



HUNS BLOW UP AMMUNITION STORES BEFORE ALLIED DRIVE

17,000 Prisoners and 200 Guns Taken in Drive By Troops of Allies

With the British Army in France, Aug. 9.—The Germans are blowing up their ammunition dumps in the battle area. This is considered an indication that they are preparing for a retreat.

Allied airmen have blown up many of the bridges over the Somme river and the enemy's retreat is seriously embarrassed. The British cavalry has rounded up many prisoners, but the larger part of the 14,000 so far taken were captured by Australians and Canadians.

RAILWAY UNDER GERMAN FIRE FOUR MONTHS NOW CAN BE USED BY ALLIES

Morlancourt Lost in Drive by the Germans; Desperate Conflict in Progress There Yesterday; Penetration of Enemy Positions Greatest South of Somme

ALLIES SHORTEN BATTLE AREA BY 33 MILES SINCE STARTING DRIVE

Documents Show Germans Used Four More Divisions Than Contemplated During Retreat; Planned to Break French Line

JOHN A. BEAVER AMONG MISSING ON WAR LISTS

Lost in Action in France Casualty Record Shows; Enlisted at Chambersburg



JOHN A. BEAVER John A. Beaver, 2032 Fulton street, is listed among those missing in action in casualty lists made public to-day.

HAIG'S FORCES IN DRIVE ADVANCE SEVEN MILES AND PUNISH GERMANS

First Day's Movement Attended by Excessively Small Losses to Allied Troops; Artillery Closely Follows Storm Batteries

HARD FIGHTING GOES ON NEAR MORLANCOURT Scene of Battle Low and Rolling Ground, and Especially Adapted to Open Warfare; Tank Chases German General and His Troops

BRILLIANT DRIVE SURPRISE TO ENEMY FRENCH CHIEFS SAY

Paris, Aug. 9.—The French war ministry at 12.30 o'clock to-day issued the following statement: "The brilliant operation which we, in concert with British troops, executed yesterday, has been a surprise for the enemy."

ATTACK DEVELOPS VICTORIOUSLY

Paris, Aug. 9.—The battle on the front south of the Somme was resumed early this morning and the Franco-British forces made favorable progress from the start, reaching various selected objectives.

DR. McNEAL DIES SUDDENLY TODAY; 70 YEARS OF AGE

Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction Succumbs at State College

Dr. Robert M. McNeal, 201 State street, deputy state superintendent of public instruction, collapsed on the steps of one of the buildings at State College which he was entering at 8.30 this morning to attend a meeting of high school inspectors on department work.

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PLAN WAS TO CROSS MARNE NEAR DORMANS Seventeen Divisions Brought Into Action Before Kaiser's Forces Reached the Vesle; Flanders Troops Brought North of Fismes

With the American Army on the Vesle, Thursday, Aug. 8.—In their offensive since July 18 the allies have regained approximately 1,500 square kilometers. More than 200 villages and towns, including Soissons, Chateau Thierry and Fismes, are again in the hands of the allies.

GERMAN lines on the Picardy front south of the Somme have been badly broken by the savage thrust of the British and French armies.

A wedge has been driven into enemy territory to a depth of eleven miles along the Amiens-Chaulnes-La Fere railway and early to-day the British were only a mile away from the Chaulnes-Roye railway, which runs southward from Chaulnes and forms the chief artery of supplies for the German troops fighting in the Montdidier sector of the front.

14,000 Prisoners Taken London announces that 14,000 prisoners and guns "too numerous to mention" have been taken in the first twenty-four hours of the drive.

The results of the attack, loosed against the Germans on the Amiens front Thursday morning, appear to have eclipsed those obtained by the Germans on the first day of any of their terrific offensives of the past spring and summer.

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FRANCO-BRITISH ADVANCE SOUTH OF SOMME 11 MILES IN DEPTH

London, Aug. 9.—The Franco-British advance on the battle front south of the Somme has reached a maximum depth of eleven miles, according to news received here shortly after noon to-day.

On the Lys front the British now hold Locon, Le Cornet Malo, Quentin, Le Petit Pacaut, and Lesart. Above Lys region, on the front north of Kemmel, the British carried out a local operation last night in which their line was advanced somewhat on a front.

