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BRITISH TAKE FIRM HOLD ON GROUND THEY WON FRIDAY

Germans Made Heavy Attacks But Each Repulsed By Haig's Men.
GAINS ARE RECKONED AS VITAL TO SUCCESS
French Regain Nearly All Sections Penetrated by Germans in the St. Quentin Area—Fighting at Other Points.

Field Marshal Haig clinched his hold last night on the ground won in Friday's attack on the Flanders front east of Ypres.

The Germans made six heavy counter attacks during the night, but all were without success. Not only did the British maintain their positions but gained some additional ground on their right wing near the Ypres-Menin road.

These new gains probably are important to the success of the British general's plans for it was in just this sector that the British had failed to make all the progress expected of them.

On the remainder of the two-mile front running north of the Ypres-Roulers railway all the objectives were achieved in yesterday's assault and have since been held.

The German resistance was especially stubborn on the British right, but the result of the night's fighting as reflected in the London official account shows that despite this, the British forces were also able to forge ahead.

While the British and French have been making another forward thrust in the process of driving a wedge into the Germans in Belgium, the French forces have been heavily engaged on their own soil to the south, near St. Quentin, on the Aisne front and in the Champagne.

In the St. Quentin area General Petain's troops regained nearly all the section of line which the Germans had penetrated in their sudden thrust of Thursday night.

North of the Aisne they carried out a brilliant attack and recaptured and held the whole of an important trench which the Germans had recently taken south of Ailles.

The fighting in the Champagne was of German initiative. An attack launched over a front of nearly two miles was broken up by the French except at one point to the north of Camilly, and even here the Germans were afterward ejected from the elements they had penetrated with the exception of a stretch of some 50 yards.

Gaim British Thrown Back.

Berlin, Aug. 11.—(Delayed).—British attacks on a front of nearly five miles between Frezenberg and Hollebeke in Belgium were unsuccessful, the German war office announced today. After a bitter struggle the British were ejected near Westhoek by the German reserves.

Nineteen Entente airplanes and two captive balloons were shot down yesterday, most of them in Flanders.

COAL DIRECTOR FOR ILLINOIS

He Will Regulate Price, Production and "Transportation" of Cars.

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Aug. 11.—Illinois today has a director of coal who will regulate the price, production, distribution and transportation of the commodity to be used by the people of the State until March 31, 1918. This official is Chief Justice Carter, of the State Supreme court, his appointment having been announced after Governor Lowden had seven coal operators had been in conference several hours discussing the coal problem.

SWEDEN OFFICIALS WILL NOT DISCUSS

Of Report of Call For Neutrality to Consider War Situation As to Themselves.

(By Associated Press.)
Stockholm, Aug. 11.—The foreign office refuses to discuss in any way the report first published in Christiania that Sweden has taken the initiative in inviting the European neutral governments to a conference in Stockholm for discussion of the situation resulting from America's entrance into the war. While refusing information, officials referred the Associated Press correspondent to the official statements following the last conference of Scandinavian ministers. These statements expressed the Scandinavian countries' intention to co-operate in matters affecting maritime affairs and imports and said:

"It was decided to endeavor to secure co-operation with other neutral states for the protection of common interests at or after the close of this war."

It can be definitely said, however, that if any neutral conferences of the sort indicated come to pass, it is not the intention to discuss the situation due to America's belligerency, but rather to limit the discussion to matters suggested by the Scandinavian ministerial statements mentioned.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS FIGHT EACH OTHER

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, Aug. 10.—(Delayed).—Portions of a new Ukrainian regiment, while passing through Kiev today in a train on the way to the front, opened fire on the castrars who were guarding the station. The castrars fired back and a battle began in which soldiers on both sides were killed.

When the Ukrainians reached Novograd-Volynsk an entire regiment of castrars was sent against the mutinous train and a fresh battle began. On the castrars bringing up machine guns, the mutineers surrendered. Fourteen dead were taken back to Kiev. About 50 men were wounded.

