



GERMANS FIRE TOWN IN FLIGHT BEFORE YANKEES IN LORRAINE

One of War's Most Desperate Battles Waging on Front Where British Are Astride of the Hindenburg Line

GERMAN LOSSES TREMENDOUS OWING TO CLOSE FORMATIONS

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 21.—Fires were observed to-day in the town of Donmartin, behind the German line on this front, together with a heavy movement of men and wagon trains, behind the line. These were taken to indicate a possible further retirement of the Germans.

A harassing fire was kept up at different points, however, against the allied line and on positions to the rear.

With the exception of the exchange of artillery fire, mostly directed at fixed targets, there was little activity.

The Germans are using gas shells to a limited extent, especially for sprinkling wooded areas. The towns of Vilcey and Xammes and the Presle woods, toward the eastern part of the front southwest of Metz, are points that are being more heavily shelled by the Germans.

London, Sept. 21.—One of the most desperate battles of the war is raging on a thirty-mile front, from a point north of Moeuvres, where the British are astride the Hindenburg line, to south of St. Quentin.

Haig's troops are in the advance zone of the Hindenburg system on almost the whole of the British front and the Germans are fighting furiously. Their losses are tremendous.

British and French Forge Ahead South of St. Quentin the French armies, under Generals Mangin and Debeney, are making progress against the formidable natural obstacles blocking the way to La Fere and Laon, the southern buttresses of the Hindenburg line.

In France the British and French continue with success their operations looking toward the encircling of St. Quentin and the breaking of the Hindenburg line between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

Attack on Three-mile Front On a front of three miles the British to-day are smashing into the German main defenses west of Le Catelot with the object of getting east of the section of the Scheldt canal between St. Quentin and Cambrai. The canal is less than two miles from the British lines east of Epehy, near Bellengise Field Marshal Haig's men also are working toward the canal which probably forms an important part of the Hindenburg defenses in this region.

Around Gauche wood, north of Epehy, the British repulsed German attacks.

Follow Up Initial Successes South of St. Quentin the French followed up the capture of Essigny-le-Grand by forcing the Germans to give up Benay, to the southeast, and by making progress to the north of the village.

German casualties in the battle have been most heavy owing to the close character of the fighting and the sturdy resistance of the Teutons.

Principal centers of the fighting yesterday were around Epehy, where an Alpine corps continued a stout resistance and between Gouzeaucourt and Villers Guislan, where the Sixth Brandenburg division was raked to shreds by a machine gun barrage.

Scottish troops finally have overcome the resistance of the Germans still in the village of Moeuvres, west of Cambrai, where there has been much violent fighting recently, and completely captured the village, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication last night. The text of the statement follows:

Along the battle line in France the British are still hammering away at the Hindenburg line north of St. Quentin and have made gains of considerable importance. This region is one great fortress and progress must of necessity be slow. The success of the British, especially that of the Australian units, gives reason for the belief expressed in dispatches that the German lines north of St. Quentin may be broken by the Allied onslaught. South of St. Quentin, the French are fighting relentlessly and are making progress in the region of Essigny-le-Grand.

Fighting along the American front in Lorraine has been of a minor nature since the Germans were forced back to their lines before Metz.

Allies Rout Soviets Allied forces in Russia have routed the Bolshevik army on the northern front. Petrograd dispatches state that the Bolshevik retreat was caused by the treachery of Lettish regiments, which refused to fight against the British. The Letts have heretofore been the staunchest supporters of the Bolshevik regime.

New Blow Expected There is a belief in official circles in Washington that a new Allied stroke may be launched soon somewhere along the front in France. The plans of Marshal Foch are not known, but it is intimated in dispatches from the capital that an attack from Rheims to Verdun would cause little surprise. Such a move would probably be the first step in the operation of forcing the Germans to loosen their grip north of the Aisne and also weaken their hold on the region west and north-west of Metz.

F. H. Hoy, Jr., to Direct Military Training at the Harrisburg Academy Captain F. H. Hoy, Jr., commander of Company A, of the Harrisburg Reserves and drillmaster of the famous patrol of Zumbo Temple, has been secured by Headmaster Arthur E. Brown, of the Harrisburg Academy, to have charge of the preliminary military training at the Harrisburg Academy. He will assume the work next week and the Academy students will have drill on five days each week or every school day. It will be a very thorough course and the whole school will take part.

