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BRILLIANT AMERICAN OFFENSIVE DRIVES HUNS FROM BALLEAU WOOD

MANY PRISONERS FALL INTO HANDS OF OUR SOLDIERS

One Yankee Trooper Takes Eighty-Three Germans Single-Handed

ENEMY LOSSES HEAVY IN DEAD AND WOUNDED

Americans Make More Secure Positions That Defend Road to Paris

By Lowell Mellett
(United Press staff correspondent)

With the Americans on the Marne, June 26.—(10:35 a. m.)—The Americans took the remainder of Belleau wood last night.

The German losses in killed and wounded were very heavy. They also lost at least 221 prisoners, including a captain and six other officers. The Americans captured many machine guns.

In this action the Americans further threatened the apex of the German drive toward Paris. They now completely hold the wood, the northern end of which has been in dispute since the Americans first halted the German rush three weeks ago.

The Germans desperately sought to retain the advantage of holding the wood without which a movement toward the Meaux is impossible. They literally crowded their part of the forest with machine guns.

Our success resulted from heavy shelling all day Tuesday, which was followed by an attack at five p. m. An hour and a half later the enemy was reported as attempting to leave the woods. They were swept by an enfilading machine gun fire, many fighting to the death, others surrendering.

At daybreak this morning Private Frank P. Lennart of Chicago marched into headquarters in charge of 78 German privates and five officers all of whom surrendered to him voluntarily after they had first taken him prisoner.

Lennart insisted he had promised his captain he'd take them in alone and had obtained consent to lead them out of the woods. This incident does not indicate the general nature of the fighting, which was most desperate. It lasted until midnight, when the Americans, aided by German prisoners, had dug in to maintain their gains, and an American unit in the open on the right had forced its way as far north as the point of the woods, completely straightening the line.

The Germans, with the exception of one captain, who knew before we did that we had him surrounded, fought

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British Airmen Cause Damage to Germans

London, June 26.—Great damage was done by British airmen in bombing raids on Karlsruhe, Saarbrucken and Offenberg yesterday morning, the air ministry announced today. four enemy planes were brought down, while three British machines are missing.

"On the morning of June 25 attacks were successfully carried out against the railway sidings and factories at Saarbrucken, the engine sheds and barracks at Offenberg and the explosives works and railway station at Karlsruhe," the statement said.

"Many direct hits were observed.

"In the course of many attacks by hostile airplanes on our machines two of the enemy were shot down and two others were driven down. Three of our machines are missing, one of which was forced to land within the enemy's lines with engine trouble."

FIFTY NAMES ON MARINE CASUALTY LIST REPORTED TODAY

Forty-Six Soldiers of the Sea Were Killed In Action In France

Washington, June 26.—Marine casualties reported today numbered fifty divided as follows:

Killed in action, 46; died of wounds 2; wounded in action, 2.

The list includes:

Killed in action:

First Sergeant E. T. Madsen, Denmark.

Gunnery Sergeant A. J. Rindeau Webster, Mass.

Sergeants W. E. Hensley, Morristown Ind.

D. A. Sullivan, Lowell, Mass.

Corporals J. K. Canfield, Cedar Grove, N. J.

R. V. Chaney, Oakland, Iowa.

M. M. Collier, Houston, Texas.

B. one, Detroit, Mich.

F. P. Dorris, Douglasville, Ga.

W. C. Ferris, New Baltimore, Mich.

A. M. Hargrove, Eastman, Ga.

S. Hellman, New Orleans, La.

E. J. Larsen, Manistee, Mich.

W. E. Lucas, Shadyside, Ohio.

R. Pellington, Montreal,

C. D. Looger, Glasford, Illinois.

Privates A. K. Axton, West Brownsville, Pa.

Artie Bennett, Clinton, Ill.

