

## BRITONS TAKE POZIERES; GAIN VANTAGE POINT

### Occupancy of Town Gives Control Over Plateau Held By Germans

### RUSSIANS GAIN ON FRONT IN EAST

### Turks Evacuate Fortress and Flee Before Army of the Grand Duke

London, July 26.—The capture of Pozieres, in the Somme river region, reported today by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, gives the British troops domination of the highest point overlooking the plateau on which the German lines extend to the eastward.

Some of the most stubborn fighting in the recent British offensive has occurred in the streets of this village which the Germans had strongly fortified.

Every house had to be taken separately and the British, after obtaining possession of a considerable portion of the village, were for several days subjected to severe counter attacks before the whole place fell before their onslaught.

The German general staff regarded Pozieres of such importance that they even brought reinforcements from the Verdun sector.

By completing his occupation of Pozieres, Gen. Sir Douglas Haig has won another vantage point in his offensive along the Somme with Bauphaume as his objective. Part of the village lies on high ground commanding the main road from Albert to Bauphaume along which the British are advancing in their main drive. The British advance is being pushed also on either side of the village.

The impetuous Russian drive in Turkish Armenia has resulted in the evacuation of the fortress of Erzingan by the Turks, according to unofficial dispatches from Petrograd. Grand Duke Nicholas has been converging his forces on the city from three directions.

The Turks are said to be retiring in disorder, leaving quantities of guns, rifles and munitions in their trail. Sivas, 130 miles west of Erzingan, will be their new base, it is assumed by military observers.

### GERMAN REPORT.

Berlin, July 26.—British troops have established themselves in the town of Pozieres, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

Further to the east on Foreaux wood and near Longueval, minor British attacks were repulsed. Attempted attacks on Trones wood were observed, the statement adds, and frustrated by German fire.

### RUSSIANS GAINING.

Petrograd, July 26.—The Russians are continuing their successful drive in southern Volhynia, pressing back the Teutonic forces near the Slonevka river, a branch of the Sty, which the Russians are crossing, the war office announced today. Great losses have been inflicted on the retreating hostile forces.

### STEAMER IS SUNK.

London, July 26.—An Algiers dispatch to Lloyd's says that the British steamer Olive has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

The Olive was a steamer of 2,396 tons. Her recent movements have not been reported.

### BORDER REPORTS ARE HELD UNTRUE

San Antonio, Tex., July 26.—Answering an inquiry from the war department, Gen. Funston has reported that there is not a single case of dengue fever in the first Illinois cavalry camp at Brownsville and that members of the first Illinois brigade did not suffer from heat prostrations on the recent march from San Antonio to the target range at Leon Springs. The war department's inquiry was based on stories sent out by special correspondents with the troops.

### U. S. SHIP BUILDERS UNUSUALLY ACTIVE

Washington, D. C., July 26.—Tonnage of ocean going merchant vessels being built or ordered in the United States July 1 was 1,000,000, or one-fourth greater than that of vessels under construction in German yards January 1, 1914, the date of the greatest activity in German history, the bureau of navigation reported today. This was only about half the normal output of British yards in peace times, however. The number of ocean vessels of more than 1,000 gross tons being built is 195.

## BRITISH WARSHIP MAKES DASH INTO CHESAPEAKE BAY

### EVIDENTLY LOOKING FOR DEUTSCHLAND; MAY HAVE VIOLATED U. S. NEUTRALITY.

Norfolk, Va., July 26.—The armored cruiser North Carolina weighed anchor at Old Point at 1:30 p. m. and headed for the capes. Two torpedo boat destroyers preceded the cruiser. It was stated at Old Point that the three ships were under orders to lay off the capes until further instructions.

Baltimore, Md., July 26.—Arrangements to clear the German merchant submarine Deutschland were made late today by Capt. Paul Koenig, commander of the vessel, who, it was said, personally would go to the custom house after regular hours to secure the necessary papers.

Norfolk, Va., July 26.—The British cruiser, which made a flying visit into the waters of lower Chesapeake bay during the early hours of Tuesday morning and then slipped back to the patrol line outside the three mile limit, still was unidentified today.

Officials here have made reports to Washington and while none of them believe the cruiser violated any precepts of international law, all agree it was a most unusual proceeding. Obviously the cruiser was looking for evidence of the Deutschland.

