



ALLIES LAUNCH SECOND MIGHTY DRIVE IN PICARDY; PERONNE AFIRE

ENEMY DESTROYS VILLAGES IN BATTLE ZONE; PERONNE RUINS REPORTED BURNING

French Are Making Rapid Progress In Valley of Oise, and Have Heights of Lassigny Massif In Grasp; Allied Artillery Hits Hun Rear

Heaps of German Dead Tell of Fierce Montdidier Fight

With the French Army in France, Aug. 13.—A fearful spectacle of ruin is spread out along the great sweep of rolling pasture lands behind Boulogne-la-Grasse and Rollot, southeast of Montdidier.

The enthusiasm of the French troops has carried them up to the railway line running between Compeigne and Roye. Their most advanced position is south of the Loges forest, where the enemy is vainly counterattacking.

The enemy's tactics are intended to delay the French until the main German forces can withdraw, but great stocks of ammunition and war material of all kinds are being left as the Germans retire.

By Associated Press

ALLIED forces this morning began a general attack against the German line running from Chaules south of the Oise river, a front of about 25 miles. Dispatches filed at London shortly after noon reported important gains at various points especially on the vital sector south of Lassigny, near the Oise.

The French have gained control of the entire massif of Lassigny, on the southern end of the Picardy battle front, according to advances this afternoon.

This gives command of the town of Lassigny and the valley of the Divette, as well as the entire district to the north.

French Forge Ahead

Farther south the French have advanced to the village of l'Econville, just south of the eastern extremity of Thiescourt wood and virtually on the crest of the hills overlooking long reaches of the Oise. Just to the west of l'Econville the French have made new progress north of the St. Claude farm.

As an immediate result of the gains made in that sector, the Germans are abandoning their trenches in the bed of the Oise just west of the village of Baillay, east of Ribecourt. It is said that the French have occupied these positions.

North of Lassigny, in the region of Roye and along the railroad running northward to Chaules, there are, so far, no reports of progress.

Menace Line of Retreat

If the allies have succeeded in carrying the heights south of Lassigny, they will force the

enemy to retire from the Roye district as they will have the Roye-Noyon road under their fire and will dominate the whole region with their artillery.

The advance reported during the last few hours would, if continued, probably have an effect on the German position in the Ourscamp and Carlepont forest east of the Oise. If the Germans there are outflanked by the allied movements, a retirement from that district would be probable and this would necessitate a re-location of the line running from the Oise and the Aisne at Soissons.

Thus the attack launched this morning would appear to have a direct relation to the battle being fought along the Aisne and Vesle by the allies.

Fismette Is Recaptured

Late dispatches tell of a hard fight at Fismette, on the north bank of the Vesle between Soissons and Rheims. The Allies, among whom Americans are known to be fighting, were forced from the village by the Germans and had to cross the Vesle, but an immediate counterattack is reported to have restored the allied position on the north side of the river.

From Chaules northward to the Anacre river, the Allies appear to have been held up by the desperate German defense.

There have been local engagements along this line, but at no point have the British and Americans engaged on this front succeeded in making any marked impression upon the German lines which are virtually resting on the old trench systems held by the enemy in 1916.

Peronne Is in Flames

Reports received this morning stated that the ruins of Peronne are in flames and that several villages behind the German lines are burning. The fires may have been caused by allied bombardments, but it is believed that the Germans applied the torch to these towns as a preliminary step to a further retirement eastward.

There have been local engagements in the Flanders sector but nothing of significance has occurred there during the past day.

German Attack in Merris Sector Is Repulsed; Haig Gains Ground Near Roye

London, Aug. 13.—British troops have gained additional ground north of Roye and on the north bank of the Somme, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig to-day.

The Germans last night attacked the British positions in the Merris sector in Flanders. They were repulsed.

The Germans delivered a local attack near Fouquescourt, on the line between Roye and Chaules. This, too, was repulsed.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN ENEMY LINES IN ROYE REGION

Lull on French Sector Due to Difficulty in Moving Artillery Ammunition

MANY WAGON TRAINS

Prisoners Taken From Rear Guard Say Mission Is to Delay French

With the French Army in France, Aug. 13.—Difficulty in bringing up artillery ammunition over battered roads brought a comparative lull on the French sector to-day. Infantry activity was confined to local engagements.

The German guns have been more active with shell of all calibers and with gas. The enemy is now reinforcing his old line which he held from 1914 to 1917, and it will require heavier armament to batter a way through. The Germans have attempted several counterattacks but they were without marked vigor and gained no success.