F. L. Cooper, Casopolis, Mich.

F. E. Ertts, Sorbank, Ohio.

A. N. Fauble, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

W. D. Fore, Brook Haven, Miss.

M. B. Freck, Hagerstown, Md.

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GENERAL PERSHING REPORTS NINETY-ONE CASUALTIES TODAY

Forty-Seven Killed In Action and Seven Others Died of Wounds

Washington, June 26.—General Pershing today reported ninety one casualties from the front, divided as follows:

Killed in action, 47; died of wounds, 7; died of disease, 3; died from aeroplane accident, 1; died from accidents or other causes, 4; severely wounded, 26, wounded, degree undetermined, 2; missing, 1.

The list includes:

Killed in action:

Lieutenants G. A. Ball, Monroe, N. C.

R. H. Flansburg, Lincoln, Neb.

J. B. Scarr, Kasbrouck Heights, N. J.

Sergeants B. Klein, Newark, N. J.

K. J. Ryan, Waterbury, Conn.

F. W. Spencer, Springfield, Mass.

Corporals G. L. Davidson, Pitsburgh Penn.

G. M. Herring, Kilu, Miss.

H. E. Hilt, Kena, W. Va.

N. Koengold, New York.

H. McCredie, New York,

A. Schmidt, Charleston, S. C.

R. A. Shelton, Holly Grove, Texas.

G. Tremblay, Holyoke, Mass.

R. E. Wilcox, Hendersonville, N.C.

Bugler J. Humiston, East Jafrey, N. H.

Mechanic J. H. Moore, Montezuma, Ind.

Privates A. Beckman, Milwaukee, Wis.

H. H. Blevins, Fresno, Cal.

K. L. Branshaw, Weston, Wis.

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Pretty Chinese Bride Asks Court for Divorce

Portland, Or., June 26.—Seventeen year old Alice Stone, winsome Chinese, and bride of F. A. Stone for five days, has filed petition for a divorce.

Meanwhile, the husband has arrived at Camp Lewis and is being measured for his first suit of khaki.

The couple was married in Vancouver, Wash., last week. Their parents did not know of the ceremony. The bride's parents immediately objected and obtained Stone's consent to a divorce.

Stone formerly was a newspaperman here. The bride is talented and her parents are wealthy.

LIMITS OF DRAFT ARE SATISFACTORY SAY WAR OFFICIALS

President Wilson Sees No Necessity to Broaden Present Scope of Law

CONGRESS WILL HEED WISH OF LEADERS

Secretary of War and Staff Heads Show That Army Material Is Plentiful

By L. C. Martin
(United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, June 26.—Secretary of War Baker today told the senate military committee that "for the present" the war department believes it would be better not to change the draft ages. This practically insures rejection of the pending amendment to broaden the ages from 21-31 to 20-40. Baker told the committee that his chief objection to changing the ages through the amendment to the army bill is that it is not based on a thoroughly worked out plan.

The change in plans for extending the draft age will not endanger deferred classes unless some grave exigency arises making it necessary to call

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Abe Martin

Th' "Win th' War Club" has disbanded as ther's no place t' hold a banquet. Miss Fawn Lipplacut has a new lisle dress fer th' Moots divorce case.

TAKING LITTLE STOCK IN GERMANY'S LATEST BID FOR PEACE TALK

Leaders In Neutral Countries May Take Occasion to Suggest Mediation

By Carl D. Groat
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, June 26.—Von Kuehlmann's latest peace offensive is regarded officially here like its predecessors—unacceptable and insincere.

State department and other authorities gave it scant though or discussion. They did make it clear, though that the United States will not hearken for a moment to such appeal, which apparently has the plunder of Russia as its foundation.

Allied diplomats used it as the text for further urgings in favor of Rusian intervention.

As predicted a few days ago by the United Press this latest peace offensive is intended evidently to lay the ground work for concessions in the west, provided Germany could have a free hand in the east.

Its attempt to lay the blame of starting the war upon Russia is considered a palpable foundation for a drive to annex Russia as a Teuton territory or exploit it under German control.

