



FRENCH AND BRITISH HALT FIERCE GERMAN ASSAULTS FROM ARGONNE TO YPRES

Crown Prince's Army Again Repulsed in Attack on Verdun Defenses.

English Gunfire and Bayonets Prove Impenetrable Wall for Teutons' Charges on English Positions at Many Points of Battlefront.

Joffre Prepares for Great Offensive of Enemy—Galician Victors Rushed to Western Lines by Southern Route of Empire—Big Movement Expected.

PARIS, July 2.

Crown Prince Frederick William is continuing his efforts to pierce the French army in the Argonne region.

The communiqué issued by the war office this afternoon characterizes the fighting of last night in the Argonne as "most violent."

REPULSED BY ENGLISH. The Germans are counter-attacking desperately along the whole front extending from Arras north to Ypres.

Advancing from La Bassée, Prussian troops attempted to storm the English positions in the brickyards along the Bethune road.

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MEANING OF MOVES IN TODAY'S WAR NEWS

The Germans have taken the offensive in the West. This is clearly indicated in the continued assaults of the Crown Prince's army in the Argonne region and violent German attacks all along the Western line of defenses.

Russian resistance to a diversion of Mackensen's main army toward Cholm, an important railway center, dominating the Ivangorod-Warsaw system, indicates a sudden and sensational coup in the Warsaw drive.

Sleeping advance of the Austro-Germans in the South Poland invasion between the Bug and Vistula Rivers under Mackensen's progress in Linsingen's violent offensive along the Diester and Gula Lipa Rivers in Southeast Galicia are causing consternation in Petrograd and London.

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Some Slav strategists deem the force of the Galician offensive of the foe is spent and look for a turning movement directed at the Germans between the Bug and Vistula Rivers.

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THOUSANDS GET JOBS AT U. S. LABOR OFFICE; GOOD TIMES ON WAY

Immigration Commissioner in Charge of Intelligence Office Here Says 3000 That Were Jobless Now Have Work.

Positions Go Begging—War Orders Boom Labor Market. Bureau Unable to Fill Order for 1000 Machinists—Good Coconut Opener Wanted.

No better evidence of the prosperity wave now sweeping over the country can be obtained than at the local branch of the Federal Government's Labor Distribution Bureau, according to Immigration Commissioner Greenwalt, who has charge of its work.

Industrial establishments that have accepted large war orders have been calling on the bureau for both skilled and unskilled labor. A recent inquiry asked for 100 machinists, farm and ordinary laborers are in demand.

Applications are on file for two fishermen. Followers of Isaac Walton, who fish for pleasure and pastime, should be delighted with this opportunity of following their favorite sport and receiving pay for it at the same time.

THE DISQUALIFIED SOME. The stipulation made, however, is that the fishermen must be "experts." Just how they are going to judge the experts the Government employees decline to say.

One of the hardest positions to fill is that of coconut opener. A man capable of this work is wanted by a local chocolate concern. They say that coconut opening requires skill of a high order and cannot be done by everybody.

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GOVERNMENT, SEIZING TUCKERTON WIRELESS PLANT, OUSTS GERMANS

Radio Station, Most Powerful in World, Becomes Part of United States Naval Equipment—Censors Watch Messages.

Guards Exclude Visitors Who Formerly Had Access. Fence Surrounds Buildings and 860-foot Tower—Flashes Reach Europe.

TUCKERTON, N. J., July 2.—The great German-owned radio station, situated out on the meadows 4 1/2 miles from here, is under the absolute control of the United States Government.

There is not a German on the place, with the exception of Emil Mayers, formerly superintendent of the station when it was operated under the Goldschmidt Company, of Berlin, before the war started.

The plant, which is the most powerful in the world, and which is capable of sending a message from the shores of New Jersey to the heart of Germany, has been taken over by the Government as a naval station, similar to those at League Island and Sandy Hook.

Three weeks ago the station, with all its machinery and interesting apparatus.

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Under Uncle Sam's watchful eye Above is the 860-foot tower of the Tuckerton wireless station. Below are the American marines and operators who have replaced the Germans.

QUICK NEWS

WOMAN WILL ESCAPE ELECTRIC CHAIR ALBANY, N. Y., July 2.—It is learned authoritatively today that Governor Whitman will commute to life imprisonment the sentence of Mrs. Madeline Ferola, sentenced to die the week of August 2 for the murder of Carmelo Carmestrale.

