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MORE SLOWLY BUT STEADILY ON THREE SIDES FOCH'S SOLDIERS MENACE HALF MILLION GERMANS

Violent Counter-Attacks and Rear Guard Actions Fail To Stop the Allies.

Rut Nevertheless Progress Was Achieved Yesterday Everywhere on Battlefront.

MERICANS IN HOT FIGHT

Meet Fiercest Resistance North Of Chateau Thierry.

(By The Associated Press.) Violent German counter-attacks and

True they have added somewhat in ensive, but nevertheless on the three ides of the now U-shaped battlefront urther important gains have been

Reaching for Railroad.

slowly but surely, south of oissons, the American and French roops have pushed their fronts furher eastward toward that part of the oissons-Chateau Thierry railway line hat is still in the hands of the enemy and further south along both sides the Ourcq river and the road leadng to Fere-En-Tardenois, Germany's great storehouse for the supply of her rations into enemy held territory ave been made until th. maximum mint where the allies are fighting near laincy is about 10 1-2 miles from their wint of departure last Thursday.

Americans in Fierce Fight. the Marne region north of Chatan Thierry, the Americans and French ave met with the flercest kind of sistance, for here the German machgunners and infantrymen are riving hard to stay their progress in endeavor to extricate large numnger of capture, and also to save part of the great number of guns and

wooded country. Advantage With Allies The advantage in the fighting, howhave, pushed on thward past the village of Epiedes reater part of the Chatelet forest. In troops from imminent danger. is region the allies now hold the lage of Epiedes and Trugny-Epiedwhich were captured by the Gerins and were recaptured Wednescans. Pressing on northward the es have driven their front beyond theast of Chateau Thierry.

Steady Advance From Marne. long the Marne at several points tably in the region of Charteves and (Continued on Page Two).

MAISER WOULD SWAP WEST FOR THE EAST

Sample of What a "Good German Peace" Would Mean.

f Entente Would Recognize Russian Treaty Germany Would Be Willing to Forego Annexations in the West-Peace Offer.

Amsterdam, July 24.-Germany has hade suggestions for a peace confernce to the Spanish government, says socialist Vorwaerts, of Berlin.

First, Germany wants no annexans in indemnities in the west. Second the peace treaties with

ussia and Rumania may not be ques-Third, the principle of self-determion of peoples has not been dis-

assed, but may be settled at the peace oference, where the fate of Belgium o is to be settled.

settled around the conference table. exceptions. Fifth, the freedom of the seas, the se coaling stations.

Sixth, the colonial question is to be tiled on the basis of the status quo." The Vorwaerts considers this a very easonable peace program.

ME OLD PEACE PROPOSAL IN Washington, July 24.—In the peace aggestions which the Berling Vor-(Continued on Page Two).

Single Railroad Now Stands Between Huns and Disaster

If Allies Can Cut Line Running From Nanteuil On the Ourcq To Bazoches On the Vesle, It Will Mean Utter Rout of Army of Half Million Men, With Prodigious Captures of Germans.

man reserves are holding open the jaws of the trap General Foch has sprung in the Aisne-Marne region in a desperate effort to stabilize their lines without the crushing of the forces withdrawing from the Chateau Thierry and Marne salients. Official reports to the war department, however, show that the enemy has only a single railway line remaining in his hands over which to get his heavy material out of the enemy can get out now or get supthe pocket into which he has been forc- plies over a railroad is by the remained by allied and American advances.

The situation was graphically explained today by General March, chief of staff, in a mid-week conference with newspaper correspondents. For the last two days, General March said, the

Washington, July 24 .- Massed Ger- | employment of probably fifteen divisions of fresh German reserves on the Soissons law of the trap has practically steadied the line there. On the eastern jaw front, however, the enemy has been crushed back more than a further imperiling his whole position in the salient from which he is endeavoring to extricate his troops.

