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ALLIES FORCE CROSSING OF VESLE RIVER

FIGHTING YANKS REPEL ATTACKS NEAR BRAISNE

Enemy Driven Back, Counter Attacks—and is Repulsed—Allies Bring On Big Guns for Renewal of Drive—Local Operations in Progress Along Line Result in Allied Advantages.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT, Aug. 7, 2:30 p. m.—(By the Associated Press.)—Franco-American forces were thrown across the Vesle river last evening and forced the enemy back.

The crossing was effected east of Braisne. The enemy attacked there and 100 prisoners were taken. Shortly afterward the Germans launched a counter attack with a heavy artillery barrage, but could not dislodge the allies, who stuck to the positions they had won.

The enemy appears to have striven forces in this neighborhood.

On the remainder of the front there was comparative calm, except for artillery fire.

Bring Up Big Guns

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 7.—Artillery duels and patrol actions continue while the allies and Germans make ready for future operations. Indications point to a resumption of fighting on this line within a few hours.

It was to be expected that several days would elapse before the allies could be in shape to renew their offensive. Bad weather has hampered the movement of guns and reinforcements as well as aerial scout work. Rains is reported to have fallen along the battle front Tuesday afternoon.

When infantry fighting does reopen it will probably mark a new phase in the year's campaign. The Marne pocket has been cleared of the enemy and the crown prince defeated. Premier Clemenceau announces that the German losses included 35,000 prisoners and 700 guns.

Fighting Is Bitter

Intense bitterness has marked what little fighting there has been between Soissons and Rheims. The American forces in Fismes and north of the river have been subjected to heavy bombardments, but have held on. West of Fismes Tuesday a German battalion prepared to attack American bridge-builders along the Vesle. The entire force was wiped out by American machine gunners.

Southwest of Morlaireourt the Germans took some ground recently won by Australians astride the Bray-Corbier road. This morning British counter attack won back the positions. Some of the enemy troops were taken. London claims that all the objectives fixed for the counter attack have been secured.

Advance in Flanders

British troops at the apex of the German salient in Flanders have pushed forward still farther on a front of 2,000 yards in the Pascaut wood.

American troops in the Woëvre have repulsed two German raids. On the remainder of the western front there has been no activity. Heavy artillery duels are in progress on the Italian mountain front and in Macedonia.

ALLEN NOMINATED KANSAS PRIMARIES

TOPEKA, Kas., Aug. 7.—Governor Arthur Capper and Henry J. Allen are far in the lead for the republican nominations for United States senator and governor, as the result of yesterday's primary.

Late returns indicated W. C. Landon had defeated Harry Gray for the democratic nomination for governor, but Gray's supporters insist final figures will change the situation.

United States Senator William Howard Thompson, apparently has been renominated by the democrats over George Marble.

HIT BRITAIN BY LAND AND WATER GERMAN PLAN

Gigantic Effort to Restore Teuto. Morale by Attacking British Front in Conjunction With German Fleet Reported as Ludendorff's Plan—Local Gains Made Along Front.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff, in order to stimulate the depressed morale at home, intend to strike a blow against the British front in conjunction with the German fleet, usually well informed sources here insist. An order issued by the new chief of the German admiralty staff, Admiral Scheer, is said to express the wish that the fleet attack the British naval forces.

The Germans, it is believed, are putting their heavy artillery in place and digging themselves in between the Vesle and the Aisne to defend their positions as long as possible. The allies are obliged to bring up their heavy guns before pressing the offensive.

Gains Along Front

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Along the Vesle the French continue to repulse German attacks, especially Braisne and Soissons. The war office announced that 100 prisoners have been captured east of Braisne.

The Germans today made a local attack east of the French position south of Auberville, in Champagne. They were repulsed. French troops last night made further gains in the Montdidier region.

In the fighting near the Vesle the French occupied the station of Ciry-Salsogne, just west of the bend in the Vesle where it turns northward to join the Aisne.

