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FOCH WRESTS 1,800 MILES AND 73,000 MEN FROM THE FOE

Allied and German Armies Prepare For Resumption of Heavy Fighting Along Long Line While Battling Continues Under Difficulties

FRENCH MAKE FRESH GAINS AT LASSIGNY

British Advance Lines Slightly North of Chalunes on the Picardy Front; Enemy Hard Pressed by Haig's and Petain's Armies

London, Aug. 15.—4 p. m.—The French have captured all the high ground on the Lassigny massif and are working down the north and eastern sides so that a further retirement of the enemy in that sector is probable, according to advices received here this afternoon.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Both sides are gathering strength for a resumption of heavy fighting. That however, does not prevent the French from hammering away at the Lassigny-Neoyon line and drenched struggling onward through gas-choked woods. General Humbert's men have carried Ribecourt, which barred the road running toward Thiescourt ridge and the Oise and protected the Germans in Ourscamp forest, east of the river. It is a success that seriously endangers both Thiescourt ridge and the Ourscamp salient. The enemy in the Thiescourt position, already severely shaken by the attacks of General Humbert's left, is reported to be showing signs of giving way.

London, Aug. 15.—The British line has advanced slightly east of Ramecourt, in the district north of Chalunes, on the Picardy battlefield, to-day's war office announces. Since August 8, when the allied attack began, the British and French have taken prisoners to the number of 30,344.

British patrols were active last night in the district between Albert and Azyette, where the Germans began their retirement yesterday. The patrols have maintained close touch with the enemy in this region. The British made further progress at several points along this front.

Officials Look For \$380,000,000 Toward Third Loan's Total

Washington, Aug. 15.—The last instalment payment on the Third Liberty Loan, due to-day, was expected to bring in the \$380,000,000 unpaid balance of the \$4,158,000,000 total of the loan. Although the instalment nominally was 40 per cent, a large part of this already has been paid into the Treasury. The \$500,000,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness which closed Tuesday was oversubscribed \$75,738,000, the Treasury announced to-day. Officials are considering issuing tax certificates.

WILSON APPROVES PROGRAM Washington, Aug. 15.—General support for schools of all grades during war time is urged by President Wilson in a letter to Secretary Lane to-day, approving the bureau of education's plan for an educational campaign this summer and fall.

TROLLEYMEN! Put some of those raises into Uncle Sam's WAR STAMPS NOW

You Transfer in 1923

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cool to-night and Friday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, continued cool to-night and Friday; light, north winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary, except the lower portion of the main river, which will rise slightly this afternoon and to-night. A stage of about 3.9 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning. General Conditions Thunderstorms occurred Wednesday afternoon in the Middle and North Atlantic States, the heaviest rainfall reported occurring in the Lower Susquehanna Valley. Temperature: 8 a. m., 68. River Stage: 4.1 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 92. Lowest temperature, 71. Mean temperature, 82. Normal temperature, 73.

VON BOEHN, "RETREAT SPECIALIST," IN LEAD

Paris, Aug. 15.—General Hans Von Boehn, the German "retreat specialist" has been appointed to the supreme German command on the Somme front. The newspaper believes this change in the German command is highly significant. The German withdrawal north of Albert looked upon as the first application of his tactics.

SEAPLANES DROP BOMBS ON U-BOAT NEAR CAPE MAY

American Schooner Sunk by Shell Fire; Submarine Chasers on Scene

Washington, Aug. 15.—Seaplanes and naval patrol boats attacked with depth bombs a German submarine which shelled and set fire to the American schooner Dorothy Barrett, New York for Norfolk, yesterday afternoon off Cape May, N. J. Navy reports to-day said one bomb from a seaplane exploded within twenty-five feet of the bubbles and the wake from the U-boat, which had submerged when the planes and patrol boats closed in and let go depth bombs over the spot where bubbles were observed. The results have not been determined but the submarine did not again appear. The crew abandoned the schooner as soon as the submarine appeared and opened fire, and have been landed safely at Cape May, N. J.

