

Washington, Aug. 3.—Fair and somewhat cooler tonight; Sunday, increasing cloudiness, moderate northeast winds.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR. Table with 24 columns and 2 rows of temperature data.

KAISER LEADS JUNKERS' PLAN OF ENSLAVING

Pledge to Support Franchise Bill Rank Hypocrisy of Wilhelm

HAND IN GLOVE WITH HIS LANDED NOBILITY

Would Goad Peasants to Helpless Revolt to Hold His Crown

FATTEN ON WAR PROFITS

Unscrupulous Pan-Germans Sway Ruler to Preserve Their Power

By B. F. KOSPOTH

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Berlin, July 15.

One hot, sultry afternoon a reaper named Joseph Wisniewski was working in a wheatfield on the estate of Baron von Oertzen at Rogow, in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg, in Germany. Wartime was hard and rations short even in that fruitful agricultural country, at least for poor laborers like Wisniewski, whose daily earnings did not exceed three marks and who had a wife and children to provide for.

As the ripe wheat went down before the swinging strokes of his scythe he pondered heavily on all the money and luxuries his lord would bring his employer, who had been on the verge of bankruptcy before the war through his careless extravagance and who now, like all the landed Junkers of Germany, obtaining famine prices for the produce of his estate and in a fair way to become a millionaire, was now, like his family, had not known the taste even of a substitute for coffee during many months.

Pausing in his work, Wisniewski stooped to gather some stray grains of wheat and secreted them in the pouch slung across his shoulder. His slow mind had conceived an idea. He would risk his family and his own life to taste even of a substitute for coffee during many months.

Kultur's Kindly Way. In the courtyard of the castle they found Baron von Oertzen with a whip in his hand, training a young whelp. When he heard the huntsman's story the Baron's eyes became bloodshot. In the center of the courtyard grew a wide-spreading chestnut tree. Flourishing his whip, the Baron led the way thither and the whelp followed him to strip. Tremblingly, while the Baron's overseer covered him with his shotgun, the cowed laborer obeyed.

Slavery Exists There Today. This is not fiction; it is a true story of modern Germany. You may think the days of slaves and slaveowners are past, but you are wrong. Slavery still exists today on the country estates of the Junkers—and the story of Joseph Wisniewski is but one case in a thousand that happens to have been made public.

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18 TO 45 YEARS NAMED AS DRAFT AGE LIMITS

Men Above 31 Not Likely to Be Called for Active Fighting Service—Legislation Will Obviate Necessity of Invading Deferred Classes

Washington, Aug. 3.—(By I. N. S.) Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, this afternoon announced that he, Secretary of War Baker and Chairman of the House Military Committee, had agreed that the draft ages in the new non-power bill would be eighteen to forty-five.

The bill will give the President authority to "draft physicians liable to military service in such sequence of ages and at such time or times as he may prescribe."

Senator Chamberlain explained that in applying the draft to the men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one, the bill would be called up for service first. There will be three classes—men between twenty-one and twenty-two, men between twenty-two and twenty-three, and men between twenty-three and twenty-four.

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Total Includes Killed, Wounded and Missing in Present Battle

American Leader Has Million Men

General March Says Record Number of 300,000 Sent in July

CASUALTIES 2 PER CENT

Marne Salient Ironed Out. Allies Gain 16 Miles, Reduce Front 26

Washington, Aug. 3.—(By I. N. S.) The American casualties in the present great offensive on the western front are estimated at 12,000 in killed, wounded and missing.

General March told the committee that the American casualties a week ago were averaging seventeen in 1000 engaged and that today they have increased to about twenty in each 1000.

