

FRENCH WIN FLEURY ON VERDUN LINE

Desperate Fighting in Progress North
of Verdun—French Progress Notable
Gains, Capturing Village by Storm
Germans Retake Southern Section
—Possession Also Gained of Thia-
umont Redoubt, but Position Un-
tenable—British Gain Ground.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Desperate
fighting is in progress north of Ver-
dun where the French three days ago
took the offensive and have scored
notable gains in the effort to drive
back the Germans who had been ham-
mering at the gates of the fortress for
more than five months.

After pushing to the outskirts of the
village of Fleury, three miles north
of Verdun on Wednesday night, the
French brilliantly attacked the place
yesterday and carried it by storm.
Last night the crown prince's troops
launched a furious counter attack
and succeeded in retaking the south-
ern section of the village, being un-
able, however, to wrest the northern
portion of it from General Nivelle's
forces.

Also Reach Taintment.

Fleury, however, is not the only
point where the French have scored
advances. In the attack on the three
mile front east from the River Meuse
they pushed north along the river to-
ward the Vhehervanville woods and
the Cote du Poivre and farther east
attacked and gained possession of the
Thiaumont redoubt. They found the
Thiaumont position untenable, how-
ever, because of the German bomb-
ardment and were compelled to with-
draw from it.

Meanwhile fighting on the Somme
front has dwindled to minor opera-
tions. London reports the gain of
some ground in such operations to the
west of Pozieres.

After having been temporarily held
up in the Stokhod region by the per-
sistent Teutonic resistance, the Rus-
sians have succeeded in effecting a
new advance, according to Petro-
grad's official announcement today,
capturing the village of Rudka-Mir-
ninsk on the Stavok, a tributary of
the Stokhod. This success brings
them within nineteen miles of Kovel,
the railroad center which is the ob-
jective of their Volhynian campaign.

The Germans appear to be less and
less capable of operating on their old
overwhelming scale and the initiative,
military men here think, is about to
pass to the French for good.

While the German artillery con-
tinues to be as powerful and well sup-
plied as ever, the Germans are no
longer able to gather the masses of
troops necessary to reap the benefit
of artillery preparation.

It is twenty days since the Ger-
mans made their last big attack on the
right bank of the Meuse by which they
obtained small results at a heavy
cost. On the left bank of the Meuse
nothing beyond local actions has been
attempted by the invaders for a week.

To sum up, the French in their last
three days' offensive regained all the
ground that the Germans had taken
several weeks to conquer. They took
all the positions for a depth of about
a mile from the slopes of Souville
Fort to the approaches of Hill No. 320
as well as in the woods east of Vach-
erauville and the Vignes ravine which
borders to the west of Froide Terre
hill. The French also installed them-
selves in positions southwest, south
and southeast of the famous Thia-
umont woods.

ITALY TO BOYCOTT ENEMIES BY TRADE

ROME, Aug. 4.—The Italian gov-
ernment, according to the Messag-
gero, is about to publish a decree for-
bidding all Italians, including those
living abroad, from doing business
with nationals in alliance with the
enemies of Italy. Arrangements made
in spite of the prohibition, it is
stated, will be considered void and
the makers will be punished.

MEXICO ACTS TO BRING EARLY BORDER PEACE

Note From Aguilar Delivered at
Washington Announcing Appoint-
ment of Mexican Commissioners to
Co-operate With American Ap-
pointees to Settle Border Dispute.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—General
Carranza's reply to the last American
note, accepting his suggestion for a
joint commission to adjust border
difficulties, but proposing a broader
scope for the commission's work, was
delivered to the state department to-
day by Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican
ambassador designate. It announces
the appointment of three Mexican
commissioners with instructions to
"devote their attention to the solu-
tion of the points mentioned in the
previous note."

Rejects U. S. Proposal.

Thus the de facto government ap-
parently rejects the proposal that the
commission consider other questions
than the military solution and limits
its discussions to the subjects origi-
nally suggested by Carranza—with-
drawal of American troops from
Mexico; formulation of a protocol to
cover future operations against band-
its and investigation of interests,
which may have promoted border
raids. Whether this will be satisfac-
tory to the United States government
has not been indicated. The note was
in Spanish and when he went to to-
day's cabinet meeting, Acting Sec-
retary Polk declined to discuss it until
an official translation could be made.

If it is accepted, the next step will
be negotiations between Mr. Polk and
Mr. Arredondo to fix the time and
place for meetings of the commis-
sioners. President Wilson already has
under consideration a score of names
suggested for the American member-
ship.

Hope Early Solution.

