



FRENCH TROOPS EXTEND GROUND ON SOMME LINE

Gain Positions Near Belloy-en-Santerre and Around Estrees

STORMS HINDER FIGHTING

British Artillery Hammers Teutons North of Ancre River

King George "Proud" of His Army's Success

LONDON, July 8.—The following message has been sent by King George to General Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British troops on the Franco-Belgian front: "Please convey to the army under your command my sincere congratulations on the result achieved in the recent fighting. I am proud of my troops. None could have fought more bravely."

The superoffensive of the Allied armies entered its second week today with the Allies everywhere attacking and maintaining their early gains at virtually every point, despite heavy enemy counter-attacks.

A heavy downpour of rain throughout yesterday afternoon converted the battleground on both sides of the Somme into a great sea of mud last night and seriously hampered operations. Despite this handicap the French War Office today claimed slight further progress south of the Somme, with the taking of 400 prisoners.

The British troops north of the Somme, after scoring important successes against the Germans in yesterday's fighting, contented themselves last night with improving their positions. The fighting at the village of Contalmaison reached a deadlock during the night with the British holding the western end and the Germans the eastern part of the ruined town.

No official estimates of either the German or British losses have been made by the War Office since the offensive began at 7:30 o'clock last Saturday morning, but the Germans are unofficially reported to have lost from 30,000 to 40,000 in killed and wounded, besides nearly 20,000 taken prisoners by the British and French.

General Haig's report this afternoon announced minor engagements on the British front extending northward from Ancre Brook.

At Commercourt, the scene of heavy fighting at the opening of the Allied drive, British field guns and trench mortars bombarded enemy trenches last night. Near Neuville-St. Vaast, north of Arras, and north of Roolincourt, the Germans were active yesterday. They exploded a mine northeast of Neuville without causing any damage and exploded craters near the Hohenzollern redoubt with no advantage. Northeast of Hulluch a British mine destroyed an enemy gallery.

British aeroplanes gave valuable service yesterday, despite the unfavorable weather. They aided in important reconnaissance work and completely wrecked an enemy hangar, besides doing other material damage.

FRENCH GAIN IN BELLOY SECTOR; WIN GROUND IN VICINITY OF ESTREES

PARIS, July 8.—Two vigorous thrusts met the French further progress last night in the fighting on the Somme River front.

THE WEATHER

It's hard to keep one's mind from drifting to wooded dells and silent, shaded streams these days. Every one seems imbued with but one ambition: to escape the sun. While the men are puffing and perspiring over the matter, along comes fair woman in summer furs, which look cool because of their color. This bears out the belief that much can be done through imagination. It is very evident that many of the fair sex decide that they are cool regardless of the temperature and, therefore, they feel so. If you are growing about the heat, the sun, your job or scarcity of money, all this is unnecessary and means useless expenditure of energy. So keep cool even when you're warm, and you won't get hot.

