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DEFEATED GERMANS CROSS MARNE IN FLIGHT TO NORTH PURSUED BY ALLIES

ALLIES PUSH HUNS ALONG TWO FRONTS

On Front South of Marne Germans Suffer a Reverse and Retreat Back Across River—On Soissons-Chateau Thierry Front, Franco-American Forces Advance an Average of 7 Miles On 22 Mile Front, Taking 18,800 Prisoners and 360 Guns.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, July 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans have been repulsed and are crossing the Marne to the northward.

LONDON, July 20.—The Germans on the south of the Marne have suffered a repulse by the French and are retreating northward across the river, Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters telegraphs this afternoon. The allies in their pursuit of the Germans are approaching the banks of the Marne.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 20.—(By the Associated Press, 11 a. m.)—Entente allied troops today are driving back the Germans on the southern bank of the river Marne and are now approaching the river embankments.

Terrible Execution

LONDON, July 20.—The French are still on the offensive, according to this afternoon's advices, and the Germans are being compelled to yield gradually on both sides of the deep pocket of which Soissons and Rheims mark the edges. Life in this pocket is made miserable for the Germans by long range guns and airplane bombers.

Up to mid-afternoon there was no indication of the voluntary withdrawal of the Germans from the pocket. The enemy was reported putting up a stubborn resistance everywhere. The French, however, were doing terrible execution on the Germans all along the 50-mile circumference of the loop.

18,800 Prisoners Taken

LONDON, July 20.—The number of German prisoners taken in the Franco-American offensive now has reached 18,800.

LONDON, July 20.—French troops on the Aisne-Marne front have extended their advance from Montaigne De Paris, a mile and a half southwest of Soissons, on the north to Belleau, five miles northwest of Chateau Thierry on the south. On the Rheims front the French forces have advanced for a distance of 1,000 yards between Souain and Auberville. The French also made slight progress near Pourcy.

Latest advices from the field of the Franco-American offensive between the Marne and the Aisne report the allied line running as follows:

New Allied Line

From Belleau northward to the

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GERMAN AVIATORS DROP NOTE CONFIRMING ROOSEVELT'S DEATH

PARIS, July 20.—German aviators dropped a note into American aviation camps confirming the death of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt.

DRIVE'S OBJECT IS SEIZURE OF SOISSONS ROAD

General March Explains Allied Campaign—200,000 Americans Fighting—10-Mile Advance Scored—Hun Nut-Cracker Operation Fails—Drive On British Held Up.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Official reports to the war department, General March told the newspapermen today at the weekly conference, showed a maximum penetration by the Franco-American counter-attack of ten miles and an average penetration of seven miles on a 22-mile front.

The war department has no advices that the city of Soissons has fallen but it is known to be under a heavy fire from American artillery and its fall seems imminent.

Railroad Is Objective

General March said the objective of the Franco-American counter attack was the Soissons-Chateau Thierry railroad, which the allied command has reason to believe is the principal artery of supply for the enemy in the Chateau Thierry region and also one of the principal sources for the sector south of the Marne.

The French and American forces either are already on this road or have it well under direct shell fire of their artillery.

The chief of staff pointed out that with this railroad in allied control the German withdrawal from the sector south of the Marne would be rendered difficult and their main railway line to the rear would be lost. He indicated that an attempt to withdraw is anticipated.

Nut Cracker Fails

The latest German drive was intended as a "nut cracker operation" against the city of Rheims, General March said. This drive had been definitely stopped when General Foch struck on the right flank of the German effort, after the enemy had advanced four to five miles on a twenty-three mile front.

Official advices confirm the press reports that a French corps in which American divisions were operating, had captured 17,000 prisoners and guns and material "in very helpful amounts."

200,000 Americans

Six of General Pershing's divisions, or about 200,000 American troops are fighting with the French in the present offensive in the Aisne-Marne district. The six American divisions operating on the Aisne-Marne front are operating as divisions and not as a corps, General March said. Their location from day to day depends upon the developments in the battle.

