



# YANKEES BLAST THEIR WAY FORWARD AS GREAT BATTLE INCREASES IN VIOLENCE

### Reinforced Huns Desperately Defend Lines Threatened by Disastrous Defeat

### YANKEES AND FRENCH KEEP UP STEADY POUNDING TACTICS

### Efforts of Crown Prince to Rally Reserves Indicates Great Armies Soon Will Be in Giant Struggle

## GREATEST BATTLE OF HISTORY MAY BE NEAR

AMSTERDAM, July 20.

A SEMI-OFFICIAL telegram received here from Berlin, while admitting that "the enemy has succeeded in penetrating into and pressing our lines at some points," avoids particulars of the allied success. Lieutenant General Baron Von Ardenne, commenting in the Tageblatt on the German offensive, says: "We clearly are only in the beginning of probably the greatest battle in the entire history of the world. The most severe fighting still lies ahead. It would be presumptuous and in bad taste to talk already about the fresh destruction of enemy fighting forces."

By Associated Press

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 20.—The battle zone along the front of the allied counterattack between the Aisne and the Marne is being extended further south towards Chateau Thierry than the region previously affected, according to information early this morning.

The Franco-American forces are continuing the steady pounding of the northern part of the line, near Soissons, although the movement is lacking the dashing advance which characterized the first day of the attack.

### Look For Giant Battle

The attempts of the crown prince's generals to rally their forces to meet the steady movement of the allies has resulted in such strengthening of the opposition as to indicate that the battle is approaching the point when the armies will soon be locked in a giant struggle.

Both on the northern end of the line and further south the reinforced Germans are making a desperate effort to hold their positions.

The weather was clear this morning and this gave some satisfaction to the thousands of men engaged on the allied side. The indications however, were that the day would be one of exceptional heat.

### German Dead Covers Ground

American troops participating in the Franco-American advance late yesterday of about a mile and a quarter on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry front, went forward against strong machine gun fire over ground covered with German dead.

From a hill east of Dommiers about six kilometers southwest of Soissons, the correspondent Friday saw the Americans going into action in the forward movement. The advance was well organized and the system worked well from one end of the line to the other.

### Advance Behind Barrage

Under a barrage fire from 75s and 55s, American infantry and machine gunners advanced through ripening grain fields, trampled by the retreating Germans Thursday and reached their objectives according to schedule, despite the fire of German machine guns. The bombardment of the big German guns was feeble at this point.

The Americans started from a point just west of the Paris-Soissons road near the shell-shattered village of Missy-aux-Bois, advancing nearly a kilometer before the Germans began to reply with their big guns to the American barrage. Missy-aux-Bois lies in a valley and the Americans were advancing upgrade toward the east. A few tanks were here and there preceding the infantrymen. As the Americans progressed the enemy barrage fire increased.

### Hillsides Dotted With Dead

The hillsides east of Dommiers, over which the Americans advanced were dotted with dead. The entire region was well within the German lines until after the Franco-American offensive of Thursday. One quickly dug trench had been filled with German bodies. They were machine gunners who had been caught by the terrific fire of the allied artillery. In many places the German dead were in piles, while a trench on the crest of a hill contained more than one hundred dead.

London, July 20.—French troops on the Soissons front have extended their advance from Monte de Paris, southwest of the city, to Belleau, a town southeast of Soissons.

The number of German prisoners taken in the Franco-American offensive now has reached 18,800.

On the Rheims front forces have advanced for a distance of 1,000 yards between Soutain and Auberive. The French also made slight progress near Pourcy.

The French advanced on an average of one mile on a 20-mile front between noon yesterday and nine o'clock last night.

The French line has not been advanced much further toward Soissons, but the front now is very close to the main road opposite Villemonitrois six miles south of Soissons. Villemonitrois is an important center for the transport of German troops.

The French line now passes through Fontenoy, Pernant, Berzy-le-Seo, Villemonitrois, north of Le Plessier-Huleu, Chouy, Neuilly-St. Front and Cornelans.

