediately to the senate.

While details of the treaty were not given out, it is understood that the United States would come into complete possession of the islands. Word has been received from Denmark that the treaty is practically certain of being ratified by the Danish parliament.

Three Isles in Group.

The three islands of the Danish West Indies, St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John, lie due east of Porto Rico and their value to the United States is strategic from a military point of view. The harbors of St. Thomas and St. Croix are of first importance to the American navy and St. Thomas, itself, lies in the lane of shipping from Europe to the Panama canal. Important German and English and French mail companies have coaling stations there.

The acquisition of the islands by the United States has been the subject of unsuccessful diplomatic negotiations since the Civil war.

Negotiations Begun.

Secretary Seward began negotiations for acquisition of the islands in 1865, because the naval operations of the war had shown the necessity of a base in the West Indies. A treaty was made and ratified by Denmark, but the United States failed to act on it in proper time and it lapsed. Ineffectual efforts were made to reopen the negotiations during President Grant's time. In President Roosevelt's administration Denmark offered the islands for \$5,000,000. The United States senate this time ratified the treaty, but the Danish senate defeated it. Denmark's huge expenses since the beginning of the war are said to be responsible for her willingness to sell the islands.

NEGRO MILITIA RESENT INSULTS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 25.—Members of the Eighth Illinois negro regiment involved in the little riot of last night when the provost guard shot down three of them, told officers investigating the incident today that they had been goaded into a display of their resentment by the series of derogatory remarks made to them by the white soldiers and civilians, as they passed along the street.

A thorough investigation by headquarters of the Second Illinois brigade was under way today. None of the injured men in the hospital are in a critical condition.

WHITCOMBE RILEY'S FUNERAL IS HELD

INDIANAPOLIS, July 25.—The funeral of James Whitcomb Riley, the Indiana poet, was held at his home here today. The simple services were attended by relatives and a few intimate friends. The funeral was private, but the placing of the body in a vault in Crown Hill cemetery here, was public. Large crowds assembled near the vault.

The body was placed in the vault pending arrangements for its final disposition. The vault was decorated with flowers of brilliant colors, which the poet liked best. Beautiful rugs were spread on the floor. A short prayer at the cemetery concluded the services.

DEATH LIST OF BOMB OUTRAGE GROWS TO SEVEN

Captain Vaughn of Berkeley Succumbs to Wounds Caused by Anarchist's Dynamite at San Francisco—Perfecting Dragnet to Catch Perpetrator.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The death list in the preparedness parade bomb explosion of Saturday, grew to seven today with the death of Captain Reuben Vaughn of Berkeley whose leg was mangled by the scraps of steel and lead bullets sprayed by the bomb among the spectators and participants in the parade. The condition of Mrs. Kingsley VanLoo, of Fresno, and Pearl Seeman was still considered grave today.

"We are facing one of the most difficult investigations in police history, but eventually the perpetrator of the bomb outrage will be brought to justice," said Captain Duncan Matheson, who has been placed in charge of the special "bomb bureau" at police headquarters. He has under him fifteen selected men from the detective force. Co-operating with the police are all the county and federal officials whose business is the apprehension of lawbreakers. But helping more than anything else, in the opinion of Captain Matheson, is the reward of \$13,000 that has been offered by the city, the state and individuals.

No Arrests Yet Made.

No arrests were made in San Francisco yesterday in connection with the bomb explosion, but in Fresno an alleged I. W. W. member, Ormond Jacobs, was taken into custody last night. According to the police of Fresno, he had been overheard to say of Saturday's tragedy: "It's a damned good job. It might have been better." He has not been charged with complicity in the affair.

Clues are admittedly scarce, but the police have in their possession a number of threatening letters and notices, sent through the mails before the parade. It is true these, as well as the reconstructed bomb which scattered death in the holiday crowd and through the descriptions furnished by witnesses who saw the bomb placed on the Market street corner, that the police hope to find their first "lead."

Arrest Anarchists.

As part of the police program, all anarchistic and revolutionary groups in the city are being placed under surveillance, more or less strict.

While the police investigations are in progress, the funerals of four of the bomb victims were to take place today. No further deaths have occurred since Saturday, though several of the injured are in a serious condition and not expected to live.

A meeting of the advisory committee of 100 appointed to assist the law and order committee of the chamber of commerce in arranging for a mass meeting has also been called for today. It is planned to hold the mass meeting Wednesday to give expression of the city's indignation over the bomb outrage.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS EPIDEMIC INCREASES

NEW YORK, July 25.—Both deaths and new cases increased today in the epidemic of infantile paralysis. During the twenty-four hours period ending at 10 a. m. thirty-eight children were killed by the disease and 150 stricken.

Since the beginning of the epidemic a month ago there have been 647 deaths and 3098 cases.

AMERICANS FINANCE LOAN FOR CHILE

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Information that the Chandler company of Philadelphia has arranged a \$30,000,000 loan at 6 per cent to the government of Chile for railroad development was received at the department of commerce today from Commercial Attaché Havens at Santiago.