Mine Sweepers at Work Dispatches to the department today did not make clear whether the vessel was destroyed. She was bound from New York for Norfolk when attacked six and one-half miles from Northeast lightship, near Cape May. Mine sweepers have been sent to the scene of the attack, with a possibility that the submarine laid mines in the vicinity as was the case when the raiders made their first appearance in American waters last May. This submarine probably is the one which Tuesday evening torpedoed the oil tanker Steamer Frederick R. Kellogg, thirty miles south of Ambrose light, with the loss of seven men of the tanker's crew. The tanker to-day was reported still afloat with a chance of being salvaged.

Portsmouth, N. C., Aug. 15.—Heavy firing was heard to-day off the North Carolina coast in the vicinity where the German submarine has been operating. Beginning about 8 o'clock this morning, the booming of two guns, one of larger caliber than the other, continued for about forty minutes. Those on shore it seemed both guns were being fired simultaneously until at last only the lighter gun was heard.

Boston, Aug. 15.—Four survivors of the fishing schooner Progress, sunk by a German submarine Saturday, were brought here to-day, after being adrift in a life raft for two hours without a compass and with little water and food. Others of the crew were landed earlier in the week.

Boston, Aug. 15.—Twenty-five survivors of the British steamer Penistone, sunk by a German submarine off the Massachusetts coast Sunday, landed at Cape Cod ports to-day and reported that another boat containing members of the crew had been lost. Four of the survivors were badly burned and injured, indicating the vessel had been attacked before the crew had a chance to escape.

Navy Department reports earlier in the week did not explain how the Penistone had been sunk and first advices from the Cape to-day failed to clear up this point, as it was said naval authorities had taken charge of the ship's crew. The men were in two boats, which had drifted since Sunday. They were well nigh exhausted from exposure and lack of food.

The number in the boat reported lost was not stated.

Bath, Maine, Aug. 15.—The five-masted schooner Dorothy B. Barrett, sunk by a German submarine near Cape May, N. J., yesterday, was owned by N. J. Deering Company of this city, the builders, and was valued at \$150,000. The Barrett, a vessel of 2,088 tons gross, was proceeding to a New England port with coal.

First 1918 Hunter's License Issued Today

County Treasurer Mark Mumma today issued the first hunter's license for 1918. The tags and books for this season were received a few days ago and twenty-five were used then to supply those who applied through the mails. To-day Joseph T. Powley, 320 Cowden street, called and took out the first one issued in person. Last year 8,500 licenses were furnished to the county treasurer and long before the season closed these had been used. An additional 1,000 were ordered and used, the last one being issued in December. This year 9,500 blanks and tags have been supplied by the state.

Ludendorff Orders Retirement on Five-Mile Front Between Albert and Arras Where Pressure Has Been Heaviest on His Front Line

EXTENT OF RETREAT NOT YET DETERMINED

Battling Confined Principally to Strong Local Actions. With Allies Pressing Hard on Heels of Teutons Who Give Up Positions

Paris, Aug. 15.—Allied troops, among whom the Americans have borne a creditable part, have captured 73,000 prisoners and more than 1,700 guns during the past four weeks. This is a greater number than the allies have taken in four weeks since the beginning of the war.

Allied success in Picardy apparently has compelled the Germans to realign their positions between Albert and Arras. Many troops have begun a retirement on a five-mile front, but complete details of the movement are lacking.

Four weeks ago to-day Marshal Foch took the initiative on the western side of the Marne salient and a week ago the French and British hit the German lines east and southeast of Amiens. In the four weeks the allies have reclaimed nearly 1,800 square miles of territory, improved their positions to the detriment of the enemy, freed the important railways running east and north from Paris and unofficially have captured 73,000 prisoners and 1,700 guns. These are the physical gains; the future holds the others.