SERVIANS MARCH TO JOIN MONTENEGRINS ROME, July 2.—Serbian forces are marching across Central Albania to effect a junction with the Montenegrins in a combined assault on the seaport city of Alessio, according to advices to the Montenegrin Legation this afternoon.

GERMAN AERODROME NEAR OSTEND REPORTED DESTROYED AMSTERDAM, July 2.—British aviators are reported to have destroyed the German aerodrome at Ghistelles, near Ostend, with 13 bombs.

AMBASSADOR PAGE'S DAUGHTER TO WED IN ROYAL CHAPEL LONDON, July 2.—King George today placed the royal chapel of St. James Palace at the disposal of W. H. Page, the United States Ambassador, for the marriage of his daughter on August 4.

RED CROSS SUPPLIES REACH MEXICO CITY GALVESTON, July 2.—Consul General Shanklin and Red Cross Agent O'Connor entered Mexico City last night with two tons of medical supplies for hospitals in the capital, according to a cablegram received today.

P. R. R. FREIGHT TRAFFIC INCREASES Enormous increases in trade between April 1 and June 25 are shown by a mass of freight car statistics issued today by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

FRANCE TO TAX NONFIGHTERS PARIS, June 2.—France is going to tax nonfighters. A bill was introduced today in the Chamber of Deputies providing for a special monthly tax of 75 cents, plus a 20 per cent. increase in direct taxation, upon all males who have not joined the army.

TURK MUTINY AGAINST GERMAN OFFICERS NOT QUELLED DEDEAGATCH, Bulgaria, July 2.—The mutinous outbreak in the Turkish army has not yet been quelled. Word was received here today that 35 Turkish officers who refused to obey their German superiors were taken to Constantinople in chains and several of them summarily shot.

TOO PROUD TO ACCEPT AID, FOUND STARVING John Mann, 75 years old, starving, but too proud to accept aid from friends, was found overcome by exhaustion today in the little cigar and candy store which he has conducted at 27th and Parrish streets for 37 years.

167,800 PRISONERS TAKEN BY GERMANS IN EAST IN JUNE BERLIN, July 2.—"The total amount of captures during June made by the Teutonic allied troops under General von Linsingen, Field Marshal von Mackensen and General von Weyroch amounts to 409 officers and 149,650 men and 80 cannon and 288 machine guns," the War Office announces.

ZEPPELIN EXPLODES IN MIDAIR; ENTIRE CREW KILLED AMSTERDAM, July 2.—A Zeppelin airship exploded Wednesday while leaving its shelter at Brussels and was completely destroyed, according to a report received here. Every man in the crew of 28 is said to have perished.

TAXES PAID THIS YEAR NEARLY \$13,000,000 Total collections of the Department of Receiver of Taxes during the first six months of this year amounted to \$12,818,855.53.

SWEDES WANT BAR ON COTTON TRADE LIFTED STOCKHOLM, July 2.—Representatives of the Swedish cotton industries today began a series of conferences to consider how to secure supplies of cotton in the future.

SERVIANS CAPTURE AUSTRIAN TOWN NISH, July 2.—Serbian forces have invaded Austria, capturing the village of Micharskaada, 40 miles west of Belgrade, the War Office announced today. The Serbs took 185 prisoners.

SWEDISH SHIPS SUNK IN GERMAN BOMBARDMENT OF WINDAU COPENHAGEN, July 2.—A large number of ships, including many Swedish vessels, were sunk during the bombardment of the Russian port of Windau by a German squadron, Stockholm dispatches reported today.

BRITISH AIRMEN'S SHELLS KILL 100 GERMANS PRETORIA, July 2.—Two British aeroplanes successfully bombed German troop trains at Otavi, German Southwest Africa, it was announced today. Nearly 100 German soldiers are believed to have been killed.

WOMAN BREAKS ANKLE IN LEAP FROM FIRE Fire in her home, at the southwest corner of Salmon and Mumwood streets, forced Mrs. Anna Miller to jump from the second story front window of the dwelling today. Her ankle was broken. Frank Miller, her husband, was badly burned rescuing their 18-month-old baby, which also was burned. The loss is about \$200.

HEIR TO A. G. VANDERBILT EXPECTED, FRIENDS SAY NEW YORK, July 2.—Among friends of Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt it is whispered an interesting event will take place some time in the autumn.

