

GERMANS RENEW DRIVE FOR PARIS

AMERICANS MORE THAN HOLD OWN ON THEIR FRONT

GERMAN ASSAULT BREAKS DOWN UPON AMERICAN FRONT WEST OF THIERRY

Yankees in Counter Attack in the Vaux Refused to Drive off the Enemy and Advanced Their Own Position Several Hundred Yards

FURTHER SHARP FIGHTING CERTAIN

American Machine Gunners Let Attacking Germans Get Close to Their Positions and Then Opened a Deadly Fire Upon the Close Formations.

With the American Army on the Marne, July 15, 8:10 a. m. (By Associated Press)—The Germans at daylight today launched a violent attack against the American positions west of Chateau Thierry, especially near Vaux. The attack came after a most violent bombardment of high explosives and gas shells throughout the night. The American troops sought shelter whenever it was available. When the infantry appeared the Americans ran out and met the attackers with a rain of machine gun bullets.

The Americans wore gas masks as they fought the attacking Germans. An enemy bombardment of towns in the rear of the lines began shortly after 6 o'clock a. m. 8:55 a. m.—The latest report says the Americans are holding their own in the fighting, maintaining their positions. Heavy shells from German naval guns are falling in regions far behind the actual battle area, many of these projectiles having fallen in the city of Meaux, 25 miles from Chateau Thierry. In many of the towns the German shell fire is constant, the projectiles being from 10 and 12 inch naval guns.

8:51 a. m.—At this hour it had not been determined how the battle in the vicinity of Vaux was progressing. The whole line in both directions from that town was dense with smoke and gas fumes. The roar of the cannon was punctuated in the few intermissions with a terrific din of machine gun and rifle fire which seemed of the hottest character in Vaux itself.

11:15 a. m.—The American forces on this front delivered a counter attack upon the Germans in the Vaux region this morning and drove off the enemy. It is reported that the Americans have advanced their own lines a distance of several hundred yards, but this has not been confirmed. It is clear that the German attack in the Vaux region completely broke down under the American counter attacks. Further sharp fighting is likely to develop in this area at any time, however.

In their attack on the Marne front the Germans threw many bridges across the river. Over these the Germans are passing under a withering fire from the artillery.

The Americans and their French comrades have resisted the enemy to the utmost and are continuing character of resistance.

11:30 a. m.—Word received here shows that the enemy also launched an attack east of Rheims, but on the sector on their front on which the French and Americans are fighting side by side the positions are reported intact. The American machine gunners here let the enemy come close to their positions and then opened a deadly fire into the advancing close formations of Germans.

Attack at Vaux Was Big Feint

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE MARNE, July 15.—Reports received here shortly after eleven a. m. on the fighting to the east of Rheims said that the enemy up to about an hour previously had made no progress whatever there.

In the Conde region, however, before the American counter attacks the German advance appeared to have attained the river salient.

At eleven o'clock this morning the long range bombardment was becoming more intense. The day opened sunny but low clouds are now swirling over the battlefield threatening rain.

11:15 a. m.—The operation at Vaux appeared to be a feint, for soon after 10 o'clock the Germans attacked along the Marne where they were gallantly opposed by more of the American troops and the French.

The first crossing was made at the bend of the big river bend, the American machine gunners and infantrymen fought and died where they stood.

Others of the American troops withdrew strategically as the enemy attacked from east of Chateau Thierry along the Marne east of Dormans making additional crossings.

Shortly after eleven o'clock one of the American infantry regiments launched a counter attack in the region of Conde.

OPPOSE SIBERIAN DICTATORSHIP

British, French and Japanese Ministers at Peking Unite in Protest.

PEKING, Saturday, July 13.—(By Associated Press)—The British, French and Japanese ministers to China have strongly protested to General Harbath, the anti-Bolshevik military commander, who has formed a temporary war cabinet for Siberia, asking him to withdraw his dictatorship proclamation on the ground that it is unwise and untimely.

AT PRINCE HARTI, July 15.—The council of states, acting in accordance with the legislative power given it under the new Haitian constitution has unanimously voted the declaration of war upon Germany demanded by the president of the republic.

LONDON, July 15.—M. Tchitcherin, the Russian foreign minister, has addressed a note to Great Britain demanding that the British detachments now on the Marne coast be re-embarked without delay, says a Central News message today from Amsterdam playing a Moscow dispatch.

MARCHING WORMS IN LINCOLN DIST.

Dr. C. L. Howell Reports a Large Army Near Festus.

