

FRANCE PRODUCES GENERAL JOFFRE; WORKMEN OF BRITAIN MEET CRISIS; GERMANS SMASH SLAV OFFENSIVE

Von Hindenburg Proves Hero of the War and Frees Germany of Doubt.

Masterly Tactics of Leader in Retreat Saved French Army From Destruction.

British Arouse From Early Apathy and Face Serious Problems Cheerfully.

These articles are the fourth of the comprehensive review of the first year of the war. They will be continued every day during the week.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN. BERLIN, July 29.—In the western campaign Germany met new conditions of modern warfare and overcame them before the enemy was able to do so.

The more valuable territory which has been to German arms in this war is Belgium and Northern France. These conquered districts are far more wealthy than are the captured Polish and Baltic provinces.

This belief was encouraged by the general feeling that if Germany were to hold its own in the great war, France must be overwhelmed before Russia's mighty millions could be mobilized.

SLAVS CHECKED. Then, almost over night, came the news that the battle of the Mazurian Lakes had been fought and had resulted in one of the greatest victories for Germany in all history.

For some reason France had not seen fit to nominate a generalissimo, a commander-in-chief of her army, until just prior to the war.

Maneuvers were conducted just as one would expect a board to conduct them. The Blue Army, under one set of generals, would take such and such a position at such and such a time.

Second in importance among successes against the Slavs is the freeing of Galicia. This campaign is ranked in Germany as an offensive one, differing from the rescue of East Prussia, which was a defensive thrust.

MADE GENERALISSIMO. Suddenly all this was changed. Joffre came on the scene. The general unrest in Europe showed to France the un wisdom of letting this situation continue.

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II FOREIGN VESSELS TO GET U. S. REGISTRY

Secretary Lansing Approves Application of Company Backed by Germans.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Secretary of State Lansing and Acting Secretary of State, of the Department of Commerce, have approved the application of a company to be chartered to register foreign-built steamships.

It is believed that the vessels, valued at \$2,000,000, represented German interests in the Wagner Company, offering to register in Delaware.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. PARIS, July 29.—General Joe Joffre must be enumerated among the great French successes of the first 12 months of the war.

This goes as it stands, whatever he may or may not do in the future. I say this because Joffre is not without his critics. There are those who say he ought to move faster.

Joffre already deserves the undying gratitude of his country if he never strikes another blow. He refused, at Charleroi, to sacrifice his men for a brilliant but temporary success.

At that, Joffre was an accident. That France had the right man for the place and at the moment he was most needed was almost pure accident.

For a given number of days this sort of thing would continue until the final event, which took place before the President of the republic and his guests.

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By ED. L. KEEN. LONDON, July 29.—"Are we downhearted? No!"—with a heavy accent on the "no."

This is the slogan of British football fans in the bleachers (or the English equivalent thereof) when the home team appears to be getting the worst of it.

Since the failure of the Anglo-French spring offensive in Flanders, the disastrous defeats of the Russians, the news of the unsatisfactory progress of the Dardanelles campaign, the development of the Fisher-Churchill scandal, the French-Kitchener row and the disclosure regarding Britain's woeful lack of the implements of warfare, culminating in the disruption of the Cabinet, this attitude of the bleachers has become the attitude of the British public.

For the apathy displayed by the masses in the first ten months of the war the British Government has only itself to blame. The leaders of the nation made the mistake of entrusting the entire conduct of the war on land to one man.

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Marriage Licenses Today

Henry G. Reinhard, Allentown, Pa., and Minnie H. Bowers, Scranton, Pa. William Miller, 2001 N. 8th st., and Louise Mayer, 412 N. Race st.

Four Couples Wedded at Elkton. ELKTON, Md., July 29.—Four Pennsylvania and one Maryland couple were married here today morning.

IN WILDWOOD'S BOARDWALK PAGEANT



The seashore resort gave itself up to various gaudies last night, among which were groups and individuals in picturesque costume.

RYAN HALTS PAYMENT

City Solicitor Says Company Cannot Receive Money From City. Cleveland firm was in the section bounded by Arch and Walnut, 10th and 11th streets.

HUSBAND PLEADS FOR WIFE

Man Intercedes When Woman Is Sentenced to "Correction." After having his wife arrested as she was about to desert him, Charles Duck, of 254 North Woodstock street, saved her from a three months' sentence in the House of Correction by pleading for her.

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TWO MINERS HURT WHEN LAMP IGNITES GAS

Carelessness of Laborer Alleged Cause of Accident. MOUNT CARROLL, Pa., July 29.—Louis Kostl, 38 years old and married, and John Patchak, 38 years, both are in the Miners Hospital at Fossilville in a serious condition.

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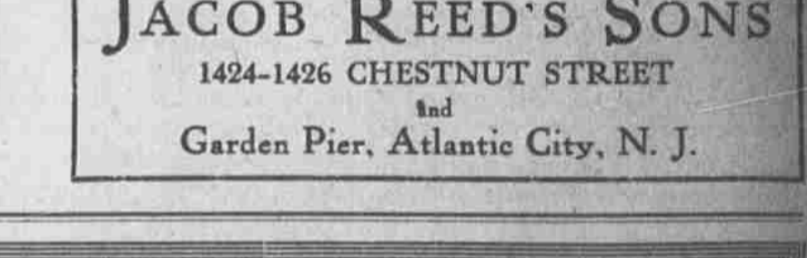
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