

## FRENCH STORM FLEURY; OUSTED IN SHORT TIME

Crown Prince's Men Regain Town Won From Them in Fierce Attack

## RUSSIANS UNABLE TO RETAIN GAINS

Britons Announce Advances Near Pozières; Troops in the West Resting

Berlin, Aug. 4. (via London).—The village of Fleury north of Verdun, was regained by the Germans this morning. It was officially announced today by the German army headquarters.

The situation at Fleury and its vicinity, the statement adds, now is the same as it was before the French attack.

Austro-German troops have regained all the territory which they had lost in the region of Rudka-Mirynskalia to the east of Kovel.

The Teutons also gained ground in the Carpathian mountains in the region of Koplas.

Paris, Aug. 4.—Attacking simultaneously from the northwest and from the southeast French troops yesterday stormed the village of Fleury, three miles north of Verdun and captured several hundred Germans. In the evening, however, the Germans launched a furious counter attack and succeeded in getting a footing in the southern part of the village.

The French today continue to hold the northern section of the place and heavy fighting is in progress. On the right bank of the River Meuse, north of Verdun the battle continues along the front of Thiaumont-Fleury, the Germans attacking several times during the night with great fury, it was announced officially this afternoon by the French war department. At one period the French entered Thiaumont earthworks but were frustrated.

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London, Aug. 4.—Minor operations last night by the British on the Somme front resulted in the gain for them of some ground west of Pozières, the war office announced today.

SUEZ IS BOMBARDED.

London, Aug. 4.—A bombardment of shipping on the Suez canal by hostile aeroplanes was officially announced today. The attack was carried out by two machines over Lake Timshah, forty-five miles south of Port Said. The town of Ismailia on the lake border also was bombed. No damage was done by either attack.

STEAMERS SUNK.

London, Aug. 4.—The Japanese steamer Kohina Maru and the British steamer G. C. Gradwell have been sunk.

TWO SCHOONERS SUNK.

London, Aug. 4.—Two British schooners were torpedoed in the English channel Wednesday night. The crews were rescued and brought here.

BRITONS RESOLVE TO WIN STRUGGLE

London, Aug. 4.—Throughout the British empire today the second anniversary of Great Britain's declaration of war was observed. Meetings were held and resolutions passed declaring a "determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in the maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the allies."

Sir Francis Lloyd, general officer commanding the London district, spoke to 4,000 wounded from the London hospitals this afternoon.

## STEAMER CAPTAIN SAYS SUBMARINE WENT TO BOTTOM

MASTER OF BRITISH VESSEL INSISTS HE DESTROYED GERMAN SUBMERSIBLE.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 4.—Capt. David Thomson, master of the British steamship Strathness, which arrived here today from Mediterranean ports, told of an engagement which he declared his vessel had with a German submarine on July 15 in which the submersible was sunk.

Two gunners from the British navy, who were in charge of a six pound gun mounted on the after deck of the Strathness for defense purposes, sank the submarine, according to Captain Thomson, when a ball struck it amid ships, causing an explosion. He said the underwater boat dived suddenly and was not seen again.

While the Strathness was struck several times, once by a torpedo, no great damage was done and the freighter escaped with several dented plates and portions of her superstructure demolished.

MANY VESSELS SUNK.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—(By wireless to Sayville).—The German admiralty today announced that eight English motor sailing vessels and one English steam trawler were sunk by a German submarine off the English east coast on July 28.

## FOOD SUPPLY IN GERMANY SECURE

Berlin, Aug. 4. (via London).—The food situation in Germany is satisfactory according to an official statement which compares the nation's harvest of 1914 and 1915.

"The splendid organization of the distribution of bread and corn as well as the system of economical consumption and the storing of supplies enabled us to overcome the unfavorable economic year of 1915-16 without serious derangement of the life of our people. The present economic year promises to be even more satisfactory," the statement says.

After denying reports of threatened famine or of restrictions which would endanger health, the statement concludes:

"Our meat supply is ample. An arrangement made with breeders guarantees a plentiful supply of pork. The fat ration of 90 grammes a week per head which is now allotted is regarded as sufficient."

HINDENBURG IN COMMAND.

Amsterdam, Aug. 4. (Via London).—The appointment of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to the supreme command on the eastern front is hailed by the German papers as a masterful stroke.

The Hamburger Nachrichten says: "He is the right man in the right place. A desire long since cherished by our people but never directly expressed is now fulfilled. In the present crisis on the eastern front the consolidation of the army groups was a necessity. All commanders of the eastern armies will readily and ungrudgingly submit to Von Hindenburg's authority."

