

BRITISH WIN SECOND LINE AT POZIERES

Renewing Offensive Along Somme Front, British Capture Second Main Defensive System, Straightening Out Line—French Successfully Withstand Counter Attacks—Russians Continue Drive on Kovel.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Renewing their powerful attack along the Somme front in northern France, the British have captured the main second line defensive system of the Germans along a front of more than a mile north of Pozieres, London announces today.

The advance claimed by the British is on that part of the line where their gains on the offensive movement so far had been less pronounced than elsewhere along this front. The gain, if maintained, will affect a material straightening out of the line in the sector between Pozieres and Thiepval.

At Verdun the French offensive is successfully withstanding the German counter attacks, Paris declares. The important thrust work which has changed hands several times during the battle, is now firmly in French possession.

In the village of Fleury, three miles north of Verdun, the battle is still raging. Last night the French reported they had succeeded in recapturing the greater part of the village and today they announced that the night's fighting resulted in no appreciable change in the situation there.

On the eastern front the Russians are continuing their drive on Kovel and Lemberg.

British Take Positions.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—The main German second line system on a front of 2000 yards north of Pozieres on the Somme front has been captured by the British, it was officially announced by the war office this afternoon.

Fighting at Verdun.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—All German attacks on the French positions last night were repulsed, says the French official statement issued this afternoon, the Germans sustaining heavy losses.

Bombardments of the most violent character took place over the entire sector of Thiamont and Fleury. The battle lasted from nine o'clock last night until eight this morning, the Germans making unsuccessful efforts, the statement adds, to drive the French from the Thiamont works.

Russians Cross Sereth.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 5.—Russian troops have crossed the River Sereth south of the town of Brody and in the region of Peniki, Teli-stopady and have consolidated the captured positions, it was officially announced today by the Russian war department.

Attacks Repelled.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE TALKS UMPIRES

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—A special meeting of the National league to consider criticism of umpiring made by Boston and other clubs will be held in New York next Wednesday, according to notification received here today by President Houghton of the local club from President Tener. It is understood the attitude of several of the arbitrators will be the subject of protest and discussion. President Houghton said he would attend the meeting.

WOMEN TO RAISE \$500,000 FOR CAUSE

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Efforts will be made by the leaders of the woman's party, it was stated today, to organize a group of 1,000 women, to raise a fund of \$500,000 for use in the campaign for votes for women this fall. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont will go to Newport to start the movement.

TURKS BEGIN STRONG ATTACK ON SUEZ CANAL

British Positions Near Romani, East of Port Said, Being Attacked by 14,000 Turks Along a Seven Mile Front—Attacks So Far Declared Repulsed in British Statement.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—The Turkish attack on the British positions in Egypt to the east of the Suez canal, comes as no surprise to those, who are close touch with the operations in that part of the world. General Sir Archibald Murray, who commands the British army there, has long realized that the Turks, with the assistance of the Austrians and Germans might make a serious attempt on the canal; even at the hottest period of the year.

Austrian and German engineers have for many months been digging for water which, close to the Mediterranean coast, exists in many cases at no considerable depth under the sand, although it mostly is too brackish for use of European troops. The Turks must, therefore, have made very thorough arrangements for the storage and transport of water, the country being a pure sand desert with small widely scattered oases of date palms, growing around ancient wells.

At Romani, where fighting is in progress, the Turks must bring up every drop of water from Aghratina, some ten miles away.

It is understood that the Turks have with them some 1000 Austro-German infantry, as well as a large number of Boudouin irregular horse. Their choice of the coast route, instead of the caravan road from Katia to Kantara, which they took the last time, brings their flank under fire of warships in the Bay of Tina.

Romani East of Canal.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—British positions near Romani, east of Port Said, are being attacked by 14,000 Turks, according to an official statement issued by the war office. The Turks are attacking along a front of seven or eight miles, the statement says, and have so far been repulsed.

An official statement issued by the Turkish war office on Friday stated that Turkish airmen had attacked with machine guns British positions about 25 miles east of the Suez canal.

Romani is a village near the coast of the Mediterranean and to the east of the Suez canal. It is about ten miles northeast of Katia, where several engagements recently have been fought between the British and Turks.

The text of the British official statement says: "The following report timed 11:10 p. m. on the fourth of August has been received from the general officer in command of the Suez canal.

"Since midnight of August 3-4 Turks whose strength is estimated at 14,000 have been attacking our position near Romani, east of Port Said, on a front of seven or eight miles.

"The position at dusk on the 4th of August was that their attacks had made no impression on our fortified position, while on the southern flank the fighting also was going on in our favor and between 400 and 500 prisoners had been captured there.

"Ships of the royal navy rendered valuable services from the Bay of Tina.

"Fighting still was in progress when this report was dispatched. The temperature during the day reached 100 degrees in the shade."

