

WREST GROUND FROM GERMANS

British Regained Territory Near Roulers Ypres Railway

WHERE GERMANS WON ON WEDNESDAY

Gen. Haig Reports That His Former Line Is Completely Re-established

London, Aug. 2.—The British forces last night launched counter-attacks against the German positions in Flanders, and General Haig reports that the British troops completely re-established the former line in the neighborhood of the Roulers-Ypres railway area, in which the Germans yesterday regained some territory.

The capture of the ground in the neighborhood of the Roulers-Ypres railway was told about in the British official statement of last night as follows:

"Rain continued to fall throughout the day. By a successful operation to-day, our new battle front, our line was advanced slightly in the neighborhood of the Zillebeke-Zandvoorde road. On the left flank of our attack our allies gained further ground on the east bank of the Ypres canal.

"During the night our new positions east and northeast of Ypres, between Westhoek and St. Julien, were heavily counter-attacked by strong forces of the enemy. Our troops successfully resisted the enemy's repeated attempts to drive us from the important positions on high ground captured yesterday in this neighborhood, but, under the weight of his assault and after stubborn fighting, we were compelled to withdraw our advanced troops from the village of St. Julien.

"The fighting was particularly fierce for possession of the village of Westhoek, of which we now hold the western outskirts.

"This afternoon the enemy again attacked in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway and at the same time succeeded in entering our advanced positions on a narrow front. The fighting continues.

"The number of prisoners the British captured in yesterday's operations is now known to exceed 5,000, including 95 officers. A few guns and a number of machine guns and trench mortars were also taken; the exact figures have not been ascertained.

British Artillery Effective. A dispatch from the British front says: "The reconquered territory about the Ypres salient has yielded its details of the awful effect of the British artillery fire. The German bodies lay thick in many places and in instances too numerous to escape comment, fully equipped soldiers were found turned away from the direction of the British attack, indicating that they were retiring when struck down.

"Large numbers of the dead were mere youths, who looked as though they might recently have come from the schoolroom, for they were slight of build and physically unfitted to bear the strain of war.

"Most expressive was the comment on the bombardment made by a German officer who was found badly wounded in a shell hole where he had crawled for refuge. Addressing a British officer in excellent English and with a quiet smile, he said: "Good morning, you see you have played the devil with our defense. Your guns have been doing some good shooting."

"Many German infantrymen fell victims to their own artillery at the outbreak of the entente attack, for the observers had lost their view of the targets and in a confused, frenzied attempt to stem the onslaught, the German guns unwittingly dropped shells among their own men. Again stories are heard of German batteries being withdrawn without the knowledge of the infantry, leaving the latter to face attacks without the protection of their artillery."

GERMAN ATTACKS NEAR RHEIMS FAIL

Another Attack in Avocourt Wood Sector and Several in Apremont Forest Were Also Put Down.

Paris, Aug. 2.—Bad weather continues in Belgium, says the official statement. The Germans last night made two attacks to the east and southeast of Rheims. Both failed. They also attacked in the sector of Avocourt wood with-out success and several attacks in Apremont forest failed.

The French official statement issued last night was as follows: "In Belgium, under a persistent rain, our troops continued to organize the positions gained north of the Aisne. The activity of both armies was chiefly noticeable in the sector of Craonne-Hurtebise. West of Cerny the Germans attacked on various occasions, but everywhere we repulsed them, taking 39 additional prisoners.

"On the left bank of the Meuse, in the region of Avocourt wood and Hill 304, the enemy did not renew his attacks in the morning; on the right bank there was artillery action, but no infantry action.

"Belgian communication: "There was less artillery activity. The Germans launched several projectiles against Furnes."

"Eastern theatre, July 31: There was moderate artillery activity along the whole front. Patrol encounters occurred in the Struna zone. Bulgarian detachments who essayed to reach our lines near Staravina were repulsed."

BRUSILOFF HAS RESIGNED

Is Succeeded in Command of Russian Armies By Korniloff

LATTER LED ARMY ON SOUTHWEST FRONT

Gen. Tchedsmissoff Assumes Command of the Eighth Army

Petrograd, Aug. 2.—General Alexis A. Brusiloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, has resigned, and General Korniloff, commander of the Russian army on the southwestern front, has been appointed generalissimo. General Tchedsmissoff, commander of the eighth army, has been appointed to succeed General Korniloff on the southwestern front.