LOST AND FOUND LOST—Blue croquet ball, containing valentine, in 1915, from Harry H. Plunkett of Philadelphia to Miss M. L. G. of Philadelphia. Reward paid. Return and receive address to Harry H. Plunkett, 1111 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

90 Killed in Marseilles Explosion MARSEILLES, July 2.—Ninety persons were killed, most of them women, in the explosion of a pyrotechnic factory here last night.

MACKENSEN SWINGS MAIN ARMY TO SEIZE SLAV RAILWAY LINES

Diversion Is Aimed at Cholm, Centre of Roads, on Which Ivangorod and Warsaw Depend—Poland Invasion Alarms Britain.

PETROGRAD, July 2. Field Marshal von Mackensen has suddenly determined to make a sensational diversion in the direction of Warsaw, according to latest advices received by the War Office today.

Another great blow by the German armies in the west is being prepared for by the French. It is expected either at Ypres or in Alsace, though the operations by the Crown Prince's army in the Argonne indicates that point on the French front may be the scene of the next great Teutonic thrust.

2,000,000 TEUTONS ENGAGED IN NEW POLAND INVASION LONDON, July 2. General von Linsingen's army continues its northern drive into Russian Poland in a manner that is becoming daily more ominous.

According to Berlin reports, von Linsingen has stormed the Russian position at Cholm, a strategic railway junction.

LOTTA FORMIDABLE ATTORNO A GORIZIA

Sottomarino Austriaco Afondato—1200 Morti Austriaci in un Solo Combattimento.

In telegramma giunto da Roma, dice che sottomarino a Gorizia si combatte una sanguinosa battaglia e che gli austriaci attaccano frequentemente le posizioni elevate italiane sulla riva destra del Isonzo.

Il Ministero della Marina italiano ha annunciato ufficialmente che il sottomarino austriaco "Lotta" che era stato affondato in un combattimento con un sommergibile italiano, dopo essere stato respinto, lasciò sul terreno 1500 morti.

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HOME-WRECKER DIES WHERE ANGRY SPOUSE KILLED ERRING WIFE

Remorse Drives Lover to Suicide on Spot Where Outraged Husband Murdered Woman and Ended Own Life.

The final chapter of a tragedy that began in Blackwood, N. J., March 3, was written today when James Pollock, 25 years old, of 1215 Olive street, this city, shot and killed himself in escape of the former shooting. At that time Frank H. Duncan murdered his wife and then committed suicide, naming Pollock as the wrecker of his home.

Pollock's body was discovered today by passersby. County Detectives Levine, Gribben and Doran were summoned and searched the clothing of the deceased.

They found a hair comb of intricate design, thought to have been the property of Mrs. Duncan, and two notes. The first was addressed to Mrs. M. Murray, of 1239 Poplar street, this city, aunt of the deceased. It is as follows:

"You will find my insurance papers in my room. No one can understand. I hope my friends will forgive me. May God have mercy on my soul. 'JAMES'.

The second note was a paraphrase of a quotation from Shakespeare. It is: "Towards die many times before their death." "The valiant man tastes of death but once."

Pollock had been in the employ of Duncan for a number of years prior to the shooting on March 3. He had acted in the capacity of manager of the Duncan farm and was on intimate terms with both Mr. and Mrs. Duncan and their two children.

The murder of Mrs. Duncan and the suicide of her husband were said to have resulted when the latter discovered that his wife had packed her clothing and committed suicide by running away with Pollock. Following the shooting Pollock is said to have admitted to the police that his employer's suspicions were justified.

Since that time Pollock has wandered aimlessly about Camden County and Philadelphia, evidently under a tremendous mental strain. Early last month he stayed for some time at the Olive street address of Mrs. Josephine J. Duncan. He left there and worked for a few days for the de Font Company.

Last late night he returned to Blackwood, N. J., and went to the Duncan farmhouse, which had been since the death of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan. He is thought to have attempted to enter the house, but failing in this, shot himself through the head while standing before the front door of the residence.

AIR "OLIVER OSBORNE'S" PAST EX-WIFE SAYS HE DESERTED HER AFTER GETTING JEWS.

NEW YORK, July 2.—"Oliver Osborn's" now famous gay ways were described by Judge Russell and a jury in Federal Court today by Mrs. Mabel Mason Nye, who testified that "Oliver" married her a year ago. He left her, she explained, shortly after, taking with him some of her jewels.

