

ARTILLERY DUELS AND PATROL FIGHTS ALONG THE VESLE

Both Forces Getting Ready for Next Big Onslaught Which May Come in a Few Hours—Crown Prince Preparing for Desperate Effort to Check Allied Advance—Weather Hampers Movement of Guns and Supplies—Announced 35,000 German Prisoners and 700 Guns Have Been Captured—Americans in Woevre Repulse Two German Raids.

Paris, Aug. 7.—Along the Vesle the French continue to repulse German attacks, especially between Braisne and Soissons, the War Office announces. One hundred prisoners have been captured east of Braisne.

The Germans today made a local attack against the French position south of Auberive, in Champagne. They were repulsed.

French troops last night made further gains in the Montdidier region.

French troops last night in the Montdidier area gained ground south of Francourt and southeast of Montdidier, the War Office announced today.

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

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

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

Artillery duels and patrol actions continue along the Vesle front while the Allies and Germans make ready for future operations. Indications point to a resumption of fighting on this line within a few hours.

Whether the German crown prince will attempt a definite stand between the Vesle and the Aisne is not yet clear, but it seems apparent he is preparing for further efforts to check the Allied advance. His medium calibre guns are bombarding the Allied positions south of the Vesle intensely and he has been making strong efforts to dislodge the French and American troops holding bridgeheads on the north bank. All his attempts, however, have met with failure.

It was to be expected that several days would elapse before the Allies could be in shape to renew their offensive across the Vesle. The bad weather has hampered the movement of guns and reinforcements as well as aerial scout work. Rain is reported to have fallen again on the battle front Tuesday afternoon.

When infantry fighting does reopen in force, it probably will 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 seven hundred guns.

Interesting reports are received from Paris concerning the future plans of the German high command. Some observers there assert that the Germans will strike the British front simultaneously with an attack by the German fleet on the British fleet. Another report is that the Germans will shorten their lines on the western front for the special purpose of gaining more manpower from lack of which they are reported to be suffering severely.

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 from cannon and machine guns, but have held on. West of Fismes Tuesday a German battalion prepared to attack American bridgebuilders along the Vesle. The entire force was wiped out by American machine gunners.

Southwest of Morlancourt the Germans attacked yesterday and took some of the ground recently won by Australians astride the Bray-Corbic road. This morning the British counter attack, won back the positions. Some of the enemy troops were taken captive. London claims all the objectives fixed for the counter attack have been secured.

British troops at the apex of the German salient in Flanders have pushed forward their outposts still farther on a front of 2,000 yards in the Pacaut wood. Prisoners were captured by the British.

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

France has honored the Allied commander and victor in the present offensive by making him a Marshal of France. General Foch is the second to gain this distinction in this war, Marshal Joffre having received it for his victory in the battle of the Marne. General Pétain, the French commander, has been given the Military Medal by his government.

WOMEN WORKING IN WHEAT FIELDS

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 7.—As gleaners following behind the reapers, women are gathering wheat from the fields of Indiana, selling it to farmers at market prices and placing the money in a fund to establish a vocational school here for women and girls.

Mrs. Ethel C. Peters of Indianapolis is founder of the scheme which has met with approval of farmers. More than a hundred have volunteered to follow the reapers with sickles and knives and gather the wheat grain from knolls, corners and other spots missed by the machines.

FOOD CONDITIONS CRITICAL

Zurich, Aug. 7.—Food conditions in Vienna became more critical every month during the first half of 1918, according to an official report which has been issued there.

LIGHTSHIP TORPEDOED NEAR CAPE HATTERAS

DAMAGE SUIT OVER QUESTION OF OWNER'S RIGHTS

Holder of Five Year Lease Sues Property Owner For \$600.

Whether or not the owner of a building has the right to enter the premises after he has leased his property to another, and perform acts which are not only annoying, but cause actual damage is the question to be decided in a suit which was entered in the superior court today in which Alexander Feldman of Danbury is suing Harry Dick of the same place for damages of \$600. Property of Dick in Danbury is now under a \$700 attachment.

Dick is the owner of two buildings at 76 and 78 White street and in April of this year he leased this property to Alexander Feldman, where Feldman opened a liquor business. The lease was to run five years and gave the lessee jurisdiction of all property rights in the house such as the control of the water. All such minor details were included in the lease.