Captain Hoy is a Spanish War veteran and has been identified with numerous marching organizations. He was one of the organizers of the Reserves and one of the original captains of the battalion. This summer, in addition to his work with the Reserves, he has had charge of the details giving military instruction to men of draft age in the Millersburg and Lykens districts.

DECORATED FOR WORK AS FLYER



WALTER SHAFFER

CITY HAS CHANCE TO NAME TANK IN BIG LOAN DRIVE

Honor to Be Conferred Only if Bond Sales Warrant Such Action

Secretary J. Clyde Myton at Liberty Loan headquarters to-day was perhaps the busiest man in Harrisburg. The headquarters for the fourth loan are located in the old Gilbert hardware store—and there is plenty of room for the intricate operations of what promises to be the most complete Liberty Loan campaign put on in Pennsylvania.

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YANKEE TROOPS IN WORLD'S WAR OVER 1,750,000

News From All Fronts During Week Continues Good, Says General March

NEW 20-MILE U. S. LINE

Americans Are Midway Between Metz and Conflans, in Lorraine Sector

Washington, Sept. 21.—Embarkation of American soldiers for all fronts overseas now has passed the 1,750,000 mark, General March announced to-day. He said military news during the past week from all fronts has been continuously good.

Yankies Make New Line On the Lorraine front where General Pershing's first American army has completed its operation to eliminate the St. Mihiel salient, the situation has become stabilized with the enemy hurrying to perfect a new line in front of the Americans. This line stretches for twenty miles from Malzeville to the Moselle at Vandieres. The Americans now are ten miles from Metz and an equal distance from Conflans.

British General Praises Americans General March read a cablegram citing a general order issued by Major General H. L. Reed, commanding the Fifteenth Scottish division, British army, praising the First Artillery Brigade of the First American division (regulars) for work in co-operation with the Scots.

The order said the Fifteenth had never received such perfect assistance "making over" operations, although it was realized that the American division at that time must have been under severe strain and had suffered severe casualties.

BOLSHEVIK DEFEATED London, Sept. 21.—Entente naval units and Allied troops operating along the river Dvina, in northern European Russia, have sunk two enemy ships and have captured three more, says a British war office statement to-day. Heavy losses were inflicted on the Bolshevik forces by the Entente allies.

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD RULES IN RAILWAYS CASE

Passengers Must Stay Off the Front Platform; Courtesy and No Flat Wheels

The Harrisburg Railways Company was to-day directed by the Public Service Commission in an opinion by Chairman W. D. Ainey to rigidly enforce the rule against permitting passengers to ride on the front platform and to issue an order with respect to courtesy on the part of its employees as well as to promptly remove cars having flat wheels, as the result of a complaint made last winter by George A. Herring, Mr. Herring, who was prominent in labor circles, has since entered the army and the opinion stated that other matters mentioned in his complaint are embraced in a proceeding now pending wherein the larger question of service is being considered. Attention is also called to the fact that in incidents complained of the company has remedied conditions, notably in the matter of additional cars.

As to the conditions at rush hours on which there has been much complaint in this city, the opinion says it is "more frequently experienced during the winter months."

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Frost Likely Tonight With Mercury Falling; Summer Ends Monday

Get your heavy clothes out; jostle the moth balls. Weather man says it may drop to 42 to-night, and, maybe, the mountains will display a coat of frost to-morrow morning.

This is in keeping with the usual shift in thermometer, for according to the almanac Autumn officially starts Monday next, 3:46 p. m. Prospects are that Autumn will identify itself with clear, cool weather for several days, while the sun keeps sinking just a few seconds earlier each day. There are no signs of immediate wet weather, although conditions are unsettled and a long stretch of low fall temperature cannot be assured just yet.

Lawyers Meet Daily to Aid Men in Filling Out Draft Questionnaires

Attorneys of the city are meeting daily on Sunday, in the City Council Chamber, second floor of the Courthouse, to aid registrants in filling out questionnaires. The hours are from 11 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon; 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening. Men from the three city draft boards and the second county board, who desire aid in filling out the answers are requested to come to the council chamber during the hours mentioned. Committees of lawyers of the county bar have been named by the three legal advisors in the city. President Judge George Kunkel, A. Carson, Stamm and Charles C. Stroh, president of the Dauphin County Bar Association. Each day one of the committees serve and will continue to so until all the questionnaires have been mailed out by the draft boards.