Between the Ancre and the Oise the fighting still is confined to local actions at various points. The British and French have improved their positions slightly north of the Somme, northwest of Roye, south of Lassigny and along the Oise. Enemy troops have shown no disposition to counterattack elsewhere and have confined their retaliatory efforts to artillery bombardments.

Extent Uncertain The extent of the German withdrawal north of Albert is not yet clearly defined and its effect upon the situation as a whole is problematical. Field Marshal Haig announces the enemy has left his forward positions at Beaumont Hamel, Serre, Puisieux-au-Mont and Bucquoy. These are in the Hebuterne region, where the Germans were stopped in their offensive of March 21. Many vain efforts were made by the Germans to reach the heights around Hebuterne and their positions in this sector were dominated by the British guns.

British Make Progress Should the German lines be moved back any great depth, the line south of Albert and thence to the Somme would be affected. Likewise the line northward to the Scarpe might have to be readjusted. It is not unlikely the movement here is similar in purpose to the recent withdrawals in the Lys salient and is part of a German plan to get into as strong positions as possible on the entire front from Arras to Rheims.

North of the Somme Australian troops have improved their positions between Bray and Etinehem, reaching the western outskirts of Bray, south of the main bastion of the line south from Albert. East of Parvillers, northwest of Roye, the British have made progress toward the Chalunais railway.

French in Lassigny Lassigny still holds out. The French, however, continue their pressure and now are a little more than a mile south of the town. German resistance is strong, the enemy counterattacking repeatedly on the hills and in the woods of the plateau region there.

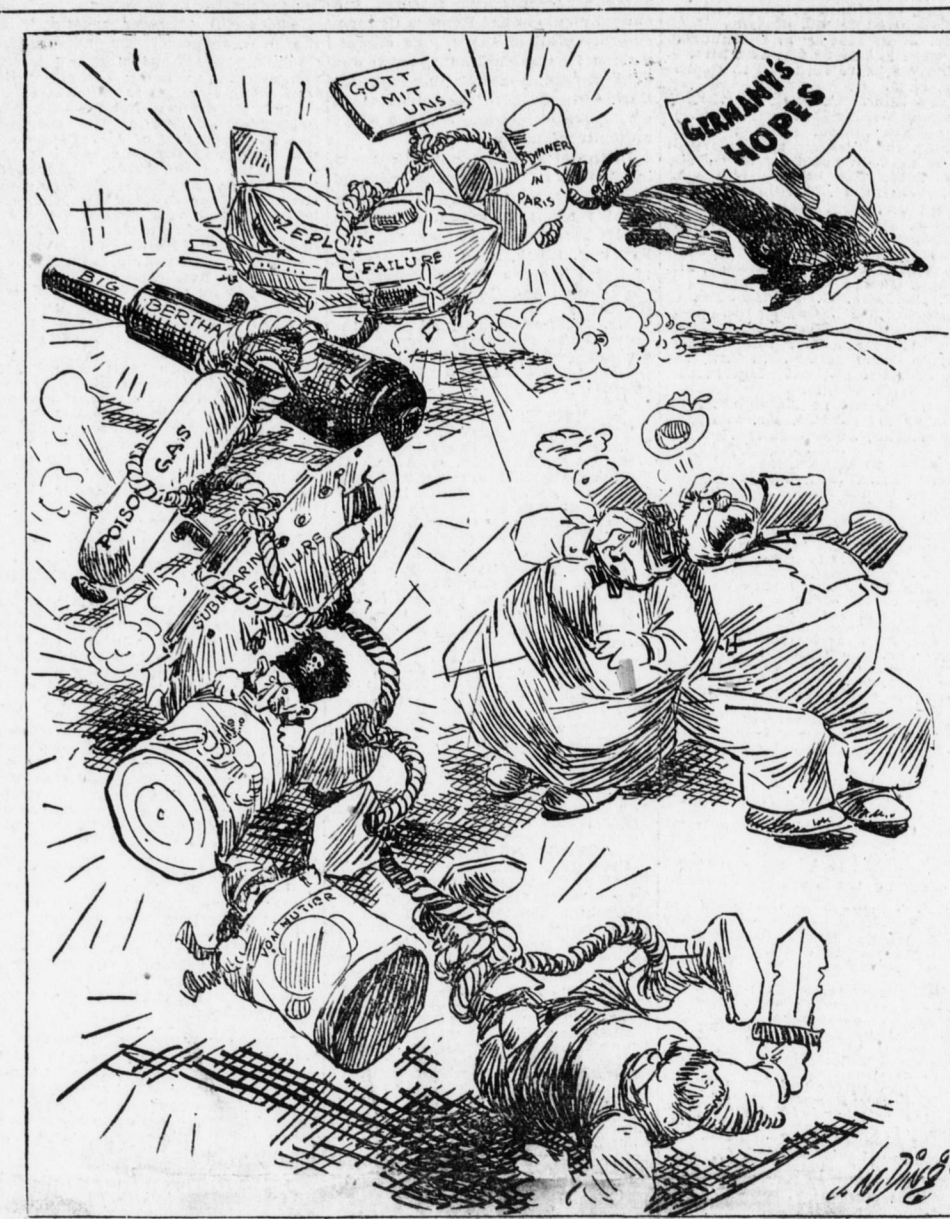
On the western bank of the Oise, slightly more than six miles south of Noyon, the French have occupied Ribecourt. The town itself is on the lowland, but the French also hold the heights to the west and northwest, which were part of the defensive system for Curcep forest east of the Oise and Thiescourt wood south of Lassigny. While the French advance south of the Roye-Lassigny line, it is still far from being saved to the Germans, and a French advance of even less than a mile would throw it out of balance.