"The railroad running from Soissons to Chateau Thierry is now either in our hands or under our fire," General March said. "The only way in which ing line from Nanteuil on the Ourcq to Bazoches, on the river Vesle. "It was necessary for him, if he did not intend to be caught absolutely in a pocket, to keep troops from advanc-

BOTH SIDES POCKET SEE HARD FIGHTING VILLAGE THEY LOS'

Few Fluctuations Yesterday, But in Every Change Allies Were Victors.

Germans Have Concentrated Strength to Prevent Further Imperiling of the Lines on West of Salient

With the French Army in France, July 24 .- (By The Associated Press) .ers of the German forces who are in Both sides of the pocket in the German line have been scenes of the most mantities of war materials which it violent attacks and counter-attacks impossible to get out except by the throughout the past night and morngh roads over the undulating and ing. Few fluctuations of the line have occurred but in all these they have favored the allies who keep up an ver has rested with the amalgamated incessant pressure on the retiring Germans who are endeavoring to covad ousted the Germans from the er the withdrawal of the bulk of their

Southwest, of Rheims the Germans have shown their disappointment over their inability to hold with their crack counter-attack by the Am- divisions, their positions around Vrigny and have turned all their available rpoli, which lies about 6 1-2 miles artillery onto the British and French who drove them out but the enemy could not prevent a still further ad-

> EXTREMELY HARD FIGHTING ON WEST SIDE OF MARNE POCKET

> With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 24 .- (By The Associated Press).-Extremely hard fighting has been going on along the line south of Soissons where the Germans are concentrating in full strength in order to prevent the further imperiling of their lines over which supplies must reach them. But notwithstanding the strong German resistance the allies have made gains here also. The main railroad is now useless so far as the Germans are concerned, while the heavy guns of the allies are reaching many of the wagon roads which the enemy has fought so hard to retain. The Germans can, of course, obtain limited supplies, but it is believed that these will not be sufficient to warrant keeping the big army in the salient which has been greatly narrowed by a week of battle.

> REVENUE BILL CALLS FOR 50 PER CENT TAX INCREASE

Washington, July 24.—A fifty per cent increase in the present graduated tax on estates up to and including \$8,-000,000 estimates with greater increased from larger estates was tentatively agreed upon today by the house ways

and means committee. Chairman Kitchin announced that the committee devoted the entire day to considering estate taxes and that while the tentative conclusion of the committee is subject to revision, the majority favored an increase of 50 per cent over the present rates with few

It is expected that the new system smantling of Gibraltar and the Suez of tax rates will yield a revenue of Cana land the right for Germany to \$100,000,000 when in full working operation against the present \$70,000,000.

FRENCH GAINS DECLARED TO BE HIGHLY IMPORTANT, SAYS PARIS

Paris, July 24.—Highly important gains by the French and American A SLIGHTLY CHANGED GARB forces on the Aisne-Marne front are reported in the official statement of the war office tonight. In the center now beyond Courpoil.

ing and cutting off this road which (Continued on Page Ten.)

Recapture Epiedes and With French Advance Toward Fere-En-Tardenois Center.

reat storehouse for the supply of the strong to the south, important pene- STRUGGLE AT SOISSONS HUNS HOLD MARNE POINTS

Germans Still Holding Positions at at Bottom of Pocket to Delay Allied Efforts as Long as Possible.

On the French Front July 24-(By the Associated Press.)-The fighting should be shot. today was extremely severe southward of the Ourcq where the Americans took Epiedes which they lost the soldier when he returns." yesterday and advanced together with the French at least three kilometres threatening Fero-En-Tardenois which

is under constant bombardment Around Armentieres the Germans had massed hundreds of machine guns which caused some trouble but could not stay the advance of the allied troops. Thes Tournelles wood wa reached, Brecy fell and the Franco-American obtained a footing in the

Everywhere the enemy resistence was most determined especially along the Marne where they still hold some points along the banks of the river, probably hoping that by keeping possession of them as long as possible to save some of their immense stores of ammunition and other war materials which had been assembled with a view to making a great advance south of the Marne.

Southwest of Rheims the British and (Continued on Page Two).

