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NIGHT EXTRA

BRITISH CAPTURE BRAY; DRAW NEARER BAPAUME STRONGHOLD

30,000 GERMAN PRISONERS FALL TO BRITISH IN RAPID ADVANCE

Enemy, Confused by Rapid Progress Being Made by the Victorious Troops Directed by Field Marshal Haig, Are Swept Out of Positions

TOWN AFTER TOWN IS CAPTURED BY ENGLISH

Huns Recoil Under Terrible Punishment; 1,000 Dead Men Killed in One Contact; Allied Casualties Small For Tremendous Work

By Associated Press With the British Army in France, Aug. 24.—The Third and Fourth British armies have since August 8 captured over 30,000 men. Two thousand were taken yesterday south of the Somme. The British Fourth army has captured nearly 5,000 in the past two days. The prisoners counted since August 8 total 26,146 men and 598 officers. The battle continued successfully for the allied arms last night. The British advanced everywhere and the enemy suffered heavy defeats.

Bray is reported to have been captured by the British. The British were smashing through the German positions this morning all along the battle front.

Advance Is Steady The British are reported to have captured Becordel and to have reached the high ground southwest of Fricourt.

The British have passed well beyond Happy valley. Several thousand German prisoners have passed through the cages behind General Byng's third army to-day. No effort to count the guns captured has been made up to this time.

The village of the Behagnies, two miles and a half north of Bapaume on the Bapaume-Arras highway, has been reached by the British. British troops are operating east of Bihucourt, within two miles and a half of Bapaume, on the west.

Advance Goes On British forces are reported to have reached points east of Henin, on the Cojeul river, five miles southeast of Arras. They are in the outskirts of St. Leger, farther south, and have captured Bivillers, two miles east of Concheux. They still are advancing. Achiet-le-Grand was reported taken late yesterday after heavy fighting. The British advanced beyond Bihucourt.

At the same time the British were reported to be still driving the confused Germans before them east of Henin and further south at St. Leger and Enillers.

Huns Are Desperate Sharp fighting has taken place along the Ires-Grevillers road. The Germans are clinging to Miraumont, on the Ancre northeast of Albert, and to be fighting desperately.

German prisoners say it was expected by them that the British would stop at the Arras-Albert railroad and the unexpected success against them had confused the German forces.

Tired and depleted German divisions which have been withdrawn from the battle since August 8 are being rushed back into the fight. Troops from the enemy's strategic reserve divisions, which had been held for later counterattacks also have appeared along the front.

British advance troops were reported at one time last night to have reached Spagnies, just north of Bapaume, but they were pushed back slightly by an enemy counter-attack. They are reported to be re-attacking this village. The town of Behagnies, just to the north, has been wrested from the Germans.

North of the Somme a large number of guns have been captured. They include complete batteries of howitzers and trench mortars. Immediately south of the Somme twelve guns have been taken by the British. South of the Somme 1,000 Germans were killed in one combat. They were closely huddled in front of the British, instead of being in the customary open order. The allied casualties are very small.

Huns Fear Invasion Of the Rhine Valley

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The German population along the Rhine expects an allied invasion, in the opinion of a Dutch woman of German descent, who has just returned to Amsterdam from a small village near Bonn on the Rhine. In a statement to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express, she said:

"The idea that German soil is to remain inviolate to the last has disappeared completely, and on the Rhine everybody expects a foreign invasion sooner or later. Many families are preparing to leave for central Germany.

"The ravages of allied aircraft are simply terrific."

ENEMY MORALE HARD HIT BY GEN'L FOCH'S TREMENDOUS BLOWS

Superiority of Allied Artillery Tactics Makes It Impossible For Germans to Hold Well-Protected Positions; French Advance to Edge of the Great Battlefield of 1917

By Associated Press With the French Army in France, Aug. 24.—Further evidence has been gathered that the victories of the Allies have affected considerably the morale of the German troops. The cause of the depression which is quite general among the prisoners taken recently, is the conclusion that they have reached, after comparisons that the Allies' artillery tactics are far superior to theirs. They attribute their defeat to the success of the French in encircling their strongest position and in well-directed and concentrated artillery fire. Thus they have been unable to hold even their best sheltered positions.

The bulk of the Juvigny plateau is in the hands of the French, who are again on the edge of the battlefield of 1917. To the north lies the Ailette valley. Eight miles eastward is Lafaux hill and the beginning of Chem-

300 YOUTHS OF 21 REGISTERING FOR WAR SERVICE

Local Draft Boards Add the Names of Those Just Attaining Majority

Harrisburg and Dauphin county youths who have attained their majority since June 5 went to the local draft boards to-day in a steady stream, and by to-night it is estimated that nearly 300 new names will be on the list of registrants for Army service.

Registration this morning was light, but it is thought that they will increase this afternoon, owing to the fact that many business places shut down Saturday afternoon. The local draft boards will remain open until 9 o'clock this evening for youths who cannot register during the day.