Jesse L. Daron Is Wounded on Battlefield

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Addison P. Daron, of 591 Showers street, that their son, Jesse L. Daron, of Company F, One Hundred and Ninth Infantry, formerly of the Thirtieth Infantry, is in a base hospital in France. A letter states that his right hand is injured. Daron has been in the service two years and after training at different camps, sailed last May for France.

Serbs Move Rapidly Forward on Wide Front, Taking Many of Foe

TURKISH ARMY IS IN FLIGHT

Allied Armies Are Winning Ground on East Front

Driving northward on an ever-widening front the Serbian and French forces in Central Macedonia now menace the entire Bulgarian position from the Adriatic to Saloniki.

Serbian infantry is moving rapidly toward the highway from Prilep to the Vardar river and eight miles southward parallel the road on a front of more than fifteen miles. At Drogoj, north of which the cavalry are operating, the Serbs advanced twenty miles from the Sokol positions.

Many New Prisoners Additional villages have been liberated. A large number of prisoners has been added to the 5,000 already reported.

The Serbs are approaching the Vardar river and the main railway south from Uskub. The British and Greeks continue their pressure around Lake Doiran.

London, Sept. 21.—The Serbian troops east of Monastir have advanced more than nine miles in one day and are now less than eight miles from the main highway connecting Prilep with the Vardar river.

DEMOCRATS FAIL IN WAR CRISIS; LEADER REBUKES

Gillett Points to Opponents of Battle as Weaklings in Great Program

Washington, Sept. 21.—Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, acting Republican leader in a speech in the House to-day, attacked the war records of the Democratic majority, contrasting with it that of the Republican minority. He said the election of a Republican House this year would bring no encouragement to the Kaiser, "for he knows who have been his fiercest foes and who he had most reason to fear."

West Virginia Paper Asked to Suspend to Help Win the War

Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 21.—Huntington's youngest newspaper, the Evening Journal, to-day was requested by Thomas E. Donnelly, chief of the pulp and paper section of the War Industries Board, to suspend publication for the duration of the war. It is owned by the Huntington Herald Company and was first issued on June 2.

Can Name a Tank

It will be possible for Harrisburg to be represented on the French battlefield by a tank bearing its name. It will be fine business, some of these days, to pick up a copy of the Telegraph and read a special like this: With the American Forces in Germany, Dec. 11.—The tank "Harrisburg" this morning in the vicinity of Schlettstadt (10 miles east of Markirch) singlehandedly routed a German regiment. That is what can very easily happen, Harrisburg may name a tank if during the coming Fourth Liberty Loan its bond purchases total a certain percentage in proportion to its population. Just how many bonds this means will be announced later.

SHAFFER WINS WAR CROSS FOR DOWNING PLANE

Dauphin Flyer Decorated by French Army For His Work in the Air

IS GIVEN A PROMOTION

Two-Seated German Airship Sent Crashing to Earth by County Man

Sergeant Walter Shaffer, the Dauphin boy who is fighting as an aviator for France, brought down a German two-seater airplane, according to a letter received by his parents.

He was decorated with the French War Cross and made an adjutant in recognition of the feat.

Shaffer's adventures and career as a flying student and then as a flyer over the battlefields in France have been described vividly in his letters printed in the Telegraph. He has had numerous encounters with the Boche airmen and lately wrecked an observation balloon.

Shaffer was a companion of the late Lieutenant David E. Putnam, flying ace of the American forces, and they bunched together for a while. They were in the same squadron together until Putnam was transferred to the American forces. Putnam and Shaffer made many flights together.

The decoration given Shaffer bears two palms, an honor given only for unusual work at the front. This air battle is described in detail in Shaffer's letter and will be printed next week in the Harrisburg Telegraph.

Scores Killed When British Monitor Sinks

London, Sept. 21.—A British monitor was sunk on Monday, as she was lying in harbor, the admiralty announced to-day. One officer and nineteen men were killed and fifty-seven men are missing and are presumed to have been killed.

VEILLER ASKED FOR REPORT ON FINDINGS HERE

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Says Many Were Converted by Expert's Talk

"We have asked Mr. Veiller to give us a digest of his address before the Chamber of Commerce yesterday and of his findings as they relate to the housing survey in Harrisburg as the result of his brief visit here," said Warren H. Jackson, secretary of the Chamber to-day.

"Members of the Chamber of Commerce, who brought Mr. Veiller here," continued Mr. Jackson, "were very much pleased with his address of yesterday. Many of them who were skeptical as to the advisability

Crowder Rules Draffees Sept. 12 Who Married After Aug. 5 Must Fight

Washington, Sept. 21.—New editions of revised selective service regulations issued to-day by Provost Marshal General Crowder fixed August 5 as the date from which draft boards shall disregard marriages of men who registered on September 12, as grounds for exemption.

