

RAILROAD NEAR METZ BOMBED BY BRITISH

Attack Made at Thionville an Important Link in Net of German Communication.

London, July 18.—The railway at Thionville, near Metz, was bombed again on Wednesday, it was announced today.

Thionville is an important rail junction point behind the German lines, and is an extremely important link in the net of German communication lines behind the western front.

RAIN ESTIMATED AT MONEY VALUATION

Amount Falling in Tennessee Last Night Placed at Millions of Dollars.

(Associated Press.) Nashville, July 18.—Thirty million dollars worth of rain fell in Tennessee last night and today. This estimate was made this morning by attaches of the state department of agriculture.

Late corn was not suffering much anywhere, while all the crops in East Tennessee were in good shape on account of rains early in July.

A saving of five million bushels is estimated for the vegetable, stock, peanut, tomato, sweet potatoes and other smaller crops.

GORE FLAYS WILSON NOT PRICING WHEAT

President Wilson Swayed by Flatterers—Costs More to Produce Wheat.

Washington, July 18.—President Wilson was swayed by the wiles of "courtier-farmers and flatterers" he vetoed \$2.40 wheat Senator Gore declared this afternoon in an ardent attack on the president in the senate.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS MEET AT BIRMINGHAM

America Feeding World, Says Prof. Christie Urges Heroic Farm Efforts.

Birmingham, Ala., July 18.—Federal farm help specialists from all the cotton producing states, with representatives of the department of agriculture and state agricultural colleges began a two-days' conference here today to consider ways of assuring sufficient farm help for harvesting the south's great cotton and food crops.

GEN. MARCH DECORATED WITH ENGLISH ORDERS

Washington, July 18.—King George has awarded the knights grand cross of the distinguished British order of St. Michael and St. George to Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of the American army.

WAR REVIEW TERSELY GIVEN BY THE TWO LEADING NEWS SERVICES

(International News Service.)

Turning upon their enemies in the fourth day of the German offensive the allies began a powerful counter-drive this morning over a front of more than thirty miles along the western flank of the Aisne-Marne salient.

The zone of attacks extended from Fontenoy-sur-Aisne, immediately west of Belleau wood, just northwest of Chateau-Thierry.

It was assumed from the official report issued by the French war office that Americans were taking part in the assaults, as they held Belleau wood and the terrain to the north of the wood.

The extent to which Gen. Foch planned to press the counter-blow could not be foretold from the official communique issued by the French war office last noon.

There were sharp local actions southwest of Nanteuil-la-Fosse between the Marne and Rheims, near Prosenes (in Champagne) and south of the Marne river in the Mont Voisins-Chene-la-Reine sector.

The Germans renewed their efforts to fight their way into the wooded Rheims mountain (south of the city), but were repulsed in the struggle around Nanteuil-la-Fosse.

South of the Marne the Germans have been thrown back at the point where their lines approached nearest to Epernay, one of the two main local objectives of the Germans in their present offensive.

Mont Voisin (only six miles from Epernay) has been retaken by the French and the Germans were thrown back from near-by heights overlooking the Marne river, according to unofficial reports.

The counter measures taken by the allies against the Germans in the present offensive are the biggest and most effective of any taken in any of the previous four German drives this year.

The Germans lost the initiative almost as soon as they got their present drive under way and never regained it. Paris is just as safe today as it was before the hosts of Ludendorff were sent forward on Monday morning.

POWERFUL COUNTER-THRUST NEAR SOISSONS

Germans Lose Their Objectives but Have Forces for a Greater Drive.

(International News Service.) London, July 18.—While the French were recapturing ground from the Germans south of the Marne, the French war office today announced a series of powerful counter attacks between Soissons and Chateau-Thierry today.

German strategy in the Marne-Champagne offensive was to seize the highway and railway between Epernay and Rheims, forcing the evacuation of Rheims, but they were still a considerable distance from both lines of communication this afternoon.

The French have re-taken Elzeul, in the Champagne district (east of Rheims), the French extended their lines.

PREDICTED SLIDE TO COL. ROOSEVELT

Looks Like Republican Convention Will Name Him as Candidate for Governor.

(Associated Press.) Saratoga Springs, N. Y., July 18.—With a predicted slide toward Theodore Roosevelt for governor, the republican state convention opened shortly after noon today with a call on the party to unite, and not divide a possibility, leaders force in the Governor Whitman-General Lewis fight for the party's nomination.

Former Senator J. Sloat Fassett, of Elmira, whose choice for temporary chairman of the convention was ratified by the state committee, last night delivered the keynote speech.

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JAPAN MAY BE ON EVE OF TAKING ACTION

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London, July 18.—Discussion of the question of Japanese intervention in Siberia has become general in Japan and is occupying the attention of officials and the public to the exclusion of all other topics, says a Tokio dispatch dated Tuesday, July 16, to the Daily Express.

Official reports appeared to show that the German stroke against the Marne-Rheims-Champagne line had not gained further ground over night.

At Nanteuil-La-Fosse the region southwest of Rheims, a heavy German attack was crushed while an assault by guard regiments north of Prosenes, east of Rheims, was broken by the allies.

According to unofficial reports today the Germans have made some slight progress south of the Marne in the region north of St. Agnan, to the southwest of Dormans.

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Real estate is the only commodity that hasn't yet advanced along with other war-time prices. The man who buys now is likely to get the benefit of the rise in values in real estate that is almost sure to come.

See any good real estate man and plan to own your own home.

Advertisement for 'Wear-Ever' Aluminum Ware Demonstration. Includes text: 'Don't Forget That', 'Wear-Ever' Aluminum Ware Demonstration, 'THROUGH BILLS' BEAR COTTON WORKS HARDSHIP', and 'Magill-Palmer Co. 826-828 Market Street'.

Large advertisement for home ownership. Includes the headline 'Do It Now', an illustration of a man sitting on a chair, and text: 'Where will you be when you're 60 or 70, Mister?', 'Buy a Home', 'Make your dreams come true. It's all right to dream about having a home if you turn your dreams into action.'