AFRUSSIAN PRINCE UNDER INTERDICTION

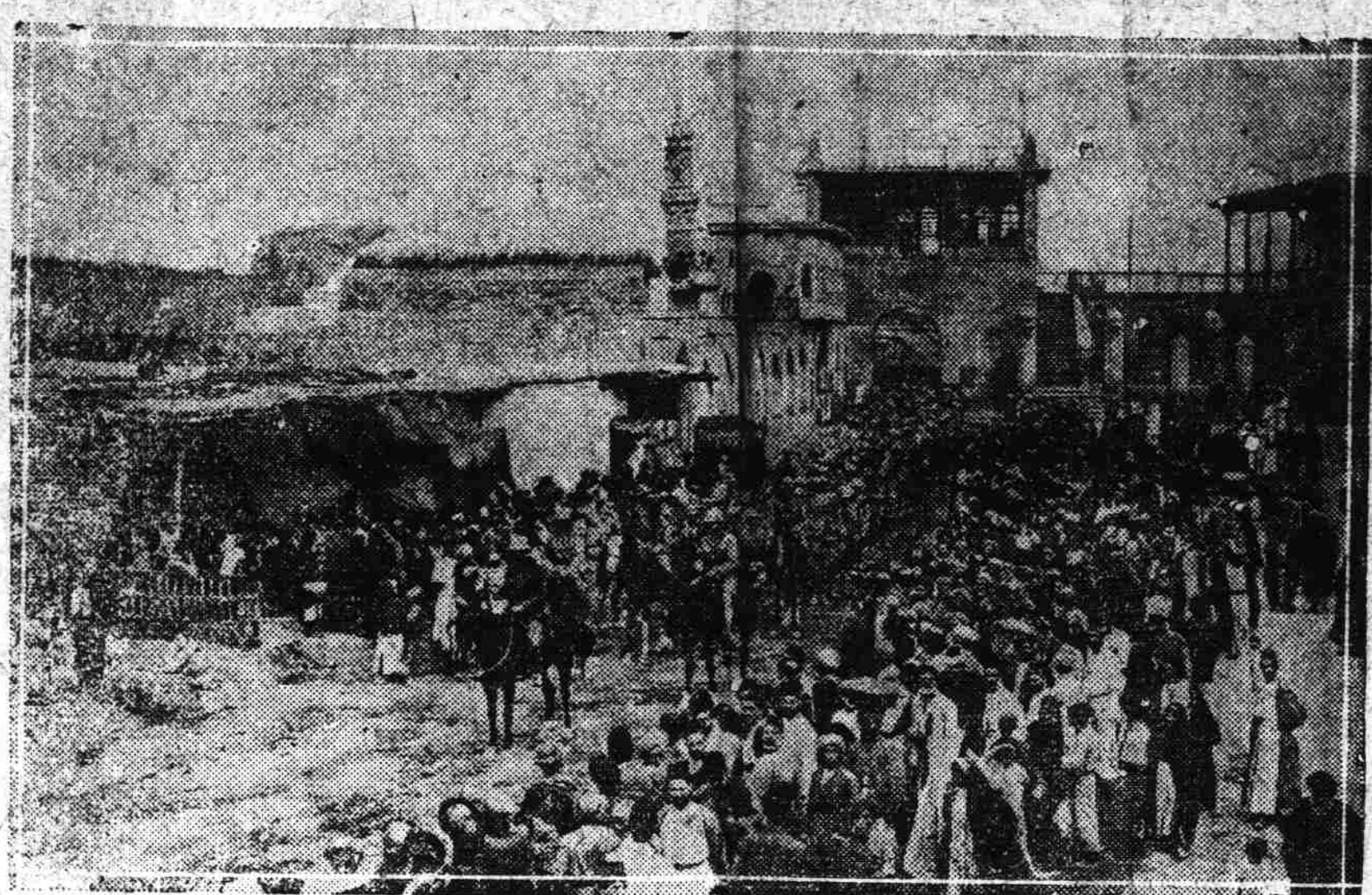
(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Aug. 10.—Via London, Aug. 11.—According to an announcement in the official Gazette the youngest son of Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia, who bears the same name as his father, has been placed under interdiction by Count von Eulenburg, minister of the royal house. The prince who is 22 years old, is charged with extravagance. The case has legal entanglements. The action of the royal minister was fought in a special court assigned for such a purpose. The age by running down and killing a lit-tle girl at Potsdam where his motor car was the cause of much complaint.

AN EMBALMED HUMAN ARM RECEIVED BY LEXINGTON WOMAN.