During his interview General March disclosed the fact that the embarkation of American troops has passed the 1,200,000 mark.

The "Franco-American" offensive will continue as long as it is possible to force the Germans back, General March stated.

Troops Engaged

The attack is still being pressed, he said, against heavy German re-

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GERMANS FORCED TO BRING UP 100,000

PARIS, July 20.—The Germans have been forced to bring up 100,000 reserves to the army of the German crown prince as a result of yesterday's fighting and the French and Americans, after fluctuations have been enabled to fortify strongly the newly gained positions southwest of Soissons, says Marcel Hutin in the Echo de Paris.

BASEBALL FOR BIG LEAGUES TO END ON SUNDAY

President Ban Johnson Asks All Club Owners to Abide by Secretary Baker's Order at Once—Cleveland Complies—Others Demur—Players Favor Quitting.

CLEVELAND, July 20.—President James C. Dunn of the Cleveland American League club today sent the following message to Cleveland from Chicago:

"We will play a double header with Philadelphia tomorrow and will then close the ball park for the balance of the season. It is our desire to comply promptly with Secretary Baker's ruling on baseball."

"My men told me that they would not care to stand on the field and have leather lunged fans shout at them to get useful jobs," said President Dunn of the Cleveland club, in discussing his decision to suspend tomorrow. "I heartily agree with the men. They are all prepared to step into new work."

Reports in baseball circles here that an effort would be made to keep eight clubs going by using players from the two major leagues who do not come under the new regulations could not be confirmed by officials.

All Clubs Asked to Quit

CHICAGO, July 20.—A message to all club owners in the American league, asking the if they were willing to abide by Secretary Baker's order at once, was sent today by President Ban Johnson. The action of the Cleveland club in closing tomorrow is the first result of the message.

Baseball men declare that if club owners should decide to continue operation they would have to do so with only a small number of players. Less than 49 of the players are outside the draftage.

Boston Refuses

BOSTON, July 20.—"My answer is that I will not give my consent and it requires unanimous consent to close the season," declared President H. H. Frazier of the Boston American League team today when his attention was called to Ban Johnson's request to abide by Secretary Baker's order at once.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Manager G. B. Sost of the Washington American League team said today that the team would continue the season as long as it had players enough and as long as there were other teams playing.

Paris scientist has discovered a means of detecting presence of invisible odorless poisons.

Ex-Czar Shot by Bolsheviki Council

Nicholas Romanoff Killed July 16 Because of Discovery of Anti-Bolsheviki Conspiracy—Execution Ordered by President of Ural Regional Council—Documents Taken From Deposed Monarch, Including Letters and Diary to Be Published—Today's Despatch Is Official Version of Death, Authorized By Russian Government.

LONDON, July 20.—Former Emperor Nicholas of Russia has been shot, a Russian wireless statement today announces.

The former emperor's correspondence, including letters from the monk Rasputin who was killed shortly before the revolution, written to the then emperor and his family, will be published in the near future, the wireless message declares.

The former emperor and the young Alexis Romanoff, the former heir apparent, have been sent to a place of security.

The central executive body of the Bolsheviki government announces that it has at its disposal important material documents concerning the former emperor's affairs, including his own diaries.

The message announces that a counter-revolutionary conspiracy was discovered, with the object of wresting the ex-emperor from the authority of the soviet council. In view of this fact, the president of the Ural regional council decided to execute the former ruler and the decision was carried out on July 16.

Documents concerning the conspiracy were forwarded to Moscow.



NICHOLAS ROMANOFF

It had been decided the message explains, to bring the ex-emperor before a tribunal "to be held for crimes against the people." Later occurrences, however, led to delay in adopting this course.

There have been rumors since June 24 that former Emperor Nicholas of Russia had been assassinated.

