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PERSHING SENDS NO NEWS OF BATTLE. MARNE BATTLE IS SLOWED BY RAIN.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Little information reached the War Department today from Gen. Pershing concerning the progress of the great battle, in which more American troops are now engaged than in any battle since the war was born.

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By the Associated Press. WITH THE FRENCH FORCES IN FRANCE, July 17.—Gen. Gouraud, the hero of the Dardanelles, was the French commander who barred the advance of the German Crown Prince in the Champagne. It was he who, to the east of Rheims, in one day brought the host of Germans to a standstill.

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A semi-official report from Paris reads: "While the enemy losses were frightful, ours were quite light, especially east of Rheims. It would be most reassuring, whereas during the previous operations, we had to send for reinforcements from other parts of the front, this time those on the spot sufficed to sustain the attack."

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PARIS, July 17.—Ninety-four Germans were killed and seventy-four other Germans were wounded on the night of July 15-16 when five German aviators bombed a prisoners' camp in the region of Troyes, thirty miles behind the French battle front.

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PERSHING DESCRIBES FIGHTING ON MARNE. Raid on 1,000 Yard Front in Vosges Also Repulsed.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The War Department received today Gen. Pershing's reports describing the fighting of last Monday, July 16, and the morning of Tuesday, July 17, in the Vosges region. "East of Chateau Thierry, where the enemy succeeded this morning (Monday) in crossing the Marne on our front and gaining some ground, our troops counter attacked and drove the enemy back to the Marne, taking 500 prisoners."

NEW ADVANCE IN ALBANIA. Italians Make Further Progress North of Devoll River.

PARIS, July 17.—The War Office statement to-night dealing with operations in the Balkans says: "The usual artillery activity was displayed along the whole front. In Albania, our troops are making progress north of the Devoll River. We occupied the village of Meran, capturing about thirty prisoners."

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LENINE TO PART WITH ALLIES. Berlin Hears He Resents Landing Along Arctic.

AMSTERDAM, July 17.—Premier Lenin is about to break off diplomatic relations with Great Britain and any other Entente power connected with the landing of armed forces on the Murman coast, according to news said to have been received from Moscow by Berlin newspapers.

CONGRESSMEN REACH FRANCE. Party of Twelve Representatives to Visit Battle Front.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The party of American Congressmen which landed today at a French port includes Representatives Caraway and Tillman of Arkansas, Eliot of California, Young of North Dakota, Thompson and Chandler of Oklahoma, Sweet and Dowell of Iowa, Reavis of Nebraska and Eland of Indiana. The party sailed about two weeks ago and plans to visit England, France, Switzerland and Italy.

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ITALIANS' CAVALRY DASH TRAPS ENEMY. Regiment of Horse Enters. Foe's Lines and Takes Air-drome by Surprise.

OVERCOME MACHINE GUNS. Charge Into Town Routs Austrians and Wins Supplies and Prisoners.

By WARD PRICE. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN from the London Times. ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, July 17.—I have just received an enthusiastic message from Signor Albano, an Italian war correspondent, in which he says that during the recent operations which led to the capture of Boral, an important Austrian base in Albania, the gallant British also covered themselves with glory.

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