



FOCH STRIKES HUNS ON 25-MILE FRONT; YANKEES FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH FRENCH; 112TH INFANTRY MOVED TO BATTLE LINE

AMERICANS GO "OVER THE TOP" IN HIGH SPIRITS

The Yankees Fight Brilliantly With Petain's Men in Great New Offensive

ATTACK GREAT SURPRISE Success Marks Opening Chapter of Battle Planned by Supreme Commander

By Associated Press With the American Army in France, July 18.—American troops went over the top with a cheer this morning in the launching of the allied surprise attack on the front northwest of Chateau Thierry.

The enemy was taken completely by surprise all along the line.

The American troops were brought up in the night, together with their French comrades of crack units, and lay in their positions until 5 o'clock this morning. At that hour the American and French artillery opened fire.

The Americans advanced behind a terrific barrage to their first objectives in less than half an hour. While they were digging in, more Americans, in most cases, passed over the first objectives and then advanced behind the resumed barrage to the second objectives, which speedily were taken, especially at the north end of the attack, opposite the Paris-Soissons road.

Without Warning Numerous tanks participated in the offensive.

The American infantry went into the attack without previous artillery preparation. In their advance behind the rolling barrage they captured many guns, machine guns, equipment and material.

The Germans in most places offered feeble resistance.

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Girl of Fourteen Gets a License to Marry

One of the youngest girls to get a marriage license in Dauphin county in months applied yesterday. She is Mabel May Hollerbusch, aged 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Hollerbusch, Dover, R. F. D. She will marry Wilbur H. Bentzel, 22, of Shippensburg. Her father gave his consent to the marriage. A brother, 20 years of age, took out a marriage license July 1.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night; Friday partly cloudy; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night; Friday partly cloudy; little change in temperature; gentle shifting winds. River The Susquehanna river is falling. A stage of 3.7 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning. Temperature: 8 a. m., 64. Sun: Rises, 5:44 a. m.; sets, 8:16 p. m. Moon: Full moon, July 23. River Stage: 8 a. m., 3:18 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 79. Lowest temperature, 68. Mean temperature, 74. Normal temperature, 75. CIVIC CLUB FLY CONTEST Civic Club Fly Swatting Contest closes July 31, 9 a. m. to 12 noon. Five cents a pint for all flies. Prizes to be awarded.

Another Great German Discovery



CITY PATROLMAN IS ARRESTED ON WOMAN'S CHARGE

John S. Dye Taken Off Beat on Warrant Sworn to by Sister-in-Law

John S. Dye, patrolman on the city police force, is in the Dauphin county jail on a serious charge preferred by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Harrison Brown, 1182 Christian street. He was called to the police station while on his beat this morning, and the warrant was served by County Detective James T. Walters and Constable William L. Windsor, Jr., in Chief of Police Wetzel's office.

Dye was appointed to the police force by Mayor Keister several months ago after he had passed the civil service examinations with high marks.

It is charged by Mrs. Brown that Dye entered her home while he was on duty, and attempted to commit a serious crime. She made out information to that effect before Alderman Nicholas, who will hold the preliminary hearing to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Bretz Files Petition in Voluntary Bankruptcy

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy for Harry M. Bretz, attorney, charged with embezzlement by a client, was filed by his counsel. It was sent late last night to the clerk of the United States District Court at Scranton. No statement of assets has been prepared, it was announced. Later the case will be handled by John T. Olmsted, referee in bankruptcy in Dauphin county. The agreement to go into voluntary bankruptcy was reached after a conference between attorneys for Bretz's creditors and his counsel.

DISEASE AND CRIME RESULT OF HOUSING; CHILDREN SUFFERING

Inspection Party Finds Conditions Frightful in Many Parts of the City; Slums Encroaching Upon What Have Been Good Neighborhoods; People Cannot Help Themselves

THE devastated regions of Belgium offer no worse housing conditions than some to be found right here in Harrisburg.