The Koelnische Volks Zeitung says: "Germany's confidence in her army leaders in the east was never shaken, but the appointment of Von Hindenburg increases this confidence to certainty."

## War Summary

Desperate fighting is in progress north of Verdun where the French three days ago took the offensive and have scored notable gains in the effort to drive back the Germans who had been hammering at the gates of the fortress for more than five months.

After pushing to the outskirts of Fleury, three miles north of Verdun, on Wednesday night, the French brilliantly attacked the place yesterday and carried it by storm. Last night the crown prince's troops launched furious counter attacks and succeeded in retaking the southern section of the village.

The French in an attack on the three mile front east from the river Meuse pushed north along the river toward the Vacherauville wood and the Cote du Poivre and further east at Thiaumont. This success possession of the Thiaumont redoubt. They were compelled to withdraw from the Thiaumont position, however.

Meanwhile fighting on the Somme front has dwindled to minor operations. London reports the gain of some ground west of Pozières.

Russians in the Stokhod region have succeeded in effecting a new advance.

Petrograd today announces the capture of the village of Rudka-Mirynskalia on the Stovok, a tributary of the Stokhod. This success brings them within nineteen miles of Kovel, the objective of their Volhynian campaign.

## MEXICO NAMES THREE ARBITERS

Formal Announcement Sent to Washington Telling of Carranza Action

## BORDER DISPUTES WILL BE DISCUSSED

Conference Is Expected to Take Place Within the Coming Fortnight

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, delivered a note to the state department today replying to the last American communication to the de facto government and announcing the appointment of three Mexican members of a joint commission to undertake settlement of border differences.

The text follows: "Mr. Secretary: "In due reply to the courteous note of the department of state dated July 28, 1916, I have the honor to say to your excellency that the first chief of the constitutionalist army in charge of the executive power of the Mexican republic, congratulates himself upon the laudable efforts of the American government to arrive at a solution of existing difficulties between the two countries, and to that effect, considering it of the greatest importance that a prompt decision be reached of the points which have caused the existing differences between the United States and Mexico, referred to in the note of the Mexican government dated July 4 last, has seen fit to appoint a commission of three persons constituted by Licenciado Luis Cabrera, Engineer Ignacio Bonillas and Engineer Alberto J. Pani, to whom instructions have been given to devote their attention preferably to the resolution of the points mentioned in the previous note of this department.

"Licenciado Eliseo Arredondo has been authorized to treat with the department of state the matter of details relating to the place and date in which the commissioners of the Mexican government should meet the commissioners of the government of the United States in order to commence their labors.

"I reiterate to your excellency the assurance of my highest consideration. C. Aguilar, "Secretary of foreign relations."

TO HOLD CONFERENCE SOON.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Indications today were that a joint commission of representatives of the United States and Mexico might be ready to start deliberations looking to settlement of border disputes within ten days. Appointment of the Mexican members, Messrs Cabrera, Bonillas and Pani, has been announced in Mexico City.

President Wilson probably will take up the naming of American commissioners as soon as official confirmation of the Mexican appointments is received from the Carranza government.

COMMISSIONS TO START.

Mexico City, Mex., Aug. 4.—The departure from Mexico City for the United States of Luis Cabrera and Alberto Pani, who with Ygnacio Bonillas have been selected to reach a settlement with the United States commissioners on the questions at issue between the two countries will not be long delayed, according to the general belief here. It is possible that the commissioners may travel north on one of the vessels of the Mexican navy, the Bravo or the Zaragoza, which are now at Vera Cruz, if it appears that their departure would be delayed by the infrequent sailing of merchant vessels.

SOLDIER NEAR DEATH.

Leavenworth, Kas., Aug. 4.—Information received here today told of the narrow escape from death on the Mexican border of Patrick Trear a member of C company, Second Kansas Infantry. Young Trear was swimming in the Rio Grand when he ventured too near the Mexican side and was shot in the head by a Mexican. He was rescued from drowning by his companions. Physicians declared his life had been spared through the fact that a soft noosed bullet had been used instead of a steel jacket missile.

ITALIANS LOSE TWO SUBMARINES

Rome, Aug. 4.—The loss of two Italian submarines is officially announced. The statement says the undersea craft "left with others on a mission to the enemy coast a long time ago. As they have failed to return to their base they are considered lost."

A Vienna dispatch August 3 report the capture of Italian submarine Giacinto Pullino by the Austrians in the North Adriatic. It was stated the submarine, which was one of the largest owned by Italy, was almost undamaged and her crew had been taken prisoner.