## YANKEES PIERCE ENEMY LINES TO A DEPTH OF TEN MILES IN DRIVE

Pennsylvania National Guard Plays Important Part in Great Battle Against the Hun, Gen. March Reports

### HUN DRIVE SMASHED, ALLIED LEADERS SAY

Fall of Soissons Imminent as Americans Pour Artillery Fire; Offensive to Continue; Attack on British Halts

Washington, July 20.—Official reports to the War Department, General March told newspapermen to-day at the weekly conference, showed a maximum penetration by the Franco-American counterattack of ten miles, and an average penetration of seven miles on a 22-mile front.

During his interview General March disclosed the fact that the embarkation of American troops has passed the 1,200,000 mark.

Keystone Boys at Front The attack still is being pressed here, against heavy German reserves. The American troops engaged on this front are the First, Second, Third and Fourth regular divisions, and the 26th (New England), and 28th (Pennsylvania) National Guard. The 42d National Guard (Rainbow), is stationed in the Champagne region. An unattached regiment of negro troops from the 93d National Army division is in each sector.

Soissons Near Capture The War Department has no advice as to the city of Soissons has fallen, but it is known to be under a heavy fire from American artillery and its fall seems imminent.

Six of General Pershing's divisions or about 200,000 American troops, are fighting with the French in the present offensive in the Aisne-Marne district. General March, chief of staff, to-day advised members of the Senate Military Committee, at their weekly conference.

Offensive to Continue The Franco-American offensive will continue as long as it is possible to force the Germans back, General March stated.

General March told the Senators also that the Germans had been preparing for an offensive against the British to the north on the western front, but that the British had repulsed their last offensive against the Franco-American front.

Huns Completely Stopped For some reason, General March stated, the drive against the British was postponed and that is the probability.

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### Send Games, but Not Dice, Red Cross Plea

New Orleans, July 20.—A Red Cross official said today on dice as far as their distribution in the four army cantonments in the gulf division of the Red Cross is concerned.

A call for games, issued throughout the division recently, brought to Red Cross headquarters here not only cards, dominoes, checker and chess boards, but a complete assortment of dice.

Now there has gone forth from Red Cross headquarters a request to the public not to contribute dice as the Red Cross does not favor the playing of games to which they usually are devoted.

### Hun Nurse Glues Up Sick Poilu's Mouth

London.—A returned prisoner, who had lain wounded in a German hospital, as a Frenchman next him talked considerably. As a slap on the face did not quiet him, his cruel nurse stuck his mouth up with surgical plaster.

### CHOLERA BREAKS OUT IN MOSCOW; 300 CASES

London, July 20.—Cholera has broken out in Moscow, according to a Russian wireless message received here to-day. Within the past twenty-four hours, the message says, there have been registered in Moscow 22 known cholera cases, seventy-eight suspected cholera cases and twenty-six cases of stomach disease.

The dispatch says that so far as known 120 cases of cholera have occurred in the province of Petrograd.

### Von Hindenburg's Title to Ludendorff

Paris, July 20.—General LUDENDORFF, who up till July 17 had borne the title of quartermaster general of the German army, has received in a German official statement the title of chief of the general staff, according to the Matin. The newspaper points out that that title belonged to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and wonders what has become of him.

## LIEUT. ROOSEVELT'S DEATH IS CONFIRMED

Notes Dropped Into American Camps Dispel Hope That Former President's Son May Have Landed Safely on Hun Territory

Paris, July 20.—German aviators have dropped a note into American aviation camps confirming the death of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt.

Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, whose death while flying as an aviator in the American ranks is confirmed from German sources, was the youngest son of the former president. He disappeared last Sunday morning during a combat between American and German machines ten miles inside the enemy

## BIG U. S. PLANT LOST TO CITY BY LACK OF HOUSES

Lew R. Palmer, Acting Commissioner of Labor and Industry, Tells How Government Industry Went Elsewhere Because Harrisburg Had No Homes For Its Workers

How Harrisburg lost a big government plant which would have employed hundreds of workmen constantly because the city could not house the newcomers, was related to-day by Lew R. Palmer, acting commissioner of Labor and Industry, which includes the State Bureau of Municipalities.

Mr. Palmer was asked concerning conditions here and strongly urged the location of the plant in this city, on account of our excellent railroad situation, proximity to mines and farm products, but the Federal authorities after making their own investigation declined because of the poor housing conditions.

