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HUNS BEING TRAPPED BETWEEN SOISSONS AND RHEIMS FRONT

ENEMY WITHDRAWING THEIR BIG GUNS

IMPORTANT GAINS MADE BY ALLIES ON SOISSONS FRONT MAKES POSITION OF CROWN PRINCE'S TROOPS HAZARDOUS IN MARNE POCKET.

HURLS DIVISIONS IN TO RELIEVE STRESS

(By United Press)
ENEMY FIGHTING FOR RELEASE

Paris, July 23.—10:15 a. m.—Oulchy le Chateau, the dominating point in the line from Chateau Thierry and Soissons was reported captured by the allies this morning.

Additional important gains were reported made in the Soissons region. General Mangin is tightening his grip at Mont de Paris, which commands the City of Soissons.

The Germans are fighting desperately to prevent the allies trapping them in the Rheims-Soissons pocket. The best proof of their plight is found in that they are hurling divisions into the fight which have been borrowed from neighboring armies in an effort to ease off Foch's grip.

FRENCH ADVANCE THREE MILES

Paris, July 23.—12 noon—Only artillery fighting is reported on the whole offensive front last night, the French war office announces.

French troops advanced over a three mile front north of Montdidier, in the Picardy sector capturing three villages and three hundred prisoners.

AMERICANS CAPTURE BUZANZY

London July 23.—1:16 p. m.—American troops reported the capture of Buzenzy, four miles south of Soissons & east of the Soissons Chateau Thierry highway.

The French are simultaneously to have taken Oulchy le Chateau. The reports are unofficial.

GERMANS MOVE BIG GUNS

London July 23.—1:50 p. m.—Germany's artillery, in the Soissons region, has been comparatively inactive, indicating a withdrawal of guns of large calibre, authoritative information stated.

AMERICANS TAKE JAULGONNE

London July 23.—2:15 p. m.—Americans have captured Jaulgonne, on the north bank of the Marne, and are continuing their advance, is learned authoritatively. The American forces took three hundred prisoners.

A German counter attack at Vandiers, ten miles east of Jaulgonne, was repulsed.

The French hold the entire Marne bend at Chassins Preloup.

Paris July 23.—4:30 p. m.—Allied aviators have set fire to Entradenois and Fismes at the point of the enemy concentration within the Soissons-Rheims salient. Over thirty two thousand pounds of bombs were dropped on the two cities.

Allies are progressing at several points along the front, and the German continue to withdraw to

ENEMY LOSES FIVE AIRPLANES

(By United Press)
London July 23.—A destruction of five enemy aeroplanes and the loss of many British machines on July 21, is the report just issued by the British air minister.

105 CASUALTIES PERSHING WIRES

Washington July 23.—General Pershing reports one hundred and five army casualties, of which twenty four were killed in action three died of wounds, five from disease, five from accident and other causes, sixty seven severely wounded and one missing in action.

TURKEY MAKES MANY PROMISES

(By United Press)
Washington July 23.—Turkey promises to do her full duty toward the United States should it develop that her troops were responsible for the anti-American outrages at Tabriz.

The Swedish foreign office notified the state department that Turkey is investigating the matter but having difficulties on account of poor communication.

TYPHOID BROKEN OUT IN BERLIN

(By United Press)
Amsterdam July 23.—A serious outbreak of typhoid fever has occurred in Berlin, according to advices received here. It is believed this epidemic has been caused by poisoned milk.

MR. MARK PITT DIED TODAY

News came over the phone this morning that Mr. Mark Pitt of Rocky Mount, died at his home at seven o'clock this morning at the age of or about 60 years.

The deceased is closely related to the Kitchin family, being uncle of the present generation, his mother, being before her marriage Miss Casandy Kitchin, sister to the late "Buck" Kitchin. She married the late Nathan Pitt.

A wife and three children survive the disease, one son having been recently killed in France, and another now on his way over. A third son is now in the army, and had not been able to be reached at this writing. The other child being a girl.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon and interment will take place at four o'clock at the John Henry Savage place in Edgecomb county.

ALLIED ACTION IN SIBERIA IMPENDS

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL ANNOUNCE HIS READINESS FOR AMERICA TO PARTICIPATE IN PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN RUSSIA.

MAY FIGHT FORMER GERMAN PRISONERS

GROCCERS MAY HAVE FOUNTAINS

(By United Press)
Washington July 23.—Allied action in Siberia is impending. When President Wilson completes his announcement, which will set forth to the world a program to aid Russia, assuring Russians and all peoples that ours is not a policy of aggrandizement and aggression. Action only awaits the receipt of the formal acceptance of Japan's international proposition which is expected hourly. The first step of the allies will be the occupation of Vladivostok with troops. This base is under allied protection and the danger of German forces becoming a greater menace in Siberia has been countered. The force that will be used is protective, not combative and with economic aids, will serve the Russian people for their future benefits. At the same time the allies will if necessary, aid the Czechs-Slovaks in battling the armed former German prisoners of war in Siberia.