(By Associated Press.)
Lexington, N. C., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Walter E. Conrad, of this place, gazed upon an embalmed human arm last afternoon when she opened an express package thought to contain cabbage plants. The gruesome find had no description to indicate from whose body it had come. The husband later expressed the conviction it was the arm of his son, Raymond Conrad. An investigation disclosed it had been shipped from Mercer, Pa. The name of the sender could not be deciphered.

A few days ago Raymond Conrad wrote a friend here that he was working as a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad between Mahoningtown and Oil City, Pa., and making his home at Mahoningtown.

GERMANS PLAN DRIVE FOR HISTORIC CITY OF BAGDAD.



Historic Bagdad will soon be the scene of another terrific drive, if the plans of the German general staff are carried out. It is reported that Germany will send a large army under the leadership of Von Falkenhayn to reconquer this territory. The photo shows the British troops now in possession of the ancient city marching along the principal street.

TWO TAR HEELS GET COMMISSIONS

In the Army After Serving in Officers' Training Camp at Fort Myer.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 11.—Ten men from far Southern States, who have trained at the Fort Myer, Va., officers camp will be issued commissions under orders issued today by Adjutant General McCain. They are:

Charles C. Griffin, Burlington, N. C., captain infantry, O. R. C.
Joseph M. Davidson, St. Joseph, La., second lieutenant infantry, O. R. C.
Charles F. Sumner, Hertford, N. C., captain infantry, O. R. C.
Joseph W. Starkey, Chattanooga, first lieutenant infantry, O. R. C.
Gustav W. Sligh, Darlington, S. C., second lieutenant infantry, O. R. C.
Reuben G. Clark, Savannah, Ga., second lieutenant field artillery, G. R. C.
Charles Franklin Price, Anniston, Ala., second lieutenant infantry, O. R. C., assigned to the regular army.
Levie Wilson Fey, Eufaula, Ala., second lieutenant infantry, O. R. C., assigned to the regular army.
John Fitzgerald, Minden, La., second lieutenant, field artillery, assigned to the regular army.
Terre Nichols Hendricks, Valdosta, Ga., second lieutenant field artillery, assigned to the regular army.

From Fort Sheridan.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The command of the officers reserve training corps at Fort Sheridan, Ill., was notified today by the War Department that the following men from Southern States have been awarded commissions:

Prescott Huidekoper, Milwood, Va., captain infantry, O. R. C.
William C. Bibb, Selma, Ala., and V. A. Moody, Springfield, Tenn., second lieutenants infantry, O. R. C.
Edgar L. Clewell, Jacksonville, Fla., second lieutenant infantry, O. R. C., assigned to the regular army.
Robert W. Chapman, Montgomery, Ala., second lieutenant, field artillery, O. R. C.

GERMAN DRIVE IN RUMANIA

Causing Much Uneasiness to the Allies—The Situation Very Grave.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Aug. 11.—The military critics here are watching the German attack in Rumania with anxious interest. The greater part of Moldavia, the only section of the country remaining in Rumanian hands, is being attacked, as shown in official dispatches, from the north, west and south and the Russians and Rumanians which until recently conducted a victorious offensive are now losing ground at all points.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's thrust in the neighborhood of Fokshani is the most serious of the operations, and the furious resistance of the Allies is not meeting with success. The enemy's passage of the Suchitza, reported yesterday, is regarded as placing in immediately jeopardy the Maria Sesti junction railroad, the possession of which is of immense importance to the Russians and Rumanians. Attention is called here to the absence of the Russian official statement yesterday while it is remarked that the Rumanian report does not appear to deal with the latest events.

HENDERSON RESIGNS FROM WAR COUNCIL

(By Associated Press.)
London, Aug. 11.—The Pall Mall Gazette says it understands that Arthur Henderson, the labor member of the British war council, who yesterday addressed the labor conference and advised sending of British delegates to the Stockholm consultative congress, has tendered his resignation and that Premier Lloyd-George has accepted it.

CODICIL TO THE BINGHAM WILL

Said to Leave Husband Five Million Dollars—Kentucky Misses Big Tax.

(By Associated Press.)
Louisville, Ky., Aug. 11.—The State of Kentucky, whose public officials have been anticipating the collection of approximately \$3,000,000 in inheritance taxes from the estate of the late Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, formerly Mrs. Henry H. Flagler, of New York, learned today that Mrs. Bingham's will, disposing of an estate valued at approximately \$70,000,000, had been probated at West Palm Beach, Fla. It was expected it would be probated in Kentucky, where it was estimated the State's share of the inheritance tax would have liquidated the entire State debt.

