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# THE EVENING NEWS

THE WEATHER

Tonight and Saturday Probably Showers.  
Classical Music Society at temp. yesterday...76  
at temp. last night...60

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# NOW IN DEATH GRAPPLE

## HUN RESERVES NOW HURLED AT YANKEES

Desperate Conflict Raging on Plateau Just Southwest City of Soissons.

## CAVALRY GET IN ACTION

Rapid Work of Americans Opens Gap in Hun Lines—Thousands Are Taken Prisoners by The Allies.

(By Associated Press.)  
With the U. S. Army, July 19.—At two o'clock this afternoon the battle along the counter offensive front was growing desperately furious. The German reserves are rapidly coming up and going into action in an attempt to overwhelm the American units engaged. This fighting is on the plateau southwest of Soissons, and Germans are attempting to hold at all costs this very important position. The enemy is strongly entrenched at Soissons, which is a distributing center for his lines. Strategically it is important, situated on the Aisne river at the junction with another stream, and is a town of about 13,000 population.

## RAILWAY COMMUNICATION CUT.

London, July 19.—The main highway from Soissons to Chateau-Thierry is now dominated by the fire of the allies left wing, and the railway from Soissons to Villers-Cotterets has been cut, which will handicap the Germans in the handling of supplies. United States cavalry has advanced through the gaps in the lines of retreating Huns and established their quarters in villages further ahead. Military critics in close touch with the situation are enthusiastic over the success of the allied offensive, and allege that General Foch has compelled the Germans to use their reserves at the point and time he selected. Those German divisions which crossed the Marne river last Monday, when they started their offensive, are now facing a crisis, and the question now confronting General Ludendorff, commanding the Huns, is the means for saving his entrapped men from being compelled to surrender. With the French guns commanding the river crossings, and the Americans pushing German lines further back north of the stream, so that little or no aid can be extended the divisions endangered, the prospect is gloomy enough for the enemy.

## KEEPING 'EM ON THE MOVE.

With the American Forces, July 19.—Reports at one o'clock this afternoon show that the Americans and French forces are continuing to advance. The Yanks kept the weary Huns stirred up all night and drove the steepest enemy out of several towns in the meantime, while this morning they are as active as ever and pushing right on ahead, apparently tireless and just as full of vigor as when they started over the top toward Berlin. During the night German reinforcements arrived from the north, and although the Franco-Americans expected a counter attack, and were prepared for it, the Huns failed to start anything in that line up to this hour, but are still falling back.

Yankee troops continue to hold the plateau southwest of Soissons, where the Germans made their first organized counter attack yesterday. As soon as the American heavy artillery got into action the attack broke down. Fighting at this time was one of the most intense struggles of the offensive and the battle raged around the objectives for some hours, the Germans falling back to the cover of the town to escape the rain of fire from the Yankee guns. The battle occurred southwest of Soissons. The town of Verzy was captured from the Germans late yesterday afternoon. This is six miles south of Soissons. Important positions in towns both north and south of Verzy were also captured by the Americans.

## STORM COVERED ATTACK.

On the French Front, July 19.—When the entente allied attack on the enemy began yesterday morning, a heavy barrage fire preceded the infantry waves, but the movements of the troops were further concealed by a terrific storm. The Germans had taken shelter from the barrage and the storm in their dugouts, and the

Americans swept in among them before they were really aware of real danger. Hand grenades and bayonets were used upon the dumfounded Huns before they had time to turn around, and the panic that was started early in the battle spread up and down the lines for miles, resulting in retreat at most points. Those few units which tried to put up a fight were soon shattered and joined in the rush to escape American vengeance that was being dealt out so liberally and impartially. Many prisoners continue to come in from the front.

## RESERVES FAIL OF PURPOSE.

Paris, July 19.—Since the offensive was undertaken yesterday morning the allies have captured over one hundred pieces of artillery. Montvisin, between Rheims and the Marne river, has been recaptured by the French, who have made marked headway in both Roy and Courtois woods, where they took several German cannon and 400 prisoners. Although the Germans feverishly brought up reserves last night, throwing reinforcements against the allies this morning, their efforts to stem the advancing tide of Franco-Americans were in vain. Many prisoners have already been taken by the French and United States troops this morning, who are making material advance along the entire line. The battle continues with great violence on the front extending practically all the way from the Aisne river to the Marne river.

