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## Violent German Attack Repulsed by the French

### The Enemy Again Met Defeat in an Assault Along the Aisne ---Losses Were Heavy---British Armed Trawler Accounts For Two German Seaplanes.

PARIS, July 10.—The Germans returned to the attack on the Aisne front last night and again met with defeat, the War Office reports. A strong assault on the French positions at Hurtebise Monument and the Dragon was repelled. The attacking waves suffered severely and were unable to reach the French lines. Local attacks at Laffaux Mill, Ailles, Corbeny and Courcy, were unsuccessful. The French took prisoners. The statement follows:

"Yesterday evening the enemy's bombardment reached a degree of violence in different sections of the Aisne front. Local attacks on trenches north of Laffaux mill and southeast of Ailles were repulsed by our fire. Further east, at about 9.30 p. m., the enemy made a strong attack on our positions at the Hurtebise Monument and the Dragon. His effort was in vain. Unable to approach our line, the enemy troops were dispersed, suffering severely.

"Surprise attacks on advanced posts southeast of Corbeny, in the vicinity of Courcy, in the sector of Auberive and near Cauriere Wood, cost the enemy losses and gave him no result. A certain number of prisoners remained in our hands. The night was calm elsewhere."

LONDON, July 10.—The commodore at Lowestoft, says an official statement, reports that yesterday a British armed trawler, the Iceland, destroyed two enemy seaplanes and brought four prisoners, survivors of the aircraft, into port.

PARIS, July 10.—The French liner Caledonian was sunk by a mine or a torpedo in the Mediterranean on June 30, according to an announcement issued last night by the Ministry of Marine. Fifty-one persons were lost and 380 were saved. The Caledonian was a vessel of 4,140 gross tons, built in 1882 and owned by the Messageries Maritimes, of Paris.

### CATHOLIC PARTY LEADER IN REICHSTAG WANTS AN ABANDONMENT OF THE SUBMARINE POLICY

COPENHAGEN, July 10.—A German arriving last night from Berlin makes the statement that the purpose of Herr Erzberger, the Catholic Centre party leader, in making his sensational speech before the main committee of the Reichstag on Saturday was to secure an abandonment of the submarine campaign as well as the proclamation of a peace programme without annexation or indemnities. The majority in the Reichstag has been practically formed on the basis of these demands, which it was thought would align America and Russia for peace and powerfully influence France and England.

It was said the same majority has been secured for a demand for the institution of a parliamentary ministry with Dr. Gustav Stresemann, nationalist, and Philip Scheidemann, as candidates for portfolios.

### FRENCH AVIATORS REPORTED TO HAVE WROUGHT TREMENDOUS DAMAGE TO KRUPP GUN WORKS

AMSTERDAM, July 10.—Les Nouvelles, of Maestricht, Holland, reports that Dutch workmen who were laid off at the Krupp works on account of the destruction of a building in the recent French air raid, assert that a quarter of the Essen plant was destroyed. The material damage is placed at millions of francs, and it is said that 100 employes were killed and hundreds of others, including 45 French prisoners wounded.

One and possibly two French airplanes dropped bombs on Essen last Friday. The official German report of the raid said only two bomb shells were dropped.

## A MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY

### Black Powder Magazine Blown up Killing Six People and Wounding Thirty-one---An Investigation Being Held.

VALLEJO, Cal., July 10.—Naval officers and federal agents last night co-operated in seeking out the responsibility for the explosion of a black powder magazine at the Mare Island navy yard in San Francisco Bay yesterday, which killed six persons and injured 31 others. Rumors that arrests had been made on the theory that the explosion was the result of an organized conspiracy, were not confirmed. The explosion wrecked nearly a dozen pasking and shell houses in the vicinity of the magazine, and broke thousands of dollars worth of glass in Vallejo stores and residences. The explosion occurred at 7.55 a. m.

Eye-witnesses say a column of black smoke arose 300 feet. Shells, parts of steel plates, huge splinters of wood and debris, were hurled in all directions.

The dead include Allen F. Mackenzie, chief gunner, his wife and two daughters. The list of wounded includes non-commissioned officers, enlisted men of the U. S. navy, and civilian laborers. Four of the wounded are in serious condition.

### COAL FAMINE TO BE AVERTED

Paris, July 10.—Danger of a coal famine will be avoided next winter as the result of negotiations which the British government and the prefect of the department of the Seine have concluded. In order to insure a fair distribution and prevent cornering, which occurred last winter, coal cards will be introduced.

### BRITISH ADVANCE THEIR LINES

London, July 10.—Last night we advanced our lines slightly east of Oost-taverne (one mile northeast of Wytschaete), says today's official announcement. South of the Ypres-Comines canal we carried out a successful raid. We captured some prisoners.

