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It was officially stated by Provos

The August registration will prevent my draft upon deferred classes and is

power Bill Extending

Scope of Draft -

By the Associated Press

Organized labor's emphatic opposition

to any work-or-fight provision in the

Gompers, president of the American Fed-

eration of Labor, received today by mem-bers of the Senate Military Committee.

amendment by Senator Thomas, of Colo-rado, proposing to withdraw deferred

classifications given for industrial rea

sons where men absent themselves from their work for more than five days with-

out cause. The provision, as added to the bill today by the committee, was a modification by Senator Reed, of Mis-

more per man and more to the aggre-gate than any man or group of men

n any other country on the face of the

who may have failed to perform their

adoption by our Congress, strikes and

cessations of work have occurred in

"The men of labor of our country are

the laws and the spirit of our country.

MORE STORES FOR SHORT DAY

duction in Hours

All retail stores in the central district of Philadelphia, affiliated with the Market. Chestnut and Walnut streets business associations, probably will agree upon a shorter business day during the war, as the result of a conference, today between representatives of those organizations and the Federal fuel administration.

PHILADELPHIA FLIER KILLED

William L. Deetjen Falls in Burn-

ing Plane, Says Report

souri, eliminating the five-day limits

The letter referred particularly to

Washington, Aug. 14.

ent." Mr. Gompers wrote

the man-power bill

PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1918

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# **400 KEYSTONE SOLDIERS HIT** IN 24 HOURS

Philadelphians Helped Hurl Foe Back on Vesle, March Says

28TH DIVISION FOUGHT BRAVELY ON THE OURCO

In Thick of Battle, Occupying Marshal General Crowder that the ob-ject of the new registration is to keep Class I full during the fall months pending registration and classification of the new millions to be added under Position Between Sergy and Roncheres

NAME "SAMMY" RAPPED

expected to furnish about 150,000 men for Class 1 classification. Illinois Soldiers Capture Seven Guns on Somme-1,250,-**GOMPERS AGAINST** 000 in Field Army

By the Associated Press Washington, Aug. 14. the work of the Twenty-

eighth Division, comprising Pennsylva nia Guardsmen, in the Aisne-Marne salient, General March, during his semiveekly conference with newspaper corespondents today, said the only report upon its casualties received was that 400 men had been hit during twenty four hours on July 30 in the advance to

The Twenty-eighth Division, General March said, was in positions near Dormans on July 16, and participated in the advance across the Ourcq River on July 26 when the attack against the German lines attained its full momentum and thrust the enemy back to the Vesle. The Twenty-eighth was flanked on one side by the Forty-second (Rainbow) and on the other by the Third Regular Division. Its position in the line was between Sergy and Roncheres

(The Twenty-eighth Division includes he 109th, 110th, 111th and 112th Regiments. The 110th Regiment is composed of Philadelphians, formerly in the First and Third Regiments of the Pennsylvania National Guard They trained at Camp Hancock.)

General March briefly reviewed the ituation in the Picardy salient, where the lines have now reached the genera osition of the front in 1916 before the ndenburg withdrawal. At no point is the enemy now within fifty miles of

Drive's Depth Fifteen Miles

The Picardy salient has been trimmed away on a front of fifty-three miles to a maximum depth of fifteen miles, the chief of staff said, and the line on the Aisne-Marne front has remained stationary. American troops have recaptured Fismette, on the north bank of the were enacted into law which all the from which they were driven.

The 131st Infantry, of the Thirty-third United States Division, has been engaged in the fighting north of the Somme and particularly in the repulse of an enemy counter-attack at Chipilly, General March said today at his semiweek! ents. This regiment three officers, 150 men and seven 105-

The 131st Regiment is composed of tached to the Sixty-sixth Brigade of in the Thirty-third Division The troops were trained at Camp

Logan, Tex.
The work of the American tro both on the French and British fronts. he highest praise from the Allied com are so generously and patriotically

1.280,000 in Field Army General Pershing's announcement of the fermation of the First Field Army shows it was organized on August 10, ind in this connection General March osed that there were then thirty-American divisions in France, and field army included approximately 1,250,000 men. The organization of additional corps, and subsequently addilay, he added, and eventually General les, leaving command of each to rai officer whom he may select, those organizations and the Federal fuel administration.

