

TELLS HOW FRENCH WON FECHT VALLEY

"Eyewitness" Says Germans Thought Their Positions Were Impregnable.

ASSAULT AFTER ASSAULT FINALLY BROKE THE LINE

Chasseurs Died to Last Man Rather Than Obey Surrender Command.

PARIS, July 15, 12:30 p.m.—The operations by which our troops captured the towns of Metzeral and Sondernach...

Thought Positions Secure. "From prisoners we learned," continues the account, "that the Germans considered their position impregnable."

German Line Too Strong. "At Eichwald we gained less, as here the German fortifications were strongest. At Anlass, also, although many grenades were thrown, the fortifications were of such a character as to make it impossible to break through."

On the day when the attack was resumed with the purpose of gaining us all the positions on Braunkopf and hill No. 530.

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"An attack directed at the same time against Winterhagel, situated to the west of Anlass, was broken by a small group of chasseurs who succeeded in breaking through the enemy lines and capturing the village under a cross-fire of quick fire."

"The men tried to construct a shelter with the tools they carried. The Germans cried 'Surrender.' Not one man answered. The quick-firers accomplished their work and the men were found with faces to the ground as if they had dropped when drawn up in line for parade."

Capture Burning Village. "Our attacks were now centered on Metzeral. The factory at Steinbruck was taken on the night of June 17 and a battalion entered Attenkopf the day following."

"Our artillery quickly demolished the houses in which German artillery had been placed, and our troops entered the flaming streets from the north and west. The village was burned."

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HOPE FOR SOLUTION AT BRIDGEPORT TODAY

Serious Situation May Be Ameliorated by Conference Between Maj. Penfield and Strike Leaders.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., July 15.—With the labor troubles at the great plant of the Remington Arms Company rapidly growing more complicated and threatening, industrial Bridgeport today turned its eyes hopefully to a conference to be held during the day between Maj. W. W. Penfield, head of the company, and a committee of the millwrights' union, in an endeavor to adjust the differences growing out of the company's construction work.

There is also said to be unrest among the machinists in other shops in the city, following the announcement that the Remington company had voluntarily made a reduction from ten to an eight-hour day.

Early today the millwrights stationed pickets near the company buildings.

Two American Gunboats Rushing to Scene of China's Disaster.

The American gunboats Wilmington and Callao of the Asiatic squadron are rushing from Hongkong to the scene of recent floods in China for "urgent rescue work."

Commander Huff of the Wilmington called today that the Callao is bound for West River and the Wilmington for Canton.

BREEZES BOUGHT TO SAVE KIDDIES

Washington Public Readily Purchases Fans to Aid Camps for Babies.

SALESWOMEN INVADE STORES AND LUNCHROOMS

Every Government Department Covered by 200 Fan Sellers, Who Plan to Visit Glen Echo Tonight.

"Buy a Breeze and Save the Kiddies." As a method of raising the wind the "Buy a Breeze" movement, which started in today with 200 of Washington's prettiest and smartest girls at the helm, is a distinct success.

Every man who dug into his jeans today and produced a quarter for a fan helped some little alley baby stay an hour or two out in the shade and trees and breeze of one of those baby camps.

Fans Sold Quickly. There were 10,000 fans to sell early this morning when Mrs. Edwin S. Sefton, the author of the "buy-a-breeze-and-be-a-baby-fan" slogan, opened the doors of the fan headquarters at 1408 H street.

Later in the evening a large and enthusiastic army of fan sellers in automobiles intended to descend upon the streets of the city to take a fan for the cause.

The 500 young women were marshaled in the streets and they had been out long before most of them sent in applications for the fan.

Two hard-working women assailed a prominent lunch place at the height of its business shortly after noon today and left a forest of waving fans.

Every departing car from the bureau of engraving and printing and the government printing office, were covered by the girls, and the fact that this "buy a breeze" movement was inaugurated on the government pay day, is no slight coincidence.

Many volunteers offered their services today. The list at the fan headquarters representing the fan sellers today was as follows:

- Mrs. Wallace Streator, Mrs. William Fred, Mrs. George Minnerode, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Miss A. Beard, Miss A. Kaufman, Miss Kahn, Miss Kronhelm, Miss Hortense Brylawski, Mrs. Julian Brylawski, Miss Beale Linebich, Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Mrs. Milo P. Fox, Miss A. Marr, Miss Condon, Miss E. Bushes, Miss D. Herman, Miss Burnstine, Miss Cohn, Miss S. S. Stephenson, Miss J. Sangar, Miss McGregor, Mrs. William Barrett, Miss F. Curry, Miss Edith Madrox, Miss Peede, Miss Simpson, Mrs. Dorothy Nevill, Miss K. O'Connor, Miss E. Burnett, Miss Kohner, Mrs. Somers, Miss Heller, Miss Eisenman, Mrs. M. F. Bentley, Mrs. Davies, Miss Helman, Miss Anna McCooch, Miss Hollander, Miss E. Alexander, Miss T. Elshberg, Miss S. S. Stephenson, Miss Cio Martin, Miss M. Marr, Miss Elizabeth Alder, Miss Edith Brandenburg, Mrs. Giles Rafter, Miss Kathleen Anderson, Miss Celina Calvo, Miss Lanette Smith, Miss E. McQuade, M. C. Wagerman, Miss Alice Deal, Miss Johanna Adler, Miss Anita Herman, Miss Johanna Adler, Miss E. Rich, Miss Fleishman, Miss Jacoby, Miss Katherine Gibbons, Miss Dorothy Vieth, Miss Edna Robinson, Mrs. E. Galt, Miss Helman, Miss Anna McCooch, Miss Hollander, Miss F. Lock, Miss Bengtack, Mrs. Schraft, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Norman Jones, Mrs. Maud Lehmann, Mrs. E. Hillman Sommers, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Swartz, Miss Edith Fitch, Mrs. H. J. Rich, Mrs. L. B. Schloas, Mrs. Gladys Meyer, Miss Kahn, Miss Fiala, Mrs. Katherine Williams, Miss Martin, Mrs. Shannon, Miss M. Kaufman, Miss Koenigsberger, Miss Zaldie Leith and Miss Nancy Milton.

TO TEST LIQUOR LAW

Iowa Statute Requiring Railroads to Record Shipments Before Court.

DES MOINES, Iowa, July 15.—What is expected to prove a test case regarding a law enacted by the last Iowa legislature providing railroads must keep records of liquor shipments started today in a suit filed in a justice court here charging the Chicago and Northwestern railway with violating the new statute.

STREET CAR MEN STRIKE. Union Men Claim Only Eight Cars Are Running in Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 15.—The strike of 2,400 members of the street carmen's union, called at midnight, caused an almost complete tie-up today on the system of the Rhode Island Company, which operates street railway lines in nearly every part of the state.

Mr. Redfield Off for Vacation. Secretary Redfield today left Washington for a six-week vacation.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., July 15.—Street car service in this city was suspended today as a result of the strike of the employees of the Rhode Island Company.

KALLIPOLIS GROTTO ENTERTAINS CHILDREN AT CAMP GOOD WILL.



OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION POSING WITH THE VACATIONISTS FOR THE STAR'S PHOTOGRAPHER. THERE ARE NOT AS MANY REAL BABIES IN THE PICTURE AS FIRST GLANCE WOULD INDICATE. A CLOSE STUDY SHOWS THAT MANY OF THEM ARE PAINTINGS ON FANS.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED BY VEILED PROPHETS

Kallipolis Grotto, With Band, Glee Club and Presents, Visits Camp Good Will.

Kallipolis Grotto, Mysic Order of Veiled Prophets, with band, glee club and about one hundred assisting prophets, entertained the children at Camp Good Will yesterday afternoon.

At the camp the festivities began with a selection by the band, followed by a medley by the Grotto Glee Club.

Presentations for the Youngsters. Addresses were made by Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson, William F. Gude and Past Monarch Pullman.

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STATUS OF COL. HARTS IS OFFICIALLY DEFINED

Secretary Garrison Says No Law Prevents His Retention on President's Request.

Any doubt which may have existed as to the tenure of Col. William W. Harts, Corps of Engineers, as superintendent of public buildings and grounds and chief military aid to President Wilson, was disposed of today by a statement by Secretary Garrison that the President had expressed his personal desire that Col. Harts be retained in those capacities unless it was contrary to law.

It was explained at the War Department that the question of Col. Harts' status arose simply from the fact that he was stationed at Washington nearly four years, having been under instruction at the Army War College about two years before his residential detail.

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TRYING HARD TO AVERT GREAT GARMENT STRIKE

Manufacturers and Union Leaders Hope to Reach a Fair Understanding.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Whether the 70,000 garment workers still at work in the shops and factories of New York city would join the 21,000 already on strike was to be largely determined today by a meeting of twelve men which began this forenoon and was expected to last all day.

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Washingtonians and Army Officers at Fort Myer Will Be Numbered Among Exhibitors.

Scores of Washington horse lovers, including many of the army officers stationed at Fort Myer and other posts about the city, are planning to participate in the Manassas Horse Show, which will be held at Manassas, Va., July 28 and 29.

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Resignation Not Received. Secretary Tumulty said no resignation from Ambassador Marye had been received at the White House and that he did not believe the ambassador had any intention of leaving his post.

Denies Naval Losses. Austria Cables Embassy Italian Claims Are False. The Austrian embassy today announced receipt of the following dispatch from the minister of foreign affairs, Baron Burian:

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