

# Senatorial Follies of 1917, Staged and Directed by Thos. R. Marshall---By TAD



## POISONOUS SOAP BEING SOLD BY TEUTON VENDORS

Beware of soap, as well as court plaster sold by itinerant vendors. Department of Justice agents have found that German agents are selling poisonous soap in the United States, as well as court plaster, that is filled with germs.

A number of arrests in Illinois have been reported to the Attorney-General following poisonings from soap sold by vendors with German names or of German extraction.

## OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

**FRENCH**

PARIS, Aug. 1.—In a "torrential rain" the French forces assisting in the great drive in Belgium succeeded in consolidating all the ground they won yesterday, according to today's war office reports.

The statement likewise detailed further advances by General Peain's troops on another front, the Chemin des Dames.

On the Aisne, throughout the

front, artillery fire was continued, the war office reported. East of Cerny the French counter attacked vigorously and progressed. On the left bank of the Meuse between Avocourt and hill 304 the Germans attacked positions we captured July 17, sending their waves forward after several days' artillery preparation. They were only able to reach some advanced elements of our first line, where the French fire repulsed them.

## BRITISH

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The war office today issued the following report:

South of the Ypres-Comines canal British minor operations during the night resulted in an improvement of our new line. Hostile counter attacks yesterday afternoon and evening against our new positions at La Bassée Ville and immediately north of the Ypres-Comines canal were successfully repulsed.

Further north in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway another German counter attack was crushed during the night by our artillery.

The weather continues unfavorable for operations. Heavy rain has been falling since early yesterday afternoon.

We made a successful raid last night east of Nola Grenier.

**GERMAN BOMBS OWN MEN.**

PARIS, Aug. 1.—A German aviator, flying behind the French lines, dropped a number of bombs on a camp full of German prisoners, said a dispatch received here today.

## FRENCH PREPARE TO REBUILD TOWNS RAZED BY TEUTONS

France, dauntless in the face of invasion by the most barbaric horde the civilized world has known, already has made extensive preparations for the rehabilitation of her reconquered territory. Despite the fact that hundreds of her villages and towns have been razed, France is following in the train of her troops with builders equipped to erect new dwellings and factories.

Details of the plans for the rehabilitation of reconquered France are beginning to reach here through the State and Commerce departments. They tell a story of fortitude in the face of innumerable hardships and of hope in the presence of devastation.

The various departments are creating reconstruction committees charged with general direction of the work of rebuilding. The committee for reconstruction du Nord is the foremost of these organizations. It has its principal offices in Paris. Armand Lemoine, engineer-in-chief of the department of roads and bridges and director of public works of the city of Lille, is president of the committee. Under his direction work is going forward speedily.

## EUROPEAN WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The first fruits of the allied offensive in Flanders began yesterday and resumed today following the repulse of not especially vigorous German counter attacks, are the capture of from two to two-and-a-half miles of German first, second, and third line defensive works, including ten towns and villages; the inflicting of especially heavy casualties on the defenders, and the capture of 3,500 prisoners.

The blow delivered by the British and French was over a front twice as long as that of the Aisne offensive and three times as long as that of the recent Messines offensive. It extended from immediately northeast of Armentieres, on the Franco-Belgian border along the river Lys, along the Messines front, and the Ypres sector and northward along the Yser canal as far as Dixmude.

The most important of the gains made by the allies were the capture of the town of Hollebeke, on the Ypres-Comines canal, southeast of Ypres, and the famous Hill 60; Steenstraete, east of the Yser canal and north of Ypres, and Bixchoote, immediately north of Steenstraete. The capture of the villages of St. Julien, northeast of Ypres, and Pillekem, west by north of St. Julien, in conjunction with the advance at Bixchoote, served to extend the great British salient at Ypres northward.

One of the interesting speculations arising in connection with the British and French offensive concerns the whereabouts of the Belgian army. Until the beginning of the offensive yesterday the Belgian troops were holding some twenty miles of the Flanders front from Het Sas and Steenstraete, immediately north of Ypres, to beyond Dixmude. The Belgian army consists, according to latest accounts, of six divisions, or about 120,000 men. The official French and British reports yesterday made no mention of this army joining in the attack, but sprang the surprise that French troops conducted the assault on the British left, from Boesinghe, immediately south of Het Sas, for the ten miles north to Dixmude.

