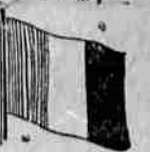




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ALLIES REACH BANKS OF AVRE MENACE HUNS

Advance at Converging Point of Armies of Hutier and Prince Rupprecht—North of Vesle, Germans Repulsed in Efforts to Dislodge Franco-American Units—Allies Rest.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—The French troops have reached the west bank of the Avre between Braconnet and Morisel, north of Montdidier, says the official statement from the war office today.

North of the Vesle the Germans have been repulsed in efforts to dislodge French and American units which crossed from the south bank. Much importance is attached to operations between Braconnet and Morisel, north of Montdidier. These are pointed to as a direct menace to the converging point of the armies of General Hutier and Crown Prince Rupprecht.

Rebuilding Army
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 6.—Morning.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German crown prince is engaged in reconstituting his shattered divisions with the aid of the remainder of the 1919 recruits, in the opinion of General Mangin.

Some of the Germans had their company strength reduced to less than 50 men, some of the companies being still further depleted in numbers.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—The determined attacks which the Germans have been delivering against the allied advanced guards north of the Vesle have failed to disturb the temporary stabilization of the Vesle front. The allied command is retaining the initiative in these operations.

German resistance north of the Vesle is being continued, the enemy standing determinedly along the heights commanding the river where the French light elements, which have passed beyond the river, are encountering them, says the Havas Agency review today. The Germans are trying to prevent further crossings.

There is agreement among military critics that the Germans will not remain long between the Vesle and the Aisne, where their position is considered untenable.

The Echo De Paris lays stress upon the various signs observable of the strategic retreat at various points where the French are attacking. It believes the enemy is preparing a "relief offensive."

Vesle Line Stabilized
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 6.—On the Rheims-Soissons front the situation has been stabilized for the moment while the opposing forces prepare for further movements.

Uneasiness along the northern front continues and Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria has made another retirement.

To the British he has given up territory along the La Bassée canal in the apex of the Lys front. Mean—

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GOLDEN STATE TO VOTE BONE DRY

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 6.—A "bone dry" initiative amendment which would prohibit the manufacture, importation or sale of intoxicating liquor in California after December 3, 1918, except denatured alcohol, was assured a place on the ballot for the general election November 5 next, as a result of petitions filed today with Frank C. Jordan, secretary of state.

Another initiative measure, the amended Rominger bill, providing for the abolition of saloons and regulating the alcoholic content of beverages, qualified some time ago.

JAPAN READY TO SEND ARMY TO AID CZECHS

Premier Terauchi Says Japan Will Take Further Military Measures in Case the Position of Czecho-Slovaks Demand It—May Find It Necessary to Combat German Menace.

TOKIO, Saturday, Aug. 3.—(By the Associated Press.) Premier Count Terauchi, talking of allied action in Siberia, said Japan would take further military measures in case the position of the Czecho-Slovaks demanded it. The premier indicated that if the chaotic situation in Siberia continues, Japan might find it necessary to adopt military measures to combat the Austro-German menace in the east.

Count Terauchi stated that the present step had been taken in perfect accord with the allies. If it should be necessary for the allies to dispatch additional troops and arms the country must be prepared to meet the emergency.

Starts Local Politics
The Japanese-American negotiations had been the basis of a recrudescence of wrangling over domestic politics, with charges and counter-charges and sensational demands for the resignation of the cabinet and the customary campaign of recriminations. Consequently the government had recently closed down tightly upon the newspapers which were rigidly suppressed if they attempted to discuss the negotiations.

It is understood that the Seiyukai majority party in the house is willing to adopt a wait-and-see policy. Consequently the Kensei Kai minority which had hoped to effect an opposition combination, is powerless for the present. There seems every reason to believe the tenseness of the situation has been relieved and that the allied interests against German and Austrian influence in Siberia, completed a long time ago, will be carried out without excitement.

As far as Japan is concerned, every detail for putting the plan into execution already has been arranged.

Lenine May Declare War
LONDON, Aug. 6.—It is reported from Moscow by way of Berlin that the Bolshevik government in Russia is considering a declaration of war against Japan, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Official announcement was made today of the landing of allied forces, naval and military, at Archangel, on August 2. The landing was in concurrence with the wishes of the Russian people, it is said, and caused general enthusiasm.

ITALIAN ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON FRONT

ROME, Aug. 6.—The official statement issued by the war office today reads: "On the Asiago plateau in the Monte Grappa region and along the lower Piave there has been greater artillery activity. Our batteries 'blew up' an army ammunition dump along the river."

"On the Pirge Islets, our patriots have recovered a quantity of war material which was abandoned by the enemy."

"Six hostile captive balloons have been shot down."