The shop keepers have been requested by the fuel administration not to open their stores until 10 oclock in the morning, and to close not later than 4:30 in the afternoon, after the policy adopted by the department stores to conserve fuel and electric power.

Sentiment expressed at the meeting today was generally favorable to the proposal, and the shopkeepers indicated a willingness to take the step voluntarily rather than wait for an order from the fuel administration. It is assumed that General Pershing has taken over his own staff as the staff of the First Field Army. In that case Major General James W. McAndrew is chief of staff both of the army and of the American expeditionary forces.

General March was asked as to the truth of reports that the American forces north of the Marne lacked adequate air service. General Pershing's ches make no mention of any h condition, he replied, and added at a specific report as to the operans in that, regard had been asked tance of which will be made publi

Frowns Upon "Sammy"

chief of staff took occasion to upon the name "Sammy" for can troops. No American soldier frown upon the name "Sammy" for American troops. No American soldier in France approves the use of that name, he said, nor do either the French or. British understand why big, strong men like the Americans should be tagged with such a nickname. The British soldiers call their American comrades "Tanks."

General March said no American from the towns troops had landed in Siberia as yet. He did not have available figures on the total embarkation for France, which he total embarkation for France, which he

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Deetjen's plane, according to a letter to his father; was seen to fall in flames from 10.00 feet and land behind the German lines.

Lieutenant Deetjen was twenty-four the german versal years was a stal embarkation for France, which

INTO EACH LIFE, ETC. In the northeast portions, warmer

Notion quite. Showers and southwest winds will case us

Fair tonight. Thursday thunder swats the former

#### **NEW ELIGIBLES JURY DECIDING** FOR ARMY WILL FATE OF MEN IN **REGISTER AUG. 24 5TH WARD CASE** Men Attaining Majority Since

June 5 to Get in Line for Begins Deliberations Short-By the United Press Washington, Aug. 14.—Saturday. August 24, between 7 a, m and 9 p, m, will be the next registration day for American boys who have reached twenty-one since June 5 last.

To prepare for any delay in the passage of the eighteen-forty-five manpower bill, Provost Marshal General Crowder has issued orders to State head-quarters calling for a registration August 24.

September 5, the date originally set for the big registration of men included under the new man-power bill, will be changed because in a number of States primary elections will be held on that day. ly Before Noon, Follow-

CONSPIRACY IS DEFINED today declare.

Not Confined to One Verdict. May Convict or Free Any Number

Heat Bothers Jury

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the Fifth Ward case jury agreed that its room was too hot. It asked and got a cooler one on the north side of the courthouse, opposite Judge

Hause's chambers. By a Staff Correspondent West Chester, Pa., Aug. 14.

The jurors went to their conference oom at 11:35 o'clock this morning and went to lunch at 1 o'clock, returning TWO CAPTURED BY FOE

There were several flurries of expec tation during the early afternoon and crowds trooped into the courtroom. At one time the jury had the bullet-pierced Finletter Club chair brought into its

SEES INJURY IN PLAN Attorneys William A. Gray and J. Paul McElree, for the defense, went to a country club to play golf at 3 o'clock. The prosecuting attorneys were automo-bile riding through Chester County. The defendants in the courtroom this afternoon took heart as the jury's deliberation lengthened. They considered new man-power bill extending the draft

d among themselves.

After deliberating slightly more than two hours, the jury sent for the bullet-punctured chair that had been in the Finletter Club on the night of September 18, when the club was raided Court officers carried in the chair, as well as the window screen through which a bullet had passed at the time of

the raid The jury at 4 o'clock asked for a cooler room. They were conducted to one on the north side of the court house. opposite Judge Hause's quarters Some time before they asked to be transferred Isaac Deutsch, one of the defendants, was standing with several friends in the corridor near the jurors' room. It was possible from that point to hear the discussions of the jurors, if "In my judgment," Mr. Gompers wrote of the Thomas amendment, "no measure could be enacted with more injurious consequences to continuous production than the semant of such a measure as indicated. The workmen in the United States are doing their full share of service and duty. They are whole heartedly supporting the war program; they are giving themselves, their sons, their brothers and other blood relations on the firing line. They are producing the firing line. They are producing the firing line is not producing the producing the producing the produce of the producing the producing