The probable explanation is that the enormous concentration of allied troops that has been made for the new offensive has restored the French troops to the fighting front who were formerly holding the line on the extreme left flank near Nieupoort, and that they now have additional reserves. The Belgian troops have possibly been concentrated to a front of ten, instead of twenty miles, north of Dixmude to Nieupoort, supported on the extreme left by British troops, while the British have concentrated between Armentieres and Boesinghe.

Extravagant and somewhat foolish commentary has emanated from various quarters concerning the new allied offensive and its immediate possibilities of causing a German debacle. It is stated that the allies have at last struck at the most vulnerable portion of the German line. The facts of an unprecedented concentration of both artillery and infantry by the allies is sufficient refutation to the vulnerability contention. As a fact, the German high command, knowing the necessity of safeguarding its right flank, has made these Belgian defenses as strong as concrete and steel can. The allies, indeed, have the most difficult task of the war ahead of them, and they have massed their forces accordingly.

While the allied drive is proceeding in Flanders there is no cessation of the heavy fighting on the Aisne front. The French attacked near La Royere and Epine de Chevigny and gained important ground as well as inflicting heavy losses upon the Germans. In the region of Cerny and Hurbise the Germans attacked on a front of nearly a mile. The German official statement asserts that 1,500 French prisoners were taken as well as important height positions. The French statement says counter attacks drove the Germans out of these positions and gained additional ground.

On the Russian front, the retreat of the Russians continues, but their defense at growingly numerous parts of the line both north and south of the river Dniester is stiffening. North of the Dniester they are holding many parts of the height positions east of the Zbrucz river. South of the Dniester they have been compelled to give up the Czernomez river line, south of the Pruth, in Bukovina, and to fall back on the Pruth itself toward Czernowitz. The Rumanians have progressed almost to the Hungarian frontier, northwest of Soveja, in the Putna valley.

## SCHOONER IS SUNK BY U. S. SUBMARINE RISING TO SURFACE

NEW LONDON, Conn., Aug. 1.—The American submarine D-2, in rising to the surface yesterday near Bartlett's Reef, after a series of maneuvers in Long Island sound, is reported to have punctured the hull of the schooner "Chettie W. Miller," in ballast, bound from Lynn, Mass., to Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The undersize craft extricated itself without injury, but the schooner, unexpectedly pierced in a vital spot by the steel point, careened and sank.

Captain McLean, of the sailing vessel, and his crew were rescued and brought to New London. They left last night for New York on the Gilt Edge limited on the New Haven railroad.

The Scott Wrecking company has sent a derrick craft to save the schooner if possible. No statement is obtainable from Government or naval officers regarding the sinking.

## Sammies Order Chewing Gum; French Never Heard of It

LONDON, July 26 (by mail).—A fine tribute is paid the American expeditionary forces in France by a special correspondent of the London Times, writing shortly after the arrival of the first American contingents.

"Those who have seen the long-limbed, keen-faced men of the West 'loping' through the streets of this town to the camp can have no doubt that America is to earnest," said the Times correspondent.

"I was one of the very few who saw the first detachment of the British expeditionary force march through Bologne with their kilt and their bag-pipes, belonging to a crack regiment, the Argy and Sutherland Highlanders—and comparisons are inevitable but not odious. The Americans have been able to profit by the lessons of nearly three years of war. They also have a small army, and wisely they mean to make it go a long way. I have seen the polo and 'Tommy' at work, and it needs no Sandhurst training to see at once that the American lads who have landed here are 'it' as they would express it.

"They are lean, more lithe, and more yellow than our modern 'Tommy.' The revolver is more frequent, and it swings more freely from the hip; their hats are more rakish even than those of the New Zealander, and their faces are uniformly sharper than those of our armies. Then the pack is very workmanlike and settles down in a long roll between the shoulder blades. Altogether they make a 757 workmanlike army. These men all have a just and reverent respect for France, and they have as their highest ambition the desire to be worthy companions of the French at Verdun and the British on the Somme. America is now 'all out.'"

The Times correspondent reported that French shopkeepers were doing everything in their power to satisfy the wants of the "Sammies" and reap financial rewards at the same time, and added: "More than one enterprising French tradesman is wondering what chewing gum may be and where it may be obtained."



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## DOUBLE CURFEW LAW CLAMPED ON PARISIANS

PARIS, Aug. 1.—Prefect of Police Hudebald announces the double curfew—at 10:30 o'clock it will be considered all honest people are asleep, and the police will investigate any light showing at windows. By midnight every one will be enabled to reach home from the theaters, and persons encountered on the streets after that hour must produce papers and give reasons for being abroad.