### SITUATION IN CHINA REPORTED UNCHANGED

Pekin, July 10.—The western army under General Tsao Kun, Military governor of Chihli, is now within a few miles of the city, while the forces of General Chuan Chi Kwn are a few miles southeast of the Capital. Heavy artillery fire can be heard in that direction. Troops from Kalgan's, a town in the Province of Chi Li have been placed in position to cut off General Chang Hsun's retreat towards the northwest. Heavy engagements are expected.

Bombs were again dropped on the imperial palace by an airplane of the Republican forces. Arrangements have been made whereby troop trains daily will be permitted between Peking and Tien Tsin each way, subject to search. Although there was much noise at the battle of Lang Fang and Republicans report the killing of five hundred Imperials and the wounding of numerous other foreigners, eye witnesses estimate the casualties at ten on each side. A reward of \$100,000 has been placed on Chang Hsun, dead or alive.

**Troops Withdrawn.**  
Washington, July 10.—Gen. Chang Hsun, leader of the attempt to restore the Manchu dynasty in China, was reported by United States Minister Reisch today to have withdrawn his troops into the imperial city and the Temple of Heaven, the two most historic and beautiful scenes of Peking.

**Arrived by Motor.**  
Dr. Sidney Bridges of Youngstown, O., arrived here by motor today. He is a native of Sheffield and a brother of Col. J. W. Bridges, A. M. C., who is serving overseas. Dr. Bridges is accompanied by his wife and family and also by Col. Bridges' son, Harold, who is making his home with him.

## CAUSE OF JOSEPH FRANCIS' DEATH IS UNKNOWN

### Thirteen Witnesses Examined Last Night Before Coroner's Jury--No Post Mortem Examination Made and Impossible to Assign Cause of Death-- Robert Brooks and Dead Man on Best of Terms.

The coroner's jury empanelled by Dr. B. M. Mullin to inquire into the death of Joseph Francis, heard the evidence last night and brought in the following verdict:

We the undersigned jury appointed to inquire into the death of the late Joseph Francis, find that owing to no post mortem examination having been made, we are unable to determine according to the evidence submitted to us, the exact cause of death of the late Joseph Francis.

James King, (Foreman.)  
John W. McLanahan,  
James Jamieson,  
John Markey,  
C. F. Mullin,  
R. B. Winters.  
No Post Mortem.

Dr. B. M. Mullin addressing the jury prior to the preparing of the verdict, stated that it was a matter of regret that a post mortem on the remains of Francis had not been held. He had endeavored to secure the services of several doctors to make the examination but without success. Dr. Irvine finally had agreed to make it but the remains had reached a state of such advanced decomposition that an examination which would determine the cause of death could not be made. Under the circumstances only the evidence given could be considered. The jury had seen the body and noticed that the right eye was cut and the nose fractured but in the absence of a post mortem the relation of those wounds to death could not be determined.

**Thirteen Witnesses.**  
Thirteen witnesses were examined, Charles Fleet of Fredericton, and twelve Indians from the St. Mary's and French Village Reserves, Robert Brooks, Isaac Paul, Gabe Sacobie, Louis Polches, John Brooks, Jack Brooks, Solomon Polches, George Sapier, Arthur Polches, Solomon Brooks, John Solomon, Joseph Sacobie.

**Nature of Evidence.**  
The Indians all gave practically the same account of the events of Sunday, June 24th, the day on which Francis last was seen alive. He and Robert Brooks were together all day in the vicinity of Springhill and the neighboring islands. By "chipping in" with other Indians they bought three square faces of gin during the day, Francis doing the buying in every case. Both became drunk although opinion varied as to the degree of in-

toxication. In the evening Robert Brooks tried to compel Isaac Paul to take him to St. Mary's in his motor boat. Paul refused because his boat was full. Three times Brooks tried to jump into the motor boat but Paul held him off each time. Other Indians came up and separated the two and Paul left for St. Mary's. During the day Brooks and Francis were on the best of terms. John Solomon was the last who saw Francis alive. Brooks then was demanding that Francis row him to St. Mary's and Francis was refusing as he did not own the boat. Brooks then threatened to beat Francis if he would not row him home and Francis laughed at him. Solomon watched the two men drift down river in the boat until it went out of sight two miles below. Robert Brooks next was seen at 10.30 p. m. alone in the boat near the Fredericton shore above the City Hall. John Brooks and Jack Brooks found him, Mrs. Robert Brooks having sent them out to search for her husband who was reported missing. Robert Brooks could not tell what became of Francis.

