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GERMANS WIN **GROUND IN NEW VERDUN DRIVE**

Teutons Take Southern Part of Fleury in New Attack

TERRIFIC GUN DUEL

Other Attack Repulsed by French in All-Night Fighting

The battle of Verdun is again raging with all the fury that characterized its inception late in February. The fighting is especially violent east of

PARIS, Aug. 4.

the Meuse, where the Germans have succeeded in occupying the southern part of the village of Fleury. The French War Office, in its com-

munique today, stated that German at-

tacks were made all night long against the French positions on the Fleury-Thiaumont lines, but that all were repulsed. Dawn found the Crown Prince still hurling his German legions against the French

positions, but the assault broke to pieces before the iron defense of the French gol-After occupying the southern part of Fleury, the Germans tried to sweep into the northern end of the village, but were driven back by the machine gun and rifle

fire from the battered houses, where the French had taken refuge and transformed them into fortresses. Infantry ranks were surging forward back and forth around Fleury and a great duel was in progress on the line of Chapitre and Chenois woods. The War Office characterized this duel with big guns as

being particularly severe. The text of the official communique fol-

On the right of the bank Meuse there were battles on the Thiaumont-Fleury front, which the Germans attacked all front, which the Germans attacked all night with extreme violence. Numerous counter-attacks with great forces against our positions on the edge of the Thiaumont work were repulsed with serious losses for the enemy. Our troops in the course of the battle succeeded in capturing a work which was evacuated under a powerful bombardment, bringing back 80 prisoners taken by us in that action.

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In the region of Fleury the combats have been no less violent. The Germans have multiplied their counterattacks against the village, each pre-ceded by an intense artillery prepara-tion. After many unsuccessful at-tacks, the Germans gained a foothold in the southern section of Fleury, where the combat continues very vio-lent. All efforts to dislodge us from the station situated east on the village e shattered by the resistance of our

The enemy likewise attacked during the night our new positions, east of Vacherauville. He succeeded only in suffering heavy losses. of Vaux-Chapitre and Le Chenois there was a very sharp artillery duel.

In the Vosges at 10 p. m. yesterday the enemy launched on the Chapelotte salient an attack which was shattered before it was able to reach our lines. The night was comparatively calm on the rest of the front.

On the night of August 3 one of our air equadrons dropped 80 shells of large calibre on the railway station at Noyon and on a munition factory. Fifty shells were thrown by another squadron on rallway stations and camps of the enemy in the Somme region.

BRITISH TROOPS WIN NEW GROUND NEAR POZIERES; GUNS BUSY ON SOMME

LONDON, Aug. 4. A gain for the British west of Pozieres on the front between the Ancre and Somme Rivers is recorded in the official statement issued by the War Office this afternoon.

North of Banzentin-le-Petit and northwest of Delville Wood some German prisoners were captured in minor operations. Near the Ypres-Comines road the Brit-

ish exploded a small mine in the German lines and occupied the crater. There were artillery duels of varying Intensity at a number of points.

The War Office report follows:

During last night, as a result of minor preparations west of Pozieres, we gained ground. There was local fighting north of Bazentin-le-Petit and northwest of Delville Wood in which we captured a few prisoners.

There was considerable artillery duel-ing on various portions of the British A raiding party destroyed a mine

shaft of the enemy east of Loos. Near the Ypres-Comines road we exploded a small mine in the enemy's nes, occupying the crater. Eeriously Wounded by His Own Pistol

Alden B. Richardson, trapahooting chamloday in the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, suffering from a bullet wound in his abdomen. An automatic pistol dropped by Richardson as he was alighting from a motorcar on Sunday, at Dover, was acci-dentally discharged, one of the bullets en-tering his atomach.