Many army officers in Washington expect that a new drive shortly will be made against the enemy. Flanders and the Meuse between the Oise and the Somme are believed to be the most likely fields of action.

Allies Drop Bombs Along the Vesle the French and Americans are being subjected to bombardments from German airmen as well as from the enemy guns. There has been no infantry action. In Lorraine American patrols have brought back prisoners from the enemy trenches.

Allied airmen Tuesday put out of action forty-three German machines, twenty-one of which were destroyed. Attacks on railway stations, airdromes, ammunition dumps and other military targets continue without a letup. American aviators also have bombed railway stations in the area between Verdun and Metz.

"Oh, 'Vere, Oh, 'Vere, Iss Mein Leedle Dog Gone?"



TWO STEELTON MILLS CLOSED BY WALKOUT

Men Demand Conditions Existing at Big Bethlehem Plant

ROBBINS CONCILIATORY General Manager Says Local Plant Will Get Bethlehem Benefits

Word reached Harrisburg to-day that employees of the Bethlehem Steel Company's blast furnaces, billet mills and rolling mills, at Steelton, had failed to show up for work to-day and that those departments were idle, due to the desire of the men to have the wage scales and working conditions existing at Bethlehem put into effect at the local plants. Unrest among labor in several Harrisburg plants also was reported to-day.

Asked concerning the facts in the case, Superintendent Robbins, in charge of the Bethlehem Steel properties at Steelton, said: "Same As in Bethlehem. The employees of the 44-inch and the 28-inch rolling mills failed to report for duty this morning, making it necessary to close operations in those two departments for the day. These are the only branches of the industry affected. I do not know the grievances of the men as they have not sent anybody to-day to consult with me concerning them. The wage scale for laborers is the same here as at Bethlehem, and all the other workers are adjusted on a scale as

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Painters Overcome by Gas While Painting Chimney at Central Iron

Two men were partially asphyxiated and burned in a peculiar accident at the Central Iron and Steel Company plant shortly after ten o'clock this morning. Neal Maloney, aged 42, 1648 South Ninth street, and Norman Skillen, of the same address, are the victims in the hospital. It is said that the men were on a chimney painting it when the fumes from the furnace beneath shot out and enveloped them. They were partially asphyxiated, and hanging on to the ropes which had supported them, fell to the side of the chimney, where they sustained burns over their hands, arms and faces. At the hospital this afternoon it was said they will recover. Both men are from Pittsburgh.