Not very long after the lessee took over the property, Dick came onto the property and with the aid of several of his employees he dug up a faucet in a sink and shut the water off. As the result of his act damage was done to Feldman to the amount of \$600, and this is the sum he is suing for. The case is returnable to the September term of the superior court.

48 SUFFRAGISTS UNDER ARREST

Police Quickly Break Up Demonstration by Women's Party.

Washington, Aug. 7.—A suffragist demonstration yesterday afternoon in Lafayette Square, opposite the White House, resulted in the arrest of forty-eight women who bore suffragist banners. The charges against the women are "obstructing the park." All those arrested were released on bail for their appearance in the Police Court today.

Although President Wilson has written letters recently to Senators opposed to nation-wide suffrage for women urging them to support the suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution, the demonstration was aimed at the President. One of the banners borne in the demonstration contained this legend:

"We protest against the continued disfranchisement of American women for which the President of the United States is responsible." About a hundred banners were carried by the women, who gathered around the statue of Lafayette, where the demonstration was held. The statue stands in Lafayette Square almost directly opposite one of the main gates of the White House grounds and in plain view of the Mansion.

LADIES TO MEET

The Ladies' Aid Society of the German Reformed church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the basement of the church, entrance on Chapel street. Entertainment will be given by these ladies, Mrs. William Boehlein, Mrs. John Gotsch, Mrs. Eliza Chaitos, and Mrs. Karl Hoehn. Friends as well as members are cordially invited to attend.

THREE DEAD IN EXPLOSION

Alton, Ill., Aug. 7.—The Graceton dynamite factory blew up this morning. At least three men are dead.

Diamond Shoals Lightship Falls Victim to Ruthlessness of the Hun.

CREW REACHES THE SHORE IN BOATS

U-Boat Approached Within Half a Mile of Shore, According to the Report.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The Diamond Shoals Lightship off Cape Hatteras, N. C., was shelled and sunk by an enemy submarine late yesterday, the Navy Department was today informed. The crew, who took to their boats, have reached shore safely.

The submarine came within a half mile of shore, according to the report which reached the Navy Department.

The Diamond Shoals Light Ship Station is one of the most famous guides to navigation in the world. Such vessels usually are manned by gray-beards and are of such a type as to be utterly helpless in the face of an enemy attack.

The attacking submarine probably was the one that sank the American tank steamer O. B. Jennings, one hundred miles off the Virginia coast several days ago. Her exploit in showing herself above water within half a mile of the Carolina shore, in an important shipping lane, where innumerable patrol boats are supposed to be plying, is one of the most daring since the unknown craft made their appearance on this side of the Atlantic.

The navy had received only meagre information when the statement was issued. The Diamond Shoals ship guards the outlet that leads to the graveyard of the Atlantic coast. The attack upon the lightship may represent a new phase of enemy submarine operations off the American coast, designed to hamper shipping by destruction of important navigation signals.

MAY CONSOLIDATE COMPETING LINES OF TELEPHONES

Postmaster General Burleson Makes Announcement of Plan Today.

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

Negotiations are already under way for consolidation of a number of competing telephone systems when the government assumed control. The postmaster general will not disturb these negotiations in any manner. When an agreement is reached between the companies it will be submitted to the Postoffice Department for approval.

Where no negotiations with a view of consolidation have yet begun the postmaster general says, there is no objection to the companies taking up negotiations with the understanding that any agreement reached will have to be approved.

DEAD GERMAN SAILORS SEEN

London, Aug. 7.—Fishermen arriving at harbors on the west coast of Denmark report having seen a large number of dead bodies of German seamen along this coast, says an Exchange Telegraph Telegram despatch from Copenhagen.

All the bodies had lifebelts on.

GERMAN SAILORS ARE AGAINST SUBMARINES

Those at Wilhelmshaven Are in Open Revolt Because of Continuance of This Brand of "Kultur"—Thought Due to Propaganda.

London, Aug. 7.—Rumors of a revolt by German sailors at Wilhelmshaven, in protest against continuation of the submarine war are in circulation, according to a despatch to the Express from Amsterdam.

