

YANKEE GAINS MADE IN GRIM DEATH GRAPPLE

Most Bitter Fighting Marks Advance of Americans at Serpy—A Fight to the Finish in Which Doughboys Survive—German Prisoners Say They Are Poorly Fed.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Fighting of the most bitter nature marked the American advance east and southeast of Serpy on Thursday, says Reuter's correspondent on the American front. Bellevue farm, north of Cierges, was the German strong point, and their gun nests about it were concealed cleverly in the ripening wheat.

"This kind of fighting," the correspondent continues, "is slow business and had business for the side that tries to hurry it unless it has an overwhelming power of guns and in this open fighting guns cannot be concentrated as they are for trench attacks.

Two Divisions Opposed Yankees "Two divisions opposed to the Americans were the 200th Jaeger division, which seemed to be composed of stout fellows, from various German states, and the 216th, which was brought from Kemmel, on the British front in Flanders. They did not appear to be such good material as the other divisions. One youngster of 19 said he had been a year in service, but that this was his first fight. He raved with tears that he did not like it. Other prisoners being asked why the Americans were beating them replied:

"The Americans have good food in their stomachs, while the Germans only have poor stuff that no one can fight upon."

American Survives Fight "No far from this front a similar sympathetic group was found. There were five Germans and an officer on one side of it and four Americans on the other. It had been a fight to the finish and the last American to survive had thrust his bayonet downward into the earth to signify that he was the last one to see it through.

"Meanwhile the fighting had been proceeding between Serpy and Serpines with much of the old bitterness. The fashion in which the enemy met the American infantry attack showed he had no intention of retiring unless compelled by superior forces.

"Prisoners from the 201st division declare that their orders were to hold the line at all costs, especially at hill 181 (northwest of Serpines). They seemed to have little doubt that there is no lack of troops behind them."

RAILROAD NEEDED TO HAUL OUT GRAIN

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 2.—Carter county, in southeastern Montana, sixty miles from a railroad, has a bumper grain crop this year, but no method of hauling it to market except by team which would prevent growers from preparing their land for next year's crop, south to the Montana railroad commission has recommended to Director General McAdoo the installation of a fleet of motor trucks, to solve the transportation difficulties of the district.

Dixon, Mont., His Big Fire. MISSOULA, Aug. 2.—The business section of the town of Dixon, near the Flathead Indian reservation, was burned today, reports reaching here states. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

TRADE BOYCOTT ON BOCHE AFTER WAR DISLIKED

Premier Lloyd George's Willingness to Use Economic Weapons on Germany After Peace is Secured Held Adverse to League of Nation's Policy—London Papers Disprove.

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 1.—Fear that the adoption of economic weapons after the war might endanger the proposed league of nations was expressed by James H. Thomas, labor M. P., for Derby, in the house of commons today during a discussion of such a league.

Foreign Secretary Balfour complained that he had heard no really practical suggestions from members for the attainment of the objects in view nor any indication where an international police force to enforce contracts between nations could be found.

Tariffs Held Necessary

Unquestionably, he continued, a league of nations could not afford to deprive its armory of economic weapons. It is perfectly true that the economic weapon is capable of misuse as witness Germany's policy in Russia, but he saw no sign of any country consenting to abandon the employment of tariffs if it considered them necessary.

Mr. Balfour also contended that universal disarmament only was possible if it could be proved that the new international agreement had machinery for keeping the world's peace successfully.

"The last four years," continued the foreign secretary, "have convinced the nations that war is a very costly, bloody and brutal thing, but not that it is a thing to be thrust aside.

Nations Ready to Quarrel

"Frankly, looking around the world, I see the greatest of nations quite as ready to quarrel with each other as the most ambitious of their predecessors.

Sir Robert Cecil, lord secretary of state for foreign affairs, urged that the conditions of peace ought to be made more favorable to those nations prepared to enter a league. He thought the question should be considered fully in all its aspects and a scheme prepared to be put into operation immediately after the war if there was any prospect of its adoption, because a few years' delay would with the shortness of people's memories rise in the cooling of present enthusiasm.

The difficulties in the way of establishing such a league were so serious, he added, that only by the united efforts of all men of good will could it be put into execution.

Newspapers Dislike Scheme

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Sharp dissent to the threat of Premier David Lloyd George to use the economic weapon against Germany after the war, as outlined by the premier to the national union of manufacturers, yesterday, is expressed by the liberal press.

Quoting the phrase "the longer the war lasts" the sterner must be the economic terms we impose on the foe," issued by Mr. Lloyd George, the Chronicle says:

"We doubt very much whether that is how President Wilson views the question. It is certainly not the view of American opinion generally. The Americans do not wish such a weapon wielded with a vindictive purpose for any fixed period after the war.

Premier's and U. S. Policies Conflict

"It will not be possible to carry out both the American policy and Lloyd George's policy."

"The American suggestion full of

hope and help in the pursuit of ultimate permanent world peace. That of Lloyd George has quite the opposite tendency."

