

POLUS' SPLENDID VALOR SAVES PLATEAU OF CRAONNE IN HAND TO-HAND-FIGHTING

HENRI BAZIN AT THE FRONT



The arrow points to Henri Bazin, EVENING LEDGER staff correspondent in France, with a group of the Allied officers who were conducting General Pershing and his staff on the tour of inspection of the western battlefield. The men are watching a bombardment from the plateau at Craonne.

Brilliant Counter-Attacks Regain Every Inch of Ground Previously Lost

Henri Bazin Tells of Titanic Struggle for Mastery as He Saw It Just Behind Lines

Crown Prince Pays Staggering Price for Futile Attempt to Win a Few Yards More

By HENRI BAZIN

THEY HAVE been close to the great battle which for four full days has been raging...

And this afternoon after visioning through a gas mask for forty-eight of them, I stood upon the topmost platform of a two-ladder observatory...

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MORE EXEMPTION DECISIONS TODAY

Sixth and Thirty-second Districts to Pass on Hundreds of Claims

Decisions on hundreds of exemption claims are to be rendered, starting today...

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LOWER GAS RATE FOR PEOPLE ASKED

Head of United Business Men and Ex-Congressman Donohue Speak

CLAIMS OF CONSUMER

Edward A. Noppert, president of the United Business Men's Association, today declared himself in favor of the consumer...

"Philadelphia, I believe, is the only city in the country where gas users are taxed by the city...

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U-BOAT CAPTURES 4 YANKEE GUNNERS

Captain of Tanker Campana, Torpedoed and Sunk, Also a Prisoner

TAKE FIRST U. S. SAILORS

Word has reached here that the Standard Oil tanker Campana was sunk on August 6 by a German submarine...

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WOMEN, BABIES AGAIN VICTIMS OF AIR RAIDERS

20 German Planes Drop Bombs Over Southeast Coast of England

23 KILLED, 50 WOUNDED

French Make Reprisal by Bombing Frankfurt, 150 Miles in Enemy Territory

LONDON, Aug. 13. Unofficial telegrams received from Southend say that the deaths in the air raid there are known to have been mostly those of women and children.

LONDON, Aug. 13. About twenty German airplanes raided the southeast coast of England Sunday evening...

Nearly forty bombs were dropped upon Southend, and considerable damage to property was caused.

Two airplanes were over the town about ten minutes, firing aerial torpedoes as well as dropping bombs...

An official statement said: About 5:15 o'clock this evening a squadron of about twenty enemy airplanes were reported off Felixstowe (in Suffolk)...

No reports of damage or casualties have yet been received. Our own aircraft were very quickly in the air and they pursued the enemy out to sea.

Enemy raiders caused considerable damage at Southend, where they dropped about forty bombs. The casualties thus far reported are 23 killed, eight men, nine women, six children. About fifty people were injured.

At Rochford women were injured, but no damage is reported. At Margate four bombs were dropped. One uninhabited house was demolished, but there were no casualties.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—For the first time during the war two French aviators dropped bombs on Frankfurt-on-the-Main, one of the most important cities of the German empire...

In reprisal for the German bombardments of Nancy and the region north of Paris, two of our machines piloted by Lieutenant Marcel Guillaumet and Sergeant Heumont yesterday dropped bombs on Frankfurt-on-the-Main...

On the night of August 10-11 and during the day of the eleventh our aviators on the front in Belgium bombed enemy encampments to the north of the Houthulst forest and also the stations at Corbier and Lichtervelde...

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The He de Re lies on the coast of France opposite the port of La Rochelle. The Campana was formerly the steamship Dunholme. She was built in 1901 at West Hartlepool, England...

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QUICK NEWS

FIRST NATIONAL ARMY DRAFT ALMOST COMPLETE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—America's first National Army draft is almost complete. At least 75 per cent of the 687,000 men who are to be drawn for the first force have been listed...

U. S. SEIZURE OF SHIPS PLEASES NORWEGIAN FIRMS

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Aug. 13.—The decision of the United States Government to take over ships under construction in American yards elicits favorable comment in the Norwegian press...