## EJECT ENEMY.

Paris, July 19.—By vigorous attacks south of the Marne river French troops ejected the enemy from the outskirts of Oeuilly. The Italians, fighting between Rheims and the Marne, forced the Germans from Moulin Barde and occupied the place.

## HUN RAIDS REPULSED.

London, July 19.—German raids at Villers-Bretonneux and Morlancourt sectors were driven off by the British and some prisoners taken during the night.

## THE BOYS ARE CONFIDENT.

With the U. S. Army, July 19.—A feeling of confidence pervades the allied lines regarding the final outcome of the German offensive, which has recently failed. The enemy is still behind the objectives set for the first day.

## NO ANSWER YET.

Saratoga Springs, July 19.—The New York state republican convention adjourned today without hearing from Col. Roosevelt as to his candidacy for the governorship.

## BASE BALL NON-ESSENTIAL.

Washington, July 18.—Professional baseball playing is held as a non-essential occupation by Secretary Baker. The secretary also expressed the opinion that the draft regulations should include all persons engaged solely in entertaining as an occupation.

## SEEN OFF COAST.

New York, July 19.—According to reports reaching here German submarines have again appeared off the coast and began operations against American and allied shipping. Reports are affixed in shipping circles that U-boats have destroyed one large ship and made ineffectual attacks upon several smaller vessels.

## DESERTER HALLAM RETURNED TO CAMP LEWIS

Sergeant H. J. Robinson arrived here this morning from the military police headquarters at Camp Lewis to take charge of Thomas Hallam, who deserted from the camp several weeks ago, and who was picked up in this city by Sheriff George Quine. Mr. Hallam is about 27 years of age and is a Douglas county boy, but it is thought by the local authorities and by Sergeant Robinson that he is demoted, which partially accounts for the desertion. Hallam was employed by Mr. Dawson, living in the Deer creek vicinity prior to the time of going with the drafted boys in June. He returned with Sergeant Robinson to Camp Lewis this afternoon where he will receive due punishment.

H. C. Darby was out taking donations this afternoon for the fireworks which are to be displayed here this evening in honor of the great victory of the American boys in the present offensive. The business men today displayed their enthusiasm by joining in a parade and tonight's celebration is going to get into everyone's system.

## SOISSONS MAY HAVE FALLEN, SAYS BAKER

Dispatches Indicate That the Allies Probably Ousted Huns From City.

## SHIP CARPATHIA SUNK

Former Palatial Trans-Atlantic Liner in Transport Service—Torpedoed Off Coast of Ireland While Outward Bound.

(By Associated Press.)

## RUMOR UNCONFIRMED.

Washington, July 19.—It has been persistently rumored today that the Americans have captured Soissons and with the city took 30,000 German prisoners. Officials, however, state that the reports have not been confirmed.

Washington, July 19.—While no announcement has been made as to the fall of Soissons, Secretary of War Baker said today that the capture of the city by Franco-American troops seems to be indicated by the dispatches from the battle front. There appears to be every reason to believe that the Germans will be compelled to evacuate the town very soon, if they have not already done so.

## EIGHT DIVISIONS INVOLVED.

Washington, July 19.—Eight divisions of United States troops are believed to have participated in the allied counter offensive started against the enemy yesterday morning. According to General March, this drive will not in any way replace or hinder preparations for the great allied offensive which will be inaugurated late in the season.

## ADVANCED SIX MILES.

Associated Press War Lead, July 19.—The Franco-American plunge inaugurated yesterday morning advanced the allied lines to an extreme depth of six miles, carrying them to Buzancy, southeast of Soissons. It is too early at the present to consider the allied smash an unconditional success, except insofar as it may check the German offensive. The ground gained amounts to an average depth of three miles over a front of 25 or 30 miles. Great interest now centers in the manner in which the Germans will meet the new onslaught as showing the morale of the troops.

