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HUNS IN FULL RETREAT NORTH OF OURCQ

JAPAN WILL JOIN ALLIES IN SIBERIA

America's Proposal That Aid be Given Czecho-Slovak in Siberia Found Acceptable by Japanese—Plan of Co-operation to Go Into Effect at Once—Entente Troops Gather in China Ready for March Into Siberia—Chinese Merge with Japs.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Joint action between Japan, the entente and America and Siberia is assured.

Japan has found acceptable the American proposal which primarily looks to the aid of the Czecho-Slovaks, now operating in Siberia, and after exchanges between Tokio and Washington which have cleared up all doubtful points and removed any possibility of future misunderstanding a complete agreement has been reached. The plan of operation will be put into execution at once.

President Confers on Issue Soon after it had been learned that Japan had accepted the American proposal, President Wilson walked to the state, war and navy building, where he conferred for half an hour with Acting Secretary Polk and Secretary Baker in the war secretary's office.

The president and Mr. Polk left the office together and as they walked along the corridor had a very serious conversation which was continued for five minutes in front of Mr. Polk's office before the president returned to the White House.

Speculation Not Wanted WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—In regard to the proposed military expedition to Siberia it is the desire of the officials that there shall be no speculation as to the character of the intervention in the press.

Consequently all that it is possible now to say is that in the beginning at least, the international agreement must find its expression in combined military activity, and cable advices have recorded the gathering of small bodies of entente troops at points in China convenient for despatch into western Siberia.

ALAND ISLANDERS DESTROY FORTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Incensed at the German control of Finland, the inhabitants of the Aland Islands, in the Baltic Sea, have dynamited the fortifications on the islands to prevent their becoming a menace to Sweden, through German control, according to advices received today through official channels.

The same advices said the Finnish government had ordered the immediate dismantling of all fortifications on the Baltic coast of Finland except those at Viborg and Helsinki.

LIBERTY BONDS SELL AT PAR FIRST TIME

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Liberty 4 1/2 per cent bonds, which are exempt from taxation, sold at par today on the stock exchange for the first time this year. Steady buying of this issue by leading financial interests has been noticeable recently.

FOE'S CHANNEL OF ESCAPE IS TAKEN BY FOCH

Allies Make Extremely Important Advance in Fighting of Wednesday—Entire Ridge Between Ourcq and Aisne Captured—Retreat of Crown Prince Hampered in the West.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Yesterday's Franco-British attack on the westerly side of the Marne salient was on a front of five miles and penetrated to a maximum depth of three miles, according to news received today. It resulted in the capture of the entire ridge which forms the watershed between the Ourcq and the Aisne, the advices indicate.

The French also captured the entire Neunire wood, on the line to the west of Goussancourt, at about the center of the salient.

Extremely Important Advance The advance by the allies along the western side of the salient is described as the most important—possibly the most important thing the allies have accomplished since the Germans retired from the Marne.

The importance of the victory lies in the fact that the new allied positions command the whole area to the northward and take, in flank and rear, the entire western gate thru which the Germans have been retreating. This area is a nest of German reserves and field artillery.

Goussancourt itself has been taken by the French, the advices add. German Retreat Thus Hampered The capture of the important ground on the heights to the westerly side of the line also means that the Germans will not be able to retire in an ordinary leisurely way and that they probably will have to go beyond the river Vesle in their retreat.

The situation is considered as extraordinarily good, being described in the advices as the turning point of the summer campaign and possibly of the whole war.

Allies Celebrate War Anniversary PARIS, Aug. 2.—Allied troops celebrated the fourth anniversary of the war by a victorious resumption of the offensive.

The ground won yesterday north of Ourcq has considerable value. It is a long spur about six hundred feet high forming the watershed between the Crise and the Ourcq and is a valuable observation point.

As a consequence the allies can now maneuver safely in the Ourcq region. In addition they have a view behind the great Hartennes plateau where the enemy still clings to the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road and that strong position, difficult of attack frontally, can now be turned from the north thru Villefontaine, and from the south by way of Hill 205.

The allies also gained an important advantage on the left in the capture of Meunier wood, by the Americans seizing there a position which, according to Henri Bidou, is the keystone of the whole German line in the center.

"READ HALE", JUDGE ORDERS DISLOYAL LAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—In lieu of a jail sentence for alleged disloyal utterances Charles Bauman, 17, was told to read Edwin Everett Hale's book, "The Man Without a Country," by United States Commissioner Francis Krull here today. He was ordered to return to court on August 16 and tell the story to the commissioner.

