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BRITISH GAINS AT POZIERES, WHICH BLOCKS WAY TO BAPAUME

GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG IN REPORT TODAY TELLS OF BRITISH GAINS AT POZIERES, WHILE BERLIN SAYS BRITISH GAINS WERE TRIVIAL.

Bad Weather Along French Front—Somme Region Interfering with Operations—Petrograd Emphasizes Importance of Russian Offensive in Riga Region, Asserting that von Hindenburg's Forces Were Driven Back Twelve Miles at One Point—Russians are Now Halted to Consolidate Ground Gained on Their Thirty Mile Front—Russians Claim Their Advance Guards in Turkey are Fifteen Miles from Erzincan, While Turks Claim Russian Defeats in Persia. Constantinople also says British Cavalry was Defeated East of the Suez Canal—Paris Says Lieutenant Chaput Has Brought Down His Eighth Hostile Aeroplane Near Fresnes—Italian Gains in Astice Region Claimed by Rome.

London, July 24.—General Sir Douglas Haig today reported new British gains in the fight for Pozieres, which blocks the advance toward Bapaume, and near the high wood in the vicinity of Guillemont.

Berlin says the British gains were trivial.

Bad weather along the French front in the Somme region interferes with the operations there.

Petrograd emphasizes the importance of Russian offensive in the Riga region, asserting that General Hindenburg's forces have been driven back twelve miles at one point. The Russians are now halted to consolidate the ground gained on a thirty mile front.

In Turkey the Russians claim their advance guards are only fifteen miles from Erzincan, but Turkey claims Russian defeats in Persia.

Constantinople also asserts the British cavalry was defeated east of the Suez Canal.

Paris says, Lieutenant Chaput has brought down his eighth hostile aeroplane near Fresnes.

Rome reports Italian gains in Astice region.

Torpedo Boats Escape

London, July 24.—Though repeatedly hit, the six German torpedo boat destroyers which were engaged in a running fight by the British light forces yesterday, off Shouwen Bank, escaped.

Two Destroyers Listing

London, July 24.—A dispatch from the Hague says, five German destroyers, two of them listing heavily, returned toward Zeebrugge Sunday.

More British War Funds.

London, July 24.—Premier Asquith today asked the house of commons for a credit vote of four hundred and fifty million pounds, the largest since the war began.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL IS OVERRULED

BIG OIL CASE IN DISTRICT COURT WAS DECIDED BY JUDGE FREEMAN SATURDAY AFTERNOON—VALUABLE ROYALTIES.

Saturday afternoon Judge Freeman overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of Louisa Wesley vs. Thompson et al. This was the case involving some very valuable oil royalties which it is alleged the plain-

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., July 24.—The weather forecast for tonight and Tuesday is fair.

tiff assigned under undue influence and for inadequate consideration.

The case was taken to the courts by J. B. Moore, who was retained by the plaintiffs as attorney in the case. The supersedeas bond in this case was set at fifty thousand dollars by the court. The receiver appointed by the court after the case was filed, has already on hand more than twenty-five thousand dollars in royalties belonging to the plaintiff. Pending the appeal, the receivership was continued by the court.

This case attracted widespread attention among the oil fraternity, inasmuch as it involved so much actual wealth, and the case has been watched with keen interest.

Whether the case will be appealed to the supreme court or not is not known at this time.

BUILD STORAGE POWER PLANT

Western Union Will Make Some Nice Improvements in August.

S. M. English, general manager of the Gulf Division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was a recent visitor here and expressed delight at the increase in business this company is showing in Ardmore. The local office is being taken care of better now since it is making such good returns, and Mr. English has authorized the re-furnishing of the building and the construction of a storage power plant. These improvements will be begun in August and the Western Union building will be a credit to the city when the work has been completed. The improvements will cost about \$2,000.

AN ORDINANCE OF PATRIOTISM.

Baltimore Requires All to Stand Singing "Star Spangled Banner."

Baltimore, Md., July 24.—The police today distributed copies of an ordinance requiring musicians, performers or other persons to stand while playing or singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The penalty for violation is a fine of not to exceed one hundred dollars.

CONFIRM CLARKE'S NOMINATION.

Senate Committee Approves Nomination of Cleveland Man.