This is the absolute truth. The doubter need step no farther than a half-square from the heart of Harrisburg to prove it. This is not written for the sake of a newspaper sensation, nor to give Harrisburg a "black eye," for

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Enemy Driven From South Bank of Marne by Yanks, General Pershing Reports

Washington, July 18.—General Pershing's communique for yesterday reports that in the American sector on the Marne the enemy has been entirely driven from the south bank. The dispatch follows: "Section A—In the Marne sector our troops have entirely regained possession of the south bank of the river. Northwest of Chateau Thierry the enemy yesterday repeated his attempts of the preceding day to penetrate our lines near Vaux. His attack was completely broken up by our infantry and artillery fire before reaching our lines. "Yesterday, in the region of Thiaucourt, a hostile airplane was shot down by one of our aviators."

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FRENCH LAUNCH GREATEST ALLIED STROKE OF YEAR

Poilus Take Prisoners in the Opening Stages of Heavy Offensive Movement

MAKE RAPID PROGRESS Petain's Veterans Penetrate Lines to Depth of Two Miles at Some Points

London, July 18.—The French have gained from two to four miles everywhere on the 25-mile front of their offensive to-day between the Aisne and the Marne, according to reports reaching London this afternoon.

Reports received in London showed the situation up to noon all along the line of the attack begun by the French this morning to be excellent.

The attack is the biggest offensive move made this year by the allies.

The French have captured several thousand prisoners and about twenty guns.

The French move this morning appeared to have been a surprise to the Germans. The manner in which this surprise was accomplished may best be judged from the map, which shows a great area of forest covering the ground behind the French lines. Under cover of these forests General Foch has been preparing for some time for the present move.

The Supreme Moment "This is the moment Foch has been looking for," said a military authority here to-day, "and if all goes well his splendidly executed counterattack should bring the whole German off-

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Russell Brightbill, of Heckton Mills, Severely Injured on Battle Front



RUSSELL BRIGHTBILL

Russell Brightbill, of Heckton Mills, mentioned in to-day's casualty lists, as severely injured, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brightbill. Employed as a watchman at a Pennsylvania railroad crossing at Dauphin, he enlisted shortly after the declaration of war. Brightbill, who is 21 years old, is serving with the Machine Gun Battalion of the Ninth Regular Infantry.

No details as to the severity of Brightbill's injuries are known by his parents. The first intimation that he had been injured was furnished to them by a letter from the son himself, no notice having as yet been received from the War Department. Previous to the letter announcing his injuries, his parents had not heard from Russell for twelve weeks. William, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Brightbill, is in the army. He is attached to the Second Cavalry.

Keystone Division Now Is Taking Part in Fighting With Aid of French Army

Members of the Old National Guard Brigaded With Petain's Poilus Already Making Names For Themselves on Battle Lines Where the Huns Are Attacking

HARRISBURG BOYS CITED FOR BRAVERY IN ACTION

Unofficial Dispatches Indicate Scores of Harrisburg Lads Are Bearing Up Magnificently Under Fire; Are Praised by French Officers Who Are in Command

Pennsylvania National Guard units have entered the battle line in France.

Brigaded with the French armies members of the Keystone division which trained for the grim business of war at Camp Hancock have gotten their first taste of fighting and already Harrisburg youths have been mentioned in cable dispatches from the front as having "distinguished themselves."

Official word of the part of old guard units are withheld by the War Department, but it is understood that the Pennsylvania boys are with the French units for a final bit of training before taking their places under their own commanders in the recently organized Second Army Corps. There are 28,000 men in the division of which Harrisburg has given approximately 700 of its best young blood.

The name of Daniel H. Werner, son of Mrs. Emma Werner, 17 North Seventeenth street, is mentioned as being one of those whose bravery under fire was noted. He is a member of Company L, 112th Infantry, in which scores of other Harrisburg boys are members. Werner was a member of the old Eighth Regiment, N. G. P., when that organization marched from Harrisburg to train for the southern training camp.

Details Meager Details of the fighting are meager but mention of a dozen brave Pennsylvanians is contained to-day in a copyrighted cablegram from the front in France which appears in the Public Ledger. It appears that members of the Keystone division now are brigaded with at least two French divisions in different battle sectors where the Huns now are attacking. The dispatch also mentions that members of this same division had troops with the French ten days ago when the latter attacked and captured half of Hill 204 near Vaux and dominating Chateau Thierry.