Other cities under consideration were in much better shape to handle surplus population, it was found. This industry alone would have given employment to about 5,000 people, it is reported, approaching in importance the big plants of the

## 202,350 SONS OF STATE IN U. S. SERVICE FOR WAR

27,600 in Keystone Division; 750 in Rainbow; 15,000 in Regular Army

Pennsylvania has sent 202,350 men into the armed service of the nation since the outbreak of the war according to figures issued to-day by Major W. G. Murdock, chief of the state draft headquarters. Major Murdock says that there have been 150,400 men in the 28th or Keystone division; 750 are in the Rainbow division, 15,000 in the

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### BRITISH BOMB HANGARS

Copenhagen, July 20.—German airship sheds at Tondern, in Schleswig-Holstein, were bombed recently by three British airplanes, and two Zepplins were destroyed, according to an eye witness account of the raid printed in the newspaper Stifts Tidende of Ribe, Denmark.

## HARRISBURG TO GROPE ITS WAY AS LIGHTS DIM

Drastic Order Bars Unessential Illuminant Beginning Next Wednesday Night

Next Wednesday night will be lightless. Thereafter, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night will be devoid of outdoor illumination, according to the order of the National Fuel Administrator which is being distributed to the county fuel administrators to-day.

The regulations restrict street lighting to only so much as is necessary for public safety. Lights in shop windows must be discontinued from sunrise to sunset every day and must be discontinued altogether on the four lightless nights.

The regulations forbid the use of [Continued on Page 10.]

## NAVAL OFFICERS BELIEVE CRUISER WAS SUNK BY A SUBMERGED MINE

Captain Christy Sticks to His Theory That Submarine, Torpedoed San Diego, Although No One Saw Enemy COMMANDER WAS LAST TO LEAVE HIS VESSEL

Officers and Seamen Cool as Warship Sinks; Bravery of Men Believed to Be Responsible For Small Loss of Life

Washington, July 20.—Although Captain Christy reported his belief that it was a torpedo that sent the ship down off Long Island yesterday, further reported to-day showing that five or six mines which destroyed by warships in the vicinity last night strengthened the opinion of naval officers here that an enemy submarine was not responsible for the disaster.

A statement by Rear Admiral Palmer, acting Secretary of the Navy, describing the heroic conduct of Captain Christy and his men, emphasized the absence of any evidence of the reappearance of enemy raiders.

1,100 Survivors Land All the survivors of the cruiser San Diego, said to number over eleven hundred, have arrived in New York. They were brought in during the night on rescuing ships from the scene of the destruction of the cruiser which was sunk off Fire Island, just east of New York, yesterday.

According to the commander of one of the rescuing ships which brought in some five hundred of the crew, the survivors were of the opinion that the San Diego was torpedoed.

Official information at the Navy yard and the Hoboken docks were refused and no civilians were allowed access to the survivors. Whether there was loss of life still is unknown.

Last to Leave Captain H. Christy, commander of the armored cruiser San Diego, sunk yesterday off Long Island, reported to the Navy Department to-day his belief that the ship was torpedoed, in spite of the absence of any positive evidence of the presence of an enemy submarine.

A statement issued to-day by Rear Admiral Palmer, acting Secretary of the Navy, commends the exemplary conduct of officers and men of the San Diego, citing particularly the courageous behavior of Captain Christy, who was the last to leave the ship.

Men Are Brave As the ship was turning over the captain fell away over the side and jumped overboard. He and the executive officers were cheered by the men in the boats and as the

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## British Push Ahead to Meteren; Hold Le Waton and Take 436 Prisoners

London, July 20.—British troops last night advanced their line on a mile front south of the town of Hebuterne, the war office announced to-day. A successful raid was carried out by the British near Beaumont-Hamel.

Hebuterne is about midway on the front between Albert and Arras. Beaumont-Hamel is two and one-half miles south of Hebuterne.

As the result of yesterday's operation on the Flanders front the British line was advanced along a breadth of 4,000 yards in the Meteren sector. The village of Meteren, and a group of buildings southwest of the village, known as Le Waton, now are held by the British troops. The prisoners taken aggregate 436.

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## FORMER CZAR EXECUTED, SAYS OFFICIAL REPORT

President of Ural Council Is Said to Have Ordered Death of Nicholas

London, July 20.—Former Emperor Nicholas of Russia, has been shot a Russian wireless statement to-day announced.