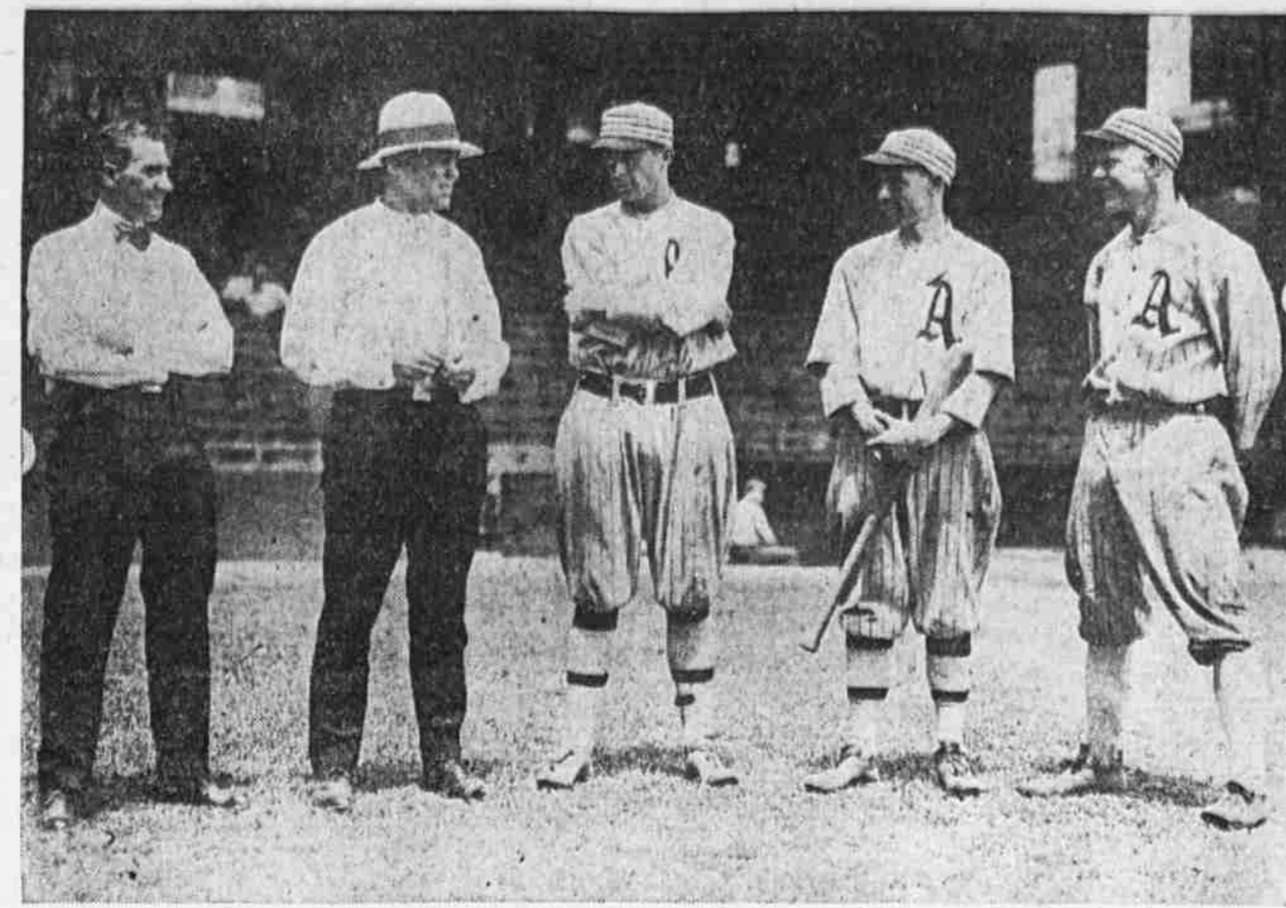
FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and probably Sunday; somewhat cooler and less humid; moderate northerly winds.

LOST AND FOUND

BAR PIN—Lost, gold bar pin, safely catch, see with 3 round sapphires, in sitting room of Gimble's, about 12 o'clock Friday, July 7. Finder return to 8, Chestnut St. Building, 4th and 5th, and receive reward.

MANAGER McINNIS AND SOME UNDERSTUDIES



Here we have the new manager of the Athletics, John McInnis, along with a trio of his hired men. The men are, left to right, Joe Ohl, secretary; McInnis, McElwee, Lawry and Witt. Connie Mack and Harry Davis are out of the city, hence Stuff is the leader.

ORDER IN COUNCIL TIGHTENS BRITISH BLOCKADE OF FOE

Supersedes Previous Orders Made Under Declaration of London

STRICTER ON NEUTRALS

LONDON, July 8.—An order in council was issued today withdrawing all preceding orders made under the Declaration of London and issued since the war began. This action was taken in accordance with England's determination to tighten the blockade of Germany.

The new order in council stipulates that the hostile destination of any ship carrying contraband of war is presumed until the contrary is shown. This stipulation permits British warships to hold up suspected neutral ships, which must then offer proof that their cargoes are not ultimately destined for enemy countries to avoid seizure.

