

AMERICAN TROOPS WIN SWEEPING VICTORY; CAPTURE 12 TOWNS AND MANY PRISONERS

HAIL ROOSEVELT AS CHIEF FIGURE AT SARATOGA

Republican Convention Lays Aside Faction in Greeting Ex-President

BOOM FOR GOVERNOR

Movement on Foot to Nominate Colonel as Logical Candidate of Party

By the Associated Press. Saratoga Springs, N. Y., July 18. Patriotism was the big feature of today's opening session of the Republican State convention...

Fassett Pleads for Unity

A plea for party unity in this time of war, an unqualified indorsement of the war record of Governor Charles S. Whitman and his administration...

Will Sound Keynote

The views of Colonel Roosevelt is expected to have important results in shaping the attitude of the party. Not only will his speech sound a keynote for the platform...

Seek National Slogans

It is the plan to handle the national issues in the platform in a way that will make the declaration of the recognized national doctrine and guide of the party in the eyes of Republicans all over the country.

BECKER STEEL PLANT SEIZED

Property Taken Over Includes Secret of High-Speed Steel

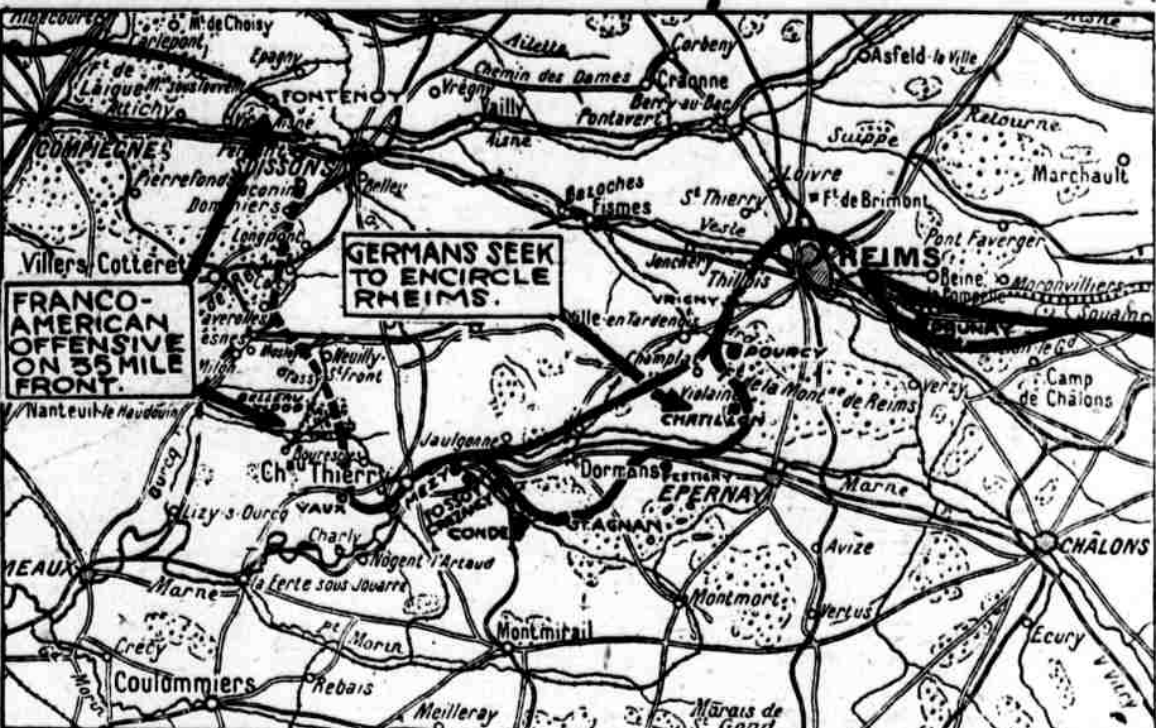
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POLICEMEN USED TO AID DEUTSCH

Restaurant Keeper Who Wouldn't Canvass Votes Tells of Persecution

SHIFT NEUTRAL OFFICER

By a Staff Correspondent. West Chester, July 18. Benjamin Yanowitz, a restaurant keeper, who was the victim of police brutality in the Fifth Ward, testified this morning in the Chester County Court concerning the political activities of Isaac Deutsch and Lieutenant David Bennett.

