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FIRES OF WAR LIGHT SMOOKES AS GERMANS DESTROY IN RETREAT

GERMAN RETREAT GENERAL ON ALL SIDES OF SALIENT; VILLAGES FIRED

Many Prisoners Taken by the Allied Armies in Victorious Advance; Huns Lose Fruits of Gains Won in Earlier Battles.

CAVALRY USED TO RUN DOWN FLEEING ENEMY

Further Withdrawal Is Indicated Far Behind Present Lines; Fourteen Large Fires Seen; Important Boche Base at Fismes Is in Flames

London, Aug. 3.—The German retreat is general on all three faces of the salient conquered by the Germans in May, and the allies are pressing close on the heels of the retreating enemy, says Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters telegraphing at 11 o'clock Friday night.

After the fall of Soissons, the correspondent adds, French headquarters received the names of villages and woods recaptured by the allies with almost monotonous regularity.

Enemy Surrenders

"Plessier wood," he continues, "which abuts on the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road, was turned early in the day and the defenders surrendered. This wood was the center of the enemy resistance and the fight for it was extraordinarily bitter. Farther north the British troops crossed the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road and, pressing through the Concrois wood soon were more than a mile east of Villetannoy."

"As in March of last year, the French army is advancing in pursuit of the enemy with cavalry patrols far in advance, while the horse artillery and engineers accompany the infantry. Rain has fallen heavily all day and the roads are in a state which sensibly retards the pace of our advance.

"The description given by the correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt of the devastation of towns, villages and farms by the enemy is true, and the destruction the German boasts of is all the Germans gained by three great offenses, which cost them hundreds of thousands of killed, wounded and prisoners."

The Germans are executing a local retirement to the east bank of the Aisne in the region of Albert, on a front of three or four miles, according to news received in London to-day.

German Hold Precarious

The German hold on the west bank of the Aisne in this region has been

Russ Blocks Cablegrams Through Atlantic Channel

New York, Aug. 3.—Private cablegrams for Russia cannot be accepted for transmission over the lines of the Commercial Cable Company as the consequence of recent and as yet unexplained action of the Russian Government, it was announced here to-day by the company. It was stated, however, that cablegrams for Vladivostok may go by way of San Francisco.

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THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and cooler to-night; lowest temperature about 60 degrees; Sunday partly cloudy.

AMERICANS GAIN FIVE MILES IN ENEMY'S CENTER

Great Turning Movement Throws Enemy Into Confusion and Compels Him to Prepare For Another Big Retreat to the Aisne

GERMANS FEAR A BRITISH BLOW

Paris, Aug. 3.—French advanced forces have reached the river Vesle and are preparing to cross the stream. The Germans are continuing their retreat towards the river Aisne.

On the French Front in France, Aug. 3.—The allied advance along the Soissons-Rheims front continued throughout last night and this morning. The banks of the Aisne have been reached along the front from Pommiers, west of Soissons, to Venizel on the east of that town. Farther east the allies have reached the district of Serches, Couvelles and Cerseuil.

Cavalry patrols have arrived at the river Vesle in the vicinity of Champigny and Jonchery, finding all the bridges cut or burned by the Germans.

Just to the west of Rheims the allies have reached or are approaching Tinquex, Thillois, Gueux and Rostay, all lying in the neighborhood of the main road from Rouen to Rheims.

Fires are illuminating the skies everywhere, the enemy burning everything as he retreats. More than forty conflagrations were counted during the course of the night.

Paris, Aug. 3.—The French army is holding several fords across the Vesle river. The Germans evidently have given up the idea of making a stand there.

The Germans are retreating north of the Vesle with great precipitation. Great fires are raging in the territory evacuated by the enemy. The German right wing on the north bank of the Aisne is in a dangerous situation and it is expected that they will be unable to hold their present position.

The right wing of the German armies south of the Aisne appears to have crumbled before the attack of the allies.

Occupying Soissons apparently was only a small incident in the grand scheme that is being worked out by the allied commanders. After that historic city had been captured by Germans,

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TELLS HOW STATE GUARDS MARCHED TO FRONT LINES

Keystone Division Men Well Satisfied With Experiences in France

Letters from Harrisburg officers and men of the Keystone Division received yesterday and to-day tell of the movement of that division from its camp in the northern part of France toward the front where it has been taking a glorious part in the various battles north of the Marne river.