Neutral Leaders May Act

London, June 26.—Neutral leaders may seize upon the recent speeches of Foreign Secretary Balfour and Foreign Minister Von Kuehlmann as an excuse for proposing mediation, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Express today.

"It is understood that as a result of the Balfour and Von Kuehlmann speeches being considerd as an invitation for neutral mediation, proposing a reasonable peace, the queen of Holland, the kings of Spain and Scandinavia, the president of Switzerland, or the governments of these countries, may soon offer mediation," the dispatch said. "Neutral leaders already have conferred on the subject.

The dispatch quoted "reliable Dutch source," as the source of information

Hint For Peace Talk

Amsterdam, June 26.—There was a complete absence of enthusiasm both by the speaker and the audience during Foreign Minister Von Kuehlmann's speech in the reichstag, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Handelsblad.

"A spirit of pessimism and grim resolution," pervaded the house, the dispatch said. "Most of the speech was heard in silence."

Chancellor Von Hertling made a brief address in which he said that when he recently spoke concerning peace it was regarded by the allies as a symptom of weakness and a "crafty trap", the same dispatch said. When he spoke of Germany's "unmistakable will" he was

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ALEXANDER KERENSKY IS SAFE IN LONDON NOW

Appears Before British Labor Conference and Speaks In Behalf of Liberty

London, June 26.—"I am certain the Russian people shortly will join with you in the great cause of freedom," Alexander Kerensky, former Russian premier declared in an address at the British labor conference here today.

"I have just come from Moscow. My duty as a statesman and socialist is to tell the whole world that the Russian people are a democracy, fighting tyranny."

The labor conference overwhelmingly adopted a resolution abolishing the political truce with the British government.

Kerensky, who has variously been reported as dead, as en route to America and as organizing a new Russian revolution, since his overthrow by the bolsheviki, arrived in London on June 19. Only a few persons knew of his presence, which was not publicly known until today.

Disorder followed Kerensky's speech. A delegate demanded who Kerensky represented.

"We don't want any government plant here," he cried. "If Kerensky is allowed here, why not Troelstra (the Dutch socialist leader)?"

The chairman declared that such a question was "an insult and an outrage."

Kerensky was asked to address the conference more fully tomrrow, The conference voted almost unanimously to oust the delegate who demanded whom Kerensky represented.

Kerensky plans shortly to visit Paris then return to London before going to America.

"In spite of the horrors in Russia, created by the bolsheviki, I am hopeful of a prompt regeneration," Kerensky declared in an interview.

"The closest friendship of the allies and America is most necessary for Russia's future well being.

"I Believe the bolsheviki are working in the interests of Germany, but their days are numbered."

To Aid Russia.

Washington, June 26.—Inter-allied conferences on the problem of air for Russia were advancing rapidly today but it was stated on high authority that no definite policy has been agreed upon yesterday. President Wilson is still "of an open mind."

Announced arrival and departure

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ITALIANS EXTEND GAINS

Cleaning Up Battlefield and Gathering Vast Quantities of Artillery and War Materials—Counter Offensive In Mountain Region Results In Decisive Gains—Austrian Losses Are Placed at 250,000 by Italians

Rome, June 26.—Italian forces extended their gains at Caposile and repulsed several counter attacks, the Italian war office announced today.

"Yesterday, having reoccupied the bridgehead at Caposile, we extended it provoking numerous counter attacks," teh statement said. "We took 379 prisoners."

"We are clearing up the battlefield. A few hundred more prisoners have been taken. We are completely recuperating all our artillery, arms and material with an enormous quantity of Austrian material."

London, June 26.—The Italians have scored an important success in their northern counter offensive, it was learned authoriatively today.

In the Grappa sector, southwest of Monti Asolone, they advanced a mile.

London, June 26.—The Italians, striking northward into the Venetian mountains in conjunction with their counter offensive along the Piave, have won initial advantages, the night official statement show.