Hope for an early solution of pend-
ing difficulties was confidently ex-
pressed by Mr. Arredondo, after leav-
ing the department. He said he ex-
pected to reach an agreement with
Mr. Polk by tomorrow as to the date
and place of the meeting and that,
thereupon, he would wire the Mexi-
can commissioners with the expecta-
tion that they would be here in at
least ten days. He said Asbury, N.
J., or Old Point Comfort, Va., prob-
ably would be selected.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Eliseo
Arredondo, Mexican ambassador
designate, delivered a note to the
state department today, replying to
the last American communication to
the de facto government and an-
nouncing the appointment of three
Mexican members of a joint commis-
sion to undertake settlement of border
difficulties.

The text of the note follows:
"Mr. Secretary:
"I have the honor to transmit to
your excellency the following note,
which I have just received from my
government:

Aguilar's Reply.

"Mr. Secretary:
"In due reply to the courteous
note of the state department, dated
July 28, 1916, I have the honor to

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SUBMARINES BUSY WITH ALLIED SHIPS

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The Japanese
steamer Kohina Maru and the Brit-
ish steamer G. C. Gradwell have been
sunk.

The Kohina Maru was a vessel of
1,162 tons. She was last reported
sailing from Barry for Bizerta, Tunis,
on July 14.

HAVRE, Aug. 4.—Two British
schooners were torpedoed in the En-
glish Channel Wednesday night. The
crews were rescued and brought here.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The Italian
steamship Citta di Messina of 2,251
tons gross has been sunk, according
to an announcement made at Lloyd's
today.

The Citta di Messina was 300 feet
long, 40 feet beam and 15 feet deep.

AUTO BANDITS SECURE \$45,000 DETROIT HOLD-UP

Three Robbers Rifle Pay Clerks, En-
tering Burroughs Adding Machine
Company's Plant and After Shoot-
ing Clerk Escape With Coin Bags—
Guards Thought It Movie Players.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 4.—Three
automobile bandits held up pay clerks
entering the plant of the Burroughs
Adding machine company here at two
o'clock this afternoon, and, after
shooting one of the clerks, escaped
with bags said to have contained
\$45,000.

Employees of the Burroughs plant in
another automobile gave chase and a
running fight ensued down Second
avenue. One of the robbers was re-
ported wounded. The bandits were
armed with rifles.

The bandits were last reported to
be driving at a furious speed toward
the open country north of the city.
Every Detroit motorcycle policeman
had been ordered to take up the hunt.

Hundreds of employees of nearby
motor car factories witnessed the
holdup. Later reports said the Bur-
roughs guards apparently failed to
realize what was occurring and did
not attempt to resist until too late.
One guard said he thought a motion
picture scenario was being staged.

MORE AMERICANS ON BLACK LIST OF GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The latest
blacklist of neutral shipping issued
today by the trades division of the
admiralty represents 152,656 tons of
steamers and sailing vessels unavail-
able to British charterers on the
claim that they are now or have been
engaged in unneutral service.

The latest list contains, in addition
to those published in a previous list,
the names of the following ships, fly-
ing the American flag:

Clara Davis, Fannie Patter and
Oakley C. Curtis, all sailing vessels.
These American ships have been
removed from the black list since its
last publication:

Steamer Senack and sailing ship
Edgar W. Murdoch.

Wagner liners, which have been
captured by the British and are now
in the service of the government,
while awaiting a decision of their
status by a prize court, appear on the
list without any indication of their
nationality, while the other Wagner
boats appear as American.

A large number of ships on the list
are bracketed under a caption saying,
that they have temporarily been re-
moved from the black list while
under charter to entente allied or
innocent neutral interests.

GIRL IDENTIFIES MAN AND WOMAN IN SAN FRANCISCO BOMB OUTRAGE



Men and women who figure in the San Francisco bomb plot investigation. Left to right at top: Warren K. Billings, and Mrs. Rena Mooney. Below, left to right: Thomas Mooney and Israel Weinberg. A special grand jury has returned indictments against these four persons, charging murder.

CYCLONE SWEEPS RACINE, WISCONSIN

RACINE, Wis., Aug. 4.—At two
o'clock this afternoon a tornado swept
over Mount Pleasant township, just
outside of the city limits of Racine,
carrying a greenhouse into Lake
Michigan and leveling several small
buildings. During the height of the
storm some forty poles along the
right of way of the Chicago and
Northwestern railroad were blown
down just ahead of a northbound pas-
senger train. The train sped through
the debris, clearing the track, and
apparently sustained little damage.

FARGO, N. D., Aug. 4.—A series
of rain, wind, hail and electric storms,
at several points attaining the fury
of a tornado, swept over eastern
North Dakota last night and early to-
day, whirling over the border into Min-
nesota and left a swath of overturned
farm buildings and impassable
highways.