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SPAIN INTERESTED IN U. S. MILITARY CAMPS

Paris, Aug. 15.—American camps and depots here were visited by the Spanish military mission to-day. The mission was accompanied by American officers.

Colonel Roosevelt Answers Poincare

By Associated Press Paris, Aug. 15.—Colonel Roosevelt's answer to tendentiousness extended by President Poincare to the death of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt is published by the newspapers.

"My only regret," the Colonel wrote, "is that I am unable to fight beside my sons."

SPECIAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE BEING ARRANGED

Board of Directors Will Receive Report Tomorrow From New Supervisor

Special activities to be conducted in the city school district during the coming year as outlined by J. H. Bickley, who was recently appointed as supervisor of that branch of work, will be presented to the board of directors for approval at the regular meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Officials to-day would not give complete data about the plans preferring to have the reports submitted at the board meeting before making public the arrangements. It is understood, however, that one of the moves in connection with this new branch of work will be night schools for the education of the foreign population and working classes; establishment of evening recreation centers and other important moves to bring about a general Americanization plan.

The plan to have a definite program of special activities was recommended to the school board months ago by Superintendent F. E. Downes and upon the approval of the directors he was authorized to propose a suitable person to act as supervisor. Mr. Bickley had been doing this work in connection with a large east-

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400 Soldiers Enroute to an Atlantic Port Swamp City's Bathing Facilities

Four hundred soldiers enroute for an Atlantic port, swamped Harrisburg's swimming pools, shower baths and bathtubs this afternoon when they stopped here for a "clean up." The local chapter of the American Red Cross received a wire in the early afternoon, asking that bathing facilities be provided for the soldiers. Through the aid of Captain H. M. Stipe, Commissioner E. Z. Gross and Frank Payne, arrangements were hurriedly made for the accommodation of the soldiers. The P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. swimming pool, shower baths and other facilities in the Boyd Memorial building and the Cathedral Hall were thrown open for the use of the soldiers. Many of the boys in khaki went to the river where they splashed to their heart's content.

COAL FAMINE IN CITY UNLESS THE SHIPMENTS GROW

But 30 Per Cent. of Ordered Tonnage Is Delivered, Hickok Says

CONSERVATION IS URGED County Fuel Head Has Assurances August Shipments Will Continue Good

Harrisburg will not escape a coal shortage during the coming winter unless shipments are materially increased, it was learned to-day. During the first four months of the summer coal-buying season Harrisburg received 12,302 tons short of its allotment. Its allotment is 13,601 tons monthly.

Thirty per cent. of the tonnage ordered by householders during the four months has been delivered. The remaining orders for domestic sizes of anthracite are unfilled. The above facts were announced by Ross A. Hickok, Dauphin county fuel administrator, this morning, who said:

"It now looks as if there would not be enough coal. I feel that there will be a shortage, and urge conservation. As a safety measure, I urge the people to use bituminous coal and wood, or even coke where it can be used. I advise that householders lay in supplies of wood and bituminous coal."

It was not possible to learn the amount of coal ordered during July, but until July 1, 145,428 tons had been ordered. July orders would increase this total. Thirty per cent. of this amount is now in the householders' cellars. However, this does not mean that thirty per cent. of the orders are filled, or that orders which have been attended to are completely filled.

One Hopeful Sign During July, 13,873 tons of domestic size, anthracite, were received by Harrisburg dealers. This is an increase of 5,854 tons over June, and 4,357 tons over the amount received during July, 1916. It is 272 tons more than the monthly allotment. It was the largest amount shipped here.