### SUBMARINE IS TESTED.

Baltimore, Md., July 26.—The German merchant submarine Deutschland was given another submerging test at her dock today. When she arose to the surface ten minutes later her commander, Capt. Paul Koenig, and Constructor William Prusse, expressed satisfaction with the results.

Submergence was necessary to trim her cargo properly.

Respecting a report that the Bremen, hourly expected in American waters, would go to Boston, it was said at the offices of the Deutschland's agents here today that the Bremen would "seek shelter at the nearest, safest and most convenient port on the Atlantic seaboard."

### CRUISE IS RESENTED.

Washington, D. C., July 26.—Officials here, besides regarding the visit of an unidentified British cruiser into the lower Chesapeake at a time when one German underwater liner is about to start back to Germany and another is reported about to arrive, as very unusual, are inclined to resent such an incursion into American waters.

So far as is known the Norfolk incident is the first since the beginning of the war in which an allied cruiser had come into an American port. Early in the war when British cruisers hovered too close to New York watching shipping, the United States made representations and they were ordered by their governments to stay well outside the three mile limit.

## KAISER WILLIAM IN GOOD HEALTH

### REPORT FROM BERLIN SAYS RULER IS STANDING WAR RIGORS SPLENDIDLY.

Headquarters of the German Army on the Somme, July 24 (By courier to Berlin, July 25).—Emperor William, in his talk with the Saxon and Baden military plenipotentiaries today, when he described the impressions resulting from his recent visit to the trenches, punctuated and emphasized his discourse with vigorous gestures. With the freshness of his color and general vivacity of energy, his bearing showed plainly that his health had not suffered under the long strain of the war.

The emperor's departure for the eastern front, accompanied by Gen. Erich von Falkenhayn, chief of the general staff, immediately after the religious service at army headquarters, is taken as a sign that the responsible heads of the army consider the situation on the Somme now well in hand and that there is no occasion for apprehension.

The Associated Press correspondent spent part of the morning at an artillery observation station near Peronne, waiting for the weather to clear sufficiently to permit military operations to begin. Noon, however, saw no lift to the clouds, which hung low until they joined hands with the fogs from the Somme flats, and as there was no prospect of witnessing anything interesting or important, the watch was abandoned.

## GUARDSMEN ARE AFTER RELEASE

### Numerous Requests Made for Discharge in Order to Support Families

### SEVERAL HUNDRED ON WAY BACK HOME

### Wilson Tells Irate Mother That Troops are Doing Real Guard Duty

San Antonio, Tex., July 26.—Applications for release from service of guardsmen with persons dependent upon them now are pouring into army headquarters at Ft. Sam Houston at the rate of 1,500 a week, it was announced today. Several hundred already have been released.

### WILSON DEFENDS SELF.

Washington, D. C., July 26.—In reply to a complaint from Mrs. Henry Smith of Winamac, Ind., who has a son in the national guard, President Wilson wrote today that the guard was being kept on the Mexican border to protect the country, not for drill and that the service the men were performing was an honor to them and a necessity to the United States.

The president's letter was made public because many communications similar to that of Mrs. Smith are being received. The letter follows:

"Your letter of July 23 distresses me a good deal because it shows that you have not been correctly informed as to the purpose of having the national guard at the border. It is not for the purpose of drill but for the purpose of protecting the country. The service the men are performing there is an honor to them and a necessity to the United States. I can not believe that the men in the national guard would wish to be excused from it or would lose heart because of the discomforts and inconveniences of the service.

"The war department has the camps on the border under the most careful inspection and is urging every means known to make them sanitary and safe against disease. The health record of the men on the border, both the regulars and the national guardsmen, is exceptionally good.

"I would not have you think that I do not sympathize with your distress in the absence of your son, but I beg that you will take these larger matters into consideration."

### TROOPS DISAPPEAR.

Columbus, N. M., July 26.—Carranzista troops held at points south, east and west of the headquarters of the American punitive expedition in Mexico have disappeared, according to apparently reliable reports received here today. It was believed they were withdrawn southward for operations against Villistas.

Fifty motor truck drivers arrived early this morning and will be assigned for immediate duty in Mexico.

Twenty-four cook carts and a score of supply wagons will leave Columbus for Mexico during the week. A large number of remounts for officers will be sent.

### HEAVY RAIN AT CAMP.

Brownsville, Tex., July 26.—Drainage of the camp of the first Illinois cavalry was so thorough that very little water remained in the street of the camp today. The heavy rain of yesterday flooded the camp and Gen. Parker contemplated removing it to another site. He changed his mind this morning, however, when he saw how thoroughly the water had been carried off.

