German and Austrian Monarchs and Statesmen in

# Important Conclave

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POLISH QUESTION FIRST

Amsterdam, Aug. 16. The masters of the Central Empires ppear to be in a great hurry to make ore kings and kingdoms. In Germany that is generally accepted as being a very considerable part of the task of

tery considerable part of the task of re-imposing array of high personalities which was completed yesterday at Ga-man imperial headquarters by the ar-rival of Kaiser Charles.

Besides the two Emperors, the Fursian Ministers of both Central Empire of present, Von Hintze and Count Fursian Heifferich, fresh from the Boishevik peril; and chaos: the Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Berlin, Prince Hohenlohe, and the German ambassador in Vienna. Count Wedel, are there. Poland is represented by Prince Radziwill, who came from Warsaw, and Count Adam Roulker rom Warsaw, and Count Adam Roniker who represents the Polish Government in

It is clear an effort is to be made to settle the Polish question, and in the scramble for eastern thrones competition is greatest for that of Poland. There are no fewer than four candidates, Austrian, Bavarjan, Saxon and even Bulgar rian princes all have ambitions to rule in

ish question will not be settled to the Austrian sense—by uniting the kingdom of Poland in personal union with the Dual Monarchy—but that Poland will be set up as an "independent kingdom." That means, of course, that it will be well under German authority. It would also appear that all eastern countries are to have their frontiers fixed for them. And it is expected that, in addition to Poland, Lithuania and Finland will more directly have kings chosen for them.

ing, tearing propaganda—otherwise, ce offensive—throughout the country. the German people may know definitely what they are fighting for The Hamburger Nachrichten even

Lockrey. "Each wor five feet by seven.

Too Dark to Read

that night to keep us warm."
"They have the old style open sewer-

of proper sanitation."
Doctor Lockrey would not discuss the
probability that the suffragists will
adopt hunger-strike methods, but suggested there might be some interesting

news on that subject temorrow.

"Did you cat supper last night and breakfast this morning at the jail?" Doctor Lockrey was asked.

"I have had my breakfast today," was

er evasive reply. The fifteen-day sentences or \$15 times

vere imposed for unlawful assembly and tanding on the Lafayette Monument.

because, they contended, that would be an admission of guilt.

Fighting for Democracy

being taken to jall.

without representation still remains a crime. At this time, when women are coaxed for their indispensable services,

"What can one expect? Taxation

had broken no law and the court

had no jurisdiction over them.

The court recessed for a few minutes

to consider whether they should be charged with contempt, and then pro-ceeded without penalizing the women

The women are in a fall specially pre-pared for them. Their quarters are in the old workhouse, back of the regular

jail, which had been somewhat remod-eled for them and furnished with a plentiful supply of clean, new bed linen

for their apparent contempt of court.

news on that subject tomorrow.

It is too dark in the cells for the

he blue sky.

Lockrey said:

for an announcement of a change fifteen feet from the ground, and are of aims. "The two reverses which ground glass, so the prisoners cannot see German arms have suffered." It says. "have produced a deep emotion in the German people. There is no use denying that, nor ought it be denied." ters, for, "more than ever, it is now if they want to knit in the dark.

German people." It actually stated.

We did not have German people." It actually thinks the best policy for the Government is to support a league of nations ideal-indeed age and plumbing there and the place strange attitude for such a preposterstrange attitude for such a preposter—smells foul. I will be suprised if some usly imperialistic journal to take up. of the women do not become ill from lack. The Rheinische Westfalische Zeltung of proper sanitation."

supports the demand, but with a view of wing such things as home rule in Ireevacuation of Egypt, and so on definitely placed on the German program. So Hertling will certainly have meulty in pleasing all sections of his an-German friends should he agree to the fervent petitions for enlightenment That he is most likely to do so is clear from a statement by the inspired cor-respondent of the Cologne Gazette, who, writing obviously by dictation, shows ow near it is to have clarity regarding tion and that those of the Gov-"who are good speakers" should for unlawful assembly only. All but nd down the country making Doctor Lockrey refused to pay the fines. so up and down the country making speeches and not merely wait till the

So the next German peace offensive will probably take the form of a flood of German Government oratory.