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Seeks to Relieve Local Sugar Shortage

Donald McCormick, county food administrator, went to Philadelphia to-day in an effort to get the State Food Administrator to release the 600,000 pounds of sugar held by the Harrisburg wholesalers. Retail grocers, confectioners and drink dispensers who are dependent upon the wholesalers for their August sugar supplies are short of sugar, and in many cases entirely without it. It is in an effort to relieve the situation that the local administrator is in Philadelphia.

U. S. TO PLACE 3,000,000 MEN ON FRONT LINE

Tremendous War Program Planned by War Department to Reach Full Development by June 30, 1919; All Men to Be Called Then

Washington Aug. 15.—In reporting the administration manpower bill extending the draft ages, to-day Chairman Chamberlain disclosed to the Senate that General March had told the military committee it was up to the United States to put enough men in France to win the war on the west front and had expressed the belief that four million Americans under one commander could go through the German lines whenever they pleased.

The report also revealed that the new American war program calls for eighty divisions, or something over three million men, in France by June 30 next year, with eighteen more divisions in training at home then. All men called for service under the proposed new draft ages —18 to 45—General March told the committee, would be in France by next June according to the program.

Secretary Baker informed the committee, the report said, that the President's policy called for concentration of American forces on the western front, including Italy and that "the theory of the fighting in the future is that we must force the issue and win on the western front."

Immediate extension of the draft ages was declared by the army representative to be imperative in order that the United States may throw its full strength in the struggle and win. If the draft ages are fixed at from 18 to 45, General March said the system of volunteer enlistment in the United States Army automatically disappear. In his report Chairman Chamberlain quoted extensively from testimony before the committee by Secretary Baker, General March and Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Allies Ask Big Program "The United States Government," General March is quoted as saying, "has been asked by her allies to embark upon a program so large that it was necessary very carefully to ascertain whether we could go through with it or not, and one of the

MURNANE TO GET HEARING ON SATURDAY

Harrisburg—The hearing of City Detective Murnane, charged with aggravated assault and battery and interfering with a United States officer, will be held before Alderman E. J. Hilton Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Murnane was arrested Monday afternoon upon information brought by a Government officer from Middletown.

BRAVE SEAMAN, WILLIAM KING, COMMENDED Washington—William E. King, seaman, of Baltimore, was commended by Secretary Daniels to-day for bravery and initiative in taking a launch to the side of the burning Spanish steamship Scranes on July 13, in New York harbor, and rescuing from the forecastle seven men, who were being hemed in by the flames, were too panic stricken to jump into the water. To reach the vessel the launch steered through an area of burning gasoline.

BRITISH TAKE DEFENSE OF BAKU London—A British force from northwestern Persia has reached the Caspian Sea and taken over a part of the defense of Baku.

SENATE FAILS OF QUORUM Washington—Only 43 senators answered to their names when the roll was called to-day. This was six less than a quorum. Senate leaders had telegraphed members to return from vacations so that the agreement for three-day recess until August 24 might be set aside. The senate adjourned until Monday and the plan now is to begin consideration of the manpower bill next Thursday.

PENISTONE ENGINEER KILLED Nantucket, Mass.—The killing of the engineer and the wounding of four firemen on the British steamer Penistone, sent down by a German submarine in New England waters Sunday, was reported to-day by nine survivors of the vessel who were brought here by a tug. The tug picked up by two officers and seven men and other vessels landed 29 of the crew at Cape Cod points earlier in the day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Gordon McG. Nickle and Margaret M. Klinger, Harrisburg; Harry C. Householder, Alexander, and Jane Clippinger, Nantopoli; Clarence Mitchell, Alexander, and Margaret E. Hawk, Mableton; Arthur J. Davies, Harrisburg, and Elsie M. Alexander, Philadelphia.