o'clock this morning began delivering his charge to the jury which for four week has heard evidence. The Judge whole duty, but I submit, eir, to your serious consideration, whether, if a bih

field as interpreting as a reflection upon their services and their loyalty, it would continued. "Is a vital stroke at demo- hastened their services and their loyalty, it would not create a reaction most unfavorable cratic principles." No offense known to up the Fifth Regiment a short time bereaction most unfavorable cratic principles." No offense known to mon purpose in service in the law can be more flagrant than that which would prevent people from fully "In England, where the strenuous law or now obtains having provisions which it is said it is your purpone to offer for

Explains Distinction

What you must determine is: Was there a conspiracy formulated by the defendants, or any of them, either

## **GERMAN CRISIS NEAR; WORKERS**

Grave Conditions Caused by Allied Victories

ing Judge's Charge

The jury debating the guilt or innecence of the seven Fifth Ward con spiracy defendants is still out.

**COERCING LABOR** Opposes Inclusion in Manthirty-five minutes later.

it a good omen and laughed and chatage, is expressed in a letter from Samuel

commented that the t 6000 typewritten pages. tentimony covers serious consideration, whether, if a bih it is a case of unusual importance, he were enacted into law which all the said, both to the defendants and the workers of our country would be justi-

The Court explained the distinction beinstances, more instances than tween a violation of the Shern act and exist in the United States at the present a conspiracy to cause a violation of the

"A conspiracy is a combination. carrying on their work with but the meeting of the minds of two or more slightest interruption anywhere. They persons to accomplish an unlawful act re voluntarily surrendering rights they In other words it is a sort of agreement or more persons, to bring about some-"I appeal to you not to attempt to thing that is unlawful. take by the force of law what the men What you must deter

Continued on Page Pive, Column Two

# ARE WEAKENING Government Attempts to Conceal

By the United Press Washington, Aug. 14.-Germany is attempting to conceal the grave conditions brought with the weakening of the morals of her working classes by the Allied victories, diplomatic advices

Yesterday's Berlin newspapers for Switzerland were held up, but reports reached Berne that a crisis was at hand. The German Government is said to have requested the Socialist organs to intervene and the proletariat on its guard against a catastrophe which might involve an undermining of the morale of the rear."

### 2 FROM CITY DEAD IN ACTION; 2 HURT

Three Others Missing After Battle, New Casualty Lists Show

Philadelphia Soldiers on Today's Death List

North Sixty-sixth street

Thompson street. Private B. Ellwood Fancan, 869

August 14, 1918 The full list of casualties reported oday appears on page 5

Two more Philadelphians are reported killed in action, two wounded and three to the Finnish Government requiring missing after battle, in today's casualty that the Finnish army prepare to march killed in action, two wounded and three reports from France.

Two officers from this city are held orizoners and one of them, Lieutenant Henry Carvill Lewis, an aviator, is held at Karlsruhe, which, according to reports, is being bombed by American

The Philadelphia casualties follow: PRISONERS Lieutenant John A. White, 3225 Chest-

ut atreet. Lientenant H. C. Lewis, 51 Cliveden WOUNDED IN ACTION

Private Thurston J. Davies, Glouces MISSING Private Charles H. Simmons.

