

GERMANS FAIL TO DISTURB THE STABILIZATION OF VESLE FRONT; UNEASINESS ON NORTHERN FRONT

Fishes the Especial Mark of the German Gunners and They Are Bombing It Violently, But Americans Still Maintain Their Positions

HAVE SENT PATROLS ACROSS THE RIVER AT THIS POINT

German Airships Raid England Again But Did Not Get Far Inland—120 Persons Missing From Sunk Ambulance Ship

(By The Associated Press.)

On the Rheims-Soissons front, the situation has been stabilized for the moment, while the opposing forces prepare for further movements. Uneasiness along the northern front continues, and Crown Prince Rupprecht has carried out another withdrawal.

Heavy artillery duels and patrol actions are in progress along the Vesle. French and American troops in small units have crossed to the north of the river at various points, mostly on reconnoitering expeditions.

In allied capitals it is not believed the German crown prince will attempt to stand long on the northern bank of the Vesle, but soon will retire to prepared positions north of the Aisne.

General Foch has given no indication against the allied advanced guards north of the Vesle, have failed to disturb the stabilization of the Vesle front. The allied command is retaining the initiative in these operations.

Much importance is attached to-day to the operations reported farther north along the line between Braches and Marais, north of Montdidier. These are pointed to as a direct menace to the junction point of the armies of General Von Hutier and Crown Prince Rupprecht.

GERMANS HAVE BEEN REPULSED

In Efforts to Dislodge French and Americans from South Bank of Vesle.

Paris, Aug. 6.—North of the Vesle the Germans have been repulsed in efforts to dislodge French and American units which crossed from the south bank.

GERMAN WIRELESS UNDER INVESTIGATION

Reports Indicate That Groups of German-Americans Gather in Mexican Lower California.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—Activities of German or German-Americans from the United States across the Mexican lower California border, where a wireless plant is located, are under investigation by government agents.

GERMAN GUNS ACTIVE.

In the Region Northwest of Amiens on the British Front.

London, Aug. 6.—The German guns were active last night in the region north of Villers-Bretonneux, on the front northeast of Amiens, the war office announced to-day.

FAIL TO DISTURB FRONT.

German Attacks Do Not Gain Them Anything.

Paris, Aug. 6.—The determined attacks which the Germans have been delivering

WORK OF THE BRITISH MYSTERY SHIPS

How a "Woman and Baby" Accounted for a U-Boat Told By London Times Correspondent.

London, Aug. 6.—Interesting revelations regarding the work of British mystery ships which have played an important part in anti-submarine warfare are made by the naval correspondent of The Times.

How a "woman and baby" accounted for a U-boat is told by the correspondent. The submarine ordered a vessel to surrender and fired a few shells into her.

The correspondent also mentions the story of a retired admiral serving as a captain, who placed a haystack on board an innocent looking craft. When the U-boat ordered her to surrender, the Germans were astonished to receive a broadside from the haystack.

ZEPPELINS RAID ENGLAND AGAIN

One Machine Brought Down and Another Damaged.

London, Aug. 6.—The attempted raid by German Zeppelins on the East Anglian coast last night proved to be a complete fiasco, according to reports thus far received.

British fliers met them well out at sea, bringing down one in flames, damaging a second and driving a third away. The fate of the other two airships in the squadron is not disclosed in the official statement.

BROADER PROVISIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS

Provided in New Man-Power Bill Now Before Congress—Do Not Wish to Upset Industry.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—Broader provisions for exemptions have been written into the new man-power bill now before Congress, so that the nation's war industrial fabric may not be upset by unduly large withdrawals of men over 32 years of age for military service.

DESPONDENCY IN AUSTRIA QUITE GENERAL

Increasing Numerical Superiority of the Entente Allies Admitted By People.

Washington, Aug. 6.—That man-power will be the determining factor in the war and that it is inconceivable that the numerical superiority of the entente is increasing daily, are two admissions publicly made in Austria, which have caused despondency throughout the empire, according to advices reaching Washington to-day through official channels.

IN ARCHANGEL AUG. 2.

Allied Forces, Military and Naval, Made Landing on That Date.

London, Aug. 6.—Official announcement was made to-day of the landing of allied forces, naval and military, at Archangel, on Aug. 2. The landing was in concurrence with the wishes of the Russian population, it is stated, and created general enthusiasm.