COMMANDERS NOT NAMED. But Other Preparations at National Guard Camps are Progressing.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—Appointment of the general officer to command the sixteen National Guard training camps is the only step remaining to be taken to get more than 300,000 men of this force in training for duty in France. It was indicated yesterday that the appointments would be made during the week as well as those of all other general officers for the guard. The nominations must be sent to the Senate.

The war department made public yesterday a detailed statement of progress being made with the preparation of the 16 camps. The camps at Augusta, Ga., Deming, N. M., Montgomery, Ala., Spartanburg, S. C., and Waco, Tex., were to have been ready yesterday, but delays were encountered and it will take another two weeks to prepare them. The troops called in the federal service on July 15, including the New York and Pennsylvania divisions, have been assigned to these camps, and will not be sent forward until quarters are ready for them.

Camps for the second guard group, called out July 25, which includes New England units, will be ready on August 15, and the quarters for the third or western group will be ready September 1.

The department is preparing recommendations for the president as to officers to command the 16 divisional cantonments of the national army as well as those to command the guard camps. It is regarded as vitally important that each new general officer of the national army be able to go to his cantonment site at least three weeks before the selected men being to arrive, and that he be accompanied by the five principal members of his staff.

GERMAN EMPEROR CALLS WAR COUNCIL

Both Army and Navy Leaders Were Summoned to Brussels to Discuss Situation.

Amsterdam, Aug. 2.—Emperor William has called a war council of high military and naval leaders to meet in Brussels, Belgium, to-day. Von Hindenburg, Von Ludendorff, the German crown prince, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, Vice Admiral Von Capelle and others will be present.

GREAT DAMAGE BY WIND.

Section about Vergennes Was Visited Wednesday Afternoon.

Vergennes, Aug. 2.—Vergennes was visited by a severe electrical storm yesterday afternoon, accompanied by a high wind. A great tree standing in front of the Ingalls cottage at the industrial school was blown down and a number of trees standing between the Fairbanks cottage and the school were broken. A four by six foot glass on one of the buildings was blown several feet away. A large smoke tree standing in front of M. J. McCuen's residence was blown down. Several silos also were blown over at the homes of the following: Allen Burroughs, Thad Field, and H. D. Booth, all of Ferrisburg, and Jessie Rivers of West Ferrisburg.

A hay barn belonging to Charles Curtis of Panton, which was filled, was struck by lightning and burned.

Many buildings were blown down about the city and several wires were put out of commission.

ICE CREAM BLAMED

For Spread of Diphtheria in Newport and Jamestown.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 2.—The Newport board of health announced last night that ice cream was probably the vehicle through which diphtheria was being spread in this city and Jamestown. A warning against eating ice cream was issued. Fifteen cases of diphtheria have been reported in two days. As a precautionary measure, Fort Greble was placed under quarantine restrictions yesterday, although no cases have developed there.

ALL OF CREW SAVED.

When Schooner John Hays Hammond Was Sunk By Gunfire.

London, Aug. 2.—The American schooner John Hays Hammond has been sunk by gunfire of a German submarine. All the members of the crew were saved.

The Hammond was a schooner of 152 tons gross.

BAKER DENIES RUMOR OF AMERICAN DISASTER

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—Untraceable rumors that some disaster had been met by American forces brought from Secretary of War Baker to-day a denial and a reiteration of his promise that the news of any misfortune would not be withheld.

Secretary Baker's statement reads: "I have no hesitation in stating that not a syllable has reached the war department which would lead us to believe that any misfortune has attended our forces on land or sea."

BURLINGTON MAN A HEAT VICTIM

Joseph M. Forant Died Last Evening While Loading Wood on Wagon After Hard Day's Work.

Burlington, Aug. 2.—Joseph M. Forant, of 60 Blodgett street died last evening in a lot near his camp back of Ethan Allen park of heat prostration, superinduced by a weak heart, according to Health Officer Frank J. Ennis, who was called by the police department to view the body.

Mr. Forant, who was about 55 years of age, had been dead about an hour when the police patrol, carrying the health officer, arrived on the scene. The dead man, who was a sawyer at the J. R. Booth mills, had worked all day, as usual, and after he had finished his day's labors had gone to his camp, where, with Adolphus Ploof, a teamster of 496 North avenue, he was loading wood on to a wagon owned by Mr. Ploof, and which they intended to bring to this city.