### RUMANIANS AIDING U. S.

Eighteen Thousand of 200,000 Country Have Enlisted By the Associated Press

they are jalled for demanding a voice in the Government they serve." Miss Dock said: "In going to jall we are simply going over the top for democracy. We hope the passage of the amendment will soon make such sacrifices unnecessary." The women refused to take any part Atlantic City. N. J., Aug. 16. Eigneen thousand Rumanians have been reruited from the 200,000 in the United
states and are being trained as a fightng contingent for overseas service with
he Allies, according to an announcement made here last night by Major
Tolusanu, Rumanian attache at Washin the trial yesterday, simply answering their names when called, but declining to answer questions or answer to the charge against them, on the ground that

Illinois Central Escaped Taxes

thieses. Aug. 16—That the Illinois miral Railroad has escaped taxation approximately a billion dollars worth property from the years 1889 to 1918 is charged yesterday in a complaint of before the board of review by Atmey General Brundage. He asked at amesament be made on the prop-

Man Falls Dead in Germantown ino Meliaggio, fifty-five years old, est Logan street, Germantown, fell then it work on a building opera-tytamus and Pall-Ellena streets The cause of the fields is not





Washington jall are worse than ac-corded the German prisoners, said Dr. thing was as calm and peaceful as a

ground glass, so the prisoners cannot see It was just a little surprise party. We knew right away what we were in for.

AMERICAN

Washington, Aug. 16

go, but I'll stick to the sea as long as I'm able to sail."

The Dorothy Barrett had been carry-

ing on coastwise coal trade between Norfolk and Boston and was owned by "Each woman occupied a cell picture, when suddenly, zip. Right over The windows are our heads sang a shell, a Bath, Me., corporation. Members of Cleveland Jordon, Peter Rea, Christian though it was several seconds before we kins, John Avoy and Antino Soiles. Official War Reports

# Allies Circling

There is nothing of importance to report from the sectors occupied by Continued from Page One BRITISH

London, Aug. 16 During the night we advanced our line slightly northeast of Morlan-

A hostile attack upon one of our vicinity was repulsed after sharp fighting.

Local fighting took place on the northeastern outskirts of Thiepva

vood, where our patrois have crossed to the left bank of the Ancre. Further north our patrols progressed between Beaucourt-sur-Anons Puisieux-au-Mont. The hostile artillery has shown in-

creased activity south of the Somnia and between La Bassee Canal and

PRENCH On the Avre front French troops have made progress in the region of Villers-Les-Roye and St. Aurin. East of Armancourt our troops have occupied the old first lines.
In Champagne we took prisoners in

the sector of Perthes-les-Hurius and repulsed an enemy raid east of Malsons-Champagne. Elsewhere on the front there was no other activity GERMAN Berlin, Aug. 15 (delayed)
There has been lively reconnoitring
activity between the Yser and the
Scarpe. Southeast of Ayette a British

partial attack broke down before our lines. North of the Ancre during the

few nights we have evacuated the sector of our positions near Pulsieux and Beaumont-Hamel, which projected sharply into the enemy's post yesterday afternoon.
In General von Boehn's group tion. It was occupied by the enemy In General von Boehn's group there have been no important opera-

In the evening the artillery activity increased between the Ancre and the Olse. Partial enemy attacks on both sides of the Avre and south of Las-

stubbornly defending the Lassigny Oise Canal, the loss of which would entail the evacuation of Noyon but he was able to fire fifty of the other kind. The German aeronaut ther jumped with his parachute.

Win In Royon Salient

A dispatch from the field of battle concerning the fighting in the Noyon

lively combat for chasseurs trench, in the middle of Plessier Park. The fighting ended in a victory for the French. "The Germans are still clinging stub

They German Paper Says They Are All bornly to the Lassigny-Roye line. have given no indications whether they hope to hold it longer than may be necessary to save material and withdraw divisions whose communi-cations are under the increasing menace of General Humbert's flanking "The capture of Ecouvillon, which

slightly in the region northeast of driven into the thick of the fight. Morlancourt, says the official statenent today from Field Marshal Haig. American troops are engaged in the Moriancourt region north of the

On the eastern bank of the Ancre ocal fighting took place last hight on he outskirts of Thiepval Wood, west of Thiepval after British patrols rossed the stream.