Aviators Obstruct Supplies. Aviators continue to play an important role in harassing the enemy behind his front line. They are obstructing the movements of convoys of ammunition and supplies.

It is believed the stand the Germans are preparing to make in their old trenches is likely to prove only a temporary expedient to obtain time in which to move back the immense stores of material and to organize retirement of the artillery and infantry.

There is great activity within the German lines east of Roye and Chaules. All the roads are encumbered with wagon trains, indicating the enemy still is moving out the ammunition and supplies he had gathered in that region.

The latest prisoners taken say they belong to the rear guard, whose mission is to delay the advance of the French and facilitate the retirement of the main force with the supplies and big guns.

The German artillery, which had maintained only a harassing fire up to yesterday, now is laying down barrages which are sufficient to slow up the French advance.

In spite of the intensified shelling the French to-day made gains in local operations, occupying favorable positions north of Poy-savart and Chevincourt.

Allies' Bag Is 70,000 Prisoners, 1,000 Guns, 10,000 Machine Guns

Paris, Aug. 13.—Since the beginning of the allied offensive on July 18 the Allies have taken more than 70,000 prisoners and more than 1,000 guns, the Echo De Paris states to-day. In addition, it estimates more than ten thousand machine guns have been captured from the enemy.

LABOR DAY WILL BE FEATURED BY PARADE OF 5,000

Every Branch of Employees to Be Represented; Women on Committee

Plans which it is said will materialize on Labor Day into one of the best labor parades ever held in Harrisburg were completed at a meeting of local labor representatives last evening.

Five thousand will be in line in the big parade, it is planned, and every branch of endeavor will be represented. Floats will be a feature, and a number of novelties on wheels have been tentatively planned to make the procession unique.

That the parade will be up-to-date, and replete with the spirit of the

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KAISER'S AIM IS PETROGRAD

London, Aug. 13.—The Germans intend to occupy Petrograd, a dispatch to the Copenhagen Politiken from Helsingfors declares, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent in the Danish capital reports. Troops for this purpose already are being brought toward the objective; it is added.

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FISMETTE MAY BE SCENE OF ATTACK BY CROWN PRINCE

Opposing Lines Close; Huns Search American Positions With Machine Guns

FIGHT HARD FOR TIME

French and Yankees Continue to Exert Pressure South of the Aisne

With the American Army on the Vesle, Monday, Aug. 13.—The Germans directed counter actions against the Franco-American line between Soissons and Rheims to-day but without bringing any change in the situation. Nor did the enemy reveal any intention of an immediate attempt to recover any portion of the territory lost north of the Marne.

Guns Seldom Silent. At no point was a hard blow delivered. The guns on either side were seldom silent and at many places, especially in the neighborhood of Fismette, north of Fismes, where the opposing lines are close, the Germans repeatedly searched the American positions with machine gun fire.

It is quite possible that the crown prince may decide upon a counterattack on a big scale in that sector, but such action would necessitate the bringing up of divisions which presumably are badly needed on the British front and at other points. It seems probable he realizes that any attempt to wrest territory here from the troops that have just taken it would be extremely high priced.

SENATORS FAVOR 18 TO 45 DRAFT

Washington, Aug. 13.—The Senate Military Committee to-day voted to report favorably at once the administration manpower bill extending draft ages to from 18 to 45 years, but with an amendment by Senator Reed, of Missouri, to have the Government provide two years' education for all boys under 21 years of age, to be given after the war.

Senator Chamberlain announced that the bill would be reported Thursday and that if a quorum is present in response to the request for Senators to return at once, the unanimous consent agreement under which the Senate recessed until August 24 will be set aside and consideration of the measure taken up next Monday.

Washington, Aug. 13.—In order to expedite the passage of the Administration's manpower bill, extending draft ages to from 18 to 45 years, the unanimous consent agreement by which the Senate recessed until August 24 will be set aside and consideration of the bill taken up next Monday.

An understanding to that effect was reached yesterday by Senate leaders who at once notified absentees to return next Thursday, at which time the Senate will meet again, a quorum being required to be present three days before the agreement can be vacated.

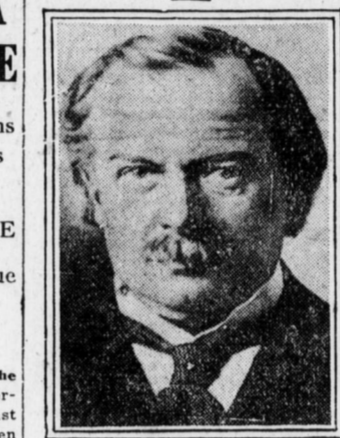
The bill is still before the Senate Military Committee, but Senator Chamberlain planned to have the committee act upon it to-day and report it favorably to the Senate on Thursday.