Captain E. J. Stackpole, Jr., who commands Company M, of the One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Keystone division, which has been participating in the heavy fighting in the Soissons-Rheims salient for the last two or three weeks, was transferred to the old "Fighting Tenth" at Camp Hancock. Among letters received yesterday by the home folks from Harrisburg boys in the Keystone division were two or three from Captain Stackpole, written

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Week to Open With Showers; Fair to End

Washington, Aug. 3.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, issued by the Weather Bureau to-day, are: North and middle Atlantic states: Showers Monday or Tuesday; fair thereafter. Temperature somewhat above normal.

Bottle Aimed at Mother Cuts Daughter's Arm

Walter Allen, accused of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, which right he had to throw a beer bottle at Mrs. Albert Henry while drunk last night. Police say his aim was bad, and the bottle hit Mrs. Henry's daughter, Ruth Henry, cutting her arm. The affair took place at No. 9 Sherman Row.

BAKER FIXES AGE LIMITS FOR ARMY AT 18 TO 45; BILL GOES IN MONDAY

Chamberlain Makes Public Draft Scope After Conference With War Head on Terms of Proposed New Law

MEASURE TO APPEAR IN BRANCHES AT SAME TIME

Heavy Call on Class One and Necessity in War Lead to a Broadening Avenue in the Service of the Army Against the Kaiser

Washington, Aug. 3.—Secretary Baker today announced that he would recommend to Congress extension of the draft ages to a minimum of 18 years and a maximum of 45 years.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Secretary Baker will recommend that the draft ages be made from 18 to 45 years. This was announced to-day by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Committee, following a conference with the Secretary. Senator Chamberlain said the new army bill embodying these ages had been completed by Secretary Baker and would be introduced simultaneously in both Houses of Congress on Monday.

York County Marketman May Not Survive Hurts

Henry Trout, Sidonsburg, R. D. 1, York county, aged 88, may not recover from serious injuries about the head he received shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. He is in the Harrisburg Hospital, where his condition is regarded as critical. It is thought he fell asleep in his wagon while on the way to attend market in this city, and fell out on the road.

AID TOBACCO FUND

The young women of the class of N. E. Nause, of the Market Square Presbyterian Sunday School have made a second contribution to the "Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund." This time they have donated \$5 to the cause.

MODEL HOUSING ORDINANCE FOR CITY OUTLINED

State Bureau Suggests Form Which May Be Slightly Modified

Dr. Raunick, City Solicitor Fox and John Molitor to Go Over Measure

Dr. Raunick, head of the city health department, and City Solicitor John E. Fox have entered heartily into the movement for better housing conditions in Harrisburg. They will meet next week with John Molitor, head of the State Bureau of Housing, with the purpose of devising a housing ordinance for submission to council at an early date.

JAPAN AND U. S. AGREE ON RUSSIAN PROBLEM

Washington, Aug. 3.—The formal reply of the Japanese government to the American proposal for joint operations against the German forces and the United States in Siberia, was delivered to Acting Secretary Polk to-day by Viscount Ishii, the Japanese ambassador.

HURT IN GAS EXPLOSION

When a slight explosion of a gas stove occurred at the residence of Mrs. Charles A. Disbrow, 2027 North Second street, her guest, Miss Carrie Stillwagon, of Brookly, was slightly injured. The door of the stove is supposed to have struck her when it was forced open by the force of the explosion. Her injuries consisted of minor bruises.

CHANGES MADE IN ALLOTMENT OF SOLDIER PAY

No Cause For Alarm if Checks Are Smaller, Red Cross Points Out

Important changes took place August 1 in the law and in the government procedure which will affect the amount of checks received by the families of soldiers and sailors. It is highly important that soldiers' families should thoroughly understand the new regulations, according to Miss Helen S. Leib of the home service section of Harrisburg Red Cross. Miss Leib has prepared the following compilation which will give the information needed by the families, but additional information may be had from Miss Leib if needed.

If an enlisted man whose pay is \$20 a month was sending his wife and children only the unallotted part by law there will be no change in the amounts they will receive from the government. The man must continue to allot \$15 and the government will continue to allow \$15 additional to the wife and the same amount as previously for each child.