## EFFORTS BEING MADE TO PREVENT RAILWAY STRIKE

FORMAL ACTION OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES EXPECTED BEFORE VERY LONG.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Possible developments in efforts here to avert a break between the country's railroads and their employees were looked for in two directions today. The senate commerce committee was to decide whether hearings should be held on a resolution for an interstate commerce commission investigation and President Wilson had an appointment to go over the situation with William M. Chambers, commissioner of the board of mediation and conciliation. Officials said everything possible would be done to prevent a strike. If necessary President Wilson is ready, it is said, to make a personal appeal to the railroad managers and their workmen.

JUDGE SEES WILSON.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Judge William L. Chambers, commissioner of the United States board of mediation and conciliation, conferred with President Wilson today over the threatened strike of 400,000 railroad employees.

Judge Chambers told the president he believed there was nothing formal that the federal government could do until the railroad managers and the representatives of the employees meet again next week, after counting of the strike vote has been completed.

Judge Chambers thinks there is still a chance that an agreement will be reached. The board of mediation and conciliation expects to be called in should a break appear inevitable.

MAY APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 4.—A movement looking to an appeal to congress for decisive action to prevent a strike on the railroads of the country has been inaugurated by employees on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway. A petition signed by 5,000 representatives of the non-union men has been signed. It sets forth that twenty per cent of the employees, representing the brotherhoods, should not be allowed to throw the eighty per cent out of work and call upon congress to see that trouble is averted.

RAIL LEADERS MEET.

New York, Aug. 4.—Conferences of the leaders of the four great brotherhoods of railroad employees representing 400,000 men, the majority of whom are believed to have voted to strike on 225 railway systems, were held here today. These meetings were to enable the leaders to decide upon their course of action if the representatives of the railroads again refuse to discuss the appeal to President Wilson to prevent the threatened strike.

NO INVESTIGATION NOW.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—The senate commerce committee today voted to table Senator Newlands' resolution to direct the interstate commerce commission to investigate and report to congress on wages and hours of service of each class of railroad employees because action was deemed inadvisable pending mediation and arbitration of disputes between the railroads and their employees.

BIG STRIKE OFF.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Conciliators of the department of war reported today that the New York garment workers' strike had been called off and that 50,000 workers would return to their places Monday. President Wilson was notified.

## STRIKE TROUBLE GROWS

New York Street Railway Men and Officials Obdurate; Workers Voting To Decide Action.

New York, Aug. 4.—Whether 1,500,000 persons are to be inconvenienced by a strike of 5,000 motormen and conductors of the New York railways company and the New York and Queens County Railroad company, will be decided this afternoon or tonight. The time limit set by the union leaders within which the company officials are required to answer for recognition of the union and increased pay, expires at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Both sides still are obdurate. Tonight the employees are to vote on the question of calling a strike. It is reported that four thousand strike-breakers are ready to hurry to New York from other cities.

SEAMEN ON LAKES ARE GIVEN RAISE

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 4.—The action of the Lake Carriers' association in announcing an advance of \$10 a month in wages resulted today in calling a conference of officials of the Seamen's union to be held here tomorrow to determine whether the strike vote now being taken shall be discontinued. Cooks, firemen and others also will vote. Ten thousand men are concerned. The strike, if called, would come September 1.

## CHILD IS GIVEN TO HER FATHER

Constance Hope Winters Is Turned Over to Parent By Court's Order

## RULING EXCEPTED TO BY YOUNGSTER'S AUNT

Miss Ella Buchanan, Who Is on Losing Side, Notes Her Objections

Constance Hope Winters has been given into the care and custody of her father, Nicholas Winters. At the conclusion of the habeas corpus hearing late Thursday afternoon District Judge Cornell so ruled and the sheriff took the child from the home of her aunt, Miss Ella Buchanan, to her father that night in accordance with the court's orders.

Thus has been settled by court action a matter which, according to evidence given on the stand during the trial, has been pending for many months. Three years ago last April when Mrs. Winters, mother of the child, died, the little one was taken care of by Miss Buchanan, who is Mrs. Winters' sister. Her side of the case introduced testimony to show that the premature birth of the child and the mother's death within three days produced a very delicate state of health for the youngster, Miss Buchanan, who is a nurse, had witnesses to show that she had given the little one the best of care and had sustained her life by careful methods.

The court appointed a commission of physicians to examine the child and these men reported the next day, after their appointment, that they had found her to be healthy and normal. The neighbors and friends of the Winters family went on the stand and told the court that as far as they knew Mr. Winters was able and capable of taking care of his child.

