

VERDUN ONCE MORE THE STORM CENTER

Fierce Fighting Along Banks of Meuse. With the French on the Offensive.

GERMANS WIN AND LOSE

London, Aug. 5.—Verdun, almost quiescent during the Anglo-French offensive in the Somme region, has again become the storm center on the western battle front. The French forces have taken the offensive on the right bank of the Meuse and now hold the Thiaumont work and the greater part of the village of Fleury, according to Paris.

The Thiaumont work, already the scene of many desperate combats, was twice in French hands during twelve hours Friday. The forces of the German crown prince fought tenaciously, driving the French from the work once, but losing it again. German counter attacks were of no avail, says Paris, and the work remained in the possession of the French.

Fierce fighting continues. Fleury, which changed hands Thursday after the French had succeeded in taking it, is again almost entirely occupied by the French. Fierce fighting still continues in and around the village. German unwounded prisoners taken in the Verdun fighting number 400.

On the Somme front in northern France there has been little infantry activity, both the British and French official communications failing to report any moves on the part of their armies. London says the Germans bombarded the section southwest of Pozieres and also the southern portion of the Mametz wood.

Counter Attacks by Germans. Desperate counter attacks by the Germans in the region of the Stokhoder river, east of Kovel, have resulted in the retirement of the Russian forces which had seized the village of Rudka-Miryanski.

The fact that the village is only nineteen miles from Kovel, the Russian objective on this part of the Volynian front, probably accounts for the intensity of the fighting there.

General Sakharoff's Russian troops continue to advance south of Brody and toward Lemberg. Petrograd reports the capture of 1,300 Austro-Germans in a hot attack on the line of the Sereth and Graberki rivers.

A squadron of British naval aeroplanes has attacked with bombs German military establishments in the vicinity of Ghent, Belgium. London says considerable damage was done by the dropping of two tons of bombs. Unofficial reports received in Amsterdam apparently confirm this claim.

Wilson and Wife on Cruise Down the Potomac River

Washington, Aug. 5.—President Wilson left Washington tonight on the naval yacht Mayflower for a week-end cruise down the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay. It was expected that the Mayflower would go as far as Old Point, returning to Washington Monday morning.

The president took with him Mrs. Wilson and his stenographer. During the cruise he will work on his speech, accepting the democratic nomination. He has almost completed it.

North Dakota and Minnesota Are Swept by Wind, Hail and Rain

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 5.—That a territory nearly 200 miles long and from fifty to 100 miles wide was swept by rain and hailstorms that late last night passed over northeastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota, is indicated by reports that have come streaming in to this city tonight. It was conservatively estimated that the losses will run into millions of dollars.

Tolna, N. D., reported an estimated loss of \$100,000 and McVie, \$60,000 damage, due to a cyclone, which also spread over the surrounding territory.

Reports indicate heavy portland cement to be produced in the district around Aneta, Portland and Hatton, N. D., and in a section north of Devil's Lake, through Leeds, Garske and Edmore.

Northwestern Minnesota escaped the sweep of hail, but suffered from the wind and rain.

Racine, Wis., Aug. 4.—A tornado this afternoon swept the town of Mount Pleasant, covering an area one mile in length and a half mile wide. Much damage was done to property, but no one was injured.

Belgian Forces Gain More Ground In East Africa

Havre, Aug. 4.—Further progress for the Belgian forces invading German East Africa is announced in an official statement issued by the Belgian war office. The text of the statement follows:

"The right wing of the Belgian troops, pursuing its march southward, has occupied Kigoma, in the district of Ujiji, the most important German post on Lake Tanganyika. Kigoma is the terminus of the railroad from Dar Es Salaam, the capital of the colony, to the lake."

Knights of Pythias To Detroit Next Year

Portland, Ore., Aug. 5.—Detroit today received eighty-three votes in the supreme lodge meeting of the Knights of Pythias in its twenty-ninth biennial session. A small vote was given Minneapolis, but that city's representatives let it be known that they were seeking the 1920 convention and made no effort to obtain the next meeting.

Mrs. Lily Samuels of Oakland, Cal., was elected supreme chief of the supreme temple, Pythian Sisters, which is holding its fourth biennial session here. Mrs. Samuels was elevated from the office of supreme senior.

Others elected and their new offices are: Mrs. Jennie R. Brown of Palatka, Fla., supreme protector; Mrs. Josie Nelson of Union City, Ind., supreme mistress of records; Mrs. Alice M. H. Baylan, Austin, Minn., supreme mistress of finance; Mrs. Lucie McCague, Medicine Lodge, Kan., supreme protector; Mrs. Lucy F. Munson, New York, outer guard.

Mrs. Hannah Martha Tindall Dies at Age of Sixty-Seven

Mrs. Hannah Martha Tindall, aged 67, died in this city yesterday. She is survived by two daughters and one son, Mrs. A. W. Gray, Central City, Neb.; Mrs. A. B. Stokes, Central City, Neb.; and Ross B. Tindall of Omaha. Funeral services will be held at Dodder's undertaking parlors Sunday morning at 8:30, Rev. T. C. Webster, pastor of the Oak Street Methodist church, assisted by other pastors of the city, will conduct the services.

WILL WAIT BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION

Government Wants Railroad Employers and Employees to Try and Prevent Strike.