Illinois troopers declared that never in the north had they seen such a rain storm as deluged the camp yesterday. Troop I suffered the worst. It occupied the bottom of a shallow wallow.

## BIG NAVY MEN HOPEFUL

### Senators Believe President's Stand Will Prevent Material Reductions in Estimates.

Washington, D. C., July 26.—Senate leaders, encouraged today by President Wilson's stand for the senate naval program, were in high hopes that the senate bill would suffer less at the hands of a conference committee than had been expected.

The house probably will name conferees when it meets again Thursday. Senate members have been named. Representatives Buchanan, of Illinois, fighting reference of the measure to conference on the contention that it is too important to be disposed of that way, succeeded yesterday in preventing naming of house conferees, but the rules committee is prepared to force leaders' plans for a conference.

### MANY CHILDREN DIE.

New York, July 26.—Infantile paralysis killed thirty-five children during the twenty-four hour period ending at 10 o'clock this morning.

## MEN ON BLACKLIST WANT PRESIDENT TO PROTECT THEM

### RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT, TAKEN TO WASHINGTON.

New York, July 26.—Copies of resolutions calling upon the United States government to promptly bring about the recall of commercial restrictions placed upon American citizens by Great Britain were sent today to members of the senate and house of representatives and governors of all the states.

The resolutions were adopted by the association to resist British domination of American commerce, composed of fifty or more representatives of firms and individuals who have been placed on the British trade blacklist.

Maurice B. Blumenthal, counsel for the association, left for Washington late last night carrying a copy of the protest which he hopes to hand to President Wilson today.

The preamble of the resolutions says that the measures adopted by Great Britain are intended "to compel American aid in destroying the commerce of her adversaries regardless of consequences to American trade or rights."

It declares the facts upon which the blacklisting was based were gained by unlawful seizure, detention and examination of American mails. Fear is expressed that eventually Great Britain may dominate the important commercial activities of the American people. It is also stated that it is manifested that Great Britain's trade ships cannot be accorded the hospitality of American ports or negotiate commercial affairs with any American citizen or firm on these shores "or elsewhere," so long as other citizens are restricted in their rights of trade.

### BRITAIN IN NO HURRY.

London, July 26.—Replying to the request of Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador, for expedition of the answer to the American note regarding the detention of mails by British censors, the British foreign office today said that the reply would be sent to the United States as soon as possible, but that Great Britain still was conferring on the subject with the French government.

### READY TO PROTEST.

Washington, D. C., July 26.—A communication to Great Britain, dealing with the principles involved in the blacklist against American firms, is practically ready and will be sent to London within the next few days. Acting Secretary Polk discussed the question with President Wilson today and then returned to the state department to complete the work on the document.

### DES MOINES HEAT RECORD IS BROKEN

Des Moines, July 26.—Heat records in Des Moines were due to be smashed today, in the opinion of the local weather bureau when at 10 o'clock the mercury had risen to 92 degrees, the season's highest mark for that hour in the day. An increased humidity caused much suffering. Officials stated that there are no indications of an immediate rain.

The records for this season were broken yesterday when the thermometer registered 99 degrees. The former record was 98.8.

Dubuque, July 26.—Temperature at noon was 95, with prospect of 97 by 3 o'clock, which would be one degree higher than the season's record to date.

Crops—potatoes and corn especially—are in great need of rain.

## PROGRESSIVES IN STATE MEETING

### ORGANIZATION TO BE PRESERVED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN FUTURE YEARS.

Des Moines, July 26.—Thirty members of the progressive party constituting a self styled forlorn hope, met in Des Moines today in state convention to nominate a candidate for governor and adopt a platform.

Leaders said that little would be attempted except to lay a foundation for party work in the future. The convention sent the following telegram to John M. Parker of New Orleans, the progressive candidate for vice president.

## THREATEN MOVE AGAINST ROAD

### Prospects of Injunction to Hold Up New River Route on South

### ACTION OF BOARD IS TAKEN JUST LATELY

### Supervisors Establish the Highway Only After a Lengthy Discussion

Opposition to the establishment of the Ottumwa to Chillicothe roadway along the south side of the river threatens to appear in district court within the next few days.

Indications are that protests against the board of supervisors' action, in establishing the highway Monday afternoon, will soon be made manifest with the possibility of an injunction suit being filed for trial.