North Sixty-sixth street.
Private Raymond S. Peters, 5504
Walden street. Private Gerald B. Mason, 6609 Leeds

Sketches of the Heroes

then of Philadelphin's United States Marines, who left for France. He was among 1899 and was educated in the chools and the West Philadephia High day

Private Farean, eighteen years old was killed in action July 19, according to a telegram from the War Department r, Mrs. Harry Fancan. He 150,000. entiated in March, 1917, in the National has seized all Czecho-Slovak vessels Guard, and went overseas in May, a breaking Continued on Page Four, Column Three

Killed by Fall From Bridge Harry Ellis, ten years old, of River-ide, N. J., fell from a tower 150 feet igh on the banks of Rancocas Creek at fridgeboro today and was instantly illed. The tower is used to support

#### MACKMEN AND BROWNS All in Central District Favor Re- RECORD CROWD SEES "POP" GEERS TRIUMPH DEADLOCKED IN 10TH

Murphy's Norman Dillon in Straight Heats

By ROBERT T. PAUL Belmont Race Truck, Narberth, Pa., Aug. 14

streak of Tommy Murphy by sending Brusiloff home a straight heat winner in ters. This race was for two-year-old Mainel's best was a fly to Walker. trotters for a purse of \$2000, payable in

speeder with rare skill and easily led the field in each heat. Murphy had Norman Dillon and in the first heat was nearly distanced at the half mile mark, but he spurted and annexed second. He drew down second money in this race.

Harvey Ernest sprang a little surprise in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel race for a purse of \$3000 when he sent Ima Jay home a winner over Royal Mack, driven was gruck by a motor car at Sixth and Princess Etawah was third home a winner over Royal Mack, driven by Tommy Murphy. Royal Mack took the first heat, but the next two went to Inna Jay in driving finishes. J. Miller Frazier, manager of the Bellevue-Strat-ford, presented Ernest with a floral

Lieutenant Deetjen was twenty-four years old and for several years was a second heutenant in the old Third Regiment. N. G. P. In May, 1817, he went to Plattsburg and then went to the Institute of Technology in Bosion for an intensive course in flying.

Last September he was sent to England and in March was made a first lieutenant. Although a member of the United States aerial force he was attached to the 184th Squadron of the Royal Air Force. In the special free-for-all Miss Harris injured

Drives Brusiloff to Win Over Each Put Over Run in Extra Frame in Thrilling Battle. Perry Removed

> By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Shibe Park, Aug. 14.

The Athletics and Browns went extra The largest crowd that ever attended innings in the opening game of the series Grand Circuit meeting in this vicinity this afternoon. In the tenth, however, was present at the third day of the sep- the Browns broke the ice and put over sion here this afternoon, when the vet- the first run of the game. Austin eran "Pop" Geers broke the winning opened with a double and Severeid followed with a single. Davenport sent a short fly to Walker, Austin holding Brusiloff home a straight heat winner in third. When Tobin sent a roller to the opening race for two-year-old trot- Dykes at first. Austin crossed the plate.

eighth kept the visitors from counting

was struck by a motor car at Sixth and Chestnut streets this afternoon and painfully injured. According to witnesses he stepped off the curbing in the path of the machine and so close to it that the driver was unable to stop.

The owner of the motor car, who declined to give his name, stayed with the injured man until the ambulance arrived to take him to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Man Killed at Powerhouse Joseph K. Fogg. 3826 Watts street was killed by electricity yesterday while working in the powerhouse of the Phila

### ORDER BY KAISER **COMMANDS FINNS** TO FIGHT ALLIES

Gives Army Two Weeks to March Against Entente on Murman Coast

SLAV SAILORS DEFIANT

Would Blow Up Ships to Prevent Teutons Getting

Late Czar Saw Trouble on His Coronation Day

By the Associated Press Amsterdam, Aug. 14.-Iu anouncing that the diaries of Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian Emperor, will be published, the Moscow newspaper Bjednota says that on the day of his ascension to the throne Nicholas wrote: "All around is treachery, deception and cowardice."

By the Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 14. Consul General Pools, at Moscow, has turned over his duties to the Swedish Consulate there, destroyed his code book and asked for safe conduct for himself and the other members of the office to return to the United States. This information reached the State

from Stockholm. By the Associated Press

Department in official dispatches today

Washington, Aug. 14. A report from Stockholm reaching the State Department today from sources considered reliable, says the German Government has addressed an ultimatum against the Entente forces on the Murman coast within two weeks. Another Stockholm dispatch says the

Russian sailors are declaring they will fight the German Government rather than give up their ships or will blow up the Russian navy rather than have it fall into the hands of the Germans. This report is based on information obtained on August 11. It is stated the Bolshe-vik leaders. Lenine and Trotgky, have been seen in Kronstadt by Russian