The Daily News says: "It is idle for Lloyd George to maintain that the spirit underlying a league of nations is reconcilable with the spirit underlying and inspiring the protective tariff."

Conservative papers, on the other hand, generally indorse the premier's address, altho some accuse him of being indefinite.

HOOD RIVER FLYER KILLED IN TUMBLE

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Aug. 2.—Lieutenant W. L. Carson of Call Field was killed in a fall from an airplane at Fort Sill, Okla., this morning, according to a telegram received at Call Field this afternoon. Lieutenant Carson flew to Fort Sill this morning. The report from Fort Sill says that Carson was alone in the machine when it fell.

His home was at Hood River, Ore.

KING EMMANUEL REVIEWS YANKEES

ROME, Thursday, Aug. 1.—King Victor Emmanuel today reviewed the American troops in the northern Italian war front. The king congratulated the commander of the American forces upon the magnificent appearance of his troops and upon the profound impression they had given of their military qualities.

HUNS IN FULL RETREAT.

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Farther toward Rheims, dispatches indicate that the important town of Ville-en-Tardenois has been surrounded by the Americans and French.

Reports reaching London say the success of the allies on the western side of the line is the most important accomplishment since the German retreat from the Marne. The view taken is that the advance on Thursday was the turning point of the campaign, and possibly of the whole war.

Germans Face Hammering

While reports received in this country have not shown the grounds for this view, it seems clear that the German retreat must now be hurried if the enemy is to escape a terrible pounding from the allies' heavy guns. Seven hundred prisoners were captured by the French, British and Americans, bringing the total for the second Marne battle to over 24,000.

British and French troops from their new positions outflank the German line northward to Soissons. Reports from the battle zone say the Germans are fighting to the bitter end.

Duchess Candidate for Office.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt of New York, has been accepted as the progressive candidate for the north Southwark division of London county council.

Poor Woman Makes Sacrifice

"For years I have doctored for indigestion and severe bloating with gas, all my money had gone for doctors and medicine which did me no good. I had lost all faith in medicines and as I have to work hard for the few dollars I earn, was afraid to risk any more money. A year ago my neighbor told me to try May's Wonderful Remedy. I have found it to be the best medicine in the world and am glad I made the sacrifice." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. For sale by druggists everywhere. Adv.

U. S. VETERANS TO TRAIN RECRUITS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The American forces in France have reached such high proficiency in the new methods of warfare that they are to furnish instructors for the new units being organized in the United States.

The war department has ordered a number of officers back from France to command brigades in the twelve new divisions to be formed.

Among the officers known to have received their orders are Brigadier General Cornelius Vanderbilt, who went overseas as a colonel of engineers, to Camp Lewis, Wash.

The chief of staff has announced that each new division will be formed around a nucleus of two veteran infantry regiments. The units available in the United States for this purpose have been practically exhausted and it is considered likely that regiments from the first American contingents will be brought home to service as foundations for later additions to the army.

POSITION OF SHIPS IS KEPT SECRET

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Newspapers were asked today by Secretary Daniels to eliminate any mention, either in the advertising or news columns of the sailing or departure or

location or supposed location of any ships not only in American waters but in any other waters.

Thus amending his previous request which applied only to American waters, the naval secretary said experience had shown that publication of such information of ships in foreign waters also is dangerous. The purpose is to keep from enemy submarines operating on this side of the Atlantic as well those in the war zone any information relating to the movements of any vessel.

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August Clean-up of Corsets and Underwear
We are closing out our line of "Good-wear" Corsets, up to \$8.00 values. Saturday, **\$2.39** pair.
Miller Bros. Corsets, new models, up to \$1.50 value. **98c** Saturday, pair.
New line of Braisseries on sale Saturday, pair **48c**

Women's sleeveless Vests, worth 18c. On sale Saturday, **12 1/2c**
Women's Union Suits, Cheap at 50c. Saturday, **39c** Suit.
Children's Knit Waists, worth 25c. On sale Saturday, each **48c**
Kaysers' Bodice Waists, worth 75c, at each **48c**

Clean-up Sale of Wash Skirts and Dresses
Korreet Wash Skirts reduced. \$4.00 Skirts **\$2.69**
\$5.00 Skirts **\$3.98**
\$6.50 Skirts **\$4.98**
\$8.00 Skirts **\$6.48**
25 Fancy Wash Skirts in stripes and figures. Real \$4.00 values. **\$1.98** now each.

Breakfast Sets made of good Gingham. These dresses are worth today \$5.00. On sale Saturday, **\$2.48**
All Silk Dresses **20 per cent off**
All Silk and Wool Skirts **10 per cent off**
All Middies going at **10 per cent off**



Saturday Sale of Notions
Pearl Buttons, Hooks and Eyes, Good Tape, Pins, Val. Laces. **5c**
Talcum Powder, Colgates Soap, Good Elastic, Barrettes, Crochet Cotton. **10c**

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Saturday Sale of Gloves
Just received, a new line of Kayser's Silk Gloves. On sale Saturday, pair **75c**
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