## CAVALRY IN ACTION.

With the U. S. Army, July 19.—The advance of the United States forces was so rapid yesterday afternoon that they carried everything before them, and late in the day the Huns were moving out of the way so fast in their panic to get clear of the American infantry that Pershing threw his cavalry into the fight to harass the retreating enemy's flank. When night settled down over the battlefield all of the American headquarters were well inside the territory which the Germans held at the time the offensive began that morning.

## 20 VILLAGES CAPTURED.

Paris, July 19.—More than 20 villages have been captured by the French and American troops since yesterday morning, says the official report. Franco-Americans now occupy the plateau dominating Soissons to the southwest.

## FRENCH MAKE BIG HAUL.

London, July 18.—In the counter offensive yesterday the French troops captured 16,000 prisoners and 48 guns. The maximum distance advanced was six miles and the minimum two miles.

## CASUALTIES REPORTED.

Washington, July 19.—Army casualties total 73, five of whom died in action, one of wounds and seven of disease. Marine casualties were 27, three being killed in action and 11 died of wounds.

## SPECIAL MEN WANTED.

Washington, July 19.—General Crowder has issued a call for 3400 draft men for special schooling. They will come mostly from localities east of the Mississippi river.

## CRUISER SAN DIEGO SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Ship Attacked Off the Coast of Fire Island, New York—Believed All Saved.

## 874 MEN IN THE CREW

Ship Remained Afloat Long Enough for All Hands to Take to Small Boats and Rafts—Survivors Go to N. Y.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, July 19.—German submarines sank a United States cruiser off the Atlantic coast today. This was the startling announcement given out by the navy department late this afternoon. It was added in the official bulletin that survivors were being brought to New York. The ship was attacked some distance off Fire Island. The torpedoed cruiser was the San Diego, formerly the California. After she was struck by the torpedo the cruiser remained afloat for some time before she took the final plunge down. Meanwhile, the crew, consisting of 874 men, took to the small boats and life rafts, and so far as is known at this late hour of the day there was no loss of life. The submarine did not remain to make any further attack upon the small boats, as far as can be learned, and it seems apparent that the enemy U-boat feared that danger might be incurred to itself if it remained. The navy department has made no comment on the disaster.

## CARPATHIA SUNK.

New York, July 19.—Attacked by a submarine off the coast of Ireland, yesterday, the transport Carpathia was torpedoed and sunk. No loss of life has been reported. The ship was outward bound from England, and enroute to an American port. The Carpathia was formerly one of the finest of the trans-Atlantic liners, and will be remembered as the ship that went to the rescue of survivors of the great steamship Titanic, sunk by a collision with an iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland several years ago. She was a 13,000-ton vessel, and following entry of the United States into the war was placed in the transport service.

## BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK.

London, July 19.—The Barunga, a British transport, has been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine. She was carrying 12 of the crew were the only survivors.

## HOOVER IN ENGLAND.

London, July 19.—U. S. Food Administrator Hoover has just arrived in England.

## ROSEBURG BOY IS DESERTER FROM ARMY

Word has been received in this city to the effect that Russell Carpenter, well known here, and who, prior to his enlistment in the army, made his home in Roseburg, had deserted from the army, this procedure occurring several weeks ago, but not made public until today. Young Carpenter was home on a furlough some six weeks ago and his departure from the army took place only a short time after his return to Camp Lewis. He has a wife and child who have been making their home here since his entry into the army. Local officers have been notified to keep a close watch for the young man, the government officials thinking he would probably return to Roseburg. However, it is hardly likely that he will show up in this vicinity owing to his wide acquaintanceship. The course pursued by this young soldier is to be regretted and his capture is only a matter of a short time.

## SEC'Y. M'ADOO ON INSPECTION TOUR

Director General of Railroads and Staff Pass Through This City Last Night

## BIG CROWD GREET PARTY

Mr. McAdoo Unable to Make Address on Account of Throat Affection—Important Meeting With R. R. Officials.

(By Associated Press.)