GOV'T CONTROL CAPE COD CANAL

Washington July 23.—The government has taken over the Cape Cod canal as a direct U-Boat menace on the Atlantic coast.

Also to facilitate coal shipments the New England railroad administration has applied to secure executive approval and privilege of operating canal.

TO TAKE OVER WIRE LINES ON 21ST OF JULY

Washington July 23.—The national communication lines will be under government control July 31 and President Wilson has signed an executive order providing that federal wire operation will be under the supervision of Postmaster General Burleson, with D. J. Lewis as director.

BENNIE BELL'S PROPERTY SOLD

The store property of Mr. J. B. Bell on the corner of Main and Ninth Streets was sold yesterday to Mr. S. T. Womack, the deal being handled by Mr. Clee Vaughan.

The lot comprised in the sale represents four store lots, being 50 by 200 feet.

Mr. Womack proposes using the present building at this time as an office, but later may develop same.

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MILLS KITCHIN NOW CAPTAIN

Due probably to the excellent instruction work as chief bayonet instructor at Camp Lee which has hitherto received commendation, following a recent inspection Lieutenant Mills Kitchin, son of Congressman Claude Kitchin, was yesterday notified of his promotion to the rank of Captain.

Some time ago the engineers training school at Camp Lee, which has been under the direction of Lieut. Mills Kitchin, gave an exhibition drill before the war college at Washington, and also before the officers and men at Camp Humphreys which brought this work under the special notice of the higher officers.

A contemporary states that the exercises consisted of bayonet close order drills and physical exercises, which department has been under the direction of Lieut. Mills Kitchin, and who is, in a large degree, responsible for the fine work of the men.

The news of his promotion was received here by Mrs. Claude Kitchin, over the phone, from a friend of Captain Kitchin, who was unable to phone as he had an important call. Captain Kitchin was here with his relatives this week, but did not mention any idea of promotion, though he may have been informed at that time that same was probable.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

Our Raleigh Letter
Raleigh July 23.—Never since the United States entered the war has there been so much encouragement displayed by North Carolina folks as at present over the developments on the war front, where the American troops are giving such splendid account of themselves. Students of the war situation who often visit Raleigh (and we have a few local judges also) believe the tide of battle has turned at last—and we all know that the presence of over a million American soldiers was the main factor in turning it. Just as the arrival of another million before the year ends (and other millions later if needed) is going to win the war for the allies—for Christianity, for civilization, for democracy, for decency and for the safety of representative government the world over.

It is something for North Carolinians to be proud of, when they reflect upon the splendid work of the U. S. navy, under the guiding hand of Josephus Daniels, in safely carrying across under the convoy and protection of warships, of this great army of fighters, without the loss of a single troop ship or of a single soldier—despite the threats of the German submarine menace.

It is unparalleled, it is a glorious achievement.
Off to Press Convention.

Bearing the president of the N. C. Press Association (Sanford Martin) and other more or less distinguished orators, the special train is leaving here today for the annual meeting of newspaper men.

Mr. Martin says he has information that the attendance will be larger than in years—and this in spite of the fact that the boys this time have to put up the cash for their transportation instead of paying in advertising or otherwise as in the years ago, before Marse Mae "took over" the railroads. We are still being asked to give much free space in our papers to the government's advertising, but no more "reciprocity" in Uncle Sam's part. Uh—hu!

Summer School Closes

The State A and E. College Summer School closed today after one of the most successful terms in its history and one of the most largely attended. And this is important, for the State never needed more competent teachers than it does today.

Third District Congressman

There is considerable interest yet in Abernethy's contest for the primary nomination for Congress in the third district, and it is not improbable that his court proceedings may break out in a new place soon. Dortch was here a few days ago, but he is not talking.

THREE BLANKETS NEEDED IN FRANCE

Frank Moore likes France but says they have cool nights there

The parents George Frank Moore are in receipt of a letter from him "Somewhere in France" saying he has plenty to eat and sleeps under three blankets and not too warm owing to the cool nights. He says he is in very best of health and can eat anything from an onion (which he always disliked) to an elephant.

France is a fine country with its great fields of wheat clover and rye which add much to its beauty though he prefer to U S his homeland and hopes to soon return with old Glory waving high and the sun shining in favor of our country.

One of his most difficult problems is getting water and finding a place to take a bath water is very scarce.

He has learned much about domestic affairs and been taught to eat anything that is eatable and sleep anywhere.

Sends best regards to friends and relatives and hopes to come back to the old home town.

MARINES LOSE 23 MORE MEN

(By United Press)

Washington July 23.—Twenty three marine casualties are reported today, of which four were killed in action, three died of wounds fifteen severely wounded and one missing in action.

Garrison H. Price, of Hilton, Va., was wounded in action.

ROOSEVELT WON'T CONSIDER OFFICE

Oyster Bay, July 23.—Theodore Roosevelt is too deeply interested in the war to be a candidate for Governor of New York, is his message to Attorney General Lew in replying to Lewis's offer of withdrawal from the race if the colonel will run.

Operations north of Montdidier

this morning are regarded as an effort to improve the French positions in that region.