The amount every enlisted man must allot to his wife and children, irrespective of the amount he is receiving, is \$15. For each man getting the \$15 compulsory allotment. If he wishes to contribute the same amount as before he may make a new allotment for the difference through the War or Navy Department. For example, if he had allotted \$18 he must make a new allotment of \$3, as the bureau of war risk insurance will hereafter handle only the \$15 compulsory allotment.

Hereafter a man who has no wife or children need make an allotment of only \$15 to obtain the government allowance for his dependent parents, brothers or sisters. If he has either a wife or child, or both, to whom as the law requires he is allotting \$15, then he need allot only \$5 additional in order to obtain full allowance for his dependent parents, brothers or sisters. Formerly in many cases he had to allot more.

In each of these cases the parents, brothers or sisters will receive a smaller check from the Bureau of War Risk Insurance because of the reduction in the allotment required. The amount of new government allowance will be the same, but the allotment required from his pay will be less. If he desires to have the total continuing before he must make an additional allotment through the War or Navy Department. If the amount prior to August 1 was \$18 to the soldier's mother she will now receive \$13 through the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, and a separate allotment must be made

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ICE CREAM FREE OF DISEASE, SAYS HEALTH OFFICER

Milk Generally Is Free of Dangerous Pollution, July Report Shows

Go ahead and wallow in the luscious ice cream, says Dr. John M. J. Raunick, city health officer, in his report to-day concerning the milk conditions. It is pretty safe to predict that this city will never again be threatened with typhoid epidemic due to byproducts of the faithful cow. The producers and sellers have been convinced in the last year that Harrisburg means to keep this industry sweet and clean and the report pushed to-day shows that few violations have occurred. This report may look confusing, but it is simple enough. Its standards are those of the Federal government, which cor-

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BAPTISTS TO HOLD MEETING IN COURTHOUSE

In the interest of the Pennsylvania State Baptist Convention and Association, a union mass meeting will be held at the courthouse on the afternoon of Sunday, August 11, at three o'clock. The Rev. J. A. Finson, of Jenkintown, Pa., will deliver the sermon.

PERSHING HAS A MILLION MEN READY TO FIGHT UNDER COMMAND

All Records Broken During July For Shipment of Men to France; 300,000 Arrivals Brings Army Total Up to 1,300,000

FIRST CORPS ENGAGED IN HEAVY BATTLES

Eight Divisions, Including the Keystone, Are Active in the Drive Which Is Forcing the Great Hun Army Out of Marne Salient

Washington, Aug. 3.—Major General Hunter Liggett, commanding the First American Army Corps, is in active charge of that corps on the Marne salient, General March, chief-of-staff, to-day told newspaper correspondents at the semi-weekly conference at the War Department.

The American divisions forming this corps are serving continuously on this sector, the control of which is in the hands of Major General Liggett, as commander of the first major American unit to get into action in France.

300,000 During July General Pershing, as a result of recent transfers of American divisions which had been brigaded with the British now has one million men under his direct command, the chief-of-staff stated.

Total embarkation of American troops during July broke all records, it was announced officially, more than 300,000 men having been shipped.

The number of American divisions actively engaged on this sector has been increased to eight, now including First, Second, Third and Fourth Regulars and the 24th, 28th, 30th, 32d and 42d National Guard. General March announced that it was the 42d Division which met and defeated the Prussian Guards during the present week.

Huns Falling Back The grand total embarked to the end of July has passed the 500,000 mark. The previous high monthly record was for June, when 276,000 men were sent overseas.

Discussing the fighting, General March said official dispatches covering the battles to August 2 showed the present front running virtually parallel to the Vesle and Ardre valleys, the next defensive line of the enemy. Later dispatches, however, have indicated the Vesle-Ardré line may have been turned already.

The objective of the American and allied armies still is the destruction of the enemy's army, General March said. The maximum retreat of the enemy up to August 2 measured sixteen miles, the total length of the Aisne-Marne salient having been reduced from 74 miles to 48 miles.

Enemy Collapses The French and British pounding at both flanks of the salient, General March said, had resulted in the collapse of the German resistance on August 1 and the French had walked into Soissons.

The advance in the center has averaged three miles on a front of 30 miles the chief of staff said, while on the east flank, west of Rheims, an advance of four miles on a four-mile front already had been made.

The complete success of the allies is indicated by a confidential message to gather the number of guns and shells that were abandoned by the Germans in their retirement.

The message added that the Germans had been driven back without time to bury their dead and the German bodies lay so thickly it was impossible to advance without walking over them.