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MUNITION WORKERS THREATEN A STRIKE IN ENGLISH PLANTS

Sixty-Five Thousand Men and Women On Eve of Cutting Off Vital Supplies of War.

WOOLWICH WORKERS STAY

Send Message to Strikers They Should Be Sent to Front and Their Leaders Shot.

London, July 24 .- A strike of munitions workers began at Birmingham at 6 o'clock'this evening, the hour the day workers finished work and when the cording to a dispatch to the Central News from Birmingham.

The aggregate membership of the twelve societies affiliated with the joint committee of the engineering trades unions is about 65,000 including about 5,000 women. Officials of the joint committee say they have no reason to doubt that all the workers will be loyal to the resolution to stop work.

A number of discharged soldiers who are union members, inquired of the officials of the federation of discharged sailors and soldiers regarding their positions. They were advised not to cease work under any circumstances owing to the serious consequences which would ensue to the men in the trenches. At Lincoln, where the strike was to become effective tonight, unless the embargo was withdrawn, the workers agreed to remain at their posts pending a decision of the national conference

WOOLWICH WORKMEN SAY "STRIKE London, July 24 .- The Woolwich arsenal workers held a meeting today after which they telegraphed the Coventry munitions workers as fellows: "Strike now and you will earn the blessings of the kaiser and his army of murderers. But you will earn the lasting condemnation of all those who are fighting and working in the allied nations to gain real freedom for civil-

"We warn you seriously, if you persist in striking, that this government will owe it to your braver brothers who are fighting the Germans with their lives' blood, while you are fighting with words and full bellies, that you be immediately put in the front of the firing line and that your leaders

"Strike, and you may go to hell Woolwich will remain at work and earn the right to shake the hand of

The executive committee of the London district of the engineering trades, comprising seven unions, including the would call meetings of the members to republic. consider the situation.

The Lewisham branch of the federapassed a resolution pledging themselves new army to drive out the allied and be recognized as a standard working to work in munitions factories, even American forces in the Mourmans penwork until the strikers are drafted would be almost impossible as it into the army and replaced by skilled workers who are now fighting.

Approves Honduras' Action. Washington, July 24. The state department today transmitted through against Germany.

FAMOUS "POCKET" WHERE GERMANS MAY BE CAUGHT

June Submarine Losses Are Less Than Any Month Since Sept. 1916--275,679 Tons

Statement British Admiralty Last Night Shows Drop in World's Sinkings of 81,500 Tons as Compared With May and a Falling Off of 437,092 Tons As Compared With June of Last Year—Sailings High.

ish and allied shipping due to the en- the falling off is 437,092 tons. emy action or marine risk for the month since September, 1916. The allied and neutral losses 114,567.

The total losses for the quarter end ing June 30 amounted to 946,578 tons, which was the lowest record for any quarter since the third quarter of 1916 Sailings continue at the high level of recent months. The tonnage of steamships of 500 gross tons and over entering or clearing from United Kingdom ports, other than coastwise and cross channel vessels, totals 7,430,386 tons. The total sailings for the quarter ending June 30 was considerably higher than the sailings of the two preceding

The above figures were announced by the admiralty tonight. The statement shows for June a drop in the world's sinkings of ,905 tons as compared with May; 37,876 tons as comcompared with March of the present

London, July 24.- The losses to Brit-, year. Compared with June of last year The decrease in purely British tonnage is 64,627 tons as compared with month of June total 275,679 gross tons, the May figures; 67,005 tons as comthis being the lowest record for any pared with April and 63,604 tons as compared with March of the present British losses totaled 161,062 tons and year and 271,337 tons as compared with June of last year.

> BRITISH LABOR BEHIND PREMIER LLOYD-GEORGE

New York, July 24 .- The statement that British labor is behind Premier Lloyd-George in his recent declaration that Germany "can have peace tomorrow" is she will accept President Wilson's formula for the future government of the world, is contained in | proached within 100 feet of the Elizaa message to the American people from beth King, keeping forward and aft George N. Barnes, labor representative in the British war cabinet.