U. S. TROOPS YET HOLD FISMES

Efforts of Germans to Dislodge Them Without Success

AMERICANS CROSS THE RIVER-VESLE

In Capture of the City the Americans Took 17 Guns

With the American Army on the Vesle, Aug. 6, 8 a. m. (By the Associated Press.)

The Germans opposite the Americans west of Fismes used their guns freely yesterday afternoon in an apparent attempt to discourage the Americans and their French allies from further aggressive efforts.

Meanwhile the American and French heavy guns to the south were sending in repeated salvoes and the Germans were supplementing their gas shelling with their mine throwers and machine guns north of the Vesle.

With the American Army on the Vesle, Monday, Aug. 6 (By the Associated Press)—American troops to-day held onto heavy and other gains, notwithstanding terrific artillery action by the Germans and in the face of every opposition three patrols across the Vesle at several places.

In the capture of Fismes the Americans took 17 guns. With their crews, these weapons had been left south of the Vesle to enfilade an advance into Fismes.

The Germans increased the intensity of their artillery fire opposite the Americans late to-day, bringing into action guns of 150 millimetres against the forces west of Fismes.

ONLY BEGINNING, BAKER DECLARES

Secretary of War Says Department Will Keep a Million Men in Training.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—Passing through Kansas City yesterday en route to Leavenworth, Kan., Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, issued a statement in which he said it was the purpose of the war department to keep at least 1,000,000 men training in camps so long as the war shall last.

EARL READING IN LONDON.

There to Confer with the British War Cabinet, Is Report.

New York, Aug. 6.—The earl of Reading, British ambassador, has arrived in London, it was announced here to-day by the British bureau of information.

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Stowe, Aug. 6.—Lucius M. Kidder, jr. of this town, 28, was wounded in action in France recently, according to a message received by his parents yesterday.

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SEARCHING FOR GERMAN U-BOAT

Has Told to Date in Canadian Waters of Seven Vessels

SIX SAILING AND ONE LARGE TANKER

The Tanker Put Up a Stiff Fight, but Guns Could Not Reach Submarine

An Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 6.—Search was made in Canadian water by government vessels to-day for a German submarine which since Friday, has destroyed five sailing ships and the Standard Oil tanker Luz Blanc, sunk yesterday after a running fight 40 miles off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Except in the case of the tanker, two of whose crew were killed by an explosion of a torpedo, all hands took to the small boats and reached shore safely.

The U-boat kept right after other victims from the moment it stopped the Dornfontein, a four-master, on her maiden voyage out of St. John, N. B., off Grand Manan, Friday morning.

Proceeding thence into the sea track proceeded thence into the sea track sank four with bombs. The last of these was the Nelson A, hailing from Yarmouth, N. S.

Whether this vessel was the Luz Blanca, the crew of the Nelson A was unable to say. When the tanker was attacked she showed fight, but the range of her guns was not equal to that of the U-boat, which kept back far enough to be out of danger.

A Torpedo tore through the stern of the Luz Blanca and she settled quickly. Even when it was plain to the U-boat commander that the vessel was disabled and going down, and while the crew was starting off in three small boats, the U-boat let loose her deck guns, but the shots were wild.

BRITISH SCHOONER SUNK

Gladys G. Holland's Crew Landed To-day at Nova Scotia Town.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 6.—The British schooner Gladys G. Holland has been sunk by a German submarine. The crew, which landed to-day at a Nova Scotian town, said the attack took place yesterday morning.

Private Harmon Clough.

Enosburg Falls, Aug. 6.—Harmon Clough, mentioned in to-day's casualty list as having been killed in action, is a son of Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Clough, who recently moved from here to Grafton.

Private William Smith.

Arlington, Aug. 6.—William Smith, killed in action July 19, was a member of Co. I, 59th United States infantry. He went over in May. A brother, James Smith, enlisted early in the war in Co. I of the 1st Vermont. He was a native of Arlington, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith now reside.

Private William Briar.

Sheldon, Aug. 6.—William Briar, 22 years old, of this place, reported severely wounded, was a resident of this place many years and prior to enlistment with Co. B, 1st Vermont infantry, at St. Albans, was a farm hand here. He is survived by his father, Napoleon Briar, formerly of Fairfield, and a brother, John, of this town.

Corporal John Kimball.

Pownal, Aug. 6.—Corp. John Kimball, 22, reported wounded on July 19, was a member of Co. I, 59th infantry. He was a former student at the Bennington high school and leaves two sisters in this town, Mrs. Clinton Kately and Mrs. John Ludwig.