The principle of continuous voyage and ultimate destination will apply to contraband in ships passing the blockade. Any vessel is liable to capture and condemnation by a prize court if its cargo is more than half contraband.

Any neutral ship, carrying contraband, but which evades capture by showing papers indicating a neutral destination and then proceeds to an enemy port, will be liable to capture on her next voyage in the proscribed area.

It is significant that this action on the part of the British Government comes closely on the heels of the request or suggestion made by Berlin in the last note to the United States on the U-boat issue that the blockade be loosened.

Bill Would Punish News Fakers

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Publication of false reports and rumors affecting international relations of the United States by any news association would be made criminal by a bill introduced in the House by Representative Campbell, of Kansas. Violators of the law would be subject to a fine of not more than \$5000 and of imprisonment not to exceed six months.

THREE DIE IN AUTO CRASH AT CROSSING

Train Hits Car Containing Seven on Way to Reunion at Topton

BOYERTOWN, Pa., July 8.—Three persons were killed today in a collision between the Queen of the Valley, an express train, between Reading and Allentown, and a touring car containing several passengers on way to the Rohrbach reunion at Topton. The automobilists were crossing the tracks at Hancock Station.

William Noll, Abraham Yoder and Peter Rohrbach were hurled into the air and killed. Mrs. Rohrbach, Mrs. Yoder, Alice Rohrbach and Aaron Yoder, also occupants of the car, escaped serious injury.

Court to Review Contempt Ruling

TRENTON, July 8.—Supreme Court Justice Black today allowed an order to review a decision by Recorder Gaskill, of Atlantic City, holding Samuel W. Scott at that resort in contempt for having passed an alleged derogatory remark outside of court. Scott was fined \$100.

Five-year Term for Auto Driver

TRENTON, July 8.—Edward Gillmore, a negro driver for a local coal firm, has been sentenced to a term of from five to ten years imprisonment for manslaughter. Gillmore was driver of an automobile which ran down and killed Michael Gelost, 15 years old.

Second New York Off to Texas

GREEN HAVEN, N. Y., July 8.—The 23 New York Infantry, representing nine cities and towns in the State, left late yesterday for Alamo, Tex. The 64th Regiment, of New York State, is to leave next Tuesday.

CARRANZA FORCE IN FIERCE BATTLE WITH VILLA BAND

2000 of First Chief's Cavalry Engage 800 of Bandit's Men

JUAREZ MAKES REPORT

EL PASO, Texas, July 8.—A terrific battle between 800 Villistas and 2000 Carranza cavalry is in progress a short distance south of Jimenez. The battle began early this morning.

That information was officially given at noon today by General Francisco Gonzales, commandant of the Juarez garrison.

The Villistas are commanded by General Calixto Contreras, according to Mexican authorities.

General Contreras rejoined Villa's command within the past week or two, according to American reports. Carranza officials, however, believe the General is leading an army of independents.

General Gonzales said word of Contreras' activities had reached de facto Government officials some time ago and it was on this information that the 2000 cavalrymen were sent to the Jimenez district.

EL PASO, Tex., July 8.—"Pancho" Villa's return to the border at the head of a new horde of wild riders was awaited all along the International boundary line today. Citizens and soldiers, particularly the National Guard soldiers, were ready to give him an appropriate reception.

At the same time it was reported that General Pershing's punitive expedition, which was for the purpose of getting Villa "dead or alive," would resume its quest. With Villa located, his trail again seems to be "hot," and Pershing is said to have him to reverse the withdrawing movement and renew the hunt.

Carranza's attitude toward the punitive expedition that the Administration allowed requested that the Administration allow

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HOT? IT IS NOTHING TO WHAT'S COMING," SAYS WEATHERMAN

Humidity Takes Leap From 43 to 63 and Will Make Other Jumps, Asserts Expert

AGED MAN SUCCUMBS

Ups and Downs of Mercury Shown Today and Yesterday

Table with 3 columns: Time, Today, Yesterday. Rows include Midnight, 1 a. m., 2 a. m., 3 a. m., 4 a. m., 5 a. m., 6 a. m., 7 a. m., 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., and Humidity.