**Robert Brooks**  
Robert Brooks of St. Mary's said that on Sunday June 24th, he started with his own wife and Noel Polches and his wife in a motor-boat for Springhill. They landed on an island. Witness took a canoe and paddled to Springhill shore, where he met Joe Francis. The latter had thirty-five cents and witness had \$1.50. They chipped in and Francis bought half a square face of gin. Later witness gave Mrs. Polches a drink. After dinner the whole party went to Hart's Island. Noel Polches then took witness back to Springhill. The two and John Brooks chipped in to get liquor. Francis was there and went for it. He returned and with the witness took the "company" boat and met the other men and finished the bottle. The party then went to Hart's Island where they were joined by witness' wife and Mrs. Ben Brooks. The two women chipped in one dollar each and Francis went and got another square face, the third one. He also brought two bottles of lemon sour paying twenty-five cents for each. The party went up to a summer camp, stayed for a time and went back to Hart's Island. The women were left there. Witness fell out of the boat into the river and Francis pulled him out of the water. Witness remembered nothing.

## STORIES OF POLITICAL CRISIS IN GERMANY ARE VERY CONFLICTING

### Reichstag Leaders in Council on a Declaration of Policy--Von Zethmann Holleweg is in a Difficult Position-- New Blood is Wanted.

COPENHAGEN, July 10.—Although it is difficult to gain a clear impression of the political crisis in Germany from conflicting accounts in German papers and despatches sent abroad, Reichstag leaders were expected to be sitting this afternoon or evening in council upon a declaration of policy. This, according to some, would decide the fate of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and the present governmental systems, while others declare it would end the whole crisis.

The party leaders were concerned chiefly with the question of the Chancellor's position. Those for or against new blood in the ministry and a change in the political system, and questions of submarine policy and peace conditions, were given only secondary consideration. Should the party leaders in a conference wherein only radical socialists and conservatives are not represented, reach an agreement, the decisions will be presented, according to the Vossische Zeitung, in the form of leaving the Chancellor the alternative of accepting them or facing re-election in the Reichstag, and they will vote for adjournment if they find co-operation with the Chancellor impossible.

**The Conference at Vienna.**  
ZURICH, July 10.—Six influential representatives of the Centrist party in Germany went to Vienna last week, where they conferred with leading members of the Austrian aristocracy. Immediately after their return, according to a summary of the German political situation issued from here, friends of Matthias Erzberger, the clerical leader in the Reichstag, began strong opposition to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg. Simultaneously the south German national liberal newspapers, particularly the Munchener Neust Nachrichten, abandoned their pan-German policy and energetically demanded democratic reforms. It is added that the key to the situation seems to be Vienna.

## LONDON AIR RAID STILL THE UPPERMOST TOPIC

### Lloyd George's Speech Likely to be a Disappointment--Complained That Aircraft and Pilots Are Not Kept Ready for Work.

NEW YORK, July 10.—An Associated Press cable from London this morning says: "Premier Lloyd George's speech at the secret session of the House of Commons was issued too late for press comment, but other comments on the air raid, which continues the uppermost topic, indicate that the official voice on the Premier's speech is likely to be a deep disappointment.

Some newspapers forestall the Premier, saying that if the explanation is to be that there is no airplane defence of London because it is needed at the front, the obvious conclusion is that there ought to be enough for both.

**Air Defence Organization is Defective.**  
The Daily News claims on authoritative information that there are plenty of airplanes and plenty of pilots and fighters, but that they are not kept ready. If they had been prepared to rise immediately, as they are at the front, the invaders, the paper says, would have been smothered in the proportion of three and four to one.

It is declared that on the occasion of the recent raid at Harwich, warning was given ninety minutes before the British machines rose.

The Daily News claims that the organization is defective and ought to be remedied without any delay.

### COLLISION HAD FATAL RESULTS

Toronto, July 10.—One man, Joseph Coop, aged 58, of 27 Prospect street, is dead, another seriously injured, and two are under arrest as a result of a collision between a motor cycle and side car and a Robert Simpson Co. motor truck at the corner of Gould and Victoria streets last evening. Coop, who was riding on the back carrier of the motor cycle, died on the way to the hospital, while George Alexander, who was in the side car, suffered a severe scalp wound and other injuries. Edward Woote, the driver of the motor truck, and David Lowry, who was driving the motor cycle, were placed under arrest on charges of criminal negligence, and were later admitted to bail.

### FATAL FIRE IN CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, July 10.—Three persons were burned to death and four others seriously injured by fire in the plant of the Interstate Sanitation Company here late yesterday. The fire was caused by the explosion of a 250 pound tank of chemicals, the shock partially wrecking the building, trapping employees and several families living in the upper stories of the building. On account of the dense smoke and fumes, it was difficult to account for all in the building for some time. The dead were all employees of the company.

**Repairing Sidewalks.**  
The street department has begun the much needed work of repairing the asphalt sidewalk of Queen street. The rainy weather has interfered considerably but a good start has been made.

**The best cheese sandwiches are made with stale brown bread.**

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