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WHEN IS A POLICEMAN NOT A POLICEMAN?

Question Comes Up Before Aldermen on Matter of Raising Special Duty Men's Pay.

The class in conundrums will now convene. Why are the knot holes in father's wooden leg?

Long and assiduously the city council, at its regular session last evening, pondered over that selfsame riddle. Better than a half-hour in the stuffy atmosphere of the chamber was dedicated to the question before the official casists of this year's administration were able to define to a nicety the various hair-line distinctions to be found in comparing special policemen with regulars, and then comparing them both with just plain policemen.

There were members of the council who never knew that the officers who report daily or nightly to the chief are more than policemen; or that the civilians who leave their mufti at home on circus days are less. The police committee report had decided all the way through. To begin with Chairman Langer and Alderman McMillan were the only members who signed it.

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ORANGE COUNTY MEN FOR SERVICE

Seven Men Left Monday for Syracuse—Twelve More Go to Tufts Aug. 15.

Chelsea, Aug. 15.—The following draftees, who stood qualified for limited service, were mobilized at Montpelier Monday for Syracuse, N. Y., by Chairman M. C. Knight, via Arthur Seymour Austin of Randolph, Almon F. Aldrich of Thetford, Russell Griffith Corwin of Chelsea, Milo L. Sleeper of Stratford, Norman Henry Rhodes and Frank C. Clough also of Stratford, and Tracy T. Shepard of Bradford.

The records of the board show that two hundred and forty-eight members have been sent to various camps, seventy-five of whom were self inducted. These two hundred and forty-eight men have been sent from towns as follows: Bradford, 23; Braintree, 9; Brookfield, 4; Chelsea, 16; Corinth, 9; Fairlee, 9; Newbury, 35; Orange, 9; Randolph, 47; Stratford, 13; Thetford, 15; Topsham, 10; Tunbridge, 6; Vershire, 15; Washington, 4; West Fairlee, 13; Williamstown, 24.

Twelve men who are qualified for general military service will be mobilized on Aug. 15, to Tufts college for a course of mechanical study and training.

'T WAS A FALSE ALARM.

Two Boys Looking for Excitement, Now Wondering If It Was Worth Price.

It was hot and dusty in the north end last night. Most of the fellows whose mothers cannot understand why boys should be permitted to swim the bed in dog days had been called home.

Not until the big whistle at the gas plant boomed out a decisive 13 could the firemen have known that the old swimming hole had lost its charm—and then they didn't guess. The whole outfit, motor truck and horse-drawn trucks, hurried to the north end, where No. 13 is located in front of Whitecomb Bros' plant.

DANBY BOY MADE SACRIFICE.

Had Been Over the Top 14 Times and Was Killed July 20 in France.

Danby, Aug. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Baker of this place have received word of the death of their son, Bert Baker, in France July 20. Young Baker had been over the top 14 times and in his last letter told his family that it was July 4 over there all the time, but that it was a great life and he liked it.

BRATTLEBORO BOY WOUNDED.

Pvt. Alan Colt Member of 103d Infantry, 26th Division.

Brattleboro, Aug. 6.—Charles M. Colt, who is employed by the Dunham Brothers company, received a cablegram yesterday from his brother, Private Alan Colt, announcing that he was slightly wounded and was in a base hospital in France.

POLIO APPEARS IN CONNECTICUT.

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Private Raymond Church. Bennington, Aug. 6.—Raymond Church, Co. H, 103d infantry, killed in action on July 17, was a former member of the 1st Vermont regiment and saw service on the Mexican border. He was a native of C. S. Shafsbury and enlisted early in the war. He was 28 years old and leaves a sister, Mrs. Stella Corbett of this village.

BARRE'S ROLL OF HONOR

Private George R. MacKenzie Killed in Action on July 20

ENLISTED IN C CO. IN MAY LAST YEAR

Private Percy M. Brothers of Randolph Center Is Dead from Wounds

Private George R. MacKenzie of Barre, who enlisted in C company of the old 1st Vermont infantry, was killed in action in France July 20 while fighting with the 103d infantry, according to a telegram received from the war department yesterday afternoon by the young man's father, Ewan MacKenzie, who is at present in St. Johnsbury.

The young soldier enlisted in C company of the state National Guard during a drive for recruits in May, 1917. He received training with the regiment at Fort Ethan Allen and afterward at Camp Bartlett in Westfield, Mass.

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