RUMANIAN CROWN PRINCE FLEES

Copenhagen.—The Rumanian Crown Prince has fled from Rumanian territory and arrived in Odessa, according to the Ukrainian newspaper Krewskaya Myrsi.

PRESIDENT NAMES HOOSIER

Washington.—G. I. Christie, of Indiana, was nominated to-day by President Wilson to be assistant secretary of agriculture.

LATE NEWS

TWO ENEMY SHIPS SUNK BY ALLIES London.—Entente naval units and Allied troops along the river Dvina, in northern European Russia, have sunk two enemy ships. Heavy losses were inflicted on the Bolshevik forces by the allies.

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED Los Angeles, Cal.—Two soldiers, members of the balloon school at Arcadia, near here, were instantly killed and three others injured when a quantity of flash powder exploded late yesterday. The dead are: Privates Guy Weyland, of Nebraska and Bailey Thompson, of New York.

OTTAWA—Included among the wounded in to-day's Canadian casualty list are: J. Ewart, of Fair Haven, Pa., and J. H. Macbeth, of Philadelphia.

OHIO VILLAGE REPORTED BURNING Toledo, O.—Petersburg, Mich., a village of 800, 15 miles north of here, is reported burning.

SOLDIERS VICTIMS OF PNEUMONIA Camp Dix, N. J.—Four deaths from pneumonia, following Spanish influenza, have been reported within the last 24 hours. This brings the total of deaths at the camp to 15. Army surgeons say that they have about stamped out the disease at the camp.

CARDINAL'S BODY IN CATHEDRAL New York.—The body of the late Cardinal John M. Farley was borne yesterday from the arch-episcopal residence to St. Patrick's cathedral, where it will lie in state until it is entombed Tuesday in the cathedral crypt. The New York Board of Education to-day passed resolutions deploring the death of the cardinal, and ordered that the flags on all city schools be placed at half-mast Tuesday.

GERMAN CRISIS NEARS DECISIVE STAGE Amsterdam.—The government crisis in Germany is approaching a decisive stage, according to the Leipzig Tageblatt, and a majority of the parties are firmly resolved to form a parliamentary government without delay—a government which in entire independence of main headquarters will pursue a policy made necessary by the seriousness of the war.

RULING AFFECTS Y. M. C. A. WORKERS Washington.—In view of the extension of the draft ages members of the Senate Military Committee were informed by the War Department officials 37 years is to be made the minimum age upon men going abroad for Y. M. C. A. work.

BRITISH MONITOR SUNK IN HARBOR London.—A British monitor was sunk on Monday as she was lying in harbor, the admiralty announced to-day. One officer and 19 men were killed and 57 missing are presumed to have been killed.

PLUMBER CHARGED WITH DOUBLE MURDER Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Seven hours after Mrs. Josephine Jacobs, aged 65, an ether daughter, Mrs. James O'Malley, aged 34, were shot and killed in their home in this city, Luzerne county detectives in Port Jervis, N. Y., on another case, arrested Joseph Girard, aged 42, a plumber, charged with murders. The detectives say Girard confessed to the murders.

BRITISH WAR CASUALTIES OF WEEK London.—British casualties for the week ending to-day follow: Officers killed or dead of wounds, 487; men, 3,153. Officers wounded or missing, 1,916; men, 17,206.

MARRIAGE LICENSES John C. Gardner, Perdit, and Elsie F. Smith, Enola; Fred Diefenderfer and Marion L. Baker, Harrisburg; Albert E. Peche and Nellie Stevenson, Long Island City, N. Y.; Herbert Smith and Margaret I. King, Penbrook; Earl Trayer and Cecilia E. Schellhammer, Harrisburg; Edgar L. Dauberman and Ruth M. Patterson, Lykens; Mark W. Schreifer, Millersburg; and Edna Klinger, L'Anson.

END THIS WEEK BY BUYING THOSE WAR STAMPS YOU FORGOT LAST WEEK Be Frank About It and Buy

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cool to-night and Sunday; possibly light frost to-night in northern portion; gentle to moderate northwest winds. Temperature: 8 a. m., 58. Sun: Rises, 6:45 a. m.; sets, 7:01 p. m. River stage: 4.7 feet above low-water mark.