

CARRANZA NAMES COMMISSION TO TREAT WITH U.S.

VERDUN FIGHT IS RENEWED WITH VIGOR

Germans Make Terrific Assaults Along Meuse Where They Capture Part of Village of Fleury.

VIOLENT ATTACKS ARE SHATTERED BY FRENCH

Advances in Vosges and East of Vacheriauville Are Hurling Back With Heavy Losses.

International News Service: PARIS, Aug. 4.—The battle of Verdun is again raging with all the fury that characterized its inception late in February.

The fighting is especially violent east of the Meuse, where the Germans have succeeded in occupying the southern part of the village of Fleury.

The French war office in its communication today states that German attacks were made all night long against the French positions on the Fleury-Thiaumont line, but that all were repulsed.

Assaults Break to Pieces. Dawn found the crown prince still hurling his German legions against the French positions, but the assaults broke to pieces before the iron defense of the French soldiers.

After occupying the southern part of Fleury, the Germans tried to sweep into the northern end of the village, but were driven back by the gusts of machine gun and rifle fire from the battered houses, where the French had taken refuge and transformed them into fortresses.

While the infantry ranks were surging back and forward around Fleury and Thiaumont, a great artillery duel was in progress further to the east on the line of Chapitre wood and Chenois wood.

The war office characterized this duel with big guns as being particularly severe.

Official Text.

On the right bank of the Meuse the battle continues on the Thiaumont-Fleury front, which the Germans attacked all night with extreme violence. Numerous counterattacks with great force against our positions on the edge of the Thiaumont work were repulsed with serious losses for the enemy. Our troops in the course of the battle succeeded in capturing a work which we afterward evacuated.

In the region of Fleury the combats have been no less violent. The Germans have multiplied their counterattacks against the village, each preceded by an intense artillery preparation. After many unsuccessful attempts, the Germans gained a foothold in the southern section of Fleury, where the combat continues very violent. All efforts to dislodge us from the position situated southeast of the village were shattered by the resistance of our troops.

Attacked in Night.

The enemy likewise attacked during the night our new positions east of Vacheriauville. He succeeded only in suffering heavy losses. In the region of Vaux-Chapitre and Le Chenois, there was a very sharp duel of artillery.

In the Vosges at 10 p. m., yesterday the enemy launched on the Chapelite salient an attack which was shattered before it was able to reach our lines.

The night was comparatively calm on the rest of the front. On the night of Aug. 3, one of our air squadrons dropped eighty shells of large calibre on the railway station at Noyon and on a munition factory. Fifty shells were thrown by another squadron on railway stations and camps of the enemy in the Somme region.

International News Service: LONDON, Aug. 4.—A gain for the British west of Pozieres on the front between the Ancre and Somme rivers is recorded in the official statement issued by the British war office this afternoon.

North of Bazentin-le-Petit, and northwest of Delville we took some German prisoners in minor operations. Near the Ypres-Comines road the British exploded a small mine in the

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In a letter to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Pres't Wilson writes: "I sincerely hope that it will be possible for the government of the United States to become the owner of Monticello, the former home of Thomas Jefferson. I have long been interested in the consummation of such a purchase and the preservation of so interesting a memorial of one of the greatest and most influential men in our history, and shall be glad at any time to do anything I can do to assist."

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SEEK AGREEMENT ON DAM BILL

Administration Sees Need For Action on Conservative Measures.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Fear that failure of congress to carry out conservation program may prove an embarrassing obstacle in the coming campaign, particularly in winning progressive votes, has stirred the administration to new efforts to bring the two houses into accordance on the general dam bill, one of the most important conservation measures.

One of the results of yesterday's conference between Pres't Wilson and Sen. Shields, author of the senate general bill, will be a resumption of meetings of the conferees appointed by the senate and house to adjust the differences over the measure. The house and senate radically differ on the bill. The senate bill has been condemned by the conservationists in and out of congress on the ground that it turns enormously valued water power concessions over to private interests "for a song."

The Myers water power bill and related legislation are also doomed to accompany it to the legislative graveyard so that unless the administration can bring strong pressure to bear, the whole conservation program will fail this year.

International News Service: CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—Social workers in Chicago, who interested themselves in the case of "Anna Stearns, the mystery girl" last winter, and aided her when she was arrested for beating hotel bills, expressed little interest in her case today when they learned she had been arrested in Detroit charged with stealing a handbag from Miss Helen Smith, in a road house.