MORE MEN JOIN STRIKERS IN SPAIN; CRISIS NEAR

PARIS, Aug. 13.—The railroad employees in the province of Catalonia have sent to the Spanish Government a declaration of their intention to join the strike...

COL. LITTELL DENIES CAMP MEADE WATER IS BAD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Colonel I. W. Littell, of the quartermaster corps, who has charge of the construction of cantonments and camps, denounced as untrue the story sent out from Baltimore that there was any danger in the water which would be supplied at Camp Meade...

1100 MILTON, PA., FOUNDRYMEN TO GET MORE PAY

MILTON, Pa., Aug. 13.—Announcements posted in the plant of the American Car and Foundry Company here, say the employees will receive an increase of 10 per cent in pay starting now...

GLOUCESTER PLANT RUSHES WORK ON VESSELS

GLOUCESTER CITY, N. J., Aug. 13.—With forces on duty night and day, the work of building the New Jersey and Pennsylvania shipbuilding plants is being pushed with all possible speed...

50 SOFT COAL COMPANIES GET CHARTERS IN 45 DAYS

HARRISBURG, Aug. 13.—Incorporation of coal companies has been at a rate not equaled in the history of the State this year. The last month and a half has seen more than fifty charters granted...

"WHEATLESS WEEK" SAVES FLOUR IN BAY STATE

BOSTON, Aug. 13.—"Wheatless week" in Massachusetts was a success, Henry Endicott, State Food Administrator, said. Mr. Endicott estimated that the elimination of white bread from hotel, restaurant and home menus last week had saved 25,000 barrels of white flour...

FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

CLAY CENTER, Kan., Aug. 13.—Continued improvement in the condition of William H. Taft was reported by his physician, Dr. B. E. Morgan. Considerable nourishment was taken by the former President following a night's rest, in which he slept better than at any time since an attack of intestinal indigestion sent him to his bed last Tuesday...

U-BOAT DESTROYED OFF FRANCE, GUNNERS SAY

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 13.—Another German submarine has been sunk by the guns of a merchantman, if the gunners of a British freighter which arrived here are correct in their assumption that three shots which struck an undersea boat off Brest, France, sent her to the bottom...

AMBOY DIVISION TELEGRAPHERS ASK MORE PAY

BURLINGTON, N. J., Aug. 13.—A difficult situation is about to face the Pennsylvania Railroad unless an increase in wages is granted to the telegraph operators of the Amboy division of the line, between Trenton and Camden...

EIGHT MEN BURIED IN MINE; SIX ARE RESCUED

LYKENS, Pa., Aug. 13.—Eight miners were entombed here in a shaft of the Short Mountain colliery, owned by the Susquehanna Coal Company. Six of them have been rescued. The men were caught by a slide of coal which blocked the gangway...

ROCKEFELLER WAR HOSPITAL OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research has opened its war demonstration hospital, on the grounds of the institute at Avenue A and Sixty-fourth street. The purpose of the hospital is to treat patients suffering from infected wounds by methods which have been developed in European army hospitals...

PENNSYLVANIA MEN WIN COMMISSIONS; OTHERS ARE PICKED IN FT. OGLETHORPE

512 Philadelphians Are Called to Train as Officers for New Army

The second call to young men to officer the coming legions of the United States has come to men from Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. A quota of 1955 has been decided upon and notices are in the mail for the men today...

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GIVE DRAFTED MEN PUBLIC FAREWELL

Gen. Crowder Suggests That Each Community Hold Celebration

CALLS ALL VOLUNTEERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. Enoch H. Crowder, Provost Marshal, suggesting that each community have an appropriate celebration for the departure of the selected army, says: The men to be called into service September 1 under the selective draft act have in every proper sense of the word volunteered...

So it seems to me, as it should seem to every citizen of our country, that in every community, as its selections go forth to war, there should be appropriate ceremonies commemorating the historical and patriotic character of the occasion.

Every community will know I am sure, how to commemorate this most epochal occasion in an appropriate manner. I am sure that every community comprehends the significance of this unprecedented patriotic expression of democracy, and so those who must stay at home, who cannot go, will make the going of their fellow citizens an event in the history of our democracy without parallel.

When these men go, on the first of September, the supreme meaning of the war will come home to every community in the determination of this people, in the words of our President, "to make the world safe for democracy."