RUSSIAN GOVERNOR IS NOW A PORTER

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 6.—The former governor of Petrikau, a Russian nobleman named Essen, who was once vice-governor-general of Warsaw, is now porter at the railroad station of Kaluga.

BRINGING HOME THE BACON



HUNS SHOOTING LIQUID FIRE AT YANKS AT FISMES

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Monday, Aug. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—In the capture of the Fismes, American troops took 17 guns. Some of the German artillerymen also were captured.

The Americans who captured Fismes were members of the same organization that occupied Conloges, Cohan and Dravigny during the advance north from the Marne.

At Cohan all the civilians left behind in the French retreat last spring were found in the village church. They had been kept under guard there by the Germans. Most of the civilians were old men, women and children.

The Germans facing the Americans along the Vesle increased the intensity of the artillery fire late today. The Germans also employed flame projectors and machine guns. The American lines were subjected to a severe fire, and the enemy raked the hill tops with various kinds of gas shells. The big gun duel soon became so violent that observation was difficult and maps had to be used.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY ENDS FAMILY QUARREL

DALLAS, Ore., Aug. 6.—William Crane, a farmer living near here, James Crane, a son, and Mrs. Claude Crane, wife of another son, were found dead at their home by Claude Crane when he returned from work in the fields. All had been shot to death. The bodies were lying near an auto which was loaded with the belongings of James Crane, as if for departure. The bodies were brought here today and an inquest was held. The verdict was that James Crane and Mrs. Crane had been slain by William Crane, and that the farmer had committed suicide. Evidence was presented at the inquest detailing that there had been much strife in the family.

EXTREME HEAT CAUSES MANY DEATHS IN EAST

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Four deaths and a score of prostrations resulted today from a continuation of the heat wave which last night drove thousands of tenement dwellers to the parks and beaches for relief.

Two persons sleeping on fire escapes fell to their deaths.

Six Dead in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6.—Six deaths were today officially attributed to the heat. There were also a number of prostrations. Among the dead is Mrs. Addie Dimack, 70 years of age, of Oregon City, Ore., who died from heat prostration while entering the city on a train last night.

Four Dead in Chicago

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Chicago's hot wave continued today and the weather forecaster says there is no immediate relief in sight. The lowest temperature since midnight was 82 degrees. At 1 p. m. the thermometer rose to 98 and was still climbing.

Four deaths and a large number of prostrations from heat were reported today.

One Dead, Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Intense heat coupled with a high percentage of humidity caused more than one hundred prostrations among the Hog Island shipyard workers. About one quarter of the cases were classed as serious. One death and many prostrations were reported in the city.

Detroit Breaks Records

DETROIT, Aug. 6.—All high temperature records of the weather bureau here were broken when an official reading atop a high office building showed 105 degrees at 2 o'clock. At the street the government clock registered 113.

Kaiser Threatens Holland Once More

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 6.—The Kaiser is said to have asserted that Germany will assume military control of the Netherlands early in August.

THREE DEAD AS RESULT OF DAKOTA LOVE TRIANGLE

CANONVA, S. D., Aug. 6.—Three persons are dead as the result of the mysterious shooting in the Royal Hotel here last night. They are: Mrs. F. Dexter, wife of a Canonva banker; J. R. Williams of Anderson, Mo., or Cedar Bluffs, Neb., and a woman supposed to be Williams' wife.

Mrs. Dexter and J. R. Williams died almost instantly and the Williams woman died during the night.

Williams is believed to have ended his own life after fatally wounding Mrs. Dexter. Whether Mrs. Williams shot herself or was hit by a bullet from the gun in the hand of Mrs. Dexter's slayer is unknown. Mr. Dexter has not been able to throw any light on the triple tragedy. The only witness to the shooting was a boy who came here with the Williams' late yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Dexter who prior to her marriage to the Canonva banker, last November was known as Mrs. Williams, is believed to be the former wife of J. R. Williams.

SUBMARINE SINKS SHIP OFF NOVA SCOTIA

A CANADIAN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 6.—The British schooner Gladys J. Holland has been sunk by a German submarine. The crew landed today at a Nova Scotian town. They said the attack took place yesterday morning.

BRITISH OFFICERS ESCAPE HUN CAMP

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 6.—Twenty British officers recently escaped from a prisoners' camp at Holmbeek, according to the Osnabruck Tageblatt and are still at large. A big reward has been offered for their capture.

