

Washington, Aug. 9.—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature; moderate winds.

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ALLIES WIN 17,000 PRISONERS, VAST BOOTY, AS DRIVE SPEEDS; ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

TWO SONS OF CITY DEAD IN FRANCE; 100 WOUNDED OR MISSING IN STRUGGLE

Many From This City Are Reported Among Latest Casualties

200 PENNSYLVANIANS CAPTURED, IS BELIEF

State Troops Taken Prisoners in Desperate Battling Along Marne

FAIRMOUNT AVE. LAD DIED "LIKE A MAN"

Leaves Bride, Who Was Notified Week Ago of Husband's Disappearance

Philadelphia Soldiers on Today's Death List

Corporal Joseph J. Keenan, 1729 North Third street. Corporal Thomas F. Cook, 4821 Fairmount avenue.

The full list of today's casualties will be found on page 5.

Two more Philadelphians have been killed in battle and 100 or more have been wounded or are missing in action.

Philadelphia on the casualty list follow:

- Private William C. Veitchberger, 3008 North Twenty-third street. Private Harry E. Aebuff, 186 West Price street, Germantown. Private Ralph H. Altheight, 1727 Monument street.

DOG-DAYS Here's a pretty how-do! Not a hint of joy in sight. How will partly cloudy do? Moderately warm tonight. Same old yarn on Saturday. Gentle west winds have the call. If the rain bit pattered, oh? That, I think, would please us all.

ROBINSON, POWER SHORN BY U. S., QUILTS POLICE JOB

Superintendent in Name Only Since Vice Expose. Enters Army

HAS INDEFINITE LEAVE

Can Return After War and Qualify for Pension—Mills Probable Successor



SUPERINTENDENT ROBINSON He has quit temporarily as head of the Police Department to become a captain in the United States army.

James Robinson, Superintendent of Police, has temporarily severed his connection with the Philadelphia Police Bureau, and is now a captain in the United States army.

Captain Robinson has been assigned to the Quartermaster's Department in this city, and in a few days will become the acting head of the guard and fire company.

Robinson's appointment to the commissioned ranks of the army has been confirmed, and as soon as he can adjust his personal affairs Captain Robinson will assume his new duties.

Has Not Resigned Robinson was not compelled to resign from the bureau in order to enter the army, but merely procured from Mayor Smith an "indefinite leave of absence."

BALFOUR STILLS PEACE TALK LABORITE STARTS IN COMMONS

Points to Conduct of Germany in Conquered Lands, Declaring Roots of Militarism Extend Into All Teuton Classes

By the Associated Press London, Aug. 9.

On a motion for adjournment of the House of Commons until October 15, William Crawford Anderson, Labor member, who belongs to the small pacifist group in the House, last night again raised the question of peace, declaring that while the Government strove for unity of command regarding military operations, there had not been anything like unity of statesmanship between the Allied countries regarding the aims and purposes which they had set out to achieve.

KAISER NOW FORMING HIS 'LAST STAND' ARMY

Preparing Special Force of 500,000 Carefully Selected Men to Defend the Rhine

BEST OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS WILL BE CALLED "OLD GUARD"

Foch's Reserves Still Intact. While Hindenburg's Have Been Reduced to About Twenty Fresh Divisions—No Chance for New German Offensive

By EDWIN L. JAMES

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From sections of the German army there are being drawn a certain proportion of officers and the sturdiest soldiers for the formation of a force of half a million men which is to receive special training and have special organization.

This German force is not to be used as a hammer in any new drive for Paris; it is not to be used for any blow against the British; it is not to be used to "punish" the Americans, but, according to information reaching Allied commanders, is being formed for no other purpose than to stand back of the Rhine against an invasion of German soil.

It so happens that any Allied approach to the Rhine would be through the Alsace-Lorraine line, on a large part of which Americans forces stand. It is this force that the Americans will face when, with the French, we get ready to "take the war to Germany."

AMERICANS FOIL 5 VESSELS ATTACKS

Widen the Bridgehead at Fismes and Clear Germans From City

PUSH LINES FORWARD KEEP STEADY, HE URGES

By the United Press With the American Army in France, Aug. 9.

