

GERMAN SMASH S.S. BOYS AT MARNE

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GERMAN ATTACK NEAR PARIS STOPPED BY U. S. SOLDIERS

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London—From drives on wide fronts, the German offensive forces have deteriorated into isolated attacks along the area between Soissons and Chateau Thierry and eastward on the Marne in the general direction of Rheims.

Although in these attacks the enemy still is using large effective and great numbers of guns, he has not held anywhere from further progress and on various sectors compelled to assume the defensive against vicious blows delivered by American, French and British troops.

Americans Beat Off German Attack. Americans on sectors where they are alone or brigaded with Allied troops everywhere are fighting with a spirit of abandonment that places them rightly in the category of veterans.

Near the Neully (Veully) wood, which lies northwest of Chateau Thierry, and at other points where the drive has brought the enemy nearest Paris, Americans have beaten off a strong German attack and on the Marne at Jaulgonne, some six miles northeast of Chateau Thierry, fighting shoulder to shoulder with the French, they have aided in forcing the first contingent of the enemy to cross the Marne again to seek refuge on the northern bank of the stream.

In this latter engagement the Germans suffered severe casualties and also left 100 men prisoner in the hands of the defenders of the line.

Germans Take Pernant. Between the Aisne and Ourcq rivers, Germans have captured Pernant and to the south of that village the French have made a little territory. In the Ourcq valley they also took the town of Neully-la-Poterie (Veully-la-Poterie) and one-half miles northwest of Chateau Thierry, fighting during which the place changed hands several times.

In the region between the Oise and the Aisne the Germans have been unable to advance anywhere. The losses of the Germans near Pernant were extremely heavy owing to the stubborn defense of the French.

There still is only moderate activity along the line held by the British in Flanders and Picardy, where patrol activities are continuing. On the Aisne front the Germans are heavily bombarding British positions.

Early Russian Move Hinted. Washington—With the announcement by the state department that between 1,200 and 3,000 German prisoners of war are daily being returned to their fatherland from Russia, Russian intervention loomed large in Washington.

The state department also announced it had received confirmation of the agreement between Russia, Finland and Germany, whereby Germany gains access to the Arctic ocean via the Murmansk peninsula.

Word came here from London that developments in Tokio and Tientsin warranted belief in an early action in Siberia. This news was received without surprise since diplomatic circles here, though the state department declared it had no definite information about developments in the far east.

The construction placed upon the news in Allied diplomatic quarters that the Entente has come to the conclusion that the intervention is the only thing that can prevent Germany from all the benefits of her Russian conquests without disturbance.

It is felt here that if an Allied column should start through Siberia it would at least deter the return to the German ranks of the thousands of prisoners of war who are still in Russia and Siberia.

Enemy Planes Hit Hospitals. With the British Army in France—British Red Cross hospitals again have been under the German bombardment. Hostile aircraft have struck the same group of hospitals which suffered May 19. Several hospitals were hit, and casualties list among patients and workers is considerable.

One hospital was almost demolished when an enemy aviator dropped an explosion on it after getting his bearings by letting his aircraft flare which lit up the whole district.

U. S. Transport Sunk. Washington—Three officers and 23 enlisted men of the navy were reported missing from the torpedoed auxiliary transport, President Lincoln. One officer was captured by the submarine. The survivors were seriously injured. The ship was sunk to the crew of the ship.

Draft Takes 280,000 in June. Washington—Official announcement was made that 280,000 men will be called to the colors during June. It has not yet been determined to what camps the call is assigned so the list of appointments is based on estimates. The quota is based on estimates of the space available for the camps and the number of men to be shipped to the front across seas is raised still more men may be called.

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MICHIGAN BREVITIES

Michigan—Work on the Muskegon armory, a brick building to cost \$1,000,000, is rapidly nearing completion.

Owosso—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dick, Sr., was drowned while driving a car on the highway near Owosso, Mich., on Tuesday. The car was overturned and the driver was killed. The car was owned by Mrs. Dick.

Pontiac—Despondent because he plunged badly, Arthur Waterman, 35, was found in a living near Holy Trinity church Saturday and died shortly thereafter.

Port Huron—The Moorstown, Ont., church, just across the St. Clair river from Port Huron, was struck by lightning and destroyed. The church had stood for 55 years.

Muskegon—With the present high cost of materials and labor no effort will be made to rebuild the Lake Shore hotel, just swept by fire with a loss of about \$100,000.

Port Huron—With the purchase of 75 acres at the Diamond Creek Crystal company intent to increase the plant facilities and will also plant a section for homes for employees.

An Arbor—A drive for \$250,000 has been started by the Michigan Union, during which it is expected many new memberships will be secured and collection of unpaid pledges made.

Cherbourg—Willard Lang of a Pennsylvania firm is the newly appointed officer on the torpedo boat, USS Lincoln, Charles Briggs, Mackinac Island, this city, as engineer.

Reed City—A. W. Huckla has purchased the farm of P. D. Huckla, ownership of the Osceola County Hotel. The latter will devote his time to chataqueau work in the future.

Lansing—According to figures given by Fred M. W. Prudden, secretary of the Michigan women have sent about nearly 7,000,000 pieces of Red Cross work since December 1. The product was sent to France filled 35 freight cars.

Albion—The farmhouse of Roy Haight, who lives southeast of Albion, was struck by lightning this week. The house was burning for several hours before it was extinguished. The damage was \$10,000.

Detroit Harbor—When Joseph W. W. Prudden, secretary of the Michigan women have sent about nearly 7,000,000 pieces of Red Cross work since December 1. The product was sent to France filled 35 freight cars.

Washington—Saginaw, Mich., is one of a lot of postoffices which Secretary McAdoo in a communication to congress has asked for the need of extension as soon as practicable because of "progressive congestion" due to heavy increases in business.

Lansing—The Flowerfield four mill, owned by the Michigan Iron and Steel Co., was closed during the week by George A. Frevert, federal food administrator for Michigan, on charges of having-taken excessive prices for feeds and general non-compliance with food regulations.

Pontiac—Increased costs of operating the municipal water plant have made it necessary for the city commission to raise the rate of water and an ordinance has been introduced increasing rate and meter rates 32 per cent. The biggest increase has been on the rate of water.

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NEWSPAPER REPORTS

1—French refugees with their household goods passing British gun positions as they seek safety from the German offensive.

2—King George and members of the royal family reviewing American troops at Buckingham Palace, London.

3—Capt. Gabriel Pares, director of a band composed of wounded French soldiers that is touring the United States.

4—A group of American soldiers in the front lines of the Marne.

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