MAN-POWER TO WIN WAR SAYS VIENNA PAPER

Numerical Superiority of Entente Increasing Daily—Austria Filled With Gloomy Apprehensions—French Spirit United With Organizing Ability of America Invincible.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—That man power will be the determining factor in the war and that it is incontrovertible that the numerical superiority of the entente is increasing daily are two admissions publicly made in Austria which have caused great despondency throughout the empire, according to advices reaching Washington today through official channels. The admissions are made in the Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna, which states that the French and allied victory on the west front has visibly produced a profound impression among the people. The paper states:

Different Than Russians
"The assaults of the allies against our new front have in no way diminished in intensity. That is a fact which gives one cause to think. With adversaries like the Russians, the technical superiority of the Germans, was such that the numerical superiority of the Russians was no importance. On the west the situation is quite different. Do not let us forget that the French and the Anglo-Saxons are side by side with the Germans the most civilized peoples in the world and that they are in a position to turn all modern technical inventions to their own profit. On the other hand, let us take into consideration the invincible spirit which animates the French soldier, the tradition of victory and glory which only these last few years German history has somewhat tarnished."

Man Power to Win
"The spirit of the French army united with the powerful organizing ability of America, gives a value to the armies of the entente at the very least equal to that of Germany. One must, therefore, admit that in the west those factors which military and technical value represent do not henceforth play any role. Those are the advantages which have become neutralized. It, therefore, results in contradiction to what happened on the eastern front, that the decisive factor in this war will be man power. Now it is incontrovertible that the numerical superiority of the entente is increasing every day."

That the conclusion of the article was still more alarming is manifest from the fact that the Austrian censor suppressed it, although he allowed the publication of the matter quoted above.

ZEPPELIN RAID PROVES FAILURE

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The attempted raid by German Zeppelins on the east Anglian coast last night proved to be a complete fiasco, according to reports thus far received. British fliers were ready for the visitors and met them well out at sea, bringing down one in flames, damaging a second and driving a third away. What happened to the other two is not disclosed in the official statement. The fact, however, that the report said "Zeppelins crossed the coast" is ground for the presumption that these did reach land.

There is no evidence yet that they dropped any bombs.

PACIFIST FLEES FROM GERMANY BY AIRPLANE

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 6.—Professor Nueloh, a German pacifist who was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for writing a pacifist book on the "psychology of the war," escaped into Denmark by airplane.

CRAZED WOMAN THREW BABY TO HUN SUBMARINE

Baby Proved to Be a Bomb That Destroyed U-Boat—Haystack Proves Concealed Battery—Revelations Concerning Work of British Mystery Ships Which Gets Divers.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Revelation regarding the work of British mystery ships which have played an important part in anti-submarine warfare are made by the naval correspondent of the Times.

Until this week the public has known nothing about the mystery ships, known in the navy as the "Q" ships, although several officers, notably Captain Gordon Campbell, have been decorated for services on these vessels. Details now can be made public as the Germans are becoming aware of the methods thru bitter experiences.

Woman and Baby
How a "woman and baby" accounted for a U-boat is told by the correspondent. The submarine ordered a vessel to surrender and fired a few shells into her. The boats then left the ship, leaving on board a woman who ran up and down the deck with a baby in her arms as if mad. The U-boat came alongside the vessel and the woman hurled the "baby" into the open hatch. The "baby" exploded and blew out the bottom of the submarine. The "woman" was decorated with the Victoria cross.

In addition to the woman and baby" case, the correspondent mentions the story of a retired admiral, serving as a captain, who placed a haystack on board an ancient looking craft. When the U-boat ordered her to surrender, the Germans were astonished to receive a broadside from the haystack.

Sunk by Tramp
On one occasion a seavorn tramp steamer was crossing the North sea when a submarine ordered the crew to abandon ship. So sure was the German of his prey that the bombs with which he intended to sink the vessel were brought on deck around the conning tower. It required only a shell or two from the tramp's concealed armament to explode the bombs and blow the U-boat out of the water.

Captain Gordon O. Campbell, then a commander, was decorated with the Victoria Cross and the D. S. O. in 1916, being the first to receive these orders without the nature of his heroic act being made public. It was announced early in 1917 that the reason for his decorations would be made public after the war.

Captain Campbell gained the military cross for bravery in handling a tank when that weapon was first used by the British in the summer of 1916.

PLAN TO STABILIZE OIL FUEL PRICES

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—Stabilization of oil fuel prices west of the Rocky mountains and other matters vital to the oil industry are to be discussed at a meeting of California oil producers with Professor D. M. Folsom, state oil administrator, in Los Angeles on Thursday. Prof. Folsom announced here today.

WHAT YANK THINKS OF ENGLISH TOBACCO

LONDON, Aug. 6.—English Sam's boys are crazy about English tobacco. Here's what one had to say about it: "Gee, your tobacco's the finest junk ever cropped. A nation that can smoke it and live can never be beaten, now. Your half-dollar cigars are worse than a two-cent east side stinker. Thank heaven, the president is sending us some genu-wine tobacco."