FINLETTER CLUB RAID RECOUNTED

Under severe grilling by Attorney Gray in cross-examination, the witness admitted that a serious charge had been made against him by a girl employee, and that he served a prison term as a result.

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LINED WITH SILVER, THOUGH

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AUTO RAMS CAR; WOMAN MAY DIE

Six Passengers Injured in Collision on Elmwood Avenue

STEERING GEAR BREAKS

One woman was probably fatally hurt, five other persons were less seriously injured, and perhaps a dozen more suffered slight cuts and bruises today in a head-on collision between a trolley car and a motor truck at Sixty-eighth street and Elmwood avenue.

YANKES ENRAGE GERMAN

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U. S. TROOPS WIN GLORY ON MARNE

French High Officer Lauds Brilliant Work of American Soldiers

HOLD ALL THEIR GAINS

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ALLIES FOIL ATTEMPT TO TRAP RHEIMS

German Armies Halted in New Movement to Envelop City

ITALIANS MAKE GAIN NORTH OF THE MARNE

American and French Resistance Holds Both Champagne Flanks Safe

Enemy Dead Piled Five Deep Before Pershing's Positions

By the United Press. With the American Army in the Champagne, July 18.

The fourth day of the battle finds the Germans still halted in their attempt to envelop Rheims.

Stubbornness of the American and French resistance at the extremities of the fighting front—east of Chateau-Thierry and east of Rheims—safely holds the Allies' flanks.

The Americans not only are holding their ground, but are inflicting the heaviest punishment on the enemy. In the region of Mezy and Jaulgonne the boche dead are piled four and five deep.

One American regimental commander estimates 5000 dead in front of his command alone.

The Germans have not renewed their attempt to break the American resistance on the Mezy front and this region remains strangely void of infantry operations, but the most desperate encounter continues to the eastward in the region of Conde wood, Stagnan and La Chapelle-Monthodon, with the Americans fighting elbow to elbow with the French.

In Grapple of Death. The battle line south of the Marne away back and forth as the opposing armies continue in their grapple of death. The latest definite information shows that the Mezy line, involving the Americans, extends from Mezy to St. Agnan to La Chapelle-Monthodon to Combligny to Le Mesnil-Hutier, thence northeastward to the river. A gain of one kilometer (6.2 miles) at Le Mesnil-Hutier represents the total progress made by the enemy in two days of terrible fighting.

Attacks and counter-attacks follow each other in bewildering succession, and are accompanied by unprecedented artillery fire.

(This shows the Americans are holding an unbroken front of more than twenty miles south of the Marne. From Chateau-Thierry eastward to Mezy, five miles east and north of Chateau-Thierry the Germans apparently are opposing the boches alone. From there eastward and northeastward they are brigaded with the French. La Chapelle-Monthodon is two miles directly east of St. Agnan. Combligny is four miles north of La Chapelle-Monthodon. Le Mesnil-Hutier is about four miles farther to the northeast and about two miles south of the Marne.)

French Laud U. S. Bravery. The Americans' ability and dash in resisting attacks and in counter-attacking has won the highest praise from the French officers. American bravery and initiative and French experience and gallantry, coupled with the most excellent artillery support, both by French and American guns, is what has held up the boches.

Along the Montmirail road, which the enemy tried to hold, old men and women were peacefully working in gardens. The stoppage of the Germans by the Americans east of Chateau-Thierry upset the enemy program of operations toward Montmirail.

The attack today was centered toward the French on the American right in an apparent effort to reach Epernay.

Wipe Out German Resignation. As an instance of the German losses, prisoners said the American artillery wiped out one entire regiment before it was able to cross the Marne. Of a group of six boats each holding twenty men, five were destroyed. The famous sixth Goosler Regiment was utterly annihilated, every man being killed or captured. Three German divisions (35,000) were so demoralized that they have not appeared in the battle since the first day.

Extraordinary weather has marked the battle daily. Searching sunshine has been succeeded by cloudiness and rain almost every hour with monotonous regularity.