The Franco-British attack in Picardy is likely to have a big influence on the situation along the Alsace-Vesle line, where there has been no great change in the last twenty-four hours.

The Americans improved their positions slightly by heavy attacks, but for the most part were busy repulsing German counter-attacks. Five of these enemy assaults were broken up yesterday.

Heavy artillery exchanges continued throughout the day. The rains have been simplifying transportation. However, the Germans are strongly entrenched on the heights north of the Vesle in caves and deep dugouts. Our artillery will literally have to blast the sides off these hills before we advance.

News of the Amiens attack is being received with great enthusiasm by the Americans. One doughboy expressed the sentiments of his companions as follows: "The boche is getting like a horse. Now he is beginning to kick. The British ought to put a twist on his nose and shut his wind off. Then we'll start going here again."

The body of an American aviator, missing since July 15, was found unburied near Dormans (on the Marne). It had been stripped by the Hun, and the identification tags were missing. His cap, concealed beneath his machine, enabled the Americans to identify him.

Use Red Cross as Disguise The writer spent an hour tonight with some boys from Michigan and Wisconsin who took part in the fight that drove the boches across the Vesle. They ran into many machine guns being fired by men with the Red Cross on their arms, they said. One lieutenant came in with the knees clean out of his pants where machine-gun fire had nipped him. There was scarcely a man but had a bullet hole through his clothes somewhere. Many had lost puttees and coats and fought virtually bare-armed and bare-legged.

Father Dunnigan, of Pa. Peer, Mich., said he buried one boy he found with three dead boches about him. The boy's rifle was covered with blood. Apparently he had fought a bayonet battle against many Germans and had accounted for three of them before he had fallen himself.

When you think of writing, think of WHITING.—Ed.

SOVIETS DECLARE 'DEFENSIVE WAR' AGAINST ENTENTE

America Officially Informed of Lenine's Statement of New Attitude

RELIEF WORK GOES ON

Consul Told Reds Intend No Offensive Tactics Against Allies

Japanese Name Gen. Otani to Command Allied Force

By the Associated Press Washington, Aug. 9.—General Kikuyu Otani, one of Japan's most distinguished soldiers, has been chosen to command the Japanese section and will be the ranking officer of the American and Allied expedition in Siberia.

As senior officer General Otani in effect will be commander-in-chief of the combined forces, with the consent of the various governments participating. Major General William S. Graves in command of the American contingent, will sit in the council of Allied commanders performing the duties of a staff.

Otani, who is sixty-three years old, has been a soldier all his life. He was a staff officer during the China-Russia war, and commanded an infantry brigade in the Russo-Japanese war. When Japan entered the world war he was assigned to the forces which captured the German colony of Tsingtau and, until recently, he commanded the Japanese garrison placed there.

Certainly, the sun shines on our side of the fence. For the first time since Russia broke down the Allies Come what may between now and

TIDE HAS TURNED, PREMIER AVERS

Allies Will "Fight It Through to End," Says Lloyd George

By the Associated Press London, Aug. 9.—(By I. N. S.) "We propose to fight it through to the end," declared Premier Lloyd George in a speech at Neath today at a Welsh celebration ringing cheers greeted the Premier.

"The world is full steam ahead," he continued, "until the gods decree that the sun shine again in a land of real peace and there is no apprehension of sinister plottings by forces always ready to start the slaughter again."

"We have a right to feel confident, for there is great news. The Franco-British attack is one ray of light in the tunnel through which the Allies are traveling."

"It means we have traveled so many miles nearer the end. We may have dark days ahead, nevertheless let us keep up our spirits. It is the spirit of the people that counts for victory. And in that victory there will be no tearing up nor greed; yes, no vengeance."

"Keep steady and all will be well," he declared in a speech on his way to Neath.

The enemy has done his worst," he continued. "He could not do more than he has done. If we hold together we will win the greatest triumph for liberty the world has ever seen."

TRUCK PLUNGES OFF BRIDGE

Two Negroes Seriously Hurt, Another Swims Ashore

Two negroes were seriously injured and two others narrowly escaped death today when a motor truck went through a railing on the Girard avenue bridge, Fairmount Park, falling into the Schuylkill River.

George A. Horney, 1811 North Ringgold street, jumped when the truck hit the rail and landed on the bridge.