The Government scored today in its prosecution of Slade & Slade, attorneys for Rae Tanser in her recent \$50,000 suit against former District Attorney James W. Osborn, when handwriting experts testified James W.'s writing did not correspond to that in the "Oliver" letters.

CRUSHED UNDER AUTO, DIES; FRIEND INJURED

Warped Plank in Bridge No. 1, Over Pennypack, Wrecks Car. Four Escape.

One man was killed and another so seriously injured that he may die early today when an automobile containing six persons struck a warped plank in Bridge No. 1 over the Pennypack Creek at Holmesburg and turned upside down. All other occupants of the car escaped with slight injuries.

The dead man was Thomas Shannon, of 1624 Staub street. The man who may not live is Andrew Corley, of 2932 Elser street. He is at St. Luke's Hospital. Clarence Hanshaw, of 2922 Elser street, was driving the car.

Hanshaw, John Gaun, Robert Byrnes and Frank Murphy, all of 294 Elser street, were arrested by Street Sergeant Woehler, of the Tacony station, and had a hearing at Central Station. Hanshaw was held in \$500 bail and the others were discharged.

The accident occurred about 1:30 o'clock this morning. According to the police, it was not the result of a joy ride. Hanshaw was taking the others for a ride and the car was not traveling at high speed.

Bridge No. 1 carries Rhawn street over Pennypack Creek above Rolland street. The structure is in bad condition. As the car rattled over it the front wheel struck a plank that had become loosened and jolted above the roadway. The machine then turned over, pinning Shannon beneath it.

While uninjured members of the party were trying to jolt up the machine and extricate Shannon, Peter Sabotinsky, of 2617 West Waterloo street, came along in an automobile. Shannon was put into his car and hurried to St. Luke's Hospital, where physicians pronounced him dead.

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ASSURES REAL RAPID TRANSIT FOR THE CITY

Executive Places Mark of Approval on \$6,000,000 Loan Measure and Two Enabling Ordinances.

The final step in providing for real rapid transit in Philadelphia was taken today by Mayor Blankenburg, who signed the \$6,000,000 loan ordinance and two enabling ordinances appropriating \$3,000,000 each to the Frankford elevated and the Broad street subway.

City Solicitor Michael J. Ryan now is at work on the certificate of public conveyance that must be sent to the State Public Service Commission at Harrisburg for approval before contracts are let. This will be sent off in a few days.

Approval of the board already has been assured for the subway and elevated system for this city. Director Taylor met another obstacle in the last phase of his transit fight. The three ordinances, for some reason, were delayed, and at 11 o'clock Mayor Blankenburg could wait no longer and went to his home in Logan Square.

He had planned to leave at 1 o'clock for the Poconos, where he will spend the summer. If he had gone away without signing the ordinances, it would have been necessary to wait two or three days sending them to him for his signature.

But Director Taylor remained in City Hall until the councilmanic clerks had finished transcribing the ordinances. Then he jumped into an automobile and hurried to the Mayor's home. The signatures were affixed immediately, and Director Taylor breathed a sigh of relief.

Director Taylor today took the first step in the technical procedure preliminary to actual construction work on the high-speed lines by publishing newspaper advertisements for bids for the construction of the first section of the Broad street subway.

Advertisements inviting bids for the construction of the first section of the Frankford elevated lines will appear July 8. According to the specifications, the construction on both projects will begin on Monday, September 13, thereby inaugurating the comprehensive program of transit development for this city which has been before the public for more than two years.

The two ordinances passed by Councils appropriating \$3,000,000 each for the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated works. It was expected would be sent to the Mayor for his signature today.

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THE WEATHER

There is very little use in planning to talk about anything informally, such as in our custom in this Block of Bluster, right at this time except the forthcoming. The holiday spirit is in the air. We used to think that Little Willie's enthusiasm for the day we celebrate was something to be allowed for under the theory that Little Willie is still quite young. That is, his enthusiasm for the holiday as such rather than its anniversary aspect. But we have changed our mind somewhat. We are not so sure but that L. W. is somewhat outdone in his excitement of participation by the demoralization of his father and uncle and older brother over the prospect of a day off. Or rather should we say days off.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, with probably thunderstorms; not quite so warm tonight; light to moderate variable winds.

For details, see page 4.