ARMY BILL CUT 46 MILLIONS BY WILSON'S STAND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The conference report on the army appropriation bill, held up by objectives of President Wilson and the war department to an amendment to the revised articles of war, reduces the total appropriations as the measures passed the senate by \$46,373,447. It became known today that as it will be reported for final approval the bill carries \$267,597,000 against \$313,970,000 appropriated by the senate bill and \$281,000,000 by the house.

WHY ITALIANS ARE SLOW IN MAKING ADVANCES

Committee Report Submitted to Both Houses Next Monday—Also Considers War Department Request for Action Upon the Hays Bill at Early Day Next Week.

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The report will be submitted to both houses in its present form within a few days, unless the house conferees yield to urgent war department requests for consideration of the amendment of Representative Hays, exempting retired army officers and enlisted men from the military criminal code. Representative Hays said today that he anticipated no trouble with President Wilson and the war department over the bill. He said retired soldiers were, in fact, civilians, and he saw no reason why military courts had been called upon to dispose of their cases when civil courts could serve. Opponents of the amendment, however, fear exemption from military discipline will open the door to acts prejudicial to the army's interests.

Total appropriations for defense, however, have been reduced from \$685,343,917, where they stood on senate figures to \$637,947,282, with the navy bill still subject to revision.

In the army bill the conferees made appropriations for winter clothing for soldiers on the Mexican border, because it is not known how long the men will be kept there.

SEARCH IN PROGRESS FOR AUTO BANDITS WHO STOLE \$33,400

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 5.—Search was being vigorously prosecuted early today in every county surrounding Detroit, for the five automobile bandits who, armed with rifles and automatic pistols yesterday afternoon held up the motor pay car of the Burroughs Adding Machine company and made off with \$33,400 after shooting and slightly wounding one man.

The robbery which occurred within half a block of the Burroughs plant, is declared to have been the most daring in the history of Detroit. It was accomplished so quickly that almost before anyone but the occupants of the pay car, a number of guards in a car following and the bandits themselves, realized what was happening, the robbers had transferred five cash bags to their own machine and were out of sight. Hundreds of people who saw the holdup smiled in the belief that they were witnessing the scenario of a photo play.

One of the robbers is said to have lost his hat and revolver, both of which are now in the possession of the police.

Nine automobiles filled with Detroit policemen and two loaded with deputy sheriffs in command of Sheriff Oakman of this (Wayne) county, took up the chase a short time after the holdup.

FRENCH FAVOR BLACKLIST ALSO

PARIS, Aug. 5.—Inquiries made by the Associated Press in the most authoritative circles concerning the position of the French government respecting the treatment of American commerce with neutral states by the British blockade show that the restrictive measures against Germany have been taken in mutual accord between France and Great Britain.

NOTED NEBRASKAN NEAR TO DEATH

OMAHA, Aug. 5.—John M. Thurston, former United States senator from Nebraska, who is ill, was reported today considerably worse, his physicians adding that his death is a matter of a few hours. He has been confined in a hospital the past three weeks following heat prostration.

LEWIS CONDEMNS STATE SCRIBES CLOSE SESSION THIS AFTERNOON

Democrat Whip Declares Republican Platform Strictures Brought Carrizal—Attitude Against Wilson Policies Fired Greasers—Illinois Senator Scores Standpat Attack.



"Why are the Italians so slow advancing?" is the oft-repeated question which the above drawing answers. It shows the Italian troops climbing the Alpine mountains, and the hardships they encounter on their section of the world's battle front.

SOUTHERN BLOOD OF TWO ALABAMA EDITORS BOILS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 5.—Warrants for the arrest of Victor H. Hanson, publisher of the Birmingham News, and E. W. Barrett, editor of the Birmingham Age Herald, were sworn out before the city recorder today by Arlie Barber, commissioner of public safety, who alleged he had reason to believe that the two men intended to fight a duel.

The two warrants are the outcome of a controversy between the two papers, culminating in the publication of a card in yesterday morning's Age Herald, signed W. H. Jeffries, business manager, which Hanson claimed reflected on his business honor.

Mr. Hanson wired Mr. Barrett in Asheville, demanding that he either disavow or assume personal responsibility for the attack. The Age Herald published the Hanson telegram this morning, together with one from Barrett, accepting full responsibility and offering to meet Hanson at any time after next Tuesday.

Commissioner Barber also swore out warrants charging criminal libel against Barrett, Jeffries and C. M. Stanley, news editor of the Age Herald, alleging publication of an article that would tend to provoke a breach of the peace.

ITALIANS ON CARSO PLAINS VICTORIOUS

ROME, Aug. 4.—Italian troops yesterday made vigorous attack on the Austro-Hungarian positions to the east of Montebelluna on the Carso plain, it was officially announced today by the war department. The Italians took 145 prisoners including four officers.