"MYSTERY GIRL" AGAIN TURNS UP, CHARGED WITH STEALING BAG

As "Anna Stearns" she talked herself out of jail here last winter, when arrested on charges of various hotels that she left without paying. She pleaded she was of good family, but the police finally turned up her record in a reform school at Kansas City. However, this was not until after Rev. A. H. Fortescue Gardner, pastor of St. Martin's Episcopal church, Austin, had become interested in her case, obtained bail and attorney, Mrs. Leonora Z. Meader deferring her.

In Detroit the girl, who gave her name as "Mrs. Anna McCarty," and said she had been married since her trouble in Chicago, declared Rev. Gardner had been with her when she found the silver bag. At his offices in Austin, it was said he was away on a motor trip, and had been heard from in Detroit 16 days ago. It was believed here she had returned to Kansas City.

Purchase Treaty is Signed by Lansing and Danish Minister

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Sec'y of State Lansing and Minister Brun of Denmark today, in New York, signed the treaty between the United States and Denmark under which this country purchases the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000. Sec'y Lansing immediately notified Acting Sec'y Polk, who made the announcement here. Details will not be given out, officials here said, until the treaty is formally placed before the United States senate and the Danish parliament for ratification.

GEN. LEWIS TO GIVE ALL TIME TO INDIANA GUARD ON BORDER

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 4.—Brig.-Gen. Edward M. Lewis of Indiana national guard, ranking officer at Camp Llano Grande on the border, is to be relieved of the command of all the troops there and is to be succeeded by Brig. Gen. James part of the Brownsville district, according to reports reaching here. Gen. Lewis then will be able to devote all of his time to the Indiana guardsmen. Machine gun companies have been formed from the first and second regiments and others are being formed. There has been a rush of applicants for service in these companies.

KENTUCKIAN OPENS G.O.P. CAMPAIGN AT TERRE HAUTE FRIDAY

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 4.—Edwin P. Morrow of Kentucky, former candidate for governor, today opened the republican campaign at a huge ban dinner at Terre Haute. Leaders declared 10,000 republicans were in attendance. The democratic state committee, ending a session, planned to open its campaign at Fort Wayne Aug. 17, with J. A. M. Adair, candidate for governor as the headliner.

SINK 15 SHIPS IN 24 HOURS

LONDON, Aug. 4.—After a long period of comparative inactivity, following the submarine controversy with the United States, Germany has entered upon another campaign with her "U" boats. During the 24 hours ending at noon the destruction of 15 ships was reported, not counting several trawlers which were sunk in the North sea. The latest victims were the British schooner G. C. Gradwell and the Japanese steamship Kohina Maru. The G. C. Gradwell was a vessel of 155 tons, while the Kohina Maru displaced 3,164 tons. The Japanese ship hailed from Kobe. She was built by Harland and Wolff in Belfast in 1884. The 15 ships included five of Swedish nationality; four British, two Finnish, one Norwegian, one Italian, one Japanese and one Danish. Especial precautions were taken when the liner Philadelphia sailed from Liverpool. The steamer slipped quietly out of the Mersey river at 3 o'clock this morning. Among the passengers on board her are Walter H. Page, the United States ambassador to England, and Mrs. Page. Thomas Hughes Kelley and Joseph Smith of the American Irish relief fund, who were detained when they arrived in Liverpool 13 days ago, are also among the passengers on the Philadelphia.

DEATH TOLL IN FLOOD GROWING

Dam Breaks in Tennessee Creek Sending Torrents of Water Through Valley.

TAZEWELL, Ten., Aug. 4.—The death toll on the Blair creek flood grew to 49 today and rescue parties are fearful that it will mount to 100 by the time all the wreckage is cleared out of the little valley. Investigation shows that a 20-foot dam gave way sending torrents of water down through the valley, which is only a quarter of a mile wide. Houses, trees, stock, everything was swept before it. His two other children cling to a log that was sweeping by and were saved. Edmonds said he awoke at 3 o'clock in the morning to find his house starting on a road house.

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CONGRESS TO KEEP OUT OF RAIL STRIKE

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ENGLAND CELEBRATES

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AEROPLANES REPULSED

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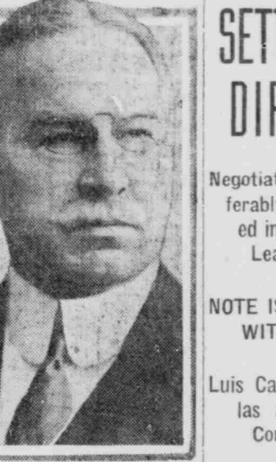
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