Heat caused the death today of Charles Van Lee, a painter, 65 years old, of 2414 North Cleveland avenue. He was found dead in bed by members of his family. Doctor Benedict, of 2603 North 13th street, was summoned and said death had resulted from natural causes, superinduced by heat.

No prostrations were reported up to noon. Despite the fatality, Forecaster Bliss said the heat was a delusion.

Speaking seriously, he said it really

STUFFY McINNIS NOW IS BATTING FOR HIS BOSS

Connie Mack and Harry Davis Are Off for a Day on "Boy Scout" Duty

TIGERS TO FACE NABORS

Stuffy McInnis is a manager for a day. Connie Mack and Harry Davis are away on a scouting expedition—where, no one knows—and "Stuff" is pinch-hitting the Athletics. Jack, who is out of the game with a Charley-horse and a sore nose, will coach the team a la Connie Mack, and he wants to make an even bet that he will be a 1,000 per cent. bench manager.

The Mackmen were hustled through a spirited workout this morning, and, after looking his men over, McInnis said: "I am sure WE will win today." Just like a regular manager. Stuff hopes to break up the team's losing streak so that he can hand Hughie Jennings an idea of his managerial ability, even though he is not first-baseman himself. If Stuff does happen to go through with a win what a nice, big surprise it would be for the fans, the Tigers, and, greatest of all, for Connie Mack.

Pitchers Driscoll and Whittaker, who have been members of the White Elephants for the last two days, are no longer on the long list payroll. Mack decided that he would farm the youngsters out, but they decided differently. Both of the boys went home.

Whittaker is a dentist and intends to follow that profession. His stay in fast baseball company appeared to make him realize that there were other things than the national pastime.

Jack Nabors will hurl for the Mackmen against Detroit today.

Will Court-Martial Guards

COLUMBUS, N. M., July 8.—Two of the four New Mexican guardsmen who refused to take the Federal oath several days ago, will be tried by a general court-martial at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. The others will, in all probability, be tried at Columbus.

PERSHING'S LONE AIR CRAFT NOW DISABLED

Twelve Aeroplanes Lying Idle at Border Because of Defective Works

COLUMBUS, N. M., July 8.—General Pershing today was again forced to rely upon cavalry patrols for reconnaissance around his advanced base. Yesterday the single aeroplane with the expedition was put out of commission. A propeller blade went to pieces during a scouting flight by Lieutenant Christy and an observer, but the two men brought the machine down safely.

At the Columbus base camp 12 aeroplanes have been lying idle for two months for lack of propellers. A rush shipment of the special blades required is en route.

The discovery that military information was reaching the Mexicans through indiscriminate photographing here caused the placing of a strict censorship pictures. Forecast of a long stay for guardmen on the border was seen in preparations at the camp of the 2d Massachusetts Infantry here. Engineers started drilling wells to furnish the camp with a water supply.

Four New Municipal Employees

Two appointments were made today in the Bureau of Transit and two in the Bureau of Water. Director Tynning named Mandax Golder, of 3233 Arlington street, to be a division engineer at \$2400, and C. Theodore Bisswanger, of 6521 North 13th street, to be an architectural engineer at \$2000. In the Bureau of Water the appointments were Samuel Everman, 157 Maryland street, an engineer at \$1900, and William I. Conger, 5351 Gray's avenue, a foreman of painters at \$1900.

QUICK NEWS

WEST VIRGINIA REGIMENT DEMOBILIZED

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 8.—Orders were issued today for the demobilization of the 1st Regiment, West Virginia National Guard, encamped near here. The troops were told to return to their home station not later than Monday night. The order came as a complete surprise. Equipment for the 2d Regiment was received from the War Department today. The 3d Battalion of this unit will be federalized late today.

CUTTER ORDERED TO SEEK BOATS REPORTED LOST

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Coast Guard headquarters here today ordered the cutter Tallapoosa at Mobile to proceed immediately to search the Gulf of Mexico for boats that are reported lost.