Mr. Ploof saw the victim of the heat wave drop to the ground and rushed to his side, as did also a girl by the name of Miss Minnie Peasley of 60 Blodgett street, the home of the deceased. By the time Ploof and Miss Peasley, who is employed at the dead man's camp, reached his side, Mr. Forant gasped two or three times and died. Ploof immediately got in touch with the police station, and Deputy Chief Cosgrove sent the patrol wagon after the health officer, and the automobile immediately departed for the scene.

When the police and health officer arrived there was nothing that could be done, so they constructed a stretcher made of boards, and carried the man on it to Ploof's wagon, which had been unloaded of its timber. They then followed the twining road from the river bank to the road back of the park, where the police patrol was waiting. After the body was placed in the machine it was taken to the undertaking parlors of Arsene Boucher on North street, where the remains will be prepared for burial.

That there has been hard luck in the family is evidenced by the fact that an adopted son, Frank Baldwin, was one of those drowned on Sunday, July 8, with the Hofrichter children, that accident taking place three-quarters of a mile from where Mr. Forant was overcome and died last evening.

The man has no children, but is survived by a wife. She was notified of her husband's death by Miss Peasley.

HUNDREDS OF PROSTRATIONS

And More Than a Hundred Deaths in New York City.

New York, Aug. 2.—Heat claimed the lives of 115 persons in greater New York yesterday, while hundreds of others were prostrated.

The city's sweltering millions got only temporary relief from a brief thunderstorm that broke yesterday afternoon, and the temperature, which at 4 o'clock went down to 88 with the cooling rain, again started to climb with the reappearance of the sun. The humidity also began to go higher and nightfall found the city's population facing another night of suffering.

Thousands sought the beaches and parks again last night. All through the day and night ambulances scurried about the city, and hospitals were taxed with the seemingly endless stream of heat victims.

Mayor Mitchell ordered that two physicians from the board of health be stationed in the municipal building station of the subway, the most crowded spot in the city, where scores of prostrations occurred. Trains for Coney island and other seashore resorts depart from this station, and it was the scene of the greatest congestion. Crowds fought to get aboard trains, pushing guards and policemen out of the way. Five women, prostrated by the heat, lay upon the station platform at one time.

Scores of stores, shops and factories closed at noon after many of their young women employees fainted from the heat. At the Grand Central terminal only those absolutely necessary were kept on duty. The "keep off" signs were removed from the grass plots in the parks by order of Mayor Mitchell, who announced that all parks would be open to the public day and night during the heat period. More than 200 horses died in the city yesterday.

A GOOD SUGGESTION

Pres. Wilson Thinks Gov. Graham and Commends Plans to War Department.

President Woodrow Wilson has acknowledged the receipt of the letter written by Gov. Graham suggesting that speakers of national reputation be secured to address the soldiers in the training camps. A copy of the letter sent by President Wilson follows: The White House, Washington, 30 July, 1917. My Dear Governor Graham: Thank you for your interesting letter of July 27. I am sure that its suggestion is thoroughly worth the consideration of the authorities of the war department. Sincerely yours, Woodrow Wilson.

POLICE HEAD MURDERED

James W. Reynolds of New Orleans Shot by a Patrolman

ANOTHER POLICE OFFICIAL WOUNDED

Patrolman Terrence Mullen Shot Both the Men

New Orleans, Aug. 2.—James W. Reynolds, superintendent of the New Orleans police department, was shot and killed in his office to-day by Patrolman Terrence Mullen. Captain Gerry Mullen, who was in the office at the time, also received two bullet wounds in the chest.

GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OVER SHIPS

Plans Are Being Formulated, Which Will Enable United States to Share with Great Britain Control of the World's Shipping.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—Plans for taking over for operation all American ocean-going merchant ships soon will be announced by the shipping board. The charters will be requisitioned under the recent act of Congress, authorizing the president to commandeer tonnage for government uses.

The program is preliminary to putting into operation an agreement between the American and the British governments for joint control of the world's shipping. It will give the shipping board control of ocean freight rates charged by American ships, and the rate, basis being worked out will be used for building an international rate schedule.

THREE NEW CASES

Brings Barre's Total Up to Six Since the Malady Broke Out.

Three additional cases of poliomyelitis were reported in Barre to-day, making a total of six since the malady made its appearance in Barre three weeks ago. Infantile paralysis in a somewhat virulent form was diagnosed on Farwell street yesterday afternoon, where a 14-year-old girl in the family of Mrs. Mary Rugo is in a serious condition. The second case is that of Raymond Fraquelli, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Fraquelli, who live upstairs in the Bolster building at 337 North Main street. The third new case is a babe in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ricciarelli at 100 Beckley street. The child is 20 months old. Neither of the latter cases is as grave as that of the Rugo girl.