This morning The West Virginian received a letter from Dr. C. L. Howell, of Worthington, in which he reports the presence of army worms in Lincoln district, this county. Dr. Howell's letter is as follows: "There has been so much said about the army worm recently, that I thought it might be of some interest to those interested in the subject to inform you that about ten days ago a vast horde of the kind of worm you describe could have been seen crossing the county road at the little hamlet of Festus, one mile south of Annabelle Mine, this county. This occurrence of the army worm is the first I have ever known in this part of the county, although very probably I never happened to be just at the right place and time to see the festive A. W., as it did not cover a very wide strip of ground crosswise in its westward march. I at first took this worm to be the young thousand leg worm, but afterward decided it was not, because it was much flatter than the other. I am inclined to think that from what I have read this army worm was not nearly so large as the West coast one, although in talking to G. W. Wright, one of the rural carriers out of Worthington, I remarked that there were 19 million of them, more or less. The army was observed by many of the Annabelle people and also by numerous farmers of that community who will verify the truthfulness of the above account."

American Troops In North Russia

(By Associated Press) LONDON, July 15.—American and British troops have occupied the whole of Murmen coast in northern Russia, says a dispatch from Moscow Central News by way of Amsterdam.

TO GET BUSY SATURDAY. Prosecuting Attorney W. R. Haggerty today announced that he has postponed the enforcement of the law in regard to having 1918 licenses until next Saturday, July 20. The onrush of licenses has been responsible for this.

WILL BE STATE CHAIRMAN. John B. Stevenson, of Hutchinson, of the Stevenson Grocery company, which has a place of business in Fairmont, will be state chairman of West Virginia in the Y. M. C. A. war drive for \$112,000,000. The state's quota is \$600,000.

SIX KILLED IN KENTUCKY. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., July 15.—Six were killed and 14 injured some seriously, when a locomotive crashed into three motor cars carrying laborers on the C. and O. today at Louisa, Ky., near here. The motor cars, which carried 30 men, were demolished.

GRANT TOWN INFANT DIES. The infant child of Sebastian Pleva died today at Grant Town and will be buried tomorrow by Undertaker R. L. Cunningham.

YANKES TROOPS ARE INVOLVED AT THREE POINTS

Military Men at Washington Not Yet Sure of German Plan.

IT'S BIG MOVE THOUGH

Bombardment of Positions Behind the Line Shows That.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 15.—The Germans have selected the road to Paris for renewal of their drive, officers here believed today judging from early reports on the violent movement which began at dawn.

Whether the efforts is designed actually to be pressed against the French capital or to close the way for a local assault north of Amiens on the road to the channel ports believed to be the main objective of the whole German plan was the subject of interested speculation.

The new battle line runs clear around Rheims in its 50 mile sweep from Chateau Thierry where the first and second American divisions are known to be in line. American troops in the Juronne sector of the Marne, east of Chateau Thierry also are involved.

Employment of heavy artillery to batter towns and communication lines far beyond the defense lines indicate that the delayed grand offensive has been opened.

The object of the bombardment is to harass the movement of supplies and reinforcements to the danger points and the colossal preparations of the enemy may mean that he is ready to keep up the assault for days or weeks in the effort to drive through.

It is regarded as possible that the purpose of the attack is to widen still further the Aisne salient by the reduction of Rheims and the forcing back of the whole southern extremity of the 1918 battle area.

MARION CO. WENT OVER IN WSS DRIVE WITH BIG MARGIN

Chairman Glenn F. Barnes Much Pleased With Showing Made.

Final reports in the war savings stamp drive for Marion county show that \$1,096,597 was pledged, the announcement being made today. The quota apportioned against the county was \$1,007,180.

The city of Fairmont raised \$356,298 although the quota assigned was \$400,000, which was unusually stiff. Fairmont district raised \$378,928 while the quota for the district was \$419,800. The city of Mannington pledged \$111,650, its quota being \$110,000. Mannington district raised \$204,745, the amount apportioned against it being \$230,000.

The best showing of the districts was that of Lincoln, where \$37,094 was raised in excess of the quota, which was \$156,600. Grant nosed Paw Paw out of second place by a narrow margin. Grant has \$26,745 in excess of the quota apportioned, which is \$78,500. Paw Paw ranks third with \$26,075 to the good, having raised \$107,575, although its quota was \$81,500. Winfield bid strongly for recognition and was close too for second place. It raised \$25,645 over its quota, \$36,200. The amount raised was \$61,945. Union did well with \$10,376 over its quota. The total amount raised was \$44,956, the quota being \$34,580.

Glenn F. Barnes, cashier of the National Bank of Fairmont, the county chairman of the drive, is very much pleased with the splendid showing made. He was ably assisted during the drive by Colonel A. Howard Fleming, who worked out the details for (Continued on page eight.)

PARIS COULD HEAR AND SEE BATTLE

Noise of the Artillery Kept the Parisians Out of Bed.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, July 15.—The inhabitants of Paris and the suburbs, says the Mail, heard violent artillery firing in the early hours today. The sky toward the east was constantly lit up as if by a great electrical storm.

Those who were on the boulevards after midnight listened to the cannonade, while small groups gathered on the high points of the city to watch the distant heavens. The noise of the firing was particularly loud in southern part of the city.

The sector of the battle line near Paris is that west of Chateau Thierry about 45 miles east-northeast of the French capital. American and French troops are barring the German way there.