Heavy concentrations are aiding the Italians in this new drive. The Italian war office claimed successes on the Asiago plateau and in the Mont Grappa sector. Even in the Tonale Pass region near the Swiss frontier, the Italians defeated the enemy.

The west bank of the Piave has been entirely cleared of Austrians, Rome declared the enemy's last covering force surrendering.

The operations on all fronts won the Italians 3,060 additional prisoners.

The Austrian war office stated that the front between Asiago and the Piave is the zone of violent battles. "Bitter fighting" was reported at Monte Di Valbella, Asolone, Solapola, Col Del Ros-

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War Summary of United Press

1424th Day of the War; 98th Day of the Big Offensive

Italian Front.—The west bank of the Piave has been completely cleared of Austrians, the last rear guard surrendering after it had been nearly annihilated

The Italian drive northward is believed to be a defensive move to make the expected Austrian offensive in the mountain region more difficult. The enemy is reported to have concentrated all of its available reserves there.

The Austrian losses, now estimated at 250,000, are reported to include 20,000 drowned in the recent retreat across the Piave.

Marne Front.—American troops completed the capture of Belleau wood last night, inflicting heavy losses on the Germans and taking 221 prisoners and a number of machine guns.

Alsace Front.—The Americans have taken over a new sector in German territory near Lowelier and already have repulsed several raids.

Lorraine Front.—Germans heavily bombarded American positions on the Toul sector, using great quantities of gas. The French took prisoners in raids.

Picardy Front.—Enemy artillery bombarded British positions along the Ancre.

Flanders Front.—Germans shelled the British lines in the northern and western part of the front. The British made a successful raid west of Merville.

England.—Alexander Kerensky former Russian premier, after spending a few days in London, is reported to be en route to America

Hjalmar Branting, Swedish socialist leader, urged American socialists to back up President Wilson's war aims program.

Russia.—Central News quotes the Russian newspaper Vemia as saying the former czar was killed by Red Guards The Exchange Telegraph, quoting a Moscow dispatch, denies it.

Austria-Hungary.—Swiss dispatches declare the Austrian population is further downcast by the Italian victory on the Piave and has renewed its demand for immediate peace.

Where The Italians Are Driving Back The Austrians

ON THE NORTHERN FRONT THE AUSTRIANS SEEM TO BE BLOCKED; THERE WAS LITTLE MOVEMENT AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE DRIVE, UNTIL THE AUSTRIANS BEGUN TO RETREAT

CALLS ARE MADE FOR LARGE QUOTAS OF DRAFTED MEN

CALL ALMOST MILLION

Washington, June 26.—The war department is planning to call 877,000 men between August 1 and January 1 next, Senator Chamberlain told the senate this afternoon.

The calls by months follow:

August 300,000; September, 150,000; October, 150,000; November, 150,000; December, 125,000.

The 2,000 remaining troops will be replacement troops. These draft calls will entirely exhaust class one, Chamberlain declared.

Washington, June 26.—Draft calls announced by the provost marshal general during the last 24 hours show that at least 344,525 men will go to training camps during July.

Four calls totalling 124,525 men were announced today, in addition to the call for two hundred thousand issued last night.

Of the calls today, 33,259 whites are ordered to entrain July 5-9 and 21,255 whites are ordered to entrain July 15-19. Between July 16 and 20, a total of 45,000 negroes are ordered to entrain and 25,011 more between July 29 and 31.

White entrainment July 5-9 includes Oregon 1350, Fort McDowell; Wyoming 1000, Fort Logan, Colo.

White entrainment July 15-19 includes: California 1350, Fort McDowell; Colorado 718, Fort Logan; Wyoming 282, Fort Logan.

Colored entrainment July 16-20 includes: Iowa 400, Camp Dodge; Missouri 600, Camp Dodge and 1000 Camp Funston.