Limit of 21 Rejected

Senate leaders anticipate some opposition of fixing eighteen as the minimum draft age, but they do not believe there will be objections to taking up consideration of the measure. By an overwhelming vote the Military Committee yesterday went

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"Full Steam Ahead; Great News," Says Lloyd George



LOYD GEORGE

Premier Lloyd George, of England, while speaking at a Welsh celebration was informed of the great success of the second allied offensive launched by Marshal Haig in the Picardy sector. He declared: "We propose to fight it through to the end. The word is full steam ahead until the gods decree that the sun shine again in a land of real peace and there is no apprehension of sinister plottings by forces always ready to start the slaughter again. We have a right to feel confident, for there is great news."

Slashes Wife Nine Times With Butcher Knife; She May Die

Mrs. Helen Chainey, 312 Mulberry street, still is in a serious condition at the Harrisburg Hospital as the result of nine slashes which her husband, Charles Chainey, inflicted during a quarrel with a butcher knife, at their home shortly after 8.30 last evening.

Chainey is in the Dauphin county jail. It is likely no formal charge will be lodged until the outcome of his wife's injuries is determined. She may die.

Chainey admitted he and his wife had been quarreling, and that his attack on her was the outcome of her charge that he had been running around too late at night. He slashed her nine times, twice upon the left arm, once upon the right, once upon the face, over the neck, the abdomen and back. Patrolman Keyes arrested the man, who made no attempt to escape. The woman ran out of the house and fell fainting against a fence.

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Col. Henry C. Demming Made Life Member of West Shore Firemen

At the regular monthly meeting of the West Shore Firemen's Union, held in the firehouse, Lemoyne, last evening, Col. Henry C. Demming, of this city, was elected a life member of the Union by unanimous vote.

This action was taken, it was stated by the membership, on account of his numerous services to the Union both before and since its organization.

Teuton Balloons Drop Bombs and Propaganda on Woever Yankee Area

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Aug. 11.—German airplanes dropped bombs on the American positions on the Woever last night without inflicting damage. The enemy has sent over balloons carrying propaganda for both American and French troops.

Appeal of Jitney Men to Be Filed Tomorrow

The appeal to be taken by the local jitneys from the ruling of the Public Service Commission ordering them off the streets, will be filed with the porthonotary of the Superior Court to-morrow, counsel for the men said to-day.

At the same time it was said that it would be asked that the appeal be used as a stay in the regulations of the Public Service Commission, in order that the jitneys might operate pending a final decision by the court.

British Airmen Send Down Fifty-Seven Hun Machines

London, Aug. 13.—An official communication dealing with aviation, issued last night, says that twenty-nine hostile machines were destroyed in air fighting during yesterday and 24 others were driven down out of control. Four hostile balloons were shot down in flames. Five British machines are missing.

FINED FOR DISORDERLY ACTS ON PLAYGROUNDS

Charged with swearing and disorderliness on the Twelfth street playgrounds, Daniel Davis, colored, was fined \$2 at a hearing to-day before Alderman A. M. Landis. The charge was preferred by J. K. Staples, city playground supervisor.

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NO ACTION YET ON PROPOSAL TO MAKE TOWN DRY

Lieut. Col. Neilson in Washington; Officers Here Await Federal Action

UP TO WAR DEPARTMENT

Liquor Dealers Are Not So Much to Blame as Police, Army Officers Declare

The Army officers in charge of government work in the Harrisburg district will take no action on the proposal to make Harrisburg and surrounding towns "dry" within a five-mile limit of the Middletown and New Cumberland developments until Washington has had opportunity to pass upon the representations laid before the War Department as to conditions here.

Lieutenant Colonel Neilson was not at his office at the aviation depot at Middletown to-day and it was reported he had gone to Washington where, among other things, he would take up with the federal authorities the matter of "zoning" for this district.

The assault on a federal officer by the local liquor dealers so much, although some of them unquestionably have been to blame, as they do the police, who have paid little attention to the illicit sale of liquor at this place and in surrounding towns. They have had little or no cooperation and much insolence on the part of local policemen who should have helped instead of hindered.

The assault of a federal officer by City Detective John Muran and his interference with the Army representative in the performance of his duty Saturday night were simply culminations of events in a long series of petty annoyances which the Army men say they have been compelled to undergo.