MRS. H. C. PALMER DIES AT MONONGAHL

Had Been a Resident of That Town Practically All Her Life.

Mrs. Pauline Palmer, aged 74, widow of Henry C. Palmer, died this morning at 7:40 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sadie Shaver, at Monongah, after an illness of a complication of diseases. Mrs. Palmer was a pioneer resident of Marion county and had been a resident of Monongah practically her entire life.

She is survived by five sons, John P., of New Jersey; J. P., of Pittsburgh; C. H., of Clarkburg; H. M., of Long Beach, Cal., and W. L. L., of Fairmead, Cal., and by one daughter, Mrs. Sadie Shaver, of Monongah. Mrs. Palmer is a sister of J. Z. Robinson, of Barackville.

The deceased was a most estimable woman and was greatly loved in the community in which she resided. She was a consistent member of the Christian church.

The body was prepared for burial by Undertaker R. L. Cunningham. No funeral arrangements have been made, pending messages from distant relatives. All the children were with her when she died with the exception of H. M. and W. L., of California, who were unable to reach here.

NEW GEN. MANAGER FOR VALVE AND TANK

W. H. Finley Took Charge at Plant on Hickman Run Today.

W. H. Finley has been chosen vice president and general manager of the American Valve and Tank company, assuming complete charge of the operations of the company today. Mr. Finley was formerly assistant general manager of the Fairmont Mining Machinery company.

W. D. Stockley, general manager of the Fairmont Mining Machinery; Fred Heimick of the Helick Foundry-Machine company, and W. H. Finley have each been elected directors of the American Valve and Tank company.

Building Permits Granted by O'Bar

Two building permits were granted at the Board of Affairs meeting this morning. E. M. Kelley was given a permit to build a cow shed and chicken house in the rear of Reeves avenue.

Miss Maggie Murphy was granted a permit to "remodel a stable and make a dwelling house" at an expense of \$2,500. John C. Patterson is the contractor.

MORE COAL SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Contracts for 20 additional fuel cargo ships have been let by the Shipping board to Japanese yards. Contracts also have been let for building 20 transports to the Bethlehem Steel company.

GERMANS CROSSED MARNE AT SEVERAL POINTS DURING HOT FIGHTING THIS MORNING

British Reports Say, However, That The Situation is Regarded as Being Entirely Satisfactory all Along the Front

OPERATION IS IN TWO BIG SECTIONS

First Attack Was Made in the Vicinity of Vaux After Allied Positions Had Been Subjected to Gas Bombardment.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, July 15.—A new offensive was begun last night in the region between Rheims and the Argonne. On the front between Chateau Thierry and the Main de Massiges the Germans attacked this morning, the war office announces. The French are meeting the shock of enemy attack with energy and the battle continues.

The struggle is proceeding on a front of about 80 kilometers (approximately 50 miles).

LONDON, July 15.—The Germans have crossed the Marne at several places in their offensive begun this morning, according to advice received here. The main attack, it is added, seems to be in the Champagne. The advice to this effect came to the Central News.

Dispatches received regarding the German offensive state that the attack began on a front of 30 miles between Chateau Thierry and Bilgny, southwest of Rheims.

The Germans also attacked east of Rheims between Prunay and Maison de Champagne on a front of 25 miles.

The feeling in London on the situation following the German attack in France is that the developments are quite satisfactory. The German attack in the new offensive began in the region of Vaux after a bombardment with gas and high explosive shells, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company's advices from Paris.

The American artillery replied with a barrage fire. Reports up to 10:30 o'clock this morning, the Exchange Telegraph Company advices state, show the situation to have been held in hand.

The enemy artillery displayed activity in the region south of Arras and on the Flanders front north of Bethune and in the Lore and Dickonnesse sector.

The British attack in Flanders yesterday, the statement shows, was launched on a front of 2,000 yards in neighborhood of the Ridge woods in the Dickebusche sector. The attack took the enemy by surprise and was successful, all the objectives being gained.

Belview Girl Jumps Into Buffalo Creek Cotton Consumption Shows Falling Off

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 15.—Cotton consumed during June amounted to 527,464 running bales and for the eleven months ending June 30, it was 6,029,543 bales, the Census bureau announced today.

Last year in June 574,110 bales were consumed and for the eleven months period 6,250,682 bales. Cotton on hand June 30, in consuming establishments was 1,661,992 bales.

Believed Rheims Is Immediate Objective

LONDON, July 15.—The immediate objective of the Germans, it is considered here probably is to detach Rheims by attacking on both sides of it and capture hills which would protect their right hand and further advance backward.

Electric locomotives are being increasingly adopted in South Africa for underground haulage.

Wanted

Good boy over 16 years of age to learn trade in printing office. Permanent for the right man, and an excellent opportunity to earn a trade in which employment is steady. Ideal working conditions. Apply to Mr. Maple, The West Virginian Office.

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Apply, Owens Bottle Machine Company.