British Regain Ground

LONDON, Aug. 7.—In an attack carried this morning southwest of Morlaireourt the British regained the ground taken from them by the Germans yesterday along the Bray-Corbier road, north of the Somme.

The German line astride the Clarence river, on the Flanders front, has been abandoned a short distance, says today's war office announcement. A few prisoners were taken during the course of the operation.

SCORES OF GERMAN TROOPS DESERTING

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Aug. 7.—Desertion from the military and naval forces is rampant in Germany. Soldiers are quitting the arm by the score at the first opportunity that presents itself according to stories in the German newspapers.

The government has issued proclamations warning the public and the army that it will take stern measures to prevent further desertions, and hinting that desertions and escapes of British and French war prisoners are being facilitated by civilians, who do not shrink from helping men to flee the country if they can make a few marks by it.

Help is said to be rendered by furnishing deserters with clothes, cash, "safe conducts" to the frontiers and other ways. The government reminds the public that "smuggling of human beings" is tantamount to treason and will be ruthlessly dealt with.

"MITROPA" CAUSES GERMAN SQUABBLE

BERNE, Aug. 7.—A typical German squabble is before the courts over the right to the word "Mitropa," an abbreviation of "Mittel Europa." The German sleeping car company, which operates the Balkan express, adopted the word as a trade mark and seeks an injunction against a railway concern which is using it for trade purposes.



This is one of the first photographs to arrive in America showing American heavy artillery on the western front. These guns probably are now in action bombarding the Huns across the Vesle river.

GERMAN SAILORS REVOLT BECAUSE OF U-BOAT WAR

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Rumors of a revolt by German sailors at Wilhelmshaven in protest against establishment of the submarine war are in circulation, according to a dispatch to the Express from Amsterdam. It is reported that propagandists among the men incited sailors about to leave on submarine cruises to attack their officers and surrender their ships or seek an opportunity to sink them and set themselves adrift in neutral harbors. More than 50 submarines are said to have disappeared.

Twenty-three of the ringleaders of the revolt are reported to have been arrested and sentenced to death.

The correspondent who sent the reports admits that the stories are conflicting and are facts difficult to ascertain.

The recent resignation of Admiral von Holtzendorff as chief of the naval staff is declared to have been connected with the scandal.

TELEGRAPH LINES TO BE MERGED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Postmaster General Burleson announced today that one of the first effects of government control of telephones and telegraphs probably would be the re-organization and consolidation of competing systems wherever possible.

Negotiations were already under way for consolidating a number of competing telephone systems when the government assumed control. The postmaster general will not disturb these negotiations. When an agreement is reached between the companies it will be submitted to the post-office department for approval. The postmaster general says there is no objection to the companies taking up additional negotiations subject to approval.

INCREASED RATES ON SHIPPING NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Increased rates on newspapers and other publications, registered by second class mail by the postal service were asked of the interstate commerce commission today by the American Railway Express company, the express combine formed under government auspices.

ENGLAND BUYS 20,000 HORSES IN 7 MONTHS

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Nearly 20,000 horses and mules have been purchased by the British government for the army this year, but the army's needs have not yet been filled. Most of the horses were purchased in the United States.

U. S. ARMY OF FIVE MILLION IS PRESIDENTS PLAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—In urging enactment of the administration man power bill extending draft ages to from 18 to 45 years, General March told the senate military committee today that the war department plans an army of approximately 5,000,000 men to be raised as soon as possible.

General March said he did not believe it necessary to recall congress before the present recess plan expires on August 24, providing the bill could be reported at that time.

About July 30 General March said the United States reached a decision to enlarge its military program to carry out the policies agreed upon at the recent inter-allied conference at Paris to speed up prosecution of the war and bring it to an early conclusion.

From General March's testimony and other information received the committee has gained the impression that it is proposed that youths between 18 and 20 years of age shall be kept in this country until the last. Senator Chamberlain announced that either Secretary Daniels or Admiral Benson would be asked to appear tomorrow before the committee to discuss the advisability of extending the draft system to the navy.

General March said the shipment of men overseas would be continued according to the program now in effect for the present.