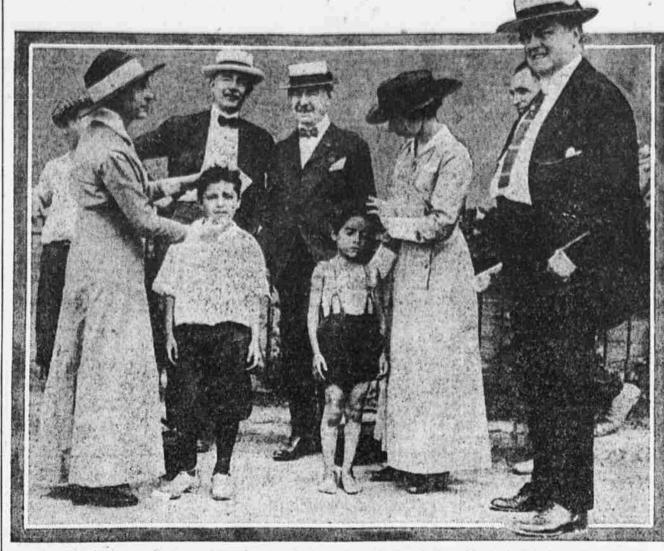
THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday; continued moderately warm and humid; gentle winds, mostly southwest.

LENGTH OF DAY. pun rises.... 8:01 a.m. | Moon rises... 9:30 p.m. m sets..... 7:11 p.m. | Moon souths. 4:06 p.m. DELAWARE BIVER TIDE CHANGES.

CHESTNUT STREET ligh water. 4 % 7 a.m. | High water. 5 20 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR.

CHILDREN IN PLAYGROUNDS EXAMINED FOR "POLIO" GERMS



City officials, in an effort to master the spread of the infantile paralysis epidemic before it reaches the disastrous proportions of the plague in New York, are concentrating their chief efforts upon the playgrounds. The photograph shows some of the city nurses examining children in the Starr Garden Playgrounds. From left to right are Miss S. Kiefer, a nurse; Executive Secretary Champlin, of the Board of Recreation; Councilman Robert Smith, Miss Alberta Austis, a nurse; Superintendent Fall, of the playground, and Senator Ernest L. Tustin.

TWO FIRMS TO REFUND TAX ON COAL; OTHERS WON'T DISCUSS RETURN

Dealers Will Do Met by Refusal to Reply

J. W. Mason, president of the Mason-Scholes Cola Company, and also of the Mason-Heffin Coal Company, both in Kensington, announced today that his company tax, which was declared an unconstitutional service in New York city." evy some months ago. The company is the first in Philadelphia to make the refund.

Asked today if he was to be the exception or the rule among coal dealers in refunding the tax, Mr. Mason said:

"Mason has been damned by every big coal dealer in Philadelphia, but I'm in the habit of doing what I think is right." Some of the biggest coal dealers in the

city were queried today about what action they would take in regard to the repayment to their customers. George B. Newton & Co., at 1427 Chestnut street, which building also houses some of the biggest dealers in the city, such men as George W. Edmonds, Samuel B. Crowell and other such big coal merchants, would give no information when the EVENING LEDGER asked.

The Bell Coal Company insisted it had never charged the tax. The John A. Gerety Coal Company in West Philadelphia insisted it had never charged the tax.

It will be remembered that the price of coal went up uniformly when the tax law was passed.

Mr. Mason said he understood all the wholesalers were returning the tax to the retailers, and it was up to the retailers to play fair with their customers. He said he expected to make a refund in about 3000 or 4000 individual cases, but couldn't approximate how much money that would be. The reason for the delay, he said, had

been because he had to walt until the money came back from the wholesaler. He has just received a check from the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and is now preparing to distribute it to his customers. The money he got some time ago from the Reading Coal and Iron Company will go out at the same time.

So far he is the only Philadelphian known to make his refund. In Glenside Frank G. Justice announced the other day he was making a return to his customers, and A. R. Nicholson in Wyncote is preparing to do it today. He just got his check from the Lehigh Company last night.