Reports from several districts tell
of damage done to crops by the hail,
wind and downpour of rain.
No fatalities have been reported.

BRITISH STEAMER SINKS SUBMARINE

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 4.—Cap-
tain David Thomson, master of the
British steamship Strathness, which
arrived here today from Mediterranean
ports, told of an engagement
which he declared his vessel had with
a German submarine on July 15 in
which the submarine was sunk.

Two gunners from the British navy
who were in charge of a six-pounder
gun mounted on the after deck of the
Strathness for defense purposes, sank
the submarine, according to Captain
Thomson, when a hail struck it amid-
ship, causing an explosion. He said
the underwater boat struck suddenly
and was not seen again.

While the Strathness was struck
several times, once, according to Cap-
tain Thomson, by a torpedo, no great
damage was done and the freighter
escaped with several dented plates
and portions of her superstructure
demolished.

A. E. Roames leaves Saturday on a
business trip to San Francisco.

EDITORIAL CHIEF THANKS CITIZENS FOR HOSPITALITY

President of State Association
Praises City for Generous Enter-
tainment Provided—Work of Gath-
ering Discussed and Newspaper Sit-
uation Summarized.

E. E. Brodie, editor of the Oregon
City Enterprise, and president of the
State Editorial association, delivered
the following opening address at the
annual meeting of the association
Friday afternoon in the public li-
brary hall:

"On behalf of the members of the
Oregon Editorial association and
their friends, who are gathered here
in annual convention, I desire to
thank the citizens of Medford for the
cordial welcome to their community
that they have tendered us—not only
through their representatives here,
but individually as they have turned
out to greet us and to make us feel
at home amongst them. As news-
paper men we appreciate the welcome
extended us, and as citizens of other
Oregon communities we envy Medford
her many attractive blessings. Tho
we are fortunate ourselves in living
in cities and towns that have much
of which to boast, we cannot but re-
alize that Medford is one of the state's
gems, ideally situated, beautifully laid
out, and fortunate as being the gate-
way to the greatest wonder of all
the northwest—the wonderful scenic
spot high in the mountains to the
east: Crater Lake.

Appreciate Hospitality.

We are glad to be in your city, glad
to see your wonderful country, glad
to feel the cordiality of your wel-
come and to know that you are glad
to have us here. And when the time
comes for us to go away, I know that
all of us will do so regretfully, and
that we will hope and plan at no dis-
tant date to return once again to
your charming city, and become bet-
ter acquainted with its beauty spots,
and with the rich and productive
that surrounds you on all sides. In
saying this I know that I voice the
sentiments of all the newspapermen
present; and I feel sure that when
we get back to our homes, each of
us will tell his or her readers of the
many wondrous and appealing attrac-
tions of Medford and the Medford
country.

Work of Officers.

Since the first of last April your
secretary, Mr. Philip S. Bates, and
myself have visited practically every
newspaper town in this state west of
the Cascade mountains, and some of
the towns on the other side of the
range. West of the mountains we
have been in every county except
Tillamook, Curry and Lincoln, and
we would have visited them had
weather and general travel condi-
tions permitted. We have made these
visits mostly at week-ends, traveling
by automobile—often over roads that
taxed our machines to the limit. We
still hope to visit the communities

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STATE EDITORS MEET IN ANNUAL SESSION HERE

Largest Convention of Newspapermen
in State's History Begins Annual
Meeting—Interesting Papers Read
and Trip Taken Over Siskiyou
Grade—Dinner at Ashland.

By far the largest convention of
the State Editorial Association's his-
tory began its sessions at the public
library today. Newspaper men from
every section of the state have ar-
rived and filled the hotels. Business
sessions will take the major part of
today and tomorrow, to be followed
by a big banquet at the Hotel Med-
ford tomorrow night at which local
citizens, both men and women are
invited.

The program is as follows:

Friday's Program.
Invocation, Dr. T. B. Ford of Salem.
Address of welcome, Mayor V. J.
Emerick.

Response, President E. E. Brodie,
Oregon City.

Appointment of committees.

The Editor's Wife, Elbert Bede,
editor Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Co-operation Between the Publish-
er and the College of Journalism,
Eric W. Allen, dean of College of
Journalism, Eugene.

The Publisher and Merchant, C. S.
Whitmore, The Washington Farmer,
Seattle.

How to Make a Country Daily Pay,
A. E. Voorheis, Grants Pass Courier.

The Washington Newspaper Field,
Major H. W. Patton, The Daily Wash-
ingtonian, Hoquiam.

Saturday Forenoon.

"Phases of Organization Work,"
G. Lansing Hurd, extension depart-
ment O. A. C.

"How We Handle Newspaper Or-
ganizations in Washington," Wallace
B. Jessup, President Washington
State Association, Bremerton.