Further to the north further prog-ress has been made by the British, who have pushed their patrols eastward on the three-mile front between Seaucourt-sur-Ancre and Pulsieux-au

(The British are drawing a net around Albert. Morlancourt lies three miles south of that place. This pvai Wood is the same distance to the north and cost. Resuccourt is five miles

villers, three miles west of Roye, was announced by the War Office last night. The British advance in this reorings that German center in immithe Whole line the Germans have had the Twenty-sixth. 243d and Fifty-fourth Divisions, chiefly Wurtemberg-ers, the strong Twenty-seventh Divi-sion apparently having been with-The withdrawals on the west-

Allied Line Crosses Ancre

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Starting from Albert, we hold the west, or right bank of the Ancre, but the slopes on the opposite bank are strongly held by the enemy and the ground on our side. The enemy retains Meuille, but our line crosses the Ancre not far below that village and includes Dernancourt. There it runs southeast, heading the persistently contested ruins of Morlancourt well within it, and crossing the main road from Corbie to Bray it turns sharply south about a mile and half from Bray, so as to include the village and most of the loop or peninsula of Etinehem, and thus it reaches the Somme. South of the Somme it passes to include Preyart, Lihons, Chipilly and the rest down to the Roys read as to include Preyart, Lihons, Chipilly and the rest down to the Roys read as to include Preyart, Lihons, Chipilly and the rest down to the Roys read as to include Preyart, Lihons, Chipilly and the rest down to the Roys read as to include Preyart, Libons, Chipilly and the rest down to the Roys read as to include Preyart, Libons, Chipilly and the rest down to the Roys read as the Roys read as the lost of the Roys read as the Roys read as the pled out the yilinge in the helped out the yilinge in the helped out the yilinge in the pilinge on a detour rather the flow as the Germans built a wooden bridge on a detour rather the flow as the Helped out the yilinge in the recent wooden bridge on a detour rather the stream.

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The Somme runs with a deep and powerful stream and as in most chalk. The senting wooden bridge on a detour rather the yilinge bridge with a big iron girder construction and the Germans built as wooden bridge on a detour rather the sate of Noyon. Its left flank is covered by the Divette valley, stretching bif, from which it is separated by the Divette valley, stretching bif, the power of Canny-surful and the Germa

ply invariably being:
"You are no worse off than other units You must do with what you have

as we have no men to send to you the crew other than the officers were; U. S. FLIER MAKES FOE LEAP FROM BALLOON

> By the Associated Press With the American Army in France, made public today. ug. 16.-During the nertal fighting on Roye, Foe's Base Wednesday, which was the busiest day American aviators have experienced in some time, an American nirman attacked a German balloon. His gun jammed when he tried to fire incendiary builets.

An enemy airplane attacked an American balloon, but was driven off by fire from the ground without forcing the balloonist to jump. Confirmation' has been received of the salient, says:

"Just west of Lassigny there was a of San Antonio, Tex., in an air combat

## RIDICULES AMERICAN INDIANS

Degenerated Through Drink Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. The Hague, Aug. 16. - The Rhenish Westphalian Gazette speaks of the hum-"The capture of Ecouvilion, which facilitated the taking of Ribecourt, has been followed by the occupation of the Monolithe farm, giving the Third Army another grip on a vital position near Thiescourt and threatening the German line of retreat along the reports, saying that period the road to Noyon." London, Aug. 16.—South of Albert the British have advanced their line slightly in the series portheast of Albert takes of America's defeat, but will be slightly in the series portheast of

# WANT COUNTY FAIRS HELD

State Agricultural Department Opposes Fuel Administration Proposal By the Associated Press

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Harrisburg, Aug. 16.—Officials of the state Department of Agriculture have nformed representatives of the Federal usel administration that they are not n favor of the proposition to disconinue county fairs this year because of the coal situation and the possibility hat attractions may take miners away rom production.

Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton is flatly against the suggestion colding in a statement made to the fuel diministrator that this year county fairs will have greater value than ever in timulating production of foodstuffs.