WILSON MAY MAKE APPEAL

Washington, Aug. 5.—After a conference between President Wilson and Judge Chambers, commissioner of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, it was indicated today that the federal government would take no formal action to avert the threatened strike of 400,000 employees on 225 railroads of the country until representatives of the managers and workmen had conferred next week in a final effort to reach an agreement.

Any immediate action by congress was precluded when the senate commerce committee tabled a resolution by Chairman Newlands providing for an interstate commerce commission investigation of the losses of labor on railroads and including an appeal to the road managers and employees to postpone consideration of their differences until the investigation was completed.

Favorable action on the resolution had been urged by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and opposed by representatives of the railroad employees.

President Wilson was told by Judge Chambers that the mediation and conciliation board believed there still was a possibility of avoiding a strike through conferences between the employers and workmen, or through intervention by the board. It is believed the president will wait until every other means of settlement has been tried before intervening himself. Should all other efforts fail, it is understood he will make a personal appeal to the railroad managers and employees.

Second Conductor To Answer Questions

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 4.—An Oakland street car company installed a second conductor on one of its cars, whose duties will be to ring fares and call streets, but to answer questions, help women on and off, amuse crying babies and make himself as useful and obliging to the traveling public as possible.

Washington Appointments.—Pensions granted: Nebraska—Special act highest child of Joseph Munk, College Grove, 51; South Dakota—Martha Bresh, Redfield, 52.

On the recommendation of Senator Hitchcock, Dr. J. B. Martin has been appointed pension surgeon at Plattsmouth, Neb., and on the recommendation of Congressman Steele, Dr. W. W. Larson at Lemars, Ia.

Charles Kirkwood has been appointed postmaster at Kirkwood, Rock county, Nebraska.

Lower rural letter carriers appointed: Anna Benjamin Keltner; Cromwell, Charles Reynolds.

Clarke Case Is Taking on New And More Angles

Columbus, N. M., Aug. 5.—The case of Hugh Clarke, the Massachusetts gardener under arrest here on the charge of maligning his company officers in an article sent to a Holyoke, Mass., newspaper, grew to serious proportions tonight when a search of his tent revealed a list of twenty-eight comrades who had put their names to a statement, vouching for the truth of Clarke's allegations.

The signers, who belong to Company D, Second Massachusetts Infantry, say that they signed the statement after learning that Clarke had got himself into trouble, but they added that they did so at Clarke's solicitation.

It is alleged that in the article contributed, that Clarke charged that Captain Slate, his company commander, had failed to see that the company mess was operated properly. Officers making an investigation of the case announced tonight that this charge was found to be groundless after Clarke had failed to produce proof of the accusation.

The situation is expected by officials to come to a crisis early next week, when the strike vote has been counted and the committee representing the two sides to the controversy meet again. The mediation

board expects to be called in should no agreement be reached at this conference.

Meanwhile the Department of Labor and the mediation board will keep the president informed of the progress of negotiations, so that he may act if necessary.

Arbitration Tires Out the Employees, Says Chief Stone

New York, Aug. 4.—Arbitration as it works out in disputes between the railroads of the country and their employees is a policy of tiring out the men, according to Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who is attending the brotherhood conferences here preliminary to joint conferences with the railway representatives next week, when the final vote on the question of a strike on 225 railroads will be considered.

The whole difficulty with arbitration, he said, was to get the award applied and thousands of dollars have been spent by the men in fruitless efforts to settle their differences by arbitration.

"We have been trying for two years to put into effect the arbitration awards in the engineers' grievances," he said. "Afterwards they obtained the railroads place construction upon them which necessitates other sessions to interpret the meaning. It is a long drawn out policy designed to tire the men out."

Mr. Stone cited several cases of alleged intimidation by the roads while the strike vote that is now being counted was in progress. Elsha Shrag, chairman of the railroad managers' committee, had promised the men would not be molested in taking the strike vote, Mr. Stone said, but this promise had been broken in several instances.

MEDICAL MEN UNABLE TO DISCOVER REMEDY

Recommend Isolation of Infants Patients and Carefully Selected Food.

CARE AND WATCHFULNESS

New York, Aug. 4.—More vigorous measures in the isolation of infantile paralysis sufferers, together with a house-to-house canvass twice a week for the purposes of education and an earlier detection of the disease were recommended to the Department of Health tonight by a committee of the leading pathologists and bacteriologists of the country, who for two days have been surveying the epidemic-stricken districts of New York.

"We are of the opinion," the report says, "that satisfactory isolation is secured only in hospitals. That attests the most thorough protection possible for the public and as better for the individual patient."

"While there is still much to learn concerning the period of incubation and the various means of transmission of the disease, the report says, physicians and parents can give great help in promoting sanitary conditions in the home. No scientific adequate method of isolation can be formulated at this time and the cooperation of parents is necessary in order to check the epidemic. Chief among preventive measures is the close observation of children and speedy reports of symptoms."

"Food for children should be selected with care and thoroughly cooked," the report continues. "Present information shows that the disease is most readily spread by personal contact, although it can be transmitted through the bites of insects, or directly from the sick to susceptible persons or indirectly from the sick through carriers."

Keeping Yourself Well

BUILDING UP STRENGTH

After a severe illness, or sometimes without that misfortune, many people do not gain strength as they should. Often this is because the food taken is not refreshed and does not go to the making of rich blood.

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