The latest information shows that the vital necessities of the

French and Yankees Smash Foe's Lines On 25-Mile Aisne-Marne Front—Seize 18 Guns at Courchamps—Pershing's Plunge Continues—Number of Captives Enormous—German Salient Imperilled

By the United Press. With the American Army in the Champagne, July 18 (4:20 p. m.). American troops are still advancing everywhere along the twenty-five-mile Aisne-Marne front where they are co-operating with the French in today's great counter-offensive, as this is cabled.

With the American Army in the Champagne, July 18.—The Americans are advancing with the French on the forty-kilometer front (twenty-five miles) between Soissons (on the Aisne) and Chateau-Thierry (on the Marne).

The Americans had captured more than a dozen towns and villages, taken numerous prisoners and advanced more than three kilometers (nearly two miles) up to noon.

Village After Village Falls

Up to the hour of cabling the Americans had captured the following towns west of Chateau-Thierry: Viller-Heldon, Dammard, Courchamps, Licy-Clignon, Monthiers, Torcy, Belleau, Givray, St. Gengoulph, Hautesvennes and other small villages, farms, heights and woods, including Givry wood.

The advance reached a depth of three kilometers within three hours after it began. Many towns within that depth northward clear to Fontenoy were taken by the Americans and the French.

Boche "Turned Tail and Ran"

The American commander at Givray, reporting the capture of the town to headquarters, sent the following: Met boche on his line of resistance. Sharp fight. Boche turned tail and ran like hell, pursued by our troops. Hope have more prisoners.

At headquarters messages were coming in from everywhere asking permission to push on further.

It was essential that the line should be kept straight, and in some instances it was necessary to hold back until adjoining units came up.

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BRITISH BRING DOWN TWENTY GERMAN AIRCRAFT

LONDON, July 18.—Fourteen German airplanes were brought down by British airmen and six hostile balloons were destroyed Tuesday, the Air Ministry announced today. Nine British machines were lost. Successful bombing operations were carried out.

Fight Foe in Air

American airplanes, flying over the lines, fought the boches above, while the doughboys and machine-guns fought them below. Aerial observers dashed through the clouds and others carried back messages.

The surprise not only was complete, but the concentration for the attack was unusually rapid. Field guns were loaded on trucks and these dashed up to the lines. The horses were carried up the same way.

Lines of trucks carrying six and eight horses apiece have been hurried up for the last twenty-four hours.

Enemy Guns Useless. The German artillery resistance was feeble until 7 o'clock, then their guns opened up, but the Americans had advanced too far for the enemy guns to stop them.

Torcy was captured in fifteen minutes. Belleau fell at 8:20 and Givray half an hour later.

The towns named in the dispatch cover a front of more than seven miles. Belleau is five miles northwest of Chateau-Thierry. Torcy is half a mile west of Belleau. Licy-Clignon is a mile north of Torcy. Villy is three miles west of Torcy. Hautesvennes is two miles northwest, St. Gengoulph is three miles northwest, Courchamps is a mile and a half north and Givray is a mile east. Dammard is two miles and a half north and west of Gengoulph.

WILL TRADE ON BELGIUM

Fatherland Party Wants to Use Flanders to Gain Ends

By the Associated Press. Amsterdam, July 18.—While declining to give its interpretation of the recent statement by Chancellor von Hertling regarding Belgium, the German Fatherland party, according to current German newspapers, has issued the following statement on the subject: "As far as we are concerned, Belgium is a pledge to safeguard a lasting peace, to strengthen Germany's hands in Belgium, to preserve it from Anglo-American exploitation, to preserve the Flemings and their industries from becoming Frenchified and from English tyranny. We want free Flanders, as a real guarantee for the vital necessities of the

RULES FOR CAMP MAIL

Major Simpson Tells How to Address Letters to Wadsworth, S. C.

Rules to be followed in sending mail to soldiers in Camp Wadsworth, S. C., have been issued by Major David B. Simpson, Fifty-fourth Pioneer Infantry, head of the camp mail service and former superintendent of the West Market street postoffice.

The major urged care be taken to have the company letter and regimental number of the soldier on all letters or packages. Return addresses also should be on all mail. Sending of fruits or other perishable things is prohibited. Send money to soldiers by registered mail, and the major says, they may buy things from the post exchanges much cheaper than the price of the same articles in Philadelphia.