The bulk of the estate is left either directly or in trust to near relatives, including Mrs. Louise Clisby Lewis, of Cincinnati; William R. Kenan, of Lockport, N. Y.; and his two sisters, Fannie Kenan Wise and Sarah Graham Kenan.

Bequests range from \$5,000 to Mrs. Bingham's cook, to \$300,000 to more distant relatives and friends, and includes \$75,000 to establish what will be known as a Kenan Professorship in the University of North Carolina.

A codicil, yet to be probated, in Kentucky, it is understood bequeaths to Mr. Bingham a sum aggregating \$5,000,000.

Mrs. Bingham died in Louisville, July 27.

SOLVING MYSTERY OF CHILD'S DEATH

Evidences of Starvation—Three Persons Under Arrest—A Vermont Horror

(By Associated Press.)
St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Aug. 11.—An intimation that little Alice Bradshaw, whose body was found on the border of a swamp a mile from her home last night, may have been starved before she was killed, was given by Attorney General Herbert G. Barber tonight. Mr. Barber declined to make known the results of the autopsy performed on the body today, but he hinted that there were indications that food and water had been withheld from the 8-year-old girl, who had been left a cripple as a result of an attack of infantile paralysis. A part of the body were sent to Burlington for further examination.

It was also understood the county officials suspect that the body had been buried and later exhumed and carried to the spot where it was found. The swamp where the child was found had been sarched carefully many times by large parties of men.

As a result of the recovery of the body charges of first degree murder have been lodged against Miss Emma May Hicks, Mrs. Alvin Kenniston and John Kerwin, all of whom have been under detention without formal charges. Miss Hicks, who was housekeeper for John Bradshaw, the girl's father, and Mrs. Kenniston, a neighbor, have been under detention since their alleged confession, July 6, that they had killed the child because she was a bother. Kerwin, a farm hand employed in the vicinity of the Bradshaw home was taken in custody by the police a few days later.

N. Y. HEAT VICTIMS OVER NINE HUNDRED

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 11.—The number of deaths caused by the hot wave during the week ending August 4 is estimated at 955, the weekly bulletin of the Department of Health says.

MACKENSEN BEGINS ATTACK AGAINST RUMANIAN FRONT.

(By Associated Press.)
The Vossische Zeitung says:

"In view of the fact that the members of the Reichstag, Dr. Spahn and Dr. Schiffer, will not accept new man dates small progress will be made along the route to parliamentarization which has been annulled. The favorable moment to solve the problem has been missed. It will now be the duty of the Reichstag immediately upon reconvening to accomplish revision of paragraphs 9 and 21 of the imperial constitution as decided in the session of the constitutional committee."



While the Austro-German sweep eastward in Galicia continues, with little evidence of opposition by the Russians, a new offensive of apparently great strength has been launched by Field Marshal von Mackensen on the northern Rumanian front.

WANTS PEACE TERMS STATED.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 11.—A peace resolution was introduced in the Senate today by Senator La Follette. It provides that this government define definitely the objects for which it shall continue to wage war and that the Allies also make public a re-statement of the peace terms which they will demand.

CENTRIST PARTY MAY BACK DOWN

Leader of That Faction in the Reichstag Propounds Interesting Question.

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, via London, Aug. 11.—Is the Catholic Centrist party receding from its attitude taken in respect to parliamentary reforms in the course of the recent cabinet crisis? This query has been suggested by the decision of Dr. Peter Spahn, leader of the party in the Reichstag, not to seek re-election to the Reichstag from which he has been forced since accepting the post of Prussian Minister of Justice.

In a section of the press and in his own party it was taken for granted he would continue as party leader in the Reichstag as his re-election was positively assured. Germania, organ of the Centrist party, is now authorizing to announce that Dr. Spahn will not be a candidate. This has removed one of the parliamentarians from the Prussian ministry and Bundesrat, as Dr. Spahn in the capacity of Minister of Justice also qualified for membership in the federal council.