The former emperor's correspondence, including letters from the Monk Rasputin, who was killed shortly before the revolution, written to the emperor and his family, will be published in the near future, the wireless message declares.

The former empress and the young Alexis Romanoff, the former heir apparent, have been sent to a place of security.

The central executive body of the [Continued on Page 10.]

## NATIONAL GAME GIVES WAY TO BATTLE RULING

Cleveland, O., July 20.—President James C. Dunn, of the Cleveland American League club, to-day sent the following message to Cleveland from Chicago: "We will play a double-header with Philadelphia tomorrow and then will close the ball [Continued on Page 12.]

## HUN FLYER IS DRIVEN BACK ON RENT COAST

London, July 20.—A German airplane crossed the Kentish coast this morning and was driven back by the fire of anti-aircraft guns, according to an official announcement.

## French and American Troops Continue Steady Advance, Paris Officially Reports

### SOISSONS STILL HOLDS BUT ITS FALL IS NOW EXPECTED

### Germans Tighten Defensive When Pushed With Backs Against River; Falling Back

London, July 20.—The Germans on the front south of the Marne have suffered a repulse by the French and are retreating northward across the river, Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters telegraphs this afternoon.

With the French Armies in France, July 20.—Entente allied troops today are driving back the Germans on the southern bank of the river Marne and are now approaching the river embankment.

Paris, July 20.—French and American troops are continuing their advance between the Aisne and the Marne, according to an official statement issued by the war office to-day.

South of the Marne the French have thrown back the enemy between Fossoy and Reully and have retaken ground towards the Marne.

The allied advance has reached the line Vierzy, beyond the [Continued on Page 10.]

## AUGUST 5TH QUOTAS

Harrisburg—Quotas from counties near Harrisburg to go to Camp Wadsworth under the selective draft act August 5 were announced to-day as follows: Adams 5

Lebanon, 1st district 17, second district 11; Cumberland, 1st district 10, second 14; Franklin, 1st district 16, second 13; Juniata, none; Lancaster City, 1st district 3, second 10; Lancaster county, 1st district, 1, second none;

3rd 1, 4th 1; York city, 1st district 13, 2nd 10; York county, 1st district 8, second 0; Perry, 19.

## ITALIANS TAKE MONTE STABEL

Rome—Italian troops have wrested from the Austrians Monte Stabel and completely reoccupied Cornodi-Cabento, in the Adanello region of the mountain front.

RIVADAVIA BRINGS NAON TO PORT New York—With many flags flying, her crew lining her rails at attention and her band playing "The Star Spangled Banner" the Argentine battleship Rivadavia, which brought Ambassador Naon to the United States, arrived here to-day from Norfolk, Va.

## CROWDER CHALLENGES CLASS 1 MEN

Washington—Provost Marshal General Crowder to-day issued an appeal to all men of Class 1, calling upon them to begin now their preparations as chosen soldiers to defend the country and not wait until they actually have been called into camp.

## 48 OF CRUISERS CREW MISSING

New York—Forty-eight members of the crew of the United States cruiser San Diego, sunk yesterday off Fire Island, still are unaccounted for, after checking of reports of rescuing steamers made to navy officials here to-day.

## O'LEARY JURY DISCHARGED; CANNOT AGREE

New York—A jury in the Federal court here to-day reported its inability to agree on a verdict in the re-trial of John J. O'Leary for alleged obstruction of justice and was discharged.

## GERMANS RETREATING ACROSS MARNE

On the French Front in France—The Germans have been repulsed and are crossing the Marne to the northward

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Paul W. Bowman and Helen L. Gettel, Harrisburg; George D. Panabaker, Penbrook, and Claire M. Stundt, Harrisburg; Ralph D. Rehner and Amy K. Hoop, Middletown; Charles A. Hamsher, New Cumberland, and Esther E. Grate, New Market; Harry H. Minnich and Mary E. Duke, Enola; Albert B. Donahue and Katherine B. Roberts, Marysville; Harry S. Thrush, Washington Heights, and Rosanna A. Lamason, Penbrook; George D. Bretz, Steelton, and Grace Hugel, Royaltown.