Two Shades Tan Shoes. Washington, July 24 .- Shoe manufacturers were asked today by the war industries board to confine shades of pared with April and 125,834 tons as brown shoes to two colors-medium and dark.

AND YOU MAY GO TO HELL!" Report of Mobilization of Forces Sixty-Eight Cents An Hour Not a Matter of Serious Mo. ment, Think Allies.

Suggestion is Made That Assembly of Russians Might Mean Attack on Mourmans Peninsular-Impossible.

Washington, July 24 .- The mobilizaion of the Russian army as announced in reports today from Moscow via Amsterdam is not regarded as a matter of serious moment by state department officials. In some quarters Amalgamated Engineers, tonight pass- fort to arise the draft army which are from 5 to 13 cents an hour higher Intelligence officers of these districts ed a resolution stating that, notwith- Leon Trotzky, Bolsheviki minister of than wages paid these men in most reported tonight that no distress sigstanding the government's explanation, war, declared to be the only solution shops under the general wage advance

The suggestion was made that the the labor organizations sought. Russian government might send its if a strike was called, and to stay at insular, but it was explained that this would mean the transportation of the army 800 miles over extremely difficult as it can be calculated. territory and without means of sup-

The Bolsheviki assured the German government that its own army would the American minister at Tegucigalpa protect the German embassy in Mosa note to the government to Honduras cow when Germany asked to be alexpressing the deep satisfaction with lowed to send battalions to that city vance is the first extensive modificawhich the American government learn- after the assassination of Count Von ed of Honduras' declaration of war Mirbach. At that time the government made on recommendation of the comcontinued on Page Ten)

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With Advances For Miscellaneous Helpers.

McAdoo Announces General Advance In Wages of Railroad Shop Workers, Effective From January 1st. 500,000 Affected.

Washington, July 24 .- Wages of rail- NAVAL OFFICIALS HAVE road shopmen were increased to 681 cents an hour today by Director General McAdoo with proportional advances for gation today of a report that a British assistants and miscellaneous classes in wa ssending out S. O. S. signals had mechanical departments. The new rates only negative results so far as the First it was simply regarded as another ef- which are retroactive to last January 1, and Second districts which cover the fied of the necessity of the embargo and to the military chaos of the Russian allowed two months ago by the director

> Beginning August 1, eight hours will day and overtime Sunday and holiday work will be paid at the rate of one and one-half times the usual rate. Back pay will be given the men as soon

The advances apply to about 500,000 men and apply flatly to all sections of the country despite local differences has been quieter. There were partial prevailing heretofore. The addition to the aggregate annual payrolls is estimated at nearly \$100,000,000. The adtion of the new wage scale and was mission of railroad wages and working conditions, following representatives of shop crafts that high wages paid machinists and other mechanical workers in shipyards resulted in discrimination against railroad shop em-

The new scale of wages was announced as follows: boilermakers, black-Machinists. smiths, sheet metal workers, moulders,

and first-class electrical workers, 68 cents per hour. Car men and second-class electrical workers, 58 cents per hour.

Helpers, 45 cents per hour.

Foremen paid on hourly basis, 5 cents per hour more than respective crafts. Foremen paid on monthly basis, increase forty dollars per month, minimum one hundred fifty-five, and maximum two hundred fifty. New rates are retroactive to January

Beginning August 1, 1918, eight-hour day with time and one-half for overholidays.

TELEGRAPHERS NOW FREE

New York, July 14 .- Percy Thomas, eputy international president of the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America in a statement here tonight torpedo boat destroyers which accomsaid that every union must rejoice at panied her raced to attack the enemy the decision of President Wilson to and dropped many depth charges, while take over the telegraph lines which patrol boats stood by the ship and a insures a "practical application of tug took her in democracy" and leaves telegraph employes as free to join a labor union as fired about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. to join a church ar lodge.

ands of men and women employes of aft. Two hours later another torpedo the Western Union, discharged for was seen coming, but when it got close joining the union, would he reviewed a gunner on the Justicia with extraby Postmaster General Burleson and ordinary sureness of aim hit it cleanthat he believed they would be re-in- ly and exploded it. stated.