French Officers Pleased According to the Public Ledger's correspondent "French high officers" in commenting on the valor of American troops in the sectors in which the Keystone were brigaded have said:

"The fighting of the Americans engaged is worthy of all praise. By their ability not only on the defensive, but in immediate and vigorous counterattacks they have made a great impression on their allies. On the other hand, prisoners are frank to admit the power of America's new army, as shown in recent combats."

Proud of Her Son When a Telegraph reporter to-day showed the dispatch to Mrs. Werner in which her son was cited she expressed her satisfaction.

"I knew he would do it," she said, and her eyes became moist as she proudly told of the young soldier's life here.

A Fighting Brother Another son, Gilbert D. Werner, enlisted several months ago, although he was but fifteen years old. He appropriated a pair of his brother's trousers and passed as being much older than he really is. He was stationed at camp and his mother brought birth certificates and the family Bible record to camp just two days before the contingent sailed, in order to have him released. "I thought Gilbert was too young to fight," she explained.

Other Pennsylvanians who distinguished themselves are mentioned in the dispatch. Among them are Privates Samuel Scritchfield, Johns-

EVERY POSTMAN IS A WALKING W. S. S. STATION 25¢ Starts a Card

GERMAN LOSSES 60,000 IN MARNE BATTLE POCKET

Unable to Widen or Deepen Pocket South of Marne; 40 Divisions Engaged

SCORE MORE SUPPORTING

French Premier Clemenceau, Back From Front, Well Pleased With Situation

Paris, July 18.—In the pocket which the Germans have created south of the Marne, their losses according to conservative estimates, reached 60,000 in the first two days fighting. The Matin declares to-day. Treating of the situation in this sector of the front the Echo De Paris says: "Because of the counterattacks delivered by the army of General DeGottie and our American allies the Germans were unable appreciably to widen or deepen the pocket." According to the same newspaper, 40 German divisions have been fully engaged while twenty support divisions were obliged to take more or less part in the fighting. Premier Clemenceau returned last evening from a visit to the front, expressing himself very well satisfied with the situation.



DANIEL H. WERNER

Unofficially Cited For Bravery While Fighting With 112th Regiment

town; Samuel Strauss, Franklin; John Girzel, Scranton; George Shuster, Pottsville; Carl Bullock, Hoedsdale, and Harry Meenen, 1807 Tostin street, Pittsburgh.

FRENCH TAKE ROIS WOOD AND VILLAGE OF VENTEUIL

LONDON—NORTH OF THE MARNE THE FRENCH HAVE REGAINED THE WHOLE OF THE ROIS WOOD AND THE VILLAGE OF VENTEUIL. NEWS FROM THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE FRONT WAS GOOD TO-DAY. THE GERMANS HAVE NOWHERE MADE ANY PROGRESS AND SEVERAL OF THEIR ATTACKS HAVE BEEN BROKEN UP WITH HEAVY LOSSES. WEST OF RHEIMS THE FRENCH HAVE REGAINED AN IMPORTANT BIT OF TERRITORY ON THE BANK OF THE MARNE RIVER. THIS GIVES THEM AN OBSERVATION POINT DOWN THE MARNE VALLEY AND ENABLES THEIR ARTILLERY TO ENFILADE A LONG STRETCH OF THE GERMAN LINES.

JAPANESE TO SEND TROOPS INTO SIBERIA

Tokio—Japanese newspapers to-day publish the terms of an American proposal to send American troops to Siberia. The newspapers say the Japanese government has decided to accept the suggestion made by the American government that Japan also send troops.

HUNS UNABLE TO WITHSTAND OFFENSIVE

With the American Army in France—July 18—2 p. m.—The entire offensive operation begun this morning on the front between the Aisne and the Marne is going at this hour for the most part even better than had been expected. The enemy so far has been unable to withstand the shocks the Americans and their allies have delivered and still are delivering. As the whole German left flank is menaced the enemy must draw in his troops from the Marne front or risk being caught where they are. This means that the finishing blow possibly has been administered to his dying offensive.

Torey and Givry and the Givry wood were taken by the Americans in their advance.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Milton J. Sanderson and Amanda M. Souder, Newport; Ralph C. Frantz, Lancaster, and Anna B. Stoll, Harrisburg; Wilbur H. Bentzel, Shippensburg, and Mabel M. Hollerbusch, Dover, R. F. D. No. 3; Albert R. Crown and Ellen or Mc. Rhum, Harrisburg.