CZECH TROOPS GAIN SUCCESS IN SIBERIA

London, Aug. 7.—Announcement of the landing of Allied troops at Archangel and of further successes for the Czechoslovakia is made in a Russian government wireless message received here. Describing the situation in the north and east, it says:

"At Archangel British and French have landed. They are advancing along the railway. Our staff is at Oderskaya (100 miles south of Archangel). On the Czechoslovak front after the fall of Samara and Ufa, the Czechs have captured Novo Nikolai-yeck, Ekaterinburg and Simbirsk. On the Don we have retreated to Ovrinno. We are sending reinforcements toward Kazan and Simbirsk. Today the Czechoslovakia shelled Kazan."

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 get themselves interned 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. Many others have been arrested at Kiel and elsewhere, it is added.

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

The men behind the movement, the accounts state, are revolutionary sailors who for some time past have been conducting propaganda with the object of stopping the submarine war because of the increased dangers.

The recent resignation of Admiral von Holtzendorff as chief of the naval staff is declared to have been connected with the scandal. Emperor Wilhelm, it is added, has abandoned an intended visit to the fleet at Wilhelmshaven this week because of the ferment there.

5,000,000 MEN WILL CONSTITUTE OUR NEW ARMY

Gen. March Urges Enactment of Administration Man Power Bill.

WANTS AGES 18 TO 45 YEARS

Says U. S. Has Decided to Speed Up Prosecution of War.

Washington, Aug. 7.—In urging enactment of the administration man-power bill extending draft ages to 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.

While realizing the importance of the measure, 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 force and to speed up prosecution of the war and bring it to an early conclusion.

Questioned by Senators regarding the apparent "change of front" of the War Department in its war program, General March told of the government's decision in accord with the Paris conference.

For the new program Secretary Baker and other officials concluded that there must be an extension of the draft ages.

While about three million new are under arms, army officials think there should be approximately five million men at home and in France. In order not to disturb the present draft system and to avoid calling men who had been given exemption, extension of the draft ages is necessary.

From General March's testimony and other information the committee has gained the impression that while all men between the ages of 18 and 45 would be subject to military duty under the new laws, it is proposed that those between 18 and 20 years old shall be kept in this country until the last.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Wadsworth that the draft system be extended to the navy, Senator Chamberlain announced that either Secretary Daniels or Admiral Benson would be asked to appear tomorrow before the committee to discuss the advisability of the subject.

FRENCH ORPHANS ADOPTED BY THE KNIGHT TEMPLARS

H. Wales Lines, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of United States, has received notice from Grand Master Lee S. Smith of Pittsburgh, that the Grand Encampment has decided to adopt 100 war orphans of France for two years. One hundred names of leading Knight Templars have been selected to stand as godfathers for these orphans and Mr. Lines is to be one of that number.

The cost of each orphan is \$72 for two years, and the chief requirement of each godfather is to receive and answer letters from godchild. The expense to be paid from the Grand Encampment by Grand Treasurer Lines. Each godfather is requested to write in French whenever possible or to have it translated but if this cannot be done to write anyway and the letter will be translated "over there."

Mr. Lines has not yet been told his godchild's name. This last action on the part of the Grand Encampment increases its total war disbursements to \$83,300. Treasurer Lines has already paid out \$76,000 for various war purposes on orders of Grand Master Smith as follows:

Relief of Americans stranded in Europe, about 2,000
Masonic war relief association, 8,000
Red Cross expenses, 21,000
Y. M. C. A. war expenses, 20,000
Liberty Loan Bonds, 25,000

French war orphans, 7,300
Total to date, \$83,300
Grand Master Smith is a Civil War veteran and has done an immense amount of patriotic service since the commencement of the war. He has received the enthusiastic support and commendation of the Knights Templar throughout the country.

FREIGHT TRAIN KILLS 2 PERSONS

Taunton, Mass., Aug. 7.—Fenacas G. Miniolga and Mrs. Tony Wymvich were killed and two others injured when an automobile containing five persons bound from this city for five hours in Boston ran into a freight train at a grade crossing here today.

ARRANGE FOR U. S. SOLDIERS

Nice, France, Aug. 7.—Extensive hospital arrangements for the use of American soldiers during the coming winter are being made in the French Riviera. The equipment provides for a total of 25,000 beds, of which 4,000 are at Cannes.

Several large hotels at Nice probably will be taken over for hospital purposes.