There seemingly is no question that today's despatch is an official version of the death of the former emperor.

48 MEMBERS OF CRUISERS CREW STILL MISSING

Three Killed By Explosion That Wrecked San Diego—Others Not Accounted For—Vessel Probably Struck Floating Mine as There Is No Evidence of U-Boat.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Forty-eight members of the crew of the United States cruiser San Diego, sunk yesterday off Fire Island, are still unaccounted for, after checking of reports of rescuing steamers made to the navy officials here today.

Rescue of the 1,117 men was effected by the steamer Bassum which picked up 708; F. P. Jones, 88, and Madden, 380. There was no wireless call sent out from the cruiser, the explosion tearing down her aerials, and the three rescue vessels arrived on the scene nearly three hours after the ship went down.

Nothing was seen of a submarine. Fifteen shots were fired from the cruiser during the 22 minutes she remained above the water, the gunners firing at suspicious swirls which might have concealed a submarine.

For three hours the men kept afloat in the water by holding on to their boats and pieces of wreckage. When the first rescuing steamer arrived many were near exhaustion.

Three Are Killed

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Three men were killed by the explosion which sank the cruiser San Diego yesterday. The navy department today announced their names as follows:

Thomas E. Davis, engineer, Canton, Ohio.

Frazier O. Thomas, machinist's mate, Charleston, W. Va.

Jamie F. Roedel, engineer, Blue Lake, Cal.

Some others have not been accounted for, the navy department says, but reports indicate, however, that loss of life was small.

Mines Destroyed

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Although Captain Christy of the armored cruiser San Diego reported his belief that it was a torpedo that sent the ship down off Long Island yesterday, further reports today showing that five or six mines were destroyed by warships in the vicinity last night strengthened the opinion of naval officers here that an enemy submarine was not responsible for the disaster.

The captain's report showed that the explosion could not have been internal because there was nothing in the ship at that place to explode. The department also has evidence that the ship could not have struck an American mine. Apparently only possible explanation of the disaster from that of a submarine, is that she encountered a mine dropped by U-boats before they left the American coast.

Captain Lost to Leave

Officials are certain that some small loss in life will be found when the muster rolls of the ship have

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BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR WEEK 16,981

LONDON, July 20.—British casualties reported in the week ending today total 16,981, compared with the aggregate of 14,911 reported in the previous week.

These are divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers 31; men 1,311.

Wounded or missing: Officers, 291; men 13,188.

HUN RESERVES FAIL TO CHECK ALLIED SMASH

Americans Make Most Progress In Southern Portion of Front Near Chateau Thierry—Advance Is Brilliant Success—Not an Encircling Movement but a Steady Push.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, July 20.—Over the greater part of the line between the Aisne and the Marne the French and Americans are still pushing eastward. Their most pronounced progress appears to have been on the more southerly part of the line, the dash in the northern sector having slowed somewhat.

The allied forces control the plateau southwest of Soissons. This important town, however, still is holding out.

Further south the allied advance has established itself at the village of Vierzy, east of Villers-Helon, and has driven to the towns of Neuilly-St. Front and Licy-Clignon. The capture of Neuilly-St. Front, one of the most important towns in the section south of the Oureq, was officially announced this morning.

Great Battle Impends

Dispatches said the fighting today was spreading southward toward Chateau Thierry. Indications were, it was stated, that a great battle all along the Aisne-Marne line seemed to be impending the Germans having brought up reinforcements in an effort to stop the allies.

South of the Marne there has been a tightening of the defensive area along the 14 1/2 mile line between Fossoy and Oeuilly where the Germans are fighting with the river at their backs. Attacks by the French last night caused the Germans to fall back still further.

American troops probably are engaged in the advance near Fossoy, officially reported from Paris. Oeuilly marks approximately the point where the German lines cross the Marne and turn northeast toward Rheims.