NEWTOWN SQUARE WOMAN OVERCOME BY HEAT

Mrs. Elizabeth Hoskins, 66 years old, of Newtown Square, Pa., was overcome at 40th and Market streets this afternoon and was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital suffering from heat prostration. Her condition is serious.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF SILK THEFT FROM EMPLOYERS

A woman earning \$80 a week as a shirtwaist designer was held under \$500 bail today charged with stealing silk from her employers, Epstein Brothers, of 715 Arch street. The defendant is Miss Laura Williams. She lives on Thompson street, west of 22d. She denied the charge.

U. S. TO AID NEW YORK FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

WASHINGTON, July 8.—A resolution placing at the disposal of the health authorities of New York city all of the available hospital space and facilities at the Ellis Island Immigration Station for treatment of infantile paralysis patients was introduced in the House today by Representative Siegel of New York. The resolution has the approval of the Secretary of Labor, who has jurisdiction over the immigration station. The House leaders planned to put the measure through before the House adjourns tonight. It is understood that the New York health officials contemplate establishment of an isolation hospital at Ellis Island.

PLAN TO RATIFY COLOMBIA TREATY ADVANCED

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Efforts of the Administration to have the Senate of this Congress ratify the Colombian treaty have been abandoned. That was learned today after a meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The treaty as recommended in its final form, providing payment of \$15,000,000 to Colombia and a mutual "regret clause" in connection with acquisition of the Canal Zone, has met with serious objection in Colombia and this, with threats of a Republican filibuster against the convention, has prompted Democratic leaders to give up plans to force its ratification.

GERMAN MERCHANTMEN ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE

BERLIN, July 8.—The following official account of an attack upon German merchant ships in the Baltic by a submarine, which gave no warning, was issued by the Admiralty: "A convoy of nine German trade ships bound to Swinemünde was attacked south of the Island of Oland without previous warning by a submerged submarine on July 2. The wake of the submarine was plainly visible, also two strong whirlpools caused by the firing of the torpedo. Fortunately the torpedo passed between the ships and did no damage. Armed patrol boats immediately made for the spot where the submarine had been and chased it. The merchant ships reached Swinemünde safely."

EXPERIMENTS ON MONKEYS IN INFANT PLAGUE FIGHT

WASHINGTON, July 8.—So that monkeys may be imported for experimental purposes in the search for a remedy for infantile paralysis, Secretary of Agriculture Houston today raised the embargo on the importation of animals from the Philippines.

MOTORISTS URGED TO HAVE GASOLINE MEASURED

John Virdin, superintendent of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, has issued a statement warning motorists to beware of dealers who pump gasoline directly into the tank of an automobile. "Every purchaser should insist upon the gasoline being pumped into a standard five-gallon liquid measure so that he may see whether he is getting what he pays for," he asserts. Mr. Virdin points out that the measuring pump crank can be so manipulated by the person in charge that a shortage will result in every subdivision of the gallon pumped directly into the tank of the automobile.

RED CROSS WANTS FORTY MALE NURSES

Forty men are wanted to enlist as male nurses in the Southeastern Division of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross. Miss N. M. Rennyson, in charge of the First Aid Classes of the organization, sent out an urgent call today. "The men will be called upon to do the field work in case of war, and we want them fully prepared and equipped with all the knowledge of their subjects that we can impart to them," said Miss Rennyson.

GERMAN ADMIRALTY CALLS JELICOE REPORT FALSE

BERLIN, July 8.—The Admiralty issued a brief official statement today in comment upon Admiral Jellicoe's version of the North Sea battle. It reiterates that previous admissions of German losses are correct and that any further claims by the British naval chief of the destruction of German ships are false. "The Jellicoe report," said the Cologne Volkszeitung, "is specially prepared for home consumption. His first report was considered unsuitable for the masses. Despite the proud window-dressing, we can't say it bears the proud conviction of victory. Translated into everyday language, what Jellicoe really says is, 'This battle was a British defeat.'"