Mr. Nicholson said he thought every householder could compel the big retail companies to return the tax charge if they cared to fight for it. He pointed out that maybe the coal companies didn't charge for the tax specifically, but that when the price of coal went up that was figured in, and in the end the consumer paid the tax, not the retailer. That is why he thinks the consumer should get it back. Otherwise it means an unfair profit to the retailer, he said.

The return to the consumer will vary rom two and one half to ten cents per on. The tax was \$14 per cent of the cost of the coal at the mine

Villa Leaders in Custody CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Aug. 4 .- A nun er of prominent captured or have surrendered to Govern ment troops within the last few days. Gen

eral Jacinto Trevino announced today.

NEW YORK FACING CAR STRIKE TONIGHT; **BOTH SIDES DEFIANT**

Questions as to What Most Union Leaders Deliver Ultimatum, to Which Companies Reply by Asking Police Protection

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 .- "A strike will be ordered by 9:30 tonight unless the street railway companies yield to our demand." "The street railway companies will not would pay back to customers the State coal recognize the union. They will maintain

With the street car union magnates defying each other in the manner serving peace today. Once more it is admitted that the situation looked hopeless. but the authorities abandoned none of their efforts.

The time limit fixed by the labor or ganizers for recognition of the union was set to expire at 3 o'clock this afternoon but reports reached the corporation heads that a strike would be called before that time. As a result they telephoned to police headquarters and asked for protection of their property.

Reserves were ordered held in readiness at all but one of the city stations. Communication with the union leaders, however brought forth a statement that the union had no intention of violating the pledge it had given, that events would be allowed to take their course, but that unless the union was recognized within the time set its members would meet as scheduled and declare for a strike.

Reports that the threatened strike of the transit employes in New York city may spread to include workers in other lines and that the American Federation of Labor is contemplating making the fight of the street carmen its own were current today, following a conference between American Federation of Labor leaders and President Mahon and Organizer Fitzgerald, of the street carmen, at a local hotel. President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, sent word today he would arrive this afternoon and immediately confer with the carmen's leaders.

PORTER TAKES STAND AS WITNESS IN PROBE OF CITY GRAFT AND VICE

Ex-Director of Public Safety Quizzed by Grand Jury-Tenderloin Outcasts Found in Cabarets

21/2 TO 10 CENTS BACK A TON GOMPERS TAKES A HAND DETECTIVES ON TOUR

Former Director of Public Safety George D. Porter appeared before the Grand Jury today and told of the direction of the police department under the Blankenburg administration, and declared that the protection of vice or gambling was not countenanced durshown in the foregoing statements, the city | ing that reign. He was on the stand officials grimly kept at their task of pre- for nearly two hours and was compelled to meet a fusillade of questions. He declared that the lid was on the Tenderloin throughout the administra tion of the former Mayor.

> Evidence that the inmates of disorderly houses which were closed in the raid of July 15 are now frequenting cabarets and cafes throughout the city, with the full knowledge of the proprietors, was presented to the Grand Jury today, as the result of a tour of the cafes and cabarets made last night by two detectives, acting under the orders of the jury.

The detectives were John H. Brounley and Thomas Sullivan, two of D. Clarence Gibboney's chief assistants. One week after the sensational raid detectives from the police department were sent out to make a similar inspection of the cafes and cabarets, but in some way, it is said, there was a "leak" and the proprietors and managers were tipped off.

I ast night, however, the tour was a cor plete surprise and the detective found wom en who were the occupants of disorderly houses now closed by the police, circulating freely among the patrons of various places. They found these women, many of them even now under bail awaiting trial as a esult of the raid. playing their same o game, only in a slightly different way to suit new conditions, and this time in more public places. So notorious were some of the women

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GERMAN FOOD SUPPLY AMPLE, BATOCKI SAYS

'Dictator' Asserts Empire Now Entirely Independent of British Blockade

By CARL W. ACKERMAN

BERLIN, Aug. 4. Germany enters the third year of the war with enough food supplies to carry her through at least two more years, despite the allied blockade, Food Dictator Adolph von Batocki told me today.