"We were, as always, willing as we cooperate or assistance from Harrisburg police," said Major William B. Gray, constructing quartermaster at the ordnance depot, to-day. He was asked, and no police officer gathered evidence regarding gambling, dope selling and selling liquor to soldiers, in Harrisburg. Major Gray said:

"We were always willing as we were asked, and at anytime has the ordnance depot police department in-

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Government Will Issue Railroad Mileage

Washington, Aug. 13.—Passenger mileage books, interchangeable and good on any railway, will be placed on sale a week from to-day. They will be accepted in payment of passenger fares on trains, in exchange for tickets and for extra baggage charges.

Two books are being prepared—one with 1,000 coupons, each coupon worth three cents or one mile of travel, to be sold for \$30 with the addition of \$2.40 war tax collected when the book is bought, and another with 500 coupons, selling for \$15 with \$1.20 additional war tax. Each book is to be transferrable.

KAISER CALLS ON AUSTRIA TO HELP

Paris, Aug. 13.—Germany has been compelled to call upon Austria-Hungary for help on the western front and Austro-Hungarian troops are arriving there, the Echo de Paris says to-day. These troops, it adds, are being sent to quiet sectors of the front.

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PROMINENT MEN TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DEAD LEADER

Will Attend Funeral of Benjamin F. Meyers Tomorrow

Funeral services for Benjamin F. Meyers, prominent newspaper man and political leader, will be held at 10.30 o'clock to-morrow morning at the home, 11 North Front street, with the Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer officiating. Meyers died Sunday afternoon after an illness of long standing.

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GERMAN PIRATE DANCES A JIG ON OLD GLORY AS CREW JEERS

Fishermen Are Forced to Submit to Indignities When U-Boat Appears Among Fleet Off Nantucket

MEN ARE STRIPPED AND PHOTOGRAHED

Norwegian Freighter Is Sunk Off Fire Island; British Lose a Destroyer in the Mediterranean

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CUT ICE SUPPLY FOR SALOONS TO PREVENT FAMINE

During Shortage Liquor Men Get Only Half Normal Amount

PEOPLE MUST CONSERVE

Railroad Traffic Partly Responsible; Four Carloads Arrive Today

"Relief in the ice situation is in immediate sight" declared H. E. DeWalt, manager of the United Ice and Coal Company to-day "and dealers will very shortly be able to take care of all patrons. Even now, there has been no actual suffering, but every one should make effort to conserve the supply. The dealers are doing their part, for they are using their judgment in cutting down quantity, so that all may have at least some ice."

Beginning last Saturday, buyers of ice in great quantity were notified that they could not get their usual amounts, and the saloons were cut universally to fifty per cent. This will continue until the supply becomes normal.

Elements contributing to the shortage are continued hot weather, lack of labor and railroad mix-ups. The establishment of jitney stations increased the demand largely and Mr. DeWalt pointed out that money is

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TWO HUN GENERALS RETIRED

Paris. — General Von Mudra and General Liebrecht, who commanded German armies in the offensive which began on July 15, have been placed on the retired list, according to Berlin newspapers which have been received here.

JUDGE BONNIWELL TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Harrisburg. — Judge Bonniwell, Democratic candidate for governor, and a close personal friend of the late Benjamin F. Meyers, will attend the funeral services of the former postmaster and political leader to-morrow morning.

ASK FARE INCREASES

Washington. — The Cleveland and Erie Railway Company to-day asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for increases to three cents a mile in cash train fares, 25 per cent. increase in freight rates, and an advance to seven cents in commutation rates in Erie, Pa.

VESSEL PICKS UP SOMMERSTAD CREW

New York. — Captain Hanson, master of the Sommerstad, said here to-day she was sunk at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The crew took to the boats and later were picked up by a passing vessel.

NEWPORT SOLDIER IS WOUNDED

Washington. — The name of Mechanic Chester A. Latchford, of Newport, Pa., appears in the casualty list to-day as wounded, degree undetermined.

MAIN BATTLE FRONT QUIET

Paris. — Last night was without important developments of the main battle front, says to-day's war office announcement.

RECRUITING "PAL" BATTALION OF WOMEN

London. — Recruiting has begun for a "Pal" battalion of the woman's auxiliary army corps for service with the American expeditionary forces. Five thousand women are needed and women who are friends are invited to enlist together.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry Jacob Kanub, Dillsburg, and Mary Theresa Doyle, Harrisburg; George Suki and Mary Winck, Steelton.

MID-AUGUST Is Nearly Here HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR THRIFT CARD A Quarter Will Do It

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; light, variable winds. River: The main river will rise slightly, slowly. A stage of about 3.0 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning. Temperature: 8 a. m., 74. River Stage: 5 a. m., 5.7 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 80. Lowest temperature, 72. Mean temperature, 80. Normal temperature, 73.