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Baker Urges Prompt Passage of New Law Extending Age Limit

Washington, Aug. 9.—Prompt enactment of the draft extension bill so that September five will be fixed as registration day, as suggested by Provost Marshal General Crowder, was urged to-day by Secretary of War Baker.

REDUCE WAR TAX ON AUTOMOBILES AND ON TOBACCO

Ways and Means Committee Rescinds Earlier Action, Reducing Hardship

Washington, Aug. 9.—Lower taxes on automobiles and tobacco have been agreed upon by the ways and means committee. The committee rescinded the action of a few days ago fixing the automobile tax on the basis of the original retail selling price and decided to rate the tax according to the horsepower of the cars.

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IN FRANCE LESS THAN MONTH, WON WAR DECORATION

Lieut. Charles W. Myers, of Marysville, Awarded French Honor, Croix de Guerre

Marysville, Pa., Aug. 9.—In France less than a month when he performed such gallant work that he has been decorated with the French war cross, the Croix de Guerre, Lieutenant Charles W. Myers, of this place, brings the first military decoration to Perry county. He is among the first medical officers in Pennsylvania to be decorated.

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STATE SOLDIERS NAMED IN LISTS OF WAR VICTIMS

Cables Carry Names of Many Pennsylvanians Killed or Wounded in Action

Washington, Aug. 9.—The combined Army and Marine Corps casualty lists to-day contained 529 names, in which a large number of Pennsylvanians, showing casualties in the 120th Regiment, are named. The Army list is divided as follows:

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SHOOT HER TWO CHILDREN, THEN TAKES OWN LIFE

Gratz Woman Kills Small Son and Inflicts Wound on Another

Gratz, Pa., Aug. 9.—Believed to have been crazed by the extreme heat, Mrs. Vesta Umholtz, aged 23, wife of Jacob Umholtz, late yesterday afternoon shot her two sons, killing one and inflicting a wound which may prove fatal to the other and then committed suicide in her home.

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BOILER EXPLODES ON U. S. SHIP NOPATIN; 2 KILLED

Washington, Aug. 9.—Two men were killed and three injured in a boiler explosion on the U. S. S. Nopatim, in foreign waters, announced to-day by the Navy Department.

MUNITIONS WORKERS: Put Some of Your Cash Into W. S. S. \$4.19 Now, \$5 in 1923

Canadian Horse Troopers Cut Off Huns in Somme

London, Aug. 9.—(Battle Front), via Montreal.—Canadian horse troopers, co-operating with French cavalry, cut off a large force of the enemy in to-day's operations on the Somme front.

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Probably showers this afternoon; partly cloudy to-night and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

222 PENNSYLVANIANS IN CASUALTY LISTS

Washington—Nearly one-half of the army men named in casualty lists of 520 to-day were from Pennsylvania, there being 222 from the Keystone state, with some 74 from Philadelphia alone.

Harrisburg—The following are the quotas of white men to be sent to Camp Lee starting in the five-day period commencing August 26: Harrisburg, No. 1, 26; No. 2, 24; No. 3, 15; Dauphin, No. 1, 15; No. 2, 39; No. 3, 37; Cumberland, No. 1, 69; No. 2, 40.

STEAM HEAT COMPLAINT FILED

Harrisburg—The formal complaint of consumers of steam heat of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company was filed at the State Public Service Commission late this afternoon and will be sent to the company for answer. The complaint is against the new tariff of rates and is signed by numerous consumers.

42 DEATHS DUE TO HEAT

Philadelphia—Total deaths due to the torrid weather of the past week rose to 42 to-day when 12 additional fatalities were reported. Philadelphia again sweltered in excessive humidity and abnormal temperature.

GERMAN GENERAL REPORTED CAPTURED

With the British Army in France—It is reported that a German divisional general has been captured in the drive.

CHICAGO SCHOOL HEAD DIES

Rockville, Ind.—John D. Shoop, superintendent of the Chicago public schools, died suddenly of heart disease in a hotel here to-day.

HURRICANE'S TOLL IS 27

Lake Charles, La.—The total death toll of the hurricane which struck southwest Louisiana Tuesday was increased to-day to 27. It was announced that the soldier who died at Gerstner aviation field yesterday from injuries received during the storm was Corporal William R. Maurer, of Reading, Pa.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph Lee and Ola Davis, Harrisburg; Henry William Withrow and Margaret Eve Cox, Hixson.