"The Most Humane Way to Exe-
cute the Price Cutting Fland, Who
Mutilates Job Prices and Legal Publi-
cation Rates," O. D. Hamstreet, the
Sun, Sheridan.

"Problems of Journalism," E.
Hofer, Pacific Coast Manufacturer,
Kalam.

"Building up Weekly Newspaper
Circulation," Bert R. Greer, The Tid-
ings, Ashland.

"Audited Circulations," Address by
Representative of the Audit Bureau
of Circulation, Chicago.

"Some Differences in City and
Country Journalism," Lloyd Riches,
The Standard, Stanfield.

"Is it Good Business to Install a
Linotype in a One-Man Office?" W.
C. DePew, The Critteron, Lebanon.

"The Newspaper as a Rural Com-
munity Developer," G. J. Taylor, The
Pioneer, Molalla.

Adjournment at noon.
Luncheon for the gentlemen of the
convention at the University Club.

The Greater Medford Club and Col-
lege Women's Club will entertain the
ladies of the party with an auto ride
and picnic luncheon, leaving the Hotel
Medford at 12 o'clock noon; thence to Rogue River, returning by
foothill orchards and Jacksonville.

Saturday Afternoon.

Reports of Committees and their
disposal.

Annual Report of the Secretary,
Philip S. Bates, Pacific Northwest,
Portland.

"Newspaper Ethics," Jos. P. Hur-
ley, Washington County News-Times,
Forest Grove.

"Partly Labeled and the Party
Label," C. E. Ingalls, Daily Gazette-
Times, Corvallis.

"Guaranteed Advertising," John E.
Gratke, Daily Budget, Astoria.

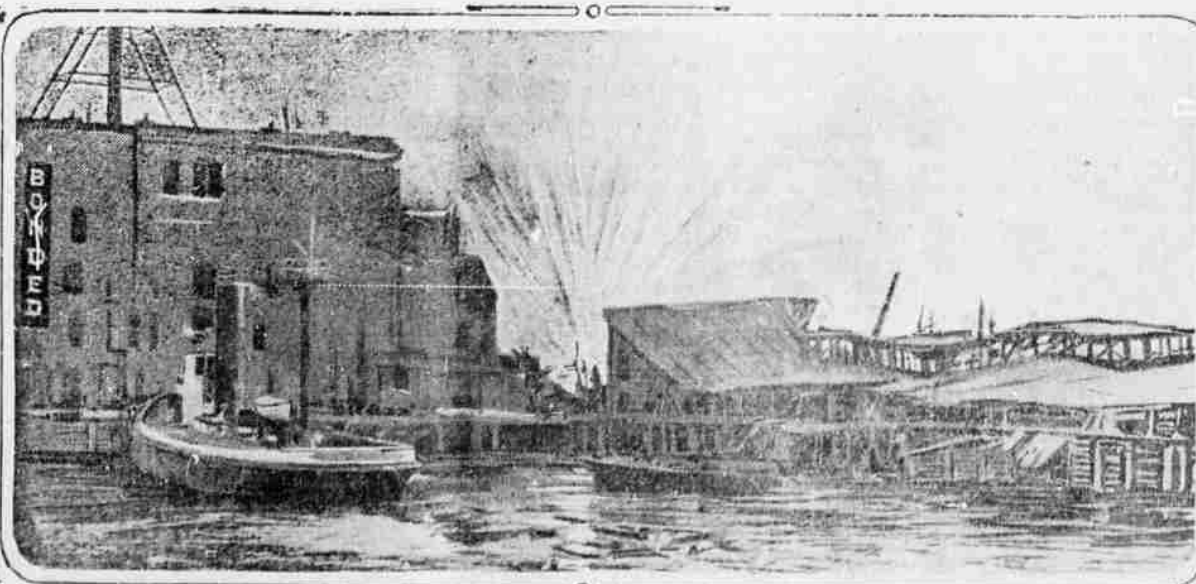
"Why Are So Many Newspaper Of-
fices Closing?"

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GARMENT WORKERS TO RETURN TO WORK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Concili-
ators of the department of labor, en-
gaged in settlement of the garment
workers' strike in New York reported
today that the strike had been called
off and that it was estimated that
50,000 workers would return to their
places Monday.
President Wilson was notified.

PICTURE OF DISASTER IS TAKEN AS BLAST OCCURS ON BLACK TOM ISLAND



This picture was taken just as a blast occurred at one of the ware houses at Black Tom Island where millions of dollars worth of munitions, bound for the entente allies, cut loose. Previous blasts had already wrecked nearby buildings, as the picture shows. The warehouse to the right was completely demolished and all windows blown out of the building to the left.