**STAKOVITCH RESUMES DUTIES.**

PETROGRAD, Aug. 1.—Michael Stakowitch, who on July 24 resigned as governor-general of Finland, has returned to Helsinki and has resumed his official duties.



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## Vital Records.

**Births.**

William C. and Alma W. Warratt, boy. Sidney and Florence Clark, girl. Benito J. B. and Berta Verdia, boy. Norris M. and Beulah Shaffer, girl. George K. and Jessie Stouler, girl. Harold G. and Frances Souders, boy. W. R. and Ethel Perkins, boy. Robert M. and Elizabeth Putnam, girl. William A. and Mary Mitchell, boy. Harry R. and Edith Loveland, girl. Leo C. and Agnes Lewis, girl. Charles T. and Jennie Ho'brook, girl. William E. and Pauline Clark, boy. August C. and Lorena Habicht, girl. Albert T. and Alice Goldbeck, boy. Roy and Rose M. Frazier, boy. Edward and Mildred Eberle, boy. James R. and Eugenia E. Eversell, boy. Donald and Elizabeth DeLaunoy, girl. Eimer and Sallie Dietrich, girl. Everett and Mildred Clark, girl. Louis J. and Florence E. Bender, boy. James T. and Marie Drannon, girl. Arthur and Jane Brown, girl. V. T. H. and Bertha Blue, girl. Clarence and Harriet White, girl. Willie and Elsie Watt, boy. William F. and Mary E. Taylor, girl. Dudley and Lavinia Thurston, girl. William and Lucy Johnson, boy. James W. and Mary Howard, girl. Robert and Lillian Galt, girl. Randolph and Jimerson Dodd, boy. Ernest M. and Edna M. Galt, girl. George R. and Mildred Barnes, girl. Norbert and Lavinia Broughton, girl.

**Marriage Licenses.**

Earl V. Outway, 23, Mary G. Foote, 21, The Rev. F. M. W. Schwaninger, girl. The Rev. Southern Anderson, Jr., 24, Eva E. Roth, 19, The Rev. D. H. Martin. William F. Wingo, 24, Katie Peir, 19, both of Manassas, Va. The Rev. John J. Jeffries. Samuel Carter, 22, Esther E. Jeffries, 18, The Rev. H. M. Brown. Charles A. Fisher, 24, Manassas, Va., Olive H. Lamb, 21, Detroit, Va. The Rev. J. H. Jeffries. Roy C. Rasmussen, 19, Mary R. Fisher, 20, both of Manassas, Va. The Rev. John H. Jeffries.

**Deaths.**

Catherine Angel, 65 yrs., 2212 M st. n.w. Adele L. McCrea, 72 yrs., Homeo. Ho. Emily A. Ladd, 89 yrs., 1807 Lamont st. n.w. Elvora M. Stockton, 82 yrs., 2718 14th st. n.w. Rebecca F. Harrison, 85 yrs., 2205 K st. n.w. Catherine Cronin, 7 mos., 308 2nd st. n.w. James Roland, 39 yrs., Hayes st., Hurville. Octavia Moran, 36 yrs., 2082 K st. n.w. Thomas Kihwell, 56 yrs., St. Elizabeth's Ho. Frederick Cooper, 42 yrs., 3027 N st. n.w. Pearl Clegg, 12 mos., 423 2nd st. n.w. Henry Williams, 86 yrs., Freedmen's Ho. Ashby Jackson, 56 yrs., Wash. Ave. Ho. George W. Jones, 75 yrs., Freedmen's Ho. Harry M. Young, 24 yrs., 545 14th st. n.w. Daniel Lewis, 7 mos., 279 4th st. n.w.

**DEATHS**

HARRISSETT—On Wednesday, August 1, 1917, at 7:30 a. m., MICHAEL, the beloved son of the late Patrick and Bridget Harissett, in his seventy-third year.

Funeral services at 8:30 a. m., August 2, 1917, from his late residence, 419 B street southeast, at 8:30 a. m., thence to St. Peter's Church, where religious rites will be said for the repose of his soul. Relatives and friends invited.

LOCY—On Monday, July 30, 1917, at Georgetown University Hospital, JOHN FRANCIS LOCY, fifty-four years of age.

Funeral services at 9:30 a. m., August 1, 1917, at 12 o'clock a. m., Interment private.

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