The ruling, made immediately after the close of the arguments, read, "The court finds the defendant a proper person to have the care, custody and control of the child and directs the sheriff to turn her over to the defendant at once. The writ of habeas corpus is hereby dissolved." All of the order was excepted to by Miss Buchanan.

## "REDS" WANTED FOR REIGN OF TERROR

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 4.—That Thomas J. Mooney, one of the men indicted for murder in connection with the preparation of a bomb explosion on July 22, planned to inaugurate a reign of terror in San Francisco by importing "direct action reds" was the declaration of District Attorney C. M. Fickert in making public today correspondence in Mooney's desk.

One letter addressed to an executive officer named Acker, of the Industrial Workers of the World, Chicago, said: "I want to get in immediate touch with fifteen or twenty direct action reds—good vigorous reds."

A letter to William Heywood, national secretary of the I. W. W., asked for hot blooded men.

Henry C. Claussen of Alameda, Cal., who died here last night, was the ninth victim of the bomb explosion to die.

## TRAINED CIVILIANS CAN GET IN ARMY

Chicago, Aug. 4.—All citizens of proper age now undergoing or who have undergone instructions at training camps in the central department of the army may apply to be examined for commission as second lieutenants in the regular army, according to a telegram from the war department in Washington, received today at central headquarters here. About fifteen hundred vacancies exist. Many officers appointed to fill them will be promoted to the grade of first lieutenant in the near future.

## SOUTH IS FIGHTING CHILD LABOR BILL

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—The child labor bill, on which debate began in the senate yesterday, was up again today with southern senators ready to start a fight on its constitutionality. The bill will be kept before the senate until passed.

## DRAINING LAKE TO RECOVER LOST RING

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 4.—A lake in a city park here is being drained today to recover a wedding ring lost there by Mrs. Hugh Foster. While throwing stones across the water, Mrs. Foster hurled her ring off her finger.

## FIREMEN SAVE PEOPLE.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Firemen rescued residents of flats over an Englewood furniture store, scene of a spectacular blaze today. Three women, overcome by smoke, were carried down ladders.

## DANISH MINISTER SIGNS AGREEMENT TO SELL ISLANDS

WHEN SENATE RATIFIES TREATY, U. S. WILL OWN IMPORTANT POINTS IN WEST INDIES.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4.—Acting Secretary Polk announced today that the treaty by which the United States is to purchase the Danish West Indies from Denmark for \$25,000,000, was signed at New York this morning by Secretary Lansing and Minister Constantin Brun.

The treaty provides for the transfer to the United States of three islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John, which have been the subject of negotiations between the United States and Denmark for many years.

It is understood the administration will ask for ratification by the senate during the present session. No really serious opposition to the price is expected.

Secretary Lansing, who has been spending his vacation at Watertown, N. Y., went to New York to meet Minister Brun.

The treaty was signed in duplicate in Mr. Lansing's hotel suite at 10:15 o'clock. The American secretary came here from Watertown, N. Y., and Minister Brun from his summer home in Bar Harbor, Me. Copies of the treaty were brought here from Washington by L. H. Woolsey, of the state department, who was the only witness to the ceremony which was conducted without formalities.

Mr. Brun said he would immediately forward his copy to his government for ratification by the Danish rigedag.

## MOOSE WILL NOT NAME CANDIDATE

Indianapolis, Aug. 4.—At a meeting of leaders attending the progressive party conference here yesterday it was decided not to nominate a candidate for president, but to appoint an executive committee of fifteen to perpetuate the party and adopt resolutions criticizing the national committee for endorsing republican presidential nominee Hughes in Chicago June 26. Action was taken on motion of Judge Albert D. Norton, of Missouri.

When representatives of the party who disapprove the action of the national committee in endorsing Charles E. Hughes for president met here at noon to consider the advisability of calling another convention to nominate a candidate for president, sentiment of the leaders was divided in regard to what action should be taken.

A majority of those present favored putting a third ticket in the field, but several influential leaders doubted the wisdom of the action.

## MORE SHIPS BLACKLISTED

British Government Puts Ban On Three American Vessels And Takes Two Off List.

London, Aug. 4.—The latest blacklist of neutral shipping issued today by the trades division of the admiralty represents 152,656 tons of steamers and sailing vessels unavailable to British charterers on the claim that they are now or have been engaged in unneutral service.

The latest list contains in addition to those published in a previous list, the names of the following ships flying the American flag: "Clara Davis," Fannie Patter and Oakley C. Curtis, all sailing vessels.