According to the evidence young Bauman sought to tease his patrons by denouncing the Liberty loan and praising German militarism. His father had him arrested and pleaded with the commissioner today to send him to jail.

TO RECEIVE ALLIED AID



Cossack cavalry of the Semenov-Orloff forces of the new Siberian provisional government marching thru Harbin, Manchuria, on their way to battle the Bolsheviks in eastern Siberia. At the head of the column is borne the new emblem of the Siberian republic, having a black shield crossed by three slanting bars of red, white and blue—the colors of true democracy. Japan has agreed to the American plan of intervention in Siberia, and allied forces will be detailed at once to the aid of the army and the Czecho-Slovaks.

INDICTMENTS IN EVENING MAIL CASE RETURNED

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Federal indictments were returned here today against Dr. Edward A. Rumely, former vice president and secretary of the New York Mail and Express company and S. Walter Kaufman, former counsel for the German embassy in the United States, as alleged participants in the purchase of the Evening Mail, for the German government.

The indictments charge the defendants with conspiracy to commit perjury in connection with statements regarding the ownership of the Evening Mail. The government contends that majority stock of the paper is held by the imperial German government.

Kaufmann, according to Assistant United States District Attorney Harper, became associated with the newspaper when it was purchased for the German government.

GOVERNOR OPPOSED TO HONOR SYSTEM

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 2.—White Governor Withycombe is not ready to say that the honor system of handling convicts at the penitentiary in all respects has been a failure, yet he believes that enough trouble is caused by a minority of the men who are without honor to disrupt the whole system. For that reason he is in favor of operating the prison system, as far as possible, inside of the walls and establishing some industry that will keep the majority of the convicts busy within the enclosure. He also will favor a more drastic guard over the convicts who are on the outside. The men who are engaged in flax work outside the prison, are running guard constantly while others are not.

\$500,000,000 WORTH HUN PROPERTY SEIZED

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The money and property taken over by A. Mitchell Palmer, enemy property custodian, has passed the \$500,000,000 mark, it was announced here today. All cash taken over is invested in Liberty bonds. On July 31, Mr. Palmer had purchased \$42,970,027 worth of the bonds, and \$2,807,005 more was available for investment in the coming loan.

LITTLE SHRIMP OF YANK VANQUISHES OVERGROWN BOCHE

LONDON, Aug. 2.—A little American—"a shrimp of a man"—outwitted a huge German in a deadly grapple on the Marne battlefield, says Renter's correspondent at American headquarters. The German was about to finish the American with his bayonet. The American grabbed a grenade from his belt, loosened the safety catch and thrust the grenade into the German's pocket. There was not much left of the German.

TOWN OF CIERGES ENSHROUDED BY 10 FEET OF GAS

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The tide of battle on the American front drifted somewhat eastward on Wednesday as a result of the fighting occurring in the vicinity of Cierges, says Renter's correspondent on the American front, telegraphing Thursday evening.

"Cierges," continues the correspondent, "has for some days been a stumbling block for our advance and it is noteworthy that it and the Meunier wood formed strong centers of opposition during the first German retreat from the Marne.

"Cierges itself is unoccupied by either side, neither having any wish to be there, for the village is in a deep cup in which the gas lies ten feet deep. So it remains and so it will remain while the still summer weather lasts—a village of the dead, of dead cats, rats and mice, with all the herbs and flowers that had blossomed and blighted.

SUFFRAGE ENACTMENT BIG MOVE SAYS PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Enactment of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment to the federal constitution is characterized as a "great and most critical reform," in a letter written by President Wilson to David Baird, the new senator from New Jersey, asking the senator to vote for the amendment. The letter was made public at the White House.

KAISER GLORIES IN BRAZON DEEDS OF LAST 4 YEARS

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 2.—In a proclamation issued to the German people, Emperor William says: "Four years of hard struggle have passed, full of eternally memorable deeds. An example has been given for all time of what a people can do that stands in the field for a most just cause and for the maintenance of its existence.

"Gratefully revering the divine hand which has been gratefully extended over Germany, we may proudly say we were not found unworthy in the tremendous task before which Providence placed us. "If in the struggle our nation was given leaders capable of the highest achievements it has daily proved by fidelity that it has deserved to have such leaders. How could the army front have performed its tremendous tasks if the entire labor here at home, had not been carried on efficiently and well? Thanks are due all who, under difficult conditions, have co-operated in the task set the state and community and especially to our faithful unwavering officials. Thanks are due likewise to the countrymen and townsmen and also the women on whom, in this war time so much falls."