"The food crisis nas passed," said Batocki. "The harvest is so good, equaling the average in peace times, and everything is so well organized that we begin the year with a surplus enabling us to hold out for a fourth, even a fifth year, counting on the next crops. From the food standpoint Germany is now independent of the blockade.

Despite ally rumors there is no star-vation in Germany. There have been no riots in which women were mowed down

with machine-guna"

The harvests in Poland, Belgium, northern France and other territories occupied by the German army will be sufficient for the civilian populations, Batocki believes.

MOTORIST KILLS WOMAN; CAUGHT AFTER CHASE

Fails to Halt at Policeman's Pistol Shot-Pursued in Commandeered Car

An automobile, driven by Horace Mc-Ginley, of Audubon, N. J., sped south in Eleventh street early today and in an attempt to avoid a troiley car in Market street, whirled across the pavement and crashed into Mrs. Anna Moran, 50 years old, 705 Vine street, walking on the sidewalk in front of a store, injuring her so that she died two hours later in Jefferson Hospital.

After striking the woman, McGinley re adjusted his car, headed it east, and sped toward Tenth street. Policeman Breedon of the Eleventh and Winter streets station was standing in the entrance of the Reading Terminal and saw the accident. When he saw the automobilist starting away he ran into Market street and called to him to

McGinley by that time had left Market

QUICK NEWS

STATE EMPLOYES, OF GUARD, LOSE JOBS

BOSTON, Aug. 4 .- Every State employe who left his family and his home in answer to the President's call to the National Guard for service on the Mexican border was automatically discharged from his State position when he was mustered into the Federal National Guard. This decision was rendered today by Attorney General Henry

SARATOGA RACING RESULTS

First race, solling, 3-year-olds and up, 7 furlongs-Ninety Sim-Thes, 25 to 1, 10 to 1, 5 to 1, won; Naushon, 120, J. McTaggart, 11 to 5, 0 to 10, 2 to 5, second; Andes, 120, Schuttinger, 15 to 1, 6 to 1. 3 to 1, third. Time, 1.27.

RAILROADS CLOSE YEAR OF GREATEST PROSPERITY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 .- The large railroads of the United States have just closed their books on the most prosperous year recorded in their history, according to figures by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Figures based upon 11 months' records indicate that the total income of roads in the United States that have a yearly revenue of more than \$1,000,000 will be in excess of \$1,000,000,000.

MAIN LINE OFFICIAL DIES

Edward Burke Wilford, commissioner of Lower Merion township, treasurer of the Electro-Dental Manufacturing Company, of this city, and a prominent club member, died suddenly last night at his home, Highland and Melrose avenues, Merion, Pa. Mrs. Wilford, his wife, is lying in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital in this city following a serious operation performed several days ago, unaware of her husband's death. Mr. Wilford was 44 years old.

TURKISH AEROS ATTACK SHIPS IN SUEZ CANAL

LONDON, Aug. 4.-Two Turkish aeroplanes on Thursday attacked shipping in Lake Timsa, Egypt, and also the town of Ismailia, in the Suez Canal, the War Office announced today. The statement said that one machine was shot down in an air fight Tuesday.

TORNADO CAUSES \$1,000,000 LOSS ON CANADA BORDER ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 4.—Buildings were wrecked and blown across railway

racks and crop damage conservatively estimated at more than \$1,000,000 resulted from a tornado in northern Minnesota and southern Canada today. The district about Crookston, Minn., was heaviest hit. It is believed no lives were lost.

KITCHENER MEMORIAL ON SECOND WAR ANNIVERSARY

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The second anniversary of England's declaration of war were adopted, expressing the determination of Great Britain to fight until victory is achieved. At a meeting in Mansien House, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade; Paul Painleve, French Minister of Public Instruction and others delivered addresses. Afterward a memorial to the late Lord Kitchener was unveiled.