These American ships have been removed from the blacklist since its last publication: Steamer Seneca and sailing ship Edgar W. Murdock.

## TRYING TO SAVE BABIES

Chicago Health Authorities Issue Warnings Against Letting the Children Drink Beer.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—In an effort to reduce the infant mortality rate in Chicago, fifty physicians from the city's congested districts were to confer with Dr. John Dill Robertson, city health commissioner.

Dr. Robertson has ordered daily bulletins sent to the Bohemian, Polish and Italian newspapers instructing parents on the proper care of children during the hot weather and warning them against feeding babies beer.

LAMM LEADS SWANGER.

St. Louis, Aug. 4.—With thirty-nine Missouri counties to be heard from Henry Lamm has a lead of 25,500 votes over John E. Swanger for the republican gubernatorial nomination.

WOODMAN CLERK DIES.

Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 4.—Major Charles W. Hawes, former head clerk of the Modern Woodmen of America, retiring from that office two years ago after filling it for twenty-six years, died today, aged 75.

## HEAVY RACING ENTRIES CLOSE FAIR AT ELDON

Thursday's Heavy Downpour Prevents Two Events Being Run Off

## GIVE OUT PREMIUMS TO THE EXHIBITORS

Department Secretaries Are Making Awards to the Prize Winners

Eldon, Aug. 4.—(Special).—This afternoon, the last races of the Big Four fair which has been in session here since Tuesday, opened with the heaviest track schedule that has confronted the judges and performers for years.

The heavy downpour of Thursday afternoon prevented two of that day's events being finished and these with the four regularly scheduled events for this afternoon will be run into the evening to finish. The line up for this afternoon follows:

2:20 trot—Purse \$400, four entries. (Held over from Thursday.)  
2:12 pace—Purse \$400, six entries. (Held over from Thursday.)  
Three-year-old or under trot—Purse \$200.

2:35 pace—Purse \$300.  
2:15 trot—Purse \$400.  
Running three-fourth mile dash—Purse \$75.

Grounds are Flooded.

Just as the noon train from Ottumwa arrived about 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, one of the heaviest rains ever experienced in Eldon broke upon the grounds. Hundreds of people ran for the shelter of stock barns, amphitheater and concession tents.

For an hour the steady downpour increased and all activities on the grounds were stopped. Shortly after 3 o'clock the skies brightened and forty-five minutes later the first race was started, two hours and fifteen minutes behind time. The track was wet and soggy, but the constant running of eight or ten automobiles over it for half an hour before the horses started, smoothed it down considerably. The amphitheater was dry and comfortable, but the "midway" or "concession street" was flooded and during the balance of the afternoon people were jumping mud holes and dodging the little lakes which had formed between the buildings.

Carry Out Program.

Although the races were run until after 7 o'clock there were two which were not finished, each having two heats which were left for today. In spite of the damp grounds the regular evening program of fire works was given in the quarter stretch and those who had stayed for all the races met many coming in for the fire works as they were going home after a rather unique day at a fair.

Day Was Unique.

The day was unique from several standpoints. The program had a number of features advertised, but there were also some given which were not announced.

In the second heat of the third race, the 2:12 pace, Earl Beisly, of Tekamah, Neb., owner and driver of Major Hardy, a bay stallion, was thrown from his sulky directly in front of the grand stand. The animal ran for a mile and three quarters before he stopped. All efforts to head him off from the quarter stretch, the side lines and the track failed. Mr. Beisly was not injured and when he entered the next heat his horse came out first.

Drivers in Quarrel.

As an aftermath of the wreck of the Beisly sulky in front of the grand stand, later in the afternoon, when all the races were declared to be over for the day, Mr. Beisly was struck over the head by the butt end of a whip in the hands of H. Woods, Amarillo, Texas, owner and driver of Ika J. See, a bay gelding, running in the same race which Major Hardy won, after running around the track several times. Beisly struck back at Woods and the fight was on while the crowd closed in. The presence of Sheriff Giltner on the scene soon put a stop to further hostilities and after a conference with the officers the men agreed to forget their troubles.

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## MICHIGAN FOREST FIRES DYING OUT

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 4.—Efforts of hundreds of volunteer fire fighters coupled with rain and a lull in the wind have considerably improved the forest fire situation in northern lower Michigan, according to latest advices.

It is now believed safety of all the towns and villages in the affected districts is insured. The fires have been raging in Kalkaska, Otsego, Chalevick, Crawford, Wexford and Antrim counties for several days.

Estimates of damage done has been estimated as much as \$1,000,000.