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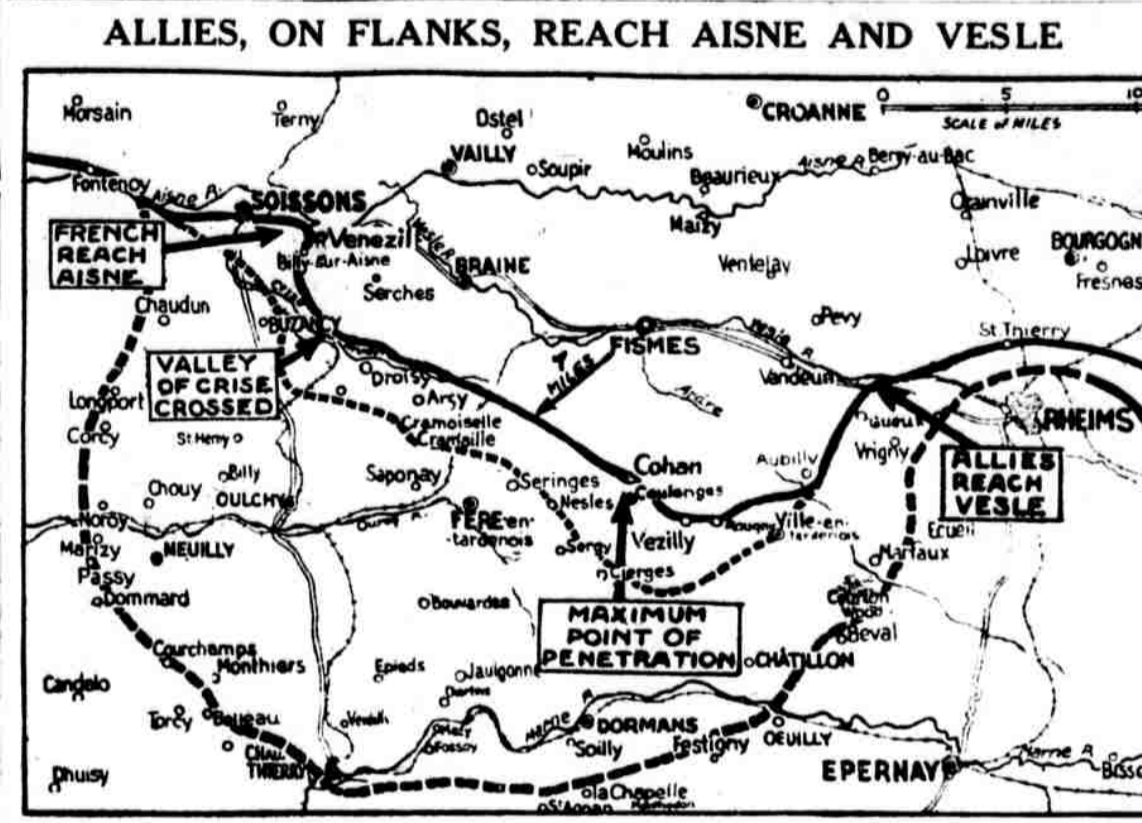
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GERMANS SPEED FLIGHT; ALLIES REACH THE VESLE; WIN 5 MILES ALONG AISNE

ALLIES, ON FLANKS, REACH AISNE AND VESLE



Near Vesle, east of Soissons, French patrols have reached the River Aisne. West of Rheims the Allies are fully equipped along the Vesle. The main advance northeast of Fere has passed Cohon, only seven miles from Fismes.

FISMES IN RANGE OF U. S. ARTILLERY; TROOPS PRESS ON

Americans Capture Chantry and Search for Grave of Quentin Roosevelt

OTHER VILLAGES TAKEN

By the United Press. With the American Armies in France, Aug. 3.

Fismes, the great German base in the Soissons-Rheims salient, has been brought within range of American artillery.

Other towns and villages have fallen into the hands of Pershing's troops, including Chantry, where Quentin Roosevelt fell to his death, according to German statements.

U. S. TROOPS CAPTURE ENEMY STRONGHOLDS

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Violent and bloody fighting north of the Ourcq continues between the Americans and picked German divisions.

Meanwhile we continue to advance. In the last twenty-four hours we have captured the important Bois de Meuniers.

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WILL FORM SIX NEW ENGINEER REGIMENTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Six new divisional engineer sapper regiments are to be built up around a nucleus of officers and noncommissioned officers trained at Camp Humphreys, Va., the engineer corp. announced today.

PLOT TO DESTROY U. S. TROOPSHIP FRUSTRATED

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 3.—An anarchist plot to destroy an American troop transport is believed by the authorities to have been frustrated today with the arrest of a man who said he was Frederick Bouchat.

JAPANESE REPLY RECEIVED BY U. S.