# TANK OFFICER TAKES RECEIPT FOR VILLAGE LASSIGNY BATTLE

British "Whippets" Have Germans on the Run When- Foe Utilizes Old French ever They Appear-Little Change on Picardy Front

By HENRY W. NEVINSON

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With the British Armies, Aug. 16.
Very small change or movement is reported along the battlefront of our recent advance. When I was near Proyart yesterday morning a good deal of shelling on both sides burst out at intervals, but as a rule it was a day characteristic of the comparative calm after a general advance. The front lay concealed as though dormant, but it was searched for repeatedly by shrapnel and high explosives. Now and again a heavy shell came roaring down, apparently intended for reserves or deposits in the rear, as when I saw one plunge deep into a wooded lagoon of the Sommeas far back as Caully Saillette is now from our front and indeed a little further. Occasionally there was an outburst of machine-gun fire as well and the enemy tried a good deal of bombarding at night.

For myself I devoted the morning from dawn to a position held by our south country troops between the Ancre and the Somme. The streets are in ruins, and so is a large and simplest medieval architecture, although its two great towers still stand and might be restored.

Continuing along the north, or right bank of the Somme, which here winds it is great loops. I passed through the two fixed many form the whole line the Germans have had the Twenty-sixth. 243 and Fifty fourth Divisions, chiefly Wurtembergers, the vide with the remains of bridges from the north, as and chiefly the remains of bridges from the north, as and chiefly the remains of bridges from the north, as and chiefly the remains of the two latter I saw the remains of bridges from the north, as and chiefly the remains of bridges from the north, as and chiefly the remains of bridges from the north, as and chiefly the remains of bridges from the north, as and chiefly the remains of bridges from the north, as and chiefly the remains of bridges from the north, as and chiefly the remains of bridges from the north.

ern high ground to the villages or ruins on the southern plain. At Chipilly the British had earlier in the war helped out the yillage

was given by General March, chief of staff; testifying recently before the Sen ate Military Committee,

"It is not yet beyond the range of possibility that this Congress will have to authorize the invasion of other classes n order to carry the work through," March is quoted as saving in testimony

"The United States is voing to see this thing through. The way that we can win is to put the greatest number of men over there that we can. Hard-ships! Every one will have hardships! No man can go into war without hard-

March made it clear that there is lit- American tle posibility of France or England greatly increasing their armies. Replying to a question of Senator Kirby regarding the strength o France, March replied: the strength of England and

"The only way that Germany can be whipped is by America going into this with her whole strength. The Allies have a superiority in man-power on the western front today for the first e because American troops are there

# DON'T NEGLECT TO REGISTER

Provost Marshal General Reminds Youth of Duty on Aug. 29 By the Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 16.—Provost Marshal General Crowder issued a statement today emphasizing that all male citizens who shall have reached their twenty-first birthday since June 5 hast must appear before their local boards to register for military service on August 24, regardless of any presumed grounds for exemption. Opportunity to make claim for exemption will be afforded subsequently in the filling out of question-naires by registrants.

"Provision will be made for the registration by mail of any person who expects to be absent on registration day from the jurisdiction of the board where he permanently resides," says the statement. "But in such a case extreme care should be taken by him to see that his registration card reaches his home board on or before August 24. Such persons are advised to apply at once to a local board for instructions as to how to proceed."

All-American Defeats Hilldale All-American Defeats Hilldale
Art Summers's All-American Club defeated Hilldale Club at Darby yesterday through wonderful pitching of Dixie Davis, formerly of Phillies, Davis would have shut the crack colored club out but for a damaging error in eighth inning. The game was featured by terrific hitting of Bill Holden, and all around play of Castle Conroy, Lai and Santon. The All-Americans are the first white dub to defeat Hilldale this season.

sector of the Picardy front organized a swimming resort on the Somme near the scene of their victory and went in bath ing by the score.
"Duck, fellows, here comes another

one," the Yankees would shout as a shell would roar overhead and burst nearby, tearing up the road.

Then all heads would go under th the German artillery.

touch of Wild West fighting in the struggle west of Bray.

The rapidity and concentration of the American musketry volleys was one of the most surprising features of the merican victory. The Yankees went forward without

the aid of machine guns, depending en-tirely upon their rifles—a performance than won the approbation of the French and British. German machine gun nests were en-circled and the gunners were picked off by the sharpshooting doughboys. Many

used only their automatic pistols, shooting the Germans through the head on

the run.

erners in the fight.

It is amazing how quickly the Americans became accustomed to the enemy artifiery fire despite the fact that they received their first baptism at the opening of the offensive a week ago.

