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THE GERMANS LAUNCH VIOLENT ATTACK IN VICINITY OF VERDUN

A British Coast Town Shelled by Submarines

One Woman Was Killed by the Bombardment---About Thirty Rounds Fired---German Attacks on Positions Near Dead Man's Hill Were a Failure.

LONDON, July 12.—The English port of Seaham was attacked last night by a German submarine. About thirty rounds of shrapnel were fired. One woman was killed by the bombardment. One house was struck by a shell. The official statement says:

At eleven o'clock last night a German submarine appeared off the small undefended port of Seaham Harbor (on the North Sea, six miles southeast of Sunderland, a coal shipping port).

She approached within a few hundred yards of the town, and then opened fire. Some thirty rounds of shrapnel were fired from a 3-inch gun. Twenty rounds fell in the direction of Daltondale, a dozen rounds fell in and about Seaham Colliery. A woman walking through the colliery yard was seriously injured, and died this morning. One house was struck by a shell. No other damage was done.

PARIS, July 12.—The Germans delivered two attacks last night on a French position in the neighborhood of Dead Man's Hill, on the Verdun front. The War Office announcement of today says that both the assaults failed, breaking down under the French fire.

East of the Meuse the French retook part of the ground won yesterday by the Germans. In the operations east of the Meuse the French took 80 prisoners, of whom one is an officer.

There were no developments last night on the Somme front. The French conducted successful raids in the Champagne and in Lorraine.

German Striking Power is Now Less at

Verdun Than Elsewhere on French Front

NEW YORK, July 12.—For the first time since the Crown Prince initiated his siege strategy last February, the German striking power is less at Verdun than elsewhere on their front in France, according to the correspondent of the World at Paris.

Their latest blow on the right bank of the Meuse early yesterday morning was inferior in strength, according to the evidence laid before me in an authoritative quarter, to the desperate counter attacks with which they have sought to bar the sturdy systematic progress of General Fayelle's troops up the slopes culminating in the summit of Hill 97, the highest elevation immediately south of Peronne.

"They are refusing to feed young William his daily reserves," a staff officer observed to me a few days ago, and the remark becomes highly significant in view of the feebly futile effort of the Germans in Fumin and Chenois woods."

British Warships are Likely to Fire on

The Submarine Deutschland at Sight

WASHINGTON, July 12.—British naval vessels will fire upon the German submarine liner Deutschland "at sight." It will be treated as a warship, regardless of any ruling the United States Government may make.

If the Deutschland is destroyed by a British warship, the State Department will make no inquiries.

These facts were made plain at the British Embassy, and at the State Department today.

The British and French Embassies protested to the State Department against this Government's action in permitting the Deutschland to enter an American port. They declared to the State Department that the Deutschland is a warship and therefore is entitled to none of the rights enjoyed by a peaceable merchantman.

AMERICAN STEAMER DAMAGED.

PARIS, July 12.—The American steamship Gold Shell, with a cargo of oil, struck a mine on Monday night and was badly damaged. She was kept afloat until she entered the mouth of the Gironde, where she is being lightered.

GERMANS CLAIMED A SUCCESS.

BERLIN, July 12, via London.—German troops on the right bank of the river Meuse yesterday afternoon pushed forward their position to a point nearer Souville and the Lauffee works, taking 39 officers and 2,106 men, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

HUNS MADE AIR RAID ON CALAIS

Berlin, July 12 (via wireless to Sayville).—Two German aeroplanes made an attack on the Channel port of Calais on Monday night, it was announced officially today. They dropped bombs on the port and on army encampments.

The Admiralty gave out the following:

"Two German naval aeroplanes on the night of July 10-11 dropped bombs on Calais and the troop camps at the Bray dunes (near the Belgian frontier)."

"The aeroplanes returned undamaged."

Mexicans And Bandits in Scrap

Chihuahua City, Mexico, July 12.—Heavy fighting is in progress between troops of the de facto government under General Ernesto Garcia and a large force of Villa bandits at Gerro Blanco, a few miles below Parral, according to despatches received today by General Jacinto Trevino.

Will Release Prisoners

London, July 12.—The advisory committee appointed to consider the cases of men arrested in Ireland during the recent rebellion and still under detention, has recommended the release of 460 of them. This recommendation will be given effect immediately, Herbert L. Samuel, Secretary of State for home affairs, informed the House of Commons today.

FIERCE GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED BY THE BRITISH

Official Statement Tells of Heavy Fighting--Huns Have been Strongly Reinforced--Air Craft Brought Down by Gun fire.

