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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 Trawlor 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 af 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 Marines, of Paris. 4,140 gross tons, built in 1882 and owned by the Messageries Marines, 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 Strezemann, nationalist, and Philip Scheidemann, as candidates for portfolios

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

Holland, reports that Dutch workmen who were laid off at the following verdict: 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 400 employes were killed and hundreds of others, including 45 French prisoners wounded.

Essen last Friday. The official German report of the raid said Joseph Francis. only two bomb shells were dropped. J

# 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--- | democratic reforms. Robert Brooks and Dead Man on Best of Terms.

The coroner's jury empanelled by toxication. In the evening Robert Dr. B. M. Mullin to inquire into the Brooks tried to compel Isaac Paul to leath of Joseph Francis, heard the evi- take him to St. Mary's in his moto AMSTERDAM, July 10.—Les Noustelles, of Maestricht, dence last night and brought in the boat. Paul refused because his boat We the undersigned jury appointed jump into the motor boat but Paul to inquire into the death of the late held him off each time. Other Indians Joseph Francis, find that owing to no came up and separated the two and post mortem examination having been Paul left for St. Mary's. During the made, we are unable to determine ac-day Brooks and Francis were on the Lloyd George's Speech Likely to be a Disappointcording to the evidence submitted to best of terms. John Solomon was the One and possibly two French airplanes dropped bombs on us, the eaxct cause of death of the late last who saw Francis alive. Brooks then was demanding that Francis row him to St. Mary's and Francis was re-James King, (Foreman.) fusing as he did not own the boat.

John W. McLanahan, Brooks then threatened to beat Fran-John Markey C. F. Mullin, R. B. Winters. No Post Mortem.

SITUATION IN **CHINA REPORTED UNCHANGED** 

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Pekin, July 10. — The western army moder General Tsaoo Kun, Military forecan be heard in that direction. Troops from Kalgaris, a within a few fores southeast of the Capital. Heavy artillery fire can be heard in that direction. Troops from Kalgaris, a to be heard in the Province of Chi Li have the placed n position to cut off General Chang Hsuns' retreat towards the corthwest. Heavy engagements are the southeast of the Capital. Heavy for the fore the f

Arrived by Motor. Dr. Sidney Bridges of Youngstown O., arrived here by motor today. He is

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

CRISIS IN GERMANY

COPENHAGEN, July 10.—Although it is difficult to gain 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.

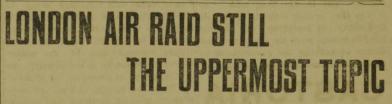
The party leaders were concerned chiefly with the question of the Chancellor's position. Those for or against new blood in the ministry and a change in the political system, and questions of submarine policy and peace conditions, were given only secondary consideration. Should the party leaders in a 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 Vienno 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 Matthies Erzberger, the clerical leader in the Reichstag, began strong opposition to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Simultaneously the south German national liberal newspapers, particularly the Maunchener Neust Nachrichten, abandoned their pan-German policy and energetically demanded

It is added that the key to the situation seems to be Vienna.



ment---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 cis if he would not row him home and of Commons was issued too late for press comment, but other comments on Francis laughed at him. Solomon watched the two men drift down river the air raid, which continues the uppermost topic, indicate that the official in the boat until it went out of voice on the Premier's speech is likely to be a deep disappointment. Some newspapers forestall the Premier

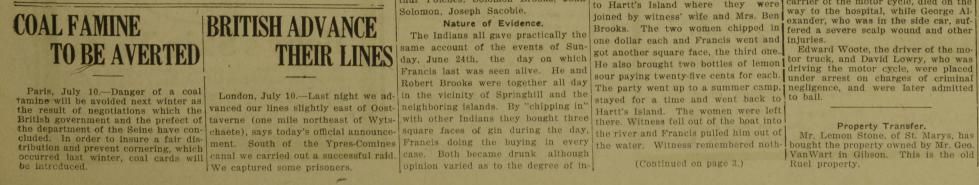


The Weather. Maritime: Moderate to fresh south to east winds. Fine and warm today. Tuesday showers.

# MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY

## Black Powder Magazine Blown up Killing Six People and Wounding Thirty-one---An Investigation deavored to secure the services of sev-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 VALLEJO, Cal., July 10.—Naval officers and federal agents and injured 31 others. Rumors that arrests had been made on could be considered. The jury had ness took a canoe and paddled to 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



Dr. B. M. Mullin addressing the jury stated that it was a matter of regret above the City Hall. John Brooks and that a post mortem on the remains of Jack Brooks found him, Mrs. Robert but without success. Dr. Irvine finally not tell what became of Francis. had agreed to make it but the remains had reached a state of such advanced tem the relation of those wounds to chipped in and Francis bought half a death could not be determined.

Robert Brooks of St. Mary's said that on Sunday June 24th, he started

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 RE AVIEDTED BRITISH ADVANCE TO RE AVIEDTED** square face of gin. Later witness gave

Some newspapers forestall the Premier, saying that if the explanation is next was seen at 10.30 p.m. alone in to be that there is no airplane defence of London because it is needed at the prior to the preparing of the verdict, the boat near the Fredericton shore 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. deavored to secure the services of sev-ported missing. Robert Brooks could If they had been prepared to rise immediately, as they are at the front, the invaders the ported missing. 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 emedied without any delay



Cincinnati, July 10.—Three persons were burned to death and four others seriously injured by fire in the plant of the Interstate Sanitation Company 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 em-ployees 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 employes of the company.

ompany.

## Repairing Sidewalks.

The street department has begun he much needed work of repairing the sphalt sidewalk of Queen street. weather has interfered consider ably but a good start has been made.

The best cheese sandwiches are made with stale brown bread.