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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. The British casualties since the beginning of the present drive are but three-fifths the number of prisoners counted up to three o'clock this afternoon. Cavalry patrols, accompanied by swift "whippet" tanks, are reported by airmen far out ahead of the infantry advance. The infantry at many places was apparently checked only by sheer physical inability to push any farther. This afternoon the enemy's transport lorries have been rolling along the few good roads left in the Somme valley. They afforded excellent targets for airmen, who played havoc with the escaping convoys and speedily littered the roads so that they were impassable.

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. An enormous quantity of stores and ammunition has been abandoned by the Germans in their hasty retreat. More than 17,000 prisoners had been captured by the allies in the Somme drive up to noon to-day, according to advices this afternoon. More than 200 guns also have been taken.

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

Morlancourt Lost in Drive by the Germans; DR. M'NEAL DIES Desperate Conflict in Progress There Yesterday; Penetration of Enemy Positions Greatest South of Somme

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.

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The was vain. La Neuville-Sire-Bernard, Villers-aux-Erables, while on our left British troops also continued their victorious advance. In the early morning hours prisoners, guns and machine guns were streaming to our rear.

"At the close of the day our advance, considered in the front of the attacks as a whole, averaged more than seven kilometers.

By Auscusted Frest

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, Ferral way, 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 the British and forms the chief artery of the British and forms the chief artery of the British were only a mile away from the Chaulnes-Roye railway, which runs southward from Chaulnes and forms the chief artery of the British were only a mile away from the Chaulnes-Roye railway, which runs southward from Chaulnes and forms the chief artery of the British and forms the chief artery of the British were only a mile away from the Chaulnes-Roye railway, which runs southward from Chaulnes and forms the chief artery of the British and principles and the proposal proposal and the proposal proposal and the proposal proposal and the propo supplies for the German troops fighting in the Mont- REDUCE WAR TAX IN FRANCE LESS didier 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 Ger- Ways and Means Committee Lieut. Charles W. Myers, of mans 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. So far as reports show the progress of the fighting south of the Somme, the allies are going forward almost without serious opposition. On the north bank of the stream the Germans have held their lines strongly, but have lost Morlancourt, their stronghold there, after hard fighting. The French, further to the south, have had their advance retarded at numerous points, but the towns officially reported to

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FRANCO-BRITISH ADVANCE SOUTH OF SOMME 11 MILES IN DEPTH

cording to the horsepower of the cars. Tobacco tax, which in some instances was trebled, now will be exactly double what it is in the present law.

The new automobile tax will raise \$50,000,000 instead of the \$100,000,000 which it was estimated would be produced by the other form of fax. The new tobacco taxes, it is believed, will produce more money than those previously agreed upon, because they [Continued on Page 16.]

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[Continued on Page 16.] 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. Advices from the battle front south of the Somme to-day report British cavalry armored cars ad tanks, in advance of the infantry, to have reached within a mile of the Chaulnes railway junction.

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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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 teps of one of the buildings at State College which he was entering at College which he was entering at 8.30 this riorning to attend a meeting of high school inspectors on department work. Death followed at once. Cerebral apoplexy was given as the cause. He was aged 70 years.

Rescinds Earlier Action,

Reducing Hardship

Washington, Aug. 9.—Lower taxes

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. Tobacco tax, which in some instances was trebled, now will be exactly double what it is in the present law.

THE WEATHER

for Harrisburg and vicinity:
Probably showers this afternoon; partly cloudy to-night and
Saturday; not much change in
temperature.
for Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly
cloudy to-night and Saturday;
not much change in temperature; moderate west winds.

automobiles and tobacco have

ALLIES SHORTEN BATTLE AREA BY 33 MILES SINCE STARTING DRIVE Lost in Action in France Cas-

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

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

Marysville, Awarded French

Marysville, Pa., Aug. 9.-In France less than a month when he performed such gallant work that he has

cross, the Croix de Guerre, Lieuten-

ant Charles W. Myers, of this place, brings the first military decoration to

Perry county. He is among the first

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By Associated Press

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.

Cut Off Huns in Somme

Canadian Horse Troopers

Honor, Croix de Guerre

ON AUTOMOBILES THAN MONTH, WON

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JOHN A. BEAVER

ualty Record Shows; Enlisted at Chambersburg



STATE SOLDIERS

NAMED IN LISTS

OF WAR VICTIMS

Pennsylvanians Killed or

Wounded in Action

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

MUNITIONS

WORKERS:

Put Some of Your Cash

Into W. S. S.

SHIP NOPATIN; 2 KILLED

BOILER EXPLODES ON U. S.

AMONG MISSING DRIVE ADVANCE ON WAR LISTS 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

By Associated Press

SHOOTS HER TWO CHILDREN, THEN TAKES OWN LIFE

Cables Carry Names of Many Gratz Woman Kills Small Son and Inflicts Wound on Another

By Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 9.—The combined Army and Marine Corps casualty lists to-day contained 520 names, in which a large number of Pennsylvanians, showing casuaties in the 110th Regiment, are named. The Army list is divided as follows: Killed in action, 90. Died of wounds, 9. Died of disease, 2. Died of accident 1. Wounded severely, 20. Wounded slightly, 2.

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 here.

Returning in the early evening from his work in the mines, Mr. Umholtz found the dead body of his two-year-old son, Gilbert, who had been shot and probably died instantly, the bullet entering the breast and passing through the body. Nearby was three-year-old Gabriel, unconscious, and lying on the bed was the body of his wife, badly burned as the blaze of the gun had set fire to the bedcothing.

When Mr. Umholtz reached home he found the door locked, but finally

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General Otani Chosen to Command Allies in Siberian Expedition

By Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 9.—General Ki-kuzo Otani, one of Japan's most dis-tinguished soldiers, has been chosen to command the Japanese section and will be the ranking officer of the American and allied expedition in Siberia. \$4.19 Now, \$5 in 1923

HAIG'S FORCES IN 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. As occurred in the offensive in July 18, the soldiers of General Debeney have captured enemy soldiers engaged in the pacetul pursuit of harvesting the fields behind the German lines.

"Our artillery preparation we short, lasting less than an hour. The enemy artillery had made no counterpreparation at the peculiar transfer of the action, merely replying feebly. "The original front of the attack was only four kilometers, situated south of the Amiens-Roye coad, where our infantry went over the top at 5.05 o'clock, but gradually the offensive developed all along the right bank of the Avre in the region of. Hargicourt."

222 PENNSYLVANIANS IN CASUALTY LISTS

Washington-Nearly one-half of the army men named n casualty lists of 520 to-day were from Pennsylvania, York, Somerset, Berlin, Pittsburgh and other

Harrisburg-The following are the quotas of white men to be sent to Camp Lee starting in the five-day period ng August 26: Harrisburg, No. 1, 26; No. 2,

STEAM HEAT COMPLAINT FILED

Harrisburg-The formal complaint of consumers of steam heat of the Harrisburg Light and Power Comate 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 inexcessive 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

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 list 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 With-erow and Margaret Eve Cox. Highspire.