These men have been chosen under the fairest methods that could be devised, and by their own neighbors and townspeople, in accordance with the fundamental principles of democracy, equal rights and opportunities for all to give service. There has never been in the history of our country a more concrete expression of democracy than the response of these men at this moment.

Therefore, I hope and expect that every community will write down in its history and in that of the country the meaning of the occasion commemorating the day of going in the spirit and manner of our President, "to make the world safe for democracy."

Two of the five Trayer brothers, sons of...

HOOVER AIMS FIRST BLOW AT FOOD GAMBLERS

Will Take Over and License Grain Elevators and Mills

BOARD WILL FIX PRICE OF 1917 CROP

Administrator Threatens to Buy Up Country's Entire Wheat Supply

TO STABILIZE BREAD

Present Level Held Extortionate. Standard 16 Ounce Loaf May Result

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. The price to be paid for the wheat crop of 1917, Herbert C. Hoover said, would, with the full approval of President Wilson, be fixed by a commission headed by Harry A. Garfield, a son of ex-President Garfield and President of Williams College.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. A fight to the finish will be waged on speculators and profiteering in wheat and flour by the food administration in a campaign to cut down the high cost of living. That much was made evident in an announcement issued by Herbert C. Hoover, in whom the President has placed virtually unlimited power in this phase of the war program.

Gambling in wheat exchanges, Mr. Hoover said, must end, even if the Government is to go to the extent of purchasing the entire supply of the nation. He added as a warning that the new food administration, under the powers given it by the control bill, is prepared to act immediately in that direction if the situation confronted seemed to warrant it in so doing.

The announcement soon will be followed by others which will have a radical effect upon the whole food supply of the country, as Mr. Hoover is determined either to win a big victory for the people or to go down fighting.

As a preliminary step, Mr. Hoover will take over the control of all grain elevators and mills with a daily capacity of more than 100 barrels of flour and place them under a system of licenses which will provide full information for the food administration and make hoarding impossible.

The grain exchanges, at the same time, will be requested to suspend all dealings and quotations in future.

The program announced by Mr. Hoover is the most revolutionary step ever taken by the Government to protect itself and the public against private interests that have sought to take advantage of conditions and place prices at a level which they have never reached before. The tone of Mr. Hoover's statement showed that he was in no mood to hesitate at any action which he felt was for the best interests of the country.

"DRIVE" TO REDUCE PRICE OF BREAD

A drive to reduce the price of bread by thus putting under one Government control the direction of wheat and flour for the Allies and for domestic purposes is contemplated as one of the early steps in the campaign for lower prices. It can be stated that the food administration, despite the protests of some of the bread-making interests, has felt that the present level was extortionate and against the best interests of the consuming public.

It even has been believed entirely possible in some quarters that a standard loaf of bread would be made available to the public.

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BRITISH PLANNING FLANDERS DRIVE

Feel Out German Lines Preparatory to a New Attack

GERMANS CAPTURE 6750

LONDON, Aug. 13. The center of military interest on the east front has shifted from the area of the recent Russian retreat in Galicia and Bukovina to the front of Field Marshal von Mackensen, in lower Moldavia, where heavy battles are raging. The Teutons appear to have won a considerable victory, reporting the capture of 130 officers, more than 6650 men, 18 cannon and 61 machine guns.

Fighting on the Flanders front was of desultory character, the British apparently feeling out the German line to determine weak points for the next attack.

It is announced that in the drive of August 10 and since, 454 German prisoners, including nine officers and six cannon, have been taken.

A German raid south of Arras was repulsed by Portuguese troops with rifle fire. This is the first mention of the Portuguese in a long time.

An attack in considerable force was delivered by the French against the positions captured by the Germans north of St. Quentin on the night of August 9. Paris reports that the ground previously lost by the French was recovered. Two strong German attacks on the Aisne front were repulsed.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—A statement issued by the French War Office says: East of Fayet (north of St. Quentin) our troops reconquered all the terrain elements which the Germans had occupied on the night of August 12.

South of Arras, the Germans resumed their practice of attacking the French positions with machine guns and mortar fire.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST Philadelphia and vicinity—Cloudy, probably showers tomorrow, fair.