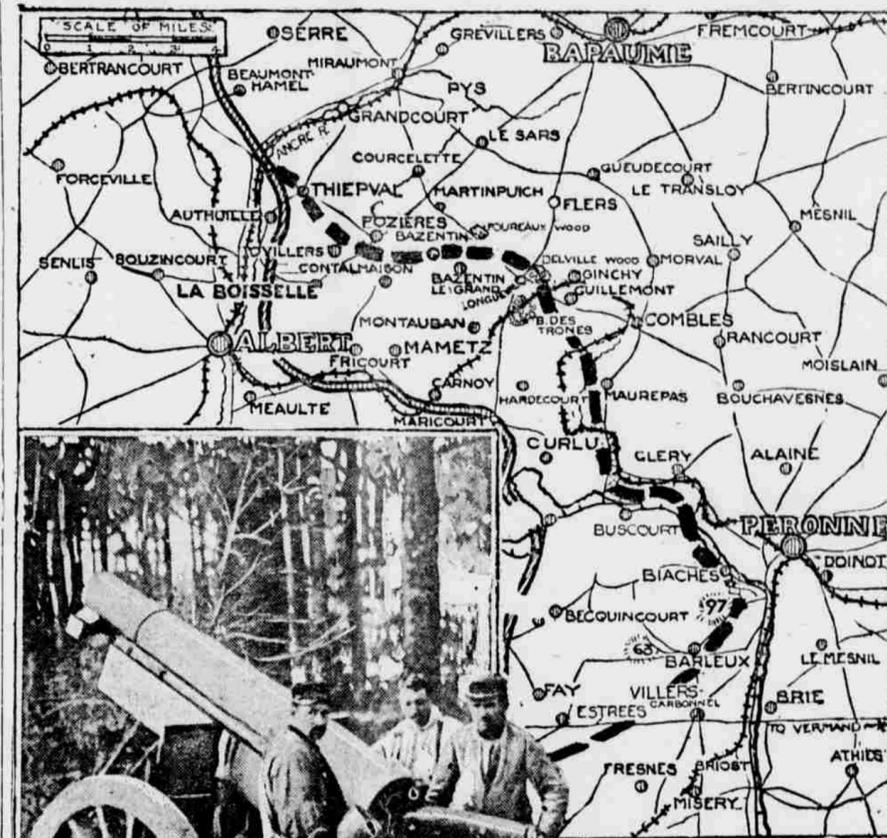
Washington, July 24.—The senate judiciary committee today unanimously recommended the confirmation of the nomination of John H. Clarke of Cleveland, Ohio, to succeed former Justice Charles Hughes.

TEXAS FARMER SHOT TO DEATH SON IS HELD

BILL SMITH OF BLUE GROVE, NEAR HENRYETTA, KILLED—SON, AGED TWENTY, IS HELD FOR CRIME.

Henryetta, Tex., July 24.—Bill Smith was shot and killed early today in bed at his home near Blue Grove and his son Alfred, aged 20, was arrested, it being claimed that he came home late after coming to Henryetta against his father's wishes.

FRENCH DRUM AND CURTAIN FIRE HERALDS FURTHER DRIVE BY ALLIES



FRENCH HEAVY GUN AND MAP OF FRANCO-BRITISH ADVANCE.

As a result of recent slight gains the British hold the line from Thierval southward to Longueval, shown in the upper portion of the accompanying map. Their line joined the French line northeast of Hardecourt, about the center of the map. The double line is the old battle front before the Franco-British advance. The British are trying to reach Bapaume, and the French immediate objective is Peronne, both important railroad and road centers. The French now command the railroad from Combles to Clerly, leading to Peronne, and have overrun a wide stretch of German first line trenches. French artillery is increasingly active, indicating new attempts to advance the infantry.

NEW HOTEL IS SUBJECT FOR ARDENT JOY

CITIZENS OF ARDMORE PLEASANT THAT THEY WILL SOON HAVE ONE OF THE BEST HOSTELRIES IN ENTIRE STATE.

Interest in the new hotel has been revived considerably since the meeting Saturday in which permanent officers were selected, and Ardmore citizens are congratulating themselves that an adequate hotel will soon be erected here, an institution that has been needed for some time.

During the great rush for the fields here a few years ago, it was no uncommon thing for every room available in the city to be taken, and many were compelled to take trains for other places in order to get accommodation. With the erection of a big new hotel this will not be repeated in the future, and there is no good reason why Ardmore should not be the headquarters for oil men when the house is completed. The Ardmoreite has a firmly established reputation of being one of the authentic oil journals of the state and the plans for the new hotel contain provision for permanent headquarters for the oil editors which will be a great convenience to operators in the field.

Just when work on the building will begin has not been determined, but an effort will be made to have the house ready for opening by the first of the year.

Army Man Buried Today. Washington, July 24.—Colonel Butler, who was killed at Alpine, Texas, last Thursday by a jealous hotel keeper, Harry Spannell, was buried at Arlington cemetery today.

BUSINESS MEN TO DISTRIBUTE BOND MONEY

MANNER IN WHICH PROPOSED BOND MONEY IS TO BE SPENT WILL BE LEFT UP TO BUSINESS MEN OF CITY.