The Americans are proud of their achievement in winning a strip of land. scape, than which there was no tougher bit of ground, along the woods and ravines bordering the outskirts of Bray. The weather has been hot since the Americans were in the thick of the fight-

### **DELAWARE FLIER A PRISONER**

ing and they have been refreshing them-solves by dips in the Somme.

Comrade Believes Lieut. Layton Is in German Camp Georgetown, Del., Aug. 16.—A letter

was received from Lieutenant Davis, a comrade of the missing aviator, Lieutenant Lawrence Layton, of Georgetown, this morning that Layton was flying in a patrol of five planes on July 18 when they were attacked by German

Layton's plane was evidently hit and although he could not fly he was able to descend and the plane was seen by the other fliers to descend within the

German lines.

The writer states that there is every reason to believe that Lieutenant Layton is a prisoner of war and was not lilled or injured in his descent. Cables have been dispatched to the International Red Cross for confirmation of his imprisonment.

# **DEFENSES HALT**

Trenches in Thiescourt Sector

POILUS CAPTURE RIDGE

By WALTER DURANTY

pecial Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copurisht, 1918, by New York Times C With the French Armles, Aug. 16.

Tht first phase of the battle in the The first phase of the battle in the Thiescourt sector is ended. The French are now facing the enemy, who holds strongly organized positions criss-crossed by the trenches constructed by both adversaries in the last three years. To overcome this resistance it would be necessary either to smash the trenches. the trenches by a preliminary bom-bardment, long or short, or take them piecemeal by grenade attacks, both proceedings being a reversion to posi-tion warfare from the recent maneuver fighting.

fighting.

This is stated solely as regards operations on this part of the front. What may happen elsewhere is in the province of the high command. The situation is influenced at present by three factors. The first is geographical, the nature of the ground where the battle is being fought. The second is the enemy method of defense, and, third, the means at the disposal of the French to reduce it.

On Monday they were confronted by On Monday they were confronted by the Massif of Thiescourt, covering the line between Lassigny and Noyon, and

forming an outpost of a greater mas-sif, from which it is separated by the Divette valley, stretching back north-

the French having obtained the two heights, St. Claude Farm and Ecouvillon Farm, which for an army advancing from the south constitutes the key of the whole position in the Thiescourt hills, and having thus secured their right from the danger of an attack from the fastnesses of Little Switzerland, the

whole front is tast.

The French have to reconstruct roads and bring up heavy artillery and ammunition, and their men, after four days. water, but the boys continued to defy the German artillery.

The Americans gave the Germans at the full further resistance in the old French further resistance further further resistance further further resistance further further further resistance further further further resistance further lines of 1914-1917, and can congratulate himself on his luck in finding such a powerful defensive line ready to hand in the rear of his retreating army at a noment when his overtasked troops

The treiness are and quite utilizate; the wire entanglements apparently are as solid as ever and in the last two days between Canny-sur-Matz and Le Pressier de Roye, our troops found them-selves up against first-class trench warfare positions against which we shall be able to make no headway until we have brought up our heavy guns and started on them in the now old-fashioned manner of 1917.

### SERVICE FOR LIEUT. ROOSEVELT

Conducted by Bishop Brent Beside Aviator's Grave By the Associated Press

By the Associated Press
Paris, Aug. 18.—Religious services beside the grave of Lieutenant Quentin
Roosevelt, near the spot where he fell to
his death in an air combat list month,
were held today by Bishon Brent, of the
Protestant Episcopal Chuich, and the
Rev. Charles S. MacFarland, of the
Federal Council of churches of Christ
in America.
The service took place after a visit to
the American from the American front
during the advance to the Vesle reported
that Lieutenant Roosevelt had been
buried near Chamery, east of Fere-enTardenois.

Yacht Club Buildings Burned Cleveland, Aug. 16.—Fire in the Cleveland Yacht Club buildings at Rocky River this morning virtually destroyed the entire group of buildings. The club recently erected a new dance payifion and remodeled the large main building. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

DEATHS

VOGELS. — Aug. 15. MART ROGERS.
daughter of the late Charles Beyan and
Eleanor M. Siockton Vogels. Relatives and
friends invited to funeral services, Sat. 15.
D. m., at the Oliver H. Bair Bidg., 1850
Ollain, Aug. 16. 1918, ELIA MAI.
wife of William P. Dillin. At 452 3. 514
st. Further notice will be given.