29 BRITISH OFFICERS ESCAPE

Amsterdam, Aug. 7.—Twenty-nine British officers recently escaped from a prisoner camp at Holmiden, according to the Osnabruck Tageblatt, and they are still at large. They made their escape through a subterranean passage which it took the officers nine months to dig.

A big reward has been offered by the commanding general in Hanover for their recapture.

965 CASUALTIES IN NINE LISTS

Names Piling Up So Fast New Method of Distribution is Being Planned.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Casualties of the Americans resulting from the victorious battle in the Marne salient are piling up in the War Department here and may result in a new method being devised for their dissemination.

Seven army lists were made public yesterday, with the War Department preparing still another list. Those made public yesterday comprised 817 names in addition, two Marine casualty lists were issued containing 148 names making a total for the day 965, exceeding by more than 200 those of Monday.

These lists, however, do not begin to represent the casualties already received from Gen. Pershing. In fact they do not even represent the casualties already received from Gen. Pershing. In fact they do not even represent the casualties received up to Monday morning. This means that the names which came over the cable since Monday morning have still to be made public, and meanwhile the cable is still telling of the toll of battle.

In making the lists public it was explained that the War Department had been guided largely by the capacity of the newspaper wires throughout the country to handle the names. But with the casualties piling up it was intimated that a change might be made which would facilitate matters.

The seven army lists contained the names of 104 killed in action, 423 wounded severely, 220 wounded to an extent undetermined, 20 died from wounds and 40 missing. Only one man was reported as having actually been taken prisoner by the Germans in the two days the heavy casualties of the battle have been coming.

Few officers appeared in yesterday's lists, the inference being that for a time the cable had concentrated on privates and non-commissioned officers either killed or wounded severely. There was one major killed, George J. Rau, and one lieutenant, Frank W. Elaton.

The marine casualties showed 7 killed in action, 3 dead from wounds, 18 severely wounded and 119 the degree of whose injuries was not determined.

The total for the two days in the army casualties is 563 killed in action, 473 wounded severely and 320 whose injuries were not determined. Not even Secretary Baker himself knows how long the battle casualties will continue to come, but the War Department is determined that a way shall be found by which they shall get into newspaper offices more quickly than by present methods.

YANKEES WIPE OUT BATTALION

Machine Gunners Guarding Bridge Builders Kill Entire Attacking Force.

With the American Army on the Vesle, Aug. 7.—American machine gunners, protecting a location on the Vesle, wiped out an entire battalion of German infantrymen and machine gunners yesterday. The Germans at the time were getting into position to attack a group of American bridge builders, who were approaching the location.

Some bridge material already had been moved near the south bank of the Vesle and the Germans, apparently discovering this fact, had sent a battalion to a hill position to prevent the Americans from carrying out their plan. A detachment of crack American machine gunners, however, previously had taken an elevated position commanding the location and opened fire when the Germans appeared.

Observers reported that they did not see a single German get away from the leaden hail, and according to the last accounts not even enemy stretcher bearers approached the scene. The Germans replied so feebly with their fire, because of the surprise, that there were no American casualties.

Late in the afternoon the Germans began using mustard gas, a gas which is so named from the odor given out by the gaseous substance. These gas attacks were in vain, because the American gas drills having taught the troops all the German tricks.

CONVICTS MALVY AND BANISHES HIM

Paris, Aug. 7.—Louis J. Malvy, former Minister of the Interior, was found guilty yesterday of holding communication with the enemy and was sentenced to five years' banishment. The sentence does not carry civic degradation.

The French Senate, sitting as the high court in executive session, by a vote of 101 to 80 reached an affirmative decision on the question whether malfeasance in office had taken place.

The judgment of the court will be carried out as soon as the Minister of Justice is formally notified of the verdict. Malvy will have the choice of the frontier by which he will leave France, and will be conducted thither by Police Inspectors. The former Minister forfeits his seat as a member of the Chamber of Deputies as a consequence of his condemnation.

The sentence of five years' banishment is the minimum for the offense under the penal code.

INDIA RAISING 500,000 SOLDIERS

London, Aug. 7.—Half a million combatants are being raised in India this year, it was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Edwin Samuel Montagu, the Secretary for India. Numerous non-combatants likewise were being employed.