Soon after the first petition was filed, eighteen months ago, asking for the establishment of the road, there were several protests entered with the board. These were gone over and a number of hearings were held at which those opposing the route and their attorneys were present. A commissioner was appointed to survey the route and after he had finished his work a board of appraisers went over the proposed roadway and assessed the amount of damages which should be allowed.

Two claims for damages had been filed at that time with the auditor. They were from Fred Hall and Al Hammond and each one asked \$750. The appraisers decided that these two property owners should be allowed \$75 for the building of the road. The matter was threshed out in a special meeting of the board several weeks ago and Monday afternoon, July 24, at 1:30 o'clock was set as the time for final disposition of the matter. When that meeting was called to order there was not a property owner nor his attorney there.

The supervisors, by unanimous vote, ordered the road to be established with certain conditions. The petitioners are to have it in traveling condition by October 1. They are to pay those who filed claims for damages at the rate of \$75 an acre and they are to bear the greater part of the expense of the proceeding.

### SCOUT SUSPECTED OF BEING CROOK

Columbus, N. M., July 26.—J. S. Barkman, internal revenue agent at Ft. Smith, Ark., en route here for the purpose of identifying Guy Johnson, government scout, held at Columbus on suspicion of being Guy Hartman, wanted in connection with whisky frauds in Arkansas, is expected to arrive today. Agents of the department of justice at Washington, who trailed the prisoner into Mexico, are awaited tomorrow.

Local officers declare that no doubt exists as to Johnson's identity despite his protestations of innocence.

Rewards aggregating \$15,000 are said to be offered for Hartman's arrest.

## SANTO DOMINGO HAS NEW PRESIDENT

Santo Domingo, July 26.—Federico Henriquez Carvajal was proclaimed provisional president of Santo Domingo by congress today.

President Carvajal succeeds Juan Isidoro Jimenez. He was elected by the chamber of deputies on May 17, but confirmation by the senate was postponed at the request of Admiral Caperton, commanding the American naval forces in Santo Domingo. The disturbed condition of the republic was the reason for Admiral Caperton's request.

### ROAD FUND DISTRIBUTED

Recent Federal Appropriation for Highways is Appropriated Among the States of Union.

Washington, D. C., July 26.—Apportionment among the states of the first year's appropriation of \$5,000,000 carried by the new good roads act, was announced today by the department of agriculture, which has certified the figures to the treasury department and state officials.

To be entitled to its share each state must provide an amount equal to that put up by the federal government. Texas gets the largest share, \$291,927; New York, second, \$250,720; Pennsylvania, third, \$230,644, and Illinois, fourth, \$220,926. Iowa's provision is \$146,175.

## HAVE DIFFICULTY IN RECOVERING BODIES OF DEAD

### ELEVEN VICTIMS OF CLEVELAND TUNNEL DISASTER BURIED UNDER LAKE MUD.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 26.—Rescue forces went to waterworks crib No. 5, out in Lake Erie, this forenoon in hopes of being able some time today to penetrate the remote and wrecked portion of the death tunnel where the bodies of the unrecovered dead of Monday night's disaster still remain.

Waterworks officials stated today that they believe there are eleven bodies still in the tunnel instead of twelve as previously estimated. They assert that all of the dead of the rescue forces which were wiped out striving to save the workmen first trapped by the explosions have been recovered and that the corpses still in the tunnel are restricted to the eleven men, including Assistant Supt. S. H. Vokes. Should this prove true the total death toll is twenty-one instead of twenty-two.

Hope that the remaining dead may be recovered within a few hours was strengthened today when workmen were able to replace the bulleseye in the air lock, broken yesterday to allow the poisonous gases to escape from the tunnel.

Workmen today said they would never return to the work in the tunnel. Once their dead comrades are brought out they will quit, they say. Only five city workmen of ninety who have been employed at crib No. 5 were on the scene today. The workmen assert that the tunnel is a perpetual peril.

The city's investigation into the disaster was under way today. It began with a conference this morning of Mayor Harry L. Davis, Law Director W. S. Fitzgerald and Utilities Director Thomas Farrell. They made up a list of witnesses to be called when public hearings open later today.

## TRAINMEN TO LET LEADERS DECIDE

### QUESTION OF STRIKE WILL BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE UNION OFFICIALS.

Chicago, July 26.—Leaders of the four train service brotherhoods, comprising more than 300,000 members, may be empowered to call a general strike, if reports concerning the vote on the eight hour day and time and a half for overtime propositions are true. The vote will be completed today and it is said that confidential advance reports from various sections of the country indicate an overwhelming sentiment in favor of giving the leaders this power.

The engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen are involved. In some places, it is said, as high as ninety per cent of the vote has been in favor of authorizing the leaders to refuse arbitration of the demands. The count will be made in New York the first part of next month.

## CAMP DODGE IS DESERTED

### All Iowa Militiamen Are at Border or in Special Trains En Route to Brownsville.

Des Moines, July 26.—Camp Dodge, the mobilization grounds of the Iowa national guard, today was deserted except for regular army officers and their ordies. All the Iowa troops have gone to the Mexican border, the last detachment leaving shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday.

It was stated today that although no orders have been received, it was probable the majority of the regular officers would remain at the camp to take care of new enlistments, many of which, it is believed, will come in beginning about Friday.

### CONSIDERING MEN FOR TARIFF BODY

Washington, D. C., July 26.—President Wilson today scanned a long list of names presented for the new tariff commission proposed in the general revenue bill. The commission, if created, would have five members. The revenue bill, which has been passed by the house, will be passed by the senate probably just before adjournment.

## ALLEGES TOWN OFFICERS USE UNLAWFUL RIGHTS

### J. W. Odem Brings Action Against Eddyville and Local Officials

### ASKS INJUNCTION AGAINST WARRANTS

### Claims that Funds From the Street Department are Being Misdirected

Alleged illegality on the part of the town officers at Eddyville forms the basis for a petition in equity and for an injunction which has been filed in the district court under the title of J. W. Odem vs. The Incorporated town of Eddyville.

The plaintiff, who says that he is a taxpayer, calls the court's attention to certain transactions which he alleges have been transpiring during the past year between the town officials and construction and building companies. The Empire Sand and Material Co., is made a defendant in the suit.

Mr. Odem asks the court to grant a temporary and later a permanent injunction which will restrain J. M. Crosson or his successor, as clerk of the town, from issuing any warrants except on the vote of the town council and the treasurer from paying such warrants.

The petitioner claims that beginning with the year 1915, the town has allowed bills and directed the treasurer to draw the warrants on the treasurer of the town against the funds of the street improvement fund. The street improvement fund, he claims, should not have been legally paid for out of this fund. He says that the warrants were not issued for any of the purposes described in the statute which provides for this improvement but rather were given over to the paving of a public highway lying outside of the town of Eddyville known as Cemetery Hill. He adds that no election has ever been held providing for the paving of the highway in this manner.

The paving of Cemetery Hill forms the basis for the first count of the petition. There are six others and they are built around the alleged illegality of using the funds for other improvements on the streets and highways in and near Eddyville.

## HEADS OF IRISH RELIEF WORRIED

New York, July 26.—Officers of the Irish relief fund are awaiting an explanation of the refusal of the British government to permit Eugene H. Kelly, treasurer of the fund, and his assistant, Joseph Smith, to land in England. The matter has been taken up with the state department at Washington.

Messrs. Kelly and Smith wished to go to Dublin to distribute \$50,000 raised in the United States for the relief of persons who suffered through the recent Irish revolt.

The only explanation thus far received is contained in press dispatches which said that as the "Irish sympathizers" in America already had two able representatives in Ireland it was not considered necessary to allow more to go there. It is said Kelly and Smith were permitted to send the \$50,000 ashore and that it had been transmitted to Ireland.

## CHAIN OF EVIDENCE IS BEING WELDED

Olney, Ill., July 26.—When a tiny air bubble burst in an artery under pressure of a physician's knife, the first chain of evidence against Roy Hinterliter, who brought the body of Miss Elizabeth Ratcliffe, who died while buggy riding with him, to a sanitarium here last Friday night, was said by prosecuting authorities to have been welded. The death of the Ratcliffe girl is said by medical authorities to be without parallel if it develops a crime actually was committed.

Hinterliter was held to the grand jury without bond yesterday by a coroner's jury which held him responsible for the girl's death.

## VIOLENT STORM RAVAGES SPAIN

Madrid, July 26.—A hurricane of unprecedented violence has ravaged the provinces of Saragossa, Soria, Valladolid, Leon and Pontevedra. The village of Torreon is completely in ruins and three churches have been swept away by floods in the village of Ateco province of Aragon.

The bodies of eleven victims have been recovered so far. The minister of the interior will ask for a special appropriation to relieve farmers in the stricken district, most of whom are ruined.