LONDON, July 12.—The Germans, heavily reinforced, delivered strong attacks against the British on the Somme front last night. They gained ground in Mametz and Trones woods.

An official announcement issued here this afternoon says that all the German attacks were beaten off except in Mametz and Trones woods, with loss to the enemy.

"Between the main battlefield and the sea we have been actively engaged in bombarding the enemy's positions and in raiding the front line.

"Southeast of Loos a party of Royal Irish Fusiliers penetrated the enemy's trenches at a point where they were strongly held, and remained there for twenty minutes, during which time heavy fighting took place in the trenches.

"Many Germans were killed. Our casualties were slight.

"Opposite the Hohenzollern redoubt two companies of Seaforth Highlanders forced their way into another portion of the enemy's trenches after a stiff fight. Many Germans were killed or wounded. A hostile machine gun was destroyed, and several dugouts crowded with the enemy were successfully bombed and some prisoners were taken.

"Some combats in the air took place on July 10 as a result of which we destroyed one German machine, while one of our own machines was brought down by the enemy's gun fire."

"Since the commencement of the battle the enemy has received large reinforcements."

Infantile Paralysis Epidemic Checked

New York, July 12.—Despite the hottest heat wave of the season, the epidemic of infantile paralysis took a turn for the better today. During the 24 hours preceding ten

o'clock this morning, only seven deaths from the disease were reported in the five boroughs of New York city.

There were one hundred and sixty-two new cases.

St. John Times: W. S. Harkins, in a letter to a friend, says he is back with his company in New York after one of the most successful ventures of his experience in the West Indies.

GERMANS DELIVER SPIRITED ATTACKS IN VERDUN SECTOR

Their Object is to Conceal the Transfer of Troops to the Somme Region---Bombardment Was Worked up to a Fierce Pitch.

London, July 12.—Although the battle in Picardy, which has been raging for ten days, is absorbing most of the attention of the German commanders, they were able yesterday to revive the struggle at Verdun, making some advances there and delivering several sharp local attacks in the Lorraine and Vosges sections, probably to conceal the transfer of troops to the Somme region.

Having maintained their grip on the Thiaumont work, but failed to debouch therefrom, the Germans now are trying to push forward their left flank. Their artillery was busy all day Monday, all night and yesterday morning and they worked up the bombardment to a pitch equal to any that has gone before. Then the bombardment ceased, making way for the infantry.

One column sought to work its way along the railroad which runs around Hill 320 towards the Fleury station, situated in the eastern extremity of the village, but it melted away before the French fire, as did another column attacking Chapitre wood.

Huns Succeeded in Getting a Bare

Footing After Most Intense Fighting

Columns debouching from Vaux fort, however, succeeded in getting a bare footing, after intense fighting in the Fumin wood to the west and in the ruined Damloup battery, one of the subsidiary outer defences of Verdun, which lies three-quarters of a mile southwest of the village on the edge of Lauffee Plateau. The advantage which the Germans obtained was not great, since the battery is swept by guns from Souville, Tannes and Bourvaux.

The day's operations on the Somme were confined to completing the work of Sunday and yesterday, and of clearing the Germans out of those few isolated positions they still held in the bend of the Somme opposite Peronne.

French troops on the north of the Somme are continuing their preparation for the next move.

Pinsk is Expected Soon to Fall Before

The Advance of the Mighty Russian Army

LONDON, July 12.—Special despatches from Petrograd reflect the feeling that Pinsk is likely soon to fall before the advance of General Brusiloff's forces.

The Daily News' Petrograd correspondent says: The situation at Pinsk is extremely complicated for the Germans. Pinsk is now the extreme point of the German promontory running into Russian territory. Owing to the wide sweep of the Russian advance from the Lutsk salient in the past few days, any attempt by the Germans to hold up the Russians by an attack on the flank must now be made north of Pinsk marshes.

The Whole Pinsk District May be Isolated

By Russian Raids Through the Marshes

"If the Germans are unable to gather forces for this move, or regain the ground lost south of Pinsk, they are likely to find the whole Pinsk district isolated by Russian Raids through the marshes—a species of warfare in which the Russians excel."

The Post's correspondent says: "We are now rapidly approaching the moment when General Brusiloff's having cleared the Pinsk marsh region, begins directly to threaten the right flank of the German position."

AUSTRIANS EVACUATE TALMINO.

PARIS, July 12.—According to a despatch to the Journal from the Italian front, the Austrians appear to have evacuated Tolmino, on the Isonzo front. The correspondent says that the activity of the Austrians in that region is felt less and less.