The French war office makes no extreme claims of victory along the Aisne-Marne front. The front, as delineated in official reports, leaves the Clignon river near Torcy, runs north thru Licy-Clignon and Neuilly-St. Front, turns slightly east to Mauilly wood, thence north to Vierzy and up over the higher ground to the hills southwest of Soissons. There have been reports of allied forces being far to the east of this line but they have not been officially confirmed.

Brilliant Success

The actual results officially announced as achieved with important territory taken and with more than 18,800 prisoners and 360 guns captured, constitute a decidedly brilliant success for the Franco-American drive.

In the Aisne-Marne drive there appears to be an effort, which is seemingly succeeding, to straighten the front all the way from the Clignon river, about five miles northwest of Chateau Thierry. The movement does not at present appear to be a great encircling operation. It is rather a methodical push along the western side of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry-Rheims salient.

As such, it must still be considered a defensive action that is going on. Its character may change to an offensive stroke at any time.

BRITAIN MAY ADOPT DECIMAL COINAGE

LONDON, July 20.—Britain may some day have coinage an American can understand. The Decimal Association, which is campaigning for a decimal system of money, reports its membership has doubled in the last two years.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON MILE FRONT NEAR HEBUTERNE

LONDON, July 20.—British troops last night advanced their line on a mile front south of the town of Hebuterne, the war office announced today.

As the result of yesterday's operations on the Flanders front the British line was advanced along a breadth of 4,000 yards in the Meteren sector. Meteren and a group of buildings southwest of the village, known as Le Witon, are now held by the British near Beaumont Hamers taken aggregate 439.

A successful raid was carried out by the British near Hebuterne.

Hebuterne is about midway on the front between Albert and Arras. Beaumont Hamers is 2 1/2 miles south of Hebuterne.

SCOTS CAPTURE MATEREN IN DRIVE FROM GERMANS

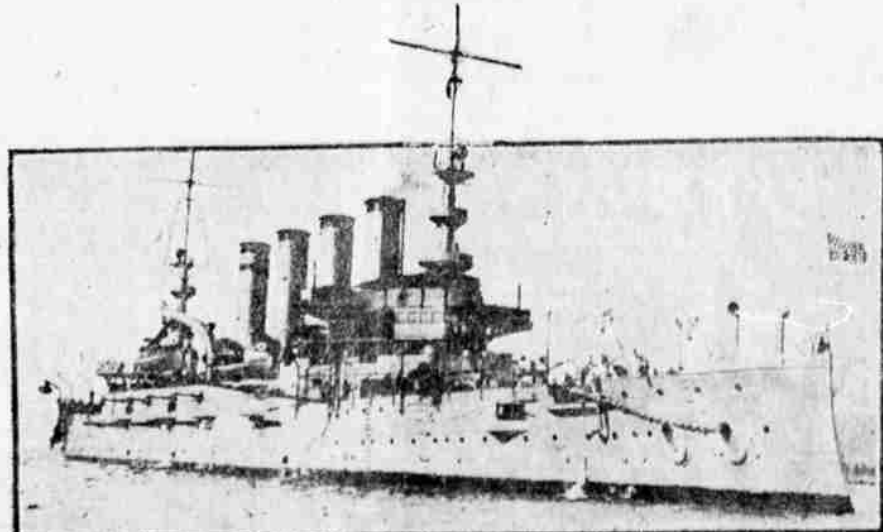
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 20.—(By the Associated Press.) The German high command will not be pleased with the news that the British captured a valuable piece of ground—Meteren—yesterday.

It is a trifle compared with the big events on the French front, but Prince Rupprecht will not underestimate the loss of a position which notwithstanding gives the British observation ground where he might wish to keep his going secret.

Scottish troops made the assault which extended south of Meteren and in front of Merris. They formed without the Germans getting a hint of impending trouble and moved forward in full daylight.

It was nearly eight o'clock in the morning and the Germans were down in cellars, with a full sense of security after the dawn lookout.

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