SUES ATLANTIC CITY RAILROAD FIFTH TIME

The fifth suit pertaining to a grade crossing accident at Laurel Springs, N. J., on August 21, 1915, was instituted in the Camden County Circuit Court against the Atlantic City Railroad today by William J. Steiber, of Laurel Springs, N. J. Steiber asks for damages amounting to \$25,000 for the loss of his wife, Mary Stelber, who died from injuries received in the accident. Mrs. Steiber and her brother-in-law, Julius Stefber, both met their death and two other members of the family were badly intured when the carriage in which they were riding was struck by an Atlantic City express train.

YOUNG SWISS URGE DEMOBILIZATION

GENEVA, Aug. 4.-A Zurich dispatch says that young men paraded the streets of that city Tuesday night bearing banners inscribed: "We demand complete demobilization." The police charged the crowd with drawn swords before it would disperse. Several persons were wounded.

IMPEACHMENT OF U. S. ATTORNEY MARSHALL DROPPED WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Decision to drop the impeachment proceedings against

United States District Attorney Marshall, of New York, asked by Representative Buchanan, today was reported to the House by the Judiciary Committee. This ends the Marshall case so far as impeachment is concerned. Contempt charges are still

CHASE BANK, OF NEW YORK, TO CUT BIG "MELON" NEW YORK, Aug. 4.-Increase of capitalization from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000

and slicing of a large melon in dividends will be voted by directors of the Chase National Bank on September 7, it was announced today. The Chase Bank is the third largest and richest banking institution in the city. It was said in financial circles several other banks will shortly increase their capitalization also.

FLYING YACHT CLUB FORMED; TO HAVE AIR GARAGES

TRENTON, Aug. 4.-The New York Flying Yacht Club has been incorporated n the office of Secretary of State Thomas F. Martin. Its purposes, as set forth in the incorporation papers, are to promote a social organization composed in whole or in part of persons owning aeronautic inventions for personal or private use; to advance the science of aeronautics and encourage aerial navigation and maintain aerial garages.

DANISH WEST INDIES TREATY SIGNED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The treaty between Denmark and the United States for the purchase of the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000 was signed in New York today by Secretary of State Lausing and Danish Minister Brun, the State Department announced today. Details will not be given out, officials here said, until the treayt is formally placed before the United States Senate and the Danish Parliament for ratification.

FIFTEEN HURT IN DYE EXPLOSION; ONE MAY DIE

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Aug. 4.-Fifteen men were injured, one probably fatally, by an explosion in a dye vut at the plant of the Standard Aniline Products Company at Vappingers Falls today. Windows were broken throughout the village. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

BASEBALL OUTFIT SHIPPED TO GUARDSMEN AT BORDER One of the largest shipments of baseball paraphernalia ever sent out of this

city has left for Ei Paso. Tex., where the men of the three Philadelphia regiments gioves, of which 36 are "left-handers." The bill for the equipment amounted to \$1200. George Wentworth Carr, accretary of the Citizen Soldiers' Aid Committee; the Rev. Thomas W. Davis, chaplain of the Athletics, and George Graham constituted themselves a committee to provide the equipment. A silver trophy has been sent to General Price, which will be contested for annually by the three regimental teams. The team which wins it three times will become its permanent owner. are awaiting its arrival. The outfit included 160 bats, 216 balls and 325 fielders' teams. The team which wins it three times will become its permanent owner.

JERSEY CHILDREN TO BE BARRED OUT OF PENNSYLVANIA

State Commissioner Keeps Out Those Who Have Been Near Paralysis Cases

NOTIFIES AUTHORITIES

Quarantine Effective Today Between Commonwealths-Rule Very Stringent

Infantile Paralysis Deaths and Cases in Last 24 Hours

 New cases in Philadelphia
 11

 Deaths in Philadelphia
 2

 New cases in New York
 175

 Deaths in New York
 46

 Total cases in New York
 4680

 Total deaths in New York
 1025

 New cases in Pennsylvania
 3

 New cases in Pennsylvania
 3

 New cases in New Jersey.... 42
Deaths in New Jersey..... None
Total cases in New Jersey.... 798

State Commissioner of Health Dixon, at Harrisburg, today notified Dr. Jacob C. Price, of the New Jersey Department of Health, at Trenton, that a quarantine was placed, effective today, on all children who have been in contact with infantile paralysis. Doctor Dixon's telegram to Doctor Price is as follows:

"The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania this day placed quarantine against all children under 16 years of age coming from outside this commonwealth who have had or have been in contact with infantile paralysis or who have been living in premises in which there is or has been a case of infantile paralysis during the present epidemic. Other children less than 16 years of age from any stricken district will be held under observation."