The health authorities have under observation the case of a blacksmith living in Addison place who is 27 years old. The house has been quarantined, but his illness has not been definitely diagnosed. Dr. Edward Taylor of Burlington, who is working with the state board of health this summer, was in the city yesterday and with Dr. J. W. Stewart, secretary of the local board, visited the patients. He returned to Barre to-day to continue his observation.

Acting under orders from the health officer, the police have established a rigid patrol in the vicinity of the three places where poliomyelitis had broken out anew.

MONTPELIER EXPECTS RELIEF

If No New Cases Break Out Before Next Wednesday.

If no new cases of infantile paralysis develop between now and next Wednesday the quarantine regulations in Montpelier will be modified, this decision having been reached at a meeting of the local health board last evening. To-day is the tenth day since a case was reported and some of the members last evening were for modifying the regulations now but were persuaded to wait until next week, when the 14-day limit will have been reached.

DESERVE BETTER TREATMENT.

Vermont's Young Delinquents Ought to Be Given Good Chances.

The state board of charities and probation at the monthly meeting held yesterday at the State House considered many routine matters and appointed John W. Carroll of Island Pond as probation officer for that district of the state.

Secretary W. H. Jeffrey of the board announces that there are numerous children in the state ranging in age from six weeks to 14 years old for whom the board desires to secure homes. In some instances the town in which the children reside has agreed to pay a small sum each week toward the support of the child if it is taken by a family.

These children may be taken temporarily or permanently or legally adopted, as the case may be, or as the family wishes. For many years adjoining states have been placing such children in Vermont homes and now that probation and charitable work is being handled in an organized manner Secretary Jeffrey feels that something should be done to give the young children an equal chance, in most instances the parents being too poor to raise them to be intelligent men and women.

Persons desiring to "acquaint" themselves with conditions are urged to write to Secretary W. H. Jeffrey, who will be glad to give full particulars about any of the children.

CEMENT PAVEMENT RESOLUTION ADVANCED

After City Council Had Heard a Protest from Donald Smith, Who Declared That the Citizens Voted to Bond for Granite Roadway.

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EXEMPTION BOARD IS NEARLY READY

Expects to Have List of Washington County Eligibles Ready to Be Posted Friday Night—First Examination May Be Held Aug. 8.

The county exemption board expects to complete its work of preparing the list of names from the master list by tomorrow noon and the list will probably be posted to-morrow night and the first 44 men notified to appear for examination. If posted to-morrow the first examinations will be made Aug. 8.

BROCK—JEFFORDS.

Barre Young Man and Williamstown Wedding Lady Married.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffords of Williamstown, when their oldest daughter, Miss Ruby, was united in marriage with Gerald W. Brock of this city. They were attended by Miss Arlene Jeffords and Worth Jeffords, a sister and brother of the bride. The double ring service was used, Rev. A. M. Smith of Stowe being the officiating clergyman.

The bridal party stood under an arch of evergreen and pink and white sweet peas, the house being decorated to carry out that color scheme. Both the bride and her attending lady carried pink roses. After the ceremony light refreshments were served.

The bride and groom are graduates of Goddard seminary and have held worthy positions in Barre since their graduation. The best wishes of their many friends accompany them on their journey to various parts in southern New England. After their return, they will reside in Barre.

BARRE TROUT CLUB, INC.

Is Formed to Hold Property in the Town of Sharon.

The Barre Trout Club, Inc., has filed articles of association with the secretary of state, having capital stock of \$5,000, with 25 shares of stock. The club is organized as a corporation for the purpose of purchasing and establishing and maintaining a private trout pond for the propagation of trout in Sharon, and to purchase land believed to contain marble, granite or other minerals of any kind and to equip land with machinery for mining such stone. The incorporators are Ben A. Eastman, F. H. Rogers, J. F. Higgins, W. G. Reynolds and W. F. Harvey, all of Barre.

FUNERAL OF MRS. COMETTA.

Many Friends Attended and the Flowers Were Beautiful.

Funeral services for Mrs. Teresa Cometta, wife of S. Cometta, whose death Monday afternoon followed a long period of failing health, were held at her home, 3 High Holborn street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Many friends attended and there was a profuse floral tribute. The bearers included the following: John Ottolini, P. DeRegibus, C. Mainini, G. Ottolini, P. DeRegibus, C. Mainini, G. Burzhi, John Albasini and E. Paladini. Interment was made in Hope cemetery. The flowers included a centerpiece from employees of McMillan & Son.