GOVERNMENT ORDERS PACIFIC COAST FIR

SEATTLE, Aug. 2.—Washington advices received by the west coast lumbermen's association said the government today ordered the fir production board to distribute an order for 24,000,000 feet of fir lumber among the Oregon and Washington mills. The fir will be used in the construction of new cantonment buildings at Rockford, Ill. The mills are also to be asked, the advices say, to plan for the handling of a government order for 100,000,000 feet soon.

FLYER FALLS 1500 FEET; BRUISED ONLY

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 2.—An aviator at Scott Field, whose name the officials would not disclose, fell 1,500 feet in his machine yesterday afternoon and suffered only bruises, it became known today. The plane was demolished.

EXIT—Ticket Scalpers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Notice was served today on ticket scalpers by the railroad administration to quit business at once under penalty of prosecution, through charges of conspiracy.

GERMANS BURN VILLAGES AND DESTROY EVERYTHING AS THEY FLEE; ALLIES FOLLOW CLOSELY

Important Town of Hartennes-Et-Taux Seized by Onrushing Entente Troops—French and British Take Contremain and Cross Chateau-Thierry—Soissons Road—Crown Prince's Resistance is Feeble—Ville-en-Tardenois Passed by Patrols and Our Armies Encircle Town—Poilus Press Foe Toward the Vesle.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Aug. 2. (noon.)—(By the Associated Press.)—The battle on the front north of the Marne resolved itself during the night and this morning into almost a general retirement of the enemy north of the Ourcq, with the allies pursuing the Germans with the greatest zeal and success.

The town of Hartennes-Et-Taux was occupied by the allies, who also seized the wood lying to the south of this most important place. The French and British in this sector took Contremain and then crossed the Chateau-Thierry-Soissons road.

HUNS RUIN VILLAGES IN WAKE.

The Germans are burning villages as they retire and destroying everything they come across. The entire battlefield is dotted by conflagrations, some of them of large proportions.

Along the center of the front as well as on the sides the German resistance seemed greatly diminished. The allies pressed through a series of thickets to the north of the road leading from Goussancourt to Coulonges and reached the southern part of Veizilly wood.

Further east on the line the allies are within 500 yards of Villers-Agron and along the line toward Rheims they captured a wood situated 1,500 yards east of Romigny.

Allied patrols have attained a position three-fifths of a mile north of the Ville-En-Tardenois, and have occupied a height 1,500 yards north of Romigny.

Whole Yankee Line Advances WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE MARNE FRONT, Aug. 2.—Noon.—(By the Associated Press.) The whole American line moved forward today while the armies along the flank from Soissons to Rheims pressed hard against the sides of the German salient. Their gains were made almost without resistance.

Hammered as they have been for days, the Germans withdrew during the night so that when the Americans who were supported on their right and left by the French, started early this morning they did not encounter the usual machine gun fire. In open order the men plowed their way thru the heavy rain-soaked field for almost a mile. The indications are that the Germans will not make a stand until they reach the watershed north of Senles forest.

French Press Enemy Back PARIS, Aug. 2.—On the battle field north of the Marne the French troops during the night continued to press back the Germans farther toward the Vesle, says the official statement from the war office today.

Ville-En-Tardenois Surrounded ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Aug. 2.—The important town of Ville-En-Tardenois, on the easterly side of the Marne salient, has been encircled by the allied forces. The French are continuing to advance and have taken additional towns and villages at various parts of the front between Soissons and Rheims.

Goussancourt Captured In the center Goussancourt has been captured and the northern edge of Meunier wood have been cleared of Germans. This marks an advance of a mile and three-quarters. Nothing is said of the fate of the Germans at St. Gemme, at the tip of the salient, but it is assumed they have retreated.

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RAINBOW DIVISION IS PAID TRIBUTE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Tribute to the valor and fighting efficiency of the Forty-Second (Rainbow) division of the American army by General Duport, commanding the French sixth army corps in Lorraine to which the Forty-Second was attached until the middle of last June, is contained in general orders issued by the French commander bidding farewell to the Americans when they set out for the battlefield on the Aisne-Marne lines, where they are today.

FLYER KILLED LEAPING FROM BURNING PLANE

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 2.—Lieutenant Robinson E. Birdwell of Red Bluff, Cal., was killed while making a cross country flight about nine miles south of here today. Lieutenant Birdwell's machine caught fire when about two thousand feet in the air and descended in flames. At about five hundred feet the aviator leaped to avoid the fire and was killed by the fall. He had been stationed at Love Field, Mo.