FOLK DEFEATS SENATOR WILFLEY

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—Former Governor Folk yesterday defeated Senator Xenophon P. Wilfley for the democratic nomination for United States senator, incomplete returns from the state indicate. Selden P. Spencer of St. Louis defeated Jay L. Torrey of Fruitville on the republican side.

All congressmen apparently were renominated with the exception of Dorsey W. Shackelford in the Eighth district, who was defeated by William L. Nelson of Columbia and Congressman Burland of the Fifth district, who was defeated by W. T. Bland.

NO SENSE OF HUMOR IN ENGLISH? READ ON!

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The salvaging campaign has produced some funny stories. One man asked his barber what he did with the lather when it came off his face. "Throw it away," was the reply. "What! Don't you know you can get \$25 an ounce for bits of lather that come off the brush? They're used in making explosives!" The barber laboriously offered a quantity of bristles and took them to an address his customer had given him. "Yes, we buy bristles," he was told, "but I want them tied up in bundles of 50."

NEWSPAPER HELD TO BE NON-ESSENTIAL WAR INDUSTRY

WATERLOO, Iowa, Aug. 7.—Thirty employes of a newspaper here, including men in all departments, today were notified by the Waterloo exemption board that they must either engage in a productive occupation or be placed in class one of the draft.

The business manager of the newspaper intimated today that he would appeal.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Newspaper's work never has been included among the non-essential occupations outlined in the "work or fight" order, nor has it been the intention of the provost marshal general's department that men legitimately employed in publishing newspapers should be required to seek other occupations. Officers connected with the administration of the draft law regulations today expressed surprise at the ruling of the board at Waterloo, Iowa, that employes of a paper there should seek more productive employment or be called into military service. They said the action of the local board probably would be overturned by the district board to which it will be appealed.

HUNTING BIG GAME SHOT AT AUTOMOBILE

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Aug. 7.—Failing in a hunt for "big game," and "itching" to use the shotgun he was carrying, Herman Boergne, 13, shot from ambush on passing automobilists near here yesterday, according to his statement to Sheriff Howard Trafant, and wounded Mrs. Marceline Kirby of Madrone, Santa Clara county, in the arm.

Mrs. Kirby was taken to a hospital at Watsonville and Boergne to the county jail here.

COPPER PRICE FIXED AT 26 CENTS POUND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The maximum price of copper will remain 26 cents a pound until November 1 thru an agreement understood to have been reached today between the price-fixing committee of the war industries board and copper producers, subject to approval by President Wilson.

MEAT AND BUTTER SCARCE IN SWEDEN

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The food situation in Sweden is worse than most people realize. Milk is rationed to four-fifths of a pint a week; there are eggs and little butter; meat is scarce and the supply of potatoes, which comes from Germany, is inadequate.

GRAVES TO LEAD YANKEE ARMY SENT SIBERIA

No Unit Allied Commander Yet Selected—Troops in Philippines Sent at Once—Others Follow From Here—Allies Land at Archangel and Vladivostok—Czechs Forced Back.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Major General William S. Graves, commanding the eighth division at Camp Fremont, California, has been assigned to command American troops ordered to Siberia, General March, chief of staff, announced today.

The nucleus of the American forces sent to Siberia, General March said, would be the 7th and 31 regular regiments on duty in the Philippines, which would be supplemented later by troops from the United States.

No commander for the joint allied forces in Siberia has yet been selected, General March said, nor the necessary agreement for the appointment of such a commander formulated.

The object of the expedition is confined strictly to the announcement made recently by President Wilson through the state department, the general added, and is not for the purpose of establishing an eastern front.

Czechs Retiring

SHANGHAI, Aug. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Czech-Slovak troops along the Ussuri river north of Vladivostok are retiring under pressure of superior forces, it is said in advices from Vladivostok.

HARBIN, Manchuria, Saturday, Aug. 3.—(By the Associated Press, Siberia.)—General Semenov, leader of anti-Bolshevik forces in Siberia, has withdrawn somewhat on the trans-Siberian line towards Vladivostok, his corps now being between Khabarov and Manchuria station. They are awaiting the arrival of the Czech-Slovaks.