Disregard Civil Service Rules. Washington, July 24 .- President Wilson today by executive order author- torpedo was deflected and missed its azed the secretary of labor to make ap- target. the war labor administrative services been transferred to other ships which during the war without regard to civil had remained near the liner all night.

BELIEVES HE MET GERMAN RAIDER ON **NEW ENGLAND COAST**

Captain of Fishing Schooner Had Strange Encounter With Vessel Acting Suspiciously.

SHIP WAS WELL ARMED

Kept Guns Trained on Schooner and Flew No Flag Nor Had Marks of Identification.

Gloucester, Mass., July 24.-Captain William Price of the fishing schooner Elizabeth King which arrived here tonight, reported an encounter last Sunday with what he believes was a German raider, about 20 miles southeast of Nantucket south shoal lightship. Captain Price said the steamer ap-

guns trained on the schooner. "I expected he would hail us," said

Captain Price, "but he did not, so I asked him through a megaphone if he had seen any fishing vessels in that vicinity. An officer shouted back something in a foreign language that none of us understood.' The steamer was of about 2,500 tons, and looked as if it had been at sea for

some time. Two unusually high wireless masts rose from the decks. It bore no name or home port and flew no flag. It had been camouflaged apparently but the paint was nearly washed off and the sides were covered with iron rust. There was a very large crew aboard, Captain Price thought.

three hours before a German submar ne appeared off Orleans on the Cape Cod shore and attacked a tug boat and its tow of barges. The position given by Captain Price places the steamer in the lane of trans-Atlantic travel.

GUARD GERMAN EMBASSY BACK PAY TO JANUARY BRITSH STEAMER REPORTED IN DANGER IN NORTH ATLANTIC Boston, July 24 .- Official investigation is being made of a report that a British steamship off the North Atlan-

o coast is sending out S. O. S. sgnals. None of the wireless stations in this vicinity heard the !! Ils and officials at first were inclined to doubt the accuracy of the report. Inquiry, however, was continued all along the coast.

LEARNED NOTHING OF SHIP Boston, July 24 .- An official investi-New England coast line were concerned. nals had been picked up at any of wireless stations within their jurisdiction. The original report indicated that the vessel was far out at sea and it was pointed out that if such were the case her signals might not be within the radius of stations in this vicinity.

BERLIN SAYS YESTERDAY WAS UPON THE WHOLE MUCH QUIETER

Berlin, via London, July 24 .- "Beween Soissons and Rheims," says tonight's official report from general headquarters, "the day on the whole engagements south of the Ourcq and southwest of Rheims."

WHITE STAR LINER

Nine Torpedoes Fired at Giant Ship Justicia.

Vessel Went Down Off English Coast Saturday Morning-Eleven of Crew Dead-Gunners Do Some Remarkable Shooting.

London, July 24 .- The White Star iner Justica has been sunk.

From three to eight submarines are said to have been concerned in the attack on Friday, July 19, according time, Sunday work and seven specified to the Daily Mail, which says the fight began at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon and lasted intermittently until TO JOIN LABOR UNIONS Saturday morning. The ship sank about 1 o'clock in the afternoon after

nine torpedoes had been fired. When the liner was first struck the

The second and third torpedoes were Both missed their marks, one going He declares that the case of thous- ahead of the steamer and the other,

All was quiet until 8 o'clock in the evening, when the fifth torpedo was sighted. The gunners on the Justicia placed their shots so near it that the

Most of the crew by this time had (Continued on Page Two).

OLD BATTLE LINE - SATURDAYS BATTLE LINE SOO NEW BATTLE LINE SHOWS GROUND TAKEN FROM THE GERMANS The fate of half a million Germans mans have of withdrawing their heavy bottom of the "pocket" at Courpoli, and the whole German offensive of guns and huge army caught in the which the France-Americans took yesment is about to advance to the entente and America through the Spanments were fought in the direction of
ish government, officials have dates.

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