PICARDY OFFENSIVE PROGRESSES RAPIDLY

Big Teuton Retreat May Be Forced. Enormous Number of Guns Won on Somme

POWERFUL CAVALRY FORCES IN ACTION; ENEMY BLOWS UP AMMUNITION DUMPS

Danger to Amiens Removed by British and French Dash—Kaiser's Transports Flee in Confusion

By the Associated Press London, Aug. 9.

More than 17,000 prisoners had been captured by the Allies in the Somme drive up to noon today, according to advices this afternoon. More than 200 guns also have been taken.

By the Associated Press London, Aug. 9.

Fourteen thousand prisoners and guns too numerous to mention have been taken in the British drive on the front south of the Somme, says today's War Office report.

Rapid progress is being made in the Somme offensive. Resistance developed at several points, but this seems to have been generally overcome except at the left, where during the night sharp fighting developed and the Allied troops were unable to maintain their footing on the Chipilly spur, principally because of the nature of the ground.

The French at the south began their push forward at the same time as did the British this morning, and it is reported, but not officially confirmed, that they have captured Le Quentin (Le Quesnel?).

The cavalry is still pursuing the enemy. The British casualties since the beginning of the present drive are but three-fifths of the number of prisoners counted up to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The French have taken Fresnoy-en-Chaussee, while the British have reached a point east of Le Quesnel and Caix.

The British have captured Morlancourt on the northern end of the Somme battlefield, and the infantry line now runs from that point southward to a point southeast of Moreuil.

An enormous quantity of stores and ammunition has been abandoned by the Germans in their hasty retreat. The Germans are blowing up their ammunition dumps in the battle area. This is considered an indication that they are preparing for a general retreat.

Allied airmen have blown up many of the bridges over the Somme River and the enemy's withdrawal is seriously embarrassed.

The Franco-British advance on the battlefield south of the Somme has reached a maximum depth of eleven miles, according to news received here shortly after noon today. Advices from the battlefield report British cavalry, armored cars and tanks, in advance of the infantry, to have reached within a mile of the Chaulnes railway junction.

Average Advance Six Miles Along the whole front the average advance of the infantry is from five to six miles.

The cavalry, tanks and armored cars, it is indicated, have gone ahead to the line running from Framerville to Lihons. From Lihons the line runs southward to Meharicourt, southeast of Rosieres. This represents a total maximum advance of eleven miles.

It will be impossible for the Germans to hold their Montdidier positions, it is believed here. It is also believed that the advance on the Picardy front makes Amiens secure against an enemy attack and has removed the threat against Paris.

By the United Press London, Aug. 9.

British troops have renewed activity in Flanders. Already they have occupied several villages in their new advance, the British War Office announced today.

Locon, Lecourt Malo, Quentin, Le Petit, Pecaut and Le Sart have been occupied. (These villages are in the Lys valley. The enemy for some time has been retiring from front line trenches and battered villages on this front before British pressure, particularly of the Anzacs.)

On the front north of Kemmel, the British conducted a successful local operation last night in which their line was advanced somewhat on a front of more than 1000 yards.

923 U. S. SICK CASES FATAL

Low Death Rate Among 131,075 Patients for Year

By the United Press

Paris, Aug. 9.—In the last year 131,075 cases of sickness were reported in the American forces, of which only 923 died, according to figures published by the State and War Departments.

The expeditionary force lost 2.37 per cent of its aggregate working time through illness. About one-third of the sickness was due to communicable diseases, of which mumps was the principal ailment. Nineteen per cent of the cases were pneumonia.

NAVAL CONSULTING BOARD VISITS DETROIT PLANTS

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 9.—Members of the naval consulting board, headed by W. L. Saunders, chairman, arrived here this forenoon for an inspection of local factories and plants engaged in the production of war material.

An inspection of the Ford eagle plant is to be made during the two days the board members will spend here.

CORPORAL MAURER READING, KILLED

LAKE CHARLES, La., Aug. 9.—The total death list of the hurricane which struck southwest Louisiana Tuesday was increased today to twenty-seven. It was announced that the soldier who died at Gerstner aviation field yesterday from injuries received during the storm was Corporal William R. Maurer of Reading, Pa.

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