Registration Heavy About 150 men were registered before 11 o'clock this morning at the three city and three county boards. The registration was far heavier during the morning at the county boards than at the city boards.

At city board No. 1, about ten men registered before 10:30. The board expects to register about thirty-five men.

City board No. 2 registered six men before 10:30, and estimated that it would register twenty-five until to-night. City board No. 3 registered the most of the city boards this morning, fourteen men. It expects to register sixty during the day.

Register Late in County The registration at the county boards was heavier. It is thought because many of them represented farmers who can find it more convenient to come in during the morning. At Steelton, Board No. 1, about forty men were registered before noon and seventy expected before to-night.

County Board No. 2 registered twenty-four men this morning. County board No. 3, at Elizabethtown, registered fifteen men and expects fifty.

With hardly an exception every letter from the front tells of the avidity with which every scrap of news from home is awaited and the long delays experienced in getting newspapers delivered in France. When every available bit of shipping is being utilized in rushing men and steel to back up the fighters already on the front and the shipment of newspapers is held up for weeks the men have been obliged to do without the interesting bits of home life gossip that does so much to keep the home ties from being severed.

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RUMOR OF GREAT U. S. CASUALTIES BRANDED FALSE BY GEN. MARCH

Chief of Staff Declares Lists of Army Losses Are Made Public as Fast as Cables Can Carry Names Sent by General Pershing

NO LETUP IN SENDING OF TROOPS TO FRANCE

By Associated Press Washington, Aug. 24.—Members of the Senate Military Committee were assured by General March at their weekly conference to-day that stories of great unpublished American casualties overseas are wholly false and that all casualties among the expeditionary forces are given to the public as promptly as the cables can carry them.

Further improvement in the shipping situation was noted and General March said the program of transporting troops to France was going ahead without change. The chief of staff, without discussing in detail the great allied forward movement now under way, said the situation on the western front now was decidedly favorable to the Allies.

More Than 1,500,000

The total number of soldiers embarked now has passed the 1,500,000 mark General March, chief of staff, announced to-day.

Commenting upon the military situation the chief of staff pointed out that since last Wednesday the French advance has continued from the plateau overlooking Noyon, down to the Oise river, making a maximum advance for these troops of nine miles since August 13. This has forced the enemy back across the Oise.

Yankees Measure Up

General March spoke warmly of the achievements of the American soldiers in France. "The American soldier deserves the confidence of the American people," he said. "Every time they have been tested they have absolutely delivered the goods."

Confidence in Men "Every man who has served with American troops has absolute confidence in them," he added, citing the reports made to him personally by American officers returning from France to the higher rank in new divisions. One of these described an action in which an American division captured sixty-eight German guns and brought them back at the rear of army trucks.

This division at the same time captured 3,500 prisoners. Another American division in a single action took ten complete German batteries and presented them to General Pershing.

Pennsylvanians in Training In answer to questions, he said the Eighty-third division (Pennsylvania and Ohio troops) is serving as a replacement division; the Thirtieth division (Ohio troops) is in the Fourth army corps.

The Seventy-ninth division (District of Columbia, Maryland and Pennsylvania troops) has reached France and is in training in the rear of the line.

DRAFT TREATY SIGNED

Washington, Aug. 24.—Secretary Lansing and the Italian ambassador to-day signed the treaty governing the drafting of Americans in Italy and Italians in the United States.

WAR WEEKLY ISSUED FOR BOYS IN SERVICE

"Trench Edition" of Harrisburg Telegraph to Keep Soldiers in Close Touch With Home Ties While Bearing Arms For Uncle Sam; Published Every Saturday

The Harrisburg Telegraph to-day begins the publication of a special "War Weekly" designed to meet the ever increasing demands of the thousands of central Pennsylvania lads in Uncle Sam's service for news from home. The "War Weekly" will be a regular feature of Saturday's editions and is so arranged that it may be clipped easily and mailed to the soldier boys in France and in the training camps.

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Haig's Men But Two Miles Away; French Cross Divette, Three Miles From Noyon; Americans Beat Back Huns Along Vesle

By Associated Press London, Aug. 24.—The town of Noyon is expected to fall at any moment, according to information received here this afternoon from the battle front in France.

British troops along the extreme northern sectors of the battle line in Picardy and Artois are advancing at a comparatively rapid rate. Their attack in the Albert region was continued early to-day.

According to unofficial reports from the field, the British have reached the village of Henin, on the Cojeul river, five miles southeast of Arras.

They have advanced farther to the south and are in the outskirts of the town of St. Leger.

Advancing Britons appear to be closing in on Bapaume, the reputed keystone of the German positions between Arras and the Somme. The Germans have been forced to give up towns just to

FIRE BREAKS IN YANKEES FORCE PITTSBURGH WITH FIREMEN OFF JOB

Rumors Section in Penn Ave. Threatened, Civilians and Soldiers Turn Out

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 24.—With the city firemen out on strike, the engine houses deserted except for a lone policeman as custodian of the city property, a fire broke out in the wholesale business section of Penn avenue, shortly after 2 o'clock and a few minutes later a general alarm was sent in. At the first alarm one horse carriage and three firemen who had stuck to their posts appeared on the scene. The fire was in a long row two-story brick buildings and the flames were licking along the structures and fast gaining such headway as to threaten many blocks.