RUSSIANS FORCED BACK ON SARETH STATE GERMANS

BERLIN, Aug. 5.—Russian detachments which penetrated the German lines across the River Sereth near Ratseye were forced to retreat, it was officially announced in the statement given out today by German army headquarters. Near Meidzygory and Teli-stopady, the statement adds, the Russians are making a stand on the southern bank of the river.

WRITE ANSWER TO CARRANZA NOTE MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The reply to General Carranza's note regarding the proposed joint commission to settle border difficulties will not be formulated until President Wilson returns Monday from his week-end cruise down the Potomac. State department officials said today to the position of the United States until that time.

BANQUET TONIGHT. HOTEL MEDFORD

Citizens of Medford, both men and women, invited. Splendid program.

G.O.P. STAND IN MEXICO TREASON

Senator Lewis, the democrat whip, spoke in the senate today in reply to the attack upon the administration made by Charles E. Hughes in his speech accepting the republican presidential nomination.

Republican structures upon the administration's Mexican policy, Senator Lewis denounced as "treasonable." He charged that the clause of the republican platform, repudiating interference in the internal affairs of Mexico was responsible for the massacre of troops at Carrizal.

Not until the captains of the republican party shot at the president of the United States, did the Mexican outlaws shoot at the soldiers of the American president," he said. The platform declaration Senator Lewis characterized as a "summons to Carranza and Villa to revenge the entrance of American soldiers into Mexico and the interference of America in her internal affairs."

It was the republican convention," said Mr. Lewis, "which slew the soldiers at Carrizal," and he assailed efforts of the republican leaders to make Mexico the issue "without regard to facts, equity or justice."

Revolt against the government at Washington as to Mexico—"that is the issue," he declared. "Denounce the president as to Mexico—for that is the issue. Make contemptible your own country before the world whenever you can—for that is the issue. Humiliate your own fellow men by holding his country and his president before the world as unworthy the support of his countrymen or the respect of foreigners."

Senator Fall's Reply. Senator Fall, republican, said he would like to spend every cent of the republican campaign fund to send the Illinois senators' address over the country.

"I have just listened to the most remarkable harangue, the like of which I never heard on the stump and which I never expected to hear in the halls of congress. To reply to it would be to dignify it," said he.

"The senator belongs to that recent school of statesmen, developed during the last three or four years, who are teaching the doctrine that patriotism means servility and subservience to a party leader."

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STATE SCRIBES CLOSE SESSION THIS AFTERNOON

Men Guests of University Club and Ladies Entertained by Greater Medford Club at Browns—End Business This Afternoon—Banquet Tonight and Crater Lake Tomorrow.

General discussion from the floor on subjects of vital importance to members lengthened the first scheduled members on the morning's program of the State Editorial Association convention so that less than half of the addresses were heard, the remainder being carried over to the afternoon session.

Of special interest to the convention were addresses on "The Most Humane Way to Execute the Price Cutting Fiend Who Mutilates Job Prices and Legal Publication Rates," by O. D. Hamstreet of the Sheridan Sun, and "Problems of Journalism," by Col. Hofer of the Pacific Coast Manufacturer, Salem.

The address of Col. Hofer was followed by a number of reminiscences by his friends and tales of his old time journalism and apocryphal.

The following committees were appointed: On "Professional Education," a committee to further good feeling and co-operation between active newspaper men and the schools of journalism, especially that at Eugene: E. B. Piper, Portland; J. E. Grate, Astoria, and Clark Wood, Weston.

W. B. Strandberg, R. M. Standish and Fred Loeckley were appointed as a special grievance committee to consider the case of George M. Himes, who is accused of defrauding a local hotel man out of thirty-five cents, the cost of his breakfast. The committee will report tomorrow night at Crater Lake.

At noon the men of the association were entertained with a luncheon at the University club. At 1:45 the Greater Medford club and Colony club entertained the ladies of the association with a luncheon at Browns' followed by an auto ride through the valley.

Tonight will occur the banquet at the Medford hotel at eight o'clock tendered by the Commercial club to the members of the association, and to which the public is invited.

The start to Crater Lake will be made at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning and return Monday morning. One hundred fifteen members of the association will make the trip in the 29 cars offered the committee.

The following is the full program for today: Saturday Forenoon. "Phases of Organization Work," G. Lansing Hurd, extension department, O. A. C.

"How We Handle Newspaper Organizations in Washington," Wallace H. Jessup, President Washington State Press Association, Bremerton.

"The Most Humane Way to Execute the Price Cutting Fiend, Who Mutilates Job Prices and Legal Publication Rates," O. D. Hamstreet, the Sun, Sheridan.

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

"Building up Weekly Newspaper Circulation," Bert H. Greer, The Tidings, 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.

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