Ishii Delivers Note Accepting U. S. Plan on Aid to Russia

BAKER IN CONFERENCE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 3. The formal reply to the Japanese Government to the American proposal for joint action by Japan, the Entente Powers and the United States in Siberia, was delivered to Acting Secretary Polk today by Viscount Ishii, the Japanese Ambassador.

BRITISH MUDDLED WAR FOUR YEARS

Gen. Maurice Charges Failure to Lack of Organization and Unity

PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION

By MAJOR GENERAL SIR FREDERICK MAURICE. Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger. Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

The fourth year of the war has not been one upon which the British can look back with much satisfaction.

Immediately after Viscount Ishii left Mr. Polk's office, Secretary Baker visited the acting Secretary of State, and they were joined by half an hour.

DOCTOR DIES ON BIRTHDAY

Norristown Physician Fatally Stricken While Talking to Patient

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Junkers' Grip on Germany. B. F. Kosphot, special correspondent of this paper at Berne, Switzerland, in a brilliant article tells what it means and where it will probably lead.

Oh, Money! Money! Eleanor H. Porter's latest novel becomes more and more interesting as today's installment will prove.

Congressman Moore discusses with his customary urbanity of interesting personalities in Washington.

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NIGHT EXTRA

Grip Important Strip on South Bank—Hot After Enemy

FOE'S DEFEAT NOW DISASTER

Large Bag of Prisoners Taken in Seizure of Soissons

TEUTONS RETREATING FROM ENTIRE POCKET

Numerous Villages and Woods Occupied as Entente Soldiers Press On

GAIN TOWARD FISMES

Americans, French and British Smash German Line

Paris, Aug. 3. French advanced forces have reached the River Vesle and are preparing to cross the stream.

The Germans are continuing their retreat toward the River Aisne.

By the Associated Press. London, Aug. 3. The German retreat is general on all three faces of the salient conquered by the Germans in May, and the Allies are pressing close on the heels of the retreating enemy, says Reuters' correspondent at French headquarters.

On the main battle front in the Soissons region the Allies, after completing occupation of Soissons, have gripped the south bank of the Aisne between Pommiers and Venizel, a distance of approximately five and one-half miles, advices received today show.

The retirement of the forces of the German Crown Prince is now of a very rapid character. To the east of Rheims French forces have made an important recovery of ground near St. Hilaire.

French cavalry are on the Vesle River between Champigny and Jonychery, north and northwest of Rheims. Up until 11 o'clock this morning the Allies had not crossed the river. All the bridges over the Vesle have been destroyed.

Champigny is seven miles east of Jonychery and less than two miles west of Rheims.

Fismes in Flames. Burning villages in the area north of the Vesle River, between Mully and St. Thierry, indicate that a further withdrawal of the German forces is intended.

Fourteen large fires have been observed. The important center of Fismes is in flames, and there are great conflagrations in two villages to the northwest of that town.

New Allied Line. On the easterly side of the Soissons-Rheims front, the line to which the Allies have advanced runs, according to the latest advices, from Serzy-et-Prin and Sivity, both in the Ardre Valley, to the highest point on the plateau between the Ardre and the Vesle, and thence to Rosnay, Gueux and Villiers, and on to the Vesle at St. Brice, which is on the original line.

On the northern end of the plateau to the southeast of Soissons the French have advanced from Venizel to a point south of Braine, on the Vesle. The advance is continuing on the line farther to the east.

Can Open Chalons Railway. The northward movement of the Germans has now reached such a point that the reopening of the Chalons-Rheims railroad is assured.

Advices say the news that Soissons had been entered was greeted with rejoicing by the French and Americans on the line to the southeast, who felt confident that their own line would be pushed forward and straightened out speedily on the front to the north of Coulouges and Arcy-St. Restin.

Much importance is attached to the advance of the Allied forces on the easterly side of the Soissons-Rheims front to the line of Gueux and Villiers. It is pointed to as serving the double object of protecting Rheims and placing the Allies in a position to cripple still further the already badly crowded German lines in their retreat toward the Vesle.

After the fall of Soissons, the Headquarters of the German forces in the Soissons region were moved to the village of Villiers, which abuts on the Soissons-Chalons railway road, was turned early today (Friday) and the defenders were routed. This was the case with the enemy resistance and the line was extraordinarily bitter.

North the British troops crossed the Soissons-Chalons railway.

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