It is also reported in there advice that the German ambassador to Russia and the German consul at Petrograd are in Heisingfors on their way to Ber-lin. Previously it has been reported lin. Previously it has been reported that the German ambassador had moved

London, Aug. 14 .- The American force which participated in the landing and subsequent operations of Allied contin-gents at Archangel on August 2 followng the overturn in the Government in this important Russian district on the White Sea, comprised a small landing party from a United States cruiser, it

By the United Press

Amsterdam, Aug. 14 .-- A battle is raging between Czecho-Slovak and Bolshe vik forces along the middle Volga, es dispatches received from Germany to-

is one of the key positions on the new "Russian front.")

with their headquarters at Simbirsk. By the Associated Press

London, Aug. 14 The British Government has issued a declaration formally recognizing the Czecho-Slovaks as an Allied nation and the three Czecho-Slovak armies as an Allied force regularly waging warfare against the Central Powers.

The text of the declaration follows: mon enemy by every means in its

a considerable army, fighting on three different hattlefields and attempting in Russia and Siberia to arrest the Ger-Russia and Siberia to arrest the manic invasion. In consideration of its efforts to achieve independence, Great Britain regards the Czecho-Slovaks at an Allied nation and recognizes the unity the three Czecho-Slovak armies as an Allied and belligerent enemy waging regular warfare against Austria-Hun gary and Germany.

"Great Britain also recognizes the right of the Czecho-Slovak, National Council as the supreme organ of Czechonational interests and as the Slovak government to exercise supreme Continued on Page Two, Column Two

HEAT CAUSES MAN'S DEATH Overcome and Fractures Skull in Fall

ters. This race was for two-year-old trotters for a purse of \$2000, payable in Liberty Bonds.

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The veteran Geers handled his speeder with rare skill and easily led the field in each heat. Murphy had Norman Dillon and in the first heat was seried by the course of the cause of one death.

Davenport and Perry engaged in a few minutes later in the Hahnemann Hongitish. Them Walker delivered a single and Jamleaon scored.

Davenport and Perry engaged in a great pitcher's battle for nine frames, neither side being able to score. A fine throw to the plate by Walker in the eighth kept the visitors from counting.

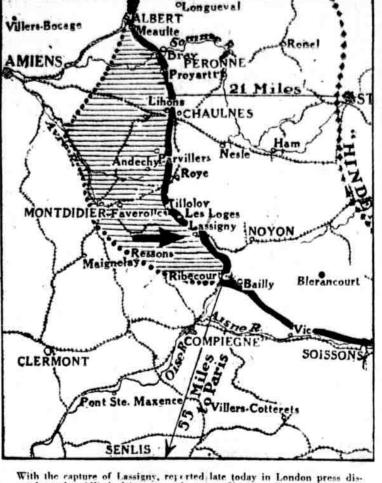
Thomas whits, hery sear out, a sour tor, 4181 Ridge avenue, was overcome rear Thirteenth and Cherry streets are fell, fracturing his skull. He died from minutes later in the Hahnemar Hospital.

Thunder showers, accompanied by thisk breeze, fell about 4:30 o'clock the eighth kept the visitors from counting.

> King George Says Peace Time Is Not Yet Come

With the British Army on the Picardy Battlefront, Aug. 14.-In the course of a conversation with the war correspondents attached to the British army today King George declared that the time has not yet come for peace. King George shook hands with the cor-respondents and made a splendid

#### **ALLIES PUSHING EASTWARD**



patches, the Allied drive now threatens Novon. The Germans are battling fiercely to stay the pressure of the Picardy "push," whose center is indicated by the arrow. The original and present battlelines are also

MANILA EDITOR FIGHTS DEPORTATION ORDER WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 .- The Supreme Court was saled today to review an order of the Governor General of the Philip-

pines, directing the deportation of R. McCulloch Dick, because of articles published at Manila n Dick's newspaper, the Philippines Free Press, reflecting upon the Island National Guard. Dick, who was born in Scotland, but formerly lved in New York city, was characterized as an "undesirable alien" by the Governor General.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—The majority of German newspapers are demanding a special session of the Reichstag committee in view of "the grave situation in the interior and exterior," according to a dispatch from Berne, Swatzerland. GERMAN MINISTER IN UKRAINIA RESIGNS

PARIS, Aug. 14.-Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, Ger-

man minister in the Ukraine, has resigned, according to a dis-

dispatch from Lausanne, Switzerland.