PRESIDENT INSISTS UPON PASSAGE OF CHILD LABOR LAW

WASHINGTON, July 25.—President Wilson has definitely decided to remain in Washington, no matter how late congress is in session, and will postpone notification of his renomination until after adjournment. The president let it be known today that he will insist on the adoption of the pending child labor and federal employes compensation bills by congress during the present session.

A caucus of democratic senators has been called for tonight to consider including the child labor bill in this session's program.

COLORED MILITIA INJURED IN RIOT BORDER SALOON

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Major General Funston today reported to the war department regarding a disturbance created by groups of the eighth Illinois national guard regiment at San Antonio, last night, in which three of the men were slightly wounded by bullets from the rifles of the provost guard before order was restored.

About 5:30 p. m. today (July 24) after having been paid, about 40 men of the eighth Illinois (colored) were assembled in a saloon near the reservation. Threats were made to throw out the white soldiers and it is believed that some disturbance occurred. Reports came to guard house to send guards to stop the disturbance. Patrol of four or five men went to the scene and tried to disperse the crowd, but without much success. Patrol was joined by about four more members of the guard and all tried to get the men away by pushing them along.

Guard finally had to strike some men with the butts of guns. Then members of the eighth Illinois began to throw rocks at guards. Guards finally fired several cartridges at legs of crowd. Crowd then dispersed. Officer of day and post commander arrived on the scene shortly after.

Investigation is being made of the whole affair, which will be forwarded later. All perfectly quiet now.

DELAY SAILING OF DEUTSCHLAND

BALTIMORE, July 25.—Circumstances, conditions over which we have no control are keeping us in Baltimore. There is no cause for alarm from any source. At the proper time we will get away; there is a time for everything.

Thus did Captain Paul Koenig, commander of the German merchant submarine Deutschland, explain his presence in Baltimore today, when asked what is delaying his sailing.

DENY REPORT OF VILLA'S ACTIVITY

EL PASO, Tex., July 25.—An official denial of the report that a large Villa force was marching against Torreon was received today from General Alvaro Obregon, minister of war, by Andres Garcia, local Mexican consul. Consul Garcia had informed Obregon that such a report was sent to the war department at Washington by General Pershing.

Obregon's reply substantiated previous reports from Chihuahua City, newspapers from Mexico City today stated that General Gabriel Obavira, former commander of the army of northern Chihuahua, has been made inspector general of the entire constitutional army.

IRISH PROBLEM CREATES CRISIS BRITISH AFFAIRS

Status of Ireland Has Gone From Bad to Worse Since Revolt—Makeshift Government of Judges and Military Rule Land—Irish in Parliament to Desert Government.

LONDON, July 25.—Apparently the status of Ireland has gone steadily from bad to worse ever since the Sinn Fein rising on Easter Sunday, for at present the country is in the hands of a temporary and makeshift government composed of a commission of judges assisted by Major General Sir John Maxwell, commander of the British forces in Ireland, who still is maintaining military control over most of the ordinary police functions.

There is no vicerey in the place of Baron Wimborne, former lord lieutenant of Ireland, and as Premier Asquith announced that the Dublin system of government was an utter failure, none is likely to be appointed. The office of Augustina Birrell, ex-chief secretary for Ireland, remains unfilled and Herbert Samuel, the head of the home office, who has no special knowledge of Irish affairs, represents the interest of Ireland in the cabinet and before the house of commons.

Critical Stage Reached.

Great Britain finds itself at one of the most critical stages of the war again distracted by wranglings over the old problem and with apparently no light ahead. The nationalist members in the house of commons who as a party thus far have supported the government's war and domestic measures, threaten to shift their position and to become an opposition party. The position of the nationalists, moreover, is anomalous. Discontent in Ireland over the government's dealings with the insurrection has become so widespread, according to all reports, that the nationalists have lost the confidence of their constituents and probably would be repudiated if they stood for reelection today. The English newspapers of all factions blame the cabinet for its management of the Irish question and regret the failure of a compromise, the only conspicuous feature being the Morning Post, which consistently has demanded the government of Ireland by a strong hand and no home rule.

Redmond's Speech.

John Redmond, leader of the Irish nationalists, in his speech last night said:

"I will not bandy words about a breach of faith or the violation of a solemn agreement, but I want the government clearly to understand that they have entered upon a course which is bound to increase Irish suspicion of the good faith of British statesmen. To inflame feeling in Ireland would do serious mischief to those high imperial interests which we are told imperatitate a provisional settlement of this question.

"Some tragic fatality seems to dog the footsteps of this government in all their dealings with Ireland. Every step taken by them since the coalition was formed, and especially since the unfortunate outbreak in Dublin has been lamentable. They have disregarded evidence we have tendered them, and now, having got us to induce our people to make a tremendous sacrifice, and to agree to the temporary exclusion of the six Ulster counties, they throw this agreement to the winds and have taken the utmost means to accentuate every possible danger and difficulty in the Irish situation."

THOMAS PATTERSON'S FUNERAL HELD TODAY

DENVER, Colo., July 25.—The funeral of former United States Senator Thomas M. Patterson, who died at his home here Sunday, was to take place today. The services, in accordance with the wishes of the deceased, were to be simple. Among messages of sympathy received by relatives was a telegram from President Wilson. The state capital was to close at noon.