Men from manufacturing plants nearby rushed with hose from the plants and coupled to street hydrants and attacked the blaze. Apparatus was observed rolling to the fire from all sections of the outer districts, manned by automobile experts and civilians in all walks of life who volunteered in the city's distress. One set of apparatus was manned by soldiers from a training camp and as it rushed through the streets, crowds lined the curb and cheered.

About an hour after the general alarm had been sent in, some one notified the labor temple, where the firemen were holding a meeting and the four members of a downtown company rushed to their old station, commandeered the apparatus and apparently forgetting their grievances rolled out to the fire in citizens' clothes, as though from force of habit.

When they had reached the scene, the fire had been well controlled by the amateur firefighters.

New Traffic Rules Are Made For Busy Corners

The traffic regulations have been changed at the corners of Fourth and Walnut and Third and Walnut to comply with the conditions there, it was announced this morning.

Instead of running around the corner, automobiles which turn into one of those streets from another, run across the corner in front of the officer, rather than running around him. Because of the extreme narrowness of the streets, it is sometimes difficult for large automobiles to run clear around the officer, it was said. Autoists and pedestrians who are not used to the changes are not entirely favorable to the new rule.

The regulations at the other corners remain the same.

ITALIANS TAKE VILLAGE

Rome, Aug. 24.—Italian troops have captured the village of Rivalta and the height of Sasso Stefani, north of Valstagna, on the war office announced.

LATE NEWS

PLAN TO STOP COAL BONUSES Washington—Having refused to approve the demands of the coal miners of the country for increased wages as a substitute for the bonuses now being paid by many operators, the fuel administration took steps to-day toward stopping the bonus system.

GAS OVERWHELMS MANHATTAN New York—Scores of families in down town Manhattan were "gassed" out of their homes early to-day, when \$100,000 worth of government chemical supplies, destined for the American army overseas, were destroyed in a warehouse fire.

ARTILLERY DUELS NEAR LASSIGNY Paris—Artillery actions in the region of Lassigny and between the Oise and the Aisne rivers are reported to-day in the war office statement. Raiding operations in Lorraine also are reported. In the three days ending Friday, the British troops have captured 8,000 prisoners, says the Petit Journal. Friday, it adds, they captured 3,000 at this total.

MILUKOFF OUT OF PARTY Amsterdam—Paul N. Milukoff, former Russian foreign minister, has resigned from the constitutional democratic party, according to a Moscow dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, quoting the newspaper Izvestia. It is added that he intends to form a new political faction in Russia to be called the constitutional monarchist party.

HUGHES REPORT AWAITED Washington—Interest in the next development in the aircraft probe is awaited here, especially the recommendations to be made by Charles E. Hughes, who is conducting a separate investigation for President Wilson into allegations of dishonesty.

AMERICANS SOON IN GREAT DRIVE Washington—Concentration at this time of the United States divisions on the All-American front, when the forward movement of the more northern armies promises so much, is taken by experts here to mean that General Foch probably has assigned to Pershing some more important task, closely linked with the major strategy, perhaps in the nature of a thrust in force to prevent the detachment of German reserves to stop the gap in Picardy.

STEWARTSTOWN SOLDIER MISSING Ottawa—J. T. Fisher, of Stewartstown, Pa., is mentioned in to-day's casualty list as missing and believed to be a prisoner of war. R. Cunningham, of Ridgway, Pa., is reported wounded.

With the American Forces on the Lorraine Front—Three German airplanes brought down in one day, a record for American aviators, has been credited to Lieut. Donald Hudson, a son of Paul Hudson, of Washington, D. C. Official confirmation by the French authorities has added his name to those of the other four aces of the American army.

MAN POWER BILL VOTE COMES MONDAY Washington—Plans for a final vote in the senate on the administration man power bill before adjournment to-night were abandoned late to-day by Chairman Chamberlain, who announced that it would go over until Monday.

PITTSBURGH FIREMEN STRIKE Pittsburgh—A general alarm of fire was sounded at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for a fire in the wholesale district in Penn avenue after three firemen responded with a hose wagon to an alarm fifteen minutes before. The Pittsburgh firemen have been on strike since noon, their demands for increased pay having been refused by Mayor Webber, who claimed to be without authority.

MARRIAGE LICENSES George F. Smyser and Sara E. Berrier, Harrisburg; George Wilder and Mae E. Kodeshaver, Harrisburg; James F. Bush and Dora G. Fink, Greensburg; Isaac A. Humer and Stella M. Reinsel, Harrisburg; William M. Nye and Nettie E. Brennan, Harrisburg; Clarence K. Winkler and Caroline M. Schaubauer, Harrisburg.

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THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Sunday; not much change in temperature.