Mrs. Cometta was born Teresa Manera in Vergogna, Italy, in 1890. Her marriage to Mr. Cometta took place in Barre 10 years ago. Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Danie and Benzo Cometto, her mother and her sister, who live in Vergogna, and her brother, Ido Manera of Barre, and a cousin, Mrs. G. Calderara of George street. Mrs. Cometta was well liked in the Italian colony and her untimely death is mourned by many friends.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Arthur Paradise has returned from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Chazy and Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Fred K. Jackson of Burlington is at the Jackson home on South Main street, having been called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. Cera A. W. Jackson, whose funeral was held this afternoon.

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That the sentiment outside the council is not all for cement paving was indicated when Donald Smith of the E. L. Smith Co., and John G. McLeod, superintendent of the Wells-Lamson company, dropped into the chamber, the former to express his views. Mr. Smith talked forcibly of what the citizens expected when they voted to bond for a bridge and permanent highway on South Main street and his intimation that the street committee had not exerted itself fully to secure bids on granite paving caused considerable of a stir in the cement camp. Mr. Smith, who said he was one of the signers of a petition for the special city meeting in 1916, made it plain that many of the voters were led to believe that the street would be paved with granite if they authorized a bond issue. Rather heated colloquies between Mayor Gygson and Alderman Rossi did not serve to make the humidity less noticeable and after the two tests of strength, both sides of the question were ready to quit for the evening.

The first speaker of the evening was Atty. Wishart, who was asked to draft a resolution and to give an opinion on the legality of the cement measure. Mr. Wishart said that the council, by a resolution adopted in June, 1916, voted to pave the street with granite blocks. In the following month the citizens in a special city meeting voted to issue bonds for \$47,500 to finance the permanent street work at the south end and to build a bridge over Jail branch. Although he admitted that the voters undoubtedly contemplated granite paving, he said that granite paving was not specified when the vote to bond was taken. There was nothing in the records, he said, to show that the council was bound to use granite blocks, although it was obviously the intent of the citizens. Questioned by Alderman Rossi, the mayor conceded that granite blocks were originally considered, but reiterated his stand that cement should be used, now that contractors had failed to bid on granite.

The mayor accused his colleague from the first ward of taking advantage of the situation to block efforts to put South Main street in condition. Alderman Rossi replied in turn that the mayor was taking advantage of a technicality by going against the intent of the people. The clash was not prolonged, for Mr. Smith was asking the privilege to speak, and it was accorded him.

Fortunately, Mr. Smith declared that nothing was said about cement when the citizens were asked to bond in 1916 and that on the contrary the object for which the special city meeting was called was to pave with granite blocks. He had signed the petition for the meeting and was well aware of what the money was to be spent for if the bond issue were floated. The citizens' meeting couldn't have been organized, he declared, if the voters had known that the council eventually would switch to cement as against granite. Mr. Smith also intimated that the street committee had not been active enough in seeking bids for granite, an allusion to which sharp exceptions were taken by Aldermen Milne and Alexander, who mentioned a number of journals in which they had advertised for bids on block paving. Mr. Smith had more to say.

"If you can lay cement roadway by the day," he questioned, evidently referring to the work now under way on North Main street, "why can't you lay granite blocks under the same circumstances?" The question remained unanswered. Continuing, Mr. Smith said he had traveled over South Main street for 30 years and that recently the highway was in better condition than at any time in many years. As a last resort, he advocated patching up the road after each rain until granite paving increased laid. Mention of the greatly increased cost of granite paving was made by Chairman Milne of the street committee, who declared that the material alone would cost more than the entire cement project. To which Mr. Smith countered with a question as to how the street committee knew the cost of granite paving in view of the fact that it had failed to secure bids for that kind of street construction.

In closing, Mr. Smith stated that it was the duty of the city council to do as the citizens directed.

At the close of his remarks, Alderman Alexander said that if Mr. Smith could guarantee that granite paving would be gotten under way within a few weeks, he would take another stand and vote for granite blocks as against cement. The mayor and members of the street committee said they preferred granite to cement if granite were possible. Reference was also made to the increased apportionment of the traction company should granite be designated, an apportionment which, in either event, must be borne for a time, at least, by the city. It was also noted that extra heavy rails would have to be purchased for a granite roadway, whereas the present rails, it was said, could be retained if cement is used. Alderman Reynolds reminded the mayor that he was once in favor of purchasing rails for granite paving and Alderman

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