Five hundred people gathered at the depot last night to greet Secretary McAdoo, director general of the U. S. railroad administration. As the train pulled in shortly before seven o'clock the crowd gathered at the rear of the private car in which Secretary McAdoo and party are travelling. Oscar A. Price, assistant director general of railroads, introduced Secretary McAdoo, who in turn introduced his wife and the distinguished visitors were given a hearty cheer. Owing to a throat affection, Secretary McAdoo's physician has ordered him to give his voice a complete rest, hence he was unable to make an address, much to the disappointment of the crowd who had gathered there. Secretary McAdoo stated: "I am very sorry not to be able to talk to you but I'm mighty glad to see you all, just the same."

Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo shook hands with the crowd as they filed by. In the party were Director General McAdoo and wife, Oscar A. Price, assistant to Mr. McAdoo; Carl Gray, director of transportation, U. S. railroad administration; Edward Chambers, director of traffic, U. S. railroad administration, and J. M. Schaffer, assistant private secretary to Mr. McAdoo.

In an interview with a News reporter, Mr. Price stated that Mr. McAdoo and staff are making a general tour of inspection of the railroad systems of the United States. At San Francisco a very important meeting was held with western railroad officials. This conference was preliminary to the reorganization of the operating plans of the various western roads. This re-organization will put the operation of roads upon a much more economic basis.

The work of solving San Francisco terminal troubles, probably by the use of the Oakland mole by all roads having terminals across the bay, was turned over by Director General McAdoo to W. R. Sproule, of the Pacific coast district; W. R. Scott, federal manager of the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific, and W. R. Storey, federal manager of the Santa Fe, with the request that they perfect plans for immediate installation of such service.

As the train pulled out Mr. McAdoo and party waved farewell to the crowd on the platform.

## M. BEACH CHAPMAN IS STILL IN JAIL

Prof. M. Beach Chapman, arrested recently in Coos county bootlegger, the full account of which was given in the issue of The News on July 12, is still in jail at Coquille, owing to the fact that his bond was not properly signed. The following article regarding Chapman, appeared in a recent issue of the Coos Bay Times: "Because the document with which Mrs. Beach Chapman, the plucky little wife of the alleged bootlegger from Powers, who is now in the county jail at Coquille, hoped to gain temporary release for her husband, was not signed correctly, Chapman is still in jail and another trip to Camas Valley where the bond of \$750 was to be secured, will have to be made by his wife. Either that or the document will have to be mailed for signing of the justification and this would mean that several days would elapse before it could be acted upon. "Mrs. Chapman came in this morning from Camas Valley where she went to raise the ball among friends there. S. H. Croy, of Camas Valley, and Allen King, of Powers, sig-

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## CARRIER PIGEON ALIGHTS HOME C. M. MATTHEWS

A carrier pigeon was caught yesterday at the home of C. M. Matthews who resides on the Morris Weber ranch near the Brown bridge. The bird came there Wednesday and stayed. Sheriff Quine, who saw the pigeon, says there were three bands on the legs, one metal band on each leg, numbers 80 and 87 respectively. Inside of one of these bands was a smaller copper band with the letters C. P. This band within the other would indicate that a message had been fastened to the leg of the pigeon, but the message had either been lost or taken off. It is thought that the bird had out its course, and had become very much exhausted when it alighted at the home of Mr. Matthews. Sheriff Quine stated that evidently, from the bird's condition, it had made a very long flight. The pigeon is an exceptionally fine specimen of the carrier variety.

## DISTRICT BOARD HAS ADVANCED 12 MEN

The following names of class two and three men who have been advanced to class one by the district board were received by the local draft board here today: Bunch, Wm. Walter ..... Elkton Howard, Wm. Jerome ..... Elkhead Macey, Guss ..... Reedsport Thornton, KJ Lane ..... Oakland Cheek, Monroe ..... Roseburg Brown, Elmer Floyd ..... Hoaglin Brant, Lelroy ..... Saleun Boyer, Oliver ..... Roseburg Annama, Oscar ..... Reedsport Jones, Clifford ..... Roseburg Turner, John Sidney ..... Roseburg Demmer, Paul Henry ..... Melrose There are still others who are under consideration for advanced classification.

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