GERMAN COMMISSION TO UNIFY PEACE AIMS

BERLIN, July 8.—Numerous scientists, industrialists and representatives of commerce and agriculture have formed a German national commission, under the chairmanship of Prince von Wedel, says the Koelnische Zeitung, with the aim of "awakening a uniform understanding of the German people for an honorable conclusion of peace which shall guarantee a secured future empire." In doing this, says the newspaper, all one-sidedness is to be avoided.

AUSTRIAN ARMY RETIRES BEFORE CZAR'S FORCES

Russians Pierce German Lines Southwest of Vilna

SLAV ARMY SWEEPS TOWARD LEMBERG

Austro-Germans Unable to Resist Tremendous Onslaught of Czar's Forces

BOY-SOLDIERS CAPTURED

Heavy Artillery Saves Von Linsingen's Volhynia Army From Complete Annihilation

Four powerful offensive movements are being carried out by the Russians against the German and Austro-Hungarian armies in Russia and Galicia. The four districts against which the Russian assaults are being delivered are:

First. Between Riga and Dvinsk. Second. North and south of the important railway junction of Baranovitchi. Third. Between the Pripet marshes and Lutsk, where the Germans are striving to hold back the Russians from the base city of Kovel.

Fourth. In central Galicia, south of the Dniester River, where the Russians, who captured Kolomea, are sweeping in a northwesterly direction.

The Austro-German armies are in retreat almost everywhere, hotly pursued by the Russians. In Volhynia, only their heavy artillery has saved the German forces under General von Linsingen from complete annihilation.

There are evidences on every hand that Germany has exhausted all her available reserves and that it is possible no longer for her to make sudden shifts of troops from one theatre of war to the other.

Many of the prisoners captured in the recent fighting are boys with scant military training.

The Russian offensive has now been under way for more than three weeks and instead of lessening the vigor of the drive it is increasing.

Terrible losses have been suffered by the Austro-Hungarian and German armies, particularly from the Russian artillery fire, which has battered down the strongest defensive works of the Teutons.

VIENNA ANNOUNCES FURTHER RETIREMENT OF AUSTRIAN FORCES ALONG STYR RIVER

BERLIN, July 8.—Austrian troops have retreated from their advanced lines in the bend of the River Sty in Volhynia before greatly superior Russian forces, said an official statement from the Austrian War Office received here today.

"Austrian troops fighting in the River Sty bend, who, during four weeks have opposed hostile forces of from three to five fold superiority, on Thursday received orders to withdraw their most advanced lines, which were exposed to double outflanking," said the Austrian statement. "With the co-operation of the German troops west of Kolik and by the heroic action of the Polish legion near Koloda, the movement was executed undisturbed by the enemy. South of Kolik there has been no change. Thursday passed quietly with the Austrian troops northeast of Baranovitchi. The enemy there suffered extraordinary losses in attacks against the Austro-German positions.

"In the district of Ikva Springs enemy artillery shelled an Austrian field hospital, though it was plainly visible. If such breaches of international law are repeated we shall direct our cannons against the monastery of Novospetsay, which has been spared most carefully by our gunners for a year.

"In Bukovina our troops brought in 100 prisoners in successful engagements. In southeast Galicia, between Delatyn and Sadowka, numerous Russian attacks were defeated by Alpine territorials."

The German War Office, however, announced this afternoon that repeated enemy attacks in the Lake Narocz region and a Russian attack northwest of Bucanac, in Galicia, were repulsed.

NEW TREMENDOUS OFFENSIVE OPENED BY RUSSIANS AGAINST GERMAN LINES EAST OF VILNA

LONDON, July 8.—The Russians have opened a tremendous offensive against Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces on the northern front. General Everst is leading the Czar's troops in furious attacks extending a hundred miles, from the Vilna line in the north to Baranovitchi in the south.

Exceeding their infantry assaults by a bombardment of such intensity during the 24 hours' duration that the Germans were stunned, the Russians buried themselves at the enemy's base in such overpowering numbers that the first line trenches were penetrated with ease.

The German soldiers who recovered from the shock of the assault quickly enough to offer even a half-hearted resistance were swept aside at the point of the bayonet as