His action for the time being makes it unnecessary to change the imperial constitution which does not permit simultaneous membership in the Bundesrat and Reichstag and also possession of the Reichstag mandate while holding a governmental position. Dr. Schiffer, one of the National Liberal leaders, who has been appointed under secretary of the Imperial Finance Ministry, also will not seek re-election to the Reichstag. German says:

"To return to the question of the parliamentarization of the government we all know today how far responsible advisers of the crown have proceeded and may recognize in the present accomplishment the limits to which they propose to go. We need not reiterate that these limits coincide with what the Centrist party deemed desirable and aimed to achieve."

The Tagblatt concludes from Germania's comment that the Centrist party is wholly in accord with the parliamentarization undertaken by Chancellor Michaelis in the reconstruction of the government. The Socialist organ Vorwarts observes that Dr. Spahn and Dr. Schiffer, whose Reichstag mandates now have expired, were representatives of the people but now have become officials, and says:

"Greek mythology relates that occasionally mortals were also received in Olympus and as half gods permitted to the gentlemen of the bureaucratic Olympus seem to have this custom in mind. Occasionally they honor the lesser race of parliamentarians by elevating one of its members to their rank, but the chosen one then ceases to be a parliamentarian as though he suddenly become too exclusive for such a purpose."

"It is plain that the Reichstag, whose position as a whole has not been elevated but rather diminished as a result of such procedure, cannot long tolerate this transitory stage. Parliamentarization as practiced by the government is a tragic misconception which must be cleared up as soon as possible. The Reichstag must not be a ladder leading to high positions, but must be an effective controlling device for the government. The place for the people's representatives must be above, not below, bureaucracy."

BRIBERY CHARGES CAUSE DISCHARGE OF A DRAFT BOARD

Members of the Board Said to Have Received Pay For Discharging Men.

INVESTIGATION TO BE THOROUGH

Prosecution to Follow—To be Made An Example—Members Court Full Investigation.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 11.—The three members of local exemption board No. 99, in the heart of the East Side, were summarily removed last night by deputy Attorney General Conkling, acting under orders of Adj. General Stotesburg, who is in charge of the operating of the selective draft machinery in New York State. The records of the board were placed in charge of the police.

The formal order for their removal announced that the drastic step had been decided upon by President Wilson "because of the irregularities reported to have occurred." These charges have been under investigation for several days by agents of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Conkling said that the charges which resulted in the removal of the board had come to his office several days ago in the form of anonymous letters alleging that exemptions were being bought by men summoned for examination.

All of the men exempted from military service by the local exemption board in district 99 will be re-examined by a new board, the members of which Governor Whitman is expected to name today. Roscoe S. Conkling, deputy Attorney General, was in charge of the board's headquarters today while an examination of the records was being made.

District 99, one of the most congested sections of the East Side, was expected to fill a quota of 213. Out of 738 men examined 217 were listed as physically qualified, 303 were rejected and 108 were held for re-examination. About 600 aliens remained to be examined when the members of the board were removed last night by order of President Wilson.

Louis I. Cherry, chairman of the board, in a statement issued today with the consent of his associates, announced that he would welcome an investigation and characterized the "charges of bribery" as "absurd and ridiculous." He said that he desired army surgeons to re-examine every man and decide if anything is wrong.

"I shall vouch for the honesty of my two associates," the statement read. "Most of those examined wanted exemption and their mothers threatened this and that if they did not get it. I wish to state that the board stands on its merits and will welcome any inquiry."

The three members of the board returned from an automobile ride shortly before 3 a. m., and went at once to board headquarters where they were formerly served with the official notice of their removal. They said they had taken the automobile at the close of yesterday's work as a recreation.

MINIATION PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Two Employes Under Arrest as Suspect Incendiaries—Investigating Antecedents

(By Associated Press.)
Gary, Ind., Aug. 11.—Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed about half the million dollar plant of the Aetna explosives near here early today. Two employes named Holt and Choisser were arrested. The plant was working on government contracts, it is said. It had a capacity along the route of powder a day. It was estimated that it will take 60 days to put the plant in working order again. The antecedents of Holt and Choisser are being closely investigated.

CHECK FOR NINETY-SIX MILLION DOLLARS.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 11.—A check for \$96,111,111.11, the largest ever recorded in the New York clearing house, drawn by J. P. Morgan & Co., for the credit of the minister of finance and receiver-general of Canada in settlement of the \$100,000,000 loan recently floated for the Dominion by a syndicate headed by the Morgan house, was paid here today by the Liberty National Bank. The largest previous check shown in the clearing house records was smaller by more than \$26,000,000 than that presented today.