No Casualty Lists General March said the war department still was without any information as to the number of American casualties in the fighting since the present battle began.

The selection of Major General Jesse McI. Carter, now serving as chief of the militia bureau, and commander of the Eleventh division at head one of the new divisions to be formed in this country, was announced. General March announced also the names of Brigadier Generals who had been recalled from France for duty in this country. They are James J. Holbrook, who goes to the Southern department; Charles W. Kutz, to command the engineering camp at Camp Humphreys; Douglas MacArthur, to command the Twenty-first brigade of the Eleventh division at Camp Meade, Maryland; Howard R. Hickok, to command a brigade in the Tenth division at Camp Funston, Kas., and Cornelius Vanderbilt, to command a brigade at Camp Lewis, Wash.

LATE NEWS

GREELY SQUARE HOTEL CO. FINED \$10,000 Washington—The Greely Square Hotel Company of New York, operating the McAlpin and Claridge Hotels and two restaurants, has been fined \$10,000 by the food administration for holding sugar in excess of requirements. The money will be divided between the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. and the concern's confectionery business will be closed down for three months.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WILL END SEPT. 2 Cleveland—At the special meeting of the American League here to-day it was voted to continue the season until September 2.

ROUCHAT PICKED TO DESTROY SHIP

An Atlantic Port—An anarchist plot to destroy an American troop transport is believed by the authorities to have been frustrated to-day with the arrest of a man who said he was Frederick Rouchat. The prisoner, caught climbing a rope ladder up the side of the steamship, a former German liner, said he had been selected by plot to blow up the vessel.

KENLY, AIR CHIEF, FLIES TO FRISCO

San Francisco—The airplane bearing Major General William L. Kenly, director of military aeronautics and Lieut. O'Neil his aid, arrived here from Mather Field, Sacramento, at noon to-day.

ARCHANGEL SCENE OF ANTI-SVIET REVOLT

Kandalaksa, Russian Lapland—A revolution against the Bolsheviks and in favor of the allies has occurred at Archangel. The Soviet troops have fled from the city.

FLYING INSTRUCTOR'S DIVE FATAL

San Diego, Cal.—Lieut. Clement R. Jacomini, a flying instructor at Rockwell field died to-day as the result of injuries received yesterday when a plane in which he and another officer were flying fell about 150 feet in a nose dive. His companion was unhurt. Lieut. Jacomini's home was in Pasadena, Cal.

GENERAL ELECTRIC MEN GET INCREASE

Washington—Wage increases of from ten to twenty per cent. were awarded to-day by the War Labor Board to the employes of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., and Pittsfield, Mass.

MOVES VICE FARTHER FROM CAMPS

Washington—The prohibition against vice in the vicinity of military camps, stations, posts and cantonments and all districts under naval jurisdiction, will apply hereafter to all territory within a radius of ten miles from army camps and naval districts, under orders issued to-day by Secretaries Baker and Daniels.

GIVES WOMAN DEATH WOUND; KILLS SELF

Williamsport, Pa.—After fatally wounding Mrs. Tillie Bower on a farm near this city, this morning, Elmer R. Weber ran into the woods nearby and with the same revolver ended his life. Searchers were scouring the section for him. Mrs. Bower, who is in a critical condition, for merly was employed as a housekeeper for Weber at Newark, N. J., but left him some time ago. Letters found on the man's body indicated that he had come here to kill both the woman and himself.

WAR SPURS COTTON PRICES

New York—Cotton advanced between \$0 and \$7 a bale in the market here to-day, attributed to favorable war news, unfavorable weather advices in the southwest and indications of increased consumption of American cotton abroad. Cotton now has risen approximately \$15 a bale here since the government's report was issued on Thursday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Hershel M. Price, Newburg, and Blanche V. Hurley, Newville; Joseph H. Myers, New Cumberland, and Anna M. Foster, Harrisburg; Forrest S. Major, Round rock, N. J., and Ruth Mae Long, Harrisburg; Valentine J. Rossier, Enghart, and Julia Forjan, Steelton; William R. Harrison and Laura K. Smith, Pittsburgh; Burton F. Vaughn, San Antonio, Tex., and Amelia K. Swartz, Lancaster; William C. Depew, Harrisburg, and Gertrude M. Bretz, Enola; Earl W. Strawhecker and Eva J. Smith, Harrisburg.