At an informal meeting of the city commissioners Saturday it was decided to ask for an advisory board composed of three members of the Chamber of Commerce and three members of the Business Men's association to which will be added one man selected by the commissioners themselves for the expenditure of the money derived from the bond issue to be voted on at the end of the month.

The secretaries of the two associations have received letters from acting Mayor London asking that the committees be appointed. It is pointed out that practical men are needed.

"In the appointment of this committee," the communication reads, "please let them know and thoroughly understand that the present administration will only have the expenditure of a nominal amount of this money and that their services will also be needed through the next administration. Our object in making this request is our desire to get the very best and most practical counsel we can so we can get the very best and the most for the money. We trust that this fact is borne in mind when the committee is named. Please submit the names to us Tuesday night so we can formally appoint them."

The matter is being taken up by the secretaries with their respective board of directors, with a view to securing the consent of the men placed on the advisory board to serve.

MISSING SUB BREMEN STILL UNREPORTED

HOPE FOR SAFE ARRIVAL OF SUBMARINE WAXED TODAY WHEN SHE FAILED TO APPEAR OFF CAPE HENRY.

Norfolk, Va., July 24.—Hope for the safe arrival of the submarine Bremen waxed today when she failed to appear off Cape Henry, although knowing persons said the presence of the allied warships may have delayed her.

J. WHITCOMB RILEY DIED SATURDAY

HOOSIER POET PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME AT INDIANAPOLIS SATURDAY NIGHT AT TEN FIFTY O'CLOCK.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 24.—The family of James Whitcomb Riley, who died here Saturday night at 10:50 o'clock, today received a telegram from President Wilson expressing regret at the poet's death.

The body will lie in state at the state house this afternoon and this evening. Riley's death was due to paralysis. He suffered a violent stroke Saturday morning.

MYSTERIOUS AND COWARDLY MURDER CASE

WHEREIN WIFE OF A MISSOURI PROSECUTING ATTORNEY WAS ROBBED AND THEN BEATEN TO DEATH.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 24.—Mrs. Oscar D. McDaniel, wife of the prosecuting attorney of Buchanan county, was attacked and beaten as she lay asleep in her home here about midnight on Friday, July 14. She died in a hospital soon afterwards without regaining consciousness. Two children—one five and the other eight years old—were asleep in the next room, but were not disturbed.

Prosecutor McDaniel discovered his wife lying in bed with her head crushed by blows from a blunt instrument, after he had returned from a trip down town in answer to what proved to be a "fake" telephone call. As Mr. McDaniel was nearing home he was fired upon from behind a tree, but was not wounded.

Officials express the theory that Mrs. McDaniel was killed by some person or persons her husband had been active in prosecuting. Mr. McDaniel received several letters just previous to the crime. One came through the mail on July 7. It was written on stationery of a local hotel, the letters were printed with a pen and practically every word was misspelled. The writer threatened the prosecutor's life and the lives of members of his family unless certain prosecutions were dismissed. Mr. McDaniel is said to have been uneasy about the note. In conversation with a friend a few hours before the murder, Mr. McDaniel said:

"I don't believe anyone who is coward enough to write that kind of a letter would have nerve enough to execute the threat, and yet I am very uneasy about it. So much so that I am not taking any chances at all that I can avoid. Ever since I received that letter I have been carrying my revolver, and I am especially careful if I do go out at night never to go out alone, and I am avoiding all alleys and questionable places. I have even thought of having a bodyguard but decided it was not necessary. When that story came out in the newspaper about me receiving that threatening letter I cut it out of the paper so my wife wouldn't see it, as I didn't want her to be worried. But a neighbor woman brought the paper to my house and showed it to my wife in my absence, and she has been very much excited since."

The night of the murder, Prosecutor McDaniel attended a lodge meeting early in the evening. He left the lodge room, drove around town in his motor car and, according to his statement, arrived home about 11 o'clock. About 11:15 the telephone rang and he was told that his brother was in trouble down town. Mr. McDaniel got into his motor car and went to a place where he had been directed. No one there knew anything of the telephone call.

According to the statement of Mr. McDaniel he arrived home about 12 o'clock. As he alighted from his motor car to open the garage door, some one fired at him from behind a tree in the yard. Mr. McDaniel dropped behind his motor car and returned the fire. When the chambers of his revolver had been emptied, he ran into the house and to his wife's room. He found her in bed, unconscious. Mr. McDaniel called the police.

Two diamond rings taken from the hand of Mrs. McDaniel, a revolver and a small amount of money have not been found.

Prosecutor McDaniel is finishing his

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PRAIRIE MAKES CUT
Tulsa, Okla., July 24.—The Prairie Oil & Gas company today posted Mid-Continent crude at \$1.45, which is a ten-cent cut under the price for the past two months.