Austro-German reinforcements are reported arriving on the Manchurian and Nikolisk fronts. The prospects of active co-operation against the Germans is uniting the Russians.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 3.—British troops landed at Vladivostok at dawn today, says a dispatch from that city. They received a friendly reception.

Allies at Archangel

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A Russian government wireless message received here says:

At Archangel British and French troops have landed. They are advancing along the railway. Our staff is at Odozerskaya (100 miles south of Archangel).

"On the Czech-Slovak front the Czechs have captured Novo Nikolaisk, Ekaterinburg and Simbirsk. We have retreated to Povernoy. We are sending reinforcements toward Kazan and Simbirsk. Today the Czech Slovaks shelled Kazan."

Francis in Lapland KANDALASKA, Russian Lapland, (Continued on Page Six.)

JAPANESE CAPTAIN LOST OVERBOARD

A PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 7.—Captain Yamamoto, master of the Japanese steamer Canada Maru, which was recently pulled off the rocks, was lost today, according to a message received by the local police from a salvage tug which is towing the Canada Maru to a drydock.

No details were given in the message. The police were asked to send a launch to search for the missing skipper.

Captain Yamamoto was a veteran of the Japanese-American wars. The recent mishap to the Canada Maru was said to be the first to happen to any boat under his care.

150 U-BOATS DESTROYED BY ALLIED NAVY

Lloyd George Says Germany Given Set Back but Not Exhausted, Still a Menace but Likelihood of German Victory Diminishing—No Peace With War Lords in Control.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—General Foch by his counter strike has driven the enemy back, and although the danger was not over, "he would be a sanguine man on the German general staff who would now predict that Germany could obtain a military victory," said Premier Lloyd George today. The premier characterized General Foch's counter offensive as "one of the most brilliant in the annals of the war."

The Germans, declared the premier, had attempted their land offensive because the submarine had failed.

Mr. Lloyd George stated that during the month of July 305,000 American troops had been brought over, 185,000 of them in British ships.

Over Six Million Raised

Since August, 1914, including those already with the colors, Great Britain alone, said the premier, had raised for the army and navy 6,250,000 men, for the most part voluntarily. The dominions had contributed 1,000,000 men and India 1,250,000 men. One hundred and fifty German submarines have been destroyed, Mr. Lloyd George announced, more than half of them in the last year.

Until all the allies were defeated at sea, Mr. Lloyd George declared, Germany could never triumph.

The premier was speaking in the house of commons, making a statement on the war situation. The house will adjourn tomorrow until October 15. Mr. Lloyd George said that the people who had made the war were still in evidence and they could not have peace so long as they were predominating in the councils of the enemy. Everyone wanted peace, the premier added, but it must be a peace that was just and desirable,—one with power behind it.

Huns Still Formidable

The premier declared it was too early to say the German effort has been exhausted. The Germans still had powerful forces in reserve, he pointed out, but it was not too early to say that the chance which they had on March 21 would not again present itself.

The American army, the premier said, would soon be not far short of the German army itself.

Doubling with the German offensive against the British, Mr. Lloyd George said at first there were many anxious moments and the losses were considerable in men and material. But in a month, before the battle was over, he added, 355,000 men had been sent across the channel to take the places of those lost, and in six weeks the Germans had been hurled back and fought to a standstill.

Germans Disillusioned

The German people and Germany's allies were beginning to be disillusioned, the premier continued. In March, Germany was promising great things, and the peace tentacles on her allies were withdrawn. Her promise, however, he pointed out, had failed, and the German harvest was short, although militarily the Germans had been at the height of their power.

Russia, said the premier, had become a log to the feet of Germany. The Russian people, however, had re-

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SERIOUS FOOD RIOTS REPORTED IN SPAIN

GUADALAJARA, Spain, Aug. 7.—Serious outbreaks have occurred here owing to the high cost of living and the poor quality of bread. Shots have been exchanged between the demonstrators and the police.