Infantile paralysis has gained on the health authorities in the last 24 hours. There have been 11 new cases and 2 deaths in Philadelphia and another case in Cam-

So seriously do Doctor Krusen and other city and State health officials view this new development that a special meeting has been called for 3 o'clock this afternoon to decide what further preventive measures should be taken.

Up to the time this sudden increase dereloped the situation had been improving and both Director Krusen and State Health Commissioner Dixon had stated repeatedly that there was no cause for alarm, that the situation really was remarkably go

They have not given up to any undue fear even now, but they recognize that yesterday's developments-by far the greatest since the New York epidemic started-are

too serious to ignore. The two who died yesterday were: Catherine Carr. 4 years old, 1319 North Dover street, Twenty-ninth Ward, whose

illness was only diagnosed a few hours before she died. Russel Conner, 3 years old, 713 Wingonocking street, Forty-second Ward, whose iliness was found to be due to paralysis

at midnight Wednesday. SENT TO HOSPITAL

Of yesterday's new cases the following were taken to the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases: Lillian Myers, 6 years, 508 West Venances

street. Forty-third Ward.
Joseph Whitte, 8 years and 3 months, 3907
North Fairhill street. Forty-third Ward.
Joseph Hanks, 4 years, 534 North Franklin
street. Thirteenth Ward.
Frances Dukofsky, 6 months, 122 Carpenter
street. Second Ward.
Edward Moalister, 8 years, 6022 Greenwar
avenus. Fortisth Ward.
Leslie Martin, 3 years, and 6 months, 845
North Newkirk street, Fifteenth Ward.
Mary Stone, 4 years, 5628 Germantown avenue.
Timothy Burns. 3 years. Main and Johnson
streets, Germantown, Twenty-second Ward.
These were allowed to remain at home These were allowed to remain at home

inder quarantine:

Howard Hutchinson, 10 weeks, the youngest aby attacked by the disease this year, 1708 orth Sixtisth street, Fortisth Ward; in critical indition. John Powischill, 3 years, 3815 North Sixth treet, Forty-third Ward. Charles Weaver, 5th years, 2817 North Fifth rect. Thirty-third Ward.

There also were three new cases reported from Camden as follows: Clifford Decker, 18 months, 535 South Fourth

street.
Joseph West, 4 years, 1929 South Sixth street.
Bruna Fernellt, 25 months, 12 South Second
street. The Camden case is Charles Craado. E

onths, 62 South Second street. This makes six cases in Camden, five of which are in South Camden, and one in

North Camden. Because the South Camden cases all seem in the same vicinity, Dr. J. H. Leavitt, chief health inspector, has issued a warning to Camden mothers telling them to keep their

hildren away from the playgrounds in ongested districts. says it is a human impossibility to keep the playgrounds in "absolutely condition in this kind of weather. H orders all people to stop throwing debris and waste matter of any kind into the streets.

saying that is an effective way of spreading James Siselman, I year old, of 760 Einz street, Camden, who has been taken to the hospital with his mother, is in a serious condition. He is not expected to recover,

There have been two deaths in Camden so Deaths from the disease this year total

ten, nine of which have occurred since July 1. Similarly all but four of the 18 cases this year have been since July 1. Almost 20 per cent have been in ten Forty-third Ward. Because three-year-old Timothy Burna

"The Private War," a Thrilling Romance of Intrigue by Louis Joseph Vance, Begins in Tomorrow's Evening Ledger