GRAVE SITUATION IN GERMANY CAUSES ALARM

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BASEBALL SCORES

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Prendergast-Adams; Grimes-Wheat; umpires, Klem-Emslie.

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PHTSB'GH, N.L.... 0 0 CHICAGO, N. L.... 2 0

CIN'NATI, N. L .... 0 0

ST. LOUIS, N. L.... 1 0

# LONDON HEARS FRENCH HAVE WON LASSIGNY

Southern Picardy Town Reported Captured After Bitter. Struggle

HUMBERT IS PRESSING STEADILY ON NOYON

Storming of German Center

in Oise Sector Im-

minent BIG TRIANGLE MENACED

Foe Desperately Resists British on Somme—Haig Gains in Flanders

By the Associated Press

London, Aug. 14. The town of Lassigny on the southern part of the Picardy battlefront, for which the French have been struggling over the hills to the west and south, has been captured by them, the Pall Mall Gazette today says it understands.

The reported capture took place this morning. The news of the fall of the town has not been officially confirmed.

On the other hand the Evening Standard says there was terrific fighting today on top of the Lassigny Ridge. The French there were fighting their way stubbornly forward and this afternoon were pushing solidly down the far side of the elevation. The Germans were said to be putting up the flercest sort of resistance

and the fighting, it was indicated.

might last a day or two before the

hill was finally cleared of the enemy.

the advices to the Evening Standard By the United Press Paris, Aug. 14.—"Our methodice pressure warrants the hope that the whole triangle formed by Lassign Ribecourt and Novon soon will be o cupied." an unofficial statement.

By the Associated Press

Paris, Aug. 14. General Humbert's French army. operating on the southern end of the Picardy battleline, is reported today to be progressing steadily toward Noyon. The desperate German defense of the Chaulnes-Roye road has caused delay in the storming of the Noyon position,

which is now said to be ir The army of General Rawlinson (British commander), which is holding the line just to the north of the French positions, is meeting most desperate resistance along its whole front. The Germans seem determined to retain

the Chaulnes heights at all costs, Plemont Captured

A dispatch from the French front "The Germans now are in Plemont, about a mile southeast of Lassigny. to which they retired, following a new advance by the French. General Humbert's army moved forward two miles yesterday and took the St. Claude farm, which makes the hold of the French on the southern part of

the Thiescourt plateau secure. "At Plemont the Germans found positions all ready to receive them and were able to offer strong resistance. The enemy took Plemont during the night early in June and their old trenches there are still organized with wire entanglements.

"The entire region about Lassiany s cut by spurs and ridges, which facilitate defensive operation. At Canny sur-Matz, two miles north of Lassigny, the Germans are in the old trench positions where wire entanglements still remain. The enemy is seeking to unite parts of the old French line with some of his own former positions and is continuing his efforts to hold on there.

"These tactics have again changed the entire character of the fighting. bringing the troops back to hand grenade encounters in the trenches.

"From Thiescourt Plateau it/would hardly appear that the French can advance without artillery preparation. as the machine gun nests in this rough country cannot otherwise be dealt with effectively. The German effort to hold the entire plateau and make use of the cover it afforded for counter-at-tacks, however, was rendered futile by yesterday's advance. It would

Guns Roge at Night

Only the artillery was active during the night on certain sectors of the twenty-five-mile front, between the twenty-five-mile front, between it Avre and the Oise, says the War Omstatement today. The gun duel we particularly violent in the sectors Roye-sur-Matz and Conchy-les Pota. The French now have advanced the line to within less than a mile and half of Lassigny, but latest advising the first that the Massif has not be entirely overcome. It will however undoubtedly require a fremendous fort to capture either Lassigny Roye. The fall of Roye would a materially cause the evacuation