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# FOCH HOLDS GAINS, PRESSES ON AT MERY; AMERICANS OUTFIGHT FIVE DIVISIONS

## REPORT THREE U BOATS SUNK OFF U. S. COAST SINCE SUNDAY; CHASER'S BOMB ROUTS ONE

Explosion of Depth Charge Followed by Spread of Oil as Raider Vanishes.

### THREE CAPS FLOAT UP.

Brazilian Reports Firing Off Jersey Coast—Briton Sights U Boat 250 Miles Out.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 12.—It is generally reported—and believed—in naval circles here that three U boats have been destroyed off the American coast since Sunday. One story tells of an American battleship striking a broadside into one of the undersea scavengers.

Quantities of wreckage at sea have been reported, and a destroyer is out trying to determine whether it is the remains of a U boat.

The Navy Department, however, declared it had no evidence to warrant an announcement at this time that any U boats had been sunk off our shores.

The Navy to-day made efforts to recover evidence of the sinking of a U boat by one of Uncle Sam's chasers off the Virginia coast Saturday. It is reported the caps of three German sailors were picked up near where the U boat was last seen. The U boat, according to the story told by naval men to-day, and the chaser on which they were serving, went at it the minute they met by accident. Instead of either trying to run, the two boats had a sort of game of tag. It was a revolving contest, in which they circled each other at a distance of 100 yards for several minutes.

The American boat was so fast that when the U boat would endeavor to cut her circles short by darting for one point, the chaser shot past her. Finally, when the circles became smaller and the American vessel was proceeding at full speed, probably twenty-five knots, the chaser launched a depth bomb.

There was a terrific explosion. The chaser was lifted out of the water. Her crew lost their footing and rolled about the deck.

The submarine disappeared. The periscope that had been visible was no longer to be seen.

There arose to the surface a large quantity of oil, and according to story not yet confirmed, the three caps.

## U BOATS ATTACK TWO STEAMERS OFF THE COAST OF VIRGINIA, BOTH ESCAPE

Pajos Shows Her Heels to Assailant, but Gunners on Noyes Answer Shot for Shot.

NORFOLK, Va., June 12.—Two steamers, the Walter D. Noyes and the Pajos, were attacked by German submarines off the Virginia coast Sunday afternoon and night. The Pajos was fired at by a U boat three miles off her starboard bow, which fired three shells. None came near hitting the steamer, which replied with two guns. The U boat was not hit, and, after following the Pajos half an hour, gave up the fight. The Pajos

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## NO NEW PEACE OFFER IN GERMAN STATEMENT

Announced That Declaration of Aims Will Not Include Proposal for Ending War.

LONDON, June 12.—In her forthcoming statement of war aims Germany does not intend to make any fresh peace offer, according to Berlin newspapers, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam.

## TWO BATTLESHIPS ARE TORPEDOED BY ITALIAN WARSHIPS

Small Craft Break Through Strong Convoy to Reach Austrians, and Escape.

ROME, June 12.—An official statement issued by the Italian Admiralty to-day says:

"At dawn on Monday near the Dalmatian Islands two small Italian torpedo boats under Commander Italo Luigi de Milazzo attacked an Austrian naval division consisting of two large battleships of the Viribus Unitis class, escorted by ten destroyers. Our units, having boldly broken through the line of destroyers, hit the leading battleship with two torpedoes and the other with one and returned to their base unscathed. One of the destroyers which pursued them was damaged seriously."

A recent cablegram said that the Italians were using a new type of vessel that had been called the "sea tank." It is driven by electricity. The daring raid on the Austrian naval base at Pola in which a battleship of the Viribus Unitis class was torpedoed is said to have been made by one of these freak vessels.

The Viribus Unitis class originally consisted of four vessels. They are of 25,000 tons displacement, carry twelve 12-inch and twelve 5.6-inch guns and have a complement of 962 to 988 men.

The Viribus Unitis was completed in October, 1912; the Tegethoff in July, 1913; the Prinz Eugen in May, 1914; and the Szech Istvan in 1915.

Only the four dreadnoughts of the Ersatz class, about 24,000 tons, are larger than these ships.

## LEGATION CLERK DETAINED IN CROWN JEWEL MYSTERY

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Investigation of the suspected plot to smuggle several hundred thousand dollars worth of so-called Russian crown jewels into this country has led to the detention in Dallas, Tex., of William Evans, formerly a clerk of the American Legation at Copenhagen, pending an inquiry into what disposition is made of a box bearing a legation seal which he brought back to this country a few weeks ago.

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## WHOLE OF AUSTRIA IN STATE OF SIEGE, REPORT TO ROME

Only a Few Districts Exempt—Mutinies at Pola Almost Daily.

LONDON, June 12.—Practically the whole of Austria has been declared in a state of siege, declared a Central News despatch from Rome to-day, quoting the Messagero. Only a few regions are exempt.

ROME, June 12.—Executions for mutiny and treason are almost daily occurrences among the Austrian naval forces at Pola, according to advices received here to-day. Forty marines were shot during the last week of May.

## CZECHO-SLOVAKS IN RUSSIA BATTLE TROOPS OF SOVIET

Fight Way Toward Vladivostok After Trotsky Orders Disarmament.

MOSCOW, Thursday, May 30. (By Associated Press).—As the result of an order by Leon Trotsky to disarm Czecho-Slovak troops who were endeavoring to travel to Vladivostok, and of directions which he gave to prevent their movement to that port, a serious outbreak occurred, culminating in violent clashes between Czecho-Slovak and Soviet troops in several places.

After defeating Soviet troops, the stations at Penza, in the Volga region, and boarded trains going in the direction of Chelyabinsk, which 12,000 Czecho-Slovaks are holding.

A battle also took place near Zlatoust, where the Czecho-Slovaks involved were obliged to abandon their train and force their way forward on foot. Government reinforcements are flowing in from all sides, and great efforts are being made to subdue the Czecho-Slovaks, as they are regarded as a serious menace, being well armed and possessing armored cars. In addition they are obtaining aid from anti-soviet elements.

AMSTERDAM, June 12.—If the Czecho-Slovak troops which fought in the Russian Army are permitted to leave Russia with arms and join the Entente forces, Russia will "endanger her dearly bought peace," says the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung.

The number of these troops, it is estimated, the newspaper says, is 150,000. These men, for the most part, went voluntarily over to Russia from the Austro-Hungarian Army and are distributed over Northeastern Russia. The newspaper says that the Soviet Government has not permitted their transfer, but adds that there is sympathy with the idea in Moscow.

It adds that for the Russian Government to consent to the plans would be a violation of neutrality.

## U. S. COAST ARTILLERY MAY DEFEND PARIS

Considerable Number of Fighters in This Branch of Service Is Already in France.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—American coast artillery, it was said on high authority to-day, may be assigned to aid in the defense of Paris if the Boche invaders get within range of the big guns before the capital.

## AUSONIA SUNK BY U BOAT; FORTY OF CREW MISSING

British Transport Torpedoed Far Out at Sea—Ninety Rescued by Another Steamer.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Official report of the sinking of the Cunard liner Ausonia, used as a British transport, was received by the Navy Department to-day. No American lives were involved, as far as the department knows. The steamer was torpedoed while westward bound.

A private cable despatch received here announces that the British transport Ausonia, on her way to the United States, has been torpedoed by a German submarine and that search is being made for forty officers and men who are missing.

Ninety of her crew of 130, according to the report, have been landed on the English coast after being picked up by an eastbound steamer.

The transport left a British port May 25 and was some hundreds of miles out in the Atlantic when attacked. No details of the sinking have been received. The Ausonia, owned by the Cunard line, was commanded by Capt. R. Capper, who before the war commanded the Pannonia.

While under convoy in June, 1917, off the English coast, the Ausonia was attacked and had her stern blown off by a torpedo, but managed to reach port. She was a steel vessel of 8,153 gross tonnage, built in 1907 for the Canadian passenger trade, had a speed of fourteen knots and was 456.6 feet long.

## JAPAN WILL DEFINE ATTITUDE TO RUSSIA

Preparing Formal Declaration as Outcome of Recent Conferences, London Hears.

LONDON, June 12.—As an outcome of recent conferences, Japan is preparing a declaration defining her attitude toward Russia, according to a Tien-Tsin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

"I am sure that if exigencies of the conflict require us to call upon our allies for fresh efforts Japan will live up to its obligations," Foreign Secretary Balfour declared to-day at a luncheon to the Japanese Mission.

Balfour also forecast an Allied economic war. He said that at a forthcoming conference German industrial and economic penetration will be discussed.

## LUG YOUR OWN TRUNK DOWNSTAIRS TO HELP THE U. S. WIN THE WAR

Express Company Eliminates Helper on Wagon and Forbids Driver Carrying Luggage.

BOSTON, June 12.—Travelers must handle their own trunks this summer. A fair forbidding employees to carry a trunk down a flight of stairs was issued to-day by the American Express Company.

The company explained that because of the war the helper on the wagon has been eliminated and the driver cannot carry a trunk downstairs alone.

## CROWN PRINCE RENEWS DRIVE BETWEEN SOISSONS AND MARNE

## MARINES COMPLETE CAPTURE OF BELLEAU WOOD IN BAYONET CHARGE AT 10 O'CLOCK TO-DAY

Seize the Last Machine Gun Stronghold—Prisoners Now Total 400—Sixty-two Machine Guns Taken.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE MARNE, June 12, 4.30 P.M. (United Press).—The possibility of a German advance in this sector has been practically eliminated through consolidation of the new American positions north and east of Belleau Wood.

The marines now solidly hold the wood, the last machine gun stronghold at its edge having been taken at the point of the bayonet at 10 o'clock this morning. The attacking party found the group of boulders filled with dead and wounded Prussians.

The total of prisoners taken in the wood and contiguous territory now has reached well above 400, with sixty-two machine guns, four trench mortars, a great number of rifles and a large quantity of ammunition.

The desire for taking prisoners was lessened late yesterday when a group of Germans came out of their shelters with hands up. Some machine recruits advanced to take them, whereupon hidden Germans cut loose with hand grenades. Those who offered to surrender are now non-combatants—but not prisoners. Fortunately, the hand grenades had little effect on the marines.

In the past two weeks, according to a prisoner, the 28th and 237th Prussian divisions, in this sector, lost from 40 to 50 per cent of their effectives (9,000 to 12,000 men)—half of these in the last three days.

One mound, which survived hours of artillery bombardment, proved the hardest obstacle in the marines' sweep through the wood. It involved some sacrifice of life.

## FIVE GERMAN DIVISIONS USED UP.

LONDON, June 12.—"The Germans are taking seriously the American thrust at the apex of their line in the Clignon valley (northwest of Chateau-Thierry) and thus far have used five divisions in attempting to counter it, but entirely without success," Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters telegraphs under Tuesday's date. Two fresh divisions were thrown at the American centre at Boursches this morning and a fruitless attempt was made to recapture the village.

## 122 NEW ENGLAND SOLDIERS RECEIVE FRENCH WAR CROSS

Chaplain Rollis Who Accompanied Men on Raid to Third German Line Among Them—All Branches of Service Represented.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN LOUISIANA, June 12 (United Press). One hundred and twenty-two New England soldiers late yesterday received the French war cross for exceptional heroism and devotion to duty on this front during the last six months.

Among those honored was Chaplain Lyman Rollis of Massachusetts, Mass., famous for his anti-profanity sermon, who participated in the raid on May 31, accompanying the men to the third German line. The others cited were:

MAJOR J. F. Hickey, U. S. Ordnance and Quartermaster; CAPT. A. H. Grosjean, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. J. J. Riley, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. F. O. Berline, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. W. W. Conroy, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. T. O. Holt, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. W. E. Johnson, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. D. E. Thillard, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. D. W. Wheat, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. R. O. Brady, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. H. M. McPherson, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. A. D. Guntzman, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. W. O. Shea, U. S. Cavalry; CAPT. D. Douday, U. S. Cavalry.

## Germans Thwarted in Efforts to Retake Ground Above the Aronde River and Drive South of the Matz—Big Battle Still in Progress.

PARIS, June 12.—The Germans, striking along the entire front from Montdidier to the Oise yesterday evening and last night, were blocked at every point by the desperate French resistance. The battle is still raging, the French War Office reported to-day.

Every bit of ground gained yesterday by Foch's smashing blows in the centre and on the left wing, fronts nearly twelve miles in length, is firmly held, and the enemy is still six miles from Compiègne, his immediate objective. The desperate character of the German effort is shown by the fact that one French division captured men belonging to four German divisions.

## GAINS HELD AGAINST VIOLENT ATTACKS.

Near the centre, along the Aronde River front, in the region of St. Maur, the Loge Farm and Antheuil, where Foch made gains yesterday, the French repulsed violent attacks by the enemy. On the French left, where the French also gained yesterday, additional progress was made by French troops in the region east of Mery and Genlis Wood. Despite repeated efforts the Germans on the French right were not able to debouch on the south bank of the Matz River. The French are holding in that part of the battle area south of Chevincourt and Marest-sur-Matz.

South of the Aisne, on the front between Soissons and the Marne, the Germans attacked this morning. Fighting is going on between the river and the Villers-Cotterets Forest. Violent combats are being fought on the front of Dommiers, Cutry, and south of Ambleny.

It was brought out in to-day's War Office report that the French counter-attack of yesterday was delivered at the moment the Germans were preparing for another powerful drive.

The fighting continues with unprecedented fury everywhere. The Germans, pressing their attacks with compact masses, are being mowed down by the Allied fire. When a position is recaptured by the French in a counter attack, the poilus have to advance over ground literally covered with German dead.

## CLEMENCEAU'S REASSURING STATEMENT.

A reassuring impression has been produced by a statement given in the Senate by Premier Clemenceau on the situation at the front. He said that decisive results had been obtained at certain points with minimum forces and minimum losses, while the enemy losses had been enormous.

He laid stress on the resources of the French Army, which at certain times had crushed the German offensive. Details of the admirable American effort to despatch new forces to France were given.

## U. S. TROOPS AID THE FRENCH BY ATTACK NEAR MONTDIDIER

Direct Harassing Fire South and Southwest of Western End of the New Battle Salient—Ready for Infantry Drive.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN PICARDY, Tuesday, June 11 (Associated Press).—American artillery aided the French in their counter attack against the Germans southwest and south of Montdidier to-day by directing a harassing fire against the enemy. Otherwise, the American troops have not been engaged in the battle between Montdidier and Nogon.

The Americans in the sector west of Montdidier are ready to assist in the fighting at the first opportunity.

The Germans made two minor raids against the American lines at Cantigny Monday night and were repulsed each time. One